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## SPORTS

# TCU football heading into 2021 with a chip on its shoulder

By COLIN POST

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU360

“Make it personal.”

Just another motivational phrase to some, those three words have become the backbone of what TCU football is trying to accomplish this fall.

As if seeing their bowl game get canceled last December due to COVID-19 protocols was not enough, the Frogs have gotten plenty of things to make personal over the last few months courtesy of the national media.

In early July, TCU was ranked fifth in the Big 12 preseason poll, falling behind teams like Texas and Oklahoma State of which the Frogs have defeated in three of their last four matchups.

Just a few weeks later, the Big 12 was featured on the headlines of every major college football media outlet when the “jocks” of the conference, Oklahoma and Texas, announced their intention to depart for the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

Instead of getting caught up in the hype of the top dogs deciding to pursue greener grass, TCU is choosing to “Make it personal” and take care of what they can control.

“I don’t think any of us really care what these other guys [Oklahoma and Texas] have,” tight end Carter Ware said. “We know what we have. We’re going to play our game, and we’re going to do our thing. By the end of the year, we’ll let our game talk.”



PHOTO BY HEESOO YANG

TCU quarterback Max Duggan (15) celebrates as wide receiver Quentin Johnston (1) scores a touchdown against Texas Tech in 2020.

## Unity

Approval from the media has never been something a Gary Patterson-led squad has needed to succeed, which is why those around the program say that TCU is more unified than ever heading into their 2021 campaign.

Patterson compared the chemistry of this team to the 2011 squad that famously defeated Wisconsin in the Rose Bowl, while Ware felt that it was reminiscent of the 2017 team that made a Big 12 championship appearance.

“If I had to compare it to since I’ve been here, maybe a little bit like 2017,” Ware said. “That was my freshman year, and I got to travel the last couple of games with those guys and see how much they really bonded with each other.”

It comes as no surprise that the Frogs work well together, as they are

returning 16 starters in 2021, highlighted by third-year quarterback Max Duggan.

When talking about leadership with Patterson and members of the team, Duggan’s name is always one of the first to come up.

“Max is our guy. He’s solid as a rock,” Ware said. “We go with Max. His highs are our highs, and his lows are our lows. He carries us, and we carry him. Back against the wall, we will fight with that guy to the end.”

Despite struggling with a heart condition over the offseason, Duggan made strides in 2020, improving his completion percentage by over seven percent and cutting his interception total by more than half.

Now that the junior is entering his third year as a starter following his first full offseason, the country should get a look into the true potential of Max Duggan as a Power 5 signal-caller.

Duggan is not alone in his leadership, though, as Patterson has also highlighted wide receiver Derius Davis as someone else who has stepped up in big ways over the offseason.

“The guy that’s really had a great camp and has fought through things is [Derius] Davis,” Patterson said. “We really need[ed] an older guy on the outside.”

Davis did a little bit of everything for the Frogs in 2020, collecting 492 all-purpose yards and three touchdowns, two of which came on punt returns.

Named to the watchlist for the Paul Hornung Award (nation’s most versatile player) over the offseason, the senior’s utility nature and leadership of budding receivers like sophomore Quentin Johnston should make him a pivotal piece of the TCU offense in 2021.

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## FOOTBALL

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### Nonconference schedule

Before they face the gauntlet of nine-straight Big 12 games without a bye week, the Frogs see a trio of non-conference games that increase in difficulty as they go without posing too serious of a threat for a loss.

TCU kicked off their season Saturday against FCS-opponent Duquesne for the first-ever matchup between the two opponents.

The game was at full-capacity at Amon G. Carter Stadium

“We’re really just ready to go,” Ware said. “We’re ready to have these fans back. We’re ready to play in front of this community and get after it.”

Despite being a lower-tier opponent, the Dukes represent some of the best that the FCS has to offer behind the experience and a strong offense.

Because the FCS season was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Duquesne played organized football just a few months ago, and they are returning all

22 starters from a team that went 4-0 in their regular season.

“If there’s an advantage for them, it is that they played just a couple of months ago,” Patterson said. “They’ve been going [and] doing, so that’s a positive.”

Leading the Dukes is quarterback Joe Mischler, who was named to the watchlist for the CFPA FCS National Performer of the Year Trophy last month.

