



## **OKLAHOMA (75) VS. NORTH DAKOTA STATE (80) OVERTIME – POSTGAME NOTES**

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- North Dakota State made 62.5 percent (15-of-24) of its shots from the field in the first half, while Oklahoma finished 32.4 percent (11-of-34).
- The teams combined for only five free throw attempts in the opening half, with Oklahoma making its lone attempt from the line.
- After the margin never grew larger than five points through the first 16 minutes, the Bison closed the final 3:37 on an 11-0 run. The Sooners missed their final five shots of the half.
- Oklahoma's largest lead of the first half, which featured 11 lead changes, was 3-0 to start the game.
- The Sooners made a late 12-3 run to take a 65-61 lead with 38 seconds remaining, but a 3-pointer by Lawrence Alexander tied the score at 66 with 12 seconds left in regulation.
- The first meeting between the programs featured nine ties and 13 lead changes.
- In its second appearance in the NCAA Tournament, North Dakota State won its first game in program history in the tournament.
- Prior to Thursday, the Bison dropped its lone NCAA Tournament game, an 84-74 loss to third-seeded Kansas, in the round of 64 in 2009.
- The Bison are 1-0 in overtime this season.
- NDSU improved to 1-7 all-time against members from the Big 12 Conference since joining Div. I in 2004.
- North Dakota State won its 10th-straight game and 15th- of its last 16.
- The Bison matched the school record for victories in a single season with 26 set in 1924-25 and 2008-09.
- NDSU entered the game as No. 1 in the country in field goal percentage at 50.9 percent. It shot 52.9 percent from the field Thursday.
- Alexander finished with a career-high 28 points on 10-of-15 shooting from the field, including 4-of-7 from behind-the-arc.
- Marshall Bjorklund tops the country individually with a 63.6 field goal percentage, and is fourth in the NCAA with a 65.5 career percentage. He finished 4-of-7 from the field Thursday with 13 points.
- North Dakota State's 9.8 turnovers per game ranks 12th in the nation; it had 15 Thursday.
- The Bison won its first game over a top 25 ranked team since 2006, and is 3-5 against the top 25 all-time since joining Div. I in 2004.
- North Dakota State ranks 315th in Div. I in three-pointers attempted this season. It averages 14.8 attempts from behind-the-arc per game. It was 6-of-14 from the behind-the-arc Thursday.
- Bjorklund has the program record for starts. The senior has started every game in his career and his streak is currently at 126 games.
- Mike Felt owns the program record for games played in with 131.
- NDSU's 74.7 free throw percentage, which is 24th in the nation, would be second all-time in the program's history. The 1984-85 Bison team made 76.8 percent from the line.
- Summit League Player of the Year, Taylor Braun, had 11 points on 3-of-11 shooting from the field.
- The Sooners are now 12-8 in their last seven NCAA Tournaments, 11-9 all-time as participants in the West Region, and 1-2 all-time as a No. 5 seed.
- OU is now 4-3 at neutral game sites this season.
- Buddy Hield has now scored in double figures in 31 of 33 games.
- Isaiah Cousins' four made 3-pointers tie a season-high for him.
- Cousins 80 percent shooting from 3-point range tied the highest percentage by an Oklahoma player this year.
- The Sooners were held without a field goal for nearly nine minutes in the second half.
- Oklahoma held North Dakota State without a field goal for nearly three minutes at the end of the second half, until Alexander's game-tying 3-pointer that sent the game into overtime.
- The Sooners have streak of at least 10 3-point field goals made in eight of the last 10 games.
- OU is 0-3 in overtime this season.
- The Sooners are 11-2 this year when making at least 10 three pointers.