



# TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL

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vs

## WEST VIRGINIA

Oct. 22, 2022  
2:10 p.m. CT  
Jones AT&T Stadium

### TEXAS TECH

Record	4-3 Overall; 2-2 Big 12
Streak	W1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	4-3 (1st Season)
Record at Texas Tech	Same
Record vs. West Virginia	1-0
Today's attendance	56,530
Kickoff temperature	83 degrees (partly cloudy)
Length of Game	3:35

## POSTGAME NOTES



### TODAY'S STARTERS

**(Offense)** - (LT) Caleb Rogers, (LG) Weston Wright, (C) Dennis Wilburn, (RG) Landon Peterson (RT) Matt Keeler, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) Tahj Brooks, (TE) Mason Tharp, (TE) Baylor Cupp, (WR) Nehemiah Martinez, (WR) Jerand Bradley

**(Defense)** - (NT) Jaylon Hutchings, (DT) Tony Bradford Jr., (EDGE) Tyree Wilson, (LB-WILL) Kosi Eldridge, (LB-MIKE) Krishon Merriweather, (OLB) Jesiah Pierre, (SPUR) Marquis Waters, (CB) Rayshad Williams, (S) Reggie Pearson Jr., (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (CB) Malik Dunlap

### STARTS CHART

OFFENSE	2022	TOTAL	STREAK
Weston Wright (OL)	6	37	4
SaRodorick Thompson (RB)	4	27	-
Caleb Rogers (OL)	7	23	23
Myles Price (WR)	5	17	-
Mason Tharp (TE)	4	12	3
Ethan Carde (OL)	-	9	-
Donovan Smith (QB)	4	8	-
Tyler Shough (QB)	1	5	-
Tahj Brooks (RB)	2	6	1
Jerand Bradley (WR)	6	7	2
Landon Peterson (OL)	7	8	7
Loic Fouonji (WR)	3	4	-
Dennis Wilburn (OL)	7	7	7
Monroe Mills (OL)	6	6	-
Henry Teeter (TE)	2	3	-
Xavier White (WR)	1	2	-
Trey Cleveland III (WR)	3	4	-
JJ Sparkman (WR)	2	2	-
Nehemiah Martinez (WR)	3	3	2
Behren Morton (QB)	2	2	2
Matt Keeler	1	1	1
Baylor Cupp	1	1	1
DEFENSE	2022	TOTAL	STREAK
Jaylon Hutchings (OL)	7	40	40
Tyree Wilson (OLB)	7	25	25
Adrian Frye (DB)	1	22	-
Krishon Merriweather (LB)	7	22	13
Tony Bradford Jr. (OL)	7	19	7
Rayshad Williams (DB)	7	19	19
Dadrion Taylor-Demerson (DB)	6	18	3
Reggie Pearson Jr. (DB)	6	16	1
Marquis Waters (DB)	5	9	1
Jesiah Pierre (OLB)	6	9	2
Kosi Eldridge (LB)	7	9	7
Malik Dunlap (DB)	6	7	7
Bryce Ramirez (OLB)	1	1	-
Myles Cole (OL)	1	1	-
Robert Wooten (OLB)	1	1	-
Joseph Adedire (OL)	1	1	-

### GETTING STARTED

- Today marked the 12th overall matchup in the all-time series with West Virginia and 11th consecutive season the two have met.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets, red jerseys and black pants versus West Virginia.
- Today's game captains were Henry Teeter, Adrian Frye, Austin McNamara and Krishon Merriweather.
- Texas Tech lost the coin toss and started the first half with the ball after West Virginia deferred. Tech has won the coin toss twice in 2022.
- Today's game was televised by FS1. It is Tech's third appearance on the network this season (vs. Houston/at Oklahoma State).

### TEXAS TECH'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech a 4-3 overall record in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech a 4-0 record in home games in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech a 2-0 record against unranked opponents in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech a 2-2 record in Big 12 games in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech four-straight wins against the Mountaineers.
- Gives Texas Tech a 6-6 all-time record against West Virginia.
- Gives Texas Tech a 6-5 all-time record against West Virginia in Big 12 competition.
- Gives Texas Tech a 19-13 record in games following an open date during the Big 12 era (1996).

