

2023 POSTGAME NOTES

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BAYLOR (2-4, 1-1 Big 12) 36, UCF (3-2, 0-2 Big 12) 35

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SEPT. 30, 2023

## **TEAM NOTES**

- Baylor is 2-3, 1-1 in the Big 12 Conference and UCF is 3-2, -2 in the Big 12.
- UCF won the only previous meeting in the series, in the 2013 Fiesta Bowl.
- Baylor head coach Dave Aranda is 22-19 in his fourth year in Waco.
  - Baylor is 10-4 in September under Aranda.
- Aranda is 7-10 on the road and 7-5 over the last two years.
- Trailing 35-7 late in the game, Baylor's 28-point comeback broke the school record.
  - The previous mark was a 21-point comeback win, done in 2014 vs. TCU, 2011 at Kansas and 1980 vs. SMU.
  - Baylor was down 35-10 to start the fourth quarter.
- Baylor returned a fumble for a TD for the first time since Gabe Hall at Texas in 2022.
- Baylor blocked its second field goal of the year.
- Baylor is 629-596-44 all-time.
- Baylor captains: QB Blake Shapen, S Devin Lemear, LB Mike Smith, WR Monaray Baldwin.
- Baylor returns to action on Saturday, playing host to Texas Tech at 7 p.m. at McLane Stadium. The game will be televised live on ESPN2 and broadcast live on the Baylor Sports Media Network.

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

- Junior QB Blake Shapen threw for 293 yards on 21 of 34 attempts with one TD passing and one rushing.
- Shapen has thrown for three TDs on the year and 26 in his career.
- Shapen has thrown for 3,982 yards in his career, ranking 14th in program history.
- Shapen has 358 career completions, ranking ninth in program history, passing JJ Joe (1990-93) and Seth Russell (2013-16).
- Shapen has completed 68.97 percent of his passes in his career, ranking tops in program history.
- Shapen returned from missing three games due to injury.
- Shapen rushed for his fourth career TD and his second of 2023.
- Sophomore RB Richard Reese toted it 16 times for a season-high 100 yards.
- Reese has four career 100+ yard rushing games.
- Reese has rushed for 1,197 yards in his career, moving into 38th place in program history.
- Sophomore DL Cooper Lanz blocked his first career field goal.
- It was Baylor's second blocked field goal of the year.
- Lanz finished with five tackles, one sack and 1.5 tackles for a loss.
- . Lanz has two tackles for a loss on the year.
- Lanz recorded his first career sack.
- Senior LB Matt Jones had a team-leading eight tackles, with 3.5 tackles for a loss and one QB hurry.
- $\bullet$  Jones had his first QB hurry of the year and the eighth of his career.
- Jones has 7.0 tackles for a loss on the year and 20 in his career.
- Freshman CB Caden Jenkins picked off his first career pass.
- Jenkins returned a fumble TD yards for a score in the fourth quarter.
- It was Baylor's first fumble return for a TD since Gabe Hall in 2022 at Texas.
- Junior WR Monaray Baldwin had seven catches for 150 yards and a TD.
- It was Baldwin's third career 100+ yard receiving game and his first of 2023.
- Baldwin caught his first TD of the year and the fifth of his career.
- Sophomore PK Isaiah Hankins made a third-quarter field goal from 30 yards, connected from 25 yards on the game winner in the fourth quarter and hit his twoPAT.
- Hankins has scored 143 points in his career, passing Ryan Havens (2003-06) for 10th in program history.
- · Hankins is 23 for 33 in his career in field-goal attempts, connecting on 69.7% of his attempts which ranks seventh in school annals.
- Freshman RB Dawson Pendergrass had seven carries for 30 yards and a score. He also caught a 25-yard pass.
- Pendergrass rushed for his second career TD.
- Junior RB Dominic Richardson rushed 10 times for 37 yards.
- Senior TE Drake Dabney caught two balls and now has 44 catches in his career, ranking sixth among tight ends in program history.
- Freshman S D.J. Coleman broke up his second pass of the year.
- Coleman had his first career tackle for a loss.
- Senior OLB Byron Vaughns had three tackles.
- Freshman TE Matthew Klopfenstein caught his first career pass.
- Freshman Palmer Williams punted three times for a 44 yard average, with a long of 50.
- Senior S Bryson Jackson played in his team-high 53rd career game.
- Senior C Clark Barrington played in his 50th career game and made his 45th career start. After making 37 straight starts to end his BYU career, Barrington has now started 42 consecutive games.