## Baylor beats Iowa St 23-21 on FG after blowing 20-point lead

WACO, Texas -- John Mayers kicked a 38-yarder with 21 seconds left for the first field goal of the redshirt freshman's career, lifting Baylor to a 23-21 victory over Iowa State on Saturday after the Bears blew a 20-point lead in the fourth quarter.

The win in the Big 12 opener for both teams was the second in a row for the Bears (4-0, 1-0 Big 12), who won their sixth straight game going back to last season and are off to their best start in three years under coach Matt Rhule.

Brock Purdy rallied the Cyclones (2-2, 0-1) with three TD drives after trailing 20-0 in the fourth quarter. But Iowa State couldn't stop Baylor's 54-yard drive to the winning points while losing a Big 12 opener for the 16th time in 18 seasons -- including all four under coach Matt Campbell.

The Bears fell behind for the first time this season on Purdy's 20-yard touchdown pass to Charlie Kolar with less than four minutes to go.

Charlie Brewer answered with three third-down conversions on the 14-play march, which included completions of 15 and 13 yards to Tyquan Thornton. Mayers' kick into the wind was just inside the right post after he missed badly from the same distance -- 38 yards -- in the first half.

Baylor was behind because of a botched PAT attempt after the second of three touchdown passes from Brewer when the snap went through holder Skyler Wetzel's hands.

Thornton had 11 catches for 141 yards and the last Baylor touchdown. Denzel Mims scored the first TDs and had 106 yards on six grabs.

After a rough start, Purdy finished 27 of 45 for 342 yards with two touchdowns and an interception. Johnnie Lang had a touchdown rushing and another receiving.

## THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa State: Purdy's recovery a week after accounting for six touchdowns in a 72-20 loss to Louisiana-Monroe reversed what was looking like a miserable day. Still, the Cyclones will feel like they let one get away after they thought they had stolen one.

Baylor: Instead of what would have been the worst loss under Rhule, the Bears have momentum in the Big 12 race. The Bears also avoided ending Rhule's 35-game winning streak when the coach's team was tied or leading going in the fourth quarter, including his Temple tenure.

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ley Kick) 6 plays, 65 yards,	2:45			. 1	2	21	20
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Team Stats			ISU		BA		
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Total Plays Avg Gain Per Pla			73 5.5		79 5.	2	
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Comp-Att Yards Per Pass	- 5		27 <b>-</b> 45 7.6			-45	
Times Sacked			3		3		
Yds Lost To Sac Interceptions	s		-16 1		-2 0	5	
Punts Punt Average			5 0.0		6 0.	0	
Penalties Penalty Yards			2 25		7 75		
Fumbles Fumbles Lost			1 1		1 0		
Time of Poss			29 <b>:</b> 43			:17	
Individual Stats	5						
RUSHING IOWA ST	Rush				TD	LON	
Johnnie Lang Kene Nwangwu	6 3	35 13	5.8	3	1 0	12 9	
Sheldon Croney Jr. Brock Purdy	13	12 3	2.0	2	0 0	4 9	
BAYLOR John Lovett	<b>Rush</b> 12	52	4.3	3	<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LON</b> 11	
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Team PASSING IOWA ST	1 Comp	-2 Att	-2. ¥ds	v/a	0 <b>TD</b>	0 Int	OPPat
Brock Purdy BAYLOR	Comp 27 Comp	45	342 Yds	7.6 Y/A	2	1	<b>QBRat</b> 53.2 <b>OBRat</b>
Charlie Brewer RECEIVING	26	45	307	6.8	3	0	53.2
IOWA ST Deshaunte Jones	<b>Rec</b> 7	<b>Yds</b> 77	<b>Avg</b> 11.0		<b>TD</b> 0	<b>LONG</b> 18	
Charlie Kolar Tarique Milton	5 3	72 40	14.4		1 0	20 24	
Chase Allen Darren Wilson	2 2	37 36	18.5		0	30 28	
Sean Shaw Jr. Sheldon Croney Jr.	1	33 21	33.0		0 0	33 9	
La'Michael Pettway Johnnie Lang		14 12	14.0		0 1	14 12	
BAYLOR Tyquan Thornton	<b>Rec</b> 11	Yds 141	Avg 12.8		<b>TD</b> 1	<b>LONG</b> 35	
Denzel Mims R.J. Sneed	6 4	106 30	17.7		2	46 20	
JaMycal Hasty Jared Atkinson	3 1	14 9	4.7		0	15 9	
Chris Platt	ī	7	7.0		0	7	