After transferring from Ohio, Mischler put together a First-Team All-NEC season this spring, hinting that he should give the TCU secondary an excellent warmup for their FBS opponents to come.

From there, the Frogs will continue their home stretch with a matchup against California before taking their one mid-schedule bye the following weekend.

Finally, a chance to avenge their heart-breaking loss to SMU two years ago comes for TCU, as they take on the Mustangs at home to end their non-conference slate on Sept. 25.

“We knew going into this ball game that it was ‘how do you find a way to win against Duquesne and Cal?’” Patterson said. “Then, you get two weeks

to get ready for SMU, so we’re still pretty much on that timeline.”

### Injuries

Despite Patterson giving the label “pretty good” for an overall evaluation of fall camp, the Frogs do have their fair share of injuries preventing them from being in full stride going into the opener.

The most concerning of these undoubtedly come on the defensive side, as cornerback Noah Daniels and defensive end Khari Coleman, both of which were slated to be key pieces for the TCU defense in 2021, are out for the season opener.

In the meantime, junior C.J. Ceasar II will start in place of Daniels, and senior Dylan Horton will start in place of Coleman.

Patterson has spoken well of both Ceasar and Horton over the offseason, which should give the Frogs insurance through the unknown of when their stars can return.

At linebacker, sophomore Jamoi Hodge has been struggling with injury, meaning that junior Wyatt Harris will start alongside junior Dee Winters as the Frogs face the tough task of filling now-Houston Texan Garrett Wallow’s role.

On the line, senior Terrell Cooper, who is primed for a career year, is “just about back” after struggling with injury throughout fall camp.

Throughout his media availability on Aug. 31, Patterson continued to emphasize the word “depth,” and it’s exactly that which will go on to determine the fate of TCU’s season.

# 2021 Wassenich Award

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Super Frog high fives a fan at Saturday’s game at Amon G. Carter Stadium.

# Two TCU students held up with paintball gun

By **ALEXANDRA PREUSSER**

MANAGING EDITOR, TCU 360

The Fort Worth Police Department and TCU Police Department are searching for two men suspected of robbing two students and shooting one of them multiple times with a paintball gun overnight Sunday.

At 2 a.m., the students were walking in the 3100 block of South University Drive when they were approached by two black males in a dark-colored sedan, according to an email sent by Interim Chief of Police Robert R. Rangel to the university Sunday night.

The suspects displayed a paintball rifle and demanded personal property from both students, according to police. After the students complied, the suspects fired multiple shots with the paint gun as they fled toward West Berry Street.

The TCU Police Department will be conducting extra patrols on campus and in the surrounding areas in response to the crime, Rangel said.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact TCU Police at 817-257-7777 or Fort Worth Police Department at 817-392-4222.



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The TCU Police Department responded to the incident and is working to prevent this from happening again

## LEAD ON,<sup>SM</sup> DIFFERENCE MAKERS.

**Congratulations to the finalists for the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award.**

These individuals are recognized for providing TCU with the critical voices necessary for change and for their sustained actions to transform the university by making it an even more diverse, equitable and inclusive learning environment and place to work. The winner will be announced at Fall Convocation.

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# Faculty Senate talks COVID-19 mandates

By **JD PELLIS**

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Concerns about students masking up dominated conversations in the first Faculty Senate meeting of the new academic year.

The active case count for the coronavirus on campus more than doubled from 78 to 178 active cases during week two of the semester, according to the TCU COVID-19 Dashboard.

This fall's spike was predicted, said Chancellor Victor Boschini at Thursday's meeting, but testing centers have not been able to meet the demand on campus.

The TCU health center is "jammed," and Walgreens and CVS are backlogged, causing a delay in students getting tested, said Boschini.

The health center reports testing only about 25 to 30 students daily.

A request to get more testing teams to come to campus was filed by Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Kathryn Cavins-Tull.

Testing issues come as Tarrant County's community spread cases rose to 6,439 Wednesday.

For some faculty, mask misconduct was a glaring issue. But their complaints about students not following the TCU policy requiring students to wear masks around their mouth and nose weren't met with promises of increased enforcement.

"We are not doing the hard policing," said Provost Teresa Abi-Nader Dahlberg in response to faculty complaints. "If you

want, you can police the students, you can put up extra signing, and if you don't want to, you can report it to the dean of students."

