



# TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL

## POSTGAME NOTES

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**Stephen F. Austin**  
Sept. 11, 2021



Jones AT&T Stadium (60,454)  
Lubbock, Texas

6 p.m. CT  
Big 12 Now on ESPN+  
TTU Sports Network

### GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather: sunny, warm.
- Texas Tech lost the coin toss and SFA elected to defer to the second half. Texas Tech started the game with the ball.
- Today's game was televised Big 12 Now on ESPN+. It was Texas Tech's second appearance on Big 12 Now on ESPN+ in the Matt Wells era, the Red Raiders move to 2-0 in those games.
- Today's game marked the fourth all-time meeting between Texas Tech and Stephen F. Austin. All four games have been contested at Jones AT&T Stadium. The Red Raiders move to 4-0 in those games.
- Today's game marked the first time since Sept. 3, 2016 that Texas Tech faced SFA. Texas Tech won in 2016, 69-17.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets, black jerseys and black pants for the season's home opener. Since 2009, it is the most used combination. The Red Raiders are now 14-12 in the combination used today.
- Today's game captains were Dawson Deaton, Erik Ezukanma and Riko Jeffers. As part of Texas Tech's entrance pregame, Jacob Morgenstern carried the U.S. flag, while Loic Fouonji ran out with the state of Texas flag.
- Today's attendance: 55,271.

**Starters – (Offense)** - (LT) T.J. Stormont, (LG) Weston Wright, (C) Dawson Deaton, (RG) Josh Burger (RT) Caleb Rogers, (QB) Tyler Shough, (TE) Mason Tharp, (TE) Travis Kountz, (WR) Kaylon Geiger Sr., (WR) Myles Price, (WR) Erik Ezukanma; **(Defense)** – (DE) Tyree Wilson, (N) Jaylon Hutchings, (T) Devin Drew, (SAM) Colin Schooler, (MIKE) Riko Jeffers, (WILL) Brandon Bouyer-Randle, (CB) Adrian Frye, (SPUR) Reggie Pearson Jr., (CB) Rayshad Williams, (S) Eric Monroe, (S) Marquis Waters.

### TEXAS TECH'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech a 2-0 overall record in 2021, and pushes its streak of consecutive home wins to 22.
- Gives Texas Tech a 4-0 all-time record against Stephen F. Austin, dating back to the first contest in 2001.
- Gives Texas Tech a 25-1 record in games against FCS opponents (since 1978 when the NCAA divided its Division I schools into two divisions).
- Gives Texas Tech 19 consecutive wins against FCS opponents, dating back to 1988.
- Gives Texas Tech 13 consecutive wins in non-conference games played at home, and 38 wins of its last 39 contests dating back to the 2002 season.
- Gives Texas Tech 29 consecutive wins - in regular season games - at home or on the road, against non-conference opponents from either the FCS level or Group of Five conferences.
- Gives Texas Tech a 76-18-3 all-time record in home opening games.
- Gives Matt Wells a career record of 10-14 at Texas Tech.
- Gives Matt Wells a 54-48 career record all-time as a head coach.
- Gives Matt Wells a 1-0 career record all-time against Stephen F. Austin.

### TEXAS TECH'S TEAM NOTES

- Texas Tech starts the season 2-0 for the eighth time since 2010.
- The Red Raiders' streak of drives that ended with a touchdown ended at three, following the second drive of the game. TTU scored on its final two drives versus Houston, and opening drive against SFA.
- Tech Tech overcame a turnover deficit of 4-0 in the win. Wells is 6-6 at Texas Tech when having more turnovers than its opponent.
- The Red Raiders ran just 25 plays in the first half, and 48 total in the game. TTU turned the ball over three times (2 INT, 1 FL) in the first half, and once in the second half that contributed to a time of possession advantage of 40:07 to 19:53 for the visiting team.
- Tech amassed four explosive plays of 50 yards or better (75/67/55/52) equaling 249 yards. It was 249 of the team's 374 total yards.
- SFA was limited to 12 points in five trips to the red zone.
- 16 of the 22 points Stephen F. Austin scored were points off turnovers. SFA collected its points off two drives that started inside TTU's 30-yard line, along with an interception returned for a touchdown. TTU's opponents in 2020, ten teams, totaled just 33 points off Tech turnovers.
- Stephen F. Austin's 18-play opening drive was stopped short with a turnover on downs at the TTU12 following a stop on 4th-and-4. Tech has relinquished opening drives by its opponents of 16 plays (75 yards) and 18 plays (65 yards) to start the season.
- Texas Tech trailed, 13-7, at halftime. For the second consecutive game the Red Raiders overcame a halftime deficit. Wells is 2-0 in games when trailing at halftime in 2021, and improves to 3-12 in games when trailing at halftime in his tenure at Tech Tech.
- Having won back-to-back games when trailing at the half, it is the first time Texas Tech has won back-to-back games after trailing at the half since 2011.
- Texas Tech is outscoring opponents in the second half, 52-9, in 2021.
- In the third quarter, Tech produced a 97-yard scoring drive. It was the longest scoring drive since a 98-yard first quarter scoring drive against Arizona State on Sept. 10, 2016.

### NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

- Mason Tharp picked up his first career start while UCLA transfer Rayshad Williams got his first start at Texas Tech.
- Erik Ezukanma, set a career-long reception of 75 yards, for the games' first score on 3rd-and-9 on the third play of the game ... the same play marked a career-long pass for quarterback Tyler Shough.
- Ezukanma notched his fourth career 100-yard receiving game, and now owns a 100-yard game in each of the first two contests in 2021.
- Tyler Shough's first interception as a Red Raider was a pick-6 in the first quarter. His second came late in the second quarter before SFA ran out the clock on the half.
- Tahj Brooks burst for a 67-yard touchdown run, setting a new career-long run, after career long runs of 41 and 44 yards last week against Houston, which were TD runs as well.
- Brooks is the only FBS player that owns three runs of 40-plus yards thus far this season.
- Brooks, for a second consecutive week, found the end zone twice. It matches a career-high, reaching that mark for the first time last season against Baylor.
- Jaylon Hutchings had a career-high 2.0 TFLs.