

OKLAHOMA 62, NEBRASKA 28

2008 SCHEDULE

A 30: UT-Chattanooga	W, 52-26
S 6: Cincinnati	W, 52-26
S 13: at Wash.	W, 55-14
S 27: TCU	W, 35-10
O 4: at Baylor	W, 49-17
O 11: vs. Texas	L, 45-35
O 18: Kansas	W, 45-31
O 25: at Kansas State	W, 58-35
N 1: Nebraska	W, 62-28
N 8: at Texas A&M	2:30 p.m.
N 22: Texas Tech	TBA
N 29: at Oklahoma State	TBA
TV: KTUL-8	

STATISTICS

	NU	OU
First downs	15	21
by rushing	9	8
by passing	6	11
by penalty	0	2
Rushing yards	204	193
Passing yards	214	315
Passing	16-28-2	21-30-1
Offensive plays	63	70
Total yards	418	508
Avg. per play	6.6	7.3
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties-Yds	8-74	7-69
Punts-Avg.	7-45.7	4-40
Kickoff returns-Yds	7-145	5-183
Interceptions-Yds	1-0	2-44
Fumble returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
Possession time	30:42	29:18
3rd downs	5-12	7-13
4th downs	0-0	1-1
Sacks by-Yds	0-0	1-8

NEBRASKA

RUSHING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
R. Helu Jr.	16	157	1	57
P. Witt	1	16	1	16
T. Peterson	1	16	0	16
M. Lucky	5	8	0	4
J. Ganz	4	5	0	7
Q. Castille	7	2	1	2
M. McNeill	1	0	0	0

PASSING	C-A	Yds	Int	TD
J. Ganz	14-26	206	2	1
P. Witt	2-2	8	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
T. Peterson	5	73	0	36
N. Swift	3	83	1	67
R. Helu Jr.	2	19	0	14
N. Paul	1	14	0	14
D. Young	1	8	0	9
C. Gilleylen	1	6	0	6
M. McNeill	1	6	0	6
Q. Castille	1	3	0	3
C. Brooks	1	2	0	2

KICKING	Conv	FG	Punts
D. Titchener			7-45.7
A. Henery	3-3		

RETURNS	Punt	KO	Int	Fum
N. Paul	0-0	7-145	0-0	0-0
R. Thenarse	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0

TACKLES	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks
L. Asante	9	4	13	0	0
T. Wortman	2	8	10	3	0
N. Suh	4	3	7	0	0
P. Amukamara	4	0	4	1	0
E. Hagg	3	1	4	0	0
C. Koehler	3	1	4	0	0
M. O'Hanlon	3	1	4	0	0
A. West	2	2	4	0	0
C. Glenn	2	1	3	0	0
M. Culbert	2	1	3	0	0
B. Lawrence	1	2	3	0	0
P. Allen	1	2	3	0	0
C. Sievers	2	0	2	1	0
Z. Potter	0	2	2	1	0
M. Wald	1	0	1	0	0
A. Kunalic	1	0	1	0	0
C. Brooks	1	0	1	1	0
N. Paul	1	0	1	0	0
R. Thenarse	1	0	1	0	0
A. Dennard	1	0	1	0	0
H. Teafatiller	1	0	1	0	0
W. Cammack	1	0	1	0	0
A. Murrillo	1	0	1	0	0
S. Barfield	0	1	1	0	0
J. Crick	0	1	1	0	0

OKLAHOMA

RUSHING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
C. Brown	9	89	1	39
D. Murray	14	57	2	10
M. Madu	8	15	0	5
S. Bradford	2	14	0	13
J. Johnson	4	11	0	5
J. Iglesias	1	7	0	7
M. Johnson	1	2	0	2
TEAM	1	-2	0	0

PASSING	C-A	Yds	Int	TD
S. Bradford	19-27	311	1	5
J. Halzle	2-3	4	0	0

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	TD	Lg
Q. Chaney	5	128	1	48
J. Gresham	5	52	2	20
J. Iglesias	3	37	0	29
M. Madu	3	19	0	15
A. Tennell	2	12	0	9
R. Broyles	1	41	0	41
D. Murray	1	25	1	25
C. Brown	1	1	1	1

KICKING	Conv	FG	Punts
M. Knall			4-40
J. Stevens	8-9		

RETURNS	Punt	KO	Int	Fum
R. Broyles	3-1	0-0	0-0	0-0
J. Iglesias	0-0	3-64	0-0	0-0
D. Murray	0-0	2-119	0-0	0-0
L. Holmes	0-0	0-0	1-26	0-0
D. Franks	0-0	0-0	1-18	0-0
A. English	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
F. Alexander	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0

TACKLES	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Sacks
T. Lewis	5	4	9	½	0
K. Clayton	7	0	7	0	0
B. Jackson	5	1	6	1	0
L. Holmes	2	4	6	½	0
J. Beal	4	1	5	1	0
A. English	4	0	4	1	0
J. Bryant	1	2	3	0	0
A. Box	1	2	3	0	0
Q. Carter	1	2	3	0	0
D. Franks	2	0	2	0	0
J. Fleming	1	1	2	0	0
D. Granger	0	2	2	0	0
J. Hanna	1	0	1	0	0
B. Bowers	1	0	1	0	0
L. Robinson	1	0	1	0	0
A. Taylor	1	0	1	1	0
S. Proctor	1	0	1	0	0
A. Tennell	1	0	1	0	0
C. Bennett	0	1	1	0	0

English sprains knee

BY GUERIN EMIG

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NORMAN — Auston English slowly rose from the bench, a black brace around his injured left knee, stood still for a minute or so, then sat back down.

