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## NOTE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

# I think we all agree... 2022 was the Year of the Horned Frog

By **VICTOR J. BOSCHINI JR.**  
TENTH CHANCELLOR, TCU

*Dear TCU Community,*

There is so much to celebrate as we look back and look ahead to the New Year. Texas Christian University continues to thrive, and it's all because of your support, spirit and hard work. I've enjoyed reflecting on all we have achieved and the many experiences that bond us together in community. We made inspired moves, expanding our leadership

team and naming Daniel Pullin as TCU President beginning in February 2023. We achieved the impossible, by forging a winning football season and overcoming all odds with a Fiesta Bowl victory and the first Texas school appearance in the College Football Playoff. We paid tribute to those who left an indelible mark on TCU, by honoring the memory and passing of former Chairman of the Board of Trustees John V. Roach and Chancellor Emeritus Dr. William E. Tucker. We recognized

role models on the field of competition, and trail-blazers, like Dr. James I. Cash, with a statue unveiling and dedication on TCU campus in front of the Ed and Rae Schollmaier Arena. We announced the naming of the Anne Burnett Marion School of Medicine, recognizing the legacy and loyalty of the Burnett family and providing a profound impact to all those it serves.

These accomplishments reflect the contributions of many in the TCU community. For

each of us can have an impact on who we are today and in the future. Let us unite together as we enter 2023, our historic Sesquicentennial year, and acknowledge that there are many more possibilities and opportunities.

We have momentum on our side as our story continues. TCU is just getting started: *Lead On.*



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Chancellor Victor Boschini celebrating TCU football's win against Michigan at the Fiesta Bowl on Saturday, Dec 31 in Glendale, Ariz.



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RELIVE THE 2022 FOOTBALL SEASON

TCU football earns high attendance records during the 2022 season



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Quarterback Max Duggan greets TCU fans who made the trip to Dallas to watch TCU play SMU on Sept. 24. After starting the season 2-0 with wins over Tarleton State and Colorado, TCU beat SMU 42-34 to bring the Iron Skillet Trophy home for the first time since 2018.



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The TCU student section cheers the Frogs to a 55-24 victory against Oklahoma in Fort Worth on Oct. 1.



PHOTO BY ESAU RODRIGUEZ

TCU running back Emari Demercado celebrates in TCU's victory over No. 18 Oklahoma on Oct. 1.

By DRU KENNEDY

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Frog fans made history on Oct. 1, drawing the largest crowd (49,094) since the stadium restructuring in 2012.

This was the second largest crowd in program history, only falling behind a crowd of 50,307 during a 2009 game against Utah.

Head coach Sonny Dykes saluted Frog fans who stayed throughout the four-hour game against Oklahoma and emphasized the importance of the home-field advantage.

“Our guys were really energized by the crowd,” Dykes said. “I think the crowd was really good and it makes everybody feel good when you know you have a lot of people supporting you. You get your energy from the crowd in so many

different ways. When we’re making big plays it feels like the crowd is feeding off that and the players feed off the crowd. It feels like it’s something that we’re doing together.”

Fans stayed from kickoff through the final seconds of the game.

The record set on Oct. 1 only stood for two weeks before TCU recorded the second-highest overall attendance (49,594) in program history in a game against Oklahoma State on Oct. 15.

Fans also set a student attendance record in the game against Oklahoma State (6,224).

That student attendance record was broken again seven days later before a comeback victory over Kansas State on Oct. 22. The record now stands at 6,512.



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PHOTO BY ESAU RODRIGUEZ

TCU head coach Sonny Dykes is welcomed into Amon G. Carter Stadium on Nov. 29, 2021. He arrived from SMU by helicopter.

	POINTS
<b>BAYLOR</b> (17 FIRST PLACE VOTES)	<b>365</b>
<b>OKLAHOMA</b> (12)	<b>354</b>
<b>OKLAHOMA STATE</b> (9)	<b>342</b>
<b>TEXAS</b> (2)	<b>289</b>
<b>KANSAS STATE</b>	<b>261</b>
<b>IOWA STATE</b> (1)	<b>180</b>
<b>TCU</b>	<b>149</b>
<b>WEST VIRGINIA</b>	<b>147</b>
<b>TEXAS TECH</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>KANSAS</b>	<b>48</b>

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Before the 2022 football season, TCU was picked to finish seventh in the Big 12 Conference in the preseason media poll.

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COACH PROFILE

Francis Schmidt: A legacy of excellence in coaching left at TCU



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TCU's head football coach Francis Schmidt led the Frogs to their first Southwest Conference championship. (Dec. 4, 1929)

PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

TCU head coach Sonny Dykes celebrates a victory over SMU with his team on Sept. 24 in Dallas.

By MICAH PEARCE  
STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

From 1929 to 1933, TCU's football program won two Southwest Conference championships with two undefeated seasons — that's 19 games without a loss.

