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2016 BAYLOR FOOTBALL RESULTS
Overall Record: 6-6 • Big 12 Record: 3-6 (7th)
Current National Rankings: NR AP / NR Coaches / NR CFP
Highest Rankings:  8 AP / 6 Coaches / 17 CFP

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2016 MOTEL 6 CACTUS BOWL GUIDE CREDITS
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QUICK FACTS

FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2016 Record: 8-6, 3-6 Big 12 (t6th)
2016 Final Regular Season Ranking: NR (AP), NR (coaches), NR (CFP)
Highest Rankings: 8 (AP), 6 (coaches), 17 (CFP)
Offensive System: Spread
Defensive System: Multiple
2015 Starters Returning: 11 (4 o; 5 d; 2 st)
2015 Starters Lost: 13 (7 o; 6 d; 0 s)
2015 Lettermen Returning: 41 (18 o; 21 d; 2 st)
2015 Lettermen Lost: 30 (15 o; 12 d; 3 st)
First Year of Football: 1899
All-Time Football Record: 587-557-44 (.513)
Conference Titles (last): 8 (2014)
Bowl Record: 23 (2016)
Bowl Record (last): 11-11 (.500)

COACHING STAFF

Acting Head Coach: Jim Grobe (Virginia, 1975)
Career Record: 6-6 (1st season)
Defensive Coordinator: Phil Bennett (Texas A&M, 1978)
Passing Game Coordinator / Offensive Line: Jeff Lebby (Oklahoma, 2007)
Assistant Coach / Offense: Cris Dishman (Purdue, 1997)
Assistant Coach / Safeties: Chris Achuff (Bloomburg, 1997)
Assistant Coach / Cornerbacks: Carlton Buckels (LSU, 1992)
Assistant Coach / Linebackers: Jim Gush (Bucknell, 1981)
Assistant Coach / Receivers: Tate Wallis (Tarleton State, 2008)
Graduate Assistant, Defense: Nick Jean-Baptiste (Baylor, 2011)
Graduate Assistant, Offense: Brad Willard (Baylor, 2012)
Graduate Assistant, Offense: David Gettis (Baylor, 2016)

ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATION

Vice President / Director of Athletics: Mack Rhoades (Arizona, 1983)
Deputy AD (Sport Administrator): Todd Patuuli (Central Michigan, 1990)
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Senior Associate AD / Compliance: Chad Jackson (Auburn, 1999)
Senior Associate AD / Development: Doug McNamee (Baylor, 2003)
Associate AD / Business: Walter Abercrombie (Baylor, 1984)
Associate AD / Business: Nancy Post (Baylor, 1987)
Associate AD / Communications: Heath Nielsen (Utah State, 1994)
Associate AD / Compliance: Keith Miller (Marquette, 1998)
Associate AD / Facilities and Operations: Henry Howard (Stephen F. Austin, 2001)
Associate AD / Student-Athlete Services: Bart Byrd (Duachita Baptist, 1992)
Associate AD / Ticket Operations: Matt Johnson (Oklahoma State, 2003)

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Sideline Reporter: Ricky Thompson (Baylor, 1977)
Engineer: Bob Baker
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BAYLORBEARS.COM / @BUFOOTBALL

BOWL ITINERARY / MEDIA INFORMATION

Tentative Cactus Bowl Itinerary

**THURSDAY**
DEC. 22
3 p.m.
Team Arrival in Phoenix with head coach Jim Grobe press availability

**FRIDAY**
DEC. 23
10 a.m.
Closed Practice at Corona del Sol High School
4:30 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Holiday Celebration with player availability

**SATURDAY**
DEC. 24
9:50 a.m.
Pre-Practice Media Availability
10 a.m.
Practice at Corona del Sol High School (first 15 minutes open to cameras)

**SUNDAY**
DEC. 25
10 a.m.
Closed Practice at Corona del Sol High School

**MONDAY**
DEC. 26
10:30 a.m.
Media Day in AZ Ballroom at Camelback Inn
12 p.m.
Closed Practice at Chase Field

**TUESDAY**
DEC. 27
4:30 p.m.
Baylor Sport Network Oasis Pregame Party at Chase Field
8:15 p.m.
Motel 6 Cactus Bowl
Baylor vs. Boise State
ESPN/ESPN Radio/Baylor IMG Radio Network

**WEDNESDAY**
DEC. 28
2 p.m. CT
Team returns to Waco

All times listed are local (MT), unless otherwise noted.

