NR/RV **BAYLOR (1-0, 0-0) 56**, NR/NR **STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (0-1, 0-0) 17**
MCLANE STADIUM • WACO, TEXAS
AUG. 31, 2019 • ATTENDANCE 43,013

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES
• With the 56-17 win, Baylor is now 78-36-4 all-time in season openers, including a 13-10 mark in the Big 12 era (since 1996).
• Head coach Matt Rhule is 4-3 in season openers in his career.
• Baylor is in its 118th football season and second under Matt Rhule -- the Bears are 597-574-44 all-time and Rhule is 37-40 in his career (9-17 at BU).
• Baylor has scored in a school-record 151-straight games -- the previous school record was 89 games from Dec. 31, 1979 - Oct. 23, 1987.
• The Bears are 18-1 all-time against four members (Abilene Christian, Lamar, Northwestern State, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State) of the Southland Conference.
• The Bears are 5-0 all-time against SFA.
• Baylor won the toss and chose to defer. SFA received to start the game.
• **Sam Tecklenburg**, **Jordan Williams**, **Jameson Houston** and **R.J. Sneed** served as team captains vs. Stephen F. Austin.

TEAM NOTES
• With LB **Blake Lynch**'s blocked punt and DT **Gabe Hall**'s blocked field goal, the Bears have blocked 11 kicks over the last 26 games.
• First back-to-back 40-plus point performances for head coach Matt Rhule at Baylor.
• The Bears blocked two kicks for the third time in the Rhule era (vs. Oklahoma State (11/3/18), vs. TCU (11/17/18, vs. SFA (8/3/19)
• 56 points is the most points scored during the Matt Rhule era (previous high was 55 in the 2018 season opener vs. ACU).
• The 56 points are the third-most points ever scored by a Matt Rhule coached team. The record is 60 points scored in a 60-40 win for Temple at SMU on Nov. 6, 2015.
• The 56 points scored are the most points for Baylor since putting up 62 vs. West Virginia on Oct. 17, 2015.
• Three different players recorded receiving touchdowns (Ebner, Sneed, Thornton) and three recorded rushing TDs on the day (Ebner, Lovett, A. Smith)
• The Bears finished with 518 yards of offense, the second-straight game they have had over 500 yards of offense (668 yards in the Texas Bowl vs. Vanderbilt). That is the first time the Bears have had back-to-back 500+yard performances under Rhule. Overall, the Bears have had eight games with over 500 yards of offense in the Matt Rhule era (3 games in 2017, 4 games in 2018, 1 in 2019).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES
• LB **Blake Lynch** blocked the first kick of his career, a punt in the first quarter. DT **Gabe Hall** blocked a field goal attempt in the third quarter, the first of his young career. Lynch and Hall are the fifth and sixth different players to do so in the Rhule era.
• RB **Trestan Ebner**'s three-TD performance is a career best, his previous high was two vs. Vanderbilt in the Texas Bowl and two rushing TDs vs. West Virginia in 2017. He is the first Baylor player to score three TDs in a game since RB **John Lovett** collected three in last year's season opener vs. Abilene Christian.
• RB **Trestan Ebner**'s first TD of the day was a 16-yard TD pass reception is his fifth career receiving touchdown, eighth TD of his career. He then added a 21-yard rushing TD in the second quarter, the ninth of his career and followed it up with an 11-yard run in the second quarter for his 10th career TD.
• RB **John Lovett** finished with 108 yards, his fourth-career 100+ rushing performance.
• First career completion for QB **Gerry Bohanon** is a 16-yd pass to WR **Jared Atkinson**.
• QB **Bohanon**'s first career TD pass is a 9-yd pass to WR **Tyquan Thornton**.
• WR **Tyquan Thornton** collected his first TD of the season, a 9-yd reception. He now has 4 career TDs.
• LB **Blake Lynch** hauled in his second-career interception, returning it for one yard. Previous interception came on November 24, 2018 at Cowboy Stadium vs. Texas Tech.
• DT **James Lynch** collected his first sack of the season. He now has 9.5 sacks in his career.
• WR **R.J. Sneed** hauled in his first career touchdown, an 11-yard reception in the first quarter.
• WR **Sneed** followed with a 21-yd TD reception in the third quarter, giving him his first-career multi-TD performance. That 21-yd pass reception was a career long for Sneed.
• RB **Abram Smith** scored his first career TD, a 9-yd rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter.
• DE **Niadré Zouzoua** collected his first-career sack, a five-yard loss.
• DT **Bravvion Roy** tied his career high with 4 solo tackles. Finished with a team-high 6 tackles.
• LB **Bryson Jackson** collected a career-best three tackles in his first Baylor appearance.
• DE **Niadré Zouzoua** tallied 2 tackles (both solo), along with his first career sack in his Baylor debut.
• DT **Brayden Utley** and LB **Matt Jones** split a sack in the fourth quarter, the first of each of their careers.
• C **Sam Tecklenburg** started his team-leading 26th-straight game.
• WR **Chris Platt** started in his team-leading 44th career game.
• LS **Ross Matiscik**, C **Sam Tecklenburg** and LB **Jordan Williams** appeared in their 39th career games.
• OL **Blake Bedier** and OL **Prince Pines** were starters in their Baylor debut.
• **Bralen Taylor** made his debut at defensive end after playing offense in 2018.
• 36 Bears made their Baylor debut in the season opener - OL **Casey Phillips**, DT **TJ Franklin**, K **Noah Rauschenberg**, OL **Prince Pines**, OL **Blake Bedier**, DT **Gabe Hall**, DE **Niadré Zouzoua**, LB **Bryson Jackson**, WR **Jackson Gleeson**, DE **Garmon Randolph**, LB **Michael McNair**, RB **Qualan Jones**, DE **Harrison White**, DT **Josh Landry**, LB **Matt Jones**, S **Will Williams**, WR **Yusuf Terry**, WR **Kyle Peterson**, WR **Davis Baucum**, WR **Tripp Mitchell**, CB **Brandon White**, LB **Trystan Slinker**, RB **Jacoby Clarke**, S **Will Baxter**, S **Collin Losack**, CB **Shevin Smith**, CB **Alex Lanaham**, OL **Blake George**, OL **Colby Johnston**, OL **Paul Matavao-Poialii**, QB **Brandon Bass**, DT **Brayden Utley**, WR **Kolby White**, LB **Solo Turner**, CB **Colby Delashaw**, RB **Skyler Wetzel**