Twenty yards down the Oklahoma sideline, Jeremy Beal jogged off the field, having just harassed Nebraska into another punt, and was greeted appreciatively by defensive coordinator Brent Venables.

It was a case of one defensive end stepping up with the other in limbo late Saturday night.

This might be the story of the Sooners' D-line, if not their defense in general, for a while.

"It's a sprain," OU coach Bob Stoops announced of English's knee. "How long (English will be out), we'll just have to see. I'll let people know once they give me a number."

Number of days or weeks? It is both a question and a concern for a defense already struggling with middle linebacker Ryan Reynolds sidelined the rest of the year.

Reynolds' injury left freshman Austin Box to man the middle. Stoops said Box was "better" in Saturday's 62-28 victory over Nebraska.

Fortunately for the Sooners, they're in a little better shape depth-wise at end.

Beal made five tackles Saturday, but that didn't account for his constant



Oklahoma defensive end Auston English catches Nebraska quarterback Joe Ganz early in the game. English sprained his knee later. MICHAEL WYKE/Tulsa World

pressure of quarterback Joe Ganz, and the stability he brought to an OU run defense that sorely misses Reynolds.

Freshman Frank Alexander, meanwhile, stepped in for English and delivered more pressure, including the Sooners' only sack of the night, plus a fumble recovery that led to OU's final touchdown.

"The last three games, he has really impacted and gotten a great rush,"

Stoops said. "That's exciting to see."

It's the kind of production OU must get if English is sidelined for any period of time. The Sooners can probably survive next week's trip to Texas A&M without him, but Texas Tech and Oklahoma State lurk Nov. 22 and 29.

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NOTEBOOK

OU-A&M kickoff time set: Oklahoma's game at Texas A&M on Saturday will kick off at 2:30 p.m. and be televised by ABC (KTUL channel 8).

OU (8-1 overall, 4-1 in the Big 12) comes into the game tied with Texas and OSU behind Texas Tech in the Big 12 South. The Aggies (4-5, 2-3) are further down the standings, but have won back-to-back games over Colorado and Iowa State.

Heated exchange: Oklahoma was in complete control Saturday night for all but one brief period of the first quarter, when strong safety Nic Harris and secondary coach Bobby Jack Wright exchanged heated words on the Sooners' sideline.

Nebraska had third-and-7 on its 24-yard line at the time, when OU pulled Harris from the lineup.

Quentin Carter had replaced Lendy Holmes at free safety on the first two plays of the series.

When Holmes returned to the field for the third down, he replaced Harris, not Carter.

Harris was clearly agitated at that decision and began shouting in Wright's direction while pacing the sideline.

Wright talked back, briefly, before

returning his attention to the field.

As Joe Ganz hit Todd Peterson to convert the third down, several players, most notably reserve linebacker Lamont Robinson, calmed Harris.

Harris did, in fact, cool off shortly thereafter.

He returned to his position alongside Holmes at the start of Nebraska's next series, and resumed his defensive and special teams duties the rest of the night.

Not special, but better: The Sooners continue to show kinks in their special teams, but they're also showing progress.

OU's kickoff coverage bottled up Niles Paul on every return but one, and even then Paul's return was a reasonable 29 yards.

The Sooners' DeMarco Murray and Juaquin Iglesias ripped off 62-, 57- and 40-yard kickoff returns of their own, Iglesias' 40-yarder coming after an early Murray block.

And while Mike Knall dropped the snap on his only punt of the first half, he recovered and got off a 51-yarder around the onrushing Thomas Grove.

OU's only special-teams blemish was on punt returns, where Ryan Broyles lost five yards on one return, then failed to catch a bouncing punt to pin his offense on its own 3-yard-line in the second quarter.

Well, there was that and the fourth missed extra point of the year for Jimmy Stevens.

Chaney turns it around: OU wide receiver Quentin Chaney got off to a rough start, committing a dead-ball personal foul after Murray's 62-yard game-opening kick return, then holding on the first play of the Sooners' second series.

By halftime, however, Chaney had three receptions for 68 yards, including a 48-yard touchdown in which he beat both NU's strong and free safety.

Chaney played his third straight game in relief of Manuel Johnson, who is trying to return from the dislocated elbow he suffered early against Kansas Oct. 18. Johnson played the first series Saturday, ran a reverse for two yards, then took the rest of the game off.

Brief returns: Wide receiver Manuel Johnson (left elbow) and tight end Brody Eldridge (right ankle) briefly returned from injuries that had kept them out, but didn't play beyond the middle of the first quarter. OU coach Bob Stoops said Eldridge was X-rayed and "nothing has changed."

