



11th Annual Big 12 Championship Game

December 2, 2006 / Arrowhead Stadium, Kansas City, Mo.

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Miscellaneous Statistics

	Nebraska	Oklahoma		Nebraska	Oklahoma
Time Spent In The Lead	0:00	29:12	Poss./Avg Field Position	15/N34	14/O25
Average On First Down	30/5.2	27/7.5	Second Half Avg. FP	6/N46	6/O11
Rush/Avg.	9/6.9	13/2.4	Drives Started Inside/At 20	3 (2/1)	10 (9/1)
Pass/Avg.	21/4.5	14/12.2	Three Plays & Out.....	3	6
Third Downs.....	3-15	4-15	Plus Territory: Plays-Yards	39-91	16-59
3rd & 5 or less	2-6	3-6	Times Drove Into + Territory	10	4
3rd & 6 or more.....	1-9	1-9	Yards By Quarter: 1st	76	109
Avg. Yards To Go	7.9	7.5	2nd.....	131	57
Yards Gained On 3rd Down	44	63	3rd.....	48	105
Times Gained 20+/10+/5+	5,14,22	4,13,21	4th.....	111	36



Quickly. Oklahoma won its fourth Big 12 Championship, the seventh won by South Division teams (OU 4, Texas 2, Texas A&M 1)... The 28 points matched the lowest scoring title game, the '99 22-6 win by Nebraska over Texas in San Antonio... Oklahoma won the coin toss and deferred to the second half... OU'score in the game's first minute marked the seventh straight time the South Division representative scored first; the North last scored first in the '99 game (Nebraska versus Texas, a 22-6 Husker win)... Nebraska scored a season-low 7 points; it was the sixth time OU allowed 10 or less as the Sooners won their eighth straight game...The first quarter of the title game ended with the South team ahead 14-0 for the third straight year... Nebraska ran 9 plays in plus territory before running a play with positive yards (a 9-yard pass from Taylor to Nunn)... The Huskers gained 41 rushing yards on their first two carries, and had just 43 on their last 19... The first three scoring drives of the game totaled all of 77 seconds (:12, :32 and :33; OU's 99-yard drive only took 3:21 at that)... The scoreless fourth quarter marked just the second scoreless quarter in any Big 12 championship game (out of 44 total; the only other was the fourth quarter in last year's Colorado-Texas game)... Tonight's attendance of **80,031** is the largest in the 11-game Big 12 Championship game history; it bested the 2000 attendance of 79,655, also in Arrowhead (Kansas State vs. Oklahoma).



Quickest. Oklahoma's Allen Patrick's 2-yard touchdown run 48 seconds into the game is the fastest score in Big 12 Championship game history; the previous fastest score was in the 2003 game, when OU's Kejuan Jones scored on a 42-yard run 2:49 into the game; that was OU's lone score in a 35-7 loss to Kansas State. When OU added its second score on the 66-yard pass play from Paul Thompson to Malcolm Kelly, it marked the fastest two scores in title game history (9 minutes, 25 seconds); the Sooners held the old mark against Colorado in the 2004 game (also two TDs, those coming in 9:31).



Longest. The 66-yard pass play from **Paul Thompson** to **Malcolm Kelly** in the first quarter tied for the second longest play from scrimmage, behind a 79-yard pass from Major Applewhite to B.J. Johnson (Texas vs. Colorado) in the 2001 game. It tied the fifth longest play overall, as a punt return, interception return and kickoff return are also among the top five (the 48-yard pass Zac Taylor to Todd Peterson by Nebraska in the second quarter was the 11th longest from scrimmage in Big 12 champ game annals).



Malcolm Kelly, Oklahoma (10-142, 2 TD). He had championship single-game highs with 10 receptions for 142 yards, while his two TD catches was the fourth time player had a pair of receiving TDs (last: OU's Mark Clayton vs. Colorado, 2004). Kelly also had half bests of six receptions and 102 yards (in the first half).



