

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

4-1, 2-0 Big 12

VS

CINCINNATI BEARCATS

3-2, 1-1 Big 12



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Sept. 28, 2024 | 7:05 p.m. CT | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | ESPN2

TEXAS TECH

Record	4-1 Overall; 2-0 Big 12
Streak	W3
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	19-12 (3rd Season)
Record vs. UC	1-0
Today's attendance	60,229
Kickoff temperature	83 degrees
Length of Game	3:40

TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Dalton Merryman, (LG) Sterling Porcher, (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) - (DT) Quincy Ledet Jr., (DT) E'Maurion Banks, (OLB) Isaac Smith, (LB-WILL) Jacob Rodriguez, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Charles Esters III, (STAR) A.J. McCarty, (CB) Macho Stevenson, (S) Chapman Lewis, (S) C.J. Baskerville, (CB) Maurion Horn

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, Behren Morton (Jr.)

- Morton improves to 8-1 in his career in games he started and finished at Jones AT&T Stadium.
- It was his third straight game without an interception. Since his last interception on Sept. 7 at Washington State, he's had 105 consecutive attempts without an INT.
- Ran 26 yards on an option-keeper in the second quarter, his longest career run, ultimately setting up a 49-yard TD throw to Coy Eakin.

RB, Tahj Brooks (Sr.)

- Recorded the 2nd-most yards in a game in his career with 172.
- Tonight marked Brooks' 16th career 100-yard game; Brooks is now tied with Bam Morris at No. 3 all-time for most 100-yard games in a career.
- Brooks moved past Bam Morris (3,545) and now ranks No. 4 in all-time career yards at Texas Tech with 3,603. He needs 58 more yards to reach Ricky Williams at No. 3.
- Recorded his 12th 100-yard game in his last 15 games played. He's rushed for at least 95 yards in 15 straight games.
- Tonight marked the eighth game of his career with multiple rushing touchdowns (2).
- Tied Bobby Cavazos for No. 7 all-time in career rushing touchdowns, scoring his 31st and 32nd on Saturday night.
- Has found the endzone in 11 of his 13 games played dating back to last season.
- Has rushed for at least 77 yards in the first half of all four games he's played this season.

WR, Coy Eakin (So.)

- Scored his fourth and fifth touchdowns of the season.
- It was his second career game catching a pair of touchdowns as well as the second time this season having also catching a pair of TDs in the season opener versus ACU.
- Eakin has scored at least once in 3 of 5 games this season.
- His first score was a 7-yard reception; it was followed by a 49-yard TD reception, marking the 2nd-longest catch of his career - second to his 70-yard TD catch versus ACU this season.

WR, Josh Kelly (Sr.)

- Registered his ninth career 100-yard game and his second this season; as he finished with 111 receiving yards.
- Owns 39 receptions through his first five games. It's the most receptions by a Red Raider through five games since Keke Coutee had 39 receptions through five games in 2017.

DEFENSE

LB, Ben Roberts (So.)

- Led Texas Tech with 12 tackles. It was his second-straight game with double-digit tackles.
- Roberts owns eight career double-digit tackle games in just his 20th career game played.
- Forced a fumble on Cincinnati's opening drive of the second half that led to a Red Raiders' touchdown. Roberts owns three forced fumbles this season through five games.
- Had a season-high and matched his career-high with 2.0 TFLs.

LB, Jacob Rodriguez (R-Jr.)

- Forced a fumble on Cincy's opening drive of the second half.
- Led Tech with seven tackles at halftime; finished with 11 stops.

DB, A.J. McCarty (R-Jr.)

- Returned an interception 51 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter. It was his second career interception return for a touchdown inside Jones AT&T Stadium with his first coming as a member of the Baylor Bears in 2022 intercepting a Tyler Shough pass attempt.

GETTING STARTED

- Today's weather at kickoff: 83 degrees, 9 mph winds from the northeast and sunny skies.
- Cincinnati won the coin toss and chose to defer the kickoff in the first half. Texas Tech started the second half with the ball.
→ This was the first time Texas Tech lost a coin toss this season after winning the first four to start the season.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with black jerseys and black pants against Cincinnati.
- Today's game captains were C.J. Baskerville, Tahj Brooks, Coy Eakin and Jacob Rodriguez.

TONIGHT'S WIN...

- Gives Texas Tech six straight wins at home.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 19-12 career record as head coach at Texas Tech.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 9-1 career record as head coach in home games played in August/September at Texas Tech.
- Gives Joey McGuire his first 2-0 start in Big 12 play.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 16-6 career record versus opponents that are unranked.
- Gives Joey McGuire a 14-3 career record in games played at Jones AT&T Stadium.
- Gives Texas Tech a 1-0-1 all-time record against Cincinnati.
→ Today's game marked the first matchup against the Bearcats since Sept. 21, 1968.
→ Today's game marked the first Big 12 game between the two programs since UC joined the league in the summer of 2023.

TEAM NOTES

- Tonight marked Texas Tech's 27th double-digit come-from-behind win since 2000. The Red Raiders trailed by 11 points, 14-3, in the first quarter.
→ It was the fourth time under head coach Joey McGuire.
→ 2022 vs. Texas, 2022 vs. Oklahoma and 2023 vs. UCF - each at home.
- The Red Raiders' six-straight home wins are the most consecutive wins at Jones AT&T Stadium since setting the stadium's all-time record for consecutive wins in a row, 12, between the end of the 2007 season and the start of the 2009 season.
- Texas Tech completed its three-game homestand a perfect 3-0. The last time the Red Raiders had a three-game homestand was in 2013; the Red Raiders also went 3-0 in that stretch en route to a 7-0 start that season.
- The Red Raiders are off to their first 2-0 start in Big 12 since the 2013 season; Tech started conference play 4-0 that year.
- Tech moves to 3-0 this season in one-possession games. The Red Raiders improve to 10-3 under McGuire in one-score games.
- Tonight was the second sellout after the first four home games; Tech's average attendance is 59,279 after four games.
- Tonight's interception return for a touchdown by A.J. McCarty marked the second of the season for the Red Raiders, joining the Bralyn Lux pick-6 versus North Texas. The last time Texas Tech had two interceptions returned for a touchdown in the same season was in 2021 - those two came via Riko Jeffers and Marquis Waters in 2021.
→ The interception also marked the first giveaway for Cincinnati's quarterback Brendan Sorsby.
- Texas Tech allowed its opponent to score on its opening drive of the first half for the first time this season - it gave the Bearcats a 7-3 lead. The Red Raiders recorded a field goal on their opening possession, marking points scored on their first drive of all four home games this season.
- Texas Tech trailed 14-10 after the first quarter. The game was tied 24-24 after Cincinnati missed a 42-yarder to close the half. The Red Raiders move to 2-0 under McGuire with a game knotted at halftime.
- Texas Tech won the turnover battle, 2-1. The Red Raiders move to 11-2 under McGuire when owning the takeaway advantage. Through five games, Texas Tech is +2 this season in turnover margin.