"I've got to get filled in more on Manny," Stoops said. "I don't know that there was anything too wrong."

By Guerin Emig and John E. Hoover,
World sports writers

BCS REVIEW

A look at how the top teams fared and their remaining challenges in the race for the BCS national-title game. The final BCS standings will be released on Dec. 7. The top two teams will play in the national-championship game on Jan. 8, in Miami, Fla.:

1. Texas (8-1): After rallying from a big deficit lost a 39-33 stunner to Texas Tech.
2. Alabama (9-0): Easy win over Arkansas State. Up next: Saturday at No. 19 LSU. If the Tide wins that game, the only ranked opponent remaining would be in the SEC championship on Dec. 6.
3. Penn State (9-0): Off this week. Only ranked opponent left is a home game against No. 21 Michigan State (Nov. 22). PSU is at Iowa on Saturday.
4. Oklahoma (8-1): Sooners crush Nebraska. Games against top 10 foes Texas Tech and Oklahoma State still remain in a wide-open Big 12 South race.
5. Southern Cal (7-1): The Trojans continue to obliterate unranked Pac-10 competition. Final four games are against teams outside the top 25.
6. Georgia (7-2): Doomed by 49-10 loss to rival Florida.
7. Texas Tech (9-0): Won a 39-33 stunner against Texas with a touchdown with one second left.
8. Florida (7-1): Smashed Georgia. Only regular-season game remaining against ranked opponent is Nov. 29 at Florida State. After that could be showdown against Alabama in SEC title game.
9. Oklahoma State (8-1): Dominated Iowa State. Up next is trip to Texas Tech in yet another Big 12 South showdown of highly ranked teams.

By Mike Strain, World sports editor

THIRTYSOMETHING

Before this season, Oklahoma had given up 30 or more points in three successive games just once — 1997, when OU was beaten 69-7 by Nebraska, 30-7 by Oklahoma State and 51-7 by Texas A&M. This year's defense repeated that going into Saturday's game against the Cornhuskers:

- Oct. 11, Cotton Bowl Stadium, Dallas:** Texas 45, OU 35
- Oct. 18, Owen Field, Norman:** OU 45, Kansas 31
- Oct. 25, Snyder Family Stadium, Manhattan, Kan.:** OU 58, Kansas State 35

By John E. Hoover,
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HOW THEY SCORED

Nebraska	0	14	7	7	—	28
Oklahoma	35	14	13	0	—	62
Attendance:	85,212					

FIRST QUARTER

Oklahoma 7, Nebraska 0

How: Chris Brown 2-yard run (Jimmy Stevens kick), 12:17

Drive: 53 yards in 7 plays, 2:43

Breakdown: A measure of what kind of zone Sam Bradford is in — he completes a 41-yarder in stride to Ryan Broyles after the other primary receiver in the pattern, Manuel Johnson, falls down.

Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 0

How: Dominique Franks 18-yard interception return (Stevens kick), 12:13

Breakdown: Franks doesn't jump in front of the intended receiver, he jumps in front of the receiver blocking for the intended receiver to wreck Nebraska's wide receiver screen.

Oklahoma 21, Nebraska 0

How: Quentin Chaney 48-yard pass from Bradford (Stevens kick), 10:31

Drive: 52 yards in 3 plays, :55

Breakdown: Defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh is practically standing on Bradford's toes, yet the skinny post is perfectly delivered to Chaney for the score.

Oklahoma 28, Nebraska 0

How: Jermaine Gresham 9-yard pass from Bradford (Stevens kick), 9:27

Drive: 9 yards in 1 play, :05

Breakdown: The Sooners have run 11 plays and scored 28 points. The Huskers have run five plays and suffered three turnovers.

Oklahoma 35, Nebraska 0

How: Brown 1-yard pass from Bradford (Stevens kick), :04

Drive: 97 yards in 10 plays, 3:20

Breakdown: OU's longest scoring drive of the year features just one misplay, when Bradford barely overthrows a wide-open Gresham down the middle. Otherwise, the Sooners score on a 72-yard throw.

SECOND QUARTER

Oklahoma 35, Nebraska 7

How: Quentin Castille 2-yard run (Alex Henery kick), 11:20

Drive: 80 yards in 8 plays, 3:40

Breakdown: Nate Swift breaks behind Brian Jackson and, when Nic Harris misses a tackle, completes a 67-yard pass play to give the Huskers a spark. Fortunately for the Sooners, their defense has made more big plays than it has given up.

Oklahoma 42, Nebraska 7

How: DeMarco Murray 2-yard run (Stevens kick), 8:06



OU running back DeMarco Murray celebrates his second touchdown in the end zone in the second quarter. MICHAEL WYKE/Tulsa World

Drive: 44 yards in 9 plays, 3:07

Breakdown: A moment before Murray's fourth-down score, the sellout crowd cheers Texas Tech's 19-0 lead over Texas even louder.

Oklahoma 42, Nebraska 14

How: Roy Helu 14-yard run (