**NOTE:** All events, times are subject to change. For latest schedule, please refer to Baylor’s Cactus Bowl notes packet.

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Bowl Social Media
FACEBOOK
CactusBowlAZ
TWITTER
@CactusBowl

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Media Bowl Headquarters
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Motel 6 Cactus Bowl Information

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Dr. David E. Garland accepted the appointment as Baylor University’s interim president on May 26, 2016, and began his service on June 1, 2016.

Garland is professor of Christian Scriptures at Baylor’s George W. Truett Theological Seminary, where he also served as the seminary’s fourth dean from June 2007 to June 2015. During this time, he also served as interim president of Baylor from August 2008 through May 2010 and as interim provost from July 2014 to June 2015.

Garland joined the seminary faculty in 1997 as professor of Christian scriptures, was appointed associate dean for academic affairs in 2001, and was named The William M. Hinson Professor of Christian Scriptures in 2005. In addition to his research, teaching and administrative duties, he directed Truett’s self-studies for accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools from 2000-02 and 2005-07. He was honored to have The David E. Garland Chair of Preaching provided for the seminary through the initial gift of an anonymous donor and the subsequent gifts from others.

Before joining the Truett faculty, Dr. Garland served as The Ernest and Mildred Hogan Professor of New Testament and chair of the Biblical Division at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he taught for 21 years.

A magna cum laude graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and U.S. Navy veteran, he received his master of divinity and doctoral degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and also completed postgraduate work at Eberhardt-Karls Universitat in Tübingen, Germany, and Macquarrie University in Sydney, Australia. He is an elected member of the prestigious Studiorum Novi Testamenti Societas.

Dr. Garland has authored, co-authored and edited 23 books, which include commentaries on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Colossians and Philemon, and 1 and 2 Corinthians, and the Theology of Mark, and Acts. He also has published more than 50 academic journal articles. He and his late wife, Diana, inaugural dean and namesake of Baylor’s Diana R. Garland School of Social Work, published Flawed Families of the Bible: How God’s Grace Works through Imperfect Relationships.

Professor Jeremy Counseller is in his third year as Baylor’s Faculty Representative to the Big 12 Conference and the NCAA. He has been a member of the Baylor Law faculty since 2003.

Professor Counseller graduated from Baylor Law School with honors and was a member of the Baylor Law Review, the Order of the Barristers, and the interscholastic moot court and mock trial teams. He also earned an M.B.A. from Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business and a B.A. summa cum laude from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Following his graduation from law school, Professor Counseller served as a law clerk to the Honorable Reynaldo G. Garza of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Professor Counseller then entered private practice in Houston, Texas, with Bracewell & Patterson, LLP (now Bracewell & Giuliani LLP), where he was an associate in the trial section. Mr. Counseller also served as an Assistant Criminal District Attorney in McLennan County, Texas, where he prosecuted both misdemeanors and felonies.

Professor Counseller has authored articles and presented papers on various evidentiary and procedural issues. He is also the co-author and editor of the Handbook of Texas Evidence (Civil Practice). In 2006, the President of the State Bar of Texas appointed him to serve on the Administration of the Rules of Evidence Committee. He is also the Contributing Evidence Editor of the State Bar of Texas’s General Practice Digest. In 2007, Baylor University designated Professor Counseller an outstanding tenure track faculty member in recognition of distinguished teaching.

Professor Counseller teaches Civil Procedure and Texas and Federal Procedure in Baylor Law School’s renowned Practice Court program. He also is a coach of the Law School’s interscholastic moot court and mock trial teams. In 2005, he was the coach of Baylor Law School’s Association of Trial Lawyers of America national championship mock trial team.
Mack Rhoades, who has provided outstanding leadership and vision for three NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision athletic programs, was named Baylor University’s Vice President and Director of Athletics by Interim President Dr. David Garland on July 13, 2016. “Baylor University is very pleased to welcome Mack Rhoades as Baylor University’s Vice President and Director of Athletics,” Garland said. “He is a charismatic leader who pays careful attention to details and cultivates solidarity among the coaches and staff. He intends to build champions on the field and on the court to mold student-athletes into champions in their lives after sports. Most importantly, he is committed to and excited by Baylor’s Christian mission and vision.”

