

# Texas Tech

## RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

### POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

1-3, 0-1 BIG 12

at

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

3-1, 1-0 BIG 12



Sept. 23, 2023 | 3:32 p.m. ET | Milan Pusker Stadium | Morgantown, W.Va. | ESPN+

#### TEXAS TECH

Record	1-3 Overall; 0-1 Big 12
Streak	L1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	9-8 (2nd Season)
Record vs. West Virginia	1-1
Today's attendance	50,071
Kickoff temperature	56 degrees
Length of Game	3:40

#### 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) Xavier White, (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) 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.)

- Was 1-for-7 with 14 yards in the first half having entered beginning with the first offensive play of the second quarter for an injured Tyler Shough. Finished 13-for-37 for 147 yards in his most significant action since exiting last year's TCU contest with an injury on Nov. 5, 2022.
- Tossed his 10th career touchdown pass.

###### RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Posted his sixth career 100-yard rushing game, which marks back-to-back games eclipsing 100 yards - it's the second time posting back-to-back 100-yard games in his career - he did so for the first time to lead off the 2021 season versus Houston and SFA.
- Brooks set a career-high last week with 158 yards, besting 134 yards set versus Houston in 2021 with 134.
- Had three carries for 18 yards at halftime today, and then exploded for 131 yards in the second half.

###### WR, Jerand Bradley (So.)

- Caught his third touchdown pass of the season; he has caught a touchdown pass in five of the last six games dating back to the 2022 season.

###### WR, Xavier White (Sr.)

- Led the team in receiving yards, totaling 45 yards on three catches.

##### DEFENSE

###### LB, Jesiah Pierre (Sr.)

- Led Tech with 12 tackles.
- At halftime he led Tech with 10 tackles. Versus Wyoming, he had matched his then-career high with seven tackles en route to a then-career-high 14 tackles.

###### LB, Ben Roberts (RFr.)

- Posted his second double-digit tackle game in his third career start. He finished with 11 tackles. His career-high was set in his first career start versus Oregon with 12.
- Roberts owns 27 tackles in his three starts this season.

###### DB, Malik Dunlap (Sr.)

- Becomes first Red Raider to have an interception in consecutive games since Dadrion Taylor-Demerson ended the 2022 season with interceptions against both Oklahoma and Ole Miss.
- Becomes first Red Raider to combine for three interceptions over a two-game stretch since Douglas Coleman III had same total versus Oklahoma State and Baylor in 2019.

###### DL, Jaylon Hutchings (Sr.)

- Made his 50th consecutive start, which ranks second among all active FBS players for most consecutive starts.
- Set a new career-high for TFLs with 2.5; finishing with six tackles in the contest.

##### SPECIAL TEAMS

###### P, Austin McNamara (Sr.)

- His six punts were one shy of his 2022 season-high seven versus Oklahoma. His career-high is nine set versus Oklahoma State in 2021.
- He averaged 49.0 yards per punt.

#### GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 56 degrees, 12 mph winds from the north and overcast skies.
- West Virginia won the coin toss and chose to receive in the first half. Texas Tech started the second half with the ball.
- Today's game marked the 13th all-time meeting with West Virginia and 12th as Big 12 foes.
- Texas Tech wore red helmets with white jerseys and red pants against West Virginia.
- Today's game captains were Tony Bradford Jr., Baylor Cupp, Rusty Stats and Rayshad Williams.
- Today's attendance: 50,071.

#### TODAY'S LOSS...

- Gives Texas Tech a 6-7 all-time record against West Virginia.
  - The Red Raiders are now 6-6 all-time in Big 12 games against West Virginia.
- Snaps Texas Tech's four-game win streak against the Mountaineers.
  - The Red Raiders last loss to the Mountaineers previously was on Sept. 29, 2018.
- Gives Texas Tech an 0-1 record in Big 12 games for the first time since 2021.
  - That game was also a road game, which took place in Austin, Texas in 2021.
- Gives Texas Tech a 7-3 record versus unranked opponents since the start of the 2022 season.
- Gives Texas Tech a 1-6 record in true road games since the start of the 2022 season.

#### TEAM NOTES

- After the first half, Texas Tech's three points (trailed, 13-3) were the fewest since posting just three points in the opening half versus Baylor on Oct. 29, 2022.
- After the first half, Texas Tech's 56 yards total offense (outgained 171 to 56) were the fewest since having 31 total yards versus Oklahoma State on Nov. 20, 2021.
- Second game this season the Red Raiders had a pair of double-digit tackles looking back to Dadrion Taylor-Demerson and Ben Roberts doing so versus Oregon.
- Texas Tech was limited to a season-low three explosive plays (20-yard gains or more).
- Tech was 2-for-18 (11.1%) while also 5-of-8 (62.5%) on fourth downs. Heading into this weekend's games, no team had attempted more than six fourth downs in a single game.
- Texas Tech forced two turnovers and won the turnover margin 2-0.
  - The Red Raiders entered the season 5-0 under head coach Joey McGuire when forcing two or more takeaways. Tech has lost to both Wyoming and West Virginia in 2023 having two turnovers in each of those games.
- Texas Tech committed a season-high nine penalties for a season-high 96 yards.
  - Four of the nine penalties were called against the defense on third downs which produced first downs for the Mountaineers each time - two holding calls and two pass interference calls.
- Texas Tech's defense has produced five interceptions over the last two games.

