



Scoring Summary report
Clemson vs Texas (Dec 21, 2024)
Clemson (10-4) vs Texas (12-2)

Date: Dec 21, 2024
Site: Austin, Texas
Stadium: Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium
Attendance: 101150

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Clemson	7	3	7	7	24
Texas	7	21	3	7	38

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:14	CLM - #0 A.Williams 22 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 12-75, 06:46	7-0
1st	02:04	TEX - #26 Q.Wisner 3 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 12-75, 06:10	7-7
2nd	12:49	TEX - #23 J.Blue 38 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 5-65, 02:04	7-14
2nd	07:26	TEX - #26 Q.Wisner 16 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 6-82, 02:57	7-21
2nd	01:33	CLM - #81 N.Hauser 32 yd FG, 7-40, 01:07	10-21
2nd	00:28	TEX - #85 G.Helm 19 yd pass from #3 Q.Ewers (#45 B.Auburn kick), 7-65, 01:05	10-28
3rd	08:10	TEX - #45 B.Auburn 22 yd FG, 14-71, 06:50	10-31
3rd	03:29	CLM - #21 J.Green 25 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 4-55, 01:05	17-31
4th	11:43	CLM - #1 T.Moore 7 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 10-64, 04:12	24-31
4th	10:48	TEX - #23 J.Blue 77 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 2-83, 00:51	24-38

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 03:11 PM
End of Game: 06:43 PM
Total elapsed: 03:32

OFFICIALS

Referee: Ron Snodgrass
Umpire: Robert Colosimo
Linesman: Ric Hinkamper
Line judge: Sergio DeHoyos
Back judge: Robert Smith Jr.
Field judge: Justin Nelson
Side judge: Phil Hicks
Center judge: Jason Nickleby
Replay Official: Thomas Kissinger

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 60 F
Wind: East



FULL GAME

CLEMSON

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Adam Randall	4	47	3	44	0	41	11.0
Keith Adams Jr.	3	12	1	11	0	7	3.7
Phil Mafah	2	9	0	9	0	7	4.5
Jarvis Green	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
Cade Klubnik	13	38	33	5	0	11	0.4
Totals:	24	113	37	76	0	41	3.2

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cade Klubnik	26-43-1	336	3	30	3
Totals:	26-43-1	336	3	30	3

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
T.J. Moore	12	9	116	16	1	30
Jake Briningstool	6	4	69	24	0	28
Antonio Williams	7	4	66	35	1	22
Bryant Wesco Jr.	9	3	30	1	0	12
Jarvis Green	2	2	35	4	1	25
Phil Mafah	2	2	15	17	0	13
Keith Adams Jr.	1	1	4	6	0	4
Adam Randall	3	1	1	4	0	1
Clark Sanderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	43	26	336	107	3	30

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Aidan Swanson	4	142	35.5	41	1	0
Totals:	4	142	35.5	41	1	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Antonio Williams	1	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Randall	0	0	0	2	33	18	0	0	0
R.J. Mickens	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	6
Totals:	1	9	9	2	33	18	1	6	6

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Nolan Hauser	2nd	01:33	32	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Robert Gunn III	5	317	63.4	3	1

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
T.J. Moore	0	116	0	0	0	116
Adam Randall	44	1	33	0	0	78
Antonio Williams	0	66	0	9	0	75
Jake Briningstool	0	69	0	0	0	69

FUMBLES

Clemson - Cade Klubnik 1-0
Texas - Silas Bolden 1-0

TEXAS

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jaydon Blue	14	148	2	146	2	77	10.4
Quintrevion Wisner	15	110	0	110	2	22	7.3
Jerrick Gibson	9	37	2	35	0	21	3.9
Ryan Wingo	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0
Arch Manning	3	3	3	0	0	3	0.0
Quinn Ewers	4	11	14	-3	0	11	-0.8
TEAM	2	0	3	-3	0	0	-1.5
Totals:	48	316	24	292	4	77	6.1

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Quinn Ewers	17-24-1	202	1	43	2
Totals:	17-24-1	202	1	43	2

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Gunnar Helm	7	6	77	35	1	19
Matthew Golden	4	2	49	3	0	43
Jaydon Blue	2	2	31	23	0	21
Ryan Wingo	4	2	23	23	0	13
DeAndre Moore Jr.	3	2	13	4	0	7
Quintrevion Wisner	3	2	0	11	0	6
Silas Bolden	1	1	9	2	0	9
Totals:	24	17	202	101	1	43

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Michael Kern	1	42	42.0	42	0	0
Totals:	1	42	42.0	42	0	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Silas Bolden	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matthew Golden	0	0	0	1	17	17	0	0	0
Colin Simmons	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-2	0
Totals:	1	0	0	1	17	17	1	-2	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Bert Auburn	3rd	08:10	22	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Will Stone	7	444	63.4	2	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Jaydon Blue	146	31	0	0	0	177
Quintrevion Wisner	110	0	0	0	0	110
Gunnar Helm	0	77	0	0	0	77
Matthew Golden	0	49	17	0	0	66



FULL GAME	CLM	TEX
FIRST DOWNS	20	26
Rushing	4	13
Passing	15	10
Penalty	1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	76	292
Rushing Attempts	24	48
Average Per Rush	3.2	6.1
Rushing Touchdowns	0	4
Yards Gained Rushing	113	316
Yards Lost Rushing	37	24
NET YARDS PASSING	336	202
Completions-Attempts-Int	26-43-1	17-24-1
Average Per Attempt	7.8	8.4
Average Per Completion	12.9	11.9
Passing Touchdowns	3	1
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	412	494
Total offense plays	67	72
Average Gain Per Play	6.1	6.9
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	2-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	5-65	2-10
PUNTS-YARDS	4-142	1-42
Average Yards Per Punt	35.5	42.0
Net Yards Per Punt	35.5	33
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	5-317	7-444
Average Yards Per Kickoff	63.4	63.4
Net Yards Per Kickoff	39.6	41.6
Touchbacks	3	2
Fair Catch Yards	0	70
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-9-0	1-0-0
Average Per Return	9.0	0.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	2-33-0	1-17-0
Average Per Return	16.5	17.0
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-6-0	1-2-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	27:03	32:57
1st Quarter	08:50	06:10
2nd Quarter	06:29	08:31
3rd Quarter	04:36	10:24
4th Quarter	07:08	07:52
Third-Down Conversions	3-12	6-12
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-3	1-4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-5
Touchdowns	1	3
Field goals	1	1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	2-14	3-29
PAT Kicks	3-3	5-5
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-1	1-1
Points off Turnover	3	0



FULL GAME

CLEMSON

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
47	Sammy Brown	6	4	10	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	R.J. Mickens	5	3	8	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	1-6	1	0	1
17	Wade Woodaz	2	6	8	0.0-0	1.0-6	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
55	Payton Page	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
20	Avieon Terrell	5	1	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
0	Barrett Carter	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
11	Peter Woods	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Khalil Barnes	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
19	DeMonte Capehart	1	4	5	0.0-0	0.5-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Ashton Hampton	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
3	T.J. Parker	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Tré Williams	2	0	2	2.0-14	2.0-14	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
45	Vic Burley	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
44	Cade Denhoff	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Jeadyn Lukus	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
8	Adam Randall	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Ricardo Jones	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Jahiem Lawson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	A.J. Hoffer	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
90	Stephiylan Green	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Totals		41	36	77	2.0-14	6.0-24	0	0-0	1-6	5	0	2

TEXAS

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
0	Anthony Hill Jr.	7	2	9	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Malik Muhammad	5	0	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
18	Liona Lefau	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
3	Jaylon Guilbeau	4	0	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
91	Ethan Burke	3	1	4	1.0-10	1.5-12	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
95	Alfred Collins	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Jahdae Barron	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	2	0	1
25	Jelani McDonald	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	Andrew Mukuba	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
88	Barryn Sorrell	1	2	3	1.0-5	1.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
37	Morice Blackwell Jr.	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
16	Michael Taaffe	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
8	Trey Moore	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
15	Bill Norton	1	1	2	1.0-14	1.5-15	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
26	Ty'Anthony Smith	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
21	Ryan Niblett	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Gavin Holmes	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
11	Colin Simmons	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	1--2	0	0	1
45	Vernon Broughton	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
33	David Gbenda	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		39	18	57	3.0-29	7.0-37	1	0-0	1--2	8	0	4



CLEMSON

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	0	Williams, Antonio
WR	1	Moore, T.J.
WR	12	Wesco Jr., Bryant
QB	2	Klubnik, Cade
LB	53	Roberto II, Joseph
OL	64	Parks, Walker
RB	7	Mafah, Phil
OL	71	Leigh, Tristan
OL	74	Tate, Marcus
OL	78	Miller, Blake
TE	9	Bringingstool, Jake

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	0	Carter, Barrett
CB	10	Lukus, Jeadyn
DL	11	Woods, Peter
DE	15	Lawson, Jahiem
LB	17	Woodaz, Wade
S	18	Griffin, Kylon
CB	20	Terrell, Avieon
DE	3	Parker, T.J.
LB	47	Brown, Sammy
DT	55	Page, Payton
S	9	Mickens, R.J.

Clemson

19-Capehart, DeMonte, 19-Adams Jr., Keith, 20-Sanderson, Clark, 21-Green, Jarvis, 23-Hampton, Ashton, 25-Jones, Ricardo, 38-Gunn III, Robert, 39-Swanson, Aidan, 44-Pope, Banks, 44-Denhoff, Cade, 45-Florenzo, Philip, 45-Burley, Vic, 58-Caspersen, Holden, 7-Barnes, Khalil, 8-Williams, Tré, 8-Randall, Adam, 81-Hauser, Nolan, 88-Swinney, Clay, 90-Green, Stephiylan, 99-Hoffler, A.J.

Texas

11-Simmons, Colin, 11-Bolden, Silas, 15-Stone, Will, 15-Norton, Bill, 16-Manning, Arch, 21-Niblett, Ryan, 23-Johnson-Rubell, Jordon, 23-Blue, Jaydon, 24-Roberson, Warren, 25-McDonald, Jelani, 26-Smith, Ty'Anthony, 33-Gbenda, David, 37-Blackwell Jr., Morice, 39-Kern, Michael, 45-Auburn, Bert, 54-Hutson, Cole, 58-St. Louis, Lance, 6-Black, Kobe, 67-Agbo, Malik, 74-Goosby, Trevor, 75-Chatman, Jaydon, 81-Davis, Juan, 83-Shannon, Spencer, 9-Holmes, Gavin, 9-Gibson, Jerrick, 91-Burke, Ethan, 92-Vasek, Colton, 99-Lole, Jermayne

TEXAS

Pos	##	OFFENSE
WR	0	Moore Jr., DeAndre
WR	2	Golden, Matthew
RB	26	Wisner, Quintrevion
QB	3	Ewers, Quinn
WR	5	Wingo, Ryan
OL	52	Campbell, DJ
OL	56	Williams, Cameron
OL	65	Majors, Jake
OL	76	Conner, Hayden
OL	78	Banks Jr., Kelvin
TE	85	Helm, Gunnar

Pos	##	DEFENSE
LB	0	Hill Jr., Anthony
DB	16	Taaffe, Michael
LB	18	Lefau, Liona
DB	3	Guilbeau, Jaylon
DB	4	Mukuba, Andrew
DL	45	Broughton, Vernon
DB	5	Muhammad, Malik
DB	7	Barron, Jahdae
DL	8	Moore, Trey
DL	88	Sorrell, Barryn
DL	95	Collins, Alfred



CLEMSON

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Spot	Drive Ended		Consumed	
			Time	Obtained		Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
CLM	1st	CLM25	15:00	Kickoff	TEX00	08:14	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 75	06:46
CLM		CLM25	02:04	Kickoff	CLM34	14:53	Punt	3 - 9	02:11
CLM	2nd	CLM19	12:44	Kickoff	TEX46	10:23	Punt	4 - 35	02:21
CLM		CLM20	07:22	Kickoff	CLM23	05:55	Interception	3 - 3	01:27
CLM		CLM18	04:09	Downs	CLM21	03:19	Punt	3 - 3	00:50
CLM		CLM46	02:40	Interception	TEX14	01:33	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 40	01:07
CLM		CLM25	00:28	Kickoff	CLM42	00:00	End of half	3 - 17	00:28
CLM	3rd	CLM25	08:10	Kickoff	CLM37	05:34	Punt	5 - 12	02:36
CLM		CLM45	04:34	Punt	TEX00	03:29	*TOUCHDOWN	4 - 55	01:05
CLM		CLM36	00:55	Downs	TEX00	11:43	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 64	04:12
CLM	4th	CLM25	10:48	Kickoff	TEX02	07:24	Downs	9 - 73	03:24
CLM		CLM43	01:43	Downs	TEX26	01:16	Downs	5 - 31	00:27

Clemson	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	08:50	06:29	04:36	07:08	15:19	11:44	27:03
3rd down conversions	2-3	0-4	0-2	1-3	2-7	1-5	3-12
Average field position	CLM25	CLM26	CLM35	CLM34	CLM25	CLM35	CLM29
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-2	0-0	1-3	1-3

TEXAS

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TEX	1st	TEX25	08:14	Kickoff	CLM00	02:04	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 75	06:10
TEX	2nd	TEX35	14:53	Punt	CLM00	12:49	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 65	02:04
TEX		TEX18	10:23	Punt	CLM00	07:26	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 82	02:57
TEX		CLM26	05:55	Interception	CLM18	04:09	Downs	4 - 8	01:46
TEX		TEX42	03:19	Punt	TEX36	02:40	Interception	2 - -6	00:39
TEX		TEX35	01:33	Kickoff	CLM00	00:28	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 65	01:05
TEX	3rd	TEX25	15:00	Kickoff	CLM04	08:10	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 71	06:50
TEX		TEX22	05:34	Punt	TEX22	04:34	Punt	3 - 0	01:00
TEX		TEX25	03:29	Kickoff	CLM36	00:55	Downs	5 - 39	02:34
TEX	4th	TEX17	11:39	Kickoff	CLM00	10:48	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 83	00:51
TEX		TEX02	07:24	Downs	CLM43	01:43	Downs	11 - 55	05:41
TEX		TEX26	01:16	Downs	TEX23	00:00	End of half	2 - -3	01:16

