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Bedlam a miss: O-State tie

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STILLWATER — The sky was clear, the stadium was packed. But, as some may have supposed, it was not a cold day in hell.

Oklahoma State didn't win — again. Hades' temperature may have dipped a few degrees, though, because the Cowboys rode within a final-play, 27-yard field goal by Oklahoma's Scott Blanton.

But neither team was happy with Saturday's 15-15 tie, a first in the state football series since 1942.

Big Eight Standings

Team	Conf. All
Nebraska.....	4-10-12-0
Colorado.....	4-11-11-1
Oklahoma.....	3-12-5-3-2
Lefts.....	4-2-0-7-3-4
Oklahoma St.....	2-3-14-5-1
Iowa St.....	2-4-4-4-0
Kansas.....	4-0-4-5-0
Missouri.....	1-5-2-8-0

where we have come to. I'm pleased in that regard.

The issue came down to whether OU could respond to Lawson Vaughn's 26-yard field goal 1:19 from the end. The 3-pointer put the Cowboys on the brink of their first victory in this series since 1976.

None of the 50,440 in sold-out Lewis Stadium was certain the verdict was resolved. They stayed, all standing through OU's — and the game's — final possession.

O-State may have shot itself in the boot when Scott Tyrone bounced the kickoff out of bounds inside the 5-yard line. Not only did no time elapse, but OU began at its 35.

"When he mished it, I had a sinking feeling," said Jones, who confirmed the intention to kick deep. "He'll do that sometimes. But, in all honesty, I thought we'd get an interception."

OU's Gale Gundy, returning after a two-week absence with a shoulder injury, was up to the challenge. He fired 10 and 20-yard completions to Albert Hall and Dewayne Brewer.

Oklahoma State tied to regroup with a timeout 1:08 from the end.

Then came the play that assured the Cowboys they wouldn't win. Gundy flipped a down-and-outter to Hall. The ball sailed into and out of OSU defensive back Todd Fisher's hands — and into Hall's lap on the sideline for a 19-yard gain and a first down at the Cowboys' 16.

Only 13 seconds had elapsed since OU began the march.

But, with a tying field goal virtually assured, the Sooners weren't up to a victory, either.

Gundy fired an incompleting into the end zone, intended for Corey Warren. Then, with 55 seconds left, Gundy was unable to find a receiver and scrambled for 5 yards to the 11.

On third down, and the clock ticking under 30 seconds, a handoff to Brewer produced only one yard. Gibbs later said the call was Gundy's and he didn't know what his quarterback saw against OSU's nickel defense.

No timeouts remained and the Sooners were hard-pressed to get their field-goal unit onto the field and the snap off before the clock ran out. Brad Reddell, however, received the snap at 0:05 and Blanton's field goal, his third of the game, sailed true.

The tie left Oklahoma at 5-3-2 and OSU at 4-5-1. OU, still needing a victory to gain what has become an elusive bowl bid, finishes with Nebraska Nov. 27 in Norman. O-State closes at Kansas State next Saturday.

OU piled up a decided edge in total yardage, 321-226, on an afternoon that began in balmy 64-degree temperatures. Gundy seemed able to find tight end Joey Mickey roaming free virtually anytime he chose, particularly early in the game. Mickey caught 5 passes for 84 yards.

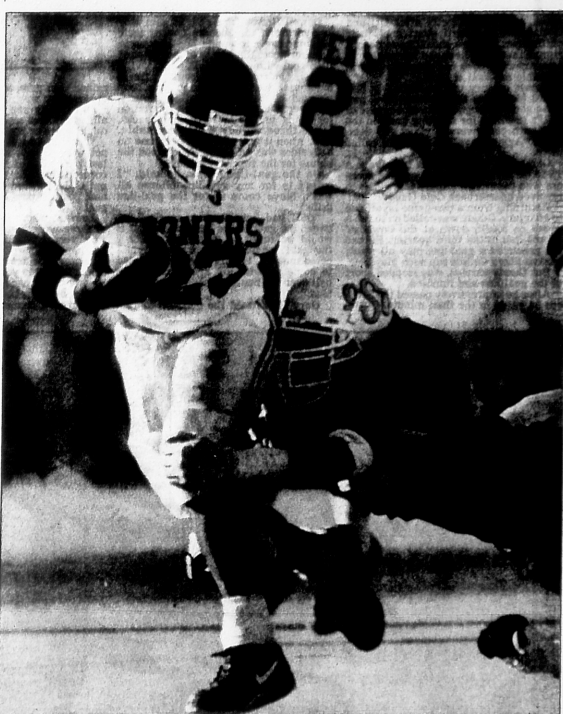
Neither team lost a fumble, but Gundy was intercepted twice. The Sooners' defense offset that by sacking Gary Porter three times, all in the last 2½ minutes of the first half.

