



# OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL

## OKLAHOMA QUOTES • HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

IOWA STATE 38, No. 3/3 OKLAHOMA 31 • OCT. 7, 2017

### Opening statement:

“Very, very disappointing. I thought we were really ready to play. I thought the bye week was really good and our energy early in the game was good again. Similar to Baylor, we started out fast offensively and we had a couple of stops. That’s momentum. Two games in a row we get to that point where we can separate a little bit and we obviously did not do that. Offensively, we had some critical mistakes and we had a lot of time right before during the first half, the chance to get down there and get some points and we did nothing and they’re able to flip it, turn that into a field goal.

Obviously, the biggest sequence in the game was the fumble down there going in and they’re able to take it and go 90-something yards to score, and obviously not scoring there at the end. Did some good things offensively, but did not play well enough. Defensively, the biggest thing that showed up to me is that we had two critical, critical penalties that were drive- and game-changing type penalties. Obo (Okoronkwo) had a personal foul, and Kenneth Murray on that last one. You’re getting ready to be, I believe, third and long, on both situations and just giving them a free pass there was just bad football. And then we did not tackle well the entire day. Missed tackles, guys not in position. I’m just very disappointed with our effort tackling. When you let teams hang in there like that and the teams make some plays and get a little momentum, then you can get beat and we did. I give Iowa State credit. The kids played well and came in more disciplined than our guys did for sure. So, give them credit on doing a better job than we did.

Going forward, this team still has a ton in front of them. We’ve seen the blueprint around here for the last two years of a disappointing loss and what you’ve got to do to rebound from that in either early or mid-season. So, we know how to do but knowing how to do it and doing it are two different things. We’re going to have to coach a lot better – I, first, have to do a better job of getting our team to maintain the momentum that we’ve had early in games. We’ve obviously not done a good job of that at all. We’ve got a disappointed group in there right now, but a group that’s very hungry. You can see the disappointment on their faces but they’re very hungry to correct the things we need to correct and excited about getting back on the field next week.”

### On stopping Iowa State’s passing game:

“A lot of that is older guys for us that have played a lot of ball ... the pressure wasn’t consistent. They did get the ball out

of there quick, thought they did a good job of having a good game plan with their new quarterback in there. Kid threw the ball well. They made a couple of contested plays but the ones I’m more disappointed about are the ones where we weren’t there and that we had the penalties on. So, yeah, I think the big deal in the passing game is, they’re got some good receivers. (Allen) Lazard and those guys are going to make some plays. Those, you hate to want them to happen because it shouldn’t happen, but the big ones are the yards after contact. We’ve got guys tackled and the yards after contact – that was the game.”

### On Iowa State’s defense:

“They dropped eight on us. That was a lot of how the game was and that’s how they played the week before against Texas. We anticipated it. We tried a little crossing route –we were trying to get a matchup for Mark (Andrews) over the middle and they did a good job of bottling him up and it ended up in a scramble situation, which, honestly the majority of the day, we were really, really good at. When you play against teams that are going to rush three and drop eight, there are going to be some scrambles. And most guys you can get out and around is five. So, there’s often times not a lot of room and they did a good job of closing it up.”

### On what it will take to improve:

“Everybody’s got to do better. We’re all in it together, so that’s part of it. We’ve all got to play better and again, it’s a lot like the Baylor deal. I didn’t think we had as many busts today. We had a few where we were out of position, even our linebackers do it – it’s not just the secondary ... I think we just got frustrated. We had a lot of chances to make competitive plays that we just did not make and like I said, we’ve just got to all do better.”

### On his disappointment following the loss:

“I’m very disappointed. There’s no doubt. I’m not dejected. I know what this team can be. We in that locker room know what this team can be. The fact that we’re not playing like it right now is disappointing. Absolutely, it is. I feel like we’ve got the makeup in there – I told them in there, this will be the most important game of the year for us as far as how we respond to it. We’ll look back at the end of the year and regardless of what we do, we’ll be able to point at this moment and say, ‘that’s the moment where we turned it around.’”



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## OKLAHOMA QUOTES • DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR MIKE STOOPS

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### Opening statement:

"It's obviously extremely disappointing. We should've been better than that today and certainly it's disappointing in a lot of ways. Some of the old scars kind of repeated itself again and we didn't play assignment-sound football. Two screens in the second half should've been played. The one where they motion the guy across in and up the boundary, the (linebacker) doesn't step out, the other one we don't leverage it, gets outside us so just our execution as a whole is not good enough. Certainly, that responsibility falls on us as coaches and we just haven't played well the last couple of weeks, consistently well for whatever reason.