Texas	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	06:10	08:31	10:24	07:52	14:41	18:16	32:57
3rd down conversions	1-2	1-2	2-5	2-3	2-4	4-8	6-12
Average field position	TEX25	TEX41	TEX24	TEX15	TEX38	TEX20	TEX29
4th down conversions	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-2	1-4



Drive Chart By Quarter report
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TEX		TEX25	08:14	Kickoff	CLM00	02:04	*TOUCHDOWN	12 - 75	06:10
CLM	2nd	CLM25	02:04	Kickoff	CLM34	14:53	Punt	3 - 9	02:11
TEX		TEX35	14:53	Punt	CLM00	12:49	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 65	02:04
CLM		CLM19	12:44	Kickoff	TEX46	10:23	Punt	4 - 35	02:21
TEX		TEX18	10:23	Punt	CLM00	07:26	*TOUCHDOWN	6 - 82	02:57
CLM		CLM20	07:22	Kickoff	CLM23	05:55	Interception	3 - 3	01:27
TEX		CLM26	05:55	Interception	CLM18	04:09	Downs	4 - 8	01:46
CLM		CLM18	04:09	Downs	CLM21	03:19	Punt	3 - 3	00:50
TEX		TEX42	03:19	Punt	TEX36	02:40	Interception	2 - -6	00:39
CLM		CLM46	02:40	Interception	TEX14	01:33	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 40	01:07
TEX		TEX35	01:33	Kickoff	CLM00	00:28	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 65	01:05
CLM	3rd	CLM25	00:28	Kickoff	CLM42	00:00	End of half	3 - 17	00:28
TEX		TEX25	15:00	Kickoff	CLM04	08:10	*FIELD GOAL	14 - 71	06:50
CLM		CLM25	08:10	Kickoff	CLM37	05:34	Punt	5 - 12	02:36
TEX		TEX22	05:34	Punt	TEX22	04:34	Punt	3 - 0	01:00
CLM		CLM45	04:34	Punt	TEX00	03:29	*TOUCHDOWN	4 - 55	01:05
TEX		TEX25	03:29	Kickoff	CLM36	00:55	Downs	5 - 39	02:34
CLM		CLM36	00:55	Downs	TEX00	11:43	*TOUCHDOWN	10 - 64	04:12
TEX	4th	TEX17	11:39	Kickoff	CLM00	10:48	*TOUCHDOWN	2 - 83	00:51
CLM		CLM25	10:48	Kickoff	TEX02	07:24	Downs	9 - 73	03:24
TEX		TEX02	07:24	Downs	CLM43	01:43	Downs	11 - 55	05:41
CLM		CLM43	01:43	Downs	TEX26	01:16	Downs	5 - 31	00:27
TEX		TEX26	01:16	Downs	TEX23	00:00	End of half	2 - -3	01:16



1st Quarter

Texas wins toss and defers; CLM will receive; TEX will defend North end-zone.

#15 W.Stone kickoff 65 yards to the CLM00, Touchback.

Clemson drive starts at 15:00

1-10	CLM25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #7 P.Mafah caught at CLM24, for 2 yards to the CLM27 (#0 A.Hill Jr.), out of bounds.	
2-8	CLM27	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #1 T.Moore caught at CLM36, for 13 yards to the CLM40 (#4 A.Mukuba; #18 L.Lefau), 1ST DOWN.	P1
1-10	CLM40	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to CLM50 broken up by #7 J.Barron.	
2-10	CLM40	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #0 A.Williams caught at CLM43, for 8 yards to the CLM48 (#3 J.Guilbeau).	
3-2	CLM48	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush right for 3 yards gain to the TEX49 (#0 A.Hill Jr.), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	R2
1-10	TEX49	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. caught at TEX40, for 9 yards to the TEX40 QB hurried by #11 C.Simmons (#18 L.Lefau).	
2-1	TEX40	No Huddle-Shotgun #7 P.Mafah rush middle for 2 yards gain to the TEX38 (#91 E.Burke), 1ST DOWN.	R3
1-10	TEX38	No Huddle-Shotgun #7 P.Mafah rush middle for 7 yards gain to the TEX31 (#95 A.Collins).	
2-3	TEX31	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #9 J.Bringingstool caught at TEX25, for 6 yards to the TEX25 (#0 A.Hill Jr.), 1ST DOWN.	P4
		(09:48) Timeout by CLM.	
1-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 1 yard loss to the TEX26 (#3 J.Guilbeau).	
2-11	TEX26	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TEX22 (#18 L.Lefau).	
3-7	TEX22	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #0 A.Williams caught at TEX21, for 22 yards to the TEX00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 08:14, 1ST DOWN.	P5
	TEX03	#81 N.Hauser kick attempt good (H: #88 C.Swinney, LS: #58 H.Caspersen).	

Clemson 7, Texas 0.

12 plays, 75 yards, 06:46

#38 R.Gunn III kickoff 65 yards to the TEX00, Touchback.

Texas drive starts at 08:14

1-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush left for 5 yards gain to the TEX30 (#11 P.Woods; #23 A.Hampton).	
2-5	TEX30	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #26 Q.Wisner caught at TEX25, for 6 yards to the TEX36 (#20 A.Terrell), 1ST DOWN.	P1
1-10	TEX36	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #85 G.Helm caught at TEX41, for 13 yards to the TEX49 (#7 K.Barnes), 1ST DOWN.	P2
1-10	TEX49	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #5 R.Wingo caught at CLM48, for 13 yards to the CLM38 (#23 A.Hampton), 1ST DOWN.	P3
1-10	CLM38	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers sacked for loss of 10 yards to the CLM48 (#8 T.Williams).	
2-20	CLM48	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #5 R.Wingo caught at TEX49, for 10 yards to the CLM38 (#17 W.Woodaz; #20 A.Terrell).	
3-10	CLM38	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 22 yards gain to the CLM16 (#20 A.Terrell), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	R4
1-10	CLM16	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 2 yards gain to the CLM14 (#11 P.Woods).	
2-8	CLM14	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short left to #85 G.Helm caught at CLM10, for 6 yards to the CLM08 (#47 S.Brown).	
3-2	CLM08	No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 1 yard gain to the CLM07 (#47 S.Brown; #0 B.Carter).	
4-1	CLM07	#9 J.Gibson rush middle for 4 yards gain to the CLM03 (#44 C.Denhoff), 1ST DOWN.	R5
1-G	CLM03	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush middle for 3 yards gain to the CLM00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 02:04.	
	CLM03	#45 B.Auburn kick attempt good (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis).	

Clemson 7, Texas 7.

12 plays, 75 yards, 06:10

#15 W.Stone kickoff 64 yards to the CLM01 fair catch by #8 A.Randall at CLM01.

Clemson drive starts at 02:04

1-10	CLM25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik sacked for loss of 5 yards to the CLM20 (#88 B.Sorrell).	
2-15	CLM20	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #8 A.Randall caught at CLM17, for 1 yard to the CLM21 (#18 L.Lefau; #88 B.Sorrell).	
3-14	CLM21	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #7 P.Mafah caught at CLM20, for 13 yards to the CLM34 (#0 A.Hill Jr.), out of bounds.	

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Clemson	7	08:50	2	3	0	5	2-3	0-0	6-10	8-9-0-74	0-0
Texas	7	06:10	2	3	0	5	1-2	1-1	7-27	5-5-0-48	0-0



FIRST QUARTER	CLM	TEX
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	5	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	6-10	7-27
PASSING YDS (NET)	74	48
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	8-9-0	5-5-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	15-84	12-75
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	0-0
Possession Time	08:50	06:10
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 3	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	1 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	1-1

CLEMSON

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Phil Mafah	2	9	0	9	0	7	4.5
Cade Klubnik	4	7	6	1	0	4	0.2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cade Klubnik	8-9-0	74	1	22	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Antonio Williams	2	2	30	26	1	22
Phil Mafah	2	2	15	17	0	13
T.J. Moore	1	1	13	4	0	13
Bryant Wesco Jr.	2	1	9	0	0	9

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Avieon Terrell	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Ashton Hampton	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Peter Woods	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Sammy Brown	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

TEXAS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Quintrevion Wisner	4	32	0	32	1	22	8.0
Jerrick Gibson	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0
Jaydon Blue	1	1	0	1	0	1	1.0
Quinn Ewers	1	0	10	-10	0	0	-10.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Quinn Ewers	5-5-0	48	0	13	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Ryan Wingo	2	2	23	23	0	13
Gunnar Helm	2	2	19	10	0	13
Quintrevion Wisner	1	1	6	11	0	6

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Anthony Hill Jr.	4-0	4	0.0	0.0
Liona Lefau	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Barryn Sorrell	1-1	2	1.0	1.0
Jaylon Guilbeau	2-0	2	0.0	1.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	08:14	CLM - #0 A.Williams 22 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 12-75, 06:46	7-0
1st	02:04	TEX - #26 Q.Wisner 3 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 12-75, 06:10	7-7



2nd Quarter

4-1 CLM34 #39 A.Swanson punt 31 yards to the TEX35 fair catch by #11 S.Bolden at TEX35.
3 plays, 9 yards, 02:11

Texas drive starts at 14:53

1-10 TEX35 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush middle for 1 yard gain to the TEX36 (#15 J.Lawson; #17 W.Woodaz).
2-9 TEX36 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 12 yards gain to the TEX48 (#9 R.Mickens), 1ST DOWN. R6
1-10 TEX48 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 7 yards gain to the CLM45 (#7 K.Barnes; #99 A.Hoffler).
2-3 CLM45 No Huddle-Shotgun #5 R.Wingo rush left for 7 yards gain to the CLM38 (#7 K.Barnes), 1ST DOWN. R7
1-10 CLM38 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush right for 38 yards gain to the CLM00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:49, 1ST DOWN. R8
CLM03 #45 B.Auburn kick attempt good (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis).

Clemson 7, Texas 14.

5 plays, 65 yards, 02:04

#15 W.Stone kickoff 64 yards to the CLM01 #8 A.Randall return 18 yards to the CLM19 (#26 T.Smith).

Clemson drive starts at 12:44

1-10 CLM19 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 A.Randall rush middle for 41 yards gain to the TEX40 (#4 A.Mukuba), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R6
1-10 TEX40 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 A.Randall rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TEX36 (#16 M.Taaffe).
2-6 TEX36 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik sacked for loss of 10 yards to the TEX46 (#91 E.Burke).
(10:35) Timeout by CLM.
3-16 TEX46 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short middle to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to TEX34 broken up by #7 J.Barron.
4-16 TEX46 #39 A.Swanson punt 33 yards to the TEX13 fair catch by #11 S.Bolden at TEX13 PENALTY CLM Illegal Shift 5 yards from TEX13 to TEX18.

4 plays, 35 yards, 02:21

Texas drive starts at 10:23

1-10 TEX18 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short left to #11 S.Bolden caught at TEX25, for 9 yards to the TEX27 (#20 A.Terrell).
2-1 TEX27 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush right for 2 yards gain to the TEX29 (#0 B.Carter), 1ST DOWN. R9
1-10 TEX29 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete deep middle to #2 M.Golden caught at CLM28, for 43 yards to the CLM28 P10
(#20 A.Terrell), 1ST DOWN.
1-10 CLM28 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 6 yards gain to the CLM22 (#17 W.Woodaz; #19 D.Capehart).
2-4 CLM22 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 6 yards gain to the CLM16 (#10 J.Lukus), 1ST DOWN. R11
1-10 CLM16 No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 16 yards gain to the CLM00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:26, 1ST DOWN. R12
CLM03 #45 B.Auburn kick attempt good (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis).

Clemson 7, Texas 21.

6 plays, 82 yards, 02:57

#15 W.Stone kickoff 60 yards to the CLM05 #8 A.Randall return 15 yards to the CLM20 (#21 R.Niblett).

Clemson drive starts at 07:22

1-10 CLM20 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 6 yards gain to the CLM26 (#25 J.McDonald).
1-10 CLM26 No Huddle-Shotgun #8 A.Randall rush left for 3 yards loss to the CLM23 (#91 E.Burke; #11 C.Simmons).
3-7 CLM23 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass intercepted by #11 C.Simmons at CLM24 broken up by #88 B.Sorrell #11 C.Simmons return for loss of 2 yards to the CLM26 (#8 A.Randall).

3 plays, 3 yards, 01:27

Texas drive starts at 05:55

1-10 CLM26 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush left for 8 yards gain to the CLM18 (#7 K.Barnes; #23 A.Hampton).
2-2 CLM18 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 1 yard gain to the CLM17 (#55 P.Page).
3-1 CLM17 #9 J.Gibson rush middle for 0 yards to the CLM17 (#0 B.Carter; #17 W.Woodaz).
4-1 CLM17 #23 J.Blue rush left for 1 yard loss to the CLM18 (#47 S.Brown), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

4 plays, 8 yards, 01:46

Clemson drive starts at 04:09

1-10 CLM18 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #1 T.Moore caught at CLM15, for 3 yards to the CLM21 (#25 J.McDonald).
2-7 CLM21 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #0 A.Williams thrown to CLM27. The previous play is under automatic review - "Incomplete pass". PLAY STANDS.
3-7 CLM21 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short middle to #20 C.Sanderson thrown to CLM26 broken up by #45 V.Broughton.
4-7 CLM21 #39 A.Swanson punt 37 yards to the TEX42 muffed by #11 S.Bolden at TEX42 recovered by TEX #11 S.Bolden at TEX42, End Of Play.

3 plays, 3 yards, 00:50

Texas drive starts at 03:19

1-10 TEX42 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #26 Q.Wisner caught at TEX36, for 6 yards loss to the TEX36 QB hurried by #90 S.Green (#17 W.Woodaz).
2-16 TEX36 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass intercepted by #9 R.Mickens at TEX45 #9 R.Mickens return 6 yards to the TEX39, End Of Play PENALTY CLM Personal Foul (#8 T.Williams) 15 yards from TEX39 to CLM46.

