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# 2022 POSTGAME NOTES

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10/10 BAYLOR (1-0) 69, NR UAlbany (0-1) 10

McLANE STADIUM • WACO, TEXAS

SEPT. 3, 2022 • ATTENDANCE: 41,242 • NEXT: Baylor at No. 25 BYU - Saturday - 9:15 p.m. CT - ESPN

## TEAM NOTES

- Baylor is 1-0 and UAlbany is 0-1.
- This was the first meeting in the series.
- Baylor captains: Jacob Gall, Matt Jones, Siaki Ika and Issac Power.
- The Bears improved to 18-1 all-time against FCS foes and earned their first win over an FCS team since besting Stephen F. Austin in 2019.
- The Bears have forced a turnover in 23 consecutive games. The Bears are +21 in turnover margin under Coach **Dave Aranda**.
- Baylor has won six consecutive games, the second-longest active streak in the nation.
- Baylor improved to 10-2 under Aranda at McLane Stadium and have won eight straight at home.
- BU is 6-0 under Aranda in September games.
- Baylor is 10-3 under Aranda when scoring first.
- The Bears are 12-2 under Aranda when leading at halftime.
- Baylor rushed for seven TDs in the win, its most since going for seven vs. Kansas in 2019 and one shy of the program record set in 1969 vs. LSU.
- BU scored its most points in a season opener since going for 69 vs. Wofford in 2013.
- It marked the 10th most points in single-game BU history.
- A 59-point margin of victory is the 12th-largest in school history.
- Baylor played 89 total players in the contest.
- The Bears had 573 yards of total offense, eclipsing 500 yards for the first time since besting No. 19/20 BYU in 2021, when they had 534 yards.

## INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Senior WR **Gavin Holmes** returned a punt 72 yards for a TD in the first quarter.
  - It marked the 11th longest punt return in Baylor history and was the first punt return for a TD since Grayland Arnold had a 73-yard return against UTSA in 2019.
  - It was the 13th all-time Baylor punt return for a touchdown and the 30th all-time BU kick or punt returned for a score.
- Sophomore WR **Monaray Baldwin** caught a career-high four passes for a career-best 84 yards and a TD, and rushed twice for 46 yards and a score.
  - Baldwin caught his first-career TD, a 47-yard grab in the first quarter.
  - Baldwin had a 50-yard TD rush in the third quarter, his second career touchdown run.
  - Baldwin is the first BU player with a rushing and receiving TD in the same game since Dillon Doyle vs. BYU in 2021.
- Sophomore QB **Blake Shapen** was 17 of 20 for 214 yards and two TDs, also rushing four times for 11 yards and a score.
  - Shapen has thrown seven career TD passes.
  - Shapen went for his first-career rushing TD.
- Junior RB **Craig Williams** rushed for his fourth-career TD and his first since vs. TCU in 2020.
- Sophomore WR **Seth Jones** caught his first career passes, grabbing two balls for 25 yards.
- Senior LB **Bryson Jackson** forced and recovered his first-career fumble.
- Freshman QB **Kyron Drones** rushed for his first-career score.
  - Drones finished 5-of-7 in the air for 100 yards.
- Senior PK **John Mayers** passed Jeff Ireland for seventh place in Baylor career history in PATs made (81).
  - Mayers has 159 career points, ranking ninth in program history among kickers.
- Freshman RB **Richard Reese** rushed for his first two career TDs.
  - Reese rushed nine times for a team-leading 62 yards.
- Sophomore WR **Hal Presley** had three catches for 56 yards and a TD.
  - Presley nabbed his first-career TD catch, a 38-yard score in the second quarter.
- Junior DL **Gabe Hall** had half a sack and a pass break-up.
  - Hall has eight career tackles for a loss and 6.5 sacks.
  - Hall broke up his first-career pass.
- Senior DL **Jaxon Player** made his BU debut and had 1.5 tackles for a loss and half a sack.
  - Player has 33.5 career tackles for a loss and 8.5 sacks.
- Senior LB **Dillon Doyle** recorded his first QB hurry of the year and broke up his fourth-career pass.
- Sophomore RB **Taye McWilliams** rushed a team-high 12 times for 45 yards and caught four balls for 20 yards.
- Senior S **Al Walcott** has three career pass break-ups.
- Sophomore CB **AJ McCarty** has broken up two career passes.
- Freshman LB **Jackie Marshall** broke up his first-career pass.
- Freshman WR **Armani Winfield** caught his first-career pass, a 10-yard grab.
- Freshman S **Alfonza Allen** notched his first-career tackle for a loss in his collegiate debut.
- Senior TE **Ben Sims** tied his career high with five catches, going for 37 yards.
- Baylor senior OL **Connor Galvin** made his team-leading 38th-career start and made his team-high 27th-straight start.
- **Jacob Gall** and **Chidi Ogbonnaya** each played in their team-best 46th career games.
- First career starters: S **Devin Lemear**, CB **Lorando Johnson**, WR **Seth Jones**, WR **Hal Presley**, LG **Micah Mazzucca**, S **Devin Neal**, RB **Taye McWilliams**.