



# HOUSTON

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## GAME NOTES

- Houston is 2-0 this season.
- Houston is 435-361-15 all-time.
- With the victory, Houston now has 47 wins since 2013, the most in the state of Texas in that span.
- With the win, Houston's senior class has now won 31 games, the 18th-best total among classes in program history.
- Arizona won the toss and elected to defer. Houston chose to receive and defended the west end zone. Senior linebacker Austin Robinson, junior quarterback D'Eriq King, and senior cornerback Alex Myres were captains.
- Houston is 22-5 in games played inside TDECU Stadium.
- Houston has now won 57 consecutive games when leading by at least 21 points.
- Houston has one eight of its last nine games against non-conference Power 6 opponents dating back to a 35-34 victory over Pitt in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl on Jan. 2, 2015.
- Attendance was 32,534.

## HOME OPENERS

- Houston is 43-30 in home openers.
- Houston is 5-5 in home openers against teams from the current Pac-12 conference.

## HEAD COACH MAJOR APPLEWHITE

- Applewhite is 9-6 during his Houston career.
- Applewhite is 9-4 in the regular season during his career.
- Applewhite is 8-4 in games played on Saturdays.
- Applewhite is 5-2 in home games.
- Applewhite is 6-4 in day games.
- Applewhite is 2-0 against Arizona.

## SERIES AGAINST ARIZONA

- Houston is 3-1 all-time against Arizona.
- Saturday's contest marked the first time Arizona has visited Houston in the series.

## NOTES ON THE WIN

- With the victory, Houston improved its win-loss record against Pac-12 teams to 17-24.
- Houston has now won back-to-back home games against Pac-12 opponents after defeating UCLA, 38-34, on Sept. 3, 2011.

## OFFENSE

- Houston's first drive of the game covered 81 yards on 10 plays in 2:47 and resulted in a 24-yard touchdown pass from D'Eriq King to Marquez Stevenson. The score for the Cougars gave them 226 consecutive games without being shut out, dating back to Sept. 23, 2000 at Texas. Head coach Major Applewhite saw time at quarterback for the Longhorns in that game.
- Houston scored 21 points in the first quarter, the most they have scored since reaching that total against ECU on Nov. 4, 2017.
- Houston's 45 points in the contest gave them 53 consecutive games of at least 10 points.
- Houston's 31 points in the first half were the most it scored since scoring 38 against Rice on Sept. 16, 2017.
- Houston had five scoring drives that lasted shorter than two minutes and one that was shorter than one minute, giving them 10 and three, respectively, on the season.
- For the second consecutive game, Houston trailed in the time of possession battle despite winning the contest. Arizona held a 35:21-24:39 advantage, while Rice held a 39:57-20:03 lead in the season opener Sept. 1. Houston held the ball for less than seven minutes in each quarter.
- Houston's offense found space against the Wildcats, connecting for eight plays of 20 yards or longer. Houston had two plays go for longer than 40 yards.
- Houston rolled the dice on a pair of fourth down plays, picking up conversions on each. The Cougars are now 3-for-4 on fourth down conversions this season.
- With 551 yards of total offense in the contest, Houston has now had back-to-back games of 500 yards or more for the first time since accomplishing the feat in four straight games during the 2016 season. That year, Houston had 511 against Lamar, 506 against Cincinnati, 563 against Texas State and 540 against UConn.
- For the first time since 2016, the Cougars scored 40 or more points in back-to-back games. In a span of five games, Houston scored 42 against Lamar, 40 against Cincinnati, 64 against Texas State, 42 against UConn and 40 against Navy.
- Houston has scored 45 points in each of its first two games to open the 2018 season. This marks the first time the Cougars have scored the same point total in back-to-back wins since 1981 when they defeated Arkansas, 20-17, on Oct. 24, before knocking off TCU, 20-16, a week later in Fort Worth, Texas.
- Saturday marked Houston's first game without turning the ball over since facing ECU on Nov. 4, 2017.
- Houston finished the game with six trips to the red zone, picking up four touchdowns and a field goal.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**0**

Turnovers for the Cougars, the first time since the ECU game in 2017

**0**

Point for Arizona in the first half, Houston's first clean sheet during the opening 30 minutes since Oct. 19, 2017

**2-0**

Record in 2018

**2**

Interceptions against Arizona by Garrett Davis

**2**

Rushing touchdowns for quarterback D'Eriq King

**2**

Punts inside the 20 yard line for junior Dane Roy

**3-1**

All-time record against Arizona

**4**

Passing touchdowns for D'Eriq King, a career high

**4-2**

Record for D'Eriq King as the starting quarterback

**5**

Houston scoring drives shorter than two minutes.

