
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA 97, UTSA 85 DECEMBER 4, 2017 • POSTGAME NOTES

- Oklahoma improved to 6-1 with a 97-85 win over UTSA (5-5) on Monday at Lloyd Noble Center. The Sooners have started the year 6-1 or better in five of their seven seasons under head coach Lon Kruger.
 - Dating back to last season, Oklahoma has won seven straight games at the LNC. OU is now 77-20 (.794) at home under head coach Lon Kruger and boasts a 38-5 (.884) record in home non-conference contests.
 - After a slow shooting start (Oklahoma missed 11 of its first 13 shots), the Sooners shot 22-of-44 (.500) in the second half and outscored UTSA 55-48 in the frame. Christian James, Jamuni McNeace and Trae Young all scored in double figures in the second half alone, combining for 31 points on 13-of-21 shooting.
 - For the seventh straight game, Oklahoma was led in scoring by freshman guard Trae Young. The nation's leading scorer, Young totaled 28 points, eight assists, five rebounds and three steals in 32 minutes. Young was two points shy of hitting the 30 point mark in four straight games, but has scored 28 or more points in his last five outings (averages 38.8 points during that stretch).
 - Just seven games into his collegiate career, Young already ranks 10th in total assists by an OU freshman with 61.
 - Junior center Jamuni McNeace scored a career-high 15 points on 7-of-8 shooting in just 15 minutes. McNeace added eight boards and three blocks.
 - Junior guard Christian James reached double-digit scoring for the sixth time this season, notching 14 points to go with eight rebounds.
 - Senior forward Khadeem Lattin secured 11 rebounds in his third game of double-digit boards this season.
 - The Sooners continued to show improved ball movement, dishing out 15 assists. Oklahoma, who ranked 331 (of 351 teams) in assists per game last season, entered the night ninth in the country in assists. The Sooners have produced 15 or more assists in six of seven games this season after eclipsing 15 dimes on only four occasions in 2016-17.
 - Oklahoma scored its third-most points of year and surpassed 90 points for the fifth time in seven games. The Sooners are averaging 94.4 points per game.
 - Up next, the Sooners head to Los Angeles to face No. 25 Southern California as part of a triple header in one of basketball's most famous venues - STAPLES Center. The Sooners and Trojans square off on Friday, Dec. 8 as part of the Basketball Hall of Fame Classic. The contest will tip at 9:30 p.m. CT and air on ESPN2. OU is 6-5 all-time against the Trojans, but USC is 3-2 in games played in Los Angeles.
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