As new head coach Sonny Dykes has racked up wins and stats, there's only one coach to compare him to: Francis Schmidt.

Once the Frogs defeated SMU in the Battle for the Iron Skillet,

the comparisons between Dykes and Schmidt began. Schmidt won his first three games as head coach in 1929.

Schmidt went on to win his next two games, including the Frog's first ever win over Texas.

TCU defeated the University of Texas in football for the first time in program history in 1929. Nov. 16, 1929. (Photo courtesy of: TCU Skiff archives). Their 15-12 defeat of Texas was their 7th win en route to a near-perfect season. The 1929 Frogs finished

9-0-1 and secured a Southwest Conference championship under Schmidt's first season.

SMU soiled the Frogs' perfect season in the last game, which ended in a 7-7 tie.

Schmidt and his team continued their streak without a loss into the 1930 season. Another tie, 0-0 to Hardin-Simmons, interrupted a 10-game win streak.

Schmidt tenure as the Frogs' head coach 17-0-2, until the 10th game of the 1930 season. The Longhorns got their

revenge via a 7-0 shutout at Fort Worth's Clark Field.

The Frogs dropped their next game 35-14 against Baylor but bounced back to take their final game of the season 13-0 over SMU.

Schmidt finished his first two seasons 18-2-2. TCU finished 3rd in the Southwest Conference standings behind No. 1 Texas and No. 2 Baylor.

The Frogs came back in the 1931 season to finish second in the conference, only behind SMU. Their only loss that season was a 10-0 shutout at the hands of Texas. They played in a matchup for the Southwest Conference title at the end of the season, but a 0-0 time sealed the standings with TCU behind SMU.

TCU looked for revenge in the 1932 season. They won the conference championship easily after winning 10 out of 11 games, the only exception being a week-two 3-3 tie against LSU. They won every matchup against

Southwest Conference opponents.

The Frogs shut out 7 of their opponents, including Texas 14-0 and SMU 8-0 to finish the season. They would go on to outscore their opponents 283-23.

Schmidt's first season as the head football coach led to a championship.

But this wasn't Schmidt's only head coaching job for TCU.

Once the football season concluded, and even while it was still going on, Schmidt was the TCU head basketball coach.

Francis Schmidt had a miraculous 1929 season as the head coach for TCU football. He was also the coach for TCU's basketball team, who he led to a regular season championship in 1931. Dec. 1929.

In his first season, the Frogs finished last in the Southwest Conference.

Schmidt wasn't deterred. He continued to coach the team and in the very next season, TCU won the Southwest

Conference basketball championship.

Schmidt would notch his second conference championship in his final season as the TCU basketball coach.

Schmidt won 65 out of 79 games after a record of 7-10 in his inaugural basketball season. If the Frogs didn't finish on top of the conference, they finished in second.

In his time at TCU, Schmidt helped TCU gain a reputation as an athletic school. He won two conference championships on the court and two on the football field.

His coaching performance inspired local civil leaders to help fund a new football facility, which would become Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Schmidt left TCU athletics in 1934 after the spring basketball season. He went on to coach football at Ohio State, where he left his legacy on another program. He was inducted into their football hall of fame in the class of 2020.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SKIFF ARCHIVES

Amid new head coach Francis Schmidt's 9-0-1 season, he led the Frogs to their first victory over the Longhorns. (Nov. 17, 1929.)



## PLAYER PROFILE

## TCU quarterback Max Duggan announced as a finalist for Heisman Trophy



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

The Heisman trophy finalists, from left, Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett, TCU quarterback Max Duggan, Ohio State quarterback C.J. Stroud and Southern California quarterback Caleb Williams on Dec. 10 in New York.

## By MICAH PEARCE

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

No. 3 TCU's quarterback Max Duggan was announced as a finalist for the 2022 Heisman Trophy.

The roller coaster of emotions continues for TCU. On Saturday, the Frogs lost the Big 12 Championship to Kansas State by a field goal in overtime. The next morning, they got the news that they would play No. 2 Michigan in the College Football Playoff semi-final game.

A little over 24 hours later, the senior quarterback who lost his job as TCU's starter at the beginning of the season was announced as a finalist for the Heisman Trophy.

The senior from Council Bluffs, Iowa went through obstacles just to get to where he is today. He had a nine-hour open heart surgery for a heart condition that was discovered before

the 2020 season. He lost his job as TCU's starting quarterback at the end of the 2021 season.

Then, the coach who had recruited him and coached him through his first three years, Gary Patterson, was relieved as head coach.

Duggan said the team morale has been low over the last few seasons, the confidence has been low, but "you keep getting back up," adding that "a lot of people have helped" him get to where he is now.

When new head coach Sonny Dykes came in, Duggan could have hit the transfer portal like many players do when the coach that recruited them leaves. For Duggan, that wasn't the plan.

"You get some other schools where people say they love that school and it really depends if they win on Saturdays," said Duggan. "There's more than that at TCU, people will go and always support this university."

