



HOUSTON FOOTBALL

HOUSTON POSTGAME NOTES (OCT. 23, 2021)

HOUSTON 31, ECU 24 (OT)

TEAM NOTES

- « Houston's all-time record is 454-380-15.
- « ECU won the coin toss and elected to receive. During overtime, senior tight end Seth Green served as Houston's coin toss captain. ECU won the toss and elected to defer. Houston started its overtime drive towards the North end zone.
- « Due to a lightning delay, the game was delayed five hours and 18 minutes.
- « Houston has scored in 263 consecutive games, a mark that ranked ninth longest among active streaks in the FBS entering play Thursday. The streak began Sept. 30, 2000.
- « The Cougars have also scored 10-plus points in 91 straight games (Sept. 6, 2014 – present).
- « Houston is 43-17 in the month of October since 2006, including a 24-9 mark at home.
- « With the win Saturday, Houston matched its best conference start since 2018 (4-0).
- « With the win Saturday, Houston moved to 6-1 overall, its best seven-game start since 2018 (6-1). The Cougars have started a season 6-1 or better 13 times in program history (2021, '18, '16, '15, '13, '11, '09, '90, '79, '78, '73, '66, '52) including in seven of their last 13 seasons.
- « Houston moved to 33-12 at TDECU Stadium (2014-present), upping its winning % at the facility to .733 -- a mark that ranks second in the Lone Star State among current facilities, trailing only Texas (.763).
- « Houston last won six-or-more consecutive games Nov. 27, 2015 through Sept. 29, 2016 (8 games).
- « With the win Saturday, Houston became bowl eligible for the 14th time in the last 17 seasons.
- « With the win, Houston leads the all-time series against ECU, 8-7. Houston has won three straight and four of the last five against the Pirates.
- « Houston is 38-33-5 all-time in Homecoming matchups including victories in five of the last seven contests.
- « Houston has won 12 of its last 18 Homecoming matchups (2004-present).
- « The last time Houston played in overtime game on Homecoming was against ECU in 2002. Saturday marked the first overtime game in TDECU Stadium history.
- « Houston is 3-2 all-time on Homecoming against East Carolina.
- « Houston has held its opponents to 13.8 points per game over its last six contests (83 total points).
- « Houston has outscored its opponents 90 -17 in the first quarter this season.
- « Houston has forced at least one turnover in all seven games in 2021.
- « Houston won the turnover battle for a fourth consecutive game. The three turnovers forced matched a season high. The three fumbles forced marked a season high.
- « Houston's defense held ECU to 0-for-3 on 4th down. Coming into the game the Pirates were ranked No. 8 in the nation with a 77.8% 4th down-conversion percentage.

HEAD COACH DANA HOLGORSEN

- « Houston has recorded six straight wins under Head Coach Dana Holgorsen in 2021. This is the longest winning streak for the Cougars under Holgorsen's leadership.
- « Holgorsen last won six-or-more consecutive games as a head coach with West Virginia, doing so from Jan. 2-Oct. 22, 2016 (seven consecutive).
- « Holgorsen is 74-55 during his career, including a 13-14 mark with the Cougars.
- « Holgorsen improved to 2-0 in his career against East Carolina and 1-0 with Houston.
- « Holgorsen is 21-18 all-time in October, including a 6-4 mark with the Cougars.

PLAYER NOTES - OFFENSE

JUNIOR QB CLAYTON TUNE

- « Tune has recorded five multi-touchdown passing games in 2021 and 16 games in his career.
- « Tune is now tied for seventh in Houston career history with 46 touchdown passes, matching Jason McKinley (1997-00).
- « Tune owns 469 career completions, ranking No. 9 in the Houston record books.
- « Tune moved to No. 8 in Houston career history with 6,370 total offense yards (5,803 pass, 567 rush) in the game. He passed quarterback D'Eriq King (2016-19), who recorded 6,346 yards of total offense in his career.

FRESHMAN RB ALTON McCASKILL

- « Alton McCaskill has recorded double-digit carries in five consecutive games finishing Saturday's game with 12 carries.
- « With his 25-yard rushing touchdown in overtime, McCaskill moved his season total to nine on the season.
- « He surpassed 500 all-purpose yards on the season, finishing the game with 539.



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JUNIOR TE CHRISTIAN TRAHAN

- « Trahan has caught a pass in 11 consecutive games played (Nov. 7, 2020-present) and in 15 of his last 16 contests.
- « He grabbed his 6th receiving touchdown of his career and his second in back-to-back weeks, coming in the first quarter.

SOPHOMORE WR NATHANIEL DELL

- « Nathaniel Dell has caught a pass in all 15 games played at Houston (Oct. 8, 2020-present). He finished the game with four catches for 33 yards.

PLAYER NOTES - DEFENSE

JUNIOR S GERVARRIUS OWENS

- « Owens passed 50 career tackles against East Carolina finishing the game with five to up his career total to 52.

SENIOR DL DAVID ANENIH

- « David Anenih recorded his third forced fumble in his career and second fumble recovery. His forced fumble and fumble recovery led to a touchdown against ECU.

JUNIOR LB DONAVAN MUTIN

- « Led Houston with a season-high nine tackles and forced two fumbles.
- « Two forced fumbles marked a career high. Mutin upped his career total to four.

PLAYER NOTES - SPECIAL TEAMS

SOPHOMORE MARCUS JONES

- « With his 98-yard kickoff return vs. East Carolina, Marcus Jones tallied his eighth career special teams score. It was his third this season after scoring touchdowns on punt returns against Grambling (48 yards) and Navy (73 yards).
- « The touchdown was his fifth kick off return touchdown of his career and first at Houston after playing at Troy in 2017 and 2018.
- « The 98-yard kickoff return touchdown was the longest play in TDECU Stadium history and the seventh kickoff return touchdown by a Houston player in TDECU Stadium.
- « Jones became the first player to record a punt return touchdown and kickoff return touchdown in TDECU Stadium during his career.
- « Jones' 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown was the longest kick off return in TDECU Stadium history. It topped Marquez Stevenson's 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown vs. Tulane on Oct. 8, 2020.
- « Defensively, Jones tied his career high with seven tackles (at Cincinnati, Nov. 7, 2020).

SENIOR K DALTON WITHERSPOON

- « Dalton Witherspoon is now tied for third in Houston career history with 41 field goals. Mike Clendenen owns the same record kicking 41 field goals from 1981 to 1984. Up next in the Houston records book is Matt Hogan, who kicked 59 field goals from 2008 to 2012.