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<u>UPCOMING SCHEDULE (All Times Central)</u> Men's Basketball

Jan. 27 * vs. RV/RV TCU * 3 p.m. [ESPN2]

Women's Basketball

Jan. 28 * at Oklahoma State * 1 p.m. [ESPNU]

Women's Tennis

ITA Kick-Off Weekend
Jan. 26 * at No. 7 Texas * 12 p.m.
Jan. 27 * vs. SMU OR Florida State * TBD

Men's Tennis

ITA Kick-Off Weekend
Jan. 27 * vs. Tulane * 11 a.m.
Jan. 28 * vs. Miami OR at Arizona * TBD

Equestrian

Jan. 27 * vs. No. 5 Georgia * 11 a.m.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

Men's Basketball

Jan. 16 * L, 68-64 (OT) at Kansas State Jan. 20 * L, 75-73 at RV/RV Texas

Women's Basketball

Jan. 20 * W, 77-74 vs. UCF Jan. 22 * L, 58-55 vs. No. 7/7 Kansas State

Men's Tennis

Jan. 18 * W, 4-3 at Arizona State
Jan. 21 * Cancelled at No. 16 Arizona

Women's Tennis

Jan. 20 * L, 6-1 at No. 9 Florida

Indoor Track & Field

Jan. 19-20 * Nathaniel Ezekiel broke NCAA record for 600-yard time on a banked track at Corky Classic.

Women's Golf

Jan. 22 * 4th place at Match in the Desert

SPRING SEASON OPENERS

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.]

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Men's Basketball

- Following a 75-73 loss to Texas in Austin on Saturday, No. 15/14 MBB returns home to host TCU on Sat. Jan 27 at 3 p.m. at Foster Pavilion.
- The Bears will pay homage to the "Immortal Ten" honoring the 10 BU players lost in a tragic bus accident on Jan. 22, 1927 near Round Rock.
- The Bears enter Saturday ranking third in the nation in three-point field goal percentage (40.9), while leading the conference in offensive efficiency (122.4) and are second only to BYU in points per game in the Big 12 (84.1)
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- Ja'Kobe Walter leads the team in scoring, averaging 15.3 points per game, which puts him ninth in the conference and first among Big 12 freshmen.
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- RayJ Dennis ranks second in the Big 12 averaging 6.4 assists per game.
- Yves Missi is averaging 1.6 blocks per game, which is fifth-best in the league.
- BU enters its 193rd all-time meeting with the Frogs holding a 106-86 advantage, including six of the last eight wins in the series and three of the last four in Waco.

Women's Basketball

- No. 13 Baylor WBB was narrowly edged by No. 4
 Kansas State on Monday night, falling 58-55, in
 its first home loss of the year.
- Aijha Blackwell led the Bears on the glass with 11 rebounds as she has finished in double figures in the category in four of the last five games. She added 10 points for her fourth double-double of the year.
- The Bears hit the road to face Oklahoma State on Sunday in their second-straight nationally televised game.
- Sarah Andrews was named a top-10 candidate for the 2024 Nancy Lieberman Award, which honors the nation's top point guard.

Softball

- Junior first baseman Shaylon Govan was unanimously selected to the 2024 Preseason All-Big 12 softball team.
- The Bears were picked to finish fourth in the conference in the Big 12's Preseason Poll, as voted by the league's head coaches.

Volleyball

- Alumnae Yossiana Pressley ('21, OH) and Shelly Fanning ('19, MB) have been named to the Atlanta Vibe's roster.
- A part of the Pro Volleyball Federation in the U.S., the Vibe will face the Omaha Supernovas in the league and team's inaugural match on Jan. 24 in Omaha, Neb.

Equestrian

- EQ returns to action on Saturday, Jan. 27 against No. 5 Georgia.
- Three Bears boast an undefeated Big 12 record headed into the spring, including Dominika Silvestri (Fences), Maddie Vorhies (Fences) and NCEA and Big 12 Rider of the Month Lauren Reid (Fences).

Men's Tennis

- Baylor MT played one of two scheduled matches in Arizona over the weekend, defeating Arizona State 4-3 in Tempe.
- Tied at 3-all coming down to Oskar Brostrom Poulsen on Court Four, the junior transfer fought to win Set Three, 6-3, and clinch the match.
- With the win, the Bears have their 25th 3-0 start to a season and head coach Michael Woodson remains perfect (4-0) in road match openers.
- BU's dual against No. 16 Arizona on Sunday was canceled due to rain.
- Baylor is right back in Tempe for ITA Kickoff Weekend, in the field including No. 16 Arizona, Miami and Tulane, opening against the Green Wave on Saturday morning at 11 a.m. CT.
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- The Bears have advanced through ITA Kickoff Weekend in each of their last 12 tries and have a 24-0 record in the play-in tournament.

Women's Tennis

- Baylor WT opened its season on the road at No. 9 Florida, but dropped a 6-1 contest.
- Newcomer Miska Kadleckova picked up BU's lone point in the match, as she defeated No. 38 Carly Briggs, 6-0, 6-3.
- The Bears return to action in Austin this weekend for the ITA Kick-Off Weekend, opening Baylor against No. 6 Texas and then facing either SMU or Florida State at the two-day event.

Track & Field

- Women's T&F is ranked No. 16; Men's T&F is ranked No. 35.
- Bears competed at Texas Tech's Corky Classic over the weekend in Lubbock, placing nine on the podium across the two-day meet.
- Junior Nathaniel Ezekiel won the 600-yard title and set the NCAA record at 1:07.44 to become only the second Nigerian-born athlete with a collegiate record, and the first Bear since KC Lightfoot (pole vault) in 2021 to sit at the top of the collegiate list.
- Freshman pole vault duo of Molly Haywood and Alencia Lentz tied for the second time in as many meets, crossing 14-5.25, a mark that leads the Big 12 and puts them No. 4 in the NCAA this season and No. 2 in the U20 world list.
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- Joining Haywood and Lentz in the NCAA top-16 are De'montray Calls (No. 15, 60m), Demar Francis and Laurenz Colbert (No. 9, 200m), Demario Prince (No. 6, 60mH), Alexis Brown (No. 6, LJ) and Koi Johnson (No. 7, TJ).

Women's Golf

- Baylor WGOLF finished fourth at the Match in the Desert.
- Rosie Belsham notched her 17th-career top-10 finish.
- Belsham now has a team-leading six rounds at par or better this season.
- Ashleen Kaur recorded her career-best finish with a tie for sixth.
- Kaur now has four rounds at par or better this season.
 BaiMai Seema recorded her fourth-career top-25 finish.
- Seema tied for the second-most pars in the field on Monday (14).