



HOUSTON FOOTBALL

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SERIES HISTORY

Overall	Series tied, 10-10-1
Current Streak	Oklahoma State, W1
at Houston	Series tied, 5-5-1
Current Streak	Oklahoma State, W1
at Oklahoma State	Series tied, 5-5
Current Streak	Houston, W1
at Neutral Site	N/A

GAME 11 • SENIOR DAY • BIG 12 GAME EIGHT

#24/25 OKLAHOMA STATE 43, HOUSTON 30

Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023 ■ 3:05 p.m. CT ■ Houston, Texas ■ TDECU Stadium (40,000) ■ ESPN2
Today's Attendance: 33,906 ■ Kickoff Temperature: Sunny, 74 degrees, SW 7 mph



COUGARS

4-7 overall, 2-6 Big 12
Streak: L2



COWBOYS

8-3 overall, 6-2 Big 12
Streak: W1

TODAY'S STARTERS

POS.	NAME	CAREER FBS STARTS	POS.	NAME	CAREER FBS STARTS
WR	Joseph Manjack IV	12	DE	Nelson Ceaser	22
LT	Patrick Paul	43	DT	Jamaree Caldwell	9
LG	Tyler Johnson	22	DT	Hakeem Ajijolaiya	5
C	Demetrius Hunter	1	DE	Taleeq Robbins	4
RG	Tank Jenkins	27	LB	Malik Robinson	13
RT	Reuben Unije	19	LB	Jamal Morris	11
WR	Dalton Carnes	4	NB	Malik Fleming	39
TE	Mike O'Laughlin	25	CB	Isaiah Hamilton	11
QB	Donovan Smith	19	FS	Hasaan Hypolite	28
RB	Parker Jenkins	7	BS	A.J. Haulcy	19
WR	Samuel Brown	19	CB	Brian George	12

SERIES VS. OKLAHOMA STATE

• Houston is 10-10-1 against Oklahoma State since the series began in 1951.

• The Cougars are 5-5-1 against Oklahoma State at home.

• Saturday marked the fourth different venue in the City of Houston that the Cougars and Cowboys have faced off in (Rice Stadium: 1951, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1960; Astrodome: 1966, 1968, 1987; Robertson: 2006; TDECU Stadium: 2023).

STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES - OFFENSE

#0 SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER JOSEPH MANJACK IV

• Manjack IV completed his first career pass, resulting in a trick-play 28-yard touchdown to quarterback Donovan Smith with 10:14 to play in the second quarter.

• Manjack IV's 16-yard reception with 3:34 to play in the first quarter, moving his consecutive games streak with a catch to 12 straight.

#1 JUNIOR QUARTERBACK DONOVAN SMITH

• Smith registered a passing touchdown, rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown, becoming the third FBS player this season to accomplish the feat.

• Smith became the seventh Big 12 quarterback all-time, and second this season (Will Howard, Kansas State vs. Southeastern Missouri) to record a passing touchdown, rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown in a single game.

• Caught his second career touchdown, and first since Nov. 26, 2022 (vs. Oklahoma), with a 28-yard reception from wide receiver Joseph Manjack IV with 10:14 to play in the second quarter.

• Smith completed passes to eight different receivers to begin the game before locking Samuel Brown for the second time midway through the second quarter.

• Smith's 31-yard rushing touchdown with 7:30 to play in the fourth quarter marked his 16th career rushing touchdown.

• After rushing for single-game highs in each of his last two games (88 vs. Cincinnati; 66 at Baylor), Smith added 63 more yards on the ground Saturday.

• Smith's 60-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Jonah Wilson with 2:15 to play in the first quarter was his 40th career passing touchdown and the longest passing touchdown of his career (previous: 58 yards at Kansas State on Oct. 1, 2022).

• With a 60-yard strike to Wilson, Smith has thrown 12 touchdown passes in his last six games.

#4 SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER SAMUEL BROWN

• With his 22-yard reception with 11:21 to play in the first quarter, Brown has caught a pass in 17 consecutive games (Sept. 30, 2022-present).

#14 FRESHMAN WIDE RECEIVER JONAH WILSON

• Wilson hauled in a 60-yard touchdown reception with 2:15 to play in the first quarter.

• His 60-yard reception marked his second career catch and first career touchdown reception.

TEAM NOTES

• Houston's all-time record is 472-393-15.

• With an attendance of 33,906 on Saturday, Houston closes its seven-game home slate by averaging 36,020 fans per game. The total marked the eighth highest home attendance average in school history, second highest in TDECU Stadium history (38,953 in 2016) and most in seven seasons (38,953 in 2016).