Duggan couldn't have imagined he would be here at the beginning of the season.

"I don't know what I would've said to you if you said this is where I was gonna end up at," he said. "But that's what happens when you stay the course, stay at a place you love and continue to work hard."

Duggan threw for 3,698 yards, 32 touchdowns and eight interceptions on the season. He also tallied 423 yards rushing for nine touchdowns.

Through the season, he's led the Frogs to a 12-1 record and the Big 12's first 9-0 conference record since 2016. Duggan also won the Davey O'Brien National Quarterback Award and was nominated for the Manning Award and Walter Camp Player of the Year.

Duggan was announced as the winner of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, which

he will be awarded on Wednesday in Baltimore. After he received the award, he traveled to Manhattan to attend the Heisman ceremony.

He was also unanimously awarded Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year.

The only other winner of the Heisman in TCU's history was Davey O'Brien in 1938, which was the year the Frogs won their second national championship. The last finalist TCU had for the Heisman Trophy was running back LaDainian Tomlinson in 2000.

"When you get this type of recognition, it means so much to me and my family," said Duggan. "It's also something this fanbase and this program can be proud of."

He mentioned TCU's history of finalists.

"I know how proud we are of [Tomlinson] being a finalist and Davey O'Brien," he said. "We're proud of that 'til this day."

Before that, former quarterback Trevone Boykin was fourth in Heisman voting in 2014 when the Frogs were left out of the College Football Playoffs. They went on to beat No. 9 Ole Miss 42-3 in the Peach Bowl.

No. 1 Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett was another of the four finalists. He accrued 3,425 passing yards with 20 touchdowns and 184 rushing yards with seven touchdowns.

No. 4 Ohio State quarterback CJ Stroud was also in the running. He passed for 37 touchdowns and six

interceptions with 3,340 passing yards and run for 74 yards and zero touchdowns.

No. 5 USC quarterback Caleb Williams was the final contender for the award. He threw for 4,075 yards, 37 touchdowns and four interceptions. With his legs, he picked up 372 yards rushing and 10 touchdowns.

Duggan stayed humble, as he always has, and didn't make an exact case for why he should win the Heisman Trophy.

"I'm just fortunate to be in this position right now," he said.

Duggan has had multiple 'Heisman' moments this year.

Against Oklahoma, he became the first player since Lamar Jackson in 2016 to throw a touchdown pass and have a rushing touchdown of 60 yards in the first quarter of a game. His reception was 73 yards to wide receiver Taye Barber and his own touchdown was a 67-yard rush. They happened just 1:18 apart from each other.

Against Baylor in Waco, Duggan led the Frogs down the field in

the fourth quarter while they were down 28-20. The first of TCU's last two drives of the game ended in a touchdown. The defense made a stop and Duggan led the Frogs back down the field, putting the ball in field goal range for kicker Griffin Kell, who would win the game in walk-off fashion.

Finally, against Kansas State in the Big 12 Championship, the Frogs were down by 11 with 7:34 left in the game. TCU got a field goal to reduce the deficit to 8. Then, Duggan led a drive where he ran for 95 yards on 6 plays, including an 8-yarder that put him in the end zone. Without breath, he threw a pass to tight end Jared Wiley for a 2-point conversion that tied the game.

Duggan has remained humble throughout the season about his accomplishments. That hasn't changed with the recent announcement.

"I think it gets lost in a lot of these awards that football is still a team sport," said Duggan. "It's not just one guy pulling the trigger."

He just wants his team to win.

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***"Even without [the Heisman candidacy], I'd be as happy as I am today, whether I was playing or not. Getting to be here at TCU when we're winning – that's what I wanted when I came out of high school."***

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**- MAX DUGGAN**

QUARTERBACK, TCU FOOTBALL

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PHOTO ESSAY

Relive the Fiesta Bowl: The Horned Frogs punch their ticket to Los Angeles



PHOTO BY MICAH PEARCE

TCU football players pose for a photograph after learning they will face No. 2 Michigan in the College Football Playoffs. TCU is the first school from Texas to make the College Football Playoffs, and the second team with an undergraduate enrollment of less than 15,000 to make the CFP. The other is Notre Dame.



PHOTO BY TRISTEN SMITH

Emari Demercado runs past a Michigan defender. The senior running back finished the game with 150 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries.



PHOTO BY TRISTEN SMITH

Wide receiver Taye Barber hushes the Michigan fanbase after catching a pass to give the Frogs a 21-3 lead.



PHOTO BY TRISTEN SMITH

Linebacker Dee Winters runs back a 29-yard interception for a touchdown to give TCU a 34-16 lead. Winters finished as the Defensive Player of the Game racking up seven solo tackles, three tackles for loss, a pass deflection, an interception, and a touchdown.

By Tristen Smith

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

Michigan Wolverines entered the contest as heavy favorites, but the Frogs came out hot.

