



---

# OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL

## COTTON BOWL POSTGAME NOTES

No. 6/8/7 OKLAHOMA 55, NO. 7/10/10 FLORIDA 20 • DEC. 30, 2020

---

### GENERAL NOTES

- Oklahoma set bowl game program records with 55 points and 684 total yards. Previous records were 48 points (reached four times — in the 1958 Orange Bowl vs. Duke, 1991 Gator Bowl vs. Virginia, 2011 Fiesta Bowl vs. UConn and 2018 Rose Bowl vs. Georgia) and 618 total yards (set in the 1991 Gator Bowl).
- The 35-point margin of victory matched an OU bowl game record. The Sooners defeated LSU 35-0 in the 1950 Sugar Bowl (1949 season).
- OU's 435 rushing yards were its second most in a bowl game and the most in any contest since tallying 510 vs. Kansas in 2014 (427 by Samaje Perine). The OU bowl game record is 439 rushing yards in the 1972 Sugar Bowl vs. Auburn (1971 season).
- The Sooners set a Cotton Bowl record by averaging 10.9 yards per rush (435 yards on 40 carries). It was the second-best average in school history (11.7 at Kansas State in 1971).
- OU gained 409 total yards (307 rushing) in the second half. The Sooners had 275 total yards (128 rushing) in the first half.
- Oklahoma improved to 30-23-1 (.565) in bowl games. Its 30 bowl wins are tied for the fifth most nationally.
- OU improved to 110-49-8 (.683) all-time against programs currently in the SEC.
- Oklahoma is now 59-35-2 (.625) in AP top-10 matchups, and 20-10 (.667) since the start of the 2000 season. It is 39-20 (.661) as the higher ranked team in such games.
- The Sooners held their last five opponents (Kansas [9], Oklahoma State [13], Baylor [14], Iowa State [21] and Florida [20]) to a combined 77 points (15.4 average).
- Oklahoma's 10.5 yards per play was its highest average since the second game of the 2019 season (averaged 10.6 yards per play vs. South Dakota on Sept. 7) and the ninth-highest in program history. The Sooners had only averaged more than 8.0 yards per play twice this season (8.6 vs. Missouri State and 8.1 vs. Kansas).
- The Sooners produced their first 100-yard rushing duo (186 yards by Rhamondre Stevenson and 110 yards by Marcus Major) since last season when Jalen Hurts rushed for 173 yards and Kennedy Brooks ran for 149 yards against TCU (Nov. 23).
- Oklahoma's two longest rushing plays of the season (a 73-yard run by Seth McGowan and a 50-yard run by Stevenson) came on back-to-back drives. Entering tonight, OU's longest rush was 30 yards (Stevenson vs. Oklahoma State on Nov. 21).
- This was the second straight game in which the OU defense recorded three interceptions (also had three in the Big 12 Championship vs. Iowa State). It was also the sixth time this year that OU recorded at least two INTs (also vs. Texas, Texas Tech, Kansas and Baylor). Prior to this season, the last time OU registered three INTs in a game was in 2015 vs. TCU.
- From the second quarter of the Baylor game (Dec. 5) through the first quarter tonight, the OU defense registered eight interceptions in eight quarters. The Sooners totaled seven interceptions in each of the 2018 and 2019 seasons.
- In 79 games since the start of the 2015 season, OU has registered at least 500 yards of total offense 54 times (next most nationally is 44), including in 44 of the last 62 outings, and topped the 600-yard mark on 26 occasions. Similarly, OU has scored at least 30 points in 69 of 79 games since Riley's arrival, at least 40 points 50 times and at least 50 points 29 times.
- Oklahoma led 17-3 after the first quarter and outscored opponents 151-20 in the opening period this season. The Sooners limited the 11 opponents to 781 total yards on 177 plays (4.4 average) in the opening 15 minutes.
- During its eight-game winning streak to end the season, OU outscored opponents 58-14 in the third quarter and allowed just 435 total yards (average of 54.4) in the period. Texas (-9), TCU (-2), Texas Tech (8), Kansas (44), Oklahoma State (17), Baylor (-2), Iowa State (34) and Florida (74) combined for 164 rushing yards on 61 carries (2.7 yards per rush) in the third quarter. UF's 97 total yards in the third period were the most during that stretch.
- OU has scored at least 27 points in a school-record 63 consecutive contests. The next longest streak nationally since at least 1980 is 31 by UCF (2017-19). The next longest active streak is 23 games by Alabama.
- Oklahoma's 97-yard scoring drive in the fourth quarter that resulted in a 20-yard TD reception by Charleston Rambo tied a Cotton Bowl record for the longest scoring drive (tied with five other occurrences). It also tied for the second-longest scoring drive in OU bowl history, matching a 97-yard drive in the 1965 Gator Bowl vs. Florida State (1964 season). The longest OU drive in a bowl game is 99 yards, set in the 1980 Orange Bowl vs. Florida State (1979 season).
- OU held an opposing rusher to fewer than 100 yards for the seventh straight game, keeping Florida's two leading rushers in the game to 60 yards each.