**5-2**

Record for Head Coach Major Applewhite in home games

**6**

Total touchdowns for quarterback D'Eriq King

**6-4**

Record for Head Coach Major Applewhite in day games



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## DEFENSE

- Houston's Garrett Davis had a pair of interceptions in the contest, giving the Cougars 150 turnovers since 2013, the most among FBS schools.
- Houston held the Wildcats scoreless in the first half, marking their first shutout over the first 30 minutes since facing Memphis on Oct. 19, 2017.
- After a pair of Garrett Davis interceptions, Houston now has multiple turnovers in 51 of its last 74 games.
- Houston held Arizona off the scoreboard until late into the third quarter. Dating back to the third quarter of the Rice game, Houston held a streak of 64:44 without allowing a point on defense.

## FRESH FACES

- Nine Cougars made their debuts in Saturday's win. That group included freshman Julon Williams, freshman Ja'Kori Morgan, freshman Spencer Wells, freshman Willie Smith III, freshman Donavan Mutin, freshman Garrison Vaughn, junior Bradley Mbu and redshirt freshman Shane Creamer.

## D'ERIQ KING

- Saturday's game marked junior D'Eriq King's sixth career start at quarterback.
- King is 4-2 as Houston's starter during his career.
- King found the end zone for the first time in the game on a 24-yard strike to sophomore wide receiver Marquez Stevenson. The touchdown pass was King's fourth of the season and 12th of his career.
- King found the end zone on the ground for Houston's second score of the contest, taking a 1-yard sneak for six. King now has two rushing touchdowns on the season and 10 in his career.
- King hooked up with tight end Romello Brooker for a 52-yard score and his second touchdown through the air in the contest. The score was King's third touchdown pass this season of 40 or more yards.
- King found paydirt one more time in the first half, connecting with sophomore quarterback/wide receiver Bryson Smith on a 13-yard touchdown pass for Smith's first career score.
- King opened the second half with an 18-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Keith Corbin to give him a career-high four passing touchdowns.
- King capped Houston's scoring on a 4-yard touchdown run with just under two minutes remaining in the contest.
- King's six total touchdowns (four passing; two rushing) is a career best, surpassing the previous best of four, which he had achieved three times, most recently against Rice a week ago.
- With four touchdown passes in the contest, King now has seven on the season and 15 in his career.
- King's two rushing scores matched a career high and gave him three on the season and 11 in his career.

## ED OLIVER

- Consensus All-American and Outland Trophy winner, sophomore defensive end Ed Oliver recorded a half tackle for loss in the contest giving him 43.5 in his career in only 27 games. Oliver entered the contest leading the nation's active players, averaging 1.63 tackles for loss per game.
- With his tackles for loss performance, Oliver moved into sole possession of sixth on the Houston career TFLs chart with 43.5, breaking a tie with Derrick Mathews (43; 2011-14).

## MARQUEZ STEVENSON

- Sophomore wide receiver opened the scoring for the Cougars on Saturday after breaking a tackle on 3rd-and-5 and taking a D'Eriq King pass 24 yards to the end zone. Stevenson has touchdown receptions in back-to-back games and now has two receiving scores in his career.
- Late in the contest, Stevenson busted a 60-yard run on a fly sweep, matching his career long, which he set at Rice a week ago.
- Stevenson finished the contest with 118 all-purpose yards, including 60 rushing yards, 40 receiving yards and 18 kick return yards.

## GARRETT DAVIS

- Senior defensive back Garrett Davis ended Arizona's first offensive drive by intercepting a pass from quarterback Khalil Tate. The interception was the fifth of Davis' career and gave him interceptions in back-to-back seasons off Tate.
- Davis intercepted another Tate pass with 9:40 remaining in the third quarter, giving him his second career two-interception game and first since a 20-13 win at Temple on Sept. 30, 2017.
- Davis also tallied six tackles and a pass breakup.

## PATRICK CARR

- Junior running back Patrick Carr broke off a career-long 39-yard rush on Houston's second drive of the game to set up the Cougars' second score.
- Carr carried the ball a career-best eight times for 62 yards.

8

Houston wins over non-conference Power 6 opponents in its last nine attempts

8

Houston plays of 20 yards or longer against Arizona

9

Nine Cougars made their debuts on Saturday, including eight freshmen making collegiate debuts

9-6

Career record for Head Coach Major Applewhite

10

Team-high 10 tackles for Austin Robinson, his second-career double-digit effort

17

Wins against members of the current Pac-12 in school history

21

First-quarter points for the Cougars, the most since Nov. 4 2017.

