



Scoring Summary report
SMU vs Penn St. (Dec 21, 2024)
SMU (11-3) vs Penn St. (12-2)

Date: Dec 21, 2024
Site: University Park, Pennsylvania
Stadium: Beaver Stadium
Attendance: 106013

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
SMU	0	0	3	7	10
Penn St.	7	21	3	7	38

SCORING SUMMARY

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	06:08	PSU - #0 D.DeLuca 23 yd interception return (#94 R.Barker kick), 00:43	0-7
2nd	13:09	PSU - #13 T.Rojas 59 yd interception return (#94 R.Barker kick), 03:32	0-14
2nd	05:00	PSU - #13 K.Allen 25 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 9-75, 03:06	0-21
2nd	01:03	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 1 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 7-38, 02:14	0-28
3rd	10:59	SMU - #41 C.Rogers 28 yd FG, 9-42, 03:51	3-28
3rd	08:13	PSU - #94 R.Barker 40 yd FG, 7-25, 02:43	3-31
4th	12:56	PSU - #13 K.Allen 4 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 9-75, 05:26	3-38
4th	07:31	SMU - #13 R.Daniels, Jr. 28 yd pass from #7 K.Jennings (#41 C.Rogers kick), 5-42, 02:28	10-38

TIME DETAILS

Kickoff time: 12:10 PM
End of Game: 03:30 PM
Total elapsed: 03:20

OFFICIALS

Referee: David Smith
Umpire: Walter Hill
Linesman: Christopher Hess
Line judge: Michael Taylor
Back judge: Thomas Fimmen
Field judge: Antonio Smith
Side judge: Victor Sanchez
Center judge: Jason McArthur
Replay Official: Mitchell Wilkens

WEATHER

Weather: Sunny 25 F
Wind: North West 18 mph



FULL GAME

SMU

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brashard Smith	18	64	2	62	0	16	3.4
LJ Johnson Jr.	6	28	2	26	0	9	4.3
Derrick McFall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Key'Shawn Smith	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	1	0	3	-3	0	0	-3.0
Kevin Jennings	8	16	41	-25	0	6	-3.1
Totals:	36	108	50	58	0	16	1.6

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Kevin Jennings	20-36-3	195	1	28	3
Keldric Luster	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	20-37-3	195	1	28	3

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	7	4	64	44	1	28
Jordan Hudson	7	4	40	8	0	22
Brashard Smith	6	4	24	32	0	13
Matthew Hibner	6	2	38	22	0	20
Key'Shawn Smith	3	2	15	7	0	10
Kelvontay Dixon	1	1	8	10	0	8
Stone Eby	1	1	6	5	0	6
LJ Johnson Jr.	2	1	2	9	0	2
Romello Brinson	3	1	-2	0	0	0
Totals:	36	20	195	137	1	28

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Isaac Pearson	5	182	36.4	43	2	0
Totals:	5	182	36.4	43	2	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	1	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brashard Smith	0	0	0	3	77	41	0	0	0
Brandon Crossley	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals:	1	14	14	3	77	41	1	0	0

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Collin Rogers	3rd	10:59	28	GOOD
Collin Rogers	3rd	03:22	42	MISSED

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Collin Rogers	2	121	60.5	0	0

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Brashard Smith	62	24	77	0	0	163
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	-3	64	0	14	0	75
Jordan Hudson	0	40	0	0	0	40
Matthew Hibner	0	38	0	0	0	38

FUMBLES

SMU - Key'Shawn Smith 1-0
Penn St. - None

PENN ST.

RUSHING	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	14	90	0	90	1	18	6.4
Kaytron Allen	11	72	2	70	2	25	6.4
Drew Allar	7	30	20	10	0	13	1.4
Quinton Martin	3	7	0	7	0	7	2.3
Tyler Warren	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Corey Smith	4	9	3	6	0	7	1.5
Totals:	40	214	25	189	3	25	4.7

PASSING	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Drew Allar	13-22-0	127	0	25	3
Ethan Grunkemeyer	1-2-1	9	0	9	0
Tyler Warren	0-1-0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	14-25-1	136	0	25	3

RECEIVING	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Harrison Wallace III	7	4	48	17	0	25
Tyler Warren	6	4	33	18	0	15
Kaytron Allen	3	2	28	23	0	15
Nicholas Singleton	5	2	7	11	0	7
Khalil Dinkins	1	1	13	8	0	13
Liam Clifford	2	1	7	11	0	7
Omari Evans	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals:	25	14	136	88	0	25