He joined the Baylor family from the University of Missouri, where he spent the previous year (2015-16) leading that 20-sport Southeastern Conference intercollegiate athletics department, and before that served in similar capacities at the University of Houston (2009-16) and the University of Akron (2006-09).

“I am excited to support and develop programs of the highest caliber, in facilities that are second to none, alongside coaches who are among the best in the industry, all grounded in a Christian tradition and committed to academic excellence,” Rhoades said upon becoming Baylor’s 18th Athletics Director.

Rhoades’ lone year in Columbia saw Mizzou student-athletes register the highest one-semester grade-point in school history at 3.03 for the fall 2015 term; Barry Odom hired as the Tigers’ head football coach; wrestler J’den Cox win an NCAA title and earn a berth on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Team; the Tigers’ men’s swimming and diving team place a program-best eighth at the NCAA Championship and its women’s basketball program return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2006. Bolstered by three top 11 NCAA finishes—wrestling (sixth), men’s swimming and diving (eighth) and women’s swimming and diving (11th), Missouri finished 43rd in the final 2015-16 Learfield Directors’ Cup standings.

In addition, Rhoades and his staff developed a student-athlete enrichment program, Mizzou Made: Preparing Champions for Life. This innovative and comprehensive program is part of a campus community partnership focusing on life skills and career development among other core values.

Before moving to Missouri, Rhoades enjoyed five-and-a-half rewarding years guiding the athletic fortunes at the University of Houston as Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics. He reignedited the Cougars’ entire program, hiring 14 new head coaches, including 2015 FWAA First-Year Coach of the Year Tom Herman. Rhoades also oversaw a transformation of the student-athlete experience while also directing marked improvements in the areas of academics, facilities, fundraising and athletic success. In nearly every academic measurement, including grade-point average and the NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate, Houston registered record achievements. He also unveiled the Cougar Pride Leadership Academy to equip student-athletes with life-long leadership and life skills.

Houston’s football team appeared in four bowl games during Rhoades’ six seasons, and enjoyed a historic 2011 campaign which saw it climb to No. 6 in the BCS standings en route to a 13-1 record and its first season-ending finish in The Associated Press Top 25 since 1990.

Known as an outstanding fundraiser, Houston raised nearly $100M and constructed $160M in new facilities during his tenure, including a new on-campus football stadium, a men’s and women’s basketball training center, a golf academy and a short game facility. Rhoades also negotiated one of the nation’s top five facility naming rights agreements at the collegiate level and secured a new multi-media rights deal for Houston. Cougar Pride, Houston Athletics’ fundraising arm, set an annual donation record for the fifth-consecutive year in 2013-14 as more than 3,100 Cougar Pride members contributed $4.5M to eclipse the previous mark of $3.5M set the previous year.

Rhoades and University of Houston President Dr. Renu Khator successfully steered the institution into an exciting new era when it was invited in December 2011 to join The American Athletic Conference beginning with the 2013-14 academic year. Houston’s first year in The American was arguably one of the finest in school history, as its 2013-14 teams combined for 157 victories, 17 American individual championships, 10 NCAA post-season berths and a pair of American team titles. That successful surge led to Houston’s highest national finish in the Learfield Directors’ Cup since 2000-01.

Rhoades served as chair of the American Athletic Conference Athletics Directors Committee, Athletics Directors Executive Committee and Athletics Directors Finance Committee after having served Conference USA as chairperson for its Championship and Site Selection Committees.

Prior to his arrival at Houston, Rhoades helped the University of Akron achieve unprecedented academic and athletic success. During his tenure, Zip student-athletes earned: 765 total Dean’s List honors, 213 All-Conference honors, 83 Academic All-Conference awards, 20 team championships, 14 Conference Player of the Year awards and 12 All-America honors.

Rhoades’ Akron tenure was also marked by the construction of a $61.6M on-campus football stadium, the creation of a women’s golf program, three-time recognition for the department’s diversity strategy and the hiring of 11 head coaches. UA student-athletes also generously gave back the community during Rhoades’ tenure providing more than 5,000 service hours to the greater Akron area during each of the 2006-07 and 2007-08 academic years.