2 plays, -6 yards, 00:39

Clemson drive starts at 02:40

1-10 CLM46 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #0 A.Williams caught at TEX45, for 18 yards to the TEX36 P7
(#3 J.Guilbeau), 1ST DOWN.
1-10 TEX36 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 5 yards gain to the TEX31 (#0 A.Hill Jr.).
(02:00) Timeout.
2-5 TEX31 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. caught at TEX20, for 12 yards to the TEX19 P8
(#5 M.Muhammad), 1ST DOWN.
1-10 TEX19 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short left to #9 J.Bringstool thrown to TEX25 broken up by #18 L.Lefau.
2-10 TEX19 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 5 yards gain to the TEX14 (#0 A.Hill Jr.; #8 T.Moore).
(01:43) Timeout by TEX.
3-5 TEX14 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to TEX10.



4-5 TEX14 #81 N.Hauser field goal attempt from 32 yards GOOD (H: #88 C.Swinney, LS: #58 H.Caspersen), clock 01:33.

Clemson 10, Texas 21.

7 plays, 40 yards, 01:07

#38 R.Gunn III kickoff 57 yards to the TEX08, out of bounds at TEX08.

Texas drive starts at 01:33

- 1-10 TEX35 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete short left to #5 R.Wingo thrown to TEX45 broken up by #20 A.Terrell.
2-10 TEX35 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #23 J.Blue caught at TEX33, for 21 yards to the CLM44 (#7 K.Barnes), 1ST DOWN. P13
1-10 CLM44 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush left for 7 yards gain to the CLM37 (#3 T.Parker).
2-3 CLM37 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete short middle to #85 G.Helm thrown to CLM25 broken up by #9 R.Mickens.
3-3 CLM37 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers rush middle for 11 yards gain to the CLM26 (#47 S.Brown), 1ST DOWN. R14
1-10 CLM26 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #0 D.Moore Jr. caught at CLM21, for 7 yards to the CLM19 (#47 S.Brown).
(00:33) Timeout by TEX.
2-3 CLM19 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #85 G.Helm caught at CLM00, for 19 yards to the CLM00 P15
TOUCHDOWN, clock 00:28, 1ST DOWN.
CLM03 #45 B.Auburn kick attempt good (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis).

Clemson 10, Texas 28.

7 plays, 65 yards, 01:05

#15 W.Stone kickoff 62 yards to the CLM03 fair catch by #8 A.Randall at CLM03.

Clemson drive starts at 00:28

- 1-10 CLM25 No Huddle-Shotgun #21 J.Green rush middle for 3 yards gain to the CLM28 (#8 T.Moore).
2-7 CLM28 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #21 J.Green caught at CLM34, for 10 yards to the CLM38 P9
(#0 A.Hill Jr.), 1ST DOWN.
(00:06) Timeout by CLM.
1-10 CLM38 No Huddle-Shotgun #21 J.Green rush middle for 4 yards gain to the CLM42 (#95 A.Collins).
3 plays, 17 yards, 00:28

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Clemson	3	06:29	1	3	0	4	0-4	0-0	9-55	4-10-1-43	2-20
Texas	21	08:31	7	3	0	10	1-2	0-1	15-121	6-9-1-93	0-0



SECOND QUARTER	CLM	TEX
Score	3	21
FIRST DOWNS	4	10
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-55	15-121
PASSING YDS (NET)	43	93
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	4-10-1	6-9-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	19-98	24-214
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-33	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-6	1--2
Punts (Number-Avg)	3-33.7	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	2-20	0-0
Possession Time	06:29	08:31
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 4	1 of 2
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	2-3

CLEMSON

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Adam Randall	3	45	3	42	0	41	14.0
Jarvis Green	2	7	0	7	0	4	3.5
Cade Klubnik	4	16	10	6	0	6	1.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cade Klubnik	4-10-1	43	0	18	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Antonio Williams	3	1	18	9	0	18
Bryant Wesco Jr.	3	1	12	1	0	12
Jarvis Green	1	1	10	4	0	10
T.J. Moore	1	1	3	6	0	3

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Aidan Swanson	3	101	33.7	37	1	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Adam Randall	2	33	0	18

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Khalil Barnes	2-2	4	0.0	0.0
Wade Woodaz	1-3	4	0.0	1.0
Sammy Brown	3-0	3	0.0	1.0
Avieon Terrell	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	12:49	TEX - #23 J.Blue 38 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 5-65, 02:04	0-7
2nd	07:26	TEX - #26 Q.Wisner 16 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 6-82, 02:57	0-14
2nd	01:33	CLM - #81 N.Hauser 32 yd FG, 7-40, 01:07	3-14
2nd	00:28	TEX - #85 G.Helm 19 yd pass from #3 Q.Ewers (#45 B.Auburn kick), 7-65, 01:05	3-21

TEXAS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jaydon Blue	6	56	1	55	1	38	9.2
Quintrevion Wisner	6	48	0	48	1	16	8.0
Quinn Ewers	1	11	0	11	0	11	11.0
Ryan Wingo	1	7	0	7	0	7	7.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Quinn Ewers	6-9-1	93	1	43	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Matthew Golden	1	1	43	0	0	43
Jaydon Blue	1	1	21	23	0	21
Gunnar Helm	2	1	19	0	1	19
Silas Bolden	1	1	9	2	0	9

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
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Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Anthony Hill Jr.	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Ethan Burke	1-1	2	1.0	1.5
Jelani McDonald	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Trey Moore	1-1	2	0.0	0.0



3rd Quarter

#38 R.Gunn III kickoff 65 yards to the TEX00, Touchback.

Texas drive starts at 15:00

1-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete short right to #2 M.Golden thrown to TEX30 broken up by #20 A.Terrell.	
2-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush left for 7 yards gain to the TEX32 (#19 D.Capehart).	
3-3	TEX32	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #0 D.Moore Jr. caught at TEX36, for 6 yards to the TEX38 (#9 R.Mickens), 1ST DOWN.	P16
1-10	TEX38	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #85 G.Helm caught at TEX45, for 9 yards to the TEX47 (#0 B.Carter).	
2-1	TEX47	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush middle for 0 yards to the TEX47 (#9 R.Mickens).	
3-1	TEX47	No Huddle-Shotgun #16 A.Manning rush right for 3 yards gain to the TEX50 (#47 S.Brown), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	R17
1-10	TEX50	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #85 G.Helm caught at TEX47, for 14 yards to the CLM36 QB hurried by #9 R.Mickens (#47 S.Brown), 1ST DOWN.	P18
1-10	CLM36	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers sacked for loss of 4 yards to the CLM40 (#8 T.Williams).	
2-14	CLM40	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush left for 1 yard gain to the CLM39 (#3 T.Parker).	
3-13	CLM39	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete deep right to #2 M.Golden thrown to CLM05 PENALTY CLM Pass Interference (#20 A.Terrell) 15 yards from CLM39 to CLM24, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X19
1-10	CLM24	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush right for 19 yards gain to the CLM05 (#9 R.Mickens), 1ST DOWN.	R20
1-G	CLM05	No Huddle-Shotgun #26 Q.Wisner rush left for 3 yards gain to the CLM02 (#9 R.Mickens; #45 V.Burley).	
2-G	CLM02	No Huddle-Shotgun #16 A.Manning rush right for 0 yards to the CLM02 (#19 D.Capehart; #55 P.Page).	
3-G	CLM02	#9 J.Gibson rush middle for 2 yards loss to the CLM04 (#3 T.Parker; #11 P.Woods).	
4-G	CLM04	#45 B.Auburn field goal attempt from 22 yards GOOD (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis), clock 08:10.	

Clemson 10, Texas 31.

14 plays, 71 yards, 06:50

#15 W.Stone kickoff 64 yards to the CLM01 fair catch by #8 A.Randall at CLM01.

Clemson drive starts at 08:10

1-10	CLM25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #9 J.Brininstool caught at CLM29, for 8 yards to the CLM33 (#0 A.Hill Jr.).	
2-2	CLM33	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. caught at CLM42, for 9 yards to the CLM42 (#7 J.Barron), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P10
1-10	CLM42	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik sacked for loss of 14 yards to the CLM28 (#15 B.Norton), fumble by #2 C.Klubnik recovered by CLM #64 W.Parks at CLM28, End Of Play.	
2-24	CLM28	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #1 T.Moore caught at CLM36, for 9 yards to the CLM37 QB hurried by #88 B.Sorrell (#3 J.Guilbeau).	
3-15	CLM37	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete deep right to #0 A.Williams thrown to TEX42 broken up by #4 A.Mukuba QB hurried by #7 J.Barron.	
4-15	CLM37	#39 A.Swanson punt 41 yards to the TEX22 fair catch by #11 S.Bolden at TEX22.	

5 plays, 12 yards, 02:36

Texas drive starts at 05:34

1-10	TEX22	No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 0 yards to the TEX22 (#55 P.Page; #19 D.Capehart).	
2-10	TEX22	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete deep left to #5 R.Wingo thrown to CLM38 broken up by #23 A.Hampton.	
3-10	TEX22	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete short left to #26 Q.Wisner thrown to TEX20 broken up by #17 W.Woodaz.	
4-10	TEX22	#39 M.Kern punt 42 yards to the CLM36 #0 A.Williams return 9 yards to the CLM45 (#18 L.Lefau).	

3 plays, 0 yards, 01:00

Clemson drive starts at 04:34

1-10	CLM45	No Huddle-Shotgun #8 A.Randall rush middle for 2 yards gain to the CLM47 (#91 E.Burke).	
2-8	CLM47	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete deep right to #9 J.Brininstool caught at TEX30, for 28 yards to the TEX25, End Of Play, 1ST DOWN.	P11
1-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #8 A.Randall thrown to TEX30.	
2-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete deep right to #21 J.Green caught at TEX00, for 25 yards to the TEX00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 03:29, 1ST DOWN.	P12
TEX03		#81 N.Hauser kick attempt good (H: #88 C.Swinney, LS: #58 H.Caspersen).	

Clemson 17, Texas 31.

4 plays, 55 yards, 01:05

#38 R.Gunn III kickoff 65 yards to the TEX00, Touchback.

Texas drive starts at 03:29

1-10	TEX25	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short middle to #85 G.Helm caught at TEX35, for 16 yards to the TEX41 (#9 R.Mickens), 1ST DOWN.	P21
1-10	TEX41	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete deep right to #2 M.Golden thrown to CLM23 PENALTY CLM Pass Interference (#20 A.Terrell) 15 yards from TEX41 to CLM44, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X22
1-10	CLM44	No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 8 yards gain to the CLM36 (#17 W.Woodaz).	
2-2	CLM36	PENALTY TEX False Start (#74 T.Goosby) 5 yards from CLM36 to CLM41. NO PLAY.	
2-7	CLM41	No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush left for 2 yards gain to the CLM39 (#55 P.Page).	
3-5	CLM39	No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 3 yards gain to the CLM36 (#0 B.Carter).	
4-2	CLM36	No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete short middle to #2 M.Golden thrown to CLM35, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.	

5 plays, 39 yards, 02:34

Clemson drive starts at 00:55

1-10	CLM36	No Huddle-Shotgun #19 K.Adams Jr. rush middle for 5 yards gain to the CLM41 (#37 M.Blackwell Jr.).	
2-5	CLM41	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #1 T.Moore caught at TEX49, for 12 yards to the TEX47 (#5 M.Muhammad), 1ST DOWN.	P13
1-10	TEX47	No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete deep left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to TEX22.	

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs P X T	Conversions 3rd 4td	Rushing	Passing	Penalties
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Play By Play report
Clemson vs Texas (Dec 21, 2024)

Date: Dec 21, 2024
Site: Austin, Texas
Stadium: Darrell K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium
Attendance: 101150

Clemson	7	04:36	0	4	0	4	0-1	0-0	3--7	6-9-0-91	2-30
Texas	3	10:24	2	3	2	7	2-5	0-1	13-40	4-8-0-45	1-5



THIRD QUARTER	CLM	TEX
Score	7	3
FIRST DOWNS	4	7
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	3--7	13-40
PASSING YDS (NET)	91	45
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	6-9-0	4-8-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	12-84	21-85
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-9	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-41.0	1-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-30	1-5
Possession Time	04:36	10:24
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 1	2 of 5
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-1

CLEMSON

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Keith Adams Jr.	1	5	0	5	0	5	5.0
Adam Randall	1	2	0	2	0	2	2.0
Walker Parks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Cade Klubnik	1	0	14	-14	0	0	-14.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Cade Klubnik	6-9-0	91	1	28	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jake Briningstool	2	2	36	9	0	28	
T.J. Moore	2	2	21	3	0	12	
Jarvis Green	1	1	25	0	1	25	
Bryant Wesco Jr.	2	1	9	0	0	9	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Aidan Swanson	1	41	41.0	41	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Antonio Williams	1	9	0	9			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
R.J. Mickens	4-1	5	0.0	0.0			
DeMonte Capehart	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Payton Page	1-2	3	0.0	0.0			
Barrett Carter	2-0	2	0.0	0.0			

TEXAS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Quintrevion Wisner	5	30	0	30	0	19	6.0
Jaydon Blue	4	13	0	13	0	8	3.2
Arch Manning	2	3	0	3	0	3	1.5
Jerrick Gibson	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Quinn Ewers	4-8-0	45	0	16	1		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Gunnar Helm	3	3	39	25	0	16	
DeAndre Moore Jr.	1	1	6	2	0	6	
Matthew Golden	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Ryan Wingo	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Michael Kern	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Anthony Hill Jr.	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Bill Norton	1-0	1	1.0	1.0			
Ethan Burke	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			
Jahdae Barron	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	08:10	TEX - #45 B.Auburn 22 yd FG, 14-71, 06:50	0-3
3rd	03:29	CLM - #21 J.Green 25 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 4-55, 01:05	7-3



4th Quarter

- 2-10 TEX47 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short left to #0 A.Williams caught at TEX29, for 18 yards to the TEX29, out of bounds at TEX29, 1ST DOWN. P14
- 1-10 TEX29 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #1 T.Moore caught at TEX21, for 7 yards to the TEX22 (#7 J.Barron).
- 2-3 TEX22 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 11 yards gain to the TEX11 (#37 M.Blackwell Jr.), 1ST DOWN. R15
- 1-10 TEX11 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #1 T.Moore thrown to TEX00.
- 2-10 TEX11 No Huddle-Shotgun #19 K.Adams Jr. rush left for 7 yards gain to the TEX04 (#0 A.Hill Jr.; #4 A.Mukuba).
- 3-3 TEX04 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 3 yards loss to the TEX07 (#45 V.Broughton; #95 A.Collins).
- 4-6 TEX07 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #1 T.Moore caught at TEX00, for 7 yards to the TEX00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 11:43, 1ST DOWN. P16
- TEX03 #81 N.Hauser kick attempt good (H: #88 C.Swinney, LS: #58 H.Caspersen) PENALTY TEX Offside declined.