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	3	108	36.0	44	0	0
Totals:	3	108	36.0	44	0	0

RETURNS	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
Zion Tracy	1	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nicholas Singleton	0	0	0	1	25	25	0	0	0
Kaytron Allen	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0
Dominic DeLuca	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	37	23
Tony Rojas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	59	59
Totals:	1	12	12	2	29	25	3	96	59

FIELD GOALS	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
Ryan Barker	3rd	08:13	40	GOOD

KICKOFFS	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
Gabe Nwosu	7	431	61.6	3	1

ALL-PURPOSE	Rush	Rcv	KR	PR	IR	Total
Nicholas Singleton	90	7	25	0	0	122
Kaytron Allen	70	28	4	0	0	102
Tony Rojas	0	0	0	0	59	59
Harrison Wallace III	0	48	0	0	0	48



FULL GAME	SMU	PSU
FIRST DOWNS	21	18
Rushing	6	11
Passing	11	6
Penalty	4	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	58	189
Rushing Attempts	36	40
Average Per Rush	1.6	4.7
Rushing Touchdowns	0	3
Yards Gained Rushing	108	214
Yards Lost Rushing	50	25
NET YARDS PASSING	195	136
Completions-Attempts-Int	20-37-3	14-25-1
Average Per Attempt	5.3	5.4
Average Per Completion	9.8	9.7
Passing Touchdowns	1	0
TOTAL OFFENSE YARDS	253	325
Total offense plays	73	65
Average Gain Per Play	3.5	5.0
Fumbles: Number-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties: Number-Yards	7-61	6-65
PUNTS-YARDS	5-182	3-108
Average Yards Per Punt	36.4	36.0
Net Yards Per Punt	34	31.3
Inside 20	2	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	3	0
KICKOFF-YARDS	2-121	7-431
Average Yards Per Kickoff	60.5	61.6
Net Yards Per Kickoff	46	35.3
Touchbacks	0	3
Fair Catch Yards	0	0
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-14-0	1-12-0
Average Per Return	14.0	12.0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yds-TD	3-77-0	2-29-0
Average Per Return	25.7	14.5
Interceptions: Number-Yds-TD	1-0-0	3-96-2
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds-TD	0-0-0	0-0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	28:48	31:12
1st Quarter	06:11	08:49
2nd Quarter	08:03	06:57
3rd Quarter	08:52	06:08
4th Quarter	05:42	09:18
Third-Down Conversions	3-14	6-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-3	0-2
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-4	2-2
Touchdowns	0	2
Field goals	1	0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-20	3-35
PAT Kicks	1-1	5-5
2Pts Conversions	0-0	0-0
Field Goals	1-2	1-1
Points off Turnover	7	21



FULL GAME

SMU

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
34	Ahmad Walker	7	3	10	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
24	Kobe Wilson	4	3	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
54	Alexander Kilgore	3	2	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
2	Jonathan McGill	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Brandon Miyazono	3	1	4	0.0-0	1.0-3	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
23	Isaiah Nwokobia	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
81	Jared Harrison-Hunte	1	3	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
5	Elijah Roberts	1	3	4	2.0-13	2.0-13	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
6	Jahfari Harvey	2	1	3	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Deuce Harmon	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Brandon Crossley	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	0
3	Ahmaad Moses	1	2	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Anthony Booker Jr.	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
22	Cale Sanders Jr.	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
94	Jonathan Jefferson	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Kori Roberson Jr.	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
1	Brashard Smith	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
13	Jaelyn Davis-Robinson	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
98	Mike Yoan Sandjo-Njiki	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
28	Brandon Booker	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
25	Davaughn Celestine	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
58	Isaiah Smith	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals		39	28	67	3.0-20	5.0-24	0	0-0	1-0	0	0	3

PENN ST.

#	Name	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	Blks	QBH
41	Kobe King	6	2	8	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
6	Zakee Wheatley	3	4	7	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
99	Coziah Izzard	3	2	5	0.0-0	1.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
0	Dominic DeLuca	2	3	5	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0-0	2-37	0	0	0
1	Jaylen Reed	0	5	5	0.0-0	0.5-1	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
7	Zion Tracy	4	0	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
3	Jalen Kimber	3	1	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
33	Dani Dennis-Sutton	1	3	4	1.5-13	1.5-13	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
11	Abdul Carter	3	0	3	1.0-18	2.0-19	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
28	Zane Durant	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-5	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
13	Tony Rojas	2	1	3	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	1-59	1	0	2
91	Dvon J-Thomas	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
5	Cam Miller	2	0	2	0.0-0	2.0-9	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
29	Audavion Collins	2	0	2	0.0-0	1.0-2	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
43	Tyler Elsdon	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
15	Amin Vanover	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
4	AJ Harris	0	2	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
31	Kolin Dinkins	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
99	Gabe Nwosu	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
9	Elliot Washington II	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
92	Smith Vilbert	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
23	Antoine Belgrave-Shorter	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
10	Dejuan Lane	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Totals		41	28	69	3.0-35	11.0-56	0	0-0	3-96	3	0	7



