

Oklahoma, back in big time, ready to face Wildcats in Big 12 championship

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Oklahoma is back in college football. And nobody is prouder than the players who put a stop to a decade of coaching chaos and on-field failure.

“It’s a good feeling for Oklahoma to be back on the map,” said Damian Mackey, one of quarterback Josh Heupel’s bevy of outstanding receivers.

“It’s one of the outstanding programs in college football. For me, it’s a special occasion.”

Unbeaten, ranked No. 1 and hoping for their first national championship since 1985, the Sooners will meet No. 8 Kansas State in Kansas City’s Arrowhead Stadium Saturday for the Big 12

championship.

If they win, it’s off to the Orange Bowl and the BCS national championship game. If they lose, they’ll be the third Big 12 team in five years denied a shot at a national title because they got upset in the conference championship match.

The Sooners certainly had fun with Kansas State in their first meeting.

Heupel hit 29-of-37 passes for 374 yards and two touchdowns and Oklahoma bolted to a 17-point halftime lead en route to its 10-point victory.

That was the day that knocked the Wildcats out of national contention and put Oklahoma squarely in the thick of the fight.

By exacting revenge against the team that dashed their dreams, the

Wildcats (10-2) could get a bid to a BCS bowl, possibly the Fiesta.

A loss might doom them to the

Alamo Bowl for the second time in three years.

“Obviously, we’re going to have to

play much better than we did in the initial game,” said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder.

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National Football League
American Conference

East						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Miami	9	3	0	.750	237	160
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	260	229
Buffalo	7	5	0	.583	237	237
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583	317	256
New England	3	9	0	.250	192	253

Central						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	9	3	0	.750	241	175
Baltimore	9	4	0	.692	262	135
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	232	181
Jacksonville	5	7	0	.417	236	272
Cleveland	3	10	0	.231	137	312
Cincinnati	2	10	0	.167	134	281

West						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Oakland	10	2	0	.833	352	235
Denver	8	4	0	.667	371	293
Kansas City	5	7	0	.417	283	274
Seattle	4	8	0	.333	216	298
San Diego	1	11	0	.083	206	307

National Conference						
East						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	9	4	0	.692	287	199
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	244	191
Washington	7	5	0	.583	238	201
Dallas	4	8	0	.333	242	273
Arizona	3	9	0	.250	177	342

Central						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	306	250
Detroit	8	4	0	.667	247	227
Tampa Bay	7	5	0	.583	293	197
Green Bay	5	7	0	.417	249	262
Chicago	3	9	0	.250	163	273

West						
	WL	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	8	4	0	.667	256	207
St. Louis	8	4	0	.667	436	367
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	241	218
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	290	336
Atlanta	3	10	0	.231	206	347

Thursday's Games
Detroit 34, New England 9
Minnesota 27, Dallas 15

Sunday's Games
N.Y. Jets 17, Chicago 10
New Orleans 31, St. Louis 24
Baltimore 44, Cleveland 7
Philadelphia 23, Washington 20
Tampa Bay 31, Buffalo 17
Pittsburgh 48, Cincinnati 28
Oakland 41, Atlanta 14
Denver 38, Seattle 31
Miami 17, Indianapolis 14
San Diego 17, Kansas City 16
Jacksonville 16, Tennessee 13
N.Y. Giants 31, Arizona 7
Open: San Francisco

Monday's Game
Carolina 31, Green Bay 14

Thursday, Nov. 30
Detroit at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 3
Seattle at Atlanta, 11 a.m.
Miami at Buffalo, 11 a.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 11 a.m.
N.Y. Giants at Washington, 11 a.m.
Arizona at Cincinnati, 11 a.m.
Denver at New Orleans, 11 a.m.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, 11 a.m.
Oakland at Pittsburgh, 11 a.m.
Tennessee at Philadelphia, 11 a.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 2:05 p.m.
Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 2:15 p.m.
Cleveland at Jacksonville, 2:15 p.m.
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Saturday, Dec. 2, Wrestling at Goodland, 10 a.m. CT; Kansas Music Educator's Association, High School and Elementary Choir.
Monday, Dec. 4, High School Scholar's Bowl at Colby
Tuesday, Dec. 5, 12:20 p.m. early dismissal; 3 p.m. Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster; Teacher Workday;
Thursday, Dec. 7, 3 p.m. Junior High Basketball vs. Cheylin at Brewster.
Friday, Dec. 8, 12:20 p.m. early dismissal; 3 p.m. Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster; Teacher Workday.
Saturday, Dec. 9, 3 p.m. Sagebrush Shootout at Brewster, ACT Test Date.



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