He served as a member of the NCAA Division I Championships/Sports Management Cabinet—as well as its Administrative Committee, and led the Mid-American Conference External Affairs Committee. Rhoades also helped then-MAC Commissioner Rick Cristy negotiate an unprecedented TV contract for the league with ESPN.

Rhoades went to Akron after seven years at UTEP, where he worked his way up the department ranks to become the Miners Executive Senior Associate Athletics Director after starting as Assistant Athletics Director for Development. In his final position at UTEP, Rhoades oversaw all fundraising, the marketing and media relations offices as well as football external operations, men’s basketball, men’s golf, licensing, Miner Athletic Club and the athletics ticket office.

Rhoades, who holds a bachelor’s degree in health sciences from the University of Arizona (1993) and a master’s of science degree in athletics administration/sports management from Indiana University (2002), began his intercollegiate athletics career as a marketing assistant in the Yale athletic department (1996) and worked in development at Marquette (1997-98) before joining the UTEP staff in 1998.

Mack and his wife, Amy, have three daughters - Nicolette, Natalie and Noelle.

BAYLOR ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

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PRE-BOWL NOTES

PROGRAM NOTES
- Baylor has won 56 games over the past 5-plus years, as well as 2 Big 12 titles and 3 bowl games.
- In the last 55 games Baylor has just 13 losses, 7 to top 15-ranked teams and 8 away from home.
- Baylor is the most successful team in Texas since 2011 with a win percentage of .727 (56-21).

SERIES NOTES
- Baylor and Boise State will meet for the first time.
- Baylor is 16-4 all-time against current Mountain West Conference members.
- Baylor is 1-0 against current MWC members in bowl games with a win against Utah State, 24-9, in the 1961 Gotham Bowl.

BOWL NOTES
- Program’s seventh-straight bowl appearance - the longest streak in school history.
- Baylor earned its second-ever Cactus Bowl berth (first appearance was in the 1991 Copper Bowl -- since 1989 the game has changed names five times).
- Baylor is 11-11 all-time in bowl games and 0-0 under head coach Jim Grobe.
- Baylor is 0-3 all-time in the state of Arizona and 0-2 in bowl games in the Grand Canyon State.
- Baylor’s other two bowl games in the state included: 1991 Copper Bowl (24-0 loss to Indiana) and 2014 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl (52-42 loss to UCF).
- Baylor’s last non-bowl and only other game in the state was a 34-13 loss at Arizona State in 1990.
- Jim Grobe will make his sixth bowl appearance as head coach; he was 3-2 in five bowl trips as Wake Forest’s head coach.

OFFENSIVE NOTES
- Baylor ranks fifth nationally by averaging 523.3 yards per game in total offense, while sitting 12th in the country with 250.3 rushing yards per contest.
- Baylor’s offense has the most 50-point games in the FBS since 2011, which leads the nation.

DEFENSIVE NOTES
- Baylor has produced 7.4 tackles for loss per game to rank 20th in FBS, while boasting the Big 12’s second-best team passing efficiency defense (125.35).
- Baylor’s defense has forced a turnover in 34 of its last 41 games and in 65 of the last 77 contests (90 INTs, 64 FR).
- BU’s punt return defense ranks 4th nationally, giving up just 1.83 yards per return, while the kickoff return defense is third in the Big 12 at 19.33 yards.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES
- Baylor is 7-2 in the month of December since 2011.
- Baylor has won 19 of its last 28 games played outside of Waco and has won 7 of its last 10 neutral-site games.

PLAYER NOTES
- Senior RB Shock Linwood is the program’s all-time leader in rushing yards (4,213) and rushing TDs (36).
- Baylor has had a 1,000-yard rusher in 6 straight seasons - sophomore Terence Williams needs just 55 yards to make it 7 consecutive years.
- Baylor has had a 1,000-yard receiver in 5 straight seasons - junior KD Cannon is just 11 yards away from becoming a 2-time 1,000-yard receiver and 6 straight years.
- The Bears had four players named to All-Big 12 first teams, including wide receiver Cannon, center Kyle Fuller, defensive end K.J. Smith and safety Orion Stewart.