• Offensive lineman Jack Freeman, defensive lineman Nelson Ceaser, offensive lineman Patrick Paul and linebacker Hasaan Hypolite served as coin toss captains. Oklahoma State won the toss and chose to receive.

• Saturday's game marked the first as co-Big 12 Conference members for Houston and Cincinnati. The two schools competed together previously in the Missouri Valley (1951-56).

• Houston's 23 first half points were its most since scoring 28 points at Texas Tech on Sept. 30, 2023.

• Saturday marked Houston's first loss when leading at halftime. UH was previously 4-0 including 2-0 in Big 12 Conference play. Houston falls to 23-7 when leading at the half under Head Coach Dana Holgorsen.

• Houston falls to 3-4 at TDECU Stadium this season and 41-19 all-time at the facility.

• With the loss, Houston falls to 15-4 in its last 19 regular season home finales (2005-present) and 55-22-1 in regular season home finales all-time.

• Houston is 6-8 against Top 25 opponents at TDECU Stadium (2014-present).

• With Saturday's result, UH will not play in a bowl game for the second time in the last 11 seasons and first since 2019. UH's 15 bowl games since the start of the 2005 season rank tied with TCU for the most in Texas.

• With their 3-play, 75-yard touchdown drive, on its second of the game, the Cougars have produced 41 points on their first two drives over their last nine games.

• After allowing one or no sacks in five of its first seven Big 12 Conference games, the Cougars allowed 2.0 to Oklahoma State.

HEAD COACH DANA HOLSORSEN

• Holgorsen is 92-68 in his career, 31-28 at Houston and 2-6 against Oklahoma State.

• Holgorsen is 8-10 against Oklahoma State in 18 all-time matchups as a head coach or assistant coach.

• Holgorsen is 22-18 in his last 40 Big 12 contests dating to Nov. 7, 2015.



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#23 FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK PARKER JENKINS

• Jenkins upped his season total to 20 rushes of 10+ yards with three on Saturday. Jenkins led all Power 5 true freshmen with 17 rushes of 10+ yards on the season entering Saturday. He now has 10 in his last four games.

#24 JUNIOR RUNNING BACK TONY MATHIS JR.

• Saturday marked Mathis' 40th career game played.

#59 REDSHIRT FRESHMAN DEMETRIUS HUNTER

• Made his first career start on Saturday, coming at center – entered the day with 18 career snaps played with all coming at center (6 vs. Sam Houston; 12 at Kansas State).

STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES - DEFENSE

#8 SENIOR LINEBACKER MALIK ROBINSON

• Tackled Oklahoma State running back Ollie Gordon for a 3-yard loss for a safety with 4:16 to play in the first half.

• The safety was the first for Houston since Nov. 6, 2021, at USF.

#9 JUNIOR NELSON CEASER

• Extended his tackle for loss streak to seven games with his TFL in the first quarter.

#10 JUNIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN CHIDOZIE NWANKWO

• Saturday marked Nwankwo's 40th career game played.

#16 SENIOR DEFENSIVE BACK BRIAN GEORGE

• George's tackle of Jaden Nixon midway through the first quarter was the 50th of his career.

#23 SOPHOMORE DEFENSIVE BACK ISAIAH HAMILTON

• Hamilton logged a 57-yard interception return for a touchdown with 7:43 to play in the first quarter.

• Hamilton's 57-yard pick six was the first for a Cougar since Jayce Rogers (54 yards) at Texas Tech on Sept. 10, 2022.

• The pick six was the 80th all-time for the Cougars in 78 seasons of football.

• The interception was Houston's 143rd since the start of the 2013 season which ranks 11th nationally.

• The interception was Houston's 240th since 2013. UH's 239 entering the day ranked ninth nationally.

#24 SOPHOMORE DEFENSIVE BACK A.J. HAULCY

• With five stops on Saturday, Haulcy has posted 5+ tackles in 10 of 11 games this season.

• Haulcy, who ranked fourth nationally with 6.0 solo tackles per game entering Saturday, added three more vs. OSU.

#25 SENIOR LINEBACKER JAMAL MORRIS

• Morris reached 100 tackles for his Houston career with his tackle for a 1-yard loss of running back Ollie Gordon midway through the fourth quarter.

STUDENT-ATHLETE NOTES - SPECIAL TEAMS

#22 JUNIOR LAINE WILKINS

• Wilkins tied a season-high with his six punts on Saturday.

• Wilkins downed two punts inside the 20-yard line.

#10 JUNIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN CHIDOZIE NWANKWO

• Nwankwo blocked Alex Hale's extra point with 12:59 to play in the second quarter.

• Nwankwo's blocked extra point kept Houston's lead at 14-9.