Dean of Students Mike Russel said he has talked to about 10 faculty and staff members regarding mask misconduct since the beginning of the semester and is ready to suggest consequences.

Breaking mask policy could result in a non-academic misconduct process, administered by the Dean of Students and several panels, for students who have been confronted by faculty or staff members twice, Russel said at the meeting.

The present TCU student code on non-academic misconduct outlines policies such as sexual misconduct, prohibited discrimination and retaliation but does not yet represent a policy directed toward masks or vaccinations.

Boschini squashed the idea of a vaccination mandate during the meeting.

While the Faculty Senate discussed a bill that could allow TCU to mandate vaccination following the FDA full approval of the BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine, the university's current approach doesn't permit requiring vaccination or against new employees or students who chose not to get vaccinated, said Boschini.

The composite number of vaccinations reported by faculty, staff and students is 7,497 (up from 7,267 last week), according to Protect the Purple.

In other business from the Faculty Senate meeting:

TCU is still on the search for an SIS Dean with the first round of interviews, and should have someone in September of next year.

TCU is starting the search for an Honors & Fine Arts Dean, and plan to hire someone in September of next year.

TCU is still searching for Registrar hires. They are in the first and second-round interviews, and slate a completion date for this month.

Sadler renovation is now underway with the goal to be completed the 2023 school year as the new home of interdisciplinary studies and the John V. Roach Honors College.

Advising Software Project and Green Chair Speaker Series projects are to resume.

For Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Provost announced that TCU is no longer on monitoring. TCU was on monitoring until April 2021 due to insufficient reports for student degrees.

To report your vaccination status, visit the TCU vaccination form made for TCU students and employees.

## Zooming out

With most Texas colleges and universities ditching Zoom for the classroom, North Texas schools have all seen an increase in cases since the start of the school year.

In total, TCU has 178 active cases, while

Southern Methodist University has 70 and Baylor University, 204, according to the most current data from Baylor University and Southern Methodist University.

Last September despite virtual learning, 244 active cases and the postponement of TCU football's season opener marked the beginning of the school's largest spike in cases.

Now, many Texas schools are faced with navigating the Delta variant in normal classroom settings.

So far, zero hospitalizations within the TCU community have been reported to Protect the Purple, and the availability of protective equipment and isolation beds are at 65% or greater.

The same cannot be said for Tarrant County as a whole, which has experienced a spike in bed occupancy related to COVID-19 since the summer.

Current data from the Tarrant County website

shows that hospital bed occupancy is at 94% with 24% of total beds being occupied by COVID-19 patients.

Texas Governor Greg Abbott posted a tweet that attracted backlash from many in the internet community this week.

Comments showed frustration over Abbott's selectivity of data.

According to the Texas Tribune, Texas hospitals are reporting comparable hospitalizations to the state's peak numbers following the winter surge.

His tweets have not addressed many of the recent coronavirus trends.

Another trend is showing that more and more young people are contracting the virus.

Since the summer, Tarrant County's 45-64 age group has had the largest downward trend in contracting the virus, while residents under 15 have had the biggest upward trend.

The 25-44 age group

has remained stagnant in case count but still leads all age categories in positive cases.

The majority of hospitalizations are occupied by those 65+, followed by the 45-64 group.

Overall, Tarrant County is receiving more positive COVID-19 cases and related deaths than it did last September.



