

# BREAKING DOWN THE RED RAIDERS

Texas Tech enters today's game with a 4-2 record, including a 1-1 mark in Big 12 Conference play. Each of the Red Raiders' two losses have come on the road to ranked teams, as they fell at No. 2 Texas 34-24 and lost 29-28 at 17th-ranked Houston. Tech has won two straight games after defeating New Mexico, 48-28, on Oct. 3 and beating Kansas State 66-14 last Saturday.

The Red Raiders are averaging 43.2 points per game this season to rank second nationally. Texas Tech also ranks second nationally in passing offense

## Texas Tech Facts

**Location:** Lubbock, Texas  
**Nickname:** Red Raiders  
**Enrollment:** 29,000  
**Colors:** Scarlet & Black  
**Conference:** Big 12  
**Stadium:** Jones AT&T Stadium  
**Capacity:** 52,882  
**Series Record:** NU leads, 7-3  
**Head Coach:** Mike Leach  
**Alma Mater (Year):** BYU (1983)  
**Record at Tech:** 80-41 (10 years)  
**Career Record:** 78041 (10 years)  
**Record vs. Nebraska:** 3-2

(443.5 yards per game), and total offense (521.5 yards per game). Tech has again been one of the top passing teams in the country so far this season, as it leads the country with 2,661 yards passing.

Defensively, the Red Raiders are allowing 21.3 points per game. Texas Tech is giving up 107.2 yards rushing per game and 242.5 yards through the air. Tech has forced 10 turnovers through its first six games, while totaling 18 sacks. The Red Raider defense is statistically most vulnerable

late in the game, as Tech has allowed 89 second-half points this season - including 58 in the fourth quarter - compared to only 39 points allowed in the first half.

## Series History

Nebraska and Texas Tech are meeting for the 11th time tonight, with the Huskers holding a 7-3 all-time edge in the series. NU won each of the first seven meetings, but Tech has won each of the past three contests, including the last two victories by a combined nine points, including one overtime win.

In the last meeting in Lincoln in 2005, Nebraska erased a 21-point first-half deficit and rallied to take a 31-27 lead in the waning minutes. But the 15th-ranked Red Raiders threw a 10-yard touchdown pass on fourth down with 12 seconds left to pull out a 34-31 win. Last year in Lubbock, NU outscored Texas Tech 21-7 in the fourth quarter to force overtime. After the seventh-ranked Red Raiders scored a TD in overtime, NU blocked the extra point before throwing an interception on its second play of overtime to fall just short in a 37-31 defeat.

In meetings as conference foes, Nebraska's series lead is only 4-3, while Texas Tech Head Coach Mike Leach is 3-2 in his career against the Huskers.

## Texas Tech Head Coach Mike Leach

Mike Leach is in his 10th season at Texas Tech. He took over the reins of the Red Raider program in 2000 and has posted a winning record in every season, including an 11-2 mark last year. Texas Tech's 80 wins this decade rank third among all Big 12 Conference schools, two wins ahead of Nebraska's 78 victories.

Leach has also guided Texas Tech to five bowl victories since 2000, a total which ranks second in the league, one ahead of Nebraska and Oklahoma. Overall, Leach owns the fourth-longest tenure of any Big 12 coach, and he ranks sixth in the league in career coaching victories.

Leach also serves as the offensive coordinator where he has orchestrated arguably the nation's top passing attack. In his first nine years as head coach, Texas Tech won six NCAA passing titles. Last year, Tech led the nation with 5,371 passing yards, while also setting a school record with 569 points scored and a scoring average of 43.8 points per game.

Prior to coming to Texas Tech, Leach spent the 1999 season as the offensive coordinator at Oklahoma after serving as the offensive coordinator at Kentucky in 1997 and 1998. Overall, Leach is in his 21st season as a collegiate coach.



