

Tuesday, October 8, 2002

## OU not worried about defense

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's performance on defense against Missouri was pretty easy to explain, Sooners coaches say: Brad Smith.

Smith, Missouri's quarterback, made one big play after another Saturday night, running for 213 yards and two touchdowns and throwing for 178 and a score as the Tigers scared the second-ranked Sooners before losing 31-24.

"We played really well at times," co-defensive coordinator Mike Stoops said Sunday. "You take away some of the missed tackles and we feel good about what we did. We're certainly not concerned about our defense, that's for sure."

Stoops said 78 of Smith's rushing yards came on scrambles. The rest came via designed plays, draws and counters that often went for good gains. Smith's two touchdown runs were both from 25 yards out.

"We've played guys in the quarterback run game," Stoops said. "I guess the thing that's surprising to us is they went to that exclusively as their run game. They had run the ball differently on a lot of people. But that gave them an opportunity to get hat on hat and give the

quarterback a chance to do his thing, and he did a great job."

Smith's big night doesn't have Oklahoma's coaches wringing their hands as the Sooners (5-0, 1-0) prepare for this week's showdown with No. 3 Texas. Head coach Bob Stoops reminded that last season, Kansas State had 446 yards and scored 37 points against the Sooners. One week later, the Sooners held Texas to 225 yards and three points.

ers Teddy Lehman and Lane Mitchell graded out at 90 percent against Missouri. Last year against Kansas State, a linebacker graded better than 72 percent.

"Last year was last year," he said. "We feel good about where we're at right now and we need to keep getting better."

Bob Stoops said the game with Missouri was a true team effort. The offense played well enough to build a 23-7 three-quarter lead. The defense kept Smith in check most of the first half, then came up with two interceptions late. Blake Ferguson punted better than he had a week ago. And the Sooners scored the winning touchdown on a fake field goal.

It was the second tight fight for Oklahoma, which had to rally in the fourth quarter to beat Alabama. Stoops figures those games can only help his team.

"I think they're big, to test your players in tough situations to keep playing," he said. "I increase their confidence that they know it's the case, that we're going to make plays that allow us to win, or that they're capable of it. I think it solidifies in their mind, too, their character and toughness, that they're able to do it."

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OU defensive coordinator

Two years ago, the Sooners gave up several big pass plays to Kansas, then went to Dallas and beat Texas 63-14.

Co-defensive coordinator Brent Venables said lineback-

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Men's golf team heading to Adam's Cup in Newport

After a ninth place finish in a 12-team field at the Jim Colbert Intercollegiate in Manhattan, Kansas last week, the Texas A&M men's golf team will compete at the Adams Cup in Newport, Rhode Island this week.

The Aggies will try to improve their play and build on the performance of senior Shaun Helme, who finished second in windy conditions in Kansas.

Along with Helme, the Aggies will also bring team captains Stephen Reed and David Tasker to Rhode Island in an attempt to bring consistency to the team.

"We have played good golf at times, but we haven't been as consistent as we would like to be," said head golf coach J.T. Higgins. "This is a good tournament that gives us an opportunity to see where we are at as we continue our fall schedule." After three tournaments this fall, the Aggies have yet to break the mold with an impressive showing, but Higgins is not ready to throw in the towel on the season yet.

"It is early in the year and we are trying not to put too much pressure on it, just work on our game and our composure," Higgins said.

The Adams Cup of Newport will consist of 36 holes on Tuesday and finish with 18 holes on Wednesday in Newport, Rhode Island.

### Long, Kingsbury named Big 12 offensive players of the week

DALLAS (AP) — Quarterbacks Kliff Kingsbury of Texas Tech and Dustin Long of Texas A&M, Texas cornerback Rod Babers and Tech wide receiver/kick returner Wes Welker were named Monday as Big 12 co-offensive, defensive and special teams players of the week.

Kingsbury and Long, selected for co-offensive honors, combined for 841 yards and 12 touchdowns in the Red Raiders' 48-47 overtime win over the Aggies. Kingsbury, who threw for 474 yards and five TDs, led Tech back from a 35-17 deficit. Long threw for a conference record seven touchdowns and 367 yards in the Aggies' losing effort on Saturday.

Babers made two game-saving plays for No. 3 Texas in the Longhorns' 17-15 win over Oklahoma State.

Babers tackled Rashaun Woods just short of the goal line on the Cowboys' two-point conversion attempt late in the game. Minutes later, he intercepted a pass to preserve the victory and leave Texas undefeated.

Welker had an 88-yard punt return for a touchdown against the Aggies. The return was the longest ever recorded by an Aggies opponent.

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