



## #14 Oregon vs #16 Oklahoma

**Score:** Oklahoma 47, Oregon 32

**Recap:** Brooks, Williams light up the Alamodome as #16 Oklahoma beats #14 Oregon 47-32 in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl

**Coaches:** Oregon: Bryan McClendon, Oklahoma: Bob Stoops

**Highlights:** Oklahoma running back Kennedy Brooks rushes for three touchdowns while Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams tosses three touchdowns himself as the Sooners drop 47 points on the Oregon Ducks.

**TV Coverage:** ESPN HD

**Attendance:** 59,121

**Offensive MVP:** Kennedy Brooks, Oklahoma

**Defensive MVP:** Pat Fields, Oklahoma

**Fred Jacoby Sportsmanship Award:** Alex Forsyth, Oregon

### **RUN, RUN, RUN**

Oklahoma running back Kennedy Brooks exploded with 142 yards and three touchdowns, earning him the title of 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl Offensive MVP. Brooks tied for the second most rushing touchdowns in Valero Alamo Bowl history. Only Baylor's Terrance Ganaway beats Brooks with his five touchdowns on the ground during the 2011 Valero Alamo Bowl.

### **BEST ON THE FIELDS**

Oklahoma safety Pat Fields recorded nine tackles including six solo tackles en route to being named the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl Defensive MVP.

### **YOU GET YARDS, EVERYONE GETS YARDS**

This year Oklahoma and Oregon combined for 1,057 yards on offense and 53 first downs, both of which are the second most in Valero Alamo Bowl history. Baylor and Washington totaled 1,397 yards and 59 first downs in the 2011 Valero Alamo Bowl.



### **PICK TURNS TO POINTS**

Oklahoma safety Justin Broiles snagged his second career interception on Oregon's first offensive drive in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. The Sooners capitalized on the turnover as Oklahoma running back Kennedy Brooks capped a nine-play, 54-yard drive after the interception with a 16-yard scurry into the end zone, the first of three Brooks scores.

### **NEVER SAY DYE**

Oregon running back Travis Dye became the fifth Oregon Duck to reach 3,000 career rushing yards with a six-yard run in the middle of the first quarter of the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. Dye totaled 153 yards on the ground and ran into the end zone once.

### **MAKING DAD PROUD**

Oklahoma wide receiver Drake Stoops, son of Oklahoma interim head coach Bob Stoops, caught his fourth career touchdown pass in the second quarter of the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl.

### **MARVIN'S MILES**

Oklahoma wide receiver Marvin Mims hauled in a 55-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Caleb Williams in the second quarter of the Valero Alamo Bowl. This was Mims' third touchdown reception of over 50 yards, and Mims caught three of the Sooners' five longest passes of the 2021 season.

### **SOONERS SURGE EARLY**

Oklahoma's 30-3 lead over Oregon at halftime of the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl is the second largest halftime lead in Valero Alamo Bowl history. Oregon is responsible for the largest gap at intermission as they led TCU 31-0 in the 2015 Valero Alamo Bowl. TCU came back to win that game 47-41 in three overtime periods.

### **BOMB FROM BROWN**

Oregon quarterback Anthony Brown launched a 66-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Dont'e Thornton for the longest touchdown completion of the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. For the freshman Thornton, this was the longest reception of his young career.

### **THIRD QUARTER TRACK MEET**

Oregon's 22 and Oklahoma's 14 points scored in the third quarter of the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl registered as the third highest combined scoring quarter (36) in Valero Alamo Bowl history. Nebraska and Northwestern combined for 45 points in the 2000 SYLVANIA Alamo Bowl while Baylor and Washington combined for 43 points in the 2011 Valero Alamo Bowl.



### **TALK ABOUT ACCURATE**

Oklahoma quarterback Caleb Williams completed 21 of his 27 passes, good enough for a 78% completion percentage. That ranks second highest in Valero Alamo Bowl history with Texas quarterback Casey Thompson notching the highest completion rate of 80% in the 2020 Valero Alamo Bowl.

### **NOBODY'S PERFECT**

Oklahoma kicker Gabe Brkic, one of three Lou Groza Award finalists, missed his first career PAT on Oklahoma's first scoring drive in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. Brkic had been 154-154 on PATs in four seasons with the Sooners.

### **FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING**

In 2021, the Oklahoma Sooners made their first appearance in the Valero Alamo Bowl.

### **DOME SWEET DOME**

The Sooners are now 2-0 all-time in the Alamodome following their 47-32 victory over Oregon in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. In the 2007 Big 12 Football Championship, #9 Oklahoma defeated #1 Missouri 38-17.

### **THE REPLACEMENTS**

For the first time in Valero Alamo Bowl history, two interim head coaches led their respective teams. Bryan McClendon directed the Oregon Ducks following the departure of Mario Cristobal to the University of Miami while Bob Stoops stepped out of retirement for one more game on the Sooners' sideline after Lincoln Riley left for the University of Southern California.

### **DON'T CALL IT A COMEBACK**

Bob Stoops served as the interim head coach for Oklahoma during the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl, marking his first game coaching the Sooners since retiring in 2017. With the Sooners' 47-32 defeat of the Ducks, the 2021 College Football Hall of Fame inductee improved his overall record with Oklahoma to 191-48 (.799) and his bowl record to 10-9 (.526).