**Nebraska Cornhuskers**  
(4-1, 1-0 Big 12)



**Texas Tech Red Raiders**  
(4-2, 1-1 Big 12)

## Statistical Comparison

| Category (per game)     | NU    | Tech   | Big 12 | Big 12 | Natl.  | Natl.  |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rushing Offense         | 168.0 | 78.0   | 8th    | 12th   | 43rd   | 114th  |
| Passing Offense         | 236.6 | 443.5  | 7th    | 1st    | 44th   | 2nd    |
| Total Offense           | 404.6 | 521.5  | 8th    | 1st    | 40th   | 2nd    |
| Scoring Offense         | 36.8  | 43.2   | 6th    | 2nd    | 15th   | 2nd    |
| Rushing Defense         | 110.8 | 107.2  | 5th    | 4th    | 33rd   | 28th   |
| Pass Defense            | 162.6 | 242.5  | 1st    | 11th   | 14th   | 92nd   |
| Pass Efficiency Defense | 86.48 | 117.74 | 1st    | 7th    | 3rd    | 44th   |
| Total Defense           | 273.4 | 349.7  | 3rd    | 6th    | 13th   | 55th   |
| Scoring Defense         | 8.0   | 21.3   | 1st    | 6th    | 2nd    | 42nd   |
| Net Punting             | 33.6  | 36.1   | 9th    | 7th    | 94th   | 63rd   |
| Punt Returns            | 9.9   | 9.6    | 5th    | 6th    | 49th   | 57th   |
| Kickoff Returns         | 21.1  | 25.8   | 9th    | 2nd    | 77th   | 20th   |
| Turnover Margin         | 1.0   | -0.7   | 2nd    | 12th   | 15th   | 99th   |
| Sacks                   | 2.4   | 3.0    | 6th    | 4th    | t-34th | 12th   |
| Tackles For Loss        | 6.0   | 7.5    | 7th    | 3rd    | t-51st | 17th   |
| Sacks Allowed           | 0.8   | 2.2    | 3rd    | 10th   | 10th   | t-79th |

## Texas Tech Statistical Leaders

| Rushing              | G | Att. | Yards | YPC | TD | Avg./G |
|----------------------|---|------|-------|-----|----|--------|
| Baron Batch, RB      | 6 | 53   | 312   | 5.9 | 5  | 52.0   |
| Harrison Jeffers, RB | 5 | 26   | 180   | 6.9 | 4  | 36.0   |
| Eric Stephens, RB    | 6 | 23   | 98    | 4.3 | 0  | 16.3   |

| Passing          | Att. | Comp. | Pct. | Int. | Yards | TD |
|------------------|------|-------|------|------|-------|----|
| Taylor Potts, QB | 235  | 159   | 67.7 | 6    | 1,817 | 13 |
| S. Sheffield, QB | 70   | 53    | 75.7 | 2    | 780   | 11 |

| Receiving            | G | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Avg./G |
|----------------------|---|-----|-------|------|----|--------|
| Alex Torres, WR      | 6 | 31  | 335   | 10.8 | 3  | 55.8   |
| Detron Lewis, IR     | 6 | 30  | 385   | 12.8 | 4  | 64.2   |
| Tramain Swindall, IR | 5 | 24  | 464   | 19.3 | 5  | 92.8   |
| Lyle Leong, WR       | 6 | 24  | 328   | 13.7 | 6  | 54.7   |
| Edward Britton, WR   | 6 | 20  | 218   | 10.9 | 1  | 36.3   |

| Tackles             | G | UT | AT | TT | TFL | Sacks |
|---------------------|---|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| Marlon Williams, LB | 6 | 31 | 12 | 43 | 6.0 | 2.0   |
| Brian Duncan, LB    | 6 | 32 | 11 | 43 | 4.0 | 0.0   |
| Cody Davis, S       | 5 | 27 | 9  | 36 | 0.0 | 0.0   |
| Bront Bird, LB      | 6 | 23 | 5  | 28 | 5.0 | 1.0   |
| Jamar Wall, DB      | 6 | 22 | 5  | 27 | 1.0 | 0.0   |

| Punt Returns        | No. | Yards | Avg. | TD | Long |
|---------------------|-----|-------|------|----|------|
| Austin Zouzalik, IR | 10  | 91    | 9.1  | 0  | 18   |
| Jamar Wall, DB      | 4   | 44    | 11.0 | 0  | 24   |

| Field Goals       | Att. | Made | Pct. | Blkd. | Long |
|-------------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| Matt Williams, PK | 4    | 3    | 75.0 | 0     | 41   |

| Punts            | No. | Yards | Avg. | Blkd. | Long |
|------------------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| Ryan Erxleben, P | 14  | 577   | 41.2 | 0     | 54   |