SMU

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	1	Smith, Brashard
WR	13	Daniels, Jr., Roderick
WR	3	Brinson, Romello
OL	51	Osborne, Justin
OL	53	Clark, Jakai
OL	54	Byrd, Savion
OL	59	Williams, PJ
QB	7	Jennings, Kevin
OL	71	Parr, Logan
TE	88	Hibner, Matthew
WR	9	Smith, Key'Shawn

Pos	##	DEFENSE
CB	1	Crossley, Brandon
DL	10	Booker Jr., Anthony
S	2	McGill, Jonathan
DB	22	Sanders Jr., Cale
S	23	Nwokobia, Isaiah
LB	24	Wilson, Kobe
LB	34	Walker, Ahmad
DL	5	Roberts, Elijah
DL	6	Harvey, Jahfari
DB	7	Harmon, Deuce
DL	81	Harrison-Hunte, Jared

PENN ST.

Pos	##	OFFENSE
RB	10	Singleton, Nicholas
QB	15	Allar, Drew
TE	16	Dinkins, Khalil
WR	2	Clifford, Liam
TE	44	Warren, Tyler
OL	53	Dawkins, Nick
WR	6	Wallace III, Harrison
OL	66	Shelton, Drew
OL	71	Ioane, Olaivavega
OL	72	Rucci, Nolan
OL	77	Wormley, Sal

Pos	##	DEFENSE
S	1	Reed, Jaylen
LB	11	Carter, Abdul
LB	13	Rojas, Tony
DT	28	Durant, Zane
DB	3	Kimber, Jalen
DE	33	Dennis-Sutton, Dani
CB	4	Harris, AJ
LB	41	King, Kobe
S	6	Wheatley, Zakee
CB	7	Tracy, Zion
DT	91	J-Thomas, Dvon

SMU

11-Milliner-Jones, Jaden, 11-Johnson Jr., LJ, 13-Davis-Robinson, Jaelyn, 15-Robertson, Cameron, 20-McFall, Derrick, 21-Chambers, Kyron, 25-Celestine, Davaughn, 27-Muhammad, Abdul, 28-Booker, Brandon, 29-Miyazono, Brandon, 3-Moses, Ahmaad, 30-Campbell, Carter, 40-Lee Jr., Tarian, 41-Rogers, Collin, 44-Eby, Stone, 48-Benton, Will, 49-Pearson, Isaac, 5-Dixon, Kelvontay, 54-Kilgore, Alexander, 58-Smith, Isaiah, 6-Luster, Keldric, 69-Anderson, Nate, 74-Chamblee, Andrew, 75-Sparks, Ben, 78-Patterson, Paris, 8-Hudson, Jordan, 84-Riordan, Tripp, 85-Moore, Adam, 9-Lockhart, Mike, 91-Burris, Blake, 92-Roberson Jr., Kori, 94-Jefferson, Jonathan, 98-Yoan Sandjo-Njiki, Mike

Penn St.

0-DeLuca, Dominic, 10-Lane, Dejuan, 11-Johnson, Tyler, 12-Mitchell, Jon, 12-Ivey, Anthony, 13-Allen, Kaytron, 15-Vanover, Amin, 17-Grunkemeyer, Ethan, 18-Schlafler, Joey, 18-Granville, Max, 21-Toure, Vaboue, 23-Belgrave-Shorter, Antoine, 24-Smith, Corey, 24-Robinson, Ta'Mere, 25-Martin, Quinton, 29-Collins, Audavion, 3-Fleming, Julian, 31-Dinkins, Kolin, 34-Holzworth, Tyler, 43-Elson, Tyler, 48-Duzansky, Tyler, 5-Miller, Cam, 5-Evans, Omari, 50-Cousins, Cooper, 52-Rulli, Dominic, 55-Onoh, Chimdy, 56-Nelson, JB, 63-Birchmeier, Alex, 64-Boyer, Eagan, 74-Williams, J'ven, 8-Nelson, DaKaari, 85-Reynolds, Luke, 9-Washington II, Elliot, 92-Vilbert, Smith, 94-Barker, Ryan, 95-Thompson, Riley, 95-Mayer, Jordan, 99-Nwosu, Gabe, 99-Izzard, Coziah