"I thought we defended the run well, but they kept us off balance all day with certain things and I thought their quarterback threw the ball well. They made some great catches and put it in some spots and we just couldn't make the play. We dropped eight on 3rd-and-15 and they threw the ball up and caught that one too. We just aren't making enough plays. In this league, if that happens, then you're eventually going to come out in the short end of the stick and eventually, that's what happened today."

### On the secondary:

"We're just not making enough plays. Seems like every time we get out there, they make all the plays, we don't make any. It's tough to win if you don't make any plays - competitive plays. That's for sure. We rose in coverage a couple different times and that helped, but we're going to have to do more of it to protect ourselves too."

### On Iowa State's game plan:

"I think today, it was the screens that hurt us more than anything. It wasn't the first and second down passes, the third downs. I thought our pressure was good. I just don't think there was enough of them. (They had) the ball on 3rd-and-15 and just threw the ball up in the air. You're not going to get there; you've got to make them hold it, pull it down and we have to certainly cover and make them do that."

### On Iowa State's success:

"I think they got more confident as the game went on. I didn't think we executed very well defensively just for a lot of little things that crept up in the game that again, they had two screens for touchdowns. That's inexcusable and that's our

fault and that's what hurts. We should've had it defended better. Everyone makes some competitive plays, but they can't make them all and that's how it is.

"The two personal fouls really hurt. I didn't see the one on Kenneth, it was going to be 3rd-and-8 we got a chance to win the game and we get a personal foul. That's inexcusable. In a game like that where (Ogbo Okoronkwo) is down there, it's 3rd-and-5, we get another touchdown. He piles on whatever that was. I didn't see it. The interference calls. There's just a lot of things. We're just not on the right end of it right now for whatever reason and that's all it takes."



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### RS SENIOR QUARTERBACK BAKER MAYFIELD

#### On the loss:

"I think it's a sense of complacency. We've been talking about it; it's not like we haven't addressed it. We've let teams come back in games and give them hope. When you do that to a team who has their back against the wall, it's something you can't do. When you have a chance to bury a team you have to take care of it. The great teams take care of that business, and so for us it's about no matter what the score is, you have to do your job every play, and it doesn't matter if you're up by a hundred or losing by 50, you have to do your job every play."

#### On the loss of CeeDee Lamb in the first quarter:

"I don't think there was any difference. I think Jordan Smallwood played great, stepping in as a guy that's not been playing too much. But then when he gets the chance to shine, I think he played great. I don't think there was any adjustment to that."

#### On rebounding from a loss:

"Unfortunately, it's not something to be proud of, but I have two years of experience being a leader in this time period. 2015 we got stomped by Texas, and then won every game after that up until the playoffs. Last year we started off terrible, and then took care of business after that. For me, unfortunately I've been in this situation before, but that means I know what to do and how to handle it. It's the most disappointing thing, you know this team didn't need that loss today to put our backs against the wall and go to work. We are much better than we showed today and that's why watching this film is going to be hard. Like we've handled it the past two years, it's back to business. It'll be good for us in the long run, but you don't get these chances back. I think it will really settle in for this team and these guys will realize you don't get any moment back, so you've got to take advantage of that in practice, and you've got to go to work. You have to realize you only get so many games, so take advantage of it."

### FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK TREY SERMON

#### On the mood in the locker room:

"We're all pretty frustrated with the way we played. The mindset is to just keep grinding and work harder and just look forward to next week."

#### On the team's goals:

"Our goals are still the same: to just take it week by week and work hard and just do our job."

#### On the message from the leaders after the game:

"The message is really just to keep moving. Our goals are really the same, like I said before, so we've just got to look ahead and focus on Texas."

#### On what was most disappointing:

"The most disappointing thing, really, is we didn't play our best game. They have a great team but we just left a lot out on the field. We weren't efficient, even in the red zone. Once we get down there we've got to execute, and that's just our main focus."

### RS JUNIOR TIGHT END MARK ANDREWS

#### On team's performance:

"There were a lot of mistakes that were made on all three sides of the ball; on offense, defense, and special teams. There is a lot to learn from this game. I remember a similar situation two years ago losing to Texas and coming back really strong. I think this team can respond well. There were a lot of things that went wrong that we could have done better. We're going to watch the film and correct that."

