

LSU 44, BAYLOR 31

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POSTGAME NOTES

BAYLOR (8-5, 6-3 Big 12) 44, LSU (9-4, 5-3 Big 12) 31

NRG STADIUM • HOUSTON, Texas • 2:30 p.m. CT • ATTENDANCE: 59,940

TEAM NOTES

- This was the 12th all-time matchup between Baylor and LSU, with the Tigers leading the series 9-3.
 - This was the first time the faced off since the 1985 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn., a 21-7 Baylor win.
- Baylor head coach **Dave Aranda** is 31-30 in his fifth year with Baylor.
- Baylor is 14-14 all-time in bowl games and 1-2 under Aranda.
- Baylor is 638-627-44 all-time.
- The Bears are 3-6 all-time on New Year's Eve, the last NYE game being in 1994 at the Alamo Bowl.
- The Bears are 4-3 in day games in 2024 and 20-17 under Aranda.
- BU is 8-3 on turf in 2024 and 28-21 under Aranda.
- Baylor captains: **Josh Cameron, Matt Jones, Treven Ma'ae, Sawyer Robertson**

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- Baylor offense finished with 507 total yards, 445 being passing and 62 being rushing.
 - 507 offensive yards are tied for most yards of total offense versus the LSU defense since Oct. 7, 2023 at Missouri (527).
- Junior QB **Sawyer Robertson** went 30-51-1 for 445 passing yards and two touchdowns, setting a new career-high in passing yards, attempts and completions.
 - 445 passing yards for Robertson were most in Texas Bowl history.
 - 445 passing yards were most against an LSU defense since Kyle Trask (474) at Florida on Dec. 12, 2020.
 - Most in a non-COVID season since Sept. 24, 2011 (Geno Smith, 463, at WVU).
 - First Baylor 400-yard passer since Charlie Brewer versus Oklahoma with 400 yards (9/29/18).
 - Robertson with his fourth 300+ passing yard game of the year/career, first 400+ yard game of career.
 - Robertson has 28 passing TDs of the season, ranking in 6th place behind Bryce Petty (2015) and Seth Russell (2015) (29).
 - Robertson has 3,071 passing yards on the season, ranking in 7th place in program history.
 - Robertson has thrown for 3,935 yards in his career, moving in to 16th in BU career history.
- Redshirt junior WR **Josh Cameron** finished with 111 yards on eight receptions and a touchdown.
 - Cameron's 2Q touchdown marked his 10th TD of the season/career, moving him to tied with 10th in single season receiving TDs, tied with Tyquan Thornton (2021).
 - Cameron with his fourth 100+ yard receiving game of season/career.
 - Eight receptions ties career-best, tying with eight versus Kansas (11/30/24).
- Sophomore RB **Dawson Pendergrass** ran for 63 yards on 21 attempts and two touchdowns.
 - Pendergrass tied career-best in rushing TDs with two, last time being versus Iowa State (10/28/23).
 - His 21 attempts ties career-best versus Long Island (9/16/23).
- Senior WR **Monaray Baldwin** hauled in 79 yards on four receptions, including season-long reception of 46 yards.
- Senior WR **Ashtyn Hawkins** completed four catches for 55 yards and a touchdown.
 - Hawkins with fifth TD of season, 16th of career.
 - His 35-yard reception tied his longest pass of the season.
- Senior WR **Ketron Jackson** brought down 71 yards on three receptions.
 - Marked his first catch of the season since at Iowa State (10/5/24).

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DEFENSIVE NOTES

- Baylor defense forced two turnovers, one being an interception and one being a fumble.
 - Defense has forced at least one turnover in nine games this season.
- Junior S **Devyn Bobby** recorded career-high of 13 tackles, seven being solo. First time in career with double-digit tackle game.
- Senior LB **Matt Jones** finished with eight tackles, three being solo.
 - Jones made his 62nd game appearance — the most in program history, passing Trestan Ebner (2017-21).
 - Jones has 326 career tackles, entering the top-10 in sole possession of 8th place, passing Thomas Everett (1983-86) and Taylor Young (2014-17).
 - Jones has 199 solo tackles, entering the top-10 tied in 8th place, tied with Rodney Smith (1996-99).
- Sophomore S **DJ Coleman** earned his first start of his career and ended with six tackles, four being solo, two pass breakups and an assist TFL.
 - Six tackles ties career-best for the third time, last being at Iowa State (10/5/24).
 - Two PBUs mark a new career-best for Coleman.
- Senior DL **Treven Ma'ae** had five tackles, two being solo, and a TFL.
 - Marked his 6.5 TFL of the season for a loss of 26 yards
- Senior OLB **Garmon Randolph** picked off his second interception of the season, third of career.
 - Returned interception for 17 yards, career-long return.
 - Ended with six tackles, two being solo.
- Sophomore CB **Carl Williams IV** ended with seven tackles, three solo, an assist TFL and a forced fumble.
 - His seven tackles ties a career-best at Texas Tech (10/19/24).
 - Second forced fumble of career, last being versus Houston (11/4/23).
- Sophomore LB **Keaton Thomas** had six tackles, four being solo.
 - Thomas ended with 113 tackles on the season.

SPECIAL TEAM NOTES

- Sophomore LB **Kyler Jordan** blocked a LSU field goal attempt -- the first blocked field goal since Cooper Lanz at UCF (9/30/23).
 - First blocked FG in Jordan's career.
- Junior K **Isaiah Hankins** went 1-1 in field goals, making a 23 yard FG.
 - Hankins has 46 career field goals, ranking second in program history, behind Aaron Jones of 2010-13 (59).
- Sophomore P **Palmer Williams** punted twice for 88 yards with a long of 52 yards, one inside the 20 and one 50+ yards.
 - Williams No. 1 in program in season leaders of yards per punt, averaging 49.61.
 - Williams now tied for fourth in all-time season leaders of 50+ yard punts with 22, tied with Buzzy Sawyer (1984).
 - Williams has 28 50+ yard punts in his career.