The defensive plan was to get settled in two plays, and that’s what happened. Michigan got all the way to the TCU 2-yard line, but a 4th down sack by defensive lineman Dylan Horton forced them to end the drive empty-handed.

One of two TCU interceptions was made by safety Bud Clark, who returned the ball 41 yards to put TCU up 7-0 in the first quarter and gave the defense something to celebrate early on.

The Frogs’ second offensive drive ended in the hands of Heisman finalist quarterback Max Duggan. Duggan broke across the goal line on a 1-yard run to give the Frogs a two-score lead over Michigan with a little over two minutes left in the first quarter.

Deep in Wolverine territory with two defenders on his heels, Duggan completed a

touchdown pass to WR Taye Barber, who took a moment to hush the Michigan fanbase after giving the Frogs a 21-3 lead.

After Duggan completed a 46-yard pass to wide receiver Quentin Johnston to start their drive, Emari Demercado went to work. The senior running back was handed the ball on five straight plays, capped off with a 1-yard touchdown run to give the Frogs a 28-16 lead.

Linebacker Dee Winters made his

presence known all day en route to earning Defensive Player of the Game. The exclamation point? His 29-yard interception return touchdown to give TCU a commanding 34-16 lead over Michigan.

Enter wide receiver and Offensive Player of the Game, Quentin Johnston. Facing a third-and-long deep in their own territory, Johnston delivered by catching a pass from Duggan, stutter-stepping and breaking past Michigan defensive back DJ Turner

for a 76-yard touchdown.

The old adage is defense wins championships. In the case of TCU, it was defense that sealed their championship fate. Following the Johnston touchdown, the TCU defense held Michigan to seven points on their final four drives.

A game-sealing fourth down stop with 25 seconds left in the game gave the Frogs their first-ever Fiesta Bowl victory and a spot in the College Football Playoff National Championship.



PHOTO BY TRISTEN SMITH

TCU WR Quentin Johnston caught a pass from QB Max Duggan on 3rd down. He made the Michigan defender miss a tackle and ran 76 yards for a touchdown.







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**The first team in Texas to make the College Football Playoff and CFP National Championship. Vrbo Fiesta Bowl champions. An undefeated regular season. Too many coach of the year and MVP awards to count.**

This season, our football team took a journey beyond anyone's dreams, going from unranked to undeniable. And that was because of the tenacity and heart of 130 guys who gave it their all. Every. Single. Game.

**To our team — thank you.**

The national spotlight shone brightly on TCU thanks to this game-changing season, and y'all made the whole Horned Frog family proud.

Thanks for exemplifying what it means to be a Frog and for taking us on this incredible journey with you.

And here's to the successes that await each and every one of you in the future.





PHOTO ESSAY

# TCU football ranked No. 3 following an undefeated regular season

By **WALTER FLANAGIN**  
STAF WRITER, TCU 360

On Nov. 26, 2022, TCU football secured their first undefeated regular season since 2010.

The No. 3 ranked Horned Frogs fell to No. 10 Kansas State 31-28 in overtime of the Big 12 Championship Game on Dec. 3.  
Here is a look back at some of the highlights of their regular season.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

TCU wide receiver Quentin Johnston, back, attempts to catch a pass as SMU linebacker Isaac Slade-Matautia, front, defends during the second half of the game on Sept. 24, in Dallas, Texas. The Horned Frogs won the game 42-34. (AP Photo/Gareth Patterson)



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU wide receiver Derius Davis runs past a Colorado defender during the game against the Buffalos on Sept. 2, in Boulder, Colo. In new head coach Sonny Dykes' debut with the Horned Frogs TCU won the game 38-13.



PHOTO COURTESY OF AP

TCU quarterback Max Duggan (15) throws a touchdown pass as Oklahoma defensive back Diamond Harmon (17) defends during the first half of the game on Oct. 1, in Fort Worth, Texas. The Horned Frogs won the game 55-24. (AP Photo/Ron Jenkins)



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TCU wide receiver Gunnar Henderson motions for a 1st down during the game against SMU on Sept. 24, in Dallas, Texas. TCU head coach Sonny Dykes coached at SMU from 2018 to 2021. The Horned Frogs won the game 42-34.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU Football players embrace during the game against Kansas on Oct. 8, in Lawrence, Kan. The No. 19 Jayhawks were 5-0 for the first time since 2009. The Horned Frogs won the game 38-31.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU running back Kendre Miller runs past West Virginia defenders during the game in Morgantown, W.Va. on Oct. 29. The Horned Frogs won the game 41-31.





PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU running back Kendre Miller runs past Texas Tech defenders during the game on Nov. 5, in Fort Worth, Texas. The Horned Frogs trailed the Red Raiders 17-13 at the start of the fourth quarter before scoring 21 straight to win 34-24.



