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2017 POSTGAME NOTES

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23/23 **WEST VIRGINIA (5-2, 3-1), NR/NR BAYLOR (0-7, 0-4)**

McLANE STADIUM • WACO, TEXAS

OCT. 21, 2017 • ATTENDANCE 45,389

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Baylor is 0-3 this season against Associated Press top 25 teams (lost 49-41 vs. No. 3 Oklahoma, lost 59-16 at No. 14 Oklahoma State, lost 38-36 vs. No.23 West Virginia) and has lost five straight games to ranked teams (last win was 49-38 vs. No. 10 North Carolina on Dec. 29, 2015).
- Baylor is 14-8 all-time at the \$266 million McLane Stadium that opened in 2014 with an average winning margin of 15.95 points per game and averages 553.54 total yards per game.
- In five seasons as head coach, Rhule is 3-7 vs. Associated Press top 25 teams (last win at No. 19 Navy on Dec. 3, 2016 in AAC title game (34-10)).
- Baylor is 46-44-4 all-time on homecoming and had won seven straight.
- Baylor trails the all-time series vs. West Virginia 4-2, including a 2-1 record in Waco.
- Of Baylor's 154 starters through seven games, 76 have been freshmen or sophomores, including 12-of-22 (six offense, six defense) vs. West Virginia.
- Baylor's 23 first-time starters, including 10 freshman, thus far in 2017 are the second most in FBS.
- Baylor has had 17 true freshmen appear in a game in 2017, the fourth most in FBS.
- Baylor is in its 116th football season and first under Matt Rhule -- the Bears are 588-564-44 all-time and Rhule is 28-30 in his career (0-7 at BU).
- Baylor has scored in a school-record 132 straight games -- the previous school record was 89 games from Dec. 31, 1979 - Oct. 23, 1987.
- **Grayland Arnold, Clay Johnston, Blake Lynch and Terence Williams** served as team captains vs. West Virginia.

TEAM NOTES

- In the fourth quarter, Baylor's defense allowed no points, one first down, 11 rushing yards, zero passing yards, forced two punts and recovered an onside kick.
- In the fourth quarter, Baylor's offense scored 23 points, gained 13 first downs, 121 rushing yards, 109 passing yards and had no punts.
- Prior to the fourth quarter, Baylor's offense scored 13 points, gained 17 first downs, six rushing yards, 261 passing yards and had four punts.
- 18 of Baylor's 24 touchdown-scoring drives and 19 of 42 scoring drives this season have lasted two minutes or less. BU has scored in 48 seconds or less on eleven of those drives.
- Baylor's defense on third down in last 22 quarters has held opponents to 21-for-65 after allowing foes to go 22-of-34 in first six quarters.
- Underclassmen have accounted for 62.6% (295 of 471) of Baylor's tackles through seven games. Underclassmen had 39 of 60 tackles (65%) vs. West Virginia.
- Baylor had five TFLs. BU entered the game ranking third in the Big 12 and now has 46.0 TFLs on the season.
- **Matt Rhule**-coached teams have had two receivers with over 100 yards receiving in a game just three times, twice this season with Baylor.
- Baylor had its first game of the season with no turnovers on offense.
- Baylor held an opponent scoreless in the fourth quarter for the first time this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- RB **Trestan Ebner** set career highs with five catches for 109 yards and had three rushes for a career-high 54 yards with both a rushing and receiving TD -- career firsts.
- RB **Ebner** had a 52-yard TD catch for first career TD grab and it was the longest reception by a Baylor running back since Lache Seastrunk's 68-yard TD vs. Kansas on Nov. 3, 2012.
- RB **Ebner** had a 40-yard TD run for his first career rushing TD and it made him the first Baylor player to have a rushing and receiving TD in the game game since Shock Linwood vs. Iowa State on Oct. 24, 2015.
- RB **Ebner** had first career game with 100 or more yards receiving.
- RB **Ebner** is the first BU running back to go over 100 receiving yards in a game since Brandon Whitaker's 166 receiving yards vs. Colorado on October 6, 2007.
- WR **Gavin Holmes** made his first career start and tallied career-long 56-yard catch with career highs of five catches and 72 receiving yards.
- QB **Charlie Brewer** set career highs with 13 passes, eight completions, 109 yards and two TDs while also rushing a career-high 10 times for a career-best 48 yards.
- QB **Zach Smith**, who started for the fifth time this season, made his ninth career start. He has thrown for at least 200 yards in eight of nine starts, including seven straight prior to the Oklahoma State game.
- QB **Brewer** tossed his first career TD pass on a 52-yard strike to **Trestan Ebner**.
- WR **Mims** had 1 catch of 40 or more yards. He entered the game ranked third (5) in FBS in those categories in catches of 40 or more yards.
- WR **Mims** (132 receiving yards) had his third 100-yard receiving game of his season/career and third in last four games.
- LB **Taylor Young** (202 career solo tackles) tied for sixth with Bryce Hager on Baylor's career solo tackles list.
- LB **Young** (35.0 career TFLs) moved into fifth on Baylor's career TFLs list.
- K **Connor Martin** (14 season made FGs) tied for seventh with Bubba Hicks and Aaron Jones on Baylor's season made FGs list. He is 12-for-14 in his last four games.
- CB **Harrison Hand** had two PBUs. He had six PBUs entering the game, which was tied for the Big 12 lead and ranked 32nd in FBS.
- OL **Patrick Lawrence** and **Blake Blackmar** made their 20th and 19th consecutive starts, respectively.
- WR **RJ Sneed** made a career-long 19-yard catch.
- DT **James Lynch** made his first career sack.