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2023 POSTGAME NOTES

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TEXAS STATE (1-0) 42, BAYLOR (0-1) 31

McLANE STADIUM • WACO, Texas • Attendance: 44,945

SEPT. 2, 2023

TEAM NOTES

- Baylor is 0-1 and Texas State is 1-0.
- The Bears lead the all-time series 9-1.
 - Baylor had won all eight previous meetings in the series in Waco.
- Baylor head coach **Dave Aranda** is 20-17 in his fourth year in Waco.
 - Baylor is 8-2 in September under Aranda.
 - The Bears are 3-1 under Aranda in season lid-lifters and 3-1 in home openers.
 - Baylor is 12-6 at McLane Stadium under Aranda and are 10-4 over the last three years.
- The Bears are 37-19 all-time at McLane Stadium.
- Baylor has won six straight season openers and is 81-37-4 all-time in season opening games.
- The Bears are 91-27-4 in home openers.
- With a kickoff temperature of 99 degrees, it marked the hottest temperature in McLane Stadium history.
- Baylor captains: QB Blake Shapen, C Clark Barrington, DL TJ Franklin, LB Mike Smith.
- First career starts: S Devyn Bobby, OLB Kyler Jordan, DL Cooper Lanz, RT Tate Williams, RG Kaden Sieracki.
- The Bears totaled 524 yards of total offense and threw for 416 yards.
 - It was Baylor's first 500+ yard total offensive performance since going for 501 vs. TCU last year.
 - Baylor's 400+ yard passing performance was its first since throwing for 421 at WVU last year.
- Baylor returns to action on Saturday, playing host to No. 14/14 Utah at 11 a.m. at McLane Stadium. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN and the Baylor Sports Network.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Senior TE **Drake Dabney** had a career-best six catches for 101 yards with a career-high two TD grabs.
 - Dabney's 100-yard receiving game was the first for a Baylor tight end since Ken Hodge went for 121 yards on six catches in 1964 vs. Oregon State.
 - It was Dabney's first career 100-yard receiving game and the first since Monaray Baldwin had 174 yards receiving vs. Oklahoma State in 2022.
 - Dabney had a career-long 53-yard TD grab in the third quarter.
 - Dabney has five career TD catches.
- Junior QB **Blake Shapen** was 21-for-31 for 303 yards and two TDs, also rushing for a score.
 - Shapen has 25 career TD passes.
 - Shapen has three career 300+ yard passing nights.
 - It was the first 300+ yard passing outing for a Baylor QB since Shapen threw for 326 at West Virginia in 2022.
 - Shapen rushed for his third career TD.
 - Shapen made his team-leading 14th straight start.
- Junior WR **Hal Presley** had career highs in catches (four) and yards (83).
 - Presley had a career-long tying 40-yard catch on the first drive of the game.
- Sophomore PK **Isaiah Hankins** was 3-for-4 in field goal attempts, nailing from 23, 53 and 24, missing from 57 to end the first half.
 - It was a career-high field-goals made for Hankins.
 - Hankins is 17-of-25 field-goal attempts in his career.
 - Hankins made a career-long 53 field goal in the first quarter. It was Baylor's longest field goal since John Mayers made a 51-yarder vs. TCU in 2019.
 - Hankins has scored 118 points in his career.
- Junior RB **Dominic Richardson** rushed a team-high 16 times for 80 yards, including a 32-yard scamper.
- Freshman DL **Devonte Tezino** had a sack and forced a fumble.
- Junior WR **Ketron Jackson** made his Baylor debut with six catches for 70 yards.
- Freshman **Palmer Williams** made his collegiate debut with two punts, including a long of 51.
- Senior DL **Gabe Hall** had two tackles and a QB hurry.
 - Hall has nine career QB hurries.
- Sophomore CB **Tevin Williams III** had half a stop for a loss and a pass break-up.
- Senior OLB **Byron Vaughns** had two tackles and a tackle for a loss.
 - Vaughns has 20 career tackles for a loss, including his first 19 at Utah State.
- Freshman CB **Caden Jenkins** had two tackles and a pass break-up in his collegiate debut.
- Sophomore S **Devyn Bobby** had five tackles and his first career stop for a loss.
- Senior LB **Mike Smith** had five tackles and a tackle for a loss.
 - Smith has 11 tackles for a loss in his career, all coming last year at Liberty.
- Freshman DL **Trey Wilson** finished with a tackle and recovered a fumble in his first collegiate game.
- Sophomore CB **Isaiah Dunson** finished with a career-high four tackles and a tackle for a loss.
 - It was Dunson's first career TFL, spending the previous three seasons at Miami (Fla.).
- Sophomore S **Devin Lemear** made his team-leading 14th straight start.
- Senior S **Bryson Jackson** played in his team-high 49th career game.
 - Jackson recovered his second career fumble.
- Senior C **Clark Barrington** made his Baylor debut and played in his 47th career game and made his 41st career start. After making 37 straight starts to end his BYU career, Barrington has now started 38 consecutive games.