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TCU running back Kendre Miller motions for a fourth down during the game against Kansas State on Oct. 22, in Fort Worth, Texas. The Horned Frogs trailed 28-10 with 8:09 to play in the second quarter before shutting out the No. 17 Wildcats in the second half to win 38-28. This was TCU Football's second straight double-digit comeback against a ranked opponent. The week before TCU had trailed the No. 8 Oklahoma State Cowboys by 14 at the start of the fourth quarter before winning the game in double-overtime.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU linebacker Johnny Hodges tackles a Texas ballcarrier during the game against the Longhorns on Nov. 12, in Austin, Texas. The Horned Frogs never trailed and won the game 17-10.



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TCU placekicker Griffin Kell is lifted up following his walk off field goal while the clock was running out at the end of the game against Baylor in Waco, Texas on Nov. 19. The Horned Frogs won the game 29-28.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOFROGS.COM

TCU cornerback Josh Newton celebrates during the game against Iowa State in Fort Worth, Texas on November 26th. The defense scored 14 points as the Horned Frogs won the game 62-14.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## TCU punter Jordy Sandy makes a difference with local charity

By MICAH PEARCE

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

TCU punter Jordy Sandy grew up playing Australian-rules football before coming to America. In his senior season, he is donating to the Hope Center for Autism, a charity based in Fort Worth, every time he lands a punt within the 20-yard line.

Sandy said it's his way of giving back to a community that has provided him with so many opportunities.

He was inspired to donate to the Hope Center for Autism in Fort Worth because of his family in Australia.

"I have an autistic cousin back home," said Sandy.

Seeing some of the challenges their family has faced inspired him to work with the Hope Center.

"It was a cause that really hit close to home."

Sandy said he wasn't focused on any statistical goals for this season, but his donations gave him a new incentive to increase the number of punts that land inside the 20. His teammates make sure he knows every time he adds another \$20 to the bucket.

"I try not to really think about it, but everyone reminds me pretty quickly that I'm \$20 poorer," said Sandy.

It's something he has prided himself on by helping out two teams with different goals.

"Honestly it's great because not only do I do well for the team, but there's another opportunity to give to a good cause," he said.

## Path to TCU

Sandy's path to a roster spot was unconventional.

Before he decided to pursue punting in the states, he worked in scaffolding and in paper mills.

Eventually, he started training with Prokick Academy in Australia whose mission

is to "train, guide and transition Australian athletes to perform at the College/NFL level," according to their website.

In Australian football rules, punting is a common strategy but isn't a way to give the ball to the other team. Rather, it's a way to get the ball down the field or a way to score points.

Prokick coaches Nathan Chapman and John Smith showed Sandy "how to kick spirals and punt the American style," he said.

Sandy developed into a top prospect. He was ranked the 5th best punter in the class of 2019 by 247Sports and



PHOTO COURTESY OF TCU ATHLETICS

TCU punter Jordy Sandy is donating \$20 to the Hope Center for Autism in Fort Worth every time one of his punts lands inside the 20-yard line.

No. 1 in Australia.

Sandy was offered a scholarship to Texas Tech six months after attending the academy. However, a last minute coaching change gave

TCU the opportunity to swoop in and solidify Sandy's spot on their roster.

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“I couldn’t be happier to have landed here, [...] it’s a great part of the world,” said Sandy. “I’d rather be here than Lubbock.”

Despite being nearly 9,000 miles away from his hometown, Sandy’s brother lives in Fort Worth too. And he said the people he has met at TCU feel like family.

“Everyone around campus and on the team has made it a family here,” said Sandy. “I know everyone says that wherever you are, but it truly is — it makes it feel like home.”

Goals for the season

Sandy’s senior year came with a coaching change when Sonny Dykes took over the

program. He described the atmosphere as a different buzz throughout the team.

Going into the 2022 season, Sandy said he had no statistical goals that he wanted to achieve, but he wanted to focus on the process as a whole.

“I think I had 10 [net] return yards last year, so, if anything, I’ll try to keep that to zero or minus if I can,” said Sandy.

Sandy was a Second-Team All Big-12 and Second-Team AP All Big-12 selection in 2020. In the same year, he added a Ray Guy Award Ray’s 4 for his performance against Texas Tech.

This award is given to the nation’s best punter, and is selected by a voting body of Football Bowl Subdivisions

including sports information directors, the national media and former award winners, according to the Ray Guy Award website.

He was in the running for the award again this season.

In that 2020 season, Sandy had a punt average of 41.0 yards, which placed him second in the Big 12. He had at least one 50-yard punt in five of the 10 games he played, with eight total and only three touchbacks.

During that season Sandy put 24 of his 57 punts inside the 20-yard mark.

Sandy said he has increased his yardage by two or three yards each season, which has helped put punts in the donation zone. He attributes his progress to

Mark Tommerdahl, his coach and Special Teams Coordinator.

Tommerdahl, who previously held the same position at TCU from 1998-2000, returned again for his first season.

