

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

8-4, 6-3 Big 12

VS

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS

6-6, 5-4 Big 12



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Nov. 30, 2024 | 11:03 a.m. CST | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | FS1

TEXAS TECH

Record	8-4 Overall; 6-3 Big 12
Streak	W2
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	23-15 (3rd Season)
Record vs. West Virginia	2-1
Today's attendance	52,785
Kickoff temperature	51 degrees
Length of Game	3:26

TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Ty Buchanan, (LG) Sterling Porcher, (C) Sheridan Wilson, (RG) Davion Carter, (RT) Caleb Rogers, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) Tahj Brooks, (TE) Jalin Conyers, (WR) Coy Eakin, (WR) Caleb Douglas, (WR) Josh Kelly
(Defense) - (DT) James Hansen, (DT) Trevon McAlpine, (OLB) Isaac Smith, (LB-WILL) Jacob Rodriguez, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Charles Esters III, (STAR) A.J. McCarty, (CB) Bralyn Lux, (S) Chapman Lewis, (S) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Maurion Horn

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (Jr.) | 28-of-41, 359 yds., 3 TDs, 1 INT
• His 300-yard game marks the fourth this season and the sixth of his career. It also marks back-to-back 300-yard games as he's amassed 760 passing yards over the last two days.
• Eclipsed 3,000 yards passing, finishing the regular season with 3,335 yards. He's the first 3,000-yard passer for the Red Raiders since Nic Shimonek in 2017.
• Is the first Red Raider quarterback since 2017 (Nic Shimonek) to start all 12 regular season games.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.) | 23 carries, 188 yds., 3 TDs

- Set a single-game career-high for rushing yards with 188.
- Moves up the Texas Tech single-season Top 10; which is his second appearance in the single-season Top 10. Increased his season total to 1,505 rushing yards, placing his 2024 total No. 6 all-time. Brooks owns the No. 4 all-time mark from his 2023 season (1,538).
→ Becomes the first Red Raider in program history to record multiple 1,500-yard rushing seasons in a career.
- Recorded his 11th 100-yard game of the season; setting the program's record for most 100-yard games in a single season, surpassing both Byron Hanspard (10) and Bam Morris (10).
- Increased his career rushing total to 4,557 yards; extending the program's record for most career yards.
- Increased his school record for most career 100-yard games with his 23rd 100-yard game; he surpassed Byron Hanspard's school record of 21 held since 1996 at Oklahoma State.
- His 23rd career 100-yard game places him in solo fourth in Big 12 history, passing Adrian Peterson, (22; OU, 2004-06). He trails Cedric Benson (24; UT, 2001-04), Darren Sproles (24; KSU, 2001-04) and Ricky Williams (25; UT, 1996-98).
- He extended his streak of 95 rushing yards or better to 22 straight games. It's the most consecutive games with at least 95 rushing yards by any FBS player dating back to 1996.
- Increased his career rushing TD total to 45 (third-most in school history) and his overall total to 47 career TDs (third-most in school history).
- He increased his career scoring total to 284 points. It ranks as the sixth-most points scored by a Red Raider in school history.
- Eclipsed 5,000 career all-purpose yards, finishing with a single-game career-high 233 all-purpose yards on Saturday versus West Virginia and upped his career total to 5,126 all-purpose yards and become one of seven Red Raiders all-time to own 5,000 or more all-purpose yards.

WR, Josh Kelly (Sr.) | 9 rec., 150 yds.

- Eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards this season. He's the first 1,000-yard since 2018 when Antoine Wesley finished the season with 1,410 yards.
- Recorded his 12th career 100-yard receiving game. It was the fifth of the 2024 season.

DEFENSE

DB, C.J. Baskerville (Sr.) | 8 tackles (6 solo), 1 INT

- Recorded his fourth interception of the season; all four were recorded during Big 12 play. It came in the second quarter, leading to eight points off the turnover.
- It was his third career during his two-year Red Raider career and seventh career overall in his collegiate career.

LB, Miquel Dingle Jr. (RFr.) | 9 tackles

- Finished with a career-high nine tackles. It broke a previous top mark of four tackles.

LB, John Curry (RFr.) | 7 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 INT

- Set a career-high with seven tackles.
- Recorded his first career interception.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 51 degrees, 12 mph winds from the north and sunny skies.
- West Virginia won the coin toss and chose to receive the opening kickoff. Texas Tech started the second half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with black jerseys and white pants versus West Virginia.
- Today's game captains were Tahj Brooks, Caleb Rogers, Drae McCray and Jackson Knotts.

TODAY'S WIN ...

- Gives Texas Tech an 8-4 overall record.
→ It is the Red Raiders' first eight-win regular season since 2009.
→ Texas Tech has the opportunity to record its 15th nine-win season in program history, and first since 2009, in its bowl game.
- Gives Texas Tech a 6-3 record in Big 12 play.
→ It marks the third time in program history Texas Tech earned six Big 12 wins in a season (2005, 2008, 2024).
→ It is the third straight season Texas Tech finished with a winning Big 12 record. Before Joey McGuire arrived in 2022, the Red Raiders last season with a Big 12 record above .500 was in 2009.
- Gives Texas Tech a 5-2 record in home games in 2024.
→ It is the third straight season Texas Tech closed its home schedule with a win in front of its fans (2022, def. OU, 51-48; 2023 def. UCF, 24-23).
- Gives Joey McGuire a 15-5 career record in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.
- Gives Joey McGuire an 11-3 career record in games played in the months of November or December.
- Knots the all-time series with West Virginia, 7-7, after its 14th all-time meeting.
→ Tech has now won five of their last six meetings versus the Mountaineers, which includes three consecutive home wins.

TEAM NOTES

- Tech exceeded 50 points for the second straight game (at Oklahoma St.; W, 56-48/West Virginia; W, 52-15); the last time the Red Raiders scored 50 or more in back-to-back Big 12 games was in 2003 (Oct. 4, Texas A&M; W, 59-28/Oct. 11, Iowa State; W, 52-21).
- The Red Raiders led 35-3 at halftime using a 29-point second quarter. It was the most points in an opening half, versus a Big 12 opponent, since owning a 35-28 lead against Houston on Sept. 30, 2023.
→ The Red Raiders' 29-point second quarter was the most points scored in a single quarter in a Big 12 game (since 1996).
- Tahj Brooks eclipsed 1,500 rushing yards in 2024 while Josh Kelly topped 1,000 receiving yards; it was the first time in program history a Texas Tech running back surpassed 1,500 rushing yards and a wide receiver surpassed 1,000 receiving yards in the game season.
- The Red Raiders improved to 7-1 this season when owning the lead in takeaways.
→ Texas Tech's defense forced three turnovers on Saturday (2 INT/1 FR).
→ Texas Tech "Took 3" for the fourth time this season. The Red Raiders improved to 3-1 this season and 7-1 under Coach McGuire when forcing three or more turnovers in a game.
- Texas Tech entered Saturday's game against West Virginia with an FBS-best seven games this season, having both a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver, with the next-best team in the FBS owning four such games. The Red Raiders increased that mark to eight games as Tahj Brooks (188) hit the century mark as did Josh Kelly (150).
- The Red Raiders did not punt on Saturday; it was the first time Tech did not attempt a punt in a game since versus Kansas in 2021.
- The Red Raiders will await their bowl game destination invitation next, which is set to be decided on Dec. 8. It will be the Red Raiders' 42nd bowl appearance in program history, which leads all current Big 12 teams in the current 16-team league.
→ Texas Tech will seek its fourth-straight bowl victory in a few weeks; it has never won four consecutive bowl games over four consecutive seasons.

