

SPORTS



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UPCOMING SCHEDULE (All Times Central)

Men's Basketball

Dec. 20 * No. 21/19 Duke * 6 p.m. [ESPN]
 Dec. 22 * Mississippi Valley State * 6 p.m. [ESPN+]

Women's Basketball

Dec. 20 * Providence * 2:30 p.m. [FloHoops]
 Dec. 21 * South Florida * 2:30 p.m. [FloHoops]

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Men's Basketball

Dec. 16 * L, 88-64 vs. Michigan State

Women's Basketball

Dec. 14 * W, 99-37 vs. Delaware State
 Dec. 16 * W, 75-57 vs. No. 24/23 Miami

SPRING SEASON OPENERS

Men's Tennis

Jan. 13 vs. Abilene Christian [Waco, Texas]

Indoor Track & Field

Jan. 13 at McFerrin-12 Degree Inv. [College Station, Texas]

Women's Golf

Jan. 22 at The Match in the Desert [Phoenix, Ariz.]

Softball

Feb. 9 vs. Tennessee [Waco, Texas]

Acrobatics & Tumbling

Feb. 11 vs. Mary Hardin-Baylor [Waco, Texas]

Baseball

Feb. 16 vs. Nebraska [Arlington, Texas]

Men's Golf

Feb. 19 at The Prestige [Palm Springs, Calif.]

RECORDS & RANKINGS

SPORT	ALL	BIG 12	RANK	SPORT	ALL	BIG 12	RANK
M. Basketball	9-1	0-0	10/10				
W. Basketball	9-0	0-0	10/13				

Men's Basketball

- No. 10/10 Baylor MBB returns to action against No. 21/19 Duke on Wednesday at Madison Square Garden, the site of Baylor's 2013 NIT title. The Bears are 3-2 all-time in the iconic New York venue.
- This matchup features the only two schools to have a top-20 draft pick in each of the last three NBA Drafts.
- The Blue Devils and the Bears are two of the four teams to be ranked in the top-10 in each of the last five seasons.
- Duke is the third of eight matchups this season for Baylor against a team that has reached the Final Four since 2019. Over a quarter of BU's schedule features games against Final Four teams from the last six years.
- The Bears enter with the nation's best record against AP Top 25 teams since 2019, 27-11, with 16 of those wins coming away from home.
- Baylor ranks second nationally in 3-point percentage, No. 5 in offensive efficiency, No. 7 in field-goal percentage, No. 8 in scoring offense and No. 12 in scoring margin.
- RayJ Dennis ranks second in the Big 12 and 12th in the nation with 6.6 assists per game.
- Six Bears are averaging at least 10 points per game, including Ja'Kobe Walter (14.3), Dennis (13.9), Langston Love (10.8), Jayden Nunn (10.6), Jalen Bridges (10.5), and Yves Missi (10.1). Missi leads the team with 6.2 rebounds per game and has swatted 20 shots, leading the conference in blocks per game (2.0).
- On Friday, the Bears say Farewell to Ferrell with a matchup against Mississippi Valley State, marking the team's final game in the Ferrell Center.
- Following this week's contests, the Bears will open up the brand new Foster Pavilion on Jan. 2 with a final non-conference matchup against Cornell.

Women's Basketball

- Baylor is 9-0 to start the year, matching its best start to a season since the 2015-16 campaign.
- The Bears wrap up the non-conference portion of their 2023-24 slate at the West Palm Beach Classic in West Palm Beach, Fla., this week. The Bears will take on Providence (Wednesday) and USF (Thursday) at the event.
- BU is coming off its second top-25 win of the season after powering past No. 24/23 Miami in San Antonio on Saturday. Sarah Andrews led the way with 18 points, connecting on four 3-pointers and added a team-high six assists.
- The Bears rank second in the country and first in the Big 12 in assists per game (23.6) and rank fifth in NCAA Division I in scoring margin (33.2). Additionally, BU ranks in the top-25 nationally in bench points per game (32.4), field goal percentage (48.5), rebound margin (15.7), rebounds per game (45.1), scoring offense (88.6), three point percentage (38.4), three pointers per game (9.3) and are one of 14 teams that remain unbeaten.
- Seven Bears are averaging at least eight points per game in Sarah Andrews (12.9), Dre'Una Edwards (12.4), Darianna Littlepage-Buggs (10.8), Bella Fontleroy (10.4), Aijha Blackwell (10.0), Yaya Felder (9.3) and Jada Walker (8.8).

Baylor Hoops

- Baylor is the only school with both its men's and women's basketball teams ranked in the top-10 of the AP Poll.
- The Baylor+ original film "Celebrating Ferrell: 35 Years of Baylor Basketball" premieres Tuesday night, Dec. 19, at 8 p.m. CT.

Football

- Baylor Football announced the addition of Offensive Line Coach Chris Kapilovic on Tuesday.
- Four Bears earned All-Big 12 praise by Phil Steele, including Matt Jones (Second Team LB), Richard Reese (Second Team KR), Josh Cameron (Second Team PR) and TJ Franklin (Fourth Team DE).

Volleyball

- Three Bears earned Academic All-District honors by College Sports Communicators, in Averi Carlson, Elise McGhee and Allie Sczech.
- Carlson and McGhee are eligible for CSC Academic All-America selection, with voting underway and winners announced on Jan. 9.
- BUVB also announced its plans for a June 2024 Foreign Tour with stops in Austria, Hungary, Italy and Slovenia.

Baseball/Softball

- Season tickets are now on sale for Baylor Baseball and Baylor Softball. The Bears are slated to play a combined 59 home games at Baylor Ballpark and Gettman Stadium in 2024.