SMU

Team	Qtr	Spot	Drive Started		Spot	Drive Ended		Consumed	
			Time	Obtained		Time	How lost	PI - Yds	TOP
SMU	1st	SMU32	13:28	Punt	PSU19	11:08	Downs	7 - 49	02:20
SMU		SMU20	06:51	Punt	SMU20	06:08	Interception	2 - 0	00:43
SMU		SMU35	06:08	Kickoff	SMU43	04:41	Punt	3 - 8	01:27
SMU		SMU29	01:41	Downs	PSU47	13:09	Interception	8 - 24	03:32
SMU	2nd	SMU25	13:09	Kickoff	PSU48	10:59	Punt	5 - 27	02:10
SMU		PSU19	09:30	Downs	PSU07	08:06	Interception	4 - 12	01:24
SMU		SMU25	05:00	Kickoff	SMU38	03:17	Downs	6 - 13	01:43
SMU		SMU25	01:03	Kickoff	SMU27	00:08	Punt	5 - 2	00:55
SMU	3rd	SMU47	14:50	Kickoff	PSU11	10:59	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 42	03:51
SMU		SMU30	08:08	Kickoff	PSU25	03:22	Missed FG	12 - 45	04:46
SMU	4th	SMU10	12:47	Kickoff	SMU21	10:41	Punt	6 - 11	02:06
SMU		PSU42	09:59	Interception	PSU00	07:31	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 42	02:28
SMU		SMU47	02:45	Punt	SMU45	01:46	Punt	3 - -2	00:59

SMU	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	06:11	08:03	08:52	05:42	14:14	14:34	28:48
3rd down conversions	1-4	0-3	1-4	1-3	1-7	2-7	3-14
Average field position	SMU29	SMU39	SMU39	SMU38	SMU34	SMU38	SMU36
4th down conversions	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-2	1-1	1-3

PENN ST.

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PSU	1st	PSU30	14:52	Kickoff	PSU37	13:28	Punt	3 - 7	01:24
PSU		PSU19	11:08	Downs	PSU47	06:51	Punt	8 - 28	04:17
PSU		PSU32	04:41	Punt	SMU29	01:41	Downs	7 - 39	03:00
PSU	2nd	PSU10	10:59	Punt	PSU19	09:30	Downs	4 - 9	01:29
PSU		PSU25	08:06	Interception	SMU00	05:00	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 75	03:06
PSU		SMU38	03:17	Downs	SMU00	01:03	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 38	02:14
PSU		PSU42	00:08	Punt	SMU43	00:00	End of half	1 - 15	00:08
PSU	3rd	SMU48	10:56	Kickoff	SMU23	08:13	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 25	02:43
PSU		PSU25	03:22	FieldGoalMissed	SMU00	12:56	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 75	05:26
PSU	4th	PSU43	10:41	Punt	PSU39	09:59	Interception	2 - -4	00:42
PSU		PSU08	07:29	Kickoff	PSU23	02:45	Punt	6 - 15	04:44
PSU		PSU15	01:46	Punt	PSU23	00:00	End of half	3 - 8	01:46

Penn St.	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	H1	H2	Total
Time of possession	08:49	06:57	06:08	09:18	15:46	15:26	31:12
3rd down conversions	1-4	4-5	0-1	1-3	5-9	1-4	6-13
Average field position	PSU27	PSU35	PSU39	PSU22	PSU31	PSU29	PSU30
4th down conversions	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2



