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# DEVIL OF A FINISH



LAURYN AMY, TRIBUNE-HERALD

Baylor tight end Michael Trigg scores his second touchdown of the second half against Arizona State safety Adrian Wilson.

## Bears’ uneven play dooms them in walk-off loss

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Baylor head coach Dave Aranda has talked about complementary football with his team more than anything over the first four weeks of the season.

It’s the thing that has eluded the Bears the most, and it cost them the game Saturday night against Arizona State.

When the defense played the best it has all year against the Sun Devils, the offense lagged. And when the Bears finally found a rhythm moving the ball on offense, any momentum was quickly killed when the defense gave up a backbreaking play.

It ended with a 27-24 loss to the defending conference champions on a walk-off field goal.

“I have to look at myself and find a better way to get that done,” Aranda said. “Because that’s really what’s missing right now, is a team that plays collectively together.”

Baylor’s offense turned the ball over three times Saturday against Arizona State, but the defense held the Sun Devils to field goals on all three possessions.

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ROD AYDELOTTE, TRIBUNE-HERALD

Arizona State defensive back Keith Abney II intercepts a Sawyer Robertson pass intended for wide receiver Josh Cameron in the second half.



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Arizona State receiver Jordyn Tyson reacts after a penalty call on Baylor safety DJ Coleman late in the fourth quarter of the Bears’ 27-24 loss to the Sun Devils Saturday.

## Self-inflicted wounds only add to Baylor’s pain

If you shoot yourself in the foot once, maybe you’ll get lucky and only lose a toe.

If you reload and go back for more, you’re going to do a lot more damage.

Medic! Stop the bleeding! Somebody grab a few rolls of gauze and a heck of a lot of Band-Aids, because the Baylor Bears are losing a lot of blood over here. Saturday’s 27-24 loss to defending Big 12 champion Arizona State would have been far easier for the Bears to digest had they not limped away feel-



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ing like they endured more self-inflicted wounds than the cuts that the Sun Devils delivered.

“I’m disappointed in just the execution, whether it’s the turnovers on offense or the penalties, the penalties on defense, the busted play on the big third down,” Baylor coach Dave Aranda said. “It’s just at inopportune times, kind of shooting yourself in the foot, and you just can’t do that versus a really good team. To have them at home, to have the crowd in it, and to have all that and then not come away with it is very, very, very, very frustrating.”

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