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BAYLOR	7	7	7	7	28

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TEAM NOTES

5-0

- > BYU moved to 5-0 and 2-0 in Big 12 play. The 5-0 start is just the 8th 5-0 start in program history and third under Kalani Sitake. Sitake's three matches LaVell Edwards for the most 5-0 starts in school history. The Cougars started 5-0 in 2020 and 2021 under Sitake.
- > BYU's 2-0 start in league games also matches 2023's win total in conference play.

BIG 12 ROAD GAMES

- > BYU picked up its first road win in Big 12 games at Baylor. The Cougars went 0-5 last season on the road in league.

CHUNK PLAYS

- > BYU had three plays of 20 yards or more in the air. The Cougars had six more runs of 10 yards or more in the game. BYU entered the game tied for No. 12 nationally in passing plays of 20 yards or more.

FAST STARTS

- > BYU opened up the game with 21 points before surrendering its first touchdown in the first quarter this season with 0:03 on the clock. The Cougars have outscored opponents 49-10 in the first quarter through five games.

INTERCEPTIONS

- > With two more interceptions today, BYU's defense has intercepted a pass in every game.
- > BYU was tied for No. 18 nationally in interceptions entering today's action.

SACKS

- > BYU posted three sacks on defense today (tied season high-SMU) and did not surrender a sack on offense for the second time this year (Wyoming).

PLAYER NOTES

WR DARIUS LASSITER

- > Lassiter recorded his first 100-yard game as a Cougar, tying a career-best with 8 receptions and a new career-high 120 yards. He caught a 44-yard TD reception in the first half.

QB JAKE RETZLAFF

- > Retzlaff finished 17 of 31 for 216 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT and added 53 rushing yards and another score.
- > He has passed for multiple TD in 4 of 5 games this season.
- > It was the second time in his career at BYU he has had a rushing TD and a passing TD in the same game.

K WILL FERRIN

- > Ferrin hit a career-long 54-yard field goal, tying for the second-longest field goal in school history (Longest 56-yard, Owen Pochman, vs. New Mexico in 2000). He added a 37-yarder later in the game.

S CREW WAKLEY

- > Wakley finished the game with 4 total tackles, including 1 sack (first career) and sealed the game with an interception in the 4th quarter.

NOTABLE FIRSTS/CAREER HIGHS

WR CHASE ROBERTS

- > Rushing TD (2 yards)

DT BLAKE MANGELSON

- > Interception

RB MILES DAVIS

- > Receiving TD

S CREW WAKLEY

- > Sack

P SAM VANDER HAAR

- > Rush (22 yards)

CAREER HIGHS

- > DE Logan Lutui (2 PBU)
- > WR Darius Lassiter (8 receptions - tied, 120 receiving yards)
- > DT Blake Mangelson (4 solo tackles)
- > P Sam Vander Haar (70-yard punt)
- > RB Pokai Haunga (7 carries, 2 receptions, 22 receiving yards)
- > K Will Ferrin (54-yard field goal, previous long 50)
- > RB Enoch Nawahine (19 carries, 51 yards)

GAME INFO

Weather: 79°F, sunny

Attendance: 39,583

Series Results: 3-2

Captains: DE Tyler Batty, WR Chase Roberts, OL Connor Pay, QB Gerry Bohanon

Coin Toss: Baylor won the toss and deferred to the second half.

Uniforms: White, helmet, white jersey, white pants, royal trim

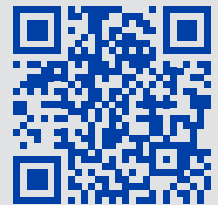
BYU Flag Bearers

Alumni: WR Margin Hooks (1997-2000), DL Fred Katoa (1990), RB Blair Buswell (1981)

USA: DE Villami Po'uha

Texas: TE Keanu Hill

Big 12: Tim Ismail (Strength & Conditioning)



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KALANI SITAKE, BYU HEAD COACH

Opening Statement

"I'd like to see us finish business, but I think you have to give a lot of credit to Baylor and Coach Aranda and getting their team to respond. We knew that would happen. I'd like to see us play a little different in the second half and finish what we started. You can't just wish that upon the game. This is the Big 12 Conference, guys aren't going to quit. [Baylor] was capable of putting some points on the board really quick. We got some stops at the end and unfortunately we made some mistakes. We've got to learn from all those but I think we can play better football."

I was proud of the team and proud of the way their response to adversity within the game. [The team's] willingness to stick together, that was something special and speaks to the leadership on our team and the coaches on our team to get these guys ready. I give a lot of credit to Baylor making it interesting at the end. They could have easily folded up, especially at the beginning, but you have to give them credit for being resilient."

Baylor is a classy program. It was nice for us to join in their prayer at the end of the game. I have seen them do that when it works in their favor and when it doesn't. That is something special. We have a lot in common with them and I wish them the best of luck the rest of the way."

On the environment

"Fans were amazing today. It was an awesome environment. We feel really fortunate to get this win especially with some of the mistakes we made. Like I said, it was a hard-fought game, a little dramatic at the end but glad it worked out in our favor."

On Baylor

"I thought Baylor played a lot more assignment sound and created some turnovers. They made it really tough on us and you have to give them a lot of credit for that. We made some mistakes along the way too. Defensively guys not lining up correctly and not doing their assignment."

On Baylor QB Sawyer Robertson

"I thought Sawyer made some tough throws. He was accurate in some of his throws when we had coverage on them. He had a good feel for the game and for what they wanted to get done."

On the end of the game

"It makes me happy that we actually practice these situations and these tight situations with 2 minutes. We will continue to work on those situations for next week."

On the bye week

"We do have a bye, but it is a work week for us still. We just don't play a game, that's the only difference. We have to get back to work and improve on all the things we saw that are fixable."

On Crew Wakley's interceptin to seal the win

"Great instincts by Crew. [Sawyer Robertson] had hit us with those plays down the sideline earlier in the game. I am glad that our defense was able to respond, and Crew was able to make that play."

On injuries

"It's conference play. It's a lot more intense. It's tough, especially at the line of scrimmage. This game is not an easy game it's a violent one and unfortunately people do get hurt. We had some guys get banged up that weren't able to finish the game. We are going to evaluate those guys and see how it looks for the future."

On the fast start

"It was a great start. We are capable of doing all those things. We just have to keep that momentum going. I don't think we have to be perfect, but we need to be efficient and effective as an offense and a defense. When we start playing together good things happen."

On the leadership

"I'm proud of the players and their belief in each other and everything toward the end. The leadership was amazing."