“He’s a wizard,” said Sandy. “He’s an unbelievable specialist and he’s obviously made me a better punter.”

Next season, Sandy plans to return to TCU and pursue his master’s degree.

Sandy said he wants to go into real estate after he graduates, but he would go a different path if the opportunity arises.

“I would love to go to the next level, if I get the opportunity I’m going to go for it.”

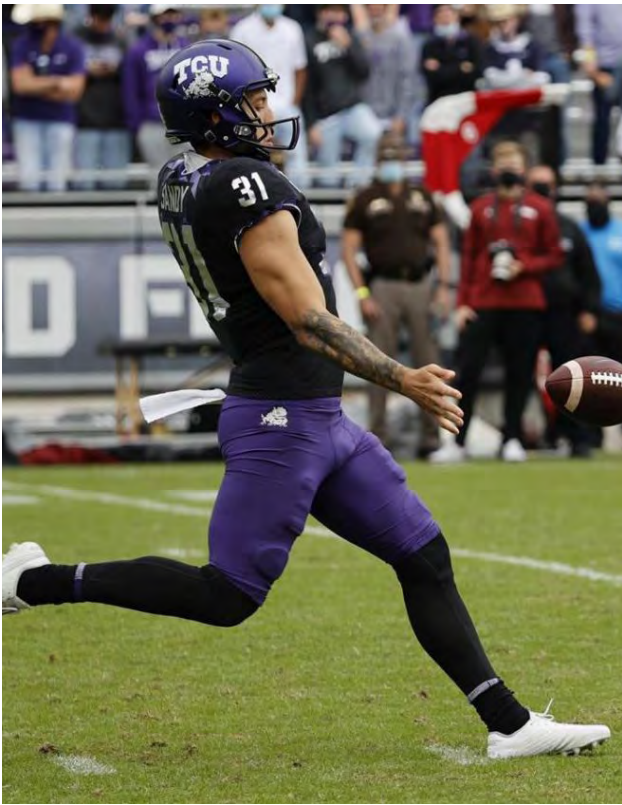


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TCU punter Jordy Sandy finished the season with 18 punts inside the 20-yard line in the 2022 season, totaling \$360 in donations to the Hope Center for Autism in Fort Worth.



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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ This is a positive day for you, especially when dealing with parents, bosses or VIPs. (After the Moon Alert.) From then on, you can ask for favors, permission or approval, because you just might get it. You will be effective running meetings and groups today. Tonight: You shine!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ After the Moon Alert is over today, don't hesitate to make ambitious travel plans for the future. You also might explore opportunities in publishing, the media or anything related to communications, as well as medicine and the law. You're pumped! Tonight: Explore!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ Wait until the Moon Alert is over to make important financial decisions related to inheritances, insurance issues or anything that you share jointly with someone else. Whatever happens will likely tilt in your favor because the gods are with you today! Tonight: Check your finances.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★ Relations with partners and close friends are warm and mutually supportive today. Enjoy schmoozing with others, including members of the general public. Make a date to take your main squeeze out for a fun time. Or perhaps you will

hit the town with your bestie. Tonight: Socialize.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Work-related travel is likely for many of you today, especially later in the day. You will also be successful dealing with groups, clubs and professional associations, especially after the Moon Alert. People will help you today. Please note: Wait until the Moon Alert is over before you act. Tonight: Get organized.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ After the Moon Alert today, it's the perfect time to socialize with others. It's a great date day. You will also enjoy playful activities with kids, as well as social diversions and fun outings with friends. You might explore financial speculation. Tonight: Play!

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ This is a lovely day to entertain at home, especially after the Moon Alert. You will enjoy the company of younger people as well as creative types. You might want to do home repairs or tackle home decorating projects today. Perhaps younger hands will help you get things done. Tonight: Cocoon.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★ Wait until the Moon Alert is over today before you decide to put some ambitious plans into action. You are enthusiastic about some big ideas today, that's for sure. You will also enjoy schmoozing with siblings, neighbors and relatives, because

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everyone is upbeat and enthusiastic. Tonight: Conversations.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★ Financial matters look good for you today after the Moon Alert is over. Look for ways to boost your income, because they do exist. Trust your moneymaking ideas. You also might explore dealing with other countries or people from different cultures. Tonight: Check your money.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ After the Moon Alert today, the Moon is in your sign dancing beautifully with lucky Jupiter, which will boost your optimism and enthusiasm. This is why you'll enjoy socializing with others today. You might enjoy shopping for wardrobe goodies for yourself. (Check the times of the Moon Alert.) Tonight: You win!