But the Tomball, Texas, freshman grew in stature with 13 completions in 18 attempts and no turnovers.

Gundy said he suffered no pain, just some mild discomfort, although he was hit several times after delivering passes. The Sooners' junior played the entire game and was not sacked.

"We had a lot of confidence on the last drive," said Gundy. "The guys were patting me on the butt and saying, 'We've got plenty of time.'"

Some expressed displeasure, though, with OSU-OU tie.



World staff photo by Daryl Wilson

Oklahoma's Dewell Brewer attempts to break the grasp of Oklahoma State's Keith Burns.

Nebraska's in a Pick! Cyclones Win, 19-10

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa State shocked No. 7 Nebraska Saturday by beating the Cornhuskers at their own game. The Cyclones controlled the line of scrimmage and ran, ran, ran.

Led by quarterback Mary Seiler, Iowa State posted some Nebraska-like rushing numbers and won 19-10 — its first victory over the Cornhuskers since 1977.

Seiler, a fifth-year senior making his first start, ran 24 times for 144 yards as the Cyclones (4-6 overall, 2-4 Big Eight) piled up 375 yards on the ground. Seiler's big day included a 78-yard run that set up

Iowa State's only touchdown.

Stewart kicked four field goals for the Cyclones and the defense did the rest, holding Nebraska to 192 yards rushing and 246 total yards.

"We just wanted to execute our offense," Seiler said. "We knew if we tried to pass, they would have come at us and killed us. We just tried to run this ball and use up the clock."

Nebraska (7-2, 4-1) had been leading the nation in rushing (351.1 yards a game) and scoring (43.3) and was coming off routs of 52-7 over Colorado and 49-7 over

Kansas.

But except for some nifty scrambling by freshman quarterback Timmye Frazier in the first half, the Cornhuskers were unable to get their offense in gear against Iowa State's charged-up defense. And the Nebraska defense couldn't handle Iowa State's triple-option running game, which coach Jim Walden admitted just this year.

ISU ran it to perfection. The Cyclones had no turnovers and enjoyed an edge of 27:15 to 22:45 in possession time.

"I think the big difference was that

they played with a lot of emotion and it looked like our tank was a little bit dry today," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said.

"We played two emotional games in a row against Colorado and Kansas. We talked a lot about it this week, about the dangers of the situation, and I don't know really how much it sunk in."

Evidently, not much.

"We probably overlooked Iowa State," Nebraska safety Tyrone Byrd said. "We weren't mentally prepared."

Stewart's four field goals gave Iowa

State a 12-10 halftime lead. It was still 12-10 early in the fourth quarter when Seiler kept the ball on an option and sped 78 yards from his own 20 to the Husker 2.

Fullback Chris Ulrich, who carried 17 times for 105 yards, scored on the next play. There was still 10:50 to play, but the smell of an upset was wafting through the stadium.

"That's when I felt we had our best chance," Seiler said. "After that, I believe I-state on E-7."

Blazers Skate Past Oilers, 8-7

By Glenn Haddon
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OKLAHOMA CITY — What a difference a week can make. The Tulsa Oilers found out the hard way.

The Oilers manhandled the Oklahoma City Blazers while whipping them seven days earlier in Convention Center Arena. A crowd of 9,122 watched the Blazers turn the tables with an 8-7 Central Hockey League victory Saturday night at the Myriad.

Winning would have tied Tulsa with Oklahoma City atop the CHL standings. Instead, the Oilers return home 3-3 with three straight road games ahead of them. The Blazers improve to 5-1.

Tulsa coach Gerry Unger pointed to an incident last week that possibly cost his team the victory. It was the planned defection of forward Nick Beaulieu and Michel Courville to the AHL. They were suspended for their actions.

"That was really a downer for us," said Unger. "We treated them well and they pay us back by being greedy. It hurt us a lot and we have to fight back through it. It will take a week or so."

There was good news despite the loss. Sylvain Naud scored the Oilers' first hat trick of

the season and Mario Nobili, signed Friday, scored two goals with a pair of assists.

"I'm happy with the effort," Unger said. "I thought a real bright spot was Mario Nobili. He hasn't played in a couple of weeks and he's got to get his timing back."