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SMU		SMU32	13:28	Punt	PSU19	11:08	Downs	7 - 49	02:20
PSU		PSU19	11:08	Downs	PSU47	06:51	Punt	8 - 28	04:17
SMU		SMU20	06:51	Punt	SMU20	06:08	Interception	2 - 0	00:43
SMU		SMU35	06:08	Kickoff	SMU43	04:41	Punt	3 - 8	01:27
PSU		PSU32	04:41	Punt	SMU29	01:41	Downs	7 - 39	03:00
SMU		SMU29	01:41	Downs	PSU47	13:09	Interception	8 - 24	03:32
SMU		SMU25	13:09	Kickoff	PSU48	10:59	Punt	5 - 27	02:10
PSU		PSU10	10:59	Punt	PSU19	09:30	Downs	4 - 9	01:29
SMU	2nd	PSU19	09:30	Downs	PSU07	08:06	Interception	4 - 12	01:24
PSU		PSU25	08:06	Interception	SMU00	05:00	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 75	03:06
SMU		SMU25	05:00	Kickoff	SMU38	03:17	Downs	6 - 13	01:43
PSU		SMU38	03:17	Downs	SMU00	01:03	*TOUCHDOWN	7 - 38	02:14
SMU		SMU25	01:03	Kickoff	SMU27	00:08	Punt	5 - 2	00:55
PSU		PSU42	00:08	Punt	SMU43	00:00	End of half	1 - 15	00:08
SMU		SMU47	14:50	Kickoff	PSU11	10:59	*FIELD GOAL	9 - 42	03:51
PSU		SMU48	10:56	Kickoff	SMU23	08:13	*FIELD GOAL	7 - 25	02:43
SMU		SMU30	08:08	Kickoff	PSU25	03:22	Missed FG	12 - 45	04:46
PSU	4th	PSU25	03:22	FieldGoalMissed	SMU00	12:56	*TOUCHDOWN	9 - 75	05:26
SMU		SMU10	12:47	Kickoff	SMU21	10:41	Punt	6 - 11	02:06
PSU		PSU43	10:41	Punt	PSU39	09:59	Interception	2 - -4	00:42
SMU		PSU42	09:59	Interception	PSU00	07:31	*TOUCHDOWN	5 - 42	02:28
PSU		PSU08	07:29	Kickoff	PSU23	02:45	Punt	6 - 15	04:44
SMU		SMU47	02:45	Punt	SMU45	01:46	Punt	3 - -2	00:59
PSU		PSU15	01:46	Punt	PSU23	00:00	End of half	3 - 8	01:46



1st Quarter

SMU wins toss and defers; PSU will receive; SMU will defend South end-zone.

(15:00) #41 C.Rogers kickoff 60 yards to the PSU05 #10 N.Singleton return 25 yards to the PSU30 (#54 A.Kilgore; #25 D.Celestine).

Penn St. drive starts at 14:52

- 1-10 PSU30 (14:52) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #10 N.Singleton caught at PSU25, for 0 yards to the PSU30 (#34 A.Walker).
2-10 PSU30 (14:27) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #6 H.Wallace III caught at PSU35, for 7 yards to the PSU37 (#1 B.Crossley; #22 C.Sanders Jr.).
3-3 PSU37 (13:37) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #2 L.Clifford thrown to PSU42 QB hurried by #22 C.Sanders Jr..
4-3 PSU37 (13:36) #95 R.Thompson punt 31 yards to the SMU32.

3 plays, 7 yards, 01:24

SMU drive starts at 13:28

- 1-10 SMU32 (13:28) No Huddle #1 B.Smith rush middle for 0 yards to the SMU32 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton; #28 Z.Durant).
2-10 SMU32 (13:05) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #88 M.Hibner caught at SMU37, for 18 yards to the SMU50 (#6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN. P1
1-10 SMU50 (12:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush left for 7 yards gain to the PSU43 (#3 J.Kimber), out of bounds.
2-3 PSU43 (12:34) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete deep left to #9 K.Smith thrown to PSU08 PENALTY PSU Pass X2
Interference (#3 J.Kimber) 15 yards from PSU43 to PSU28, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.
1-10 PSU28 (12:29) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush middle for 4 yards gain to the PSU24, End Of Play.
2-6 PSU24 (12:08) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 4 yards gain to the PSU20 (#28 Z.Durant).
3-2 PSU20 (11:50) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 1 yard gain to the PSU19 (#13 T.Rojas; #99 C.Izzard).
(11:14) Timeout by SMU.
4-1 PSU19 (11:14) #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #88 M.Hibner thrown to PSU01 broken up by #6 Z.Wheatley, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

7 plays, 49 yards, 02:20

Penn St. drive starts at 11:08

- 1-10 PSU19 (11:05) Shotgun #44 T.Warren rush left for 6 yards gain to the PSU25 (#2 J.McGill), out of bounds.
2-4 PSU25 (10:35) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 2 yards gain to the PSU27 (#34 A.Walker).
3-2 PSU27 (09:52) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush right for 6 yards gain to the PSU33 (#92 K.Roberson Jr.), 1ST DOWN. R1
1-10 PSU33 (09:10) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 1 yard loss to the PSU32, End Of Play.
2-11 PSU32 (08:28) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #13 K.Allen caught at PSU35, for 13 yards to the PSU45 (#23 I.Nwokobia; #24 K.Wilson), 1ST DOWN. P2
1-10 PSU45 (08:02) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 1 yard loss to the PSU44 (#10 A.Booker Jr.).
2-11 PSU44 (07:25) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush middle for 3 yards gain to the PSU47 (#6 J.Harvey).
3-8 PSU47 (07:11) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #6 H.Wallace III thrown to SMU37.
4-8 PSU47 (06:57) #95 R.Thompson punt 33 yards to the SMU20, out of bounds at SMU20.