Clemson 24, Texas 31.

10 plays, 64 yards, 04:12

#38 R.Gunn III kickoff 65 yards to the TEX00 #2 M.Golden return 17 yards to the TEX17 (#25 R.Jones).

Texas drive starts at 11:39

- 1-10 TEX17 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short right to #2 M.Golden caught at TEX20, for 6 yards to the TEX23 (#17 W.Woodaz; #23 A.Hampton).
- 2-4 TEX23 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 J.Blue rush left for 77 yards gain to the CLM00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 10:48, 1ST DOWN. R23
- CLM03 #45 B.Auburn kick attempt good (H: #39 M.Kern, LS: #58 L.St. Louis).

Clemson 24, Texas 38.

2 plays, 83 yards, 00:51

#15 W.Stone kickoff 65 yards to the CLM00, Touchback.

Clemson drive starts at 10:48

- 1-10 CLM25 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #1 T.Moore thrown to CLM40.
- 2-10 CLM25 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #1 T.Moore caught at CLM30, for 6 yards to the CLM31 (#7 J.Barron).
- 3-4 CLM31 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete deep right to #1 T.Moore caught at TEX43, for 29 yards to the TEX40 (#5 M.Muhammad), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P17
- 1-10 TEX40 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #8 A.Randall thrown to TEX43 QB hurried by #8 T.Moore.
- 2-10 TEX40 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete deep right to #1 T.Moore caught at TEX10, for 30 yards to the TEX10 (#5 M.Muhammad), 1ST DOWN. P18
- 1-G TEX10 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short right to #1 T.Moore thrown to TEX00 PENALTY TEX Roughing The Passer (#11 C.Simmons) 5 yards from TEX10 to TEX05, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X19
- 1-G TEX05 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to TEX02 broken up by #9 G.Holmes.
- 2-G TEX05 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik rush middle for 4 yards gain to the TEX01 (#95 A.Collins; #25 J.McDonald). (08:09) Timeout by CLM.
- 3-G TEX01 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush right for 0 yards to the TEX01 (#33 D.Gbenda; #16 M.Taaffe).
- 4-G TEX01 No Huddle-Shotgun #19 K.Adams Jr. rush middle for 1 yard loss to the TEX02 (#15 B.Norton; #88 B.Sorrell), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

9 plays, 73 yards, 03:24

Texas drive starts at 07:24

- 1-10 TEX02 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush middle for 1 yard loss to the TEX01 (#9 R.Mickens; #19 D.Capehart).
- 2-11 TEX01 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass incomplete deep left to #5 R.Wingo thrown to TEX23 PENALTY CLM Pass Interference (#20 A.Terrell) 15 yards from TEX01 to TEX16, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X24
- 1-10 TEX16 No Huddle-Shotgun #23 J.Blue rush right for 1 yard gain to the TEX17 (#11 P.Woods).
- 2-9 TEX17 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers rush middle for 0 yards to the TEX17 (#55 P.Page). (05:13) Timeout by TEX.
- 3-9 TEX17 No Huddle-Shotgun #3 Q.Ewers pass complete short left to #23 J.Blue caught at TEX27, for 10 yards to the TEX27 (#20 A.Terrell), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P25
- 1-10 TEX27 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush right for 3 yards gain to the TEX30 (#0 B.Carter; #45 V.Burley).
- 2-7 TEX30 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush left for 0 yards to the TEX30 (#17 W.Woodaz; #47 S.Brown).
- 3-7 TEX30 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush right for 21 yards gain to the CLM49 (#55 P.Page), 1ST DOWN. R26
- 1-10 CLM49 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush middle for 5 yards gain to the CLM44 (#47 S.Brown; #9 R.Mickens). (02:00) Timeout.
- 2-5 CLM44 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush left for 3 yards gain to the CLM41 (#11 P.Woods). (01:53) Timeout by CLM.
- 3-2 CLM41 No Huddle-Shotgun #9 J.Gibson rush middle for 1 yard gain to the CLM40 (#47 S.Brown; #55 P.Page). The previous play is under automatic review - "Short of the line to gain". PLAY STANDS. (01:46) Timeout by CLM.
- 4-1 CLM40 #16 A.Manning rush right for 3 yards loss to the CLM43, End Of Play, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

11 plays, 55 yards, 05:41

Clemson drive starts at 01:43

- 1-10 CLM43 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short middle to #9 J.Bringingstool caught at TEX45, for 27 yards to the TEX30 (#5 M.Muhammad), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P20
- 1-10 TEX30 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass complete short right to #19 K.Adams Jr. caught at TEX32, for 4 yards to the TEX26 (#9 G.Holmes), out of bounds.
- 2-6 TEX26 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short middle to #9 J.Bringingstool thrown to TEX16.
- 3-6 TEX26 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short left to #12 B.Wesco Jr. thrown to TEX10.
- 4-6 TEX26 No Huddle-Shotgun #2 C.Klubnik pass incomplete short middle to #1 T.Moore thrown to TEX25 broken up by #16 M.Taaffe, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

5 plays, 31 yards, 00:27

Texas drive starts at 01:16

- 1-10 TEX26 Kneel down by Texas at TEX24 for loss of 2 yards.



2-12 TEX24 Kneel down by Texas at TEX23 for loss of 1 yard.
2 plays, -3 yards, 01:16

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
Clemson	7	07:08	1	5	1	7	1-4	1-3	6-18	8-15-0-128	1-15
Texas	7	07:52	2	1	1	4	2-3	0-1	13-104	2-2-0-16	1-5



FOURTH QUARTER	CLM	TEX
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	7	4
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	6-18	13-104
PASSING YDS (NET)	128	16
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	8-15-0	2-2-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	21-146	15-120
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-17
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0.0	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	1-15	1-5
Possession Time	07:08	07:52
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 4	2 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 3	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	0-0

CLEMSON

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Cade Klubnik	4	15	3	12	0	11	3.0
Keith Adams Jr.	2	7	1	6	0	7	3.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Cade Klubnik	8-15-0	128	1	30	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
T.J. Moore	8	5	79	3	1	30
Jake Briningstool	2	1	27	15	0	27
Antonio Williams	1	1	18	0	0	18
Keith Adams Jr.	1	1	4	6	0	4

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Payton Page	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Sammy Brown	0-3	3	0.0	0.0
Peter Woods	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
R.J. Mickens	0-2	2	0.0	0.5

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	11:43	CLM - #1 T.Moore 7 yd pass from #2 C.Klubnik (#81 N.Hauser kick), 10-64, 04:12	7-0
4th	10:48	TEX - #23 J.Blue 77 yd rush (#45 B.Auburn kick), 2-83, 00:51	7-7

TEXAS

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Jaydon Blue	3	78	1	77	1	77	25.7
Jerrick Gibson	6	33	0	33	0	21	5.5
Quinn Ewers	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TEAM	2	0	3	-3	0	0	-1.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Quinn Ewers	2-2-0	16	0	10	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jaydon Blue	1	1	10	0	0	10
Matthew Golden	1	1	6	3	0	6

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Matthew Golden	1	17	0	17
Malik Muhammad	3-0	3	0.0	0.0
Alfred Collins	0-2	2	0.0	0.5
Jahdae Barron	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Andrew Mukuba	0-1	1	0.0	0.0

CFP First Round: Texas vs Clemson

Saturday, December 21, 2024

Austin, Texas, USA

DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium

Clemson Tigers

Dabo Swinney

Postgame Press Conference

Texas - 38, Clemson - 24

DABO SWINNEY: First of all, congratulations to Texas. They're a really good football team. We knew that coming in.

I'm proud of our team, though. We just got ourselves in a really big hole in the first half, giving up 28 points. We battled back. Those kids could have quit. That's a tough situation. Everything's kind of uphill on you.

I'm proud of their fight. I'm proud of the heart that you saw of our group. We put ourselves in a position to win the game. I mean, we were down 18 points on the road against a really, really tough team. A lot of frustration with some of the -- just how we played the first half, defensively especially, but we never quit.

It comes down to a one score game. Got them backed up. Get a great kickoff coverage, get a tackle, got them backed up, and they go, what is it, 80, I don't even know, 77 yards, and makes it a two score. Then we come right back down, and we got a chance to punch it back in there. And we get stopped on fourth down. So those were the two critical plays in the second half. We had every opportunity to win it, I mean, literally. We fought back and put ourselves in position in the fourth quarter.

That's a huge hole to overcome, so I got to give just credit to the heart of our guys and the leadership and just their fight, just their character. I'm proud of that. It sucks that we lost the game, but I'm proud of the fight that I saw and again the character in a really, really tough situation.

To come back and put yourself in a one score situation with a chance to get a stop and we don't do it. Again, we got a chance to answer and make it a one-score game. Right there on that last drive, anything can happen. Just



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too big a hole to get out of. But they competed their butts off.

Just disappointing. It's sad. It's always sad when it ends, even when it ends exactly the way you want it. My last game, we won the National Championship, and I was happy that we won, but I was really, really sad that I wasn't going to be playing football anymore.

When you play this game and you put so much into this game, it's sad when it ends, regardless of how it ends, especially when you really truly, truly love the people that you're with. I mean, I really love these guys. There was not one day that I did not love coming to work with this group.

This has been a special group of seniors, a special group. I'm better because -- being able to do life with them. Clemson is better, and they're leaving us in a much better spot than when they got here. Great career. They won a couple championships, and they got us back to the playoffs.

I'm really, really proud of all those seniors. My heart really hurts for them because it was never -- actually never until they got the stop right there at the end and taking a knee, there was never a moment that I didn't think we were going to win the game. I really saw that in their eyes.

I'm just thankful again for the leadership of these guys. I'm going to miss them. That's the hard part. We do a lot of life with these guys when you meet them and know them for a long time. This is a special, special group of young men and great career that they had. They did so many great things. Just a blessing to do life with them. And a blessing to their families, what they've done here at Clemson.

Incredibly disappointed it didn't go our way. Congrats to Texas. They made a couple of critical plays. Obviously the first half we got ourselves in a real hole. Again, proud of our team for the fight.

Appreciate our fans. I know we had our some fans come a long way out here. Really appreciate them. We'll build on this. It's a great experience for our guys. They know



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they're good enough. Most of our team is back. You saw the heart of our quarterback, how about that guy? Just incredible, incredible leadership in the locker room. I wish everybody could experience what I just experienced in the locker room, the leadership of our guys. How much they love each other.

It's pretty special. Again it stinks, but we'll build on this. This will be just another step in the direction that we want to go to get back to the top of the mountain. You've got to put yourself in position. We did that. You've got to learn and grow, we'll do that.

The example that was set by these seniors, again listening to them all year, all year reading their comments, it's been amazing. Coming to work every single day has been an absolute joy and blessing. I promise you, the example that they set for these guys coming back, it will not be wasted. Those guys will build upon that. I've already seen that in the locker room.

Again, disappointing night. Great win for Texas. Wish them all the best.

Q. Cade Klubnik, you touched on it a little bit, but a stellar performance for the kid on his homecoming. What this does in the foundation for him next year and for your program with him, that has to come away with a lot of confidence in what he was able to do here against the best defense in the country.

DABO SWINNEY: Yeah, how many people get that many yards on that group? They're really good. We missed a few of opportunities to punch it in right there on fourth and one. We think we had it if we stayed outside and kind of cut in, but we just didn't get it done.

He's just a competitor. That kid, he's one of the guys that spoke up in there and just talked about, he said this is the most fun he's ever had playing football this team, this year. Most fun he's ever had. Pretty strong statement.

I think that speaks to the closeness of this group. But he's an unbelievable player, number one. Great young man, he's just grown into this amazing leader. Really close group. You're just never out of it with him. He'll always give you a chance.

It's disappointing certainly we wanted to win the game. He didn't do anything to take away from the type of season he's had this year. It's been just an amazing year, and he'll build on it.

Saw a lot of young talent. How about T.J. Moore out there tonight. Had some big plays. Let's go making plays. Got

a lot of young talent. Mafah couldn't go after halftime. I knew that was probably it for him.

Hey, saw some other guys get in there and do some stuff. Slipped Adam in there, played a little running back for us today too, popped some runs. There was a lot of bright things. Again, it's always sad when it ends even when it ends great. We've got a lot of guys coming back. We've got a really good football team. Payton Page, Barrett Carter, and Marcus Tate, and Briny, RJ Mickens. An example those guys have set -- and Mafah -- it's a special, special group of people. There's a lot of young guys that have got a ton of great experience this year that I think we can build on. And add to as well.

Q. My question is about Mafah. Did he aggravate that shoulder at some point in the first half? At what point did you guys decide to try Adam at running back? He almost looked like a real natural out there?

DABO SWINNEY: Last week. After that, actually after the championship game. Best thing he does is run with the ball. See if we can create a little role for him and see how he looks. He looked great in practice.

I'm sure you all knew that. You all know everything. I think one of y'all asked me the question, would you consider moving somebody from another position? Was that you, Chapel? Oh, yeah. Chapel's got a telescope up on the tower or something there watching practice. I'm on to y'all's game. I get it. Like code language. That's what you were asking. You knew.

