

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

1-2, 0-0 BIG 12

VS

TARLETON STATE TEXANS

2-1, 0-0 UAC



Sept. 16, 2023 | 6:00 p.m. CT | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | ESPN+

TEXAS TECH

Record	1-2 Overall; 0-0 Big 12
Streak	W1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	9-7 (2nd Season)
Record vs. Tarleton State	1-0
Today's attendance	56,200
Kickoff temperature	78 degrees
Length of Game	3:15

TODAY'S STARTERS

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

(Defense) - (NT) Jaylon Hutchings, (DT) Tony Bradford Jr., (EDGE) Myles Cole, (LB-WILL) Jesiah Pierre, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Steve Linton, (STAR) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Rayshad Williams, (S) Dadrion Taylor-Demerson, (S) Bralyn Lux, (CB) Malik Dunlap

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Tyler Shough (Sr.)

- Improves to 9-3 in games he's started for Texas Tech.
- Logged his 10th career rushing touchdown on a 1-yard score in the first quarter.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Finished with 158 rushing yards - the most by a Red Raider since Justin Stockton rushed for 161 yards at Kansas on Oct. 7, 2017.
- Posted his fifth career 100-yard rushing game, which was surpassed in the first half as he owned 140 rushing yards at the break. His previous high in a first half was 90 rushing yards in the Liberty Bowl versus Mississippi State.
- Had a career-high 19 rushing attempts.
- Had two explosive runnings plays, scampering for 38 yards and 22 yards, respectively. The 38-yarder was his fifth-longest career run.

WR, Myles Price (Sr.)

- His third quarter TD catch marked his third of the season, which is the most in a single season in his career. Correspondingly, it is also the first time in his career to catch a TD in three-straight games.

WR, Jordan Brown (Jr.)

- Set career-high marks for reception (6), receiving yardage (73), career-long catch (46) and caught first career touchdown.

TE, Mason Tharp (Jr.)

- Registered his fifth career touchdown catch, hauling in a 28-yard pass from Tyler Shough in the first quarter. It also marks the first time in his career catching touchdown passes in back-to-back games.

DEFENSE

OLB, Myles Cole (Sr.)

- Posted his first 2.0 sack game of his career. He entered the game owning 1.5 career sacks, all produced while at Louisiana-Monroe having logged 0.5 sacks in 2021 and a solo sack in 2020.

DB, Dadrion Taylor-Demerson (Sr.)

- Recorded first interception of the season in the third quarter. He leads all active Red Raiders with seven career INTS.

DB, Malik Dunlap (Sr.)

- Had two interceptions, each in the first quarter, marking his second and third career interceptions.
- The last time a Red Raider posted two INTs in the same game was Sept. 14, 2019 when Douglas Coleman III had a pair at Arizona.
- His first INT of the game was a 52-yard "pick-6" to give Tech a 7-0 lead in the first quarter. It was his second career interception; his first since Oct. 22, 2022 versus West Virginia.
- The interception return for a touchdown was the first by a Red Raider since Marquis Waters did so versus FIU on Sept. 18, 2021.

DL, Jaylon Hutchings (Sr.)

- Made his 49th consecutive start, which ranks second among all active FBS players for most consecutive starts.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 78 degrees, 5 mph winds from the NE and sunny skies.
- Texas Tech won the coin toss and chose to receive in the first half. Tarleton State started the second half with the ball.
- Today's game marked the first-ever meeting with Tarleton State.
- Texas Tech wore 1960's inspired throwbacks which were black helmets with red jerseys and white pants against Tarleton State.
- Today's game captains were Tahj Brooks, Myles Cole, Austin McNamara and Cole Spencer.
- Today's attendance: 56,200 (sellout).

TODAY'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech a 1-0 all-time record against Tarleton State.
- Gives Texas Tech a 27-1 all-time record against FCS opponents.
 - The Red Raiders extend their streak of consecutive wins versus FCS opponents to 21
 - The Red Raiders last loss to an FCS opponent came in 1988 versus North Texas.
- Gives Texas Tech wins in 42 of its last 44 nonconference games at home dating back to 2002.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 7-2 career record versus unranked opponents.
- Gives Joey McGuire wins in five of the Red Raiders last seven games played.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 7-2 record in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.

TEAM NOTES

- Texas Tech announced its second-straight sellout. The last time Texas Tech announced back-to-back sellouts was in 2018 when Texas Tech hosted Oklahoma (Nov. 3) and Texas (Nov. 10) in back-to-back weeks.
- For the 23rd time in 28 games versus an FCS opponent, Texas Tech scored better than 40 points in the 41-3 win.
- Texas Tech's 21-point first quarter marked the most points in the opening frame since scoring 21 points versus West Virginia on Nov. 9, 2019.
- Tarleton State, who entered the game scoring better than 50 points in each of its first two games were held without a touchdown in the 41-3 defeat. The last time Texas Tech did not allow an offensive touchdown in a game was versus UTEP on Sept. 7, 2019.
- Texas Tech held Tarleton to zero points in the first half. It was the first, first-half shutout for the Red Raiders' defense since being at Kansas on Oct. 16, 2021.
- Texas Tech's defense registered its first three interception game since having three in the Texas Bowl versus Ole Miss.
- Texas Tech did not commit its first penalty until 4:52 remaining in the fourth quarter. Texas Tech finished with two penalties in the game - its fewest in a game since committing one at Iowa State on Nov. 19, 2022.
- Texas Tech held Tarleton State to 197 passing yards - its first time limit an opponent under 200 yards passing since traveling to Iowa State on Nov. 19, 2022.
- The Red Raiders improve to 3-0 when manufacturing three turnovers or better in a game under Joey McGuire.