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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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- No. 9/9 Oklahoma (13-2, 3-1 Big 12) picked up another win over a top-10 opponent by defeating No. 8/8 Texas Tech (14-2, 3-1 Big 12), 75-65, on Tuesday at Lloyd Noble Center. The win extended Oklahoma's home winning streak to 11 games. The Sooners have not lost at home since Feb. 8, 2017 - 335 days ago. The streak is the longest for the Sooners since winning 19 in a row from Jan. 17, 2015 to Feb. 8, 2016.
  - Oklahoma's win over No. 8 Texas Tech is its third win against an opponent ranked in the top 10 of the AP Top 25 at the time of competition. This is the fifth time the Sooners have won three or more games against top-10 teams in the same season, most recently winning three such games in the 2015-16 season. Three of the four previous Sooner campaigns with three top-10 wins came in the same season as a Final Four appearance. The most top-10 wins by an OU squad came in 2001-02 when the Sooners won four games against top-10 teams.
  - Oklahoma is now 4-4 during the Lon Kruger era in games where both teams are ranked in the top 10. The Sooners are 30-15 in games under Kruger when both teams are ranked anywhere in the AP Top 25, including an 11-1 record when played at LNC.
  - While Oklahoma normally stands behind its high-powered offense, the Sooners relied on their defensive efforts to pick up its 13th win of the year. Tech's 65 points are the fewest allowed by the Sooners this season. Oklahoma forced 15 Texas Tech turnovers and blocked 10 Raider shots.
  - Trailing 31-29 at the conclusion of the first half, the Sooners put together a 17-4 run to open the second frame and regain the lead for good. Oklahoma is now 2-2 this season when behind at halftime.
  - After shooting just .306 (11-of-36) in the first half, the Sooners bounced back with a .560 (14-of-25) performance in the second period. The difference of .254 between halves marks the largest improvement of the season, with the next best – an improvement of .191 – coming against North Texas on Nov. 30 (.452 first half, .643 second half).
  - Freshman guard Trae Young posted 27 points, nine assists and four steals in the matchup, all game-high totals. The Norman native now has 152 assists through 16 games this season, matching the second-most by a freshman in a single season (Jordan Woodard, 2014). The record is currently held by Tommy Mason-Griffin, who recorded 154 assists in 31 games during the 2009-10 season.
  - Young extended his program-record streak of scoring 20 points to 14 games. Young has also scored 25 points in 13 straight games, the longest such streak by any D-I player in at least 20 years.
  - Senior forward Khadeem Lattin's shot blocking reached another milestone on Tuesday as Lattin blocked seven Tech attempts. Lattin, who entered the night at 199 career blocks, now sits at 206 rejections in his four-year career. Lattin is the fourth Sooner to reach 200 blocks in a career at OU and is 24 blocks shy of tying the program record of 230 (set by Al Beal from 1977-80). Lattin is four blocks away from surpassing Wayman Tisdale (209 blocks from 1983-85) for the third-most rejections in the program's record book.
  - Lattin added 11 points and eight boards in the contest, marking the first time he reached double digits since Nov. 30 against North Texas.
  - Junior guard Christian James finished the night with 15 points on 5-of-10 shooting, sinking three shots from behind the arc.
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- Next up, another ranked opponent comes to the LNC when Oklahoma hosts No. 16 TCU at a sold-out Lloyd Noble Center on Saturday at noon. The Sooners and Horned Frogs meet for the second time in two weeks, with Oklahoma escaping Fort Worth with a comeback 90-89 victory on Dec. 30. The top-20 matchup will tip at noon CT on ESPNU.
  - OU owns a 20-4 all-time record against the Horned Frogs and has won 12 of the last 15 meetings. OU leads the series 9-3 since the Frogs joined the Big 12 in 2012. TCU has never won in Norman, as the Sooners boast a perfect 10-0 record when hosting the Frogs.
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