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2021 POSTGAME NOTES

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9/9/9 **BAYLOR** (11-2, 7-2 Big 12) **21**, 5/5/5 **OKLAHOMA STATE** (11-2, 8-1 Big 12) **16**

AT&T STADIUM • ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEC. 4, 2021 • ATTENDANCE: 65,771

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- Baylor Captains: Terrel Bernard, Connor Galvin, Xavier Newman-Johnson, Jalen Pitre
- BU now has the second most Big 12 Titles in conference history (3), trailing only Oklahoma.
- Saturday was the second-most attended Big 12 Championship game since the game was reinstated in 2017.
- Saturday was the fifth time a team has won the Big 12 title game with fewer total yards than their opponent (Oklahoma 2020 & 2006, Colorado in 2001 and Texas A&M in 1998).

TEAM NOTES

- Baylor notched its fourth win over a top-25 opponent on Saturday, its most top-25 wins in a season since 1974.
- The Bears are just the second team to win a Big 12 Title after having a losing conference record the year prior (Colorado 2001).
- Baylor now has four 11-win seasons in program history.
- BU grabbed a Big 12 Championship game record four interceptions.
- The Bears have recorded a turnover in 21-straight games.
- Baylor had its eighth scoring drive of three plays or less on Saturday, and have now had three-play touchdown drives in consecutive weeks.
- The Baylor defense had two players with double-digit tackles for the second time this season.
- The Bears held a 12th opponent below their season scoring average, holding Oklahoma State 15.8 points below their season average.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Quarterback **Blake Shapen** set a Big 12 Championship and AT&T Stadium (college games) record with 17-straight completions in the first half.
- Shapen's 82.1% completion percentage is second to only Texas' Vince Young (82.4%) in Big 12 Championship game history.
- Shapen became just the fourth quarterback in Big 12 Championship game history to throw for 3 touchdowns in the first half. Vince Young was the last to do it on December 3, 2005 against Colorado.
- Shapen's 23 completions are a new career-best.
- Punter **Issac Power's** 52.6 average sets a new Big 12 Championship Game record, over three yards higher than the previous mark of 49.5 set by Oklahoma's Mike Knall on December 1, 2007 against Missouri.
- **Jairon McVea** grabbed his second interception of the season and the third of his career.
- McVea tied a career best with nine tackles.
- **Jalen Pitre's** two tackles for loss give him 17.5 for the season, leaving him 2.5 tackles for loss shy of the single-season record of 20 held by Andrew Mellontree (1979) and Chales Benson (1982).
- Safety **JT Woods** set a new career best with his fourth interception of the season.
- Wide receiver **Drew Estrada** caught his first touchdown pass at Baylor.
- With 79 all-purpose yards on Saturday, senior Treستان Ebner moved past Kendall Wright (4,479) for second on Baylor's career all-purpose yards list (4,519).
- **Terrel Bernard** tied for the team lead in tackles (10). Bernard has led or tied for the team lead in tackles in eight of his 12 games this season.
- With a half sack on Saturday, Bernard now moves into sole possession of sixth place on Baylor's all-time leaderboard with 14.5 career sacks.
- Linebacker **Dillon Doyle** tied for the team lead with 10 tackles. It is the fifth time the season he has led or tied for the team lead in tackles.
- Linebacker **Matt Jones** notched his first-career interception.
- Linebacker **Braden Utley** recorded his first-career interception.
- Defensive tackle **Siaki Ika** set a new career-best with four tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss.
- Tight End **Ben Sims** caught his ninth-career touchdown, extending his lead for Baylor's career record for touchdowns by a tight end.