



OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL

OU POSTGAME NOTES

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GENERAL NOTES

- No. 7/8 Oklahoma improved to 94-23-6 all-time in season openers and to 76-15-4 in home openers at Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium, which opened in 1923. OU has won 12 straight home openers.
- With Lincoln Riley debuting as the 22nd head coach in program history, Oklahoma coaches are 17-5 in their first games at the helm of the Sooners. The 56 points scored by the Sooners were the third most in an OU coaching debut.
- The Sooners' trio of quarterbacks completed 32 of 36 passes, good for an 88.9 completion rate. That was the highest since a 25-for-28 (89.3 percent) effort against North Texas in 2007. **They also combined for a passing efficiency rating of 241.29, the highest in school history (min. 30 attempts).**
- The Sooners are on an 11-game winning streak, the longest active streak in the FBS. It's the longest winning streak for OU since also winning 11 in a row over the 2010 and 2011 seasons.
- OU improved to 4-0 all-time against UTEP and has outscored the Miners by a combined margin of 203-28. It was the third time that OU opened a season vs. UTEP.
- Attendance for Saturday's game at Gaylord Family – Oklahoma Memorial Stadium was 86,076 to mark OU's 111th straight sellout, or every game since the start of the 1999 season. It was the sixth largest crowd in facility history.
- The Sooners improved to 25-1 all-time as the No. 7 team in the AP poll and have won their last nine games when holding that ranking.
- Four Sooners made their first career start: RB Abdul Adams, WR CeeDee Lamb, LB Kenneth Murray and CB Parnell Motley. Twenty other Sooners made their OU debuts: QB Tyler Murray, WR Jeff Badet, RB Trey Sermon, WR Marquise Brown, CB Tre Brown, QB Tanner Schafer, CB Tre Norwood, DE/LB Addison Gumbs, S Robert Barnes, RB Marcelias Sutton, LB Bryan Mead, LB Jon-Michael Terry, OL Logan Roberson, OL Erik Swenson, TE Grant Calcaterra, WR Myles Tease, WR Chase Nevel, DT Dillon Faamataua, DT Tyreece Lott and DE Dalton Rodriguez.
- Twelve Sooners caught at least one pass in the game and eight Sooners scored a TD (in order: Rodney Anderson, Dimitri Flowers, Grant Calcaterra, Mark Andrews, CeeDee Lamb, Lee Morris, Jaxon Uhles and Marcelias Sutton).
- Oklahoma held UTEP to just 167 yards of total offense (73 rushing, 94 passing). It was the lowest OU opponent total since Kansas State registered just 110 yards in a 55-0 Sooners shutout in 2015.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

QB BAKER MAYFIELD

- Finished 19-for-20 for 329 yards and three touchdowns for an efficiency rating of 282.7 (he did not play in the second half). It was the third-best efficiency rating in program history (min. 15 attempts).
- Completed his first 16 passes of the game to set a program record (previous was Jason White with 14 to start the 2003 game vs. Texas A&M).
- Completed the first 16 passes today vs. UTEP and the last five against Auburn in the 2017 Sugar Bowl to finish one short of the school record for consecutive completions (Sam Bradford had 22; last 18 vs. North Texas and first four vs. Miami in 2007).
- Threw for 329 yards in the first half, his third career half with at least 300 passing yards (332 in first half at Kansas in 2015, 316 in first half vs. Tulsa in 2015).
- Moved ahead of Jason White (7,922) into third place on OU's career passing yards list with 7,994.
- Recorded his 23rd career 200-yard passing game, which tied Jason White for third place in OU history, and his 13th career 300-yard passing game.
- With 321 yards of total offense, he now has 8,568 in his career (moved ahead of Sam Bradford [8,439] for second in OU history).
- Made his 27th straight start, tying Jason White for fifth longest QB streak in OU history.
- Improved to 23-4 as a starter at OU, tying Cale Gundy and Thomas Lott for eighth most wins in program history.

TE MARK ANDREWS

- Caught seven passes for 134 yards in the first half to set single-game career highs in both categories. Those totals were the most ever by an OU tight end for one half.
- Also caught a five-yard TD pass for his 15th career TD reception.



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RB RODNEY ANDERSON

- A 2-yard TD run on the game's opening drive was the first TD of his career. Anderson finished the day with 14 yards on four carries.

WR JEFF BADET

- Made his OU debut and hauled in four passes for 91 yards. He also returned a kickoff for 23 yards and two punts for five yards for 119 all-purpose yards.

FB DIMITRI FLOWERS

- Playing in the 40th game of his career, recorded his first ever rushing TD (ninth overall) on a 3-yard run in the first quarter.

TE GRANT CALCATERRA

- His first career reception was a 16-yard TD grab in the second quarter. He ended with two catches for 29 yards.

WR CEEDEE LAMB

- Started in his OU debut, joining Kenny Stills (2010) and Trey Metoyer (2012) as the only true freshman wide receivers to start a season opener in program history. He registered three catches for 21 yards, including a 4-yard TD to put OU up 35-7 in the second quarter.

WR LEE MORRIS

- First career reception was a 43-yard touchdown grab in the third quarter. His dad, Lee Jr., caught six passes for 114 yards and three touchdowns in his OU career (1985 and '86).

WR JORDAN SMALLWOOD

- Set career highs in receptions (3) and receiving yards (26).

FB JAXON UHLES

- Scored a 1-yard TD on his first career carry after being awarded a scholarship last week.

LB EMMANUEL BEAL

- Tied for the team lead with four tackles and added 0.5 tackles for loss.

LB CALEB KELLY

- Recorded the first forced fumble of his career.

DT TYREECE LOTT

- In his OU debut, tied for the team lead with four tackles.

CB PARNELL MOTLEY

- Made his first career start and tallied two tackles.

LB KENNETH MURRAY

- Became the first true freshman in 42 years to start an Oklahoma season opener at inside linebacker. He recorded three tackles.

LB OGBONNIA OKORONKWO

- Recorded his 14th career sack to move into a tie for second place by an OU linebacker (Rocky Calmus).
- Tied for the team lead with four tackles and recorded 2.0 tackles for loss.

DT MARQUISE OVERTON

- Recorded his first career fumble recovery.

K/P AUSTIN SEIBERT

- Converted all 8 PATs and now has 150 career PAT conversions to pass Uwe von Schamann (149) for ninth in OU history.
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