8 plays, 28 yards, 04:17

SMU drive starts at 06:51

- 1-10 SMU20 (06:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 0 yards to the SMU20 (#99 C.Izzard).
2-10 SMU20 (06:15) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass intercepted by #0 D.DeLuca at SMU23 #0 D.DeLuca return 23 yards to the SMU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 06:08.
SMU03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

SMU 0, Penn St. 7.

2 plays, 0 yards, 00:43

(06:08) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 62 yards to the SMU03, out of bounds at SMU03.

SMU drive starts at 06:08

- 1-10 SMU35 (06:08) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush right for 5 yards gain to the SMU40 (#0 D.DeLuca), out of bounds.
2-5 SMU40 (05:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 4 yards gain to the SMU44 (#0 D.DeLuca; #33 D.Dennis-Sutton).
3-1 SMU44 (05:29) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 1 yard loss to the SMU43 (#1 J.Reed; #99 C.Izzard).
4-2 SMU43 (04:46) #49 I.Pearson punt 25 yards to the PSU32, out of bounds at PSU32.

3 plays, 8 yards, 01:27

Penn St. drive starts at 04:41

- 1-10 PSU32 (04:39) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #16 K.Dinkins caught at PSU37, for 13 yards to the PSU45 (#1 B.Crossley), 1ST DOWN. P3
1-10 PSU45 (04:01) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 14 yards gain to the SMU41 (#81 J.Harrison-Hunte), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. R4
1-10 SMU41 (03:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at SMU29, for 15 yards to the SMU26 (#54 A.Kilgore), 1ST DOWN. P5
1-10 SMU26 (02:59) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at SMU28, for 3 yards to the SMU23 (#24 K.Wilson).
2-7 SMU23 (02:36) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #10 N.Singleton thrown to SMU24.
3-7 SMU23 (02:36) Shotgun #15 D.Allar sacked for loss of 6 yards to the SMU29 (#5 E.Roberts).
4-13 SMU29 (01:48) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #13 K.Allen thrown to SMU31 QB hurried by #81 J.Harrison-Hunte, TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

7 plays, 39 yards, 03:00

SMU drive starts at 01:41

- 1-10 SMU29 (01:39) No Huddle-Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush middle for 8 yards gain to the SMU37 (#41 K.King).
2-2 SMU37 (01:05) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #3 R.Brinson thrown to PSU46 PENALTY SMU Holding (#54 S.Byrd) 10 yards from SMU37 to SMU27. NO PLAY.
2-12 SMU27 (01:00) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #1 B.Smith caught at SMU21, for 7 yards to the SMU34 (#41 K.King).
3-5 SMU34 (00:10) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #9 K.Smith caught at SMU37, for 5 yards to the SMU39 (#3 J.Kimber), 1ST DOWN. P3
(13:28) Timeout by SMU.



Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
SMU	0	06:11	0	2	1	3	1-3	0-1	10-32	3-5-1-30	1-10
Penn St.	7	08:49	2	3	0	5	1-4	0-1	8-23	6-10-0-51	1-15



FIRST QUARTER	SMU	PSU
Score	0	7
FIRST DOWNS	3	5
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	10-32	8-23
PASSING YDS (NET)	30	51
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	3-5-1	6-10-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	15-62	18-74
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-25
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-23
Punts (Number-Avg)	1-25.0	2-32.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	1-15
Possession Time	06:11	08:49
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 4
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	0-0

SMU							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brashard Smith	8	21	1	20	0	7	2.5
LJ Johnson Jr.	1	8	0	8	0	8	8.0
Kevin Jennings	1	4	0	4	0	4	4.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Kevin Jennings	3-5-1	30	0	18	0

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Matthew Hibner	2	1	18	13	0	18
Brashard Smith	2	1	7	13	0	7
Key'Shawn Smith	1	1	5	2	0	5

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Isaac Pearson	1	25	25.0	25	0	0

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
Ahmad Walker	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Alexander Kilgore	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Brandon Crossley	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Kobe Wilson	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

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PENN ST.							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	2	17	0	17	0	14	8.5
Tyler Warren	1	6	0	6	0	6	6.0
Kaytron Allen	3	2	2	0	0	2	0.0
Drew Allar	2	6	6	0	0	6	0.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Drew Allar	6-10-0	51	0	15	1