### **DID SOMEONE SAY BOWL GAME?**

Bryan McClendon is now 1-1 in bowl games as an interim head coach. McClendon coached the University of Georgia in the TaxSlayer Bowl after the 2015 season following Mark Richt's departure for the University of Miami. McClendon has yet to serve as head coach in a regular season game.



### **OKLAHOMA IN THE LEAD**

With their 47-32 win in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl, Oklahoma is now 7-1 all-time vs Oregon including wins in both bowl games in which the teams have squared off against each other.

### **BIG 12, BIG WINS**

Thanks to the 47-32 Oklahoma victory over Oregon, current members of the Big 12 are now 13-10 in the Valero Alamo Bowl. The Pac-12 falls to 5-10.

### **FAST FINISHES, ELECTRIFYING RESULTS**

While the last three editions of the Valero Alamo Bowl have ended up uncompetitive, the beloved bowl in the Alamo City is known for its hectic highlights and exciting moments.

Both the 2018 and 2017 Valero Alamo Bowls were decided by two points. The 2018 game saw #13 Washington State successfully hold off the #24 Iowa State Cyclones after surrendering an early 21-10 lead, earning a 28-26 victory. The Cyclones had an opportunity to tie the game, but the Cougars thwarted a two-point conversion attempt in the final minutes of the game.

The 2017 game would also feature a large first half deficit but this time it would be the #15 TCU Horned Frogs scoring 29 points in the second half to storm ahead of the #13 Stanford Cardinals and held Stanford off with an interception with two minutes remaining in the game to seal a 39-37 win.

The comeback for the Horned Frogs was only their second largest in Valero Alamo Bowl history as in 2015, #11 TCU orchestrated a miraculous 31-point second half comeback to take the game into overtime. Three OT periods would be needed to put away the #15 Oregon Ducks by a score of 47-41.

Comeback performances always seem to play a factor in the Valero Alamo Bowl as they did in 2014 as #14 UCLA withstood an incredible second half comeback by the #11 Kansas State Wildcats to secure a 40-35 victory. The Wildcats trailed 31-6 at halftime but scored 15 unanswered points in the third quarter to give Valero Alamo Bowl fans the type of exciting finish to which they've become accustomed.

But perhaps the most well-known fantastic finish in Valero Alamo Bowl history came in the 67-56 offensive shootout in the 2011 Valero Alamo Bowl between #12 Baylor and Washington. Baylor QB and Heisman Trophy winner Robert Griffin III and running back Terrance Ganaway battled with Washington QB Keith Price as the two teams combined to amass 1,397 yards offensively.



### SIGHT FOR SORE EYES

After limiting capacity in the 2020 Valero Alamo Bowl, this year's matchup between Oklahoma and Oregon saw a return to its traditional packed stands of college football fans. A crowd of 59,121 saw the #16 Oklahoma Sooners defeat the #14 Oregon Ducks in the 2021 Valero Alamo Bowl. That means 26 of 29 Alamo Bowls have been attended by at least 50,000 spectators.

YEAR	SCHOOLS	ATTENDANCE
1. 2007	Penn State 24, Texas A&M 17	66,166
2. 2013	#10 Oregon 30, Texas 7	65,918
3. 2006	#18 Texas 26, Iowa 24	65,875
4. 1999	#13 Penn State 24, #18 Texas A&M	65,380
5. 2012	#23 Texas 31, #13 Oregon State 27	65,277
6. 2004	#22 Ohio State 33, Oklahoma State 7	65,265
7. 2011	#12 Baylor 67, Washington 56	65,256
8. 2001	Iowa 19, Texas Tech 16	65,232
9. 2010	Texas Tech 41, Michigan State 31	64,757
10. 1995	#19 Texas A&M 22, #14 Michigan 20	64,597
11. 2016	#11 TCU 47, #15 Oregon 41 (3)T	64,569
12. 2005	Nebraska 32, #20 Michigan 28	62,016
13. 1998	Purdue 37, #4 Kansas State 34	60,780
14. 2018	#13 Washington State 28, #24 Iowa State	60,675
15. 2015	#14 UCLA 40, #11 Kansas State 35	60,517
16. 2019	Texas 38, #11 Utah 10	60,147
17. 2000	#8 Nebraska 66, #19 Northwestern 17	60,028
18. 2016	#12 Oklahoma State 38, #10 Colorado 8	59,815
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20. 2017	#15 TCU 39, #13 Stanford 37	57,653
21. 2010	#14 Oklahoma State 36, Arizona 10	57,593
22. 2003	#21 Nebraska 17, Michigan State 3	56,229
23. 2008	#23 Missouri 30, #20 Northwestern 23	55,986
24. 1996	#21 Iowa 27, Texas Tech 0	55,677
25. 1997	#16 Purdue 33, #24 Oklahoma State 20	55,552
26. 2002	#14 Wisconsin 31, Colorado 28	50,690
27. 1993	California 37, Iowa 3	45,716
28. 1994	#24 Washington State 10, Baylor 3	44,106
29. 2020	#20 Texas 55, Colorado 23	10,822