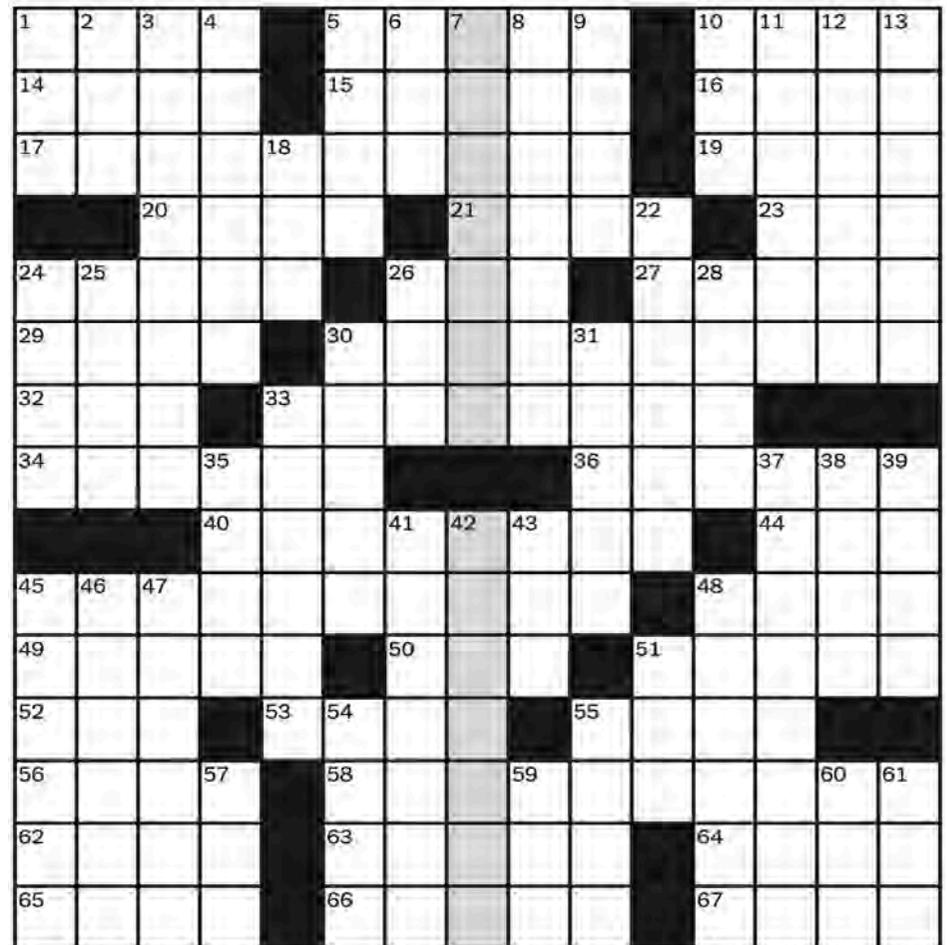
Fashion Merchandising students work on their mannequin display.

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# WELCOME BACK, FROGS!

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## Horoscope

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 an excellent day to make connections with friends and meet new people. Your ability to deal with members of the general public will be tops. It's a good day for beginnings! Tonight: Schmooze!

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ This will be a successful day at work, don't hesitate to begin something. You will be surprised at how easy it is to get the ball rolling. Furthermore, whatever you initiate has a good chance of being beneficial in the future. Tonight: Happy hour!

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your creative skills are hot today! This is

a wonderful day for those who work in the arts or in the entertainment world. Vacation plans and plans for social events will go extremely well today! Meanwhile, it's also a great day to kick back and relax with friends. Tonight: Romance!

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Family conversations will be positive and mutually beneficial today. In particular, it's a good time to start new projects or encourage a family member in a certain direction. This is a great day to entertain at home. Tonight: Enjoy!

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Your ability to inspire and enthuse others is excellent today, which is why this is a wonderful day for those who write, edit, teach, act or sell. Your words will be like gold! Tonight: Talk to others.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Financial matters are favored today. This is a good day to initiate something new or to start a new business. Believe that what you want to do will turn out well. Meanwhile, some of you will make a major purchase that will please you. Tonight: Enjoy shopping.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ This is a powerful day for you! The Moon is in your sign, and it is dancing with lucky Jupiter, which means you feel confident and fortunate. Do not hesitate to start new ventures, talk to people or initiate anything, because you will succeed! Tonight: All hail Libra!

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ This is a feel-good day for you, which is why you have a warm feeling in your tummy. Trust your instincts. Enjoy your interactions with

friends, groups and associations. Respect any ideas you have for new collaborations or new projects. Tonight: Peace and quiet.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ This is a wonderful day to interact with groups, whether it is a small coffee klatch or a large convention, because you will be successful relating to others, especially if you are kicking off a new project or starting a new group. Tonight: Enjoy friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You make a wonderful impression on others today and, believe me, people notice you! Trust your instincts. Don't hesitate to make your pitch to bosses or important people about new projects and new ideas. Financial ventures in particular. Tonight: You are admired.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ This is a great day to make travel plans for the future. It's also the perfect day to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, medicine, the law or anything to do with higher education. Whatever you set in motion will have a great chance for success! Tonight: Explore ideas!