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Tyler Warren	2	2	18	8	0	15
Kaytron Allen	2	1	13	10	0	13
Khalil Dinkins	1	1	13	8	0	13
Harrison Wallace III	2	1	7	2	0	7

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	2	64	32.0	33	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
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Nicholas Singleton	1	25	0	25
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Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Coziah Izzard	1-2	3	0.0	0.5
Dani Dennis-Sutton	0-2	2	0.0	0.0
Dominic DeLuca	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Jalen Kimber	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

V-H

1st 06:08 PSU - #0 D.DeLuca 23 yd interception return (#94 R.Barker kick), 00:43

0-7



2nd Quarter

- 1-10 SMU39 (14:58) No Huddle-Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush middle for 0 yards to the SMU39 (#41 K.King; #91 D.J-Thomas).
2-10 SMU39 (14:32) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. caught at SMU38, for 20 yards to the PSU41 (#6 Z.Wheatley), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P4
1-10 PSU41 (14:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #1 B.Smith caught at PSU47, for 6 yards loss to the PSU47 (#5 C.Miller).
2-16 PSU47 (13:30) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short middle to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. thrown to PSU44.
(13:28) Timeout by SMU.
3-16 PSU47 (13:26) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass intercepted by #13 T.Rojas at PSU41 #13 T.Rojas return 59 yards to the SMU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 13:09.
SMU03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

SMU 0, Penn St. 14.

8 plays, 24 yards, 03:32

(13:09) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the SMU00, Touchback.

SMU drive starts at 13:09

- 1-10 SMU25 (13:09) No Huddle #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #1 B.Smith caught at SMU26, for 10 yards to the SMU35 (#41 K.King), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P5
1-10 SMU35 (12:48) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 16 yards gain to the PSU49 (#1 J.Reed; #92 S.Vilbert), 1ST DOWN. R6
1-10 PSU49 (12:20) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush middle for 1 yard loss to the PSU50 (#99 C.Izzard).
2-11 PSU50 (11:53) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 2 yards gain to the PSU48 (#41 K.King).
3-9 PSU48 (11:11) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short middle to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. thrown to PSU31.
4-9 PSU48 (11:05) #49 I.Pearson punt 38 yards to the PSU10 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU10.

5 plays, 27 yards, 02:10

Penn St. drive starts at 10:59

- 1-10 PSU10 (10:59) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush middle for 2 yards gain to the PSU12 (#3 A.Moses).
2-8 PSU12 (10:21) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short middle to #44 T.Warren thrown to PSU19.
3-8 PSU12 (10:19) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #6 H.Wallace III caught at PSU18, for 7 yards to the PSU19 (#34 A.Walker).
4-1 PSU19 (09:38) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush middle for 0 yards to the PSU19 (#54 A.Kilgore), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

4 plays, 9 yards, 01:29

SMU drive starts at 09:30

- 1-10 PSU19 (09:30) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush right for 6 yards gain to the PSU13 (#3 J.Kimber; #41 K.King).
2-4 PSU13 (09:10) No Huddle-Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush middle for 7 yards gain to the PSU06 (#1 J.Reed; #6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN. R7
1-G PSU06 (08:55) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 1 yard loss to the PSU07 (#11 A.Carter).
2-G PSU07 (08:14) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass intercepted by #0 D.DeLuca at PSU11 #0 D.DeLuca return 14 yards to the PSU25 (#1 B.Smith).

4 plays, 12 yards, 01:24

Penn St. drive starts at 08:06

- 1-10 PSU25 (08:06) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short middle to #44 T.Warren thrown to PSU39.
2-10 PSU25 (08:00) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short left to #10 N.Singleton thrown to PSU28 QB hurried by #5 E.Roberts.
3-10 PSU25 (07:57) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #6 H.Wallace III caught at PSU41, for 25 yards to the PSU50 (#13 J.Davis-Robinson), 1ST DOWN. P6
1-10 SMU50 PENALTY PSU False Start (#53 N.Dawkins) 5 yards from SMU50 to PSU45. NO PLAY.
1-15 PSU45 (07:17) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short middle to #5 O.Evans thrown to SMU37.
2-15 PSU45 (07:11) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #44 T.Warren caught at PSU49, for 9 yards to the SMU46 (#54 A.Kilgore), out of bounds.
3-6 SMU46 (06:50) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush middle for 13 yards gain to the SMU33 (#2 J.McGill; #34 A.Walker), 1ST DOWN. R7
1-10 SMU33 (06:06) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 1 yard gain to the SMU32 (#24 K.Wilson).
2-9 SMU32 (05:27) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #2 L.Clifford caught at SMU36, for 7 yards to the SMU25 (#34 A.Walker).
3-2 SMU25 (05:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 25 yards gain to the SMU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 05:00, 1ST DOWN. R8
SMU03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

SMU 0, Penn St. 21.

