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# OKLAHOMA BASKETBALL

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## MEMPHIS 99, OKLAHOMA 94 (OT) DECEMBER 17, 2016 • POSTGAME NOTES

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- Oklahoma (6-4) forced overtime against Memphis (8-3) on a **Jordan Woodard** 3-pointer with less than a second to play in regulation, but fell, 99-94, in OT. The loss snaps a 16-game winning streak against non-conference opponents at the Lloyd Noble Center. The Sooners last lost to an out-of-conference team at the LNC on Dec. 30, 2013 against Louisiana Tech (102-98 in OT).
  - The Sooners were led in scoring by senior guard **Jordan Woodard** for the sixth time this season. Coming off of a 28-point performance against Wichita State, Woodard scored 22 points with four rebounds. Woodard's past week is the first time in his career he has scored 20-plus points in consecutive games and represents the largest point total (50) in a two-game stretch. The senior boasts 13 career games of 20-plus points, the second most among active Big 12 players.
  - OU head coach Lon Kruger introduced his fourth starting lineup variation of the season. Freshman guard **Jordan Shepherd** received his first collegiate start and came through with a career-high 18 points with two assists, two rebounds, one block and a steal in 37 minutes. Shepherd's 18 points were the most by an OU freshman since Woodard scored 23 against West Virginia in 2014.
  - **Jamuni McNeace** tallied career highs in both points (13) and rebounds (nine) while shooting 6-of-8 from the field. McNeace saw a career-best 33 minutes of action, almost doubling his previous career high of 18 minutes played (Nov. 17, 2016 vs. Tulane).
  - The Sooner bench produced 40 points and included three OU players in double-digit scoring. **Christian James** led the bench's scoring efforts with 15 points and 3-of-5 shooting from 3-point range. **Dante Buford** also shot 3-of-5 from behind the arc and contributed 10 points.
  - Oklahoma opened the game by making 17 of its first 22 shots. The Sooners made 13 field goals in a row from the 17:09 mark to 8:55 remaining in the first half.
  - In Oklahoma's last game (Dec. 10 against Wichita State), the Sooners shot just 20-of-65 (.308) from the field. OU improved its shooting, finishing Saturday's game against the Tigers making 35-of-73 (.479). The increase in field goal percentage marked the first time since 2003 that the Sooners shot over 47 percent after shooting below 31 percent the game before.
  - Up next, the Sooners celebrate the 125th anniversary of basketball by facing Auburn in the Birthday of Basketball in Uncasville, Conn., on Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. CT on CBS Sports Network. Dec. 21, 1891 is the date James Naismith first introduced the game of basketball to a class of young men at the YMCA International Training School in Springfield, Mass.
  - Oklahoma is 1-1 all-time against Auburn, with both meetings occurring at neutral sites. Oklahoma and Auburn last met on the hardwood in the opening round of the 1988 NCAA Tournament. The Sooners defeated the Tigers, 107-87, on their road to the 1988 Final Four before falling to Kansas in the national title game.
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