



TCU HORNERD FROGS

Big 12 Conference

TCU BIO

National Championships - 2



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1938

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Big 12 Championships: 1
(Last: 2014)

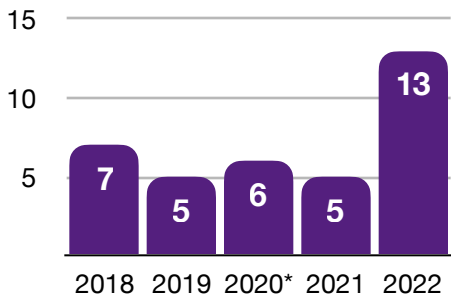
Location: Fort Worth, TX

All-Time Record: 659-547-50

2022 Results: 13-2
Won Fiesta Bowl
Lost in CFB Championship

Head Coach: Sonny Dykes
2nd Year (13-2)

5-YEAR WIN TREND



Amon G. Carter Stadium (46,000)

Can TCU Recreate the Magic?

TCU's magical run all the way to the National Championship game was one of the most incredible stories the college game has ever seen. At no point in the prior four years did TCU ever provide an inkling that they were contenders at college football's highest level but that all changed when Sonny Dykes came in. Make no mistake, TCU doesn't accomplish what they did in 2022 without Gary Patterson. The younger audience may forget that the Horned Frogs were perennially one of college football's worst programs prior to Patterson's arrival. Not only did he put them on the map but he helped guide TCU to the Big 12 and the rest is history. Yes, the 65-7 shellacking in the CFP title game was an embarrassing and unceremonious way to end the season, but the Horned Frogs should be commended for everything they accomplished.

Last season's offense was exceptional, led by Heisman finalist quarterback Max Duggan and surrounded with superb talent from the likes of Kendre Miller and Quentin Johnston. This year, Sonny Dykes' offense is virtually brand new even down to new offensive coordinator Kendall Briles. **Chandler Morris** was actually named the starting quarterback last season after an offseason battle with Duggan. After Morris went down with injury in the opener against Colorado, Duggan took over and never looked back. Morris is back and healthy and it's "take two" for the fourth-year sophomore as the Horned Frogs' starter. Most of the weapons are gone from last year's roster with the exception of **Savion Williams** and tight end **Jared Wiley**. However, Dykes did bring in a couple of potential transfer portal steals in wide receiver **Jojo Earle** and running back **Trey Sanders** from Alabama. Earle never really caught on with the Crimson Tide and caught 12 passes in both 2021 and 2022. He's a smaller receiver at 5'9" but is athletic enough to blow by defenders in an instant. A change of scenery and a bigger role could be exactly what Earle needs.

Likewise, Trey Sanders never found his footing despite being a five-star recruit and the second-ranked running back in the recruiting class behind only LSU's John Emery Jr. Despite his struggles to see playing time for the Crimson Tide, there's no denying his potential and very high ceiling. Assuming he starts over **Emani Bailey**, TCU's third running back last season with 250 yards, he'll have huge shoes to fill with Kendre Miller's departure to the NFL. The Crimson Tide transfers don't stop with Earle and Sanders. **Tommy Brockmeyer** was the second highest offensive tackle recruit in the 2021 class (via 24/7 sports). He would be a near guarantee to start at tackle if not for the returning pair of **Andrew Coker** and **Brandon Coleman**. The guard position is not quite as strong on paper although **Garrett Hayes** did appear in 14 of TCU's 15 games last season.

