

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

6-6, 5-4 Big 12

at

#7 TEXAS LONGHORNS

11-1, 8-1 Big 12

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TEXAS TECH

Record	6-6 Overall; 5-4 Big 12
Streak	L1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	14-11 (2nd Season)
Record vs. Texas	1-1
Today's attendance	102,452
Kickoff temperature	62 degrees
Length of Game	3:48

TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Monroe Mills, (LG) Jacoby Jackson, (C) Dennis Wilburn, (RG) Rusty Staats, (RT) Caleb Rogers, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) Tahj Brooks, (TE) Mason Tharp, (WR) Coy Eakin, (WR) Jordan Brown, (WR) Brady Boyd

(Defense) - (NT) E'Maurion Banks, (DT) Tony Bradford Jr., (EDGE) Myles Cole, (LB-WILL) Jesiah Pierre, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Joseph Adedire, (STAR) Brenden Jordan, (CB) Bralyn Lux, (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (S) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Malik Dunlap

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (So.)

- Recorded his fourth rushing touchdown of the season in the second quarter. He's scored on the ground in four of the last six games.
- Tonight's loss was the first for Morton this season in games he started and finished. He drops to 5-1 in games he's started and finished this season.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Streak of four-straight 100-yard games games was snapped while recording 95 yards versus Texas.
- Brooks owns eight 100-yard games out of the last 10 played. In those two he did not eclipse 100 yards was 98 yards versus Kansas State and 95 versus Texas.
- Entered tonight's game with a streak of seven-straight games scoring at least one rushing touchdown. That streak was snapped as he was held out of the end zone for the fourth time in the 12-game regular season.
- Remains at No. 7 all-time in career rushing yards now with 2,957 yards; enters bowl season needing 43 yards to become the seventh in the history of Texas Tech history to reach 3,000 career rushing yards.
- Moves from No. 9 to No. 6 in all-time in single season yardage with 1,443 yards. His 95 yards move him past James Hadnot (1,369/1978), James Hadnot (1,371/1979) and Byron Hanspard (1,374/1995).
- Moves from No. 7 to No. 5 in all-time single-season attempts with 268. His 19 carries moved him past James Hadnot (251/1978) and James Gray (263/1989).

WR, Drae McCray (Jr.)

- Recorded a 50-plus yard kick return for the second-straight game. He entered tonight's game ranked sixth in the FBS averaging 28.2 yards per return.

DEFENSE

LB, Ben Roberts (R-Fr.)

- Set a career-high for tackles with 13, Roberts continues to lead the team in tackles now with 100 on the season. He is only second to Donald Harris' 104 in 1987 for the most tackles by a freshman dating to 1980.

LB, Jesiah Pierre (Sr.)

- After having just three tackles over the previous four games combined, Pierre logged 10 tackles in the first half alone en route to 13 stops for the game, one shy of his career-high of 14 set earlier this year at Wyoming.

DB, Bralyn Lux (Sr.)

- After a potential interception was overturned after review in the first quarter, Lux secured his first interception as a Red Raider in the second quarter by catching a pass at the goal-line.

DL, Jalon Hutchings (Sr.)

- Did not play following an injury suffered last week versus UCF, snapping the second-longest starts streak in the FBS of 57 consecutive games dating back to his first start as a freshman on Sept. 14, 2019 at Arizona.

SPECIAL TEAMS

P, Austin McNamara (Sr.)

- Finished one short of his career-high for attempts with eight that amounted to a season-low average of 41.1.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 62 degrees, 3 mph winds from the east and clear skies.
- Tonight's announced attendance of 102,452 marks the highest attended contest in the 73-game history of the series.
- Texas won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Texas Tech started the first half with the ball.
 - The Red Raiders had won the previous five coin tosses in a row.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with white jerseys and black pants against Texas.
- Today's game captains were Myles Cole, Caleb Rogers, Dadrion Taylor-Demerson and Monroe Mills.

TODAY'S LOSS...

- Gives Texas Tech a 6-6 finish in the 2023 regular season.
 - The Red Raiders qualify for a bowl appearance for the second-straight season under Joey McGuire making him the second head coach in program history to lead the Red Raiders to bowl games in each of his first two seasons, joining the late Mike Leach, who pushed Texas Tech to a bowl game in each of his 10 seasons.
- Gives Texas Tech a 5-4 record in Big 12 games in 2023.
 - The Red Raiders final record in Big 12 play matches its 2022 5-4 finish under Joey McGuire.
 - The back-to-back 5-4 seasons make McGuire the second head coach in program history to notch an above-.500 conference record in each of his first two seasons joining Steve Sloan (1975-76).
- Gives Joey McGuire a 6-2 career record in games played in November.
 - The loss, just the second under McGuire in the month of November, is the first since also facing a Top 10 team on the road at TCU on Nov. 5, 2022.
- Gives Texas Tech an 18-55 all-time record against Texas.
 - The Red Raiders finish with a 7-21 all-time record in Big 12 games versus the Longhorns.

TEAM NOTES

- Tonight's game marked the Red Raiders' eighth kickoff at 6 p.m. local time or later marking the most evening kicks in a single season since eight evening kicks during the 2013 season.
- E'Maurion Banks picked up the first start of his career, replacing an injured Jaylon Hutchings, and Brady Boyd made his first of the season and second of his career dating back to the Red Raiders' regular season finale versus Oklahoma in 2022.
 - Banks and Boyd represent the 40th and 41st Red Raiders to make a start in the 2023 season.
- In the second quarter, Texas recorded the longest rush against the Red Raiders' defense as Jaydon Blue rushed for a 69-yard touchdown to put the Longhorns on top 17-7.
 - Tech has allowed the T-second (71-yd pass/UCF), fourth (69-yd rush/Texas) and fifth-longest (60-yd rush/Kansas) explosive plays of the season in each of the last three games.
- Texas Tech allowed the most points to an opponent, 57, since the last time it went on the road to face the Longhorns on Sept. 25, 2021 when Texas defeated Texas Tech 70-35.
- Texas Tech had its first punt blocked since Nov. 7, 2020 at TCU, which was Austin McNamara's sophomore season. Tonight and 2020 are the only two punts of his blocked during his career.
- Texas returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown to lead off the second half. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown allowed by the Red Raiders since playing at Oklahoma State on Nov. 28, 2020.
- Texas returned an interception 43 yards for a touchdown in the second half; it was the second pick-6 against the Red Raiders this season dating back to Texas Tech's home game on Sept. 9 versus No. 13 Oregon.
- Despite the loss, Tech finishes with a winning Big 12 record marking the first back-to-back seasons since the 2008-09 campaigns with a league record above .500.
- Tech rushed for 110 yards as a team, snapping the Longhorns' five-game streak holding opponents under 100 yards rushing.

