

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

2-3, 1-1 Big 12

VS

HOUSTON COUGARS

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Sept. 30, 2023 | 2:31 p.m. CT | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | FS2

TEXAS TECH

Record	2-3 Overall; 1-1 Big 12
Streak	W1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	10-8 (2nd Season)
Record vs. Houston	2-0
Today's attendance	53,308
Kickoff temperature	85 degrees
Length of Game	3:35

TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Monroe Mills, (LG) Cole Spencer, (C) Rusty Staats, (RG) Dennis Wilburn, (RT) Caleb Rogers, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) Tahj Brooks, (TE) Mason Tharp, (WR) Myles Price, (WR) Coy Eakin, (WR) Jerand Bradley

(Defense) - (NT) Jaylon Hutchings, (DT) Tony Bradford Jr., (EDGE) Myles Cole, (LB-WILL) Miquel Dingle Jr., (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Joseph Adedire, (STAR) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Rayshad Williams, (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (S) Tyler Owens, (CB) Malik Dunlap

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (So.)

- Made his fifth career start; his first since a road game at TCU on Nov. 5, 2022.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Finished with 106 rushing yards, marking his third-straight 100-yard rushing game and seventh career 100-yard rushing game of his career.
- The third-straight 100-yard rushing performance marked the first time a Red Raider had three-straight 100-yard games since DeAndre Washington in 2015 (at WVU, 11/7/15, vs. KSU, 11/14/15, at UT, 11/26/15).
- Scored second and third touchdowns of the season; it was his 20th and 21st career rushing touchdowns.
- Eclipsed 2,000 rushing yards for his career during the contest; he is the 16th Red Raider to surpass 2,000 yards in a career - he is the second in as many years to do so as teammate SaRodrick Thompson accomplished the same feat last year.
- Over the last three seasons, Brooks has amassed 318 rushing yards and five touchdowns on 54 attempts (5.89 per run avg.).

WR, Myles Price (Sr.)

- Caught first three passes of Saturday's game after being held without a catch for the second time in his career at West Virginia. He finished with a team-lead five receptions and a team-high 63 yards.
- Caught his fourth touchdown pass in five games this season. Leads team this season with four touchdown receptions - which is also a single-season career-high.

DEFENSE

LB, Ben Roberts (RFr.)

- Roberts owns 37 tackles over his first four career starts this season. He owns three double-digit games in those four.
- Roberts led Texas Tech with 10 tackles; it was the second time this season he's had the top tackles total.

LB, Miquel Dingle Jr. (Fr.)

- Made first career start. It was the second time a member of the front seven started as a true freshman under Joey McGuire dating back to Joseph Adidire in the 2022 season.

DB, C.J. Baskerville (Jr.)

- Matched his tackles career-high (9). Set while at SDSU versus UTSA in 2021.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P, Austin McNamara (Sr.)

- Booted a season-long 59-yard punt early in the fourth quarter. He averaged 49.8 yards per punt on his four attempts today.
- He has averaged better than 49.0 yards per punt in three of five games this season (had at least four attempts in each of those three games).

WR, Drae McCray (So.)

- Returned the Red Raiders' first kickoff 102 yards for a touchdown. It was his second career special teams' touchdown dating back to a 39-yard punt return for touchdown during his 2021 freshman season at Austin Peay.
- McCray's return marked the seventh kick return of 100 yards or greater in Texas Tech history.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 85 degrees, 17 mph winds from the SE and partly cloudy skies.
- Texas Tech won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Houston started the second half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with red jerseys and black pants against Houston.
- Today's game captains were Myles Cole, Behren Morton, Myles Price and Bryce Ramirez.
- Today's attendance: 53,308.

TODAY'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech wins in 11 of the past 12 games played against Houston.
- Gives Texas Tech a 16-18-1 all-time record against Houston.
 - Today's contest was the inaugural Big 12 conference matchup between Tech and Houston.
 - The two are former Southwest Conference foes, a league that disbanded in 1995.
 - The Red Raiders posted a 5-1 record against Houston during their gap as nonconference adversaries between 1996-2022.
- Gives Texas Tech six-straight wins against the Cougars.
 - The six-game streak is Red Raiders longest winning streak in the series.
 - The Red Raiders last loss to the Cougars was on Sept. 26, 2009.
- Gives Texas Tech a 1-1 record in Big 12 games in 2023.
 - It is the third consecutive season the Red Raiders have started league action 1-1.
- Gives Joey McGuire an 8-3 career record versus unranked opponents.
- Gives Joey McGuire an 8-2 career record in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- Texas Tech scored season-high 49 points; most points scored since 51 versus Oklahoma in 2022 regular season finale.
- The last time Texas Tech scored at least 40 points but did not surpass 200 yards passing in a Big 12 game was at Kansas on Oct. 16, 2021. The Red Raiders threw for 194 yards on that day.
- With a 100-yard rusher today, it marked the fourth time in the last five meetings against Houston that Texas Tech had a 100-yard rusher. Tahj Brooks is responsible for two of those having 134 yards in 2021 and 106 yards in 2023.
- Texas Tech had two 100-yard rushers in the game as Tahj Brooks (106) and Cam/Ron Valdez (106) both surpassed the mark. It was the first time the Red Raiders achieved that since Sept. 15, 2012 when Eric Stephens (118) and Kenny Williams (105).
 - It was the first time to do it in a conference game since 1998 vs. Baylor when Ricky Williams and Rob Peters did so.
- Texas Tech's offense did not commit a turnover for the second-straight game. The last time the Red Raiders had a two-game stretch without committing a turnover was in 2018 versus Oklahoma (11/3) and Texas (11/10)
- The Red Raiders shutout Houston in the second half. It was the first second half shutout pitched by the Red Raiders defense since the season opener versus Murray State in 2022. The last time Tech shutout a Big 12 opponent in the second half was Sept. 22, 2018 at No. 15 Oklahoma State.
- Texas Tech's special teams produced a blocked kick for the sixth time in 18 games under McGuire.
- Texas Tech's had its first game with kick returned for a touchdown since Keke Coutee ran a kick back 92 yards in a neutral site game versus Baylor on Nov. 11, 2017. The last kick return for a touchdown by a Red Raider inside Jones AT&T Stadium was Jakeem Grant's 100-yard return versus Oklahoma State on Oct. 31, 2015.