22-5

Houston record at TDECU Stadium

31

Houston wins for 2018 senior class, the 18th-best in program history

35

Dalton Witherspoon's first career field goal was good from 35 yards out

43-30

Houston record in home openers

43.5

Career tackles for loss for Ed Oliver

47

Wins since 2013, most in Texas



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## ROMELLO BROOKER

- Senior tight end Romello Brooker caught a D'Eriq King pass and took it a career-long 52 yards to the end zone. The touchdown reception was Brooker's first of the season and second of his career.
- Brooker matched a career best with two receptions for a career-high 76 yards.

## DALTON WITHERSPOON

- Junior kicker Dalton Witherspoon connected on a 35-yard field goal with 12:38 remaining in the second quarter to extend Houston's lead to 24-0 and give him his first career field goal.

## EMEKE EGBULE

- Senior linebacker Emeke Egbule registered his first tackle for loss of the season in the first half of Saturday's game, giving him 8.5 on his career.
- Egbule finished the game with five tackles and a pass breakup.

## DANE ROY

- Junior punter Dane Roy landed two punts inside the 20 yard line on Saturday, giving him four this season and 49 in his career.
- Roy finished the contest with six punts for 248 yards to average 41.3 yards per punt.

## BRYSON SMITH

- Sophomore quarterback/wide receiver Bryson Smith caught his first career touchdown on a 13-yard strike from D'Eriq King with 3:44 remaining in the first half to give Houston a 31-0 lead.
- Smith finished the game with a career-high four receptions and 24 yards while also matching a career-high in rushing attempts with four and compiling a career-best 29 yards on the ground.

## KEITH CORBIN

- Junior wide receiver Keith Corbin caught his first career touchdown pass on an 18-yard strike from D'Eriq King to open the scoring in the second half.
- Corbin matched a career-high with three receptions for 44 yards.
- Corbin also tallied his first career rush for four yards.

## AUSTIN ROBINSON

- Senior linebacker Austin Robinson led the Cougars with 10 tackles, giving him his second career double-digit tackle performance.

## QUINTEN DORMADY

- Senior quarterback Quinten Dormady completed his first two passes as a Cougar, totaling eight yards.

## TERENCE WILLIAMS

- Senior running back Terence Williams finished the game with Houston career highs in both rushes (12) and rushing yards (65), including a Houston career long of 25 yards.

## COURTNEY LARK

- Junior Courtney Lark pulled in a career-best four receptions for the third time in his career and second time this season while compiling 44 yards through the air.

## TERRY MARK

- Junior wide receiver Terry Mark tabbed a career-high 11 receiving yards after matching a career-best with two receptions.

## JEREMY SINGLETON

- Redshirt freshman wide receiver Jeremy Singleton caught one pass for a career-high six yards.

## JULON WILLIAMS

- Freshman wide receiver Julon Williams caught his first career pass for four yards.

## GLESON SPREWELL

- Sophomore defensive back Gleson Sprewell finished with a career-high six tackles.

## PAYTON TURNER

- Sophomore defensive lineman Payton Turner matched his career best with six tackles.

## DEONTAY ANDERSON

- Sophomore defensive back Deontay Anderson picked up a career-high two tackles for loss in the game.

## GRANT STUARD

- Sophomore defensive back Grant Stuard matched a career-high with four tackles.

## 51

Houston has multiple turnovers in 51 of its last 74 games

## 52

Career-long reception for Romello Brooker for his first touchdown of the season

## 53

Consecutive games for Houston with 10+ points

## 57

Consecutive wins by Houston when leading by 21+ points

## 60

Career long rush for wide receiver Marquez Stevenson, matching his best against Rice (Sept. 1, 2018)

## 150

Turnovers forced by Houston since 2013, most among FBS schools

## 226

Consecutive games Houston has scored, dating back to at No. 15 Texas on Sept. 23, 2000

## 435-361-15

All-time Houston record

## 500+

Back to back games with more than 500 yards of offense for the first time since 2016

## 1981

First time since 1981 that Houston scored the same number of points in back-to-back wins

## 32,534

Attendance for Saturday's game



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## ISAIAH CHAMBERS

- Sophomore defensive lineman Isaiah Chambers' three tackles tied his career best.

## NICK WATKINS

- Senior cornerback Nick Watkins tied a career high with three tackles.

## ELIJAH GOODEN

- Sophomore linebacker Elijah Gooden registered two tackles for a career high.

## JORDAN MILBURN

- Junior linebacker Jordan Milburn's two tackles are a career-best.

## DEREK PARISH

- Redshirt freshman Derek Parish tabbed a career-best two tackles, including his first career sack.

## LOGAN HALL

- Freshman defensive lineman Logan Hall picked up his first career tackle in the game.

## DONAVAN MUTIN

- Freshman linebacker made Donavan Mutin his collegiate debut and registered his first career tackle.