

# Texas Tech

## RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

### POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

1-0, 0-0 Big 12

VS

ABILENE CHRISTIAN

0-1, 0-0 UAC



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#### TEXAS TECH

Record	1-0 Overall; 0-0 Big 12
Streak	W1
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	16-11 (3rd Season)
Record vs. ACU	1-0
Today's attendance	sellout ~ 60,229
Kickoff temperature	84 degrees
Length of Game	3:45

#### TODAY'S STARTERS

**(Offense)** - (LT) Sterling Porcher, (LG) Vinny Sciury, (C) Sheridan Wilson, (RG) Davion Carter, (RT) Caleb Rogers, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) Tahj Brooks, (TE) Mason Tharp, (WR) Coy Eakin, (WR) Caleb Douglas, (WR) Josh Kelly

**(Defense)** - (NT) Quincy Ledet Jr., (DT) E'Maurion Banks, (OLB) Harvey Dyson III, (LB-WILL) Jacob Rodriguez, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Amier Washington, (STAR) A.J. McCarty, (CB) Jalon Peoples, (S) Chapman Lewis, (S) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Maurion Horn

#### NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

##### OFFENSE

###### QB, Behren Morton (Jr.)

- Set career-high for passing touchdowns with five. He had three touchdown passes in the first half. Three matched his career-high set in two prior games (vs. Cal and at Baylor in '23).
- Three of the five touchdown throws came on passes of 35 yards or greater.
- Was 13-of-17 for 167 yards and three TDs in the first half. Finished with 378 yards passing (30-of-42). It was one-yard short of his career-high, 379 yards thrown at Okla. St. in 2022.
- Converted a 3rd-and-11 to Caleb Douglas from the 14-yard line for a touchdown in overtime for what was the game-winning score after the defense held on the next possession.

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

- Rushed for 153 yards. It was his fourth career game rushing for 150 yards or better.
- By rushing for 100 yards or better, he recorded his 13th career 100-yard game. It matches James Hadnot (13) to tie for the fourth-most 100-yard games by a Red Raider in program history.
- After his 153 rushing yards, Brooks needs 37 yards to surpass Taureon Henderson to become sixth on the all-time rushing yardage chart.
- Brooks' rushing touchdown at the 10:38 mark in the first quarter moved him into the all-time top 10 with his 29th career rushing score. He is tied with three others at 29.
- Had 27 carries, the seventh carry was his 600th career; he surpassed DeAndre Washington (605) and sits fifth on the all-time carries list at 620.
- Had six carries for 42 yards on Texas Tech's opening drive. It was a 10-play, 71-yard drive. Had 13 carries for 83 yards and one touchdown at the half.

###### TE, Jalin Conyers (Sr.)

- Had 8 points in his debut, catching a touchdown and scoring on a 2-point conversion.
- Caught a 36-yard touchdown on 4th-and-13 late in the second half. Finished with five catches for 63 yards and one TD.

###### WR, Coy Eakin (So.)

- Set a career-high for single game touchdowns, catching TD passes of four yards and 35 yards in the first quarter. Finished with five catches for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

###### WR, Josh Kelly (Sr.)

- Caught his first TD pass as a Red Raider, coming on a 35-yard catch via a flea-flicker (Morton/Brooks) in the third quarter.
- Tallied his eighth career 100-yard game and first as a Red Raider with 156 yards. It was the second-most yards of his career thus far, only short of his career-high 159 set last year versus Oregon State while at Washington State.
- Caught a career-high 10 passes (which came on 15 targets).

##### DEFENSE

###### LB, Jacob Rodriguez (R-Jr.)

- Set a career-high of 13 tackles, besting 12 which was set the last time Texas Tech played at home on Nov. 18, 2023 vs. UCF.
- Forced a fumble; recovered by De'Braylon Carroll at 8:53 in the first quarter. It led to eight points off the turnover.

##### SPECIAL TEAMS

###### WR, Drae McCray (Sr.)

- Had a 74-yard kickoff return in the second quarter. It was the second-longest KR of his career, second to only his 100-yard return for a touchdown versus Houston in 2023. Added a 65-yard kick return in the third quarter. Finished with 165 KR yards.

#### GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 84 degrees, 8 mph winds from the northeast and sunny skies.
- Texas Tech won the coin toss and chose to defer to the second half. Abilene Christian started the first half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with red jerseys and black pants against Abilene Christian.
- Today's game captains were Tahj Brooks, Bryce Ramirez, Jacob Rodriguez and Mason Tharp.

#### TODAY'S WIN...

- Extends Texas Tech's winning streak to 22 games over FCS opponents.  
→ Tech has not lost to an FCS team since falling to North Texas (24-29) in 1988. Its only loss all-time to an FCS program.
- Gives Texas Tech a 7-3 all-time record against ACU.  
→ Today's game marked the first matchup against Wildcats since 1949 despite being separated by a mere 170 miles.  
→ The Red Raiders have now won five-straight games against ACU after dropping three-straight from 1927-29.
- Gives Texas Tech 21-straight wins in season openers at home. The Red Raiders have not dropped their first game of the season inside Jones AT&T Stadium since a 34-9 setback to No. 15 Oklahoma in 1992.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 3-0 career record in games versus FCS opponents.
- Gives Joey McGuire an 13-5 career record versus opponents that are unranked.
- Gives Joey McGuire an 11-3 career record in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.
- Gives the Texas Tech football program its 598th all-time victory after its first game of its 100th season of football.

#### TEAM NOTES

- Today's game was a sellout. Since Joey McGuire took the reigns as head coach, Texas Tech has sold out six home games.
- Tech's 52 points was its most points scored since Sept. 3, 2022 versus Murray State. It was the ninth time during the McGuire era that the Red Raiders have scored better than 40 points; Tech is 8-0 in those games.
- The Red Raiders had a 300-yard passer (Morton-378), a 100-yard rusher (Brooks-153) and a 100-yard receiver (Kelly-156). The last time a Tech trio accomplished that was in 2020 versus Oklahoma State with the trio of Alan Bowman, SaRodorick Thompson and Erik Ezukanma.
- Tech did not commit a turnover. The last time Tech did not commit a turnover was last season in a home win versus TCU.
- Texas Tech forced one turnover and won the turnover margin, one to zero. The Red Raiders produced eight points off the turnover - a forced fumble by Jacob Rodriguez.
- Texas Tech converted a 2-point conversion in the first quarter. It was the first successful 2-point conversion since last season's TCU game when Morton threw a pass to Jerand Bradley. Tonight it was a Jalin Conyers rush.
- Texas Tech did not have a sack. The last time the Red Raiders did not have a sack in a game was versus UCF in 2023.
- Texas Tech allowed an individual to throw for more than 500 yards for the first time since 2020 when Bailey Zappe threw for 567 yards for Houston Baptist. Abilene Christian's Maverick McIvor threw for 506 yards on Saturday night.
- Texas Tech was perfect on field goal attempts between the kicker duo of Reese Burkhardt and Gino Garcia. Garcia went 2-for-2 connecting from 31 and 39 yards while Burkhardt was 1-for-1, good from 41 yards.
- Today's game was the Red Raiders first game played in the month of August since defeating Montana State, 45-10, in 2019.
- Caleb Rogers furthered his career starts streak to 43 consecutive starts.

