

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

GAME

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

3-4, 2-2 Big 12

VS

KANSAS STATE WILDCATS

4-2, 2-1 Big 12



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Oct. 14, 2023 | 6:05 p.m. CT | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | FS1

TEXAS TECH

Record	3-4 Overall; 2-2 Big 12
Streak	L1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	11-9 (2nd Season)
Record vs. Kansas State	0-2
Today's attendance	56,200
Kickoff temperature	66 degrees
Length of Game	3:25

TODAY'S STARTERS

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

(Defense) - (NT) Jaylon Hutchings, (DT) Tony Bradford Jr., (EDGE) Myles Cole, (LB-WILL) Jesiah Pierre, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Joseph Adedire, (OLB) Charles Esters, (CB) Rayshad Williams (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (S) Tyler Owens, (CB) Malik Dunlap

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (So.)

- Did not return to the contest after halftime due to injury.
- Was 14-of-21 with 125 passing yards and one touchdown while being sacked a season-high two times in the first half after being sacked once in each of his first two starts this season.

QB, Jake Strong (Fr.)

- Strong became the third Red Raider true freshman quarterback over the past 10 seasons (since 2014) to make his debut against a Big 12 foe, joining starter Behren Morton (2021 at Kansas) and Patrick Mahomes II (2014 at Oklahoma State). During that same time period, Texas Tech also utilized one other true freshman quarterback in Alan Bowman in 2018. Bowman made his career debut in the season opener that season versus Ole Miss.
- Entered to start the second half for first game action of his career. With the second drive of the third quarter, led a 99-yard scoring drive, spearheaded by a 54-yard rush and then capped by an 8-yard TD pass. Both aforementioned plays came on third down as the Red Raiders were 2-for-2 on third down on the drive.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- With 98 rushing yards on Saturday, moved past three Red Raiders on the all-time career rushing yardage list - Doug McCutchen (1970-72; 2,222), Shannon Woods (2005-08) and Donny Anderson (1963-65) - and into 11th all-time with 2,300 career yards.
- His streak of 100-yard rushing games was snapped at four, finishing two yards short of that mark with 98.

WR, Coy Eakin (RFr.)

- Led Texas Tech with 102 receiving yards; his first career 100-yard game and the Red Raiders' first individual on the team in 2023 to record one.
- Recorded a single game career-best five receptions; matching teammate Jerand Bradley's five on Saturday night.

WR, Jerand Bradley (So.)

- Caught his 10th career receiving touchdown in the third quarter. It was an 8-yard catch, and his first TD catch after being held without one over the previous two games. It was his fourth of the season and first since the Red Raiders' game at West Virginia.

DEFENSE

LB, Ben Roberts (RFr.)

- In Roberts' sixth career start, he owned the Red Raiders' top tackles total for the fourth time finishing with a team-high 11 tackles.
- Roberts owns game with 55 tackles over his first six career starts this season and leads the team with 56 tackles for the season.
- Registered his fourth double-digit tackle game.

OLB, Joseph Adedire (So.)

- Recorded a single game career-high 2.0 TFLs, which were two of this three tackles on the night.

DB, Malik Dunlap (Sr.)

- Recorded a single game career-high seven tackles.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 66 degrees, 4 mph winds from the northwest and clear skies.
- Texas Tech won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Kansas State started the first half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with black jerseys and black pants against Kansas State.
- Today's game captains were Tony Bradford Jr., Baylor Cupp, Dadrion Taylor-Demerson and Dennis Wilburn.
- Today's attendance: 56,200 - it is the highest attended game all-time in the series.

TODAY'S LOSS...

- Gives Texas Tech a 9-15 all-time record against Kansas State.
 - The Wildcats extend their winning streak to eight games over the Red Raiders; Tech's last win was in 2015.
- Gives Texas Tech a 6-14 all-time record against Kansas State in Big 12 competition.
- Gives Texas Tech an 7-7 record against Kansas State in games played in Lubbock.
- Gives Texas Tech a 2-2 record in Big 12 games in 2023.
 - It gives the Red Raiders a 2-2 start in league play for the third-straight season.
- Drops Joey McGuire's career record to 9-4 versus unranked opponents.
- Drops Joey McGuire's career record to 8-3 in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- Texas Tech was held without points in the first quarter for the first time this season.
- The Red Raiders rushed for 182 yards against Kansas State's Big 12 best rush defense that entered the game allowing 93.4 yards per game. KSU has allowed 100 yards rushing or better in each of its Big 12 conference games this season.
- Tech allowed its second explosive rushing play of the season, and first since Sept. 16, when K-State scored on a 30-yard quarterback keeper on 3rd-and-10 trailing 21-17 to the Red Raiders. The Red Raiders entered the game as one of eight programs in FBS football to have allowed just one explosive rush or less (UCLA-0, Wash-O, Iowa-1, Kentucky-1, Miami-1, Ohio State-1, Rutgers-1, Texas Tech-1).
- Texas Tech's offensive line has allowed four sacks in its last three games, surrendering two on Saturday and one in each of the previous two games.
- The winner between Texas Tech and K-State had been decided by one possession or less in each of the last three meetings inside Jones AT&T Stadium. K-State's 17-point margin of victory was greater than the combined margin from each of its last three wins in Lubbock coming into the game (11).
- Texas Tech finished 3-for-5 on fourth down attempts as the Red Raiders were plus-7 overall on the plus/minus scale as a result of those decisions. The Red Raiders were previously 10-4 under Joey McGuire when leading the plus/minus scale on fourth-down decisions with four of those losses coming this season.
- Texas Tech had only given up 18 second-half points in its previous three Big 12 contests this season until allowing 21 tonight versus Kansas State.
- Tech is now 2-9 if scoring 34 or less in a game in the last two seasons.
- Texas Tech had not surrendered a single point in the third quarter of its previous three Big 12 games and had only given up seven points in the quarter all season. K-State had 14 points in the third quarter.
- The Red Raiders' 99-yard scoring drive was its first 99-yard drive since Sept. 8, 2012 against Texas St on Sept. 8, 2012.