But I appreciate you. I appreciate that. You're good at what you do.

Yeah, that's really it. He did some good stuff, man. He is a natural. That's something that we want to try to grow this spring and really talked about trying to transition in there. See if we can kind of rebrand him a little bit. See what he looks like as a 230 pound back that can fly, and he's got ball skills. See how that works out.

Q. I thought it was a big moment there when after Mickens' interception, would have been a pick six. Tre Williams had the block in the back. Looked like Mickens would have scored even without the block, but you all had to settle for a field goal after that.

DABO SWINNEY: Yeah, it was a critical play. I thought we had a PI down there too. On the goal line we didn't get a call there, and that could have been a critical play too. Yeah that was a tough one, and it was the right call. That's one of the things you try to really coach and do, but in the heat of the moment you get beaten. I hope the young

man's okay, but it was a definite blind side.

You overcome it. You battle. It was unbelievable to be in a one-score game, pin deep, and just get a stop right there. Then you overcome that and go score -- get stopped on the fourth and one. So we had two critical plays, and it could have come down to the last one. Just didn't make it. Even with all the other chaos.

Q. I know that the game just ended, but just given the defensive struggles throughout this year as you kind of look and evaluate what's best for that unit, would you say any staff changes would be on the table?

DABO SWINNEY: We're not worried about any of that stuff. We had a great year, won the championship. Got to improve in all areas. Got an excellent staff. All those guys work really hard and well together, but we've got to improve everywhere. If we want to get to the top. Good enough to get the playoff, good enough to win the league, not good enough to win it all.

Q. You talked a little bit about that Texas defense, how tough they were. Is there anything different that your team did or noticed there towards the third quarter that you kind of found a spark of life there offensively?

DABO SWINNEY: Put the ball in our quarterback's hands. We just played kind of two minute tempos. We just put it in Number 2's hands, and he made plays, receivers made plays, tight ends made plays. We had just enough run game mixed in there, just enough. But I mean you're down 18 points. For the opening drive, they had like a 7 1/2 minute drive or something like that. So pretty much down 18 points, you've pretty much got to go all tempo. I thought we did a really good job in the second half, we held them to 10 points. Just such a hole.

I think we won the second half. Is my math right? 14-10, whatever it was. That part was good, but missed a couple of opportunities. Just put it in Cade's hands and said we're going to have to let it rip. Make some plays and play fast. A lot of tempo because we're not getting many possessions. Then the guys just made plays.

Q. You mentioned clawing back in the second half, that's kind of what you guys have done all year, the resilience to pick yourselves off the mat time and time again. What makes you proudest in terms of resiliency all season long?

DABO SWINNEY: Those are lessons that you hope that you learn from the game, first of all. Not saying to get knocked down, but you've got to keep going. You hope that especially young people those are lessons that you

can learn because you need that in life. It can't always go the way you want. We have setbacks. We have disappointments. It was just an awesome thing to go through the season.

I really truly mean that. I'm so grateful for this year's journey, really grateful. If I had one word, it's grateful. To get a chance to do life with this team. There was not a day where I didn't enjoy coming to work with our players, where I didn't enjoy coming to work with our players.

The leaders, these guys are going to do amazing things. They are going to do amazing things. It's a blessing to be able to see that, see resilience and see resolve. Those are things that will serve them well for the rest of their life.

This is a really tough moment, but when all the smoke clears and they get a chance to really truly appreciate their journey at Clemson, their lives have been changed. They've been equipped they've grown as men. They can walk out of here knowing that they left us better. They set an unbelievable example. It's a special group of seniors. The young people and the lessons they learned. That's really what it comes down to.

They've got to have -- especially in this world, man, and you have failure, fail in front of everybody and there's a ton of criticism and things like that, you've got to have courage and conviction to keep going, to be able to pick yourself up regardless of all that and keep moving forward and continue to keep the faith and believe. That's what it takes. That's what life is about.

It's just awesome to see that because that's what they did all year long, all the way to this microcosm tonight. Again, you're on a big stage, on the road. You're down 18 points to maybe the best defense in the country, and then you go play the way they did in the second half and, again, just two missed opportunities away getting from really, really interesting last couple of minutes.

That's heart. That's resiliency. That's resolve. Just keep fighting, keep believing, and keep battling, and they did that. Don't get any participation trophy or any of that stuff. You came here to win. Hey, end of the day, they did a lot of good things. We got one offensive lineman that we're missing: Marcus Tate. All the guys are back and then some. We know we're going to miss Payton Page, but everybody else is back. We've got a lot of great young linebackers that grew up this year. We've got some young talent at corner. A lot of young skill. Got a chance to be a really, really good football team and grow and get better and build on some things we put in place this year, and it's my job to make sure we do that.



Q. I know you still have to watch the tape, but what were some of the things that plagued you on the defensive side of the ball in the first half?

DABO SWINNEY: Just getting off some blocks, leveraging the ball. Coming underneath instead of going over the top. Just some base stuff. They're good. They're a good football team. If you misfit just a little bit -- missed a couple tackles. They're really good. They can make you pay for those things. This is a good football team. That's really it.

We didn't have any busts or things like that. We just came down to fundamentals. Again, getting off blocks. Playing in our gap. Leveraging the ball at corner. A couple tackles that were right there to make that we don't make. Eyes on a couple things, touchdown to the tight end. That was a mistake.

Just a couple of missed assignment things. They settled in and did a helluva job in the second half. We stopped. We turned them over. We got stops on downs. There was a lot of good things after the half that gave us a chance. One terrible play was obviously the 80-yard play, the opening drive.

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Q. It looked like maybe there in the second half you kind of concentrated a little bit more on the vertical game, rather than some of the slants inside. What was working for the offense besides tempo there in the second half?

GARRETT RILEY: I think this one did a really good job of putting the ball in play. So with us playing with tempo, just trying to really attack every level of their defense, credit to them. They do a really good job. They play soft in coverage a lot today. They did a great job and credit to them.

I just thought Cade specifically did a really nice job of attacking the field and creating some plays to extending the plays in the second half that gave us a few chunk plays to kind of get us going.

Q. If you could talk about the play of Cade and what he did today, and how he brought you guys back within a touchdown.

GARRETT RILEY: I mean, this team and this group of guys that we have, they're damn fighters, that's for sure. With this one leading the way and being at the forefront of that, just super proud of him and his resiliency, his ability to fight, his ability to have a short term memory, which is a very special thing, playing his position, good or bad.

This kid just absolutely played his ass off tonight in this season. He knows I'm very, very proud of him.

Q. Dabo just told us that you spoke up in the locker room and said this is the most fun you've ever had



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playing football this year with this team. What are you feeling right now?

CADE KLUBNIK: I hate losing. I hate losing, and I hate losing in the playoffs. But nobody picked us to be here in the beginning. Nobody believed in us. Nobody really wanted us here.

But we believed in each other, and this group of guys that has fought together -- you know, I just think of Jade Briningstool and Barrett and Tristan Leigh and Marcus, just naming a few guys, I feel like a year ago they were just like my teammates, and this year they're like truly my brothers. Because we've walked through like together, we've walked through hard times. I spoke up and shared how much it sucked and also was kind of vulnerable.

I also just kind of shared with them that I'm very thankful that I get to go through hard times -- that I get to go through hard times with people that I love and that love me because I can't imagine going through the stuff that we've gone through where I didn't love the people around me.

I'm hurting a lot. I've had a lot of emotions going on, but I'm going to miss a lot of these guys because they've had such an impact on the player that I am, but the man that I'm going to be and that I am now. So just kind of wanted to tell everybody in the room that.

Q. Cade, obviously a tough homecoming year here for you. Have you been able to process yet what it was like to be back playing here in town and out there on the field with your brothers, leading your team there in the second half the way you were able to?

CADE KLUBNIK: It was fun to be home, but I wish we would have won. That's what I came here to do. It wasn't a vacation. It wasn't really time to come home. It was time to come win a football game, and we didn't do that. That really sucked.

It's nice to be home and all that, but I wish we would have won.

Q. Was there any talk going on the field between you and your pals from Westlake?



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CADE KLUBNIK: Not until the very end. Not until the very end. Michael dropped that pick at the very end, and he told me he wanted that one. I said he's not good enough to get it. I'm just kidding. He's a really good player.

I almost threw a pick to Mukuba, and I told him he still doesn't have the hands. Other than that, there wasn't really much.

Those guys are great guys, great football players, great dude, but there wasn't really much talk.

Q. From a game plan standpoint, how much of a bind were you in having Phil banged up, losing Jay Haynes, and at what point, when and how did you arrive at the decision that you were going to give Randall a try in the backfield?

GARRETT RILEY: We just kind of went in to almost a bye week, the week leading up to the game of trying it out. He's a skill guy and just kind of the way things have unfolded in that room is we felt like he could give us a spark and give us something and be unique back there.

I'm proud about him. He gave us a big time run today. He played explosive for us, and we asked him to do some things in a short period of time that he handled.

Yeah, just collectively that room, Keith came in and gave us some important snaps and execution with what he brought to the table. Jarvis Green enters the game and scores a touchdown. So we knew it was going to be by committee, but yeah, we went into this knowing that Adam could give us a little something back there too.

Q. Hey, Coach, after you guys' opening drive, your offense kind of stalled for the next four possessions, I guess. What was Texas doing that kind of limited you guys to move the ball down the field?

GARRETT RILEY: Well, what we wanted to do is definitely be in rhythm and play quickly and play fast and try and use tempo to our advantage. We just kind of got stuck in a lull there. We had a couple things, we felt like, on two consecutive drives. We've got some stuff there, and we get two tipped balls at the line of scrimmage.

Again, credit to those guys. I thought they do a great job in coverage. We all know what they are and all that defensively, but there was just a few things there. I thought early on in that -- the late first quarter, early second quarter where I thought we had some opportunities there. Just didn't seem to make it for some reason.

Q. Cade and T.J., you guys have been building that rapport all season. What was working for you two today to kind of have that connection that you did, especially in the second half?

CADE KLUBNIK: Yeah, I got some one-on-one opportunities, a great matchup for us, especially for T.J.

they were starting to isolate him a little bit more, and we wanted to take advantage of that and went and did so.

T.J. MOORE: I started to notice they were playing off more, and really that just started to open things up. I don't know.

Q. Garrett, I just wanted to ask there at the goal line situation on those two plays, your thought processes going in there after the timeout, and what you guys thought you could do there.

GARRETT RILEY: Yeah, had some things. Like any game plan, got some things in tight there at the goal line. Had two calls, and kind of came in at the third down and something differently than we expected there. Cade stuck the football and had to cut it up on the third down and gave us a chance on that one.

Then fourth down, really had a decision for him. He had two early options that he could do on that play. They took one away, and we had to give the football to Keith, and we just came up a little bit short.

Q. For Cade, now that the season is over, I guess you speak about your decision about next year. Can you confirm you're coming back and how excited you are?

CADE KLUBNIK: I'm just trying to deal with the emotions of tonight. Yeah, just trying to deal with the emotions of tonight and just trying to deal with I've got to play my last football game with a lot of these guys. I'm not really thinking about me right now. I'm trying to think about all of the relationships I've built over the last three years. That's really what I'm thinking about now.

Q. Cade and T.J., that touchdown that you caught, T.J., I think it was the fourth quarter, but Cade, you were scrambling around, looked like they were playing zone, and T.J. kind of found the soft spot there. I guess you couldn't consider him a freshman anymore. It seemed like a veteran move there. Could you just speak on that? T.J., can you take us through that play and how it unfolded?

T.J. MOORE: So it was kind of like -- how do I say this? Basically, it was kind of like a rub play, so I come under the



tight end. I seen like nobody was in that area or that zone. So I was like, okay, I'm going to just sit here. I see Cade scrambling out. It was just like he's going to throw it to me. He's going to throw it to me. Then I caught it.

I'm just going to let Cade take it.

CADE KLUBNIK: We had a zone beater on the right, and we kind of anticipated them playing a raid two with a high safety inside the No. 3. We were hoping that No. 3 would really go grab with a dig, would go grab a safety, and he just kind of stayed off, and that was going to open up the other route.

Then they just kind of played it, and down the red zone, you want to just kind of -- sometimes they cover it, and I want to be able to use my legs and stretch them out, and T.J. did a good job just kind of finding the window, and we made a play late.

Q. T.J., you had a career day, a career outing for you today, I guess. How do you feel in a moment where that kind of game comes in like in the loss for you guys?

T.J. MOORE: I know having a career high or whatever is good, but the fact that we lost kind of like down plays it. I'm not really so worried about myself. I'm kind of worried about the loss.

Now we don't get to be with our seniors anymore. That's really what I'm focused on.

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THE MODERATOR: Joining us now is one of Clemson's five permanently elected captains for the 2024 season, as voted prior to the College Football Playoff first round, defensive tackle Payton Page.

Q. Payton, what was Texas able to do in the run game that was giving you guys so many problems?

PAYTON PAGE: They were able to attack the edges, and they did a really good job. Props to them.

Q. Just wanted to ask you, you guys, despite having your struggles tonight, you did stop them three times on fourth down to give the offense a chance. Can you talk about those momentum plays and how it helped you get back in the game?

PAYTON PAGE: When we made that fourth down stop, they changed the whole momentum of the game for us. When we got back out there in the second half, we just attacked it and did what we can do to finish.

Q. Payton, take us inside the locker room. Dabo said a lot of guys kind of spoke up and talked about this year, the importance of this group. What was that like, and who maybe delivered those comments?

PAYTON PAGE: Cade said some real stuff in the locker room. He touched everybody's heart. He touched all the seniors for sure. He gave a shout out to all the seniors and what it meant to him, how much it meant to the team, and it meant a lot to us.



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THE MODERATOR: We're being joined also by Defensive Coordinator Wes Goodwin and linebacker Barrett Carter.

Q. For Barrett and Payton, you guys' season just ended and your college careers as well. Has that set in for you guys, or are you still processing what happened tonight?