Punting. Dan Titchener, Nebraska (7-34.1 avg. punting, 6 In20). He set a championship game record for the most punts inside-the-20 with six; the old best was three by Oklahoma's Blake Ferguson in the 2003 game against Kansas State. Oklahoma's Michael Cohen tied the Big 12 champ game record with 9 punts (1 In20).

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Other Championship Game Bests or Near Bests.

- Nebraska QB Zac Taylor. He tied the mark for most passing attempts with 50 (Jason White, OU, 2003);
- Oklahoma had three penalties, the fewest in a game (previous low: OU in 2003).
- The teams combined for 547 passing yards (NU 282, OU 265), the second most in a title game (trailing the 1998 game when Kansas State (341) and A&M (324) combined for 665. OU had 298 in the 2003 game, when KSU had 227 and the teams 525, the previous second most.
- The teams combined for 85 pass attempts (NU 50, OU 35); previous record was 72 in 2000; NU's 50 were the second most (high is 54 by OU in 2003).
- The combined 49 rushing attempts were the fewest in a champ game; the previous low was 62 in the '04 game (OU 46, CU 16).
- Nebraska's 5 turnovers were a game high, eclipsing four done four times (NU '97, A&M '98, UT '01, CU '05).
- Oklahoma LB Zach Latimer had 3 PBU, ties the second most in a champ game;
- Oklahoma's 42 rushing yards were the fourth fewest, with its 1.5 avg. per carry also the fourth lowest.



The 99-yard drive. Oklahoma's 11-play, 99-yard drive was the longest in Big 12 Championship game history;

It bested a 93-yard drive in seven play by Texas in 1996, also versus Nebraska. OU was 2-for-2 on third downs on the drive, picking up 35 on a 3rd-and-10 from its 1 (Thompson to Gresham) and the scoring play (3 yard TD pass from Thompson to Kelly). Of the 99 yards, 95 came via the pass as Thompson was 6-of-8 on the drive.



First Half. The South Division representative has now led at halftime six times, while the North led four times with one tie. It's the closest margin at halftime since Oklahoma and Kansas State were tied 10-10 in 2000. It is the fourth lowest point total at halftime in the 11 games, the third time involving the Sooners; the 2002 game was the lowest (OU 13, CU 0); followed by 1999 (NU 15, UT 0) and 2000 (OU 10, KSU 10). The leader at halftime has won five straight title games.

--The teams combined for a first half championship game low in rushing yards with 64; the old low was 86 in the 2000 game (KSU 92, OU -6); OU's 13 yards is the fifth lowest by a team for a first half (the Nebraska defense has three of those performances, holding Texas to minus-24 in the '99 game and Texas A&M to minus-5 in the '97 contest).

--This was just the second time in title game history both teams threw for 150-plus passing yards in the first half, with the 309 the second most in a first half, trailing the 373 in the 2003 game (the 150-plus instance: OU 191, KSU 182).

SATURDAY SCOREBOARD *(Home team in CAPS; AP national rank if applicable precedes team name)*

#8 Oklahoma 21, #19 Nebraska 7 (Big 12 Championship)
#16 Wake Forest 9, #23 Georgia Tech 6 (ACC Championship)
#4 Florida 38, #8 Arkansas 28 (SEC Championship)
#21 CALIFORNIA 26, Stanford 17
#6 LOUISVILLE 48, Connecticut 17
UCLA 13, #2 Southern Cal 9
#15 WEST VIRGINIA 41, #13 RUTGERS 39 (3 OT)
NAVY 26, Army 14
SAN DIEGO STATE 17, Colorado State 6
NEW MEXICO STATE 50, Louisiana Tech 23
TCU 38, Air Force 14
SAN JOSE STATE 24, Fresno State 14
Louisiana-Monroe 39, LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE 20
TROY 26, Florida International 13