

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

3-3, 2-1 Big 12

at

BAYLOR BEARS

3-3, 1-2 Big 12



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Oct. 7, 2023 | 7:10 p.m. CT | McLane Stadium | Waco, Texas | ESPN2

TEXAS TECH

Record	3-3 Overall; 2-1 Big 12
Streak	W2
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	11-8 (2nd Season)
Record vs. Baylor	1-1
Today's attendance	44,620
Kickoff temperature	66 degrees
Length of Game	3:12

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, (STAR) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Bralyn Lux, (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (S) Tyler Owens, (CB) Malik Dunlap

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (So.)

- Tossed a career-high three touchdowns while improving to 2-0 as the Red Raiders' starter in 2023.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Set a career-high for rushing yards (170) and rushing attempts (31).
- Posted his fourth-straight 100-yard rushing game and eighth of his career. He is the first player to have four-straight 100-yard games since Ricky Williams had six-straight starting in the season 1997 finale and the first five games of the 1998 season.
- Moves to No. 14 all-time in Texas Tech career rushing yards with 2,202 moving past Billy Taylor (2,135, 1974-77) and Bobby Cavazos (2,137, 1951-53).
- Brooks fumbled for the first time in his career tonight. He had 398 career rushing attempts before his first career fumble on carry No. 399.
- Brooks' 170 yards rushing is the fifth-most rushing yards recorded by a Red Raider against Baylor in the 82nd all-time matchup.

WR, Myles Price (Sr.)

- His reception total (10) was the most by a Red Raider this season, surpassing eight by Jerand Bradley in the season-opener. It was the first double-digit reception performance by a Red Raider since his own career-best 13 reception performance vs. Texas on Sept. 24, 2022.
- Led team in receptions in the first half with six.

WR, Coy Eakin (RFr.)

- His second career catch produced his first career touchdown reception, a 13-yard catch in the first quarter to give Tech a 7-0 lead on its first possession of the game.

TE, Baylor Cupp (Sr.)

- Set a single-game career-high for touchdown reception catching two touchdowns on his two receptions in the game. The first was a 16-yard strike, his first TD reception since traveling to Iowa State last season, while the second was an 18-yard TD catch.

DEFENSE

LB, Ben Roberts (RFr.)

- In Roberts' fifth career start, he owned the Red Raiders' top tackles total for the third time finishing with a team-high seven tackles.
- Roberts owns 44 tackles over his first five career starts and is the season team-leader in tackles with 45 in six games.
- Finished with a career-high 2.0 TFLs.

OLB, Steve Linton (Sr.)

- Recorded first three sacks of his Red Raider career on Saturday night. Finished with three tackles, each sacks, to go with two forced fumbles.
- Recorded first two forced fumble game by an individual since Colin Schooler versus Oklahoma State in 2020.
- Recorded first sack as a Red Raider in first quarter (1:48) on third-and-10 from the BAY-28 to force a punt. It was a strip sack, however Baylor recovered.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 66 degrees, 4 mph winds from the north and clear skies.
- Baylor won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Texas Tech started the first half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore red helmets with white jerseys and black pants against Baylor.
- Today's game captains were Tahj Brooks, Loic Fouonji, Jaylon Hutchings and Austin McNamara.
- Today's attendance: 44,620.

TODAY'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech a 40-41-1 all-time record against Baylor.
- Gives Texas Tech a 19-9 all-time record against Baylor in Big 12 competition.
- Gives Texas Tech a 7-2 record against Baylor in Big 12 games played in Waco.
 - It gives the Red Raiders their first win at McLane Stadium; previously 0-2.
 - Tonight marked the first night game played in Waco since Tech's 1999 win at Floyd Casey Stadium.
- Gives Texas Tech a 2-1 record in Big 12 games in 2023.
 - It gives the Red Raiders their first 2-1 start in Big 12 play since 2018.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 9-3 career record versus unranked opponents.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 2-6 career record in true road games.

TEAM NOTES

- Tech recorded 6.0 of its season-high 11.0 TFLs in the first half, matching its season-high alone in the opening half having previously topped out at 6.0 TFLs at Wyoming in the season opener on Sept. 2.
 - 11.0 TFLs is the most by a Red Raider team since Sept. 3, 2022 versus Murray State and the most versus a Big 12 opponent since 12.0 versus Kansas on Dec. 5, 2020.
- Tech held Baylor to three yards rushing in the first half en route to forcing a season-low 17 rushing yards in the game. Its lowest output by an opponent in a first half since holding West Virginia to negative-10 yards in the first half on Oct. 14, 2017.
- Has allowed 18 second half points in its first three Big 12 contests.
- Red Raiders entered game averaging 177.4 rushing yards per game and recorded 186 total net yards in the game against a Baylor rush Defense that entered the game allowing 184.0 per game, 14th out 14 teams in the Big 12.
- Tech's defense did allow an explosive rushing play (20 yards or better). Tech entered the game one of 10 programs in FBS football to have allowed just one explosive rush or less (Cal-O, UCLA-O, Wash-O, Iowa-1, Kentucky-1, Miami-1, Missouri-1, Ohio State-1, Rutgers-1, Texas Tech-1).
- Of Tech's three losses this season, those teams are a combined 14-2 after Wyoming defeated Fresno State while West Virginia and Oregon were on a bye.
- Tech's defense held Baylor to 1-of-6 on fourth down attempts.
- Tech was 1-of-2 on fourth downs; its one conversion led to a touchdown. The Red Raiders are plus-28 this season when going for it on fourth down this season. Tech was plus-38 thru six games in that same category in year-one under McGuire.
- Texas Tech's offensive line has allowed two sacks in its last two games. One versus Baylor and one versus Houston.