PAYTON PAGE: Still processing for sure.

BARRETT CARTER: I would say the same. Has not really digested yet everything that just happened. Everything I can think of right now is just how grateful I am just for this team, these coaches, university, and just this whole staff and just everybody like within this -- like that's all I can really think of right now.

Q. Coach Goodwin, with the success Texas had attacking the edge, did you try to make halftime adjustments to try and stop that? It looked like maybe you guys were able to kind of find some fits there in the third quarter?

WES GOODWIN: Definitely. We adjusted some things, caused some different run pressures, and slowed it down there in the third quarter up until the long run in the fourth quarter.

Q. Wes, just big picture-wise, what's your assessment of the way your defense played this year?

WES GOODWIN: Those guys fought their asses off all year, really showed a lot of character, fight, grit. Wasn't perfect at times, but they kept battling all the way up until the end.

Credit to these guys, their leadership, the character that they displayed and kept guys pulling in the right direction. Got a lot of young guys coming back as well who see that it's all about little things, details, that sort of thing that always hinder you in the end. Great learning experience for the guys coming back.

Super proud of the leadership -- Barrett, Payton, R.J. -- those guys displayed thought the year and just the



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leadership and grit, toughness and the fight all the way till the end.

Q. Barrett and Payton, what has being at Clemson meant to both of you?

BARRETT CARTER: It's meant the world to me. I just remember four years ago I committed to Clemson May 19th, 2020, my mom's birthday, and just like from then on to like now, just truly say no regret. I had no regrets, and I'll make that same decision 100 times out of 100.

I just think back to after my freshman year when Coach V left and they announced that Wes was the guy, I just, I had no doubt in my mind that he would help us excel. The last four years has been the absolute world to me, just getting to go to work with the guys I get to go to work with and strain with them and have good days and horrible days and all of the above, it's truly meant the world to me.

It's something that I'm forever indebted, however you say that word, but just to say the least, it's meant the world to me.

Q. Wes, wanted to ask you, you just talked about the experience of them, especially the young guys, for you as a coach and also the coaching staff, what kind of experience it's been for you and how you guys get together and re-evaluate, and maybe any changes or anything like that going forward?

WES GOODWIN: Definitely. In January, we'll do our end of the year self-scout review and look at all the issues and problems and how teams attacked us throughout the year, and you can just see kind of the trends and stuff, and so forth and so on. That's kind of the next step. Obviously no recruiting up until the middle of January before we can get out. So just assess all of that with the staff, cut-ups by coverages, fronts, personnel groupings, so forth and so on, and just give a thorough evaluation.

Then lay out the plan for February and just how we get better and attack that plan.

Q. And how did your experience personally, just what you think about the season and going forth?

WES GOODWIN: Yeah, every year is a life of its own. Each team is different. Just an unbelievable experience with these guys each and every day, and just showing up. It was a lot of fun, a lot of tough days, but just an unbelievable experience and learned a ton. And super proud of these guys.

THE MODERATOR: We're also being joined by safety

R.J. Mickens.

Q. Payton, we had hoped to hear from you about what it's been like to be at Clemson and this experience for you.

PAYTON PAGE: The past four years has been a blessing. From the coaches to the teammates, the relationships I've built will never be the same again. I will love these teammates, the coaches, for life, and I feel like it's just going up from here and for this program.

Q. R.J., you had an intimate moment there with Coach Swinney and Cade coming off the field. Can you share what he said to you all?

R.J. MICKENS: It was personal. He was talking to us about the season and everything we accomplished. I'll just leave it at that.

Q. What will you take away from your time at Clemson?

R.J. MICKENS: All the relationships I've built, I'm thankful for everyone in that building and the guys that came before that aren't on the team anymore. Coach Wes, I'm just thankful for him. He's helped me so much this past two years and just growing my skill set, mentally, everything.

He's just done so much for me, and Coach Conn as well, just been great mentors and role models and just great men in my life. And of course Coach Swinney. Just thankful for all those guys and my teammates especially. I'm just going to take that away from here.

Q. Wes, I know you'll need to look at the film, but the first half specifically, where do you feel some of the issues were?

WES GOODWIN: The first drive, I thought we came out with great energy, just a couple little alignment issues there that we got cleaned up. The next drive, missed a tackle for a loss, but just a couple little things here and there that lead to big things. It's always the pebble in your shoe, not the mountain ahead.

Just got those things tightened down, came out the second half, and responded.

BARRETT CARTER: Could I say something?

THE MODERATOR: Final comments here from Barrett.

BARRETT CARTER: This is probably the last time I'll get to talk to you all. I want to say a big thank you to all for



giving us this platform. The media has a negative connotation, gets scrutinized, like whatever. You all truly give us a platform like no other.

Despite the loss, despite all the hard times throughout the last four years here, I just want to thank you all. I hope our fans are seeing this too. I want to thank Clemson. Just a lot of trials and tribulations the past four years, a lot of ups and downs, a lot of hard times where it would have been easy to write us off and give up on us, but you all never did.

I know that times are hard. I know that you all wanted more from us and all the things, but the love is always unconditional. I just hope that you all just keep supporting us and just I hope you all know just from me, now that I'm leaving here, I truly appreciate all of you all -- Clemson University, the fans, the people, everybody, the students. You all have truly shaped me into the man I am today. I'm forever, forever grateful for my time.

My experience was just like second to none and just immensely blessed that I called Clemson my home for the last four years. I just want to thank you all for that.

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STEVE SARKISIAN: I think first of all, what an environment for college football this was, from the moment we pulled up on the buses, our Bevo Walk, you could feel the energy. The crowd was tremendous. It was a great atmosphere.

I think college football got this one right. As much as we critique some of the things that are happening in our game right now, this idea of a home playoff game with this 12-team format, this was pretty special and one that we were humbled and honored to be part of here at DKR.

I hope everybody enjoyed that because we surely did.

The story of the game I think obviously is us finding the run game offensively. To have two 100-yard rushers in the game and establishing ourselves on the ground to create balance offensively I thought was critical to the game, and then to get some really key stops defensively, especially there in the fourth quarter. The goal-line stand, and then obviously the stop there at the end on 4th down was big.

Just proud of our guys. You get into playoff mode, it's not really about what did it look like, it's do you have one more point than they have to come out on top so you can continue to play. We get to continue to play here in a couple weeks in Atlanta, and we're obviously very excited about that.

A couple things from an injury standpoint. Tre Wisner kind of banged his knee. He was available to come back in. We made a decision to go with Blue and Gibson. Jake Majors on that interception kind of took that blindside shot. He also was available to come back in. We decided to make that decision to hold him. Then Cam Williams injured his knee there. Tried to go. We'll get an MRI here this evening and see where he's at. Those were the three ones there.



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But more than anything else, I'm proud of our guys. We talked a lot about responding to adversity around here, and whether it's individual adversity or team adversity. I'm really proud of this group because nobody hung their head coming out of Atlanta. It was, okay, let's go on to the next mission, let's go win four more games. You can't win four unless you're able to win the first one and we shall be able to do that. Now we've got to win three more. We can't win three more if we don't win the next one.

We'll handle it accordingly with some time for the players over Christmas break and game plan with the coaches and make sure that we're ready to go come January 1st.

Q. We talked a lot about Jaydon and the season he's had. He had the ankle, had ball security stuff. From a head coach standpoint how satisfying is it to see him play as well as he did on this college?

STEVE SARKISIAN: That's just what I told him in the locker room. I gave him a big hug and told him how proud I was of him. As I touched on the team adversity coming out of Atlanta, we talked about individual adversity last night, as well, and to think about that young man fighting through the ankle injury earlier in the season, having some fumble issues, but continuing to practice well, continuing to be a really good teammate, the intent over the last few weeks and month of the way he's been practicing, for him to have the night like he had tonight or today, just really proud of him.

In this day and age, especially in social media, our guys can get on there and they're going to read the worst things ever that people want to say about them. I'm sure there was plenty of stuff that people wanted to say to him about not holding on to the ball.

But the fact that between Coach Choice, myself, our staff, his teammates believed in him and he was able to continue to work and improve his game, and then to have a game like this in the playoff, just really proud of him.

But I think that is kind of symbolic of everybody on our team. Everybody has been dealing with stuff. We've been dealing with injuries and all sorts of things.



But if I know one thing about our team, that we respond. When times get tough, we respond. Jaydon was a great example of that.

Q. What was the message to your running backs and your offensive line?

STEVE SARKISIAN: You know, I always put up what it takes to win each game, and I cover it from a special teams standpoint, an offensive standpoint, a defensive standpoint and then a team standpoint. One of the first bullet points I put up in this room was run to win, that we needed to run the football to win this game, and we're going to need to run the football to advance in these playoffs, and that's what playoff football is about. We really challenged them on the run game.

From the opening meeting, getting ready to the ballgame and the intent with which we practiced, I thought we had a good plan. I thought Quinn did a great job. On both Jaydon Blue's touchdowns, those were audibles by Quinn to that run. One, him handling the run game, and then two, that mechanism at the line of scrimmage of getting that check and then blocking it really well to spring him on those two runs.

There's a lot that goes into the run game. We always say the run game takes all 11, and all 11 did it tonight.

Q. Looking over the wildcat, this defensive special, the way they finished the game with the goal-line stand, killing the 4th down, what did that say?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Well, it's just who they are. Again, we weren't perfect, and we got a little loose in the back end. They made some plays. A credit to Clemson, credit to Cade. I thought Cade had a nice ballgame for them. He's a tough guy because there's the timing throws and then there's those off-schedule plays that he makes, but at the end of the day when our backs were against the wall, what a stand from our 1-yard line to get that stop.

I would have loved to have finished the game with the last seven and a half minutes with the ball in our hands. We kind of stub our toe there, and the defense to go out and get another stop, right, when you've got to have it. I think that's a sign of a great defense.

I don't know if this was our best game defensively, but when we had to have it, they made those plays, and to me that's the sign of a great defense.

Q. Going back to the offense for a second, can you talk about the ability to start fast? I know it's been a

bit of a deal this year, but that opening drive touchdown, talk about your ability to start fast.

STEVE SARKISIAN: I thought that was big tonight. We talked about that in the locker room as we were taking the field. We deferred the kickoff and they went down and got a touchdown, but then to go three straight drives to make it 21-7, I thought we really took the momentum of the game at that point.

It was about execution, and execution lies in the details, and I thought our guys were really detail oriented all week, and they were detail oriented the way they played tonight. I think that showed up on our 3rd down conversions.

Granted, we were pretty aggressive on 4th down, which we're always going to be, and we didn't hit that number the way we would have liked today, but I just thought the execution. There weren't even that many 3rd downs in the first half because we were executing at a really high level, and that's because our guys were really detail oriented.

Q. On the touchdown with Cade, what does he do to put pressure on a defense besides his mobility, and from a former quarterback's perspective, how would you change or how did your evaluation of him --

STEVE SARKISIAN: No, I thought the one thing that they do which makes it difficult is when they call the traditional plays, he's equipped enough to see your coverages and to throw it to the right people, and he's got the talent to make those throws.

Then they call the designed quarterback runs, whether it's quarterback draws or true quarterback runs that tax you when you're trying to deploy people to defend him, and then he has the ability to extend plays, and how many times did he get outside the pocket and make some really critical throws for them.

We knew it coming in, it was all three of those things were going to be the challenge of trying to defend him that way. I'm proud of Cade. I've known him for a long time, been recruiting him I feel like forever when he was in high school, and the fact that his career didn't start off maybe the way he would have liked at Clemson and there was a lot of expectations for him there, but to come out and have the season that he had this year for them, to get them to the playoffs, to be ACC champs, that's a credit to him. He's a very good football player.

Q. How much does moving forward this running game benefit you as far as people having to scheme for you, and speak to the cross training when you had to use that makeshift line today?



STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, the run game is really important for us on a lot of levels. One, our offense is better when we can run it because then the balance can really kick in for us, and to be able to run it, to throw it, to screen it, to RPO, and not all those things were there tonight. I thought we were aggressive, and Quinn was aggressive down the field. We got a couple pass interference calls. He hits Matt Golden for a big one. I didn't see the play with Wingo on another deep ball.

It kind of opens up a lot that we do, and I think naturally when we can run it effectively and teams have to prepare for a lot when they're getting ready to play us.

As far as the offensive line, what a credit to Trevor Goosby. A few weeks ago, Kelvin goes down, seven plays in, he goes in at left tackle against A&M and then starts against Georgia at left tackle. Today Cam Williams goes down, he goes in and plays right tackle. Jake Majors gets knocked out, Hayden Connor slides into center and Cole Hutson goes in and plays left guard, who had been playing right guard rotating with DJ Campbell.

I give a lot of credit to Kyle Flood on that because he's the master of cross training these guys and getting them to understand the why we cross train. We needed it tonight, and we've needed it here the last month or so of the season. But today more so than ever of guys being able to play multiple positions.

Q. To be tested like you were today against a great offense that gave your defense some problems, how will that benefit you over the next 10 days?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, I mean, it's like the offense coming out of the Georgia game. We had to challenge them. We didn't run the ball very well, so then you challenge them and they can respond.

The same thing now can go for the defense. We obviously have some things to clean up.

But I think that's kind of the beauty of this team, and we haven't been faced with this a ton, but the versatility we have as a team, we can win games a lot of different ways. We can win low-scoring defensive tight games, but we can also score points when we have to and extend leads when we have to do that.

I thought tonight when they cut it to a one-score game, the response the offense had, Blue's long touchdown run to open it back up to a two-score game, that's what this team gives us the ability to do. We're just not one-dimensional. We're very versatile, and I think there's more there for us to

even improve upon and things that we didn't even have to use tonight that I think we could have if the game would have gone in even a different direction.

Q. Talk about your team's ability to respond to adversity. Clemson scores on their opening drive, you have the injuries (indiscernible).

STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, that really was -- I always give the guys a talk the night before a game, and it's ironic when some of the things you talk about come true. Literally my talk to the team after some of the Xs and Os that were going to be needed in the game was all about adversity. Going back to the summer when we did our first culture Wednesday, we talked about one of our four H's that everybody wrote down was a hardship in your life that they had to overcome and how we overcome these things, and we talked about individual adversity this season. I talked about Cedric Baxter and Christian Clark and Derek Williams being out for the year. I talked about Kelvin having to miss a game. I talked about Quinn and the injuries he's had to endure this season. We talked a lot. We talked about ourselves, and responding to the first Georgia loss and how we were going to respond to this time around.

So that literally was the whole talk, and then we did a culture activity where each guy had to write down an adversity that they had endured this season and how they responded to it, and then they had to write a note to another guy in the room that they were proud of how they had responded to adversity this season.

So it's ironic that we got faced with the adversity we did tonight, and then the way we responded. They've proven to me time and time again that we do respond, and that's why I said a couple weeks ago, I have no pause that we won't respond. When we get knocked down, we get back up. Proud of them for that tonight.

Q. On the 3rd and 4th down stop, talk about what you saw specifically from the Klubnik run. What worked on that play?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, on the Klubnik run, I thought we did a really good job of setting the edge. They kind of got into a little bit of an unbalanced look. I'd be remiss -- I don't know exactly who was where on the play, but I know we set the edge really well, and that allowed our defenders inside out to make the stop when he turned up there on the 1.

Then on the last play, it just was kind of typical of who we are. We've got big people, and they know how to play a physical brand of football. When we get challenged like



that, it's kind of reminiscent of -- we talk a lot about we do team run good-on-good, and we're going to run it, and the defense knows we're going to run it.

I think that's part of our identity, that when we run it, can we go run it and get those 1st downs, and when the opponent is going to run it, can we make those critical stops.

I don't have a lot of pause. Now, sometimes we can get schemed and get blocked and they get us. But if it's one-on-one and we fit everything right, I always feel pretty good about us being able to make those stops in those critical moments.

Q. You mentioned how special this environment was, having a home playoff game on campus. Would you be in favor of adapting the NFL model in that you put playoff rounds on campus until maybe you get to the title game and put that on a neutral site?

STEVE SARKISIAN: I don't know. That's way smarter people than me or maybe they'll put me in a room with some smart people to figure some other stuff out because we've got a lot of things in college football, and this is kind of one that is kind of far down on the barometer that we're dealing with.

But I don't know, it was a great environment. I think we're going to learn a lot about this College Football Playoff, from seeding and home games and bowl games and recruiting calendars and school calendars. There's a lot. This is the first time out.

But I can speak to this, and I can speak to the games that I watched on TV. It's truly created a great environment here. But as a fan of college football, last night when we get done meeting, to watch that environment at Notre Dame or this morning when I'm up watching that environment at Penn State, gosh, it's great for college football.

I feel like the popularity of college football right now is at an all-time high, and people are intrigued by it. People are loving watching the competitiveness of the games, the parity that's going on right now in the game.

Where it goes from here, I don't exactly know. Do we expand it, do we not, what does it look like. But it surely has created a lot of buzz, and I think it's created a lot of buzz all season long because there were more teams involved with an opportunity to go win a championship.

Where it goes from here, I don't know, but it sure was kind of fun tonight. That was for sure.

Q. Michael Taaffe had the big hit on Cade on 3rd and 1

at the goal and then they get across the middle to end the game. Can you speak to what you think this meant to him?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Oh, I'm sure it meant a ton. I always like to say, sometimes you have your most fun competing against those that are closest to you, and I can say that. I had an opportunity to compete against Pete Carroll after I had been an assistant for him for almost eight years, and to compete against him -- I had an opportunity to compete against Nick Saban a couple different times who I respect so much.

The ones you respect and then you get a chance to compete against them and then kind of come out on top, I know that -- I'm sure it feels great for him because of the respect that he has for Cade and the great wins they had when they were together at Westlake.

I'm proud of Michael. I joked with him, I said, I think you dropped that interception on 3rd down just so you could make the play on 4th down.

But man, the guy just continues to play at a high level. I'm so glad that the media recognized him from an All-American standpoint. I know the coaches in the SEC didn't, and I think they missed the mark on that guy not being an All-SEC player. But you guys surely did, and I think he's more than deserving of the accolades that he gets.

Q. Last year you were so close to the championship. For this year, what is your message to those players that were on the team last year to keep that momentum going?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, we don't forget. I think that's the first thing. I think we've got a group of guys that were here with us a year ago that didn't forget that feeling in New Orleans last year.

To get as close as we were and not to have that opportunity to get into that game I think really fueled us, quite frankly, in the off-season, in winter conditioning, in spring ball, in those summer workouts when we're running in DKR at 4:00 in the afternoon and it's 115 degrees and why we put in the work that we put in.

We're far from that. We've got a couple more games to go to get there. But it sure serves as great motivation, when you can get close as we were.

Like I told them last night, the other thing, I said, we've got to be really proud of one thing. Last year was a four-team playoff. This year it got expanded to 12. But western the



only team of those four teams that made it back into the 12-team playoff. So it's not easy to get on this stage, and they earned it, and they played really good all year.

Then the focus was on one game. Let's just go win this game, and then we'll regroup and get ready for the next one. I thought they did a really good job of handling that. We all know what the end goal that we have and that we want, but that can't happen unless we focus on what's right in front of us, and I thought our guys did a really good job of that this week.

Q. I know earlier this week you mentioned trying to improve in the red area. What did you like about the way your team executed today and also your play calling?

STEVE SARKISIAN: Yeah, I thought we did a nice job early in the game. I really did. I thought that the execution was there. I thought we were moving the line of scrimmage pretty good, and so the run game was helpful. I thought it was a heck of a touchdown pass and read by Quinn and Gunnar that was a little bit of an adjustment to Gunnar's route predicated on the coverage that we weren't quite anticipating. But that's two guys that trust one another.

You could feel Quinn's trust for Gunnar, so all that was great.

I was, quite frankly, kicking myself when we got stopped down there inside the 5 and settled for the field goal, and I was kind of kicking myself when we got the turnover and didn't come away with anything with points there on the 4th down.

But hey, I think we got better, but I do think we can continue to improve.

Q. I want to go back to the first touchdown. You mentioned Quinn checked it. Looked like you guys had a moment of excitement after that because of the decision he made there. Could you tell me as a three-year starter how often does he do things like that?

STEVE SARKISIAN: What was interesting about it, I think it was maybe two days before the game, we gave him that look, and we were anticipating it could be one or another call, and we gave him the look and we were giving it to him early, so he was checking it really early, and I said, they might not give it to you this early, and we had a motion on it. I said, you might have to check it after the motion and then check the play.

Sure enough, it happened tonight. He motioned on Davis and then he saw it and then he checked it and got to the run.

That's just time together, time on task, he and I, and him trusting when we tell him certain things like that that it might happen that way, him trusting it and then executing it.

Kind of a cool moment because that's having a three-year starter who's been in your system is very comfortable doing that type of stuff.

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Pete Kwiatkowski

Andrew Mukuba

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Q. Pete, you've had two games very much influenced by 4th down stop. How big was that stop and what did you see on the play?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Yeah, it was obviously a huge, huge moment in the game. For us to get that stop, to hold it to a two-score game was huge, and for the offense to be able to get the ball, take some time off the clock, and when we did go back on the field being up by two scores, it totally changes how you call a game knowing that they had to push the ball down the field to score quick.

And then I was trying to onside kick it, and they were able to do that.

Q. Coach, what kind of pressure does Cade put on a defense, besides his mobility?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Yeah, he's a really outstanding player because he can hurt you with his arm and he can hurt you with his legs, and he's a tough competitor. There's no quit in the guy.

His ability to extend plays, his ability to run the ball, that was a big challenge to us because they ran him in quarterback draws and designed quarterback runs, and they're really good at throwing the football.

For us we had some different things that we were trying to chop up the front to make it hard for him to run those quarterback draws and still be sound in the back end with our coverage calls.

Q. One of the things in preparing for this game defensively, did you find any conference opponents comparable to the offense that you faced today?



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PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Yeah, you know, some of them like Arkansas, they have a good quarterback that was throwing the ball really well and was very good running the ball. A&M, what they did with their quarterbacks running the ball. Yeah, there was a lot of -- I can't think of them all off the top of my head, but those two come to mind that have the ability -- the dual threat type quarterbacks that put a lot of stress on the pass rush, trying to get to him and not give up quarterback runs, and then their ability to extend plays with their legs and be accurate with the football. You saw that tonight. He did a pretty good job.

Q. It felt as if Cade's ability to extend plays with his legs and get the ball out of his hands downfield was a bit different than you guys have seen this year. Is that what you saw?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Yeah. I mean, his ability to get out of the pocket, his ability to run designed quarterback runs, and then we call them RPOs, but he has the run pass option. He drops back, we're playing with a light box, he's going to run the draw. If we're playing with two backers in the box, he's going to throw the football. So it was a cat-and-mouse game all night long. Just trying to change up those pictures.

ANDREW MUKUBA: For me, I'd say with him, our main thing was trying to force him to play the position. We tried to give him a lot of looks in the back end, a lot of disguises. I feel like he did a good job in the game escaping the pocket and making downfield throws. They kind of had the Q draw, the QB run designs going a little bit.

But I felt like overall we did a good job containing him and playing tight coverage in the back end.

Q. Drew, you get the win against your former team. How sweet was that? Moving forward, what's the evaluation process for the defensive backs to tighten things up?

ANDREW MUKUBA: It obviously felt good to get the win against my former team. I'm glad I'm on this side of the win.



As far as the guys in the back end. There wasn't really nothing that we were surprised or shocked or anything like that. I believe in the guys in the back end. I know I wouldn't even say we had a bad game, there was just a couple things we've got to clean up as far as technique and things like that, and I believe we're going to be straight. There ain't nothing to worry about.

Q. Knowing there's three more games, how do you evaluate this defense? How much better they can still be?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Well, starting way back in January, the guys showed up on a mission to get better and improve on what we did last year, and getting to the first game, getting through the first few games, the guys' preparation has been outstanding week in and week out. They show up win or lose with that mindset. We've got to get better, and they have.

The confidence that we developed early in the season has just grown.

Today we put those corners in a lot of one-on-one situations, and they made good plays on some 50/50 balls. I know the guys were frustrated that they could have played it better, and we'll go back to work and we'll improve.

Q. For Andrew, a couple big defensive stands you guys have had, one today and one against A&M. Can you take us into these big moments for this defense, how you guys are able to step up when it mattered most?

ANDREW MUKUBA: I would say for me as a unit on defense, I'd say it's pride. I feel like we take pride in not letting guys score or get in our paint. I know we do a good job of doing that. In those situations, the only thing we preach is to not let those guys in our paint. If we don't let nobody in our paint, I like our chances to win all the games that we play. That's just something that we take pride in as a defense.

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: I'll add on that, everybody, no matter what situation we get put in, they have the mindset that they're going to attack it, and that's a resiliency, being able to handle adversity. It's just a tough bunch of guys, mentally tough guys that it doesn't matter what kind of situation we put in.

We're going out there, and the goal is to get the ball back for the offense, and they've done that all year long.

Q. Pete, what does this say about your defense? It

always seems to be a different guy to step up each game. What does it say about the depth that you have at your disposal?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Yeah, we've got a lot of good players that care about each other and play for each other. It doesn't matter who's making the plays. Everybody plays a selfless brand of football, and whoever is the guy that steps up and makes the plays, they feed off of it, and that's what team defense is all about.

Q. Drew, how much pride do you guys take in the level of physicality that you guys play with, and how much is that a focal point for you guys on a week in, week out basis?

ANDREW MUKUBA: We take a lot of pride in that. We try to go out there every week, come out there and play with violence because that's how you play this game the right way, with violence. That's something we try to get across from the D-line, the linebackers to the corners to the safeties. Just go out there and play aggressive and play violent.

Q. Pete, Jahdae and Taaffe described as genius throughout the last couple months. I know tonight you had some timely blitzes with Guilbeau. Take me through that decision making, when those blitzes come, what goes through your mind? And can you talk about how bad you want to catch that pick on Cade, and take us through that play.

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: Well, yeah, I'm humbled by that, but without these guys executing at a high level, I look like a schmuck. They get all the credit because they're the ones that are out preparing. We're putting them in position, and they've got to go out and execute and they've done it on a consistent basis this year.

ANDREW MUKUBA: I mean, I don't know, for some reason I feel like this game that's one that I'm kind of disappointed on because I wanted that one really bad. But I'm going to get other ops. I'm going to get me another one.

Q. Coach, there's a word I want to use, and that's relentless. What did you do at the beginning of the season to really prepare them to just be relentless?

PETE KWIATKOWSKI: They've been hearing the same message since we got here four years ago. It's just getting the guys obviously believing, playing hard, playing for each other.

We talk about culture around here, and the culture of this



team is that: playing for each other. Part of that is playing hard, playing physical, and leaving everything out there on the field.

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Q. Jaydon, two big touchdowns today. Can you walk us through what you saw on the closer one and then the 70-yarder after that?

JAYDON BLUE: Yeah, the first thing, I want to give a lot of credit to the guys up front. Those guys paved the way for me. But we made a big emphasis that we was going to have to run the ball in order to win this game.

Like I said, I credit these guys. Those guys are the reason that those two touchdowns happened.

Q. Hayden, what was the second half like for you having to switch positions to a position that you don't play all the time?

HAYDEN CONNOR: Yeah, it was interesting for sure, but Jake being such a good leader and such a good role model for that position, it was really easy to transition over and have him coach me up on the sideline whenever I needed him to.

Q. Quinn, Sark was talking about having checked to both touchdown runs Jaydon had. Talk about that process of when you're reading the defense pre-snap and when a check pops like that, how does that feel for you as a quarterback?

QUINN EWERS: Yeah, it's a great feeling. Anytime you're able to get the offense into the correct play call for certain looks. I think it's just a testament to the coaches giving us those looks in practice and it being kind of easy to see and



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easy to be able to check.

Q. Jaydon, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but that 77-yard run, was that a season's worth of frustration being released when you scored that one there?

