

BY THE NUMBERS...

51,928 – Attendance on Saturday at Bill Snyder Family Stadium, the 12th-consecutive sellout dating back to the beginning of 2022.

4,771 – Career passing yards by **Will Howard**, which ranks eighth in school history.

1,075 – Career receiving yards by **Phillip Brooks**, which ranks seventh in school history.

637 – Career pass attempts by **Will Howard**, which is tied for eighth in school history.

376 – Career completions by **Will Howard**, who now ranks seventh in K-State history.

208 – Total offensive yards allowed by the K-State defense, the fewest in a game since Bowling Green in 2019 (140 yards) and the fewest against a Big 12 team since Texas Tech in 2018 (181 yards).

88.2 – Completion percentage by **Will Howard**, the third highest in a game in program history (minimum 15 attempts).

85 – Years since K-State has recorded at least two shutouts in back-to-back seasons until 2023 (1936 and 1937).

61 – Career games played by **Phillip Brooks**, believed to be the most in school history.

41 – Points by K-State on Saturday, the sixth-straight home game the Wildcats hit the 40-point mark... It is the first time doing so since scoring 40 or more points in 12-straight home games over the 1998 and 1999 seasons.

39° – Difference in kickoff temperature from last week's home game against TCU (75°) to Saturday's game against Houston (36°).

38 – Career touchdown passes by **Will Howard**, which ranks fourth in school history.

25 – Now bowl eligible, the Wildcats will be playing in their 25th bowl in school history at the end of the season.

12 – Bowl appearances by the Wildcats in the last 14 years.

12 – Career touchdown receptions by **Phillip Brooks**, tied for the ninth most in school history.

10 – Third-down conversions by K-State on Saturday, the second-straight week they converted on third down 10 times... It is the first time the Wildcats had consecutive games with 10 third-down conversions since at least 2003.

5 – K-State is in the midst of playing five-straight games against teams from the state of Texas, its most consecutive games against teams from one state since 1907.

5 – Victories in K-State's five home games this year, the first time the Wildcats have started the season with five-straight home wins since 2012.


4 – Victories in the Wildcats' first five Big 12 games for a second-straight season, the first time they have done so since 2011 and 2012.

1 – A week after true freshman wide receiver **Jayce Brown** and junior tight end **Will Swanson** recorded their first-career touchdowns, redshirt freshman **Garrett Oakley** recorded the first touchdown of his career on K-State's first drive.

0 – Points scored by Houston on Saturday, the first time the Cougars have been shut out since 2000.



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 HOUSTON (3-5/1-4 BIG 12)	0
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RECORDS

Saturday was the first all-time meeting between K-State and Houston, which marked the first time since playing Iowa State in 1917 that the Wildcats' first all-time meeting against an opponent came in a conference game... K-State is now 4-1 in Big 12 play for a second-straight season, the first time the Cats have won at least four of the first five Big 12 games in consecutive seasons since 2011 and 2012... The Wildcats have started their home slate with a 5-0 record for the first time since 2012, a year in which they went undefeated in seven home games... Since the beginning of the 2021 season, K-State is now 21-2 when scoring the game's first points.

GOING BOWLING AGAIN

With Saturday's victory, K-State will advance to its 25th bowl appearance in school history, including its 12th in the last 14 years... Entering the season, Kansas State was one of just 19 Power 5 programs to play in a bowl game 11 times in the previous 13 seasons... **Chris Klieman** is the first coach in school history to lead four of his first five Wildcat teams to bowl appearances.

SHUT 'EM OUT

Kansas State shut out Houston, the Wildcats second shutout of the season after blanking SEMO, 45-0... It is the second-straight season K-State had two shutouts in one year after blanking South Dakota and Oklahoma State last year... It is the first time the Wildcats had two shutouts in consecutive seasons since 1936 and 1937... The Wildcats have allowed just three points over the last nine quarters dating back to the fourth quarter of the Texas Tech game.

DID NOT YIELD

Kansas State held Houston to just 208 yards... It was the fewest yards allowed since Bowling Green had 140 yards in 2019, while it was the fewest against a Big 12 opponent since Texas Tech had 181 yards in 2018.

40 AGAIN

Dating back to last season, Kansas State has now scored 40 or more points in six-straight home games, which includes all five contests this season... It is the first time scoring 40 or more points in six-straight home games since doing so 12-straight times over the 1998 and 1999 seasons.

SCORING QUICKLY

Kansas State jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead on a 12-play, 75-yard drive after the opening kickoff, which ended with a touchdown pass from **Will Howard** to **Garrett Oakley**, the first touchdown of his career... The Wildcats have now scored points on their first drive in seven of its first eight games, the first time doing so since at least 1990... Of the seven opening-drive scores this season, six have been touchdowns with a field goal at Texas Tech.

HOWARD HITS ON HIGH %

Quarterback **Will Howard** earned his 23rd career start, going 15-of-17 through the air for 164 yards and two touchdowns, while he added 24 rushing yards... He started the game 12-of-12 for 140 yards, the most completions by a Wildcat to start a game under head coach **Chris Klieman**... His 88.2% completion percentage was the third highest ever by a Wildcat in a game (minimum 15 attempts) and the highest since current K-State offensive coordinator **Collin Klein** went 19-of-21 (90.4%) at West Virginia in 2012.

UP THE CHARTS

During the game, **Will Howard** improved on several program career lists... He now has 637 career pass attempts to tie for eighth in school history, passing Eli Roberson (2000-03) and tying Dennis Morrison (1070-72)... His 376 career completions now rank seventh, passing **Collin Klein**... His 4,771 career passing yards now rank eighth in school history, passing Jonathan Beasley (1996-97, 1999-2000) and Klein... He now has 38 career passing touchdowns to move into fourth place, passing Roberson... His 5,654 career yards of total offense ranks eighth, passing Beasley.

BROOKS MOVES UP

Senior wide receiver **Phillip Brooks** hauled in five passes for 83 yards and a touchdown... He moved into the school's career top-10 list for touchdown receptions, a mark that now stands at 12 to tie for ninth... He now has 1,975 career receiving yards to rank seventh in school history, while his 3,649 all-purpose yards now rank seventh.

ANOTHER SELLOUT

Saturday's attendance was 51,928... It was the 12th-consecutive sellout dating back to the beginning of the 2022 season... K-State's average attendance this season has been 52,085, which equates to 104.17% capacity filled.

SCHEDULING QUIRK

The Wildcats are now just over the halfway mark of a five-game stretch against teams from the state of Texas... It is the first time Kansas State is facing five-straight opponents from the same state since they faced Kansas, Ottawa, Washburn, Wichita and KSTC-Emporia to finish out the 1907 season, which was 116 years ago.