Relying on TCU's defense was tricky business last season. They were opportunistic and claimed 30 sacks along with 16 interceptions but were exposed by Michigan and Georgia in the College Football Playoff to the tune of 110 combined points. This year's unit could be improved and the TCU secondary contains one of the best lockdown corners in the country in **Josh Newton**. Safety **Mark Perry** was second in tackles behind only linebacker **Jamoi Hodge**. Hodge, along with second-team All-Big-12 **Johnny Rodges** make up a formidable pair. The defensive line will need reworked after losing both Dee Winters (7.5 sacks) and Dylan Horton (10.5 sacks)

The Bottom Line: TCU was one of the most clutch teams in college football and found a way to win close games including a mad dash field goal to preserve their perfect season on the road at Baylor. Will TCU really be that fortunate again? It seems almost impossible for the offense to play at a 38.8 points per game clip in 2023 but conversely the defense will likely be improved. The Horned Frogs did not luck out on the schedule and face Kansas State, Texas Tech, and Oklahoma on the road and also draw Texas and Baylor. Four of those games occur in what could be a brutally difficult November. The opening week against Colorado and Coach Prime should be fascinating and rival SMU should not be overlooked. Every opponent will have TCU circled on their respective calendars and I have a hard time seeing how TCU can keep the magic going to the extent they did in 2022. However, the Big 12 is wide open and TCU is just as likely to win the conference as any team picked near the top.

Projection: 9-3 (4th in Big 12)

2022 Statistics

Points Scored	Rush Yards	Pass Yards	Turnover Margin
38.8	193.3	261.7	+6
10th in FBS	31st in FBS	39th in FBS	34th in FBS
Points Allowed	Rush YDS Allowed	Pass YDS Allowed	
29.0	158.5	249.7	
90th in FBS	79th in FBS	97th in FBS	

2023 TCU Schedule

Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 2	 vs. Colorado
2	Sat, Sept 9	 vs. Nicholls
3	Sat, Sept 16	 @ Houston
4	Sat, Sept 23	 vs. SMU
5	Sat, Sept 30	 vs. West Virginia
6	Sat, Oct 7	 @ Iowa State
7	Sat, Oct 14	 vs. BYU
8	Sat, Oct 21	 @ Kansas State
9	Bye Week	
10	Thu, Nov 2	 @ Texas Tech
11	Sat, Nov 11	 vs. Texas
12	Sat, Nov 18	 vs. Baylor
13	Fri, Nov 24	 @ Oklahoma

Conference Games in Bold

KEY GAMES

Sat, Sept 23: vs. SMU - The Mustangs had actually climbed the previous two battles for the "Iron Skillet" before TCU was able to hang on to a 42-34 victory in 2022. The "Dykes Bowl" now returns to Fort Worth but the Mustangs are expected to be one of the best teams in the American and the Group of 5 as a whole.

Sat, Oct 21: @ Kansas State - The Wildcats snapped TCU's perfect 12-0 regular season by grinding out a 31-28 double overtime victory in the Big 12 title game. Both teams want to get back to Dallas, and badly.

Sat, Nov 11: vs. Texas - The Horned Frogs have had Texas' number in three of the last four seasons and all three times Texas has been ranked. Can TCU get one last lick in on Texas before the SEC calls?

KEY PLAYERS

Josh Newton - CB



Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson won the Thorpe Award (awarded to the nation's top defensive back) and is now in the NFL, leaving Newton the responsibility of guarding the opponent's top weapon on every snap. Newton picked off three passes last season including a pick-six against Iowa State. Could Newton make it back-to-back Thorpe Awards for the Horned Frogs? Regardless of the answer, he has the talent and four years of experience and is a legitimate NFL talent at corner.

Mark Perry - S

Perry wound up with 84 tackles which ranked second on the team behind only linebacker Johnny Hodges. Perry added 6.5 tackles for loss and he'd like to get back into the interception stat column this season after picking three passes in Colorado. Perry enters year five and will help the TCU secondary become potentially quite formidable.



2022 RESULTS (13-2)

@ Colorado (W 38-13)
 Tarleton (W 59-17)
 @ SMU (W 42-34)
 Oklahoma (W 55-24)
 @ Kansas (W 38-31)
 Oklahoma State (W 43-40)
 Kansas State (W 38-28)
 @ West Virginia (W 41-31)
 Texas Tech (W 34-24)
 @ Texas (W 17-10)
 @ Baylor (W 29-28)
 Iowa State (W 62-14)
 Kansas State (L 28-31)
 Michigan (W 51-45)
 Georgia (L 7-65)

RECRUITING

2023 Class Ranking

20th

(Via 24/7 Sports)