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OKLAHOMA QUOTES • HEAD COACH LINCOLN RILEY

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Opening statement:

“Great team win. Really, really proud of the team. I was proud of the way we responded on both sides of the ball, kind of at different times in the first half, you know, offensively responded to their scores early and it was certainly important because they had some momentum offensively. Defensively, we kind of stalled out there at the end of the first half. I thought our guys defensively had to make some adjustments against the run early. They were playing the run and had some success early. Mike and the guys made some really, really good adjustments. We gave up two pass plays that we had good calls on and should not have given up, and after that, we limited them quite a bit including the huge, huge goal line stop at the end that allowed us to get the ball and run the clock out. I thought our guys played inspired, played very physical on both sides of the ball. Proud of our running backs. Again, I thought they ran really physical, thought the line was good. Obviously, CeeDee Lamb was good. I think he’s starting to get back health-wise closer to where he was prior to his injury in the Iowa State game. So, I thought it was a great crowd, really appreciate the crowd and the fans – as good an atmosphere as we’ve had here, maybe since I’ve been here. Thought our crowd really responded and made a big difference in tonight’s game. Really buzzing and I know our recruits certainly enjoyed it as well.”

On second-half adjustments:

“I thought our intensity was pretty good at the half. We talked a lot about the penalties. You know, we gave them some big momentum with the penalties – a couple of them were ones that we absolutely cannot have and so we talked a lot about penalties. Defense, I felt like, had settled in at that point and I really loved their energy and physicality at the end of the half. And then offensively, I thought we just had to make more routine plays at the end of the half. We were hitting some big ones and then Baker (Mayfield) had one series where he wasn’t very good and missed a couple throws he normally makes, pulled a ball we shouldn’t have pulled on a run play, and then we had a couple I think we took a loss of yardage after the big reverse if I remember right. We were playing well offensively, but we didn’t really need to shoot ourselves in the foot like we did and I was really happy – I thought we’d settled in defensively.”

On Rodney Anderson:

“He’s healthy and confident and running well, so he’s got a good group up there blocking for him. That group deserves a ton of credit – that group played really physically in the ballgame and against what I know is a much-improved Texas Tech defense from what we’ve seen the past two years, and it was a more physical game than we’ve seen in the last two years. He’s running well. He’s running through tackles and I think his confidence and how comfortable he is continues to grow.”

On his running backs:

“The way it’s worked out, we’ve got a group that we’re confident in – we’ve got a number of guys who are ready to go play and ready to go play well. The last few weeks, Rodney (Anderson) has kind of gained some momentum and he’s obviously carried the bulk of them here in the last two weeks. Abdul (Adams), getting him healthy and kind of getting him going was a little bit of a point for us tonight, so nobody’s talking about Trey (Sermon) after the first one and here they come, nobody’s talking about Rodney and here they come and Trey’s opportunity will come again, and he’ll be ready for it.”

On his team’s consistency:

“It was a kind of barrage at the beginning – but it was one of our more complete games as a team. I really wish we would have complemented each other better early. That was probably the biggest disappointment of the night. But I think it was definitely one of our more complete games. I thought our mentality, energy level, physicality was really good the whole night. Made the adjustments we needed to make. They’re good on offense – they’re not going to go score 10 or 13 points, whatever they did last week against Iowa State. That’s not going to happen much against that group – Kliff (Kingsbury) and them do a good job of that. So, we took some steps forward – there’s no doubt. We know we have to get better but we’re trending in the right direction at the right time of year.”

On the race for the Big 12 Conference title:

“It’s going to be great. It’s ready to be championship November and that’s our favorite time of year around here. We’re excited about it. The conference is really darn good – it’s the best conference in football right now top to bottom and you see it. There’s a lot of great teams in this league. It’s going to be a lot of fun. All of the eyes of the country are going to be on it and we’re looking forward to being a part of it.”



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On next week's Bedlam matchup:

"There's a lot of things that give me confidence. We've played in a lot of big games. We know the importance of this game to the conference, this game to the rivalry that it is. We know how good of a team Coach Gundy has up there this year and they've had good teams there for a long time. It's going to be a good game and it's been for the last several years. It's a great rivalry and we're looking forward to it."



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OKLAHOMA QUOTES • DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR MIKE STOOPS

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“We tried to play that umbrella coverage. We’ve played it some against spread sets and it’s been good. We’ve been tinkering with that front and coverage with it here in the last two or three weeks. Obviously, they had a good plan for it and schematically what they were doing, how they were blocking it and just we couldn’t control the run game. If you can’t control the run game you’re going to have a rough day and the run sets up everything else for them. We moved into more of a four-man front and it’s been much more successful for us. The Texas game, we played primarily out of a four-man front and tonight after the first quarter, we played primarily out of a four-man front so it was a better adjustment. We were able to take away the run and control it to have a little more flexibility in our defense. I thought the difference really was third downs and our ability to get off the field on third downs.”

On slowing down Texas Tech’s running game:

“I think every third down started 3rd-and-3. Just a much more manageable situation and then we were able to get our dime package off the field. That gives us even more flexibility with our defense.”

