

Aggies' win over OU puts the 'Horns back in the hunt for a national title

AUSTIN (AP) — Welcome back to first place, Texas. Well, sort of.

Saturday's 41-0 win over Baylor combined with Oklahoma's 30-26 loss at Texas A&M put the Longhorns (9-1, 5-1) back on top of the standings in the Big 12 South Division. That's because they have one more conference win than the Sooners (8-1, 4-1).

The teams share the No. 4 spot in this week's AP Top 25.

But while the Longhorns literally hold first place in the division, Oklahoma still controls the inside track to the Big 12 title game on Dec. 7.

If both teams win out and finish with only one league loss, Oklahoma holds the head-to-head tiebreaker due to its 35-24 win over the 'Horns back on Oct. 12.

Texas has two games left: a visit to always-dangerous Texas Tech next Saturday and a Nov. 29 home date with the rejuvenated A&M Aggies.

While those are must-win games, the 'Horns will be keeping a close watch on the Sooners, who still have to play Baylor, Texas Tech and archrival Oklahoma State.

Texas was in a similar position last year and got the help it needed when Oklahoma State beat the Sooners in the season finale.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Texans may have lost their first meeting with Houston's old team in Tennessee 17-10 on Sunday, but they showed the Titans that an interesting rivalry could be brewing.

"We were in a dogfight," Texans quarterback David Carr said. "All day things were going uphill for us."

Former Houston Oilers Steve McNair threw for two touchdowns and 109 yards, and Eddie George ran for another 86 to help Tennessee defeat the team that succeeded them. The Oilers moved to Nashville in 1997 and became the Titans before the 1999 season.

"It's always difficult when you play an extremely mobile quarterback," said cornerback Marcus Coleman, whose interception near the end of the third quarter was his first as a Texan. "He's big, he's fast, and he can do all those things that most quarterbacks can't do."

The Texans (2-7) got within a touchdown when Carr threw a 10-yard scoring pass to Jarrod Baxter with 3:05 left. Houston got the ball back, and the Titans (5-4) didn't seal the victory until Lance Schulters intercepted Carr's pass at the Tennessee 46 with 1:11 left.

It was the fourth straight victory for the Titans, who stayed atop the AFC South almost in spite of themselves.

But the Texans earned Tennessee's respect. Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said his staff knew the Texans were better than they'd appeared on film.

"We felt like when this game was over we were fortunate to win and we feel like our opponent is going to win a number of games this year," Fisher said.

"Their defense is very difficult to attack and they are big, strong, fast and they can get the football," he said.

Tennessee had trouble moving the ball against the Texans, who intercepted two of McNair's passes, including one in the end zone. Tennessee had only 251 total yards but held the ball for more than 33 minutes.

The Titans helped keep the NFL's worst offense in check as they sacked Carr four times and forced three turnovers. Houston gained just 233 total yards.

Fisher wasn't happy with his offense, which got only a field goal off turnovers, but he isn't being choosy.

"Four consecutive wins is good for this team," he said.

After Houston's touchdown, the Titans couldn't run out the clock and had to punt the ball, but they blitzed Carr hard and bat-

ted down his first pass. He fumbled on the second play, and after Schulters' interception, Tennessee ran out the clock.

Houston coach Dom Capers was happy his Texans had a chance late.

"I have no questions about the intentions of our team. We have to become more disciplined and more efficient in our execution and move forward," he said.

The Titans held Houston to 18 total yards in the first quarter, sacked Carr twice during the first two series, and Samari Rolle intercepted Carr's pass to end the Texans' third possession.

McNair looked very sharp early, going 5-for-7 for 57 yards on a 13-play, 93-yard drive. One incompletion was a drop and another was tipped away by Texans linebacker Jamie Sharper. McNair put Tennessee up 7-0 with a 13-yard TD pass to Derrick Mason.

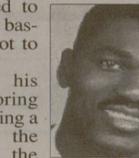
Then the Titans started looking like the team that lost four straight games in September and led only 10-3 at halftime.

They managed only a 24-yard field goal by Joe Nedney off two turnovers in Houston territory, and they had just 27 total yards in the second quarter.

Houston finally got on the board just before halftime on Kris Brown's 51-yard field goal.



CARR



OLAJUWON

Rockets retire Hakeem's No. 34

HOUSTON (AP) — Hakeem Olajuwon relived a moment from his past, hearing the Houston Rockets' fans chanting "MVP, MVP," just as they did when he won the honor in 1994.

Then, Olajuwon departed to begin his new life away from basketball. And he promised not to look back.

Olajuwon announced his retirement before an adoring audience Saturday night, during a ceremony at halftime of the Rockets' game against the Golden State Warriors. The home team retired his No. 34 jersey and hoisted it to the rafters of Compaq Center, where Olajuwon played 17 of his 18 seasons and led Houston to consecutive NBA titles in 1994 and '95.

"It's a wonderful feeling, just to see that you're still so welcome and still so well-received," Olajuwon said. "That was something that was personally satisfying, and I'm very grateful for that."

Olajuwon was an All-Star 12 times, holds the all-time record for career blocked shots and was named one of the NBA's 50 greatest players when the league celebrated its first half-century in business in 1996.

"I don't look at this as the end; it is the beginning of the next phase of my life," Olajuwon said. "You know what you accomplished over the years, and now it is time to sit and watch."

Olajuwon appeared most moved when owner Les Alexander told the fans that a life-sized statue of Olajuwon would be placed at the Rockets' new downtown arena, which opens next season.

"My image at the new stadium — I think that is the ultimate," Olajuwon said. "That is something you can't express your appreciation for, and your gratitude."

The Rockets won their first NBA title in Alexander's first season as Rockets owner.

"I had the greatest player in the universe on my team," Alexander said. "Without Hakeem, that (title) would have been impossible. Without him, there would be no Clutch City."

Houston was denigrated as "Choke City" when they fell behind Phoenix in the Western Conference semifinals in 1994. They made a dramatic rally to win that series, and went on to beat the New York Knicks in a seven-game Finals.

"He's the greatest player in Houston history," Alexander said. "If you had Hakeem on your team, you knew that you were going to win."

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aggies face Ukraine in exhibition tonight at Reed Arena

The Texas A&M men's basketball team opens its two-game exhibition schedule against the Ukraine's MBC Nicolaev on Monday at 7 p.m. at Reed Arena.

The Aggies are led by senior, Bernard King to is a three-time All-Big 12 guard and is chasing the A&M and Big 12 records for career points.

The game will also mark the unofficial debut of the Aggies' newcomers led by forward Antoine Wright, the consensus preseason pick for Big 12 Freshman of the Year.

"We're excited about playing someone besides ourselves," said A&M head coach Melvin Watkins. "Our kids are anxious to get the season started."

The Aggies begin the regular season on Nov. 24 against Texas Southern.

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