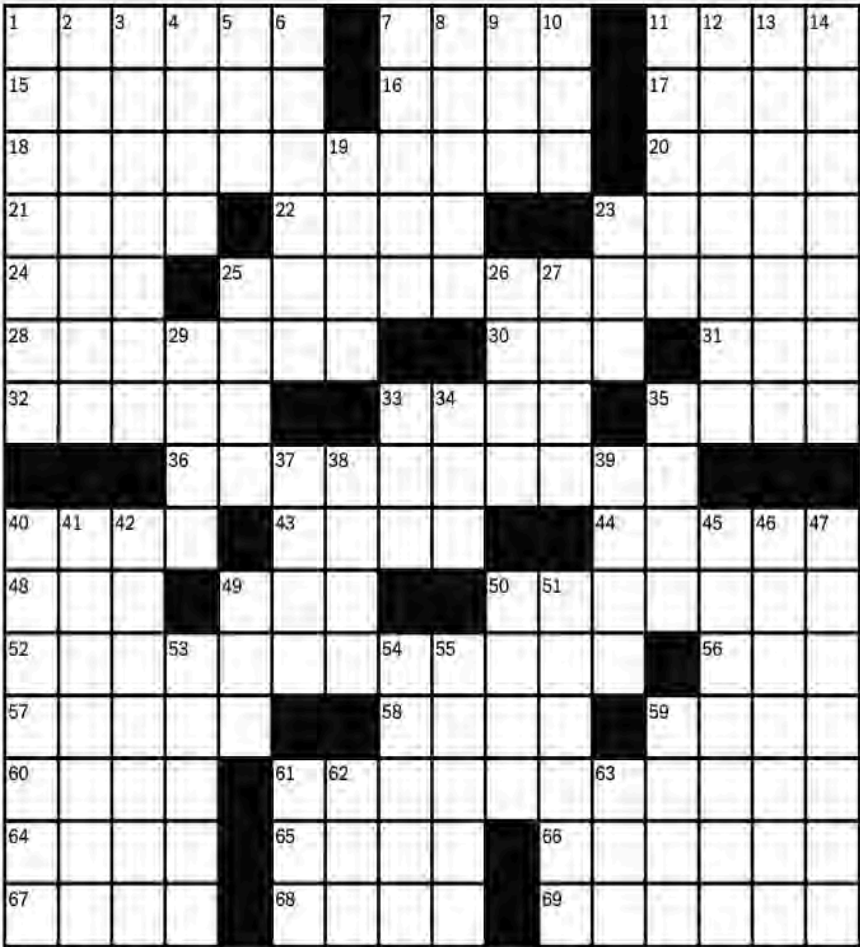
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ This is a pleasant, easygoing day. In fact, as the day wears on, you will enjoy time alone in a private way, preferably with good food and drink. Some of you will enjoy this privacy with a secret lover because you want to be low key today. Tonight: Solitude.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ This is a wonderful day to schmooze with others and be involved in an interactive way with clubs, groups and organizations. Your ability to do this will manifest after the Moon Alert today is over. You might especially enjoy hanging out with younger people or creative, artistic types. Tonight: Warm friendships.



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PUZZLE BY BRUCE HAIGHT

- ACROSS**

1 Pulling up pots in Chesapeake Bay, say

7 Nobel Institute city

11 Like some suspects in lineups, informally

15 Start of a classic question in Shakespeare

16 “What a relief!”

17 Singer/activist \_\_\_\_ Simone

18 Two pounds, peeled and chopped

20 Riga resident

21 \_\_\_\_ souci (carefree)

22 Mythical figure often pictured holding a book

23 Oils, watercolors and acrylics, for artists

24 24 Hubbub

25 Five cups, after lengthy simmering

28 Lose

30 Don’t lose

31 Teeny-tiny

32 Mountain nymph

33 Daily nourishment

35 “Toy Story” boy

36 One cup, after cooling
- DOWN**

1 Way back when

2 Nook, e.g.

3 Bummer

4 Little rascals

5 \_\_\_\_-Latin (Renaissance language)

6 “April Fools!”

7 \_\_\_\_ nerve

8 Agitated

9 Surname derived from the Chinese word for “plum”

10 Column base

11 Painted shrieks

12 Harbor opening

13 Subside

14 Tempted

15 Tool for a cryptographer

19 Came down 23

25 Relinquish

26 Pitcher

27 Time of day in commercials

29 Cries of disgust

33 Some food coloring

34 Post-op stop

37 Marks in the sand, perhaps

35 In
- 40 \_\_\_\_ Houdini, co-star in her husband Harry’s act

43 Stead

44 Missionary work?

48 Spanish article

49 Poet who wrote the line “But we loved with a love that was more than love”

54 Goes over or under, in a way

50 Keeper of some official documents

52 Four cups, cleaned and sliced

56 Home shopping channel

57 Steerable electronic toy, for short

58 \_\_\_\_ Reader (digital digest)