"We had some young guys out there who don't know the system. They gave passes away a couple of times in the third period."

Even so, the Oilers kept pressure on Blazers' goalie Paul Krake, signed Friday, until the final seconds. Unger pulled goalie Tony Martino with 1:28 remaining and the extra attacker led to Naud's third goal at 19:22. Despite several shots in close, the Oilers could not pull even.

"Tulsa drives to the net well," said Oklahoma City coach Michael McEwen. "It was good entertainment, but certainly not the best hockey from a coach's standpoint. It wasn't pretty, but I'll take it. This is a day-by-day business. We'll enjoy tonight's game and look at tomorrow."

Everytime the Blazers appeared to put the game away, Tulsa managed to come back. Center Boyd Sutton, who recorded a hat trick for Oklahoma City, scored his third goal to make it 6-4 at 9:18 of the third period. Tony Fiore's rebound shot on the power play trimmed the Oilers' deficit to 6-5 at 12:19.

Sylvain Flury made it 7-5 for the Blazers 14:21 in the final period before Nobili's score open just to the right of the Oklahoma City goal. He had no trouble scoring his fifth goal of the season.

The Oilers tied the game three times in the second period, but still trailed 5-4 going into the third. Nobili got Tulsa untracked during a plemp in front of the Blazers' net at 7:37.

Nobili rammed the puck home while goalie Krake was jammed back into the net.

Taylor Hall tied the game at 2:22, skating down the right wing at 13:16 and shooting to Krake's left just inside the post. Oklahoma City went back on top 3-2 at 15:24 when a shot bounced off Martino's pads in front of him and he couldn't cover. Joe Burton put in the rebound.

Tulsa answered just 30 seconds later. Fiore sailed down the left wing and found Naud open just to the right of the Oklahoma City goal. He had no trouble scoring his fifth goal of the season.

The Blazers needed just 16 seconds to regain the lead, 4-3. Sutton scored in one-on-one with Martino and scored easily. The Oilers came right back, knowing who he is. The public hasn't discovered Lennox Lewis yet. Foreman is a tremendous attraction. We could put Lennox on the card with Bowe-Foreman, get him some exposure, and then a few months later, Bowe-Lewis would be that much bigger."

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See Bowe on E-12



World staff photo by Mel Root

Connors State's 7-foot twin brothers, — Sammie Haley (44) and Sammie Haley (43) — have no trouble playing keepaway with 5-7 guard Larry Carrethers and hope the advantage works against their opponents this season. Related story on E-14.

Bowe Praises the 'Heart of a Lion'

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LAS VEGAS — A classy moment followed a classic fight. Hideoh Bowe, boxing's new king, and fallen champion Evander Holyfield embraced and traded kind comments.

"You have nothing to be ashamed about," said Bowe, who won the undisputed heavyweight title Friday night with a 12-round unanimous decision triumph. "I give Evander Holyfield all the praise, he's got the heart of a lion."

Holyfield, who lost for the first time in an eight-year, 29-fight pro career, was gallant in the Thomas and Mack Center ring and grader in Convention Center Arena. A crowd of 17,000 will retire. He turned 30 last month.

"(Bowe) proved he was a champion," he said. "I took a hit, I finished, I don't want a rematch. I'm tired."

Said Bowe: "It's time for a change — a new president and a new champion. We got rid of George Bush and we got rid of Evander Holyfield."

What's next for Bowe (32-0, 27 KOs) is uncertain. His manager, Rock Newman, says there is a \$20 million offer from the Chinese government for Bowe to fight George Foreman in Beijing.

By next spring, Foreman will be 44. Bowe is 25.

That matchup would fly in the face of an earlier agreement — the Holyfield-Bowe winner was to face British contender Lennox Lewis.

Lewis, who beat Razor Ruddock last month in a heavy-weight eliminator and beat Bowe in the 1988 Olympics gold medal match, attended Friday's postfight press conference. He referred to the new champion as "chicken, Bowe."

"Lennox Lewis is a big, ugly bum. I'll fight

him tonight, tomorrow, anytime," Bowe said. "I'll, Lennox, get out of here. This is my moment."

Said Newman: "Even though Lewis had a spectacular victory over Razor Ruddock, my mother doesn't know who he is. The public hasn't discovered Lennox Lewis yet. Foreman is a tremendous attraction. We could put Lennox on the card with Bowe-Foreman, get him some exposure, and then a few months later, Bowe-Lewis would be that much bigger."

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