



OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL

2017 ALLSTATE SUGAR BOWL | OU POSTGAME NOTES

Oklahoma 35, Auburn 19 • Jan. 2, 2017

GENERAL NOTES

- Oklahoma's 35-19 win moved its Sugar Bowl record to 6-2. Among the 11 teams with at least five Sugar Bowl appearances, OU's .750 winning percentage ranks as the best.
- Running back Samaje Perine became Oklahoma's all-time leading rusher with 4,122 career yards after gaining 86 on the day.
- Quarterback Baker Mayfield set the NCAA record for single-season passing efficiency with a mark of 196.4 on the year. The record was previously held by Wisconsin's Russell Wilson (191.8, 2011). Oklahoma also set the NCAA record for single-season team passing efficiency with a mark of 193.8 on the year, breaking the mark set by Baylor (191.2) in 2011 (min. 150 attempts).
- With the win, OU stretched its winning streak to 10 games. That streak is the nation's second longest (Alabama 26). It is the Sooners' longest streak since winning 11 straight in the 2010-11 seasons. During the streak, OU has outscored its opponents by 185 points (an average of 18.5 points per game) and has outgained them by an average of 136.3 yards per contest. OU's win streak is its longest since winning 11 consecutive games from Nov. 13, 2010 to Oct. 15, 2011.
- For the first time in program history, Oklahoma faced a ranked opponent in four consecutive games and won all four contests. The Sooners closed the 2016 season with wins over No. 25 Baylor (45-24), No. 10 West Virginia (56-28), No. 11 Oklahoma State (38-20) and No. 14 Auburn (35-19). OU won by an average margin of 20.8 points during the stretch.
- The Sooners have secured their 12th season of at least 11 wins under 18th-year head coach Bob Stoops (23rd all-time in program history). Under his direction, Oklahoma is the only FBS program to rack up 14 seasons of double-digit victories since 2000.
- Stoops improved to 7-4 against teams in the SEC at the time of competition and has won the last four such matchups (31-24 at Tennessee in 2015, 34-10 vs. Tennessee in 2014 and 45-31 vs. Alabama in 2014 Sugar Bowl). Including former Big 12 Conference members Missouri and Texas A&M, Stoops is 26-7 against current SEC programs.
- Oklahoma finishes the year averaging 7.54 yards per play, the most under Stoops and the second most in school history (7.60, 1971).
- The game marked the first time two top-four Heisman Finalists from the same team appeared in the Sugar Bowl. OU's Mayfield (finished 3rd in Heisman voting) and Westbrook (finished 4th) hooked up on the Sooners' opening drive of the third quarter for a 7-yard score that put the Oklahoma up 21-13.
- Running backs Joe Mixon (1,274) and Samaje Perine (1,063) each finish the year with more than 1,000 yards rushing. Oklahoma is just the seventh team in the nation with a pair of 1,000-yard rushing this season. It marked the fifth time OU has accomplished the feat and the second time under Stoops. The last occurrence came in 2008 when Chris Brown rushed for 1,220 yards and DeMarco Murray ran for 1,002.
- The Sooners' 35 total points were the most allowed by Auburn this season. The Tigers entered the game ranked fifth nationally in scoring defense, giving up just 15.6 points per game. OU scored at least 34 points in all 11 of its wins on the year (averaged 47.6 points per game in wins this year).
- Oklahoma limited Auburn, who entered the contest ranked sixth nationally with an average of 278.5 rushing yards per game, to just 185 yards on the ground (4.0 ypc). The Sooners also held the Tigers to just 13-of-27 passing, marking their fourth straight game to hold an opponent under 50 percent passing.
- The last time the Sooners were held scoreless in the opening quarter of a bowl game and won was the 1987 Orange Bowl (defeated Arkansas 42-8).
- The Sooners' 90-yard scoring drive in the second quarter was their longest (in terms of yards) since the 2009 Sun Bowl (93 yards). It lasted 6:39 and OU faced a 2nd-and-35 and 3rd-and-27 on the drive.
- In the third quarter, Oklahoma ran 30 plays for 274 total yards, while Auburn ran nine for 21 total yards.

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BY THE NUMBERS

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INDIVIDUAL NOTES

QB BAKER MAYFIELD

- Set the NCAA record for single-season passing efficiency with a mark of 196.4 on the year. The record was previously held by Wisconsin's Russell Wilson (191.8, 2011). Mayfield finished the game with 296 yards passing and two touchdowns on 19-of-28 passing.
- Set the OU record for single-season completion percentage with a mark of .709 on the year.
- His 7-yard touchdown pass to Dede Westbrook on the Sooners' first drive of the third quarter gave him 40 on the year, tying him with Jason White (2003) for the second-most in a single season by a Sooner. Mayfield is just the third Sooner ever to throw at least 40 touchdown passes in a single season (Sam Bradford, 2008)
- Tossed a 13-yard touchdown to Mark Andrews in the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7. It was his 39th passing score of the year and his 75th as a Sooner. The score capped a 14-play, 90-yard drive that lasted 6:39. OU faced a 2nd-and-35 and 3rd-and-27 on the drive.

RB SAMAJE PERINE

- Became Oklahoma's all-time leading rusher with 4,122 career yards after gaining 86 on the day. He rushed 18 times and also added a 2-yard rushing score.

RB JOE MIXON

- Set the OU single-season all-purpose yardage record with 2,331 on the year. Mixon racked up 180 all-purpose yards on the night (91 rushing, 89 receiving) and also scored a pair of touchdowns. He passed DeMarco Murray's 2008 season of 2,171 all-purpose yards. Mixon played in one less game than Murray did in 2008.
- Put the Sooners up 14-7 late in the second quarter with a 3-yard rushing score to cap a 9-play, 75-yard drive. The score was his 14th of the year and his ninth rushing touchdown.
- Scored his 10th rushing TD of the year on a 4-yard direct snap late in the third quarter to give OU a 28-13 lead.

WR DEDE WESTBROOK

- His 7-yard TD reception on the Sooners' opening drive of the third quarter put the Sooners up 21-13. It was his 17th receiving score of the year, extending his own single-season school record. That total is also the ninth-most in Big 12 single-season history. Westbrook finished the game with six catches for 59 yards.

WR MARK ANDREWS

- Caught a 13-yard touchdown in the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7. The touchdown was Andrew's seventh of the year and his first since the Iowa State game.

LB JORDAN EVANS

- Finished with nine total tackles, one tackle for loss and one pass break up. Evans recorded at least one pass break up in each of OU's last four games.

LB CALEB KELLY

- Finished with a career-high 12 total tackles, leading the Sooners in tackles for the first time in a game this season. He also set the OU record for tackles by a freshman in a bowl game. The record was previously held by Tyrell Peters who logged 11 tackles in the 1993 Sun Bowl. Kelly's career high entering the day was seven (Baylor, Nov. 12), he recorded eight in the first half alone.

CB JORDAN PARKER

- Recorded his second interception of the year.

S STEVEN PARKER

- Tied his career high with eight total tackles.

DE AUSTIN ROBERTS

- Set a career high with 1.5 tackles for loss.

K/P AUSTIN SEIBERT

- Booted a 53-yard punt on the Sooners' second possession, tying his season long.
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