

Oklahoma runs streak to five wins over Texas

DALLAS (AP) — The Oklahoma Sooners found a new way to devastate the Texas Longhorns. Slowly. Painfully. And with a freshman plucked from east Texas doing most of the damage. In his fifth college game, Adrian Peterson ran for 225 yards and made many big plays when No. 2 Oklahoma needed them most, helping the Sooners grind out a 12-0 victory over No. 5 Texas and stretch their winning streak in the storied rivalry to five.

The Longhorns were in it until the end, but still suffered some stinging embarrassment — getting shut out for the first time since November 1980, a run of 281 games that was the longest in the country.

As the final seconds ticked off, crimson-clad fans chanted “Five in a row! Five in a row!” and flashed their hands open to show off five fingers. Then came what’s become the typical post-game scene, an Oklahoma player planting an oversized school flag at midfield while the Sooner Schooner took a victory lap.

Peterson was in the middle of it all, even getting passed by center Vince Carter running with the flag. Surrounded by television cameras and grateful teammates, Peterson probably never felt better about his decision to spurn his lifelong support of the Longhorns and join the Sooners.

“I was looking forward to this game,” Peterson said. “It was a really good experience for me.”

The Sooners (5-0, 2-0 Big 12) won two of the previous four meetings with early, ugly blow-outs, scoring into the 60s both times. In the other two, seniors made key plays in the fourth quarter to win by 11.

This time — before a crowd of 79,587, the biggest in the series’ 99-game history — it was the youngster from Palestine who made the difference.

Peterson showed he was going to be a force from his second carry, a 44-yard burst.

Although he never reached the end zone, his 32 carries were a long way toward setting up all three Oklahoma scores, two short field goals and a 6-yard touchdown by Kejuan Jones with 8:07 left.

“I’m just glad he’s on our team,” said Sooners receiver Mark Clayton.

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Texas wide receiver Limas Sweed, No. 4, snags a pass as Oklahoma's Antonio Perkins, No. 28, tries to break up the fourth-quarter throw.

The wreck at Texas Tech



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Nebraska wide receiver Ross Pilkington, No. 2, can't hang on to a first-quarter pass as Texas Tech's Vincent Meeks, No. 1, and Antonio Huffman, No. 36, defend. Below, Nebraska quarterback Joe Dailey watches after being pulled from the game in the fourth quarter.

NU tradition, pride are lost in Lubbock

LUBBOCK, Texas — Diary of a NU Era. Game Five: Whatever happened to Nebraska football?

It is a question worth asking today, hangover day, after a brutal 70-10 loss to Texas Tech that was as unthinkable as anything that has happened in the last two zany years of this program.

Can you lose more than a game? It seemed that way on a rock-bottom night. It seemed that, as the Huskers slumped off into the night and put Lubbock in their rear view mirror, they needed to take a good look in that mirror.



Tom Shatel

It sure seemed that some Nebraska tradition, and pride, died out here in the West Texas prairie.

Of course, you consider Nebraska's fragile state of transition. But consider the opponent, a mid-level Red Raider outfit that might not even qualify for a bowl this season, and I give you the worst, most embarrassing. See *Shatel*: Page 2



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Middle linebacker Barrett Ruud broke Nebraska's record for career tackles in the third quarter against Texas Tech. He surpassed the previous record of 342 set by linebacker Jerry Murtaugh from 1968 through 1970.

■ Nebraska's 70-10 loss is the worst in the program's 115-year history.

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WORLD-HERALD STAFF WRITER

LUBBOCK, Texas — Growing pains? Growing pains are what you call losing 21-17 to Southern Mississippi in a football game that you led but let get away.

Growing pains are when you can't finish out Pittsburgh and Kansas, so both games go down to last-second passes into the end zone.

This was something far worse for Nebraska.

More like excruciating pain. Unbearable pain.

The pain that goes with looking up at a Jones Stadium scoreboard Saturday night and seeing: Texas Tech 70, Nebraska 10.

“It's obviously very embarrassing,” Huskers linebacker Barrett Ruud said. “It was an embarrassment to everybody involved in it. This is the worst loss I've ever been involved in.”

Texas Tech scored more points on Nebraska than any previous Husker opponent. The Red Raiders beat NU worse than it had been beaten in 115 years of football.

Then Nebraska Coach Bill Callahan sat down behind a table, somewhat solemnly, and stated the obvious.

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Shaky at times, Mavs win 38-24

■ UNO takes charge, then surrenders three touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

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Getting a handle on UNO's 38-24 victory Saturday over Minnesota-Duluth is not an easy thing.

Tailback Jamar Day ran for 174 yards and two touchdowns, and Brian Masek completed 12 of 14 passes for three more scores . . . yet the offense struggled early in the game and barely saw the field in the second half.

The Maverick defense gave up three fourth-quarter touchdowns and 185 yards rushing to Dave Ruffledt . . . but it also turned in two second-quarter interceptions that set up touchdowns, and held UMD to just three points through three quarters.

“I don't know if we were ever not in control of that game,” UNO Coach Pat Behrns said. “There were some times that we looked awfully good on both sides of the ball. And then there

were times that we didn't look very good.”

The Mavs improved to 5-2 overall and 2-0 in the North Central Conference with their homecoming win before 5,300 at Caniglia Field.

Despite moving the ball well on its first four possessions, UNO went only 1 of 3 on field-goal attempts and punted once and led only 3-0. Then interceptions by defensive back Jeffrey Phelps and linebacker Taiwo Onatolu gave the Mavericks the ball twice at the UMD 30 and led to two quick scores.

“I just dropped back to my

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UNO tailback Jamar Day, center, tries to break free from Duluth's Kevin Krenz, left, and Paul Beck during a first-quarter carry. Day finished with 174 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries.

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Crying

Sean Bailey and the No. 3-ranked Georgia Bulldogs saw their chances for an undefeated season end with a home loss to Tennessee.



Waiting

No. 1 Southern Cal takes a knee and waits out the clock in the final seconds to edge No. 7 California, 23-17.



Hoping

Vernand Morency and the Oklahoma State Cowboys rode high with a 42-14 victory at Colorado, keeping their record undefeated.



You'll come back

For the third straight time, the Wisconsin Badgers snagged a victory at Ohio State's stadium.