59 Plains language

60 Words repeated in “\_\_\_\_ what \_\_\_\_”

61 Soup made with this puzzle’s ingredients

64 Bad impression?

65 Part of the “back forty”

66 Onion-shaped

67 Tense

68 Villain’s look

69 Baking needs
- 37 Soothing application

38 Locked horns (with)

39 Fivers

40 One means of commuting

41 Put into law

42 Pouring gravy on, say

45 Cookout entree, in brief

47 Tops

49 Each

50 Declare not to be so

51 Barely makes it

53 Delicious

54 Ill-gotten gains

55 Anesthetic since the 1840s

59 Cherry \_\_\_\_

61 Kilmer of “Batman Forever”

62 Put away

63 Seek damages

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LAST WEEK’S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS

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## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

## TCU football's historic season ends after loss at national championship

By MICAH PEARCE

STAFF WRITER, TCU 360

The TCU Horned Frogs couldn't add a national title to their historic storyline, dropping the national championship 65-7 to the repeat-champion Georgia Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs put up the most points against an opponent in the College Football Playoff title game, breaking Alabama's record of 35 against Ohio State in 2021.

The Bulldogs scored on every drive in the first half with five touchdowns and one field goal. They ended the first half with 371 total yards compared to TCU's 121.

Georgia only punted once in the game, on the first drive of the second half.

TCU's defense couldn't keep up with Georgia's offense. The Bulldogs had blockers where they needed to open up a lane for a running back or a receiver. TCU left open holes and Georgia's offense found them every time.

"We dug such a big hole for ourselves [because] we never could get them stopped, defensively," said head coach Sonny Dykes. "We never could get out of our own way on offense."

The Frogs failed to get enough yardage to put themselves in a position to score.

Coming into the game, the Bulldogs gave up an average of 16 first downs per game. TCU's offense only moved the chains nine times.



PHOTO BY TRISTEN SMITH

TCU quarterback Max Duggan runs in the only touchdown of the night for the Frogs in their 65-7 loss to Georgia in the national championship on Jan. 9.

The Frogs allowed 20.4 first downs on average coming into the game. Georgia had 32 first downs against them on Monday.

Duggan was sacked five times, tying a season-high from games against SMU and Texas. He threw for 152 yards, his lowest of the season only behind his 124 yards against Texas.

"We were shooting ourselves in the foot," said Duggan. "I held onto the ball a little bit too long which caused trouble for the [offensive] line."

Duggan also couldn't connect with his normal go-to wide receiver, Quentin Johnston. He had just one 3-yard reception on three targets.

Johnston is a junior, but he is projected to be a first-round pick in the upcoming NFL draft. He can be added to the list of Horned Frogs that won't return next year.

The Bulldogs only allowed one touchdown, which was a rushing touchdown via the legs of Duggan. It was the first game he started this season in which he didn't record a passing touchdown.

The Frogs didn't help their case, giving possession back to Georgia on two interceptions and a fumble. The Frog defense couldn't make stops, so Georgia took advantage of the turnovers.

The Bulldogs had the ball for 18:47 of the first half. The Frogs only had possession for 11:13.

The work was done in the first half. The second half just added insult to injury. Georgia didn't want to leave any doubt that it is the best team in college football.

The team added 27 points to the board.

After the end of the third quarter, the Bulldogs just had to run

the ball and keep the clock rolling to clinch their second consecutive national title.

Georgia pulled senior quarterback Stetson Bennett so he could exit his last game to a standing ovation. The rest of the seniors got the same treatment when the next timeout was called.

Bennett finished the game with 304 yards passing, four passing touchdowns and zero interceptions.

He also added 39 yards rushing and two rushing touchdowns.

"He had the best game of his career," said Georgia's head coach Kirby Smart.

The Frogs tried a last-chance, desperate fourth-down conversion on their own 29-yard line six yards away from the marker. Duggan was sacked for a loss of 10.

Georgia took advantage of the tired TCU defense and scored

on the very next play, making it 65-7.

"It was week 22 for us," said Dykes. "For the players to practice like they did 22 weeks into the season, it's a real credit to them."

Whatever Frog faithfuls remained wore dismay amid the blowout.

For Dykes, that was one of the hardest parts about the outcome.

"It's one of the things that's most disappointing," said Dykes. "You hate it for your players and your fans that traveled all the way to LA."

He was appreciative of their support, though.

"I know flights and tickets were expensive and it was hard to do," said Dykes. "And our fans answered the call every time we asked them to do something."

Georgia ended up controlling the football for 36:59 compared to TCU's 23:01.

The Frogs didn't win the title and Dykes said it will sting for a while, but he and Duggan think the program has a bright future.

"We still have three or four recruits that we're chasing," said Dykes. "We'll hopefully get those guys on board and continue to build and learn from tonight and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Dykes and Duggan shared the idea that this loss wasn't indicative of the team's efforts this season. It wasn't how the Frogs drew it up, but Duggan said it won't "define all the good memories and all the success that we had this season to put this program in the right direction."

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***"I know this program is going to get back on this stage again. If we're ever in a situation like that, I know we're going to be able to get out of it and have some success. I'm positive of that."***

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- MAX DUGGAN

QUARTERBACK, TCU FOOTBALL