

## Baylor Baseball Emphatically Salvages Series Against K-State With 19-4 Victory

*Bears score 17 runs in final two innings to run-rule Wildcats*

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**WACO, Texas** – Baylor baseball slugged its way to a 19-4 run-rule victory over Kansas State on Sunday afternoon at Baylor Ballpark.

The Bears (16-7, 2-4) were able to salvage the final game of the three-game set with K-State (16-7, 5-1) thanks to an offensive explosion of 19 runs on 16 hits. Five different Bears had multi-hit performances, including three-hit efforts from senior outfielder Wesley Jordan and freshman infielder Pearson Riebock. Eight different BU hitters drove in runs, including a four-RBI day from sophomore catcher JJ Kennett and big flies from Jordan and redshirt senior designated hitter Hunter Simmons.

Baylor also got strong performances on the mound as freshman southpaw Carson Bailey allowed just two runs on five hits in 4.1 innings of work, tying a career high with seven punchouts. Senior righty Will Glatch also made his seventh-consecutive scoreless outing of the year, retiring all four batters he faced to cap off the run-rule.

### THE RUNDOWN

After Bailey struck out five through the first three frames and held the Wildcats scoreless, Baylor got the scoring started thanks to an RBI base knock from Jordan and an RBI bunt single from Riebock, taking a 2-0 lead into the fourth.

K-State answered back in the top of the fourth, mounting a two-out rally and tying the ballgame with a two-run bloop single. As Bailey eclipsed the 90-pitch mark, junior righty Grayson Murry entered and struck out each of the first two batters he faced to end the fifth and strand a Wildcat on base.

But, the Bears let loose in the fifth, putting up six runs on six hits after sending 10 men to the plate. Jordan started the hit parade with a solo shot over the left field wall before Kennett cleared the bases with a three-run double. Senior infielder Tyriq Kemp followed suit with a run-scoring double and redshirt senior outfielder Enzo Apodaca drove him in with an RBI single, putting Baylor ahead 8-2.

The Wildcats cut into the lead in the following frame with a two-run blast, but once again Baylor responded with an 11-run inning to pull away. BU batted around for the second-straight inning, sending 16 batters to the plate and racking up five hits while K-State walked eight. Senior outfielder Ty Johnson got things started with a two-run double, then redshirt sophomore first baseman Gavin Brzozowski singled in another run. After Johnson scored on a double play ball, the Bears added

seven unearned runs thanks to an RBI single by Jordan, a three-run homer by Simmons and four-straight bases-loaded walks.

Glatch went back out for the seventh with a 19-4 lead and retired the side of K-State pinch hitters in order to seal the series finale in run-rule fashion.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Baylor now leads the all-time series 56-35 over Kansas State, including a 3-3 mark under third-year head coach Mitch Thompson.
- BU scored 19 runs, its most in a single game since April 15, 2022, vs. Kansas, and the most of the Thompson era.
- The Bears tied a season high with 16 hits, including six for extra bases. This marks the 11<sup>th</sup> time this season that BU has racked up double-digit hits in a single game.
- Baylor batted around in consecutive innings for the first time since March 6, 2021, vs. Memphis.
- BU pitchers allowed just two walks on the mound, marking the 13<sup>th</sup> time this season that the pitching staff has walked two or fewer in a game.
- The Bears are 11-2 in games when walking two opposing batters or fewer.
- Redshirt senior OF Enzo Apodaca extended his on-base streak to seven games by recording his fourth-straight multi-hit game and eighth multi-hit effort of the year.
- Apodaca has recorded a hit and scored a run in 14 games this season.
- Senior OF Wesley Jordan extended his on-base streak to eight games and launched his fifth home run of the year, tying for the team lead.
- Jordan logged his fifth three-hit game of 2025 and his eighth multi-hit and seventh multi-RBI performance of the year.
- Redshirt senior DH Hunter Simmons extended his on-base streak to 29 games, dating back to the 2023 season. He also owns a team-leading 15 game hitting streak after collecting his 11<sup>th</sup> multi-hit game.
- Freshman INF Pearson Riebock extended his on-base streak to 13 games with his eighth multi-hit game of the year.
- Riebock notched a career-high three hits.
- Senior OF Ty Johnson recorded his eighth multi-hit and fifth multi-RBI game of the season.
- Redshirt sophomore 1B/OF Gavin Brzozowski produced his first multi-RBI game of the year.

- Sophomore C JJ Kennett tallied his third multi-RBI game of the season with a career-high four runs batted in.
- Senior INF Tyriq Kemp recorded his 11<sup>th</sup> game with both a hit and an RBI this season.
- Kemp also tallied his fourth multi-RBI game of the year.
- Freshman LHP Carson Bailey tied his personal best with seven strikeouts.
- Senior RHP Will Glatch has not allowed a run through seven appearances and 13 innings this season.

## **STAT OF THE DAY**

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## **QUOTABLE**

### **Head Coach Mitch Thompson**

*On salvaging the weekend series...*

“It was a big bounce back for sure. It just tells you a little bit about their character. Those were two gut-wrenching, take-it-on-the-chin losses, and disappointing. We had a choice to either lay in the mud or dust ourselves off and come back and fight, and I think you saw who we are.”

### **Freshman INF Pearson Riebock**

*On getting three hits on his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday...*

“It was a pretty amazing moment. Waking up, you’re always a little happier on your birthday and then coming out here, getting a really good win and going 3-for-4, no complaints at all. You could tell, one through nine, we had a lot of competitive at-bats and everyone was just getting it to the next guy and getting timely hits when we needed them.”

### **Freshman LHP Carson Bailey**

*On his confidence on the mound...*

“It just comes from me wanting to do it for the team. After being down on Friday and Saturday, it was time for me to come out and make a change and be confident. It was a big change from my outing last weekend, part of that was my slider. I was able to throw it for strikes, so me and Sned [pitching coach Sean Snedeker] had some good motion going.”

## **WHAT'S NEXT**

Baylor (16-7) welcomes UT Arlington (7-13) for a midweek matchup on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Baylor Ballpark.

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