



TEXAS TECH FOOTBALL

GAME
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vs

HOUSTON

Sept. 10, 2022

3:05 p.m. CT

AT&T Jones Stadium

TEXAS TECH

Record	2-0 Overall; 0-0 Big 12
Streak	W2
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	2-0 (1st Season)
Record at Texas Tech	Same
Record vs. Houston	1-0
Today's attendance	56,271
Kickoff temperature	86 degrees (sunny)
Length of Game	4:07

POSTGAME NOTES



TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Caleb Rogers, (LG) Weston Wright, (C) Dennis Wilburn, (RG) Landon Peterson (RT) Monroe Mills, (QB) Donovan Smith, (RB) SaRodorick Thompson, (TE) Henry Teeter, (WR-X) Jerand Bradley, (WR-Y) Myles Price, (WR-Z) Loic Fouonji

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

STARTS CHART

OFFENSE	2022	TOTAL	STREAK
Weston Wright	2	33	33
SaRodorick Thompson	2	25	5
Caleb Rogers	2	18	18
Myles Price	2	14	2
Ethan Carde	-	9	-
Mason Tharp	-	8	-
Tyler Shough	1	5	-
Tahj Brooks	-	4	-
Donovan Smith	1	5	1
Jerand Bradley	2	3	3
Loic Fouonji	2	3	2
Landon Peterson	2	3	2
Henry Teeter	2	3	2
Xavier White	-	1	-
Trey Cleveland	-	1	-
Dennis Wilburn	2	2	2
Monroe Mills	2	2	2
DEFENSE	2022	TOTAL	STREAK
Jaylon Hutchings	2	35	35
Adrian Frye	1	22	-
Tyree Wilson	2	20	20
Krishon Merriweather	2	17	8
Tony Bradford Jr.	2	14	2
Dadrion Taylor-Demerson	2	14	7
Rayshad Williams	2	14	14
Reggie Pearson Jr.	2	12	6
Marquis Waters	2	6	2
Jesiah Pierre	2	5	2
Kosi Eldridge	2	4	2
Malik Dunlap	1	2	2
Cam White	-	1	-

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GETTING STARTED

- Today's game marked the 34th meeting between Texas Tech and Houston.
- Texas Tech wore white helmets, black jerseys and white pants against Houston.
- Today's game captains were Tony Bradford Jr., Adrian Frye, Jesiah Pierre, and Donovan Smith.
- Houston won the coin toss and chose to defer. Texas Tech started the first half with the ball. Tech is 2-0 losing the toss in 2022.
- Today's game was televised by FS1.
- Today's attendance of 56,271 marked the most attended game all-time in the Tech-Houston series, besting 53,484 on Sept. 15, 2018 in Lubbock.

TEXAS TECH'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech a 2-0 overall record in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech a 2-0 record in nonconference games in 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech a 15-18-1 all-time record against Houston.
- Gives Texas Tech an 8-8 all-time record at Jones AT&T Stadium against Houston.
- Gives Texas Tech five-consecutive wins against Houston, matching its longest streak of wins against the Cougars from 1991-95 when the two faced each other annually as Southwest Conference foes.
- Gives Texas Tech 10 wins in its last 11 matchups against Houston.
- Gives Texas Tech its first win versus a ranked team since defeating No. 21 Oklahoma State on Oct. 5, 2019.
- Gives Texas Tech its first win versus a ranked nonconference team in the regular season since defeating No. 20 Arizona on Sept. 9, 1989 (snapped a 13-game losing streak).
- Gives Texas Tech its first overtime victory over a ranked opponent since downing No. 21 TCU, 56-53 (Oct. 20, 2012).
- Gives Tech a 2-6 record against ranked Houston teams. It marks the first win since defeating then-No. 5 Houston 22-21 in Nov. 25, 1978.
- Gives Texas Tech a 5-1 record against Houston since the Southwest Conference disbanded in 1995.

TEXAS TECH'S TEAM NOTES

- The Red Raiders faced Dana Holgorsen as the head coach on the opposing sideline for the ninth time; Texas Tech improved to 4-5 in those games between his time at Houston and West Virginia.
- Joey McGuire became only the second head coach in program history to defeat a top-25 team in his first game against a ranked opponent. Kliff Kingsbury is the only other head coach to do so after edging No. 24 TCU, 20-10, in what was only the third game of his tenure in 2013.
- Texas Tech has now won each of its last 16 non-conference games at home and 41 of its last 42 contests dating back to the 2002 season. The Red Raiders are an impressive 48-2 overall in non-conference home games since moving to a spread offense in 2000.
- Texas Tech's success against non-conference opponents from either the FCS level or a Group of Five conference is even more impressive as the Red Raiders have won each of their last 32 regular-season contests at home or on the road against non-power five members.
- Tech has not dropped a non-conference game against a Group of 5 opponent since falling at No. 17 Houston, 29-28, early in the 2009 season.
- The first Houston scoring drive started at the Red Raiders' 19-yard line. Tech's defense held the Cougars to three points (2Q, 11:17).
- Tech's first explosive play was Tech's first touchdown. A 43-yard reception by Nehemiah Martinez from Donovan Smith. (2Q, 10:10).
- Both of Tech's first half touchdowns came via an explosive play from the pass game. The Red Raiders' only other explosive pass play versus Houston was the 21-yard pickup on 4th and 20 in overtime.
- After allowing just 10 total first downs (none in the second half) vs. Murray State, the Red Raider defense allowed Houston to move the chains just 16 times.

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS | OFFENSE

- Donovan Smith picked up his fifth career start and first of the 2022 season. He set career highs for completions (36), attempts (58) and passing yards (351) as well as a career-long run (27). It was his second-career 300-yard passing game in five career starts. Tech is 2-0 in those games.
- Nehemiah Martinez scored his first career touchdown, a 43-yard reception from Smith (2Q, 10:10). He set career highs for receptions (5) and receiving yards (76).
- Myles Price registered his longest career reception (54), besting previous mark of 48 set at the Liberty Bowl, on his TD catch in the first half.

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS | DEFENSE

- Krishon Merriweather forced a fumble, which was recovered by Dadrion Taylor-Demerson. It was the first career force for Merriweather and Taylor-Demerson's second career recovery (first since Oct. 5, 2019 against Oklahoma State).
- Kosi Eldridge, first sack of season, second career. First sack since Nov. 28, 2020 vs. Oklahoma State (sack was on a 3rd and 4 from the TTU15, loss of 15 yards that set up a 47-yard missed field goal by Houston) (3Q, under 3:00).
- Dadrion Taylor-Demerson surpassed 100 career tackles, finishing the game with 102 following seven in today's game.
- Reggie Pearson Jr. picked off Clayton Tune in the fourth quarter for his first interception, and second career. His last INT came against Houston in 2021; both his career INTs are off Tune.

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS | SPECIAL TEAMS

- Trey Wolff connected for a 25-yard field in the first quarter. His first made field goal since Nov. 7, 2020 (vs. TCU), a 40-yard make, after going 1-of-5 in 2020 and 0-of-0 in 2021.
- Trey Wolff connected for a career-long 47-yard field goal to tie the game, 20-20, with 0:03 remaining in regulation.

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. Ricky Williams (1997-01)	36
5. Shannon Woods (2005-08)	33
SaRodorick Thompson (2018-present)	33

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. Donny Anderson (1963-65)	2,280
Approaching: SaRodorick Thompson (2018-present)	2,039