#### On losing CeeDee Lamb in the first quarter:

"CeeDee is a very explosive player and someone to rely on heavily. Anytime you lose a guy like that it's going to hurt a little bit, but we have guys that stepped up and made plays and did well. We're deep at that position and are lucky for that."

#### On locker room atmosphere after the game:

"I think after any loss, especially with such high hopes, people are going to be down. This is a team that is incredibly close and has a ton of chemistry . . . guys coming around rubbing each other's head and shaking each other up. It's not a feeling that the season is over, it's that we are going to come back strong. That's basically what we are feeling."

### RS SENIOR LINEBACKER OGBONNIA OKORONKWO

#### On the frustration of not stopping plays:

"It is very frustrating because we have seen it so much. We have to execute and play harder."



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### **Opening statement:**

"I think Oklahoma is as good of a football team as we have prepared for. I have a ton of respect for them and their program. I thought our kids played the game we needed to play to win the game. We had to play possession by possession, really play by play and we had to play with great poise. I said something last night to our kids: at the end of this it's humility before honor. I thought our guys played and practiced with great humility this week. In the face of some adversity, we continued to fight. There's been a lot of adversity at Iowa State for a long time and there's been a cloud around us. I think our kids said, 'I'm sick of it,' and we're going to keep grinding, keep swinging, and getting better one day at a time. So, at the end of it, here we are. We have a lot of football left and if we continue to learn and grow and get better one day at a time then we'll have a chance to have great success."

### **On Kyle Kempt:**

"Probably around Tuesday or Wednesday we said he's going to start. I don't want to discredit Zeb (Noland) because both of those guys have practiced well and battled back and forth. The thing I love about Kyle is his consistency. He had a great camp and I actually had the opportunity to recruit him while at Toledo and he left me and went to Oregon State but came back to me at Iowa State. It says a lot about who he is and his demeanor. He doesn't have a lot of flair, he's very even-keeled. He's a guy that stands for what you want your football team to stand for, and that's great poise. He was successful today."

### **On Joel Lanning:**

"I think it's absolutely incredible. I don't think there's a better story in college football. There's a lot of good players in college football but I don't know if there's someone that does more for their team. He didn't get any reps this week. We were drawing up plays in the dirt for him on Thursday and Friday, but I'm glad we did. It was a dicey decision because he's playing Mike (middle) linebacker and you don't want to take him away from the defensive side of the ball when you know he's needed. What he's doing is unheard of. When you're the starting quarterback a year ago, you lose your job, 90% of those guys transfer somewhere else. He's Iowa State through and through and I think Cyclone nation will remember Joel for a long, long time."



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### RS SENIOR QUARTERBACK/LINEBACKER JOEL LANNING

#### On expanding his role:

"Some things happened during the week and Coach (Matt) Campbell told me what was going to happen. They weren't expecting for me to play an absurd amount of plays, 20-30 plays, I don't know what I got. They weren't asking me to do anything crazy to throw it down field, I haven't thrown it in a while. I had one to (Allen) Lazard. I just kind of was asked to run the ball down the field and to get the ball to the playmakers and that's what I did. He confronted me earlier in the week to handle it and I just took full advantage of it."

#### On getting to play quarterback:

"Tuesday was when everything kind of happened with me and I was excited. We talked about it all summer and all camp of what we were going to do with me. I kind of went away with it for a little bit. Our offense was rolling and I was on defense. There was no need for me and some things happened. They asked me to come back over and I accepted it and just did my part."

#### On playing 78 snaps:

"I feel good. I've played more on the defensive side in some games, but they prepared me all week for it and told me to hydrate more. I felt fine when I was out there and never got too exhausted. The offense kept grinding and the defense, just bend but don't break."

### SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER ALLEN LAZARD

#### On captains meeting this week:

"As leaders of the team and captains we've got to come together as a team and be there for each other. We're not concerned about everyone else outside our walls . . . we just want to play football. It all starts with Coach (Matt) Campbell and what he's installed here. (Strength) coach (Rudy) Wade, he's kicked our butts this offseason."

#### On this week:

"We play this game to win and if we didn't do that we wouldn't be out here playing. We come out every game confident whether we're playing UNI, Iowa, Akron, Texas, Oklahoma. We go out there with the same amount of confidence and poise. And we are very capable of hanging with the best."

#### On key third-down conversions:

"Pre-snap, I knew the play obviously and I saw defensive back step up and we have been instilled that they like to get that quick jam up off the line and I knew it was coming. I timed up the snap and his jump and was able to get outside leverage. I got a good ball and I was able to make a good play."