HAYDEN CONNOR: Yeah, of course it was a sour leaf after everything I've been going through. But it's all God. I stayed patient, and luckily I saw a crease, and it was everything from there.

Q. Quinn and Gunnar, Gunnar, you broke the single season receptions record for a tight end at Texas. Your reaction to that? And Quinn, just the connection that you had with him this season.

GUNNAR HILL: Yeah, first of all, I think somebody predicted me to have nine receptions this year.

Then yeah, no, super cool feeling. Super blessed. But obviously I wouldn't be in this position without the O-line protecting Quinn. Obviously without Quinn allowing me to make a great play.

I think that our line of communication is constant, and we trust each other out there, and glad I made the play.

QUINN EWERS: Yeah, I think me and Gunnar just have a great connection on and off the field, which I think the off the field helps the on the field. We've just got a great connection, and just always is open it seems like, so it makes my job a whole lot easier for sure.

Q. Jaydon, why do you think the running game (indiscernible) this year?

JAYDON BLUE: It all starts in practice. Like I said coming into this week, we made an emphasis that we were going to have to run the ball in order to win this game, and the O-line and us in the backfield took a lot of pride in working on that, so we'd be able to run the ball effectively.

Q. You came so close last year, in a similar position. Is that kind of a motivating factor for you this year, as well?



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QUINN EWERS: Yeah, I think it motivates the entire team. Us being so close last year, a couple plays away from going to the National Championship, and then who knows what happens. But you can't live in that dream. We just try to go 1-0 each and every day, each and every week, and then see where that gets us.

Q. Gunnar, did you take the over on the nine receptions.

GUNNAR HILL: Yeah, I did.

Q. Quinn, Coach talked about overcoming adversity and here you are at Georgia putting together a big win. How does that bode well for you guys?

GUNNAR HILL: Yeah, I think it just gives testament to our culture once again, coming off a bye week, and ultimately a loss to Georgia, a team who beat us twice and just kind of circling back in and connecting back with each other and putting in the hours in practice and just getting ready for this game, going out there and competing, and ultimately having success in the run game and on the pass game.

Again, I think we played great complementary football tonight. Our job was to put the defense in great positions, and I believe we did that for the most part. If we can continue to play complementary football, I think we're going to be really tough to beat.

Q. Hayden, can you speak to how far this offensive line has come?

HAYDEN CONNOR: Yeah, it's definitely a brotherhood for sure. We all rely on each other. We trust each other, like when Kelvin went down at A&M, Goosby came in. We didn't skip a beat. That's why we practice. That's why we love each other and everything.

Q. Can you talk about how cool the atmosphere was for a playoff game, and would you want to see all the playoff games being on campus?

HAYDEN CONNOR: DKR is pretty special. We would have liked to have the bye, but getting another game at home is something to be grateful for, getting one more in front of the fans and everything. I kind of like traveling, playing away games.

Q. Quinn, you guys talked about adversity, bouncing back after the loss. Within games (indiscernible) the message to you guys. How does that come into play in every game, your ability to handle after an open drive touchdown today (indiscernible)?

QUINN EWERS: Yeah, I think we really just do a good job of staying enamored with us and not focused on what just went wrong. We're really just trying to focus on the next play, and I think we really did a good job of that tonight for sure.

Q. Gunnar and Hayden, especially with what happened up front and then when things don't necessarily go right in certain instances, how much pride do you guys take that there are so many aspects of this team that can lift you guys?

HAYDEN CONNOR: I think it's like Gunnar said earlier, we play really well, complementary football. When the defense got that turnover, it sucked that we didn't put points on the board, but defense responded well and we handled our business. If we can continue to play complementally football the way we did today, I think we'll do some good stuff.

GUNNAR HILL: Yeah, I think he hit it right on the head.

Q. For Gunnar and Quinn, Coach kind of said that they threw y'all a look you weren't expecting. Gunnar, on your touchdown you had to change up your route. Can you walk us through what you saw and how that happened?

GUNNAR HILL: Yeah, so it was more just kind of lean and then post route, just kind of selling the corner, and then when the safety bit down I just took it high.

One of my main jobs in that look is to cross the safety's face. If the look is not there for me to get the ball. When he pinned down, I tell Quinn all the time just to put the ball high and I'll do my best to go up and make a play, all 6'5" of me.

QUINN EWERS: Yeah, he did a great job. Again, like he said, we really harp on crossing the safety's face, but just the testament to him not being a robot and just running drawings. It was cool to see for sure.

Q. Hayden and Jaydon, Sark was in here and said that he specifically challenged the O-line (indiscernible) SEC Championship. How did he do that, and how much of that was what we saw today?

JAYDON BLUE: Well, to answer that, going back to the SEC Championship, we didn't run the ball well at all, and we went back and watched the film and those were one of the things that he brought up.

We were going to have to run the ball in order to be



successful the rest of the way. He just stayed on us in practice, and the O-line, the running backs, the whole offense took that in, and we were more physical in practice, and we really made a big emphasis on us running the ball.

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Q. Barryn, can you take us through that fourth and 1 stop and what is it about this defense that you guys were able to come up big in these late game situations?

BARRYN SORRELL: Yeah, in the huddle before I'm telling the guys, this is what we work on, this is what we practice for. We call it a red zone locked. The team might be able to drive down the field and we can't control where we are, but we're not letting anybody get in the paint, and that's the mentality that we have on this defense, especially on this defensive line.

Shout-out to Bill. It's hard for a running back to make a play when an offensive line is right in his face as soon as he gets the ball. So shout out, thank God for Shea.

Q. Michael, you told us this past Monday that your job was (indiscernible) and you actually got a sack and then after the game was one of the great sports moments. You met Cade on the field and embraced. Can you walk us through that moment together?

MICHAEL TAAFFE: Yeah, well, when you look across the sideline, no matter how close you are with the other opponent, they're your opponent for 60 minutes. Once you step through those white lines, then he's your opponent and that's just how football is. That's how I'm raised. That's how competitive I am. He's the same way. We were definitely sharing words back and forth, so that was fun.

But then at the end of the game it's all love. He's a great guy. He had a great game. Made us -- exposed some



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things that we haven't -- I don't know how many yards they had passing, but definitely need to improve. Myself, the defensive backs as a whole.

He helped us out get ready for next Saturday for sure. Hats off to Cade. He's a baller. But I didn't play good enough. I'm glad that I made that last play because I was ticked off I didn't play good enough as a competitor. I wanted to do more.

But the great thing about football is we had more points than them, and so we get to do it again on January 1st, so I'm so blessed, to excited to have another opportunity with guys like Jahdae and Barryn.

Q. Jahdae, can you speak to what this means to Andrew and Michael and you for the relationships you guys have, to win a game like this Wednesday guys that you know?

JAHDAE BARRON: I mean, it means everything for those guys and for me. That's why I wanted to wear a shirt for Andrew Mukuba, Michael Taaffe. A lot of reasons, and a few of the reasons, Andrew used to be at Clemson. He's from the city.

Then Michael Taft, he's from the city and he's playing against his old quarterback. Those are the guys I had with me when I won the award. And I said that award, it wasn't just me on it, but also those guys that helped me because they've been pushing me.

Just to follow up with Taaffe, we've got to do better, but I'm so proud of Taaffe. He wanted to make more plays, but it's not about how you start, it's about how you finished, and he finished the correct way, and he sealed the game for us.

Q. Michael and Jahdae, that game sealing 4th down hit that you made, what are the emotions of a play like that?

MICHAEL TAAFFE: Yeah, for sure, was so torn because I wanted to get out there again and try to make a play, but then again, when your offense gets 1st downs when they keep burning the clock, it's like, all right, we won the game, so it's whatever.



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I care about winning more than anything else. That's all I care about. So I can have zero stats. I can get a play in. But if we won, I'm happy.

But then at the end of the day we got another opportunity. It's our job as a defense to hold our standard and not let anybody get in our paint. That's what we talk about. What these guys preach is not letting anybody get in our paint. That's what we take pride in. That's what we hunger for.

Somebody had to make a play. I knew that it was time to make a play, and I just made the play that came to me.

JAHDAE BARRON: Just to follow up, he kind of hit everything, but us three, we're all defensive leaders here. Taafe, he just keeps everybody going, no matter the adversity that we face, and he's always there just harping on everybody, just making sure we're staying engaged and mentally focused. This game you have to have a lot of strong mental focus, just keep playing and having adversity up and downs, them driving down the field.

But just to hold us and just to be tight and not let anybody get in the paint when it mattered. That was big.

Q. Barryn, once you get the hand-off (indiscernible) you get the sack, as well. Do you feel like you're playing your best ball right now?

BARRYN SORRELL: Any time you get to make a play, I'm definitely happy to do that. That's why I work for, and that's what we work on as a front. But that's just the standard of Texas defense that we have built, starting with these guys up here.

But that's the standard on this defense is to go out there and make plays, and I'm happy I made plays out there, but I get to play good on January 1st, and hopefully that's my best game.

Q. A lot of jokes, a lot of laughing happening right now. How much fun are you having playing with each other this season?

JAHDAE BARRON: Sometimes I have mood swings. I don't know why. I'm just happy. I'm just blessed to be up here with these guys. We have another opportunity just to continue playing football. But I'm just most proud of how we just bought in. We're still buying into Sark's culture, and we love everybody. It's not a bond that we have on the field but we strongly have it off the field, just connecting with people, me talking to Sorrell, we're in different position groups and just things like that, just having a connection with everybody.

I think that's what I love about it.

BARRYN SORRELL: Yeah, it definitely goes just to our culture. We know what matters, so at the end of the day we're going to go out there and have fun. Especially on defense, we call it we're throwing a party. We're throwing a party every Saturday, and that's what we went out there and did today and that's what I'm going to do next week.

It all starts off with fun. At the end of the day, the stakes are obviously getting higher, but we all picked up the football for a reason, and I'm just happy that we all continue to get to play.

MICHAEL TAAFFE: Yeah, to follow what they talked about because I 100 percent agree, we get to do this. We're so blessed to be in this opportunity. I think our defense, the one thing that I could describe our defense as, the culture of our defense is the love for one another.

When we break it out after walk-throughs, after time-outs, we're all hands on one another, loving one another, and that's so fun.

When you get to the real world and you've got to work, then I'll say I'm working, but right now I'm not working, I'm getting to do that. I don't work. I have fun every single day.

Q. Michael, it seems like in some ways this game went against script. Was today evidence of this team's versatility and greatness?

MICHAEL TAAFFE: Well, Cade is a tremendous quarterback. We all knew that. I specifically knew that. What he can do with his legs, what he can do with his arm. Everybody it seemed like on their offense was on the same page. When he was scrambling, they're going to find room and a zone to get open, catch the ball and get upfield. Definitely made our job really hard, but I'm so glad that we had that opportunity now to see, all right, let's get better from this. Let's see what we can do moving forward as far as upping the good of what we're doing and fixing the bad.

You never want to forget about the good because you always want to keep pushing the good. But then looking at the bad how can we fix that, how can we minimize our mistakes.

The offense did what they do. I'm so proud of that offense. It feels good when you get to sit on the sideline for seven minutes coming out of the half if I'm not mistaken. They run the rock, and it's so awesome. It hurts for a defense when you're just getting the run, run, run, run, and you

can't stop it.

Q. Hey, Barryn, this was an imperfect win; you guys had some leakage. How can that help you moving forward in the return to Atlanta?

BARRYN SORRELL: Just realizing that it's a blessing that we still get to keep playing. Obviously there's things that we can work on, like he just said, but at the end of the day we get to go back to work, and that what we've been doing throughout this whole year. We've had success on the defense but it's because we're harping on the details each and every week. Even when there might be a performance where it might seem good to everybody else, we're looking at the tape and we're trying to see what can we do to make it a Berwyn and a better defensive performance.

Just realizing that we have another opportunity on January 1st and we're going to take the steps and clean things up so that we can go out there and have a better performance.

Q. For all three of you guys, you're going up against Arizona State next. Your thoughts on facing that kind of offense.

MICHAEL TAAFFE: Yeah, haven't looked at the scouting report yet on Arizona State. Can't wait to do it. Obviously a great challenge. When you get a bye week and this type of platform, this type of college football platform, that obviously shows a testament to how good you are as a team.

We're going to have a really good opponent, and we're going to respect our opponent. We're going to get ready for the challenge. I'm so excited for the challenge. I know Barryn preaches stopping the run all the time, so he's going to be excited for the challenge, and when the opportunity presents itself, we're going to be ready to go. We're going to go get it.

BARRYN SORRELL: Yeah, I'm excited. Obviously I'm blessed just to keep playing and play again on January 1st, but my time being here, I feel like I've heard that a lot, that a team is going to come in here and run the ball on us, and I'd like to say there was a different result a lot of those times. Just looking forward to that challenge again. Everybody up front is going to be looking forward to that challenge, especially this box, because that's what we do as a defense. We just harp on stopping the run.

It'll be fun for that challenge for sure.

JAHDAAE BARRON: It'll be an amazing challenge. He's a hard downhill running back, and I'm knowing these guys

can get everybody on board to just execute and we're going to trust PK's plan and we're going to have a good plan to do it?

Q. Jahdae, you've talked about Michael's defense. Why is Michael deserving of postseason accolades?

JAHDAAE BARRON: That guy is amazing. I can start like 15 years ago. That dude is amazing. It's nothing he does on the field, on camera. It's everything he does off the field, off the camera, how he just commits himself to the Lord, for one. He trusts the Lord. That's why he goes out there and plays fast and literally tackles like a maniac, because he knows everything is in the Lord's hands. That's number one.

For two, he trusts his teammates, and we trust him. We know he's going to play fast, and he loves /USZ. He loves us unconditionally, no matter the mistakes we make, no matter if we get on his nerves. I get him mad every single day. Literally he gets mad at me every day. But that guy right there, he's a tremendous hard worker, and he just continues to push himself.

You guys get to see it when the cameras come on, but this guy pushes himself like no other, more than anybody else that I know off the field, so I know he's going to continue to do great things in his life.

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