
OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

OKLAHOMA 82, NORTH TEXAS 72 NOVEMBER 30, 2017 • POSTGAME NOTES

- Oklahoma improved to 5-1 on the season with an 82-72 victory over North Texas (4-4) on Thursday at Lloyd Noble Center. The Sooners have opened their season with a record of 5-1 or better in six of the seven seasons under head coach Lon Kruger.
 - The Sooners were led by freshman guard Trae Young with 32 points and 10 assists. Young is just the second player in the history of the Big 12 Conference (founded in 1996) with 30 points and 10 assists in a game, joining Curtis Jerrells of Baylor in 2009 (per ESPN Stats and Info). The freshman shot 10-of-18 from the field and 6-of-11 from 3-point range while adding three steals in 36 minutes.
 - Young's 32-point performance is his third straight game of reaching 30 points. He totaled 33 against Portland (Nov. 24) and a career-high 43 versus Oregon (Nov. 26). Young is the first Sooner to record three consecutive games of 30 points since Jeff Webster in 1994. Like Young, Webster was also a McDonald's All-American from the state of Oklahoma.
 - Young finishes the month of November leading the country in scoring with 28.8 points per game. Through six games, he also averages 8.8 assists, 3.7 rebounds and 2.3 steals. He has accumulated three double-doubles, five games of over 20 points and three games of over 30 points.
 - Most of Young's scoring production came after halftime, putting together 21 points on 7-of-10 shooting (3-of-5 from 3-point range) in the second half. Young is averaging 15.7 points in the second half this season, which in itself would put him in the Big 12's top 10 scorers.
 - Senior forward Khadeem Lattin was one rebound shy of a double-double, scoring 12 points with nine rebounds. Lattin has reached double figures in four games this season and boasts season averages of 12.3 points and 8.8 boards.
 - The Sooners eclipsed 20 assists for the fourth time this season, handing out exactly 20 dimes. Oklahoma recorded over 15 assists on only four occasions last season.
 - Oklahoma, who entered the night third in the country with 96.4 points per game, has scored at least 80 points in all six of its games this season. The Sooners reached 80 points in 11 games in 2016-17.
 - With the win, the Sooners have now won six straight home games dating back to last season. Oklahoma is 76-20 at home under Kruger and boasts a 37-5 record in home non-conference games.
 - Up next, the Sooners face their second straight Conference USA squad in UTSA on Monday, Dec. 4. The 7 p.m. contest will air on Fox Sports Oklahoma. OU is 2-0 all-time against the Roadrunners, with wins in 1995 and 1983.
 - UTSA is coached by former Oklahoma assistant Steven Henson. Now in his second year with UTSA, Henson was on Oklahoma's staff for five seasons, including OU's run to the 2016 Final Four. Henson played for Lon Kruger at Kansas State from 1986-1990 before beginning a nine-year professional career. Henson also served on Kruger's staffs with Illinois (1999-2000), Atlanta Hawks (2001-03) and UNLV (2004-11). Henson is one of eight current Division I head coaches who previously worked for Kruger. The Sooners recently faced fellow Kruger disciple Dana Altman and the Oregon Ducks on Nov. 26.
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