### TEXAS TECH'S TEAM NOTES

- Tech's 38-point win was its largest all-time over West Virginia in the all-time series.
- Tech's 38-point win was its largest victory over a Big 12 team since defeating Kansas by 46 points on Oct. 7, 2017 (65-19).
- Tech held West Virginia to a season-low 10 points. WVU came in ranked 20th nationally in PPG (38.7).
- Tech ran 103 plays. The Red Raiders have run 100+ plays in four out of seven games this season. Tech is averaging 89.4 plays/game.
- Tech started the game converting its first six fourth-down attempts (all in 1st qtr on first two drives); which led to 14 points. The seventh failed on a 4th-and-1 from WVU22 with 7:19 in the second quarter. Tech did not attempt another fourth down for the remainder of the game.
- Tech's six 4th down conversions tie its own FBS high of six conversions (Sept. 10 vs. Houston) along with UTEP's six conversions on Oct. 8 vs. La Tech. (Saturday's games have to be completed therefore this does not include all games on Oct. 22)
- Tech's 4th down conversions resulted in 14 points being scored, which puts Texas Tech +52 for the season when attempting a fourth down.
- Tech opened the game scoring a touchdown on its first drive. Tech has scored touchdowns to start a game four out of its seven games and scored points on its first drive five of its seven games.
- Today's game marked the first game with a 100-yard rusher and 100-yard receiver since Tech's Sept. 18, 2021 game versus FIU. Tahj Brooks (107 yards rushing) and Xavier White (139 yards receiving). The 2021 game also featured Brooks surpassing 100 yards rushing along with Erik Ezukanma topping 100 yards receiving. The last time it happened in a Big 12 game was versus Oklahoma State on Nov. 28, 2020 (SaRodorick Thompson and Erik Ezukanma).

### NOTING THE RED RAIDERS | OFFENSE

- In two starts, Behren Morton owns two 300-yard passing games. Today he went for 325 yards on 28-of-45 passing.
- Morton led a TD drive on the game-opening drive. He is 2-for-2 in his first two career starts leading a game-opening drive for six points.
- Behren Morton and Xavier White both set a career-long for play from scrimmage on their 55-yard connection for a touchdown, being Morton's longest pass completion of his young career and White's longest catch.
- Xavier White recorded a touchdown reception for the third consecutive game. The last time a Texas Tech wideout caught touchdowns in three-straight games in the same season was KeeSean Carter to start the 2020 season (9/12/20, 9/26/20, 10/3/20). Carter had four-straight games when factoring in the final game of the 2019 season in addition to the first three games of 2020.
- Xavier White's 139 receiving yards set a career-best and was his second 100-yard game this season and fourth of his career.
- With four-straight games without a rushing touchdown, last finding the end zone on Sept. 10 versus Houston, Tahj Brooks registered his fifth career game with multiple touchdowns scoring twice in the first quarter. He finished with two scores.
- Tahj Brooks registered his fourth career 100-yard rushing game. His first of the season and first since the 2021 Liberty Bowl.
- Matt Keeler earned his first career start at right tackle.
- SaRodorick Thompson logged a rushing touchdown for the third time this season bringing his career total to 36. That ties him fourth all-time for career rushing touchdowns. Thompson has scored six times against West Virginia in his career, his most versus any other opponent.

### NOTING THE RED RAIDERS | DEFENSE

- Tech had four takeaways on Saturday, its most since the 2021 season opener versus Houston.
- Three different players recorded an interception; the first time Tech has had three different players with an INT in a game since the 2021 season opener when all four takeaways were interceptions by four different players.
- Dadrion Taylor-Demerson claimed his fourth career interception; catching a pass in the end zone on an attempted 24-yard pass with 13 seconds left in the first half. It was the Red Raiders' first interception since Sept. 24 versus Texas and third overall this season.
- Rabbit had seven tackles, 1.0 TFL and one interception in the first half alone. Those are the stats he finished the game with.
- In his fifth season of collegiate football between NC State and Texas Tech, Malik Dunlap now owns his first career interception.
- In his fifth season of collegiate football between UCLA and Texas Tech, Rayshad Williams now owns his first career interception.
- West Virginia was limited to 73 yards rushing (held to 36 yards in first half). It's the third time in 2022 Tech held an opponent under 100 yards.

### RECORD WATCH

#### TEXAS TECH CAREER LEADERS FOR RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

1. James Gray (1986-89)	52
2. Taurean Henderson (2002-05)	50
3. Byron Morris (1991-93)	37
4. SaRodorick Thompson (2018-present)	36
Ricky Williams (1997-01)	36

#### TEXAS TECH CAREER LEADERS FOR RUSHING YARDS

7. James Hadnot (1976-79)	2,794
8. Larry Isaac (1973-76)	2,633
9. Baron Batch (2006, 2008-10)	2,501
10. SaRodorick Thompson (2018-present)	2,349
11. Donny Anderson (1963-65)	2,280