On the secondary:

“We still need to cover better. It’s been kind of our Achilles heel and that’s going to get tested here as we move forward. We tried to protect our corners today, get some of that umbrella. We couldn’t control the run so then it put you back out there on an island a little bit. You’ve got to make some plays. At times, I thought our coverage was tighter and made (Texas Tech quarterback Nick Shimonek) put it in some tight windows. He missed some throws in the third quarter after the first drive, but (we) still have to contest more throws.”

On the defensive line:

“It’s hard for me, I watch it so much. I see some of the edge guys; I don’t see the inside guys well. (Marquise Overton) is growing up, we needed someone down Neville (Gallimore) again for a game. We’ve thought that all year, so we’ve just got to keep building depth with our front guys. We just appreciate those guys, really, Kenneth Mann, D.J. (Ward); those guys just grind it out every day. (Marquise) is getting like that; he’s starting to mature. Obviously, (Du’Vonta) Lampkin is starting to show signs, (along with) Dillon (Faamatau), guys that we can trust and play.”



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SENIOR QUARTERBACK BAKER MAYFIELD

On the run game:

"The O-line was a physical presence today. We talked about being the more physical team. Defensively, they're a lot better than they have been in years past. That's credit to their coaches and bringing in some JUCO guys and some transfers. They really made a physical presence and it was a challenge, but our guys were up to it. We have a great offensive line and our backs were running it well tonight, too."

On the up-tempo pace to start the second half:

"That was something we talked about at halftime. We got our tempo going and were able to establish the line of scrimmage and it caught them off guard. They weren't getting their calls in as fast as we were so we kind of took advantage of that."

On the need for touchdowns against Texas Tech:

"The goal on every drive is to get a touchdown. Even on the last drive, we wasted as much time as possible, but still had to move the ball so it's always the same mindset for us."

On going 3-0 against Texas Tech during his time at OU:

"Obviously, there's a lot of history there but it felt good to get another Big 12 win and come out on top."

On wide receiver CeeDee Lamb:

"He definitely did (grow up tonight). Going up when he knows he was going to get hit by a safety like that and securing the ball, holding on to it, and popping right back up to be fine, we haven't had a guy like that here in a while. He's a great playmaker, but also a physical presence."

On this being the deepest team he's been on:

"We have a lot of guys able to make plays. Our slogan, 'We Too Deep', rings true this year and it's something I've been saying. A lot of people coming into the year didn't know who we were going to have, but I was always hitting on us having the best running back room we've had since I've been here. I know we lost a lot of guys, but we didn't have this kind of depth last year. Whoever has the hot hand is going to be rolling and at receiver we have a lot of guys making plays for us right now."

On Bedlam coming earlier this season:

"Just means the mustache is coming out earlier."

FRESHMAN WIDE RECEIVER CEEDEE LAMB

On having a big game:

"It's a blessing honestly, just being out there with my team. I love Bake and I love Coach Riley since he's been under the system. Overall it was a great team win."

On answering after the early Texas Tech touchdowns:

"That was the plan. Texas Tech is a very high-powered offense and they're very good at doing what they do. We just felt like we need to be good at what we do and execute offensively and put points on the board."

On how he's been able to stand out as a freshman:

"I would say just being confident. Keeping my confidence and being poised and being a team player."

On holding on to his second touchdown catch:

"It was a lot of concentration, honestly. He did a good job of trying to jar it out and I guess it was just my turn to get that second touchdown."

On playing in his first Bedlam next week:

"I heard it was a big game just like the Red River Showdown. Oklahoma State is a good team and we look forward to battling it out with them."

REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE RUNNING BACK RODNEY ANDERSON

On having solid back-to-back games:

"It feels pretty good just to get out there behind my offensive line again and run behind them. They've been doing a great job, the fullbacks too, opening up holes for me."

On the difference for him these past couple of weeks:

"I feel like things are just clicking. Just working harder in the running back room and making sure that we all know our plays and our assignments. Just knowing what to do."

On momentum for the rest of the season:

"It feels nice to get out there and put together a couple of drives and gain that confidence. We're going to need it as a team moving forward."

On the performance of the running backs:

"I feel like we're always going to have a huge target on our chest. No



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matter what, we're going to have to prove ourselves every weekend. It's good that we can put together games like that so we can hopefully get into a rhythm and keep doing that moving forward."

On if the game felt more complete:

"That was a great team win out there. We all did our jobs to the best of our abilities. Some things went wrong, but that's going to happen in football games."

On playing Oklahoma State:

"I'm very excited. It'll be my first time to play them since being here. This is my third year and I haven't played them yet, so I'm excited and I know they've got a great squad over there."

REDSHIRT SENIOR DEFENSIVE END OGBONNIA OKORONKWO

On switching to a four-man front:

"It helped us a lot in the passing game. It let us get more pressure. You're going to get more pressure if you have more guys rushing the passer."

