

UTAH 23, BAYLOR 12

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POSTGAME NOTES

#11/11 UTAH (2-0, 0-0 Big 12) 23, BAYLOR (1-1, 0-0 Big 12) 12

RICE-ECCLES STADIUM • SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH • 2:30 p.m. CT • ATTENDANCE: 52,827

NEXT: Baylor vs. Air Force • Saturday, September 14, 2024 • 6:30 p.m. CT • FS1

TEAM NOTES

- This is the second meeting in program history between Baylor and Utah.
 - Utah defeated Baylor in Week 2 of 2023, 20-13 in Waco.
- Baylor head coach **Dave Aranda** is 24-26 in his fifth year with Baylor.
- BU is 59-198-6 against top-25 foes all-time.
- Baylor is 631-603-44 all-time.
- Baylor is 16-15 in day games in the Aranda era.
- The Bears are 7-16 under Aranda when the opponent scores first.
- Baylor captains: **Omar Aigbedion, Ashtyn Hawkins, Devin Lemear, Treven Ma'ae.**

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- The Bears had 223 total offensive yards.
 - 175 yards of those came in the second half.
- The Baylor offense outscored the Utes 12-0 since 5:21 in the second quarter.
- Sophomore RB **Dawson Pendergrass** rushed for 69 yards on nine carries.
 - His 46-yard carry marked a career-long.
- Junior WR **Josh Cameron** recorded his first-career touchdown on a career-long 47-yard reception.
 - Cameron posted team-high 59 yards on two receptions overall and 84 all-purpose yards.
- Senior QB **Dequan Finn** finished with 115 passing yards, 9-21-0, with one passing touchdown to Cameron.
- Junior TE **Michael Trigg** led the team in receptions at four with 27 receiving yards.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Baylor held the Utes to 292 total yards of offense.
- The Bears held Utah to only 95 offensive yards in the second half.
 - Utah only logged 27 passing yards in the second half compared to 95 in the first.
 - Utah only logged 68 rushing yards in the second half compared to 102 in the first.
- In the third quarter, Baylor defense held Utah's offense to only four total yards and zero first downs.
- Redshirt sophomore LB **Keaton Thomas** led the Bears with a career-high 12 total tackles, seven being solo.
 - The sophomore had brought down eight total tackles by halftime.
- Senior LB **Matt Jones** was also in double-digits with 10 total tackles, six being solo.
 - Jones picked up his first-career fumble recovery on a failed Utah two-point conversion.
- Junior S **Devyn Bobby** recorded seven tackles, five being solo, including an assisted TFL of three yards.
- Junior DL **Jackie Marshall** posted four tackles, two being solo, including his first-career sack.
 - Marshall's first-career sack was for a loss of 11 yards.
- Senior DL **Treven Ma'ae** earned career-high four total tackles, including an assist on a sack for a loss of four yards.
- Senior CB **Lorando Johnson** recorded a PBU with three solo tackles.
 - Marked Johnson's 13th career PBU.

SPECIAL TEAM NOTES

- Sophomore P **Palmer Williams** punted six times for 376 yards, averaging 62.7, with a long punt of 79 yards and two inside the 20.
 - Williams' 79-yard punt is a career-long.
 - Williams' 62.7-yard average on his six punts is a school record for yards per punt in a single-game.
 - Tied a school record with six 50+ yard punts in a game.
 - Williams broke his career-best four times in the game with a 57-yarder and a 60-yarder in the 1st, 76-yarder in the 2nd, and a 79-yarder in the 4th.
 - First 70+ yard punt since Drew Galitz against Duke (9/16/17).
- Redshirt junior K **Isaiah Hankins** went 2-3 on FG.
 - Hankins put the first points on the board for Baylor with a 44-yard field goal.
 - Hankins is now tied at No. 6 in career field goals made with 34, tying John Mayers (2018-22).
- Junior WR **Josh Cameron** returned two punts for 25 yards with a long return of 18.