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2017 POSTGAME NOTES

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3/3/NR **OKLAHOMA (4-0, 1-0) 49**, NR/NR/NR **BAYLOR (0-4, 0-1) 41**

McLANE STADIUM • WACO, TEXAS

SEPT. 23, 2017 • ATTENDANCE: 43,573

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- In five seasons as head coach, Rhule is 3-5 vs. Associated Press top 25 teams (last win at No. 19 Navy on Dec. 3, 2016 in AAC title game (34-10)), 0-3 vs. top 10 teams (lost 24-20 vs. No. 9 Notre Dame on Oct. 31, 2015; lost 30-7 vs. No. 7 Louisville on Oct. 5, 2013) and had never faced a top five opponent prior to facing No. 3 Oklahoma.
- Baylor is 6-5 since 2010 against opponents ranked in the AP top 10 (last win vs. a top 10 team was 49-38 vs. No. 10 North Carolina in 2015 Russell Athletic Bowl on Dec. 29, 2015).
- In last 60 games BU has just 17 losses, eight to top 15-ranked teams (and eight away from home).
- Baylor is 14-7 all-time at the \$266 million McLane Stadium that opened in 2014.
- Baylor trails the all-time series vs. Oklahoma 23-4, but is 3-4 in the series since 2011, with BU's last win coming on Nov. 8 2014 in Norman (48-14).
- Of Baylor's 88 starters through four games, 37 have been freshmen or sophomores, including 12-of-22 (six offense, six defense) vs. Oklahoma.
- Baylor's 21 first-time starters, including eight freshman, thus far in 2017 are the most in FBS.
- Baylor has had 15 true freshman appear in a game in 2017, the seventh most in FBS.
- Baylor is in its 116th football season and first under Matt Rhule -- the Bears are 588-561-44 all-time and Rhule is 28-27 in his career (0-4 at BU).
- Baylor has scored in a school-record 129 straight games -- the previous school record was 89 games from Dec. 31, 1979 - Oct. 23, 1987.
- Patrick Lawrence, K.J. Smith and Terence Williams served as team captains vs. Oklahoma.

TEAM NOTES

- 10 of Baylor's 11 touchdown-scoring drives this season have lasted two minutes or less. BU has scored in 48 seconds or less on seven of those drives.
- Baylor's defense on third down in last 10 quarters has held opponents to 8-for-34 after allowing foes to go 22-of-34 in first six quarters.
- Baylor's defense has allowed only five touchdowns in 12 redzone trips for opponents (entered game ranked 14th in FBS with 27.3 TD percentage).
- Matt Rhule-coached teams are 20-4 when scoring 30 or more points.
- Matt Rhule-coached teams are 7-3 when scoring 40 or more points.
- Underclassmen have accounted for 62% (186 of 298) of Baylor's tackles through four games. Underclassmen had 29 of 53 tackles (55%) vs. Oklahoma.
- Baylor had two passes of 70 or more yards. BU entered the game ranked second in FBS in passes of 70 or more yards (3), third in passes of 40 or more yards (7), fourth in passes of 60 or more yards (3), eighth in passes of 50 or more yards (3) and 11th in passes of 30 or more yards (7).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- QB Zach Smith, who started for the second time this season, made his sixth career start and has thrown for at least 200 yards and two TDs in every start.
- QB Smith had two passes of 70 or more yards. He entered the game ranked second in FBS with two passes of 70 or more yards.
- QB Smith tallied his third career 300-yard passing game with career-high 463 yards, the fourth-most single-game yards in program history and 18th 400-yard effort by a BU QB.
- QB Smith finished with a career-high 33 completions, tying with Shawn Bell and Robert Griffin III for fourth-most completions in a game.
- WR Chris Platt has a reception in 10 straight games and 16 of the last 17 games.
- WR Platt moved up to No. 25 on Baylor's career receiving yards list (1,123). He entered the game at No. 33.
- WR Platt had one catch of 70 or more yards. He entered the game ranked first in FBS with three catches of 60 and 70 or more yards, tied for first with three catches of 50 or more yards, third with three catches of 40 or more yards and 11th with three catches of 30 or more yards.
- WR Platt notched his fifth TD catch of the season and 10th of his career. He entered the game ranked fifth in FBS and second in Big 12 with four TD catches.
- Five of WR Platt's 10 career TD catches have been 70 or more yards, four have come in 2017.
- WR Platt ranks tied for second (Terrance Williams) at Baylor in career catches of 70 or more yards (5) and tied for first on the single-season list (4, Melvin Bonner in 1991).
- WR Denzel Mims has had at least one TD catch in each of the first four games this season (KD Cannon had one or more in each of the first three games in 2016 and Corey Coleman had one or more in the first eight games in 2015).
- WR Mims posted his first career 100-yard receiving game with career highs in yards (192), catches (11) and TDs (3).
- WR Mims hauled in his fourth, fifth, and sixth TDs of the season and his career. He's the first BU WR with three TDs in a game since Corey Coleman had three vs. West Virginia on Oct. 17, 2015.
- WR Mims had one catch of 40 or more yards. He entered the game ranked third in FBS with three catches of 40 or more yards.
- WR Mims had the 37th double-digit receptions game in program history.
- WR Mims had 192 receiving yards, the 12th-most in a game in program history.
- LB Taylor Young (14.5 career sacks) jumped from No. 9 to No. 4 on Baylor's career sacks list with two sacks.
- LB Young (34 career TFLs) moved from No. 8 to tied for No. 5 on Baylor's career TFLs list with two TFLs.
- S Taion Sells forced his first career fumble.
- S Chris Miller recovered his first career fumble.
- K Connor Martin made a career-high four field goals, including career-long 41-yarder and 46-yarder, along with three PATs for career-high 15 points.
- K Martin is first Baylor kicker to make two 40-yard field goals or longer in one game since Aaron Jones (42, 44) at Texas on Oct. 20, 2012.
- OL Xavier Newman made his first career start.
- WR RJ Sneed made his first career start.
- OL Patrick Lawrence and Blake Blackmar made their 17th and 16th consecutive starts, respectively.
- RB Terence Williams, CB Grayland Arnold and S Taion Sells made their 2017 debuts vs. Oklahoma.