- MORE -

---



---

# COTTON BOWL POSTGAME NOTES • PAGE 2

No. 6/8/7 OKLAHOMA 55, NO. 7/10/10 FLORIDA 20 • DEC. 30, 2020

---

## INDIVIDUAL NOTES

### LB BRIAN ASAMOAH

- Registered his first career interception in the second quarter, picking off a pass by Florida QB Kyle Trask at the OU 16-yard line.
- Finished with six tackles (all solo), the interception and a pass breakup.

### LB NIK BONITTO

- Registered three total tackles (all solo), one sack and a QB hurry. He has been credited with at least a half-sack in each of his last five games (missed the Baylor game) and in seven of his last eight contests.
- His team-high 8.5 sacks this season are tied for third most by a linebacker in school history (Torrance Marshall had 8.5 in 1999; record is 9.0 by two players). His 12.0 career sacks are tied for sixth most by a linebacker in program history, matching Brian Bosworth (1984-86).

### K GABE BRKIC

- Made field goals of 43 and 20 yards and converted all six of his PAT attempts in the game, totaling 12 points.
- His 109 points this season (20 field goals, 49 PATs) tied for 10th-most kick-scoring points in school history. He matched Tim Duncan, who scored 109 points in 2001 (21 field goals, 46 PATs).

### RB MARCUS MAJOR

- Registered a career-high 110 rushing yards and a touchdown on nine carries (12.2 yards per rush).
- His rushing TD was the third of the season. He also scored a touchdown against Texas (Oct. 10) and Kansas (Nov. 7).

### RB SETH MCGOWAN

- His 73-yard rush in the third quarter was OU's longest rushing play of the season. It was also the program's third-longest rush in a bowl game and the longest non-scoring run in a bowl. Leon Heath had an 86-yard touchdown run in the 1950 Sugar Bowl vs. LSU (1949 season) and Spencer Tillman had a 77-yard TD run in the 1987 Orange Bowl vs. Arkansas (1986 season).
- Added a team-high 70 yards on three receptions (23.3 average).

### WR MARVIN MIMS

- Notched his ninth touchdown reception of the season on a 27-yard strike on Oklahoma's opening possession.
- His nine TD receptions are tied for the most by a true freshman in Big 12 history (Jeff Fuller of Texas A&M had nine in 2008), and tied for second-most by any freshman in Big 12 annals (Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree holds the record with 22 as a redshirt freshman in 2007; Iowa State's Todd Blythe also had nine as a redshirt freshman in 2004 and Missouri's Jeremy Maclin had nine as a redshirt freshman in 2007).
- Mims also has the second-most TD receptions by an FBS freshman this season (BYU tight end Isaac Rex has 12).

### DB TRE NORWOOD

- Named Outstanding Defensive Player of the 2020 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.
- Recorded his Big 12-leading fifth interception of the season (all in the last six games) and returned it 45 yards for a touchdown to give the Sooners a 14-0 lead. It was OU's first INT returned for a TD since Brendan Radley-Hiles had a pick-six last season against South Dakota (Sept. 7).
- His five interceptions are the most in a season by an OU player since Zack Sanchez had seven in 2015.

### WR CHARLESTON RAMBO

- Scored his third receiving touchdown of the season and the ninth of his career on a 20-yard play in the fourth quarter. It was his first receiving TD since the season opener.
- Finished with 45 yards on two receptions, an average of 22.5 yards per catch.

### QB SPENCER RATTLER

- Was 14 of 23 for 247 yards and three touchdowns. It was his fifth game this season with at least three passing TDs. He passed for at least 200 yards in 10 of OU's 11 games and for at least two touchdowns in nine contests.
- Also rushed seven times for 40 yards, including and a 1-yard score in the second quarter.
- His six rushing TDs on the season were the most by an OU freshman QB since Blake Bell had 13 in 2011.

### RB RHAMONDRE STEVENSON

- Named Outstanding Offensive Player of the 2020 Goodyear Cotton Bowl Classic.
- Rushed for a career-high 186 yards and a touchdown on 18 carries, averaging 10.3 yards per rush. His 15-yard score in the third quarter was his team-leading seventh rushing touchdown of the season. His 186 rushing yards were the third most in OU bowl history.
- His 186 rushing yards were the most by a Sooner since Trey Sermon recorded 206 yards against Texas Tech in 2018.
- His 50-yard run in the third quarter was OU's second-longest of the season and the third-longest of his career (had a 75-yard run vs. South Dakota and a 61-yard run at Kansas, both in 2019).

### CB WOODI WASHINGTON

- Intercepted a pass in the end zone during the first quarter. It was his second career interception (both this season). His first, against Texas on Oct. 10, also occurred in the end zone.
- Finished with four tackles (all solo), the interception and a pass breakup.

### WR THEO WEASE

- Notched his fourth touchdown reception of the season on a 36-yard play in the second quarter. All four of his TDs this season have come in the last four contests.
-