

No. 21 Baylor Softball is set to play Texas Tech for weekend series

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Baylor Softball is preparing for a three-game series against No. 32 Texas Tech to continue conference play Friday-Sunday, April 5-7, at Getteman Stadium.

This weekend, the three games will be celebrating Youth Teams Weekend, encouraging youth softball teams to come out and support the Bears.

Shayla Govan said Texas Tech has great hitters, so this weekend will be a good test for the Bears' pitchers.

"They have great hitters, so it's going to be a good test for our pitchers and for our hitters to capitalize on their pitchers and what they have," Govan said. "It's just trying to get back on the winning side of things, and I think that's what we can do as long as we play our game."

The Bears had a 15-game non-conference winning streak snapped on Wednesday, when they fell to No. 23 Texas State, 6-1, in San Marcos. The Bears are looking to restart their winning streak this weekend.

The Bears (19-13, 3-9 Big 12) hold the all-time record over the Red Raiders 60-21 and the record in Waco, 32-12. The two teams last faced off during the 2023 season, when the Bears scored 32 runs in taking the series over the Red Raiders, 2-1, in Lubbock.

Sydney Collazos said the Bears are not trying to focus on the past and come back from their most recent loss. Govan leads the Bears with a .450 average, 36 hits, five doubles and three home runs. Her batting average ties her for second in the Big 12 and 16th nationally, while her on-base percentage ranks third nationally. With her .589 on-base percentage, Govan is ranked 19th in the country in walks per game and has been walked 26 times so far this season.

"We're not trying to dwell on the past, but we're trying to learn from what we did right, what we did wrong and have a better mindset coming into this weekend," Collazos said. "Obviously, we need to take some Big 12 series, and they're important to us. So, that's kind of our mindset moving forward."

The Bears have already faced eight ranked teams this season: No. 2 Tennessee, No. 23 Louisiana, No. 25 Oregon, No. 19 UCLA, No. 13 Missouri, No. 7 Oklahoma State, No. 1 Oklahoma and No. 23 Texas State.

Head coach Glenn Moore hit his 1,000th career win last season when the Bears took down UT Arlington on March 23. He is looking for his 900th win at Baylor this season and is three wins away from that milestone.

Moore said that each weekend is tough, but the Bears need to make sure not to let past games get into their heads.

“We've got to play well, but I don't think you play to the end of the schedule now, you've got to play each game that's in front of you,” Moore said.

The first game in the series starts Friday, April 5, at 6:30 P.M. and will be broadcasted on ESPN+.