

Texas Tech

RED RAIDER FOOTBALL

POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

2-0, 0-0 Big 12

vs

KENT STATE GOLDEN FLASHES

1-1, 0-0 MAC



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Sept. 6, 2025 | 11:02 a.m. CDT | Jones AT&T Stadium | Lubbock, Texas | ESPN+

TEXAS TECH

Record	2-0 Overall; 0-0 Big 12
Streak	W2
Head Coach	Joey McGuire
Career Record	25-16 (4th Season)
Record vs. Kent State	1-0
Today's attendance	60,229
Kickoff temperature	58 degrees
Length of Game	3:20

TODAY'S STARTERS

(Offense) - (LT) Howard Sampson, (LG) Will Jados, (C) Sheridan Wilson, (RG) Davion Carter, (RT) Jacob Ponton, (QB) Behren Morton, (RB) J'Koby Williams, (TE) Terrance Carter Jr., (WR) Caleb Douglas, (WR) Reggie Virgil, (WR) Coy Eakin
(Defense) - (NG) Lee Hunter, (DT) Skler Gill-Howard, (OLB) Braylon Rigsby, (LB-WILL) Jacob Rodriguez, (LB-MIKE) Ben Roberts, (OLB) Romello Height, (STAR) Brenden Jordan, (CB) Amier Boyd, (S) Cole Wisniewski, (S) Brenden Jordan, (CB) Brice Pollock

NOTING THE RED RAIDERS

OFFENSE

QB, BEHREN MORTON (SR.)

18-OF-26, 258 YDS., 3 TDS, 0 INT

- The win improves Morton to 16-4 in games that he started, and finished (did not depart due to injury).
- Morton is 34-of-46 (73.9%) for 459 passing yards and seven touchdowns against zero interceptions in three-and-a-half quarters of game play. He exited midway through the second quarter in game one, and handed the game to Will Hammond at halftime on Saturday with a 48-0 lead.
- Entered Saturday having thrown multiple touchdown passes in each of his last five games, tied for the longest active streak in the FBS. Recorded sixth-straight game versus Kent State (3).
- Increased career passing yardage to 6,668; he is 88 yards shy of matching Billy Joe Tolliver (1985-88) at No. 8 all-time and 121 yards shy of matching Zebbie Lethridge (1994-97) at No. 7 all-time.

RB, ADAM HILL (R-FR.)

16 RUSH, 127 YDS., 0 TD

- Logged Texas Tech's first 100-yard rushing game of the 2025 season. It was also a career-high total.
- His 127 yards are the most since Tahj Brooks' career-high of 188 to cap his Red Raider career on Senior Day in 2024.

RB, Cameron Dickey (So.)

8 RUSH, 10 YDS., 2 TD

- Had first career multi-touchdown game.
- Entered 2025 with one career TD; now has three career rushing scores.

WR, COY EAKIN (JR.)

3 REC., 59 YDS., 1 TD

- Caught a 42-yard touchdown pass in the first quarter; it was his second 40+ yard TD this season, following a 41-yard TD catch in the season opener.

WR, REGGIE VIRGIL (SR.)

5 REC., 50 YDS., 2 TD

- Scored the Red Raiders' first touchdown of the game for the second game in a row.
- Has caught at least one TD pass in nine of his last 10 games dating back to his Miami (OH) career.
- Led Texas Tech with five receptions on Saturday.
- Recorded second career multi-TD game.
- Is the first player since Myles Price in 2023 that the same player caught the first score in back-to-back games. Price did it against Wyoming and Oregon

DEFENSE

DL, SKLYER GILL-HOWARD (SR.)

4 TACKLES, 1 INT, 1 TD

- Recorded a pick-6, returning an interception 55 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter. It was his first career interception and first career scoring play.
- Is the first Red Raider defensive lineman to record an interception since Quincy Ledet did so in 2024 versus Arizona.
- Is the first Red Raider to record a pick-6 since A.J. McCarty returned an interception 51 yards versus Cincinnati in 2024.

LB, BEN ROBERTS (JR.)

6 TACKLES

- Led Texas Tech's defense with six tackles on Saturday.
- Reached the 200 career tackles milestone, entered the game needing six stops.

GETTING STARTED

- Tonight's weather at kickoff: 58 degrees, 7 mph winds from the northeast and overcast skies.
- Kent State won the coin toss and chose to defer the kickoff. Texas Tech started the first half with the ball.
- Texas Tech wore black helmets with red jerseys and black pants versus Kent State.
- Today's game captains were Cole Wisniewski, E'Maurion Banks, John Carlos Miller II and Will Jados.
- Today's game was a sellout, with an attendance maximum of 60,229. Tech is 2-for-2 announcing sellouts in 2025.

ABOUT THE WIN

- Texas Tech starts 2-0 for the first time since 2022.
 - It's the second 2-0 start in Joey McGuire's four seasons.
 - It's the 19th 2-0 start since the year 2000.
- Tech's last time facing a Mid-American Conference opponent was in the 1948 Sun Bowl versus Miami of Ohio, a 13-12 loss, making today's win the first in program history versus MAC opponent.
- The win marks the Red Raiders' 45th nonconference win in their last 47 tries inside Jones AT&T Stadium.
- It gives Joey McGuire a 17-5 career record in games played inside Jones AT&T Stadium.
- It gives Joey McGuire a 20-5 career record when the Red Raiders score first in a game.
- It gives Joey McGuire a 14-0 career record when the Red Raiders score 40 or more points in a game.

TEAM NOTES

- Texas Tech led 48-0 at halftime en route to a 62-14 win on Saturday.
 - The Red Raiders led 47-0 in their week one game en route to a 67-7 win. Tech is outscoring its opponent 95-0 in the first half through two games and 129-21 in its first two games overall.
- Texas Tech is the first FBS team since Auburn in 2021 to open a season with back-to-back 60-plus point games (as of Saturday afternoon). USC, BYU, BC, Ole Miss, Missouri, and Pitt all scored 60+ last week to open the season.
- Texas Tech scored 67 and 62, respectively, in the first two weeks of the 2025 season. It's the fourth time in program history the Red Raiders scored 60-plus points in back-to-back games, dating back to the 1954, 2005, and 2018 seasons.
- Tech has scored 50 or more points in three of its last four games played, dating back to facing West Virginia in the 2024.
- Texas Tech scored on 11 possessions versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff last week. After scoring on its first three possessions versus Kent State on Saturday, the streak ended at 14 by punting for the first time in 2025 with 3:18 remaining in the first quarter.
- Tech held Kent State to negative-8 total yards offense in the first quarter. The Red Raiders led 21-0 using 169 yards of total offense after the first quarter and led the total offense advantage 326 to 52 after the first half, building a 48-0 lead in the game.
 - The Red Raiders shut out their opponent in the first half for the second consecutive week on Saturday.
- Bryson Jones is the first true freshman to have touchdown receptions in the first two games of the season, dating back to 2000.
- Texas Tech, which entered the game fourth in the FBS in blocks since 2022 with 11, added two more in Saturday's contest thanks to A.J. McCarty blocking two punts, one in the first quarter and one in the second quarter.
- With their 601 yards of total offense Saturday, the Red Raiders recorded back-to-back weeks with at least 600 yards of total offense for the first time since the 2018 season when Tech racked up 704 yards against Houston (Sept. 15) and 621 yards against Oklahoma State (Sept. 22)