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Business and finance are definitely favored today. This is a good day to do fundraising, to raise money for business purposes or to contact banks and financial institutions. Even in minor ways, you will benefit from the wealth and resources of others. Tonight: Contentment.



## SPORTS

# Starters look strong for TCU football in season-opening rout of Duquesne

By **COLIN POST**

SPORTS EDITOR, TCU 360

All it took was a fourth down conversion on TCU's first possession of the season to not only send a message that the game against FCS opponent Duquesne was already over, but also that the Frogs' offense will be willing to take and capitalize on risks in 2021.

Facing a fourth-and-5 from deep in Duquesne territory, quarterback Max Duggan hit wide receiver Quentin Johnston on a 10-yard pass to move the chains and keep the opening drive alive.

Three plays later, Duggan burst up the middle for an eight-yard touchdown that would start a 35-0 scoring run for the Frogs that would put the Dukes away by halftime.

TCU would go on to win the game 45-3 to start its season on a high note and take victory in a season opener for the 16th time in 21 seasons under head coach Gary Patterson.

Duggan played every snap for TCU in the first half, finishing 14-for-19 with 207 yards and a late touchdown pass to wide receiver JD Spielman to end the first half.

Despite missing a read over the top in the

second quarter that led to his first interception of the year, the third-year quarterback looked in control and in sync with his wide receivers for the majority of the game, which is all that you can ask of a starting quarterback in the season opener.

When asked about Duggan's performance in the postgame press conference, all Patterson had to say was, "We won."

Ten different receivers caught passes in the contest for the Frogs, with senior Darius Davis leading the way with 57 receiving yards on two catches.

Sophomore Kendre Miller led TCU on the ground, finishing with eight carries for 70 yards and a touchdown.

The Frogs' first four touchdowns came on the ground, each of which was scored by a different player. Following Duggan's initial score, senior Emari Demercado punched it in from two yards out to make it 14-0.

Following his two-drive suspension, sophomore Zach Evans got in on the action with a two-yard rushing touchdown on his own, following an interception by cornerback Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson.

A score from Miller and Spielman each came



PHOTO BY ESAU RODRIGUEZ

Wide receiver Quentin Johnston (1) tries to lose a defender while running a route against Duquesne on Sept. 4, 2021.

for TCU before the end of the first half in what would be the curtain call for the majority of the offensive starters for the rest of the night.

Spielman's touchdown showed off the speed and agility he has developed over six years of being on a college football roster, and it earned him high praise from his quarterback after the game.

"He [Spielman] makes everyone's job easy when he has the ball in his hands," Duggan said.

Feeling the weight of injuries and the scorching Texas sun,

Duquesne requested for 12-minute quarters in the second half and a running clock.

Backup quarterbacks Matthew Downing and University of Oklahoma-transfer Chandler Morris both saw action for the Frogs in the last 24 minutes, as TCU primarily ran the ball to juice the clock.

Morris did connect with redshirt freshman Blake Nowell on a 20-yard touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter for both players' first career touchdown in the purple and white.

Despite the four rushing touchdowns on the night, the Frogs only collected 178 yards on the ground in the game, something Patterson saw as an opportunity to improve going forward.

"The biggest thing I thought of was we still need to run the ball better," Patterson said. "Which will have to be better going forward. Especially this group next week [California]—they'll probably be one of the best defenses we play."

Defensively, the Frogs were strong all night, holding the Dukes to a measly 137 yards of total

offense and only six first downs.

Junior Dee Winters and sophomore Jamoi Hodge both looked strong at linebacker in the game, combing for 11 tackles while recording one tackle for loss each.

Things only get tougher from here for TCU, as Pac-12 opponent The University of California, Berkeley comes to town. Kickoff against the Golden Bears is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on ESPNU.

"We got to 1-0, and now we have Cal-Berkeley," Patterson said. "So, here we go."

## FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

FALL 2021



SEPT 4  
AT TCU

SEPT 11  
AT TCU

SEPT 25  
AT TCU



OCT 2  
AT TCU

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AT TECH

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AT OU



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