On the first three series:

"We knew it was all of us. It was just stuff that we didn't do correctly. It was a bust on our part. We weren't worried about it because it wasn't anything that they were doing. We knew we were beating ourselves so we just had to make corrections and adjustments."

On his first sack:

"It felt good to bring the defense some energy. After that I felt like we started rolling. Caleb Kelly went and got an interception... that was huge. Steven Parker and Will Johnson both had third-down stops. I told the defensive before the huddle that someone would have to bring the spark... somebody needed to make a play. If not me, it was going to be someone else."

On confidence going into Bedlam:

"It just shows what we can do. If you look after the first couple of series, we played good football. We had great numbers. We know what we can do, we just need to do it for sixty minutes."

REDSHIRT SENIOR DEFENSIVE END D.J WARD

On turning things around after the first quarter:

"We were a little anxious about playing, but once we settled in and trusted our technique everything went well. There was emotion on the sideline, but nothing over the top. Guys just put a spark under us and we started playing."

On the importance getting pressure on the quarterback:

"It was major to put him under some kind of distress to make him

feel uncomfortable. It was big time."

On the change at the four-man front:

"It allowed us to put more pressure on the quarterback and penetrate."

On the confidence builder going into Bedlam:

"It is huge. That is a great offense we just played and we need to carry that for the rest of the season."

On the preparation going into Bedlam:

"It is going to be intense as always. Every rep, every snap is going to be intense."

SOPHOMORE LINEBACKER CALEB KELLY

On his first career interception:

"It was cool. I think I got up a little too high and tried to run before I hit the ground and landed too hard. I think I gave myself a dead leg. It was pretty cool though. Everyone said I got way up. The play worked out just like we wanted it to."

On the motivation that came from the turnover:

"I was talking to Ogbo (Okoronkwo) right before because he got the sack a couple of series before and then I went out and said 'alright it is my turn'. Then I got a pick and it was what we needed to get everything turned around and everyone pumped up. I do not know what was going on in the first quarter because things were not going our way. So we just woke it up. He (Ogbo) got his play and I got my play. Then we just started having fun with it because everyone has fun when there is a big play."

On the adjustments made after the first quarter:

"In the first quarter they were prepared for what we were doing and then Coach (Stoops) switched the defense and then they were not prepared for that so it just worked out for us."

On Bedlam coming up:

"It is a rivalry game. Those guys are balling this year. They have a good record and they are doing what they do. Coming into these games you see them a little bit different, I say this about Texas too, just because they are rivalry games so they are going to give their best effort no matter what. I think it is just a game where everyone is attentive in practice and doing what they need to do. I am looking forward to it. I look forward to every game, making more plays and having fun with my brothers."



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TEXAS TECH QUOTES • HEAD COACH KLIFF KINGSBURY

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On the lack of success in the second half:

"We just didn't execute. Started fast and then had some things in the second half that we just didn't get done. We have to figure out how to sustain some of that success from the first half and make routine plays and convert."

On if he thought the team quit in the second half:

"I don't (think they quit). That's a good football team and they got rolling. That's a big offensive line that we left our defense out there against a bunch. You can't do that when you play a good offensive team like that."

On the drives stalling:

"I think with an offense like that, we had enough stops to keep it in range and we didn't. I thought in the second half our defense stepped up and got a turnover and gave us the ball back to try to make it a one score game and we weren't able to do that."

On the disappointment of another loss:

"We're going to keep fighting and getting better. We have four big ones coming up and we understand that. We have to find a way to be better in the second half and execute at a higher level than we have."

On the energy being low amongst the team:

"You just have to find a way. You have to have guys step up and leaders step up when something bad happens. We can't let things affect us and bring us down. It's just something internally that we have to get better at."



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SENIOR QUARTERBACK NICK SHIMONEK

On team's fast start:

"I thought we played great in the first quarter, they slowed us down in the second quarter as Coach (Kingsbury) eluded too. We just have to figure out a way to play well on offense and defense at the same time. We had a chance to make it a one score game in the third quarter and we just couldn't get it done."

On not scoring when having good position:

"Anytime you get that field position, you want to make it happen. But like I said earlier and what Coach (Kingsbury) said they were giving us chances, and we got great field positions on numerous occasions. We just have to go back and watch the film and see what we did wrong execution wise."

JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER KEKE COUTEE

On biggest frustration of last 3 games:

"I would say just not being able to finish. We came out fast, 28-20 at half. We weren't executing well enough to stay in this ball game. We just need to execute better."

On the team's energy in the second half:

"I thought we had energy the whole game and fought until the very end. Things just didn't go our way, on to K-State."

On his touchdown reception:

"It was just a little pop pass over the middle."

SENIOR WIDE RECEIVER CAMERON BATSON

On OU's defensive adjustment:

"They switched it up a little bit, but it was mostly just us on execution."

On getting out of the rut:

"You just have to go back and watch film and learn from your mistakes. You can't worry about this OU game, it's in the past and we're worried about K-State now."

On the team's energy in the second half:

"I thought we came out and things just didn't go our way. I know my teammates and they would give their all."