9 plays, 75 yards, 03:06

(05:00) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the SMU00, Touchback.

SMU drive starts at 05:00

- 1-10 SMU25 (05:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #5 K.Dixon caught at SMU23, for 8 yards to the SMU33 (#7 Z.Tracy).
2-2 SMU33 (04:39) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush middle for 6 yards gain to the SMU39 (#7 Z.Tracy), 1ST DOWN. The previous play is under automatic review - "Runner was down by contact". PLAY OVERTURNED. (Original Play: (04:39) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush middle for 9 yards gain to the SMU42 fumbled by #7 K.Jennings at SMU40 forced by #7 Z.Tracy recovered by PSU #13 T.Rojas at SMU42 #13 T.Rojas return 6 yards to the SMU36 (#5 K.Dixon)). R8
1-10 SMU39 (04:18) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #88 M.Hibner thrown to SMU43 broken up by #13 T.Rojas.
2-10 SMU39 (04:15) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right thrown to SMU45 QB hurried by #92 S.Vilbert.
3-10 SMU39 (04:07) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short middle to #8 J.Hudson caught at SMU46, for 7 yards to the SMU46 QB hurried by #7 Z.Tracy (#29 A.Collins).
4-3 SMU46 (03:21) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings sacked for loss of 8 yards to the SMU38 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton), TURNOVER ON DOWNS.

6 plays, 13 yards, 01:43

Penn St. drive starts at 03:17

- 1-10 SMU38 (03:15) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short left to #10 N.Singleton caught at SMU37, for 7 yards to the SMU31 (#34 A.Walker; #3 A.Moses).



2-3	SMU31	(02:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 8 yards gain to the SMU23 (#34 A.Walker), 1ST DOWN.	R9
1-10	SMU23	(02:31) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass incomplete short right to #6 H.Wallace III thrown to SMU15 broken up by #1 B.Crossley. The previous play is under automatic review - "Incomplete pass". PLAY OVERTURNED. (Original Play: (02:31) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short right to #6 H.Wallace III caught at SMU15, for 8 yards to the SMU15 (#1 B.Crossley)).	
2-10	SMU23	(02:12) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 3 yards gain to the SMU20 (#94 J.Jefferson). (02:00) Timeout.	
3-7	SMU20	(01:58) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush right for 11 yards gain to the SMU09 (#24 K.Wilson), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. The previous play is under automatic review - "Runner was out of bounds". PLAY OVERTURNED. (Original Play: (01:58) Shotgun #15 D.Allar rush right for 13 yards gain to the SMU07 (#24 K.Wilson), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN).	R10
1-G	SMU09	(01:50) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 8 yards gain to the SMU01 (#24 K.Wilson; #1 B.Crossley). (01:06) Timeout by PSU.	
2-G	SMU01	(01:02) #10 N.Singleton rush middle for 1 yard gain to the SMU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 01:03.	
	SMU03	#94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).	

SMU 0, Penn St. 28.

7 plays, 38 yards, 02:14

(01:03) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 65 yards to the SMU00, Touchback.

SMU drive starts at 01:03

1-10	SMU25	(01:03) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 3 yards gain to the SMU28 (#41 K.King).	
2-7	SMU28	(00:42) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #8 J.Hudson caught at SMU36, for 8 yards to the SMU36 (#3 J.Kimber), 1ST DOWN.	P9
1-10	SMU36	(00:33) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings sacked for loss of 9 yards to the SMU27 (#33 D.Dennis-Sutton, #0 D.DeLuca).	
2-19	SMU27	(00:27) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #88 M.Hibner thrown to SMU30 QB hurried by #11 A.Carter.	
3-19	SMU27	(00:17) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #3 R.Brinson thrown to SMU42 QB hurried by #28 Z.Durant.	
4-19	SMU27	(00:15) #49 I.Pearson punt 43 yards to the PSU30 #7 Z.Tracy return 12 yards to the PSU42 (#23 I.Nwokobia).	

5 plays, 2 yards, 00:55

Penn St. drive starts at 00:08

1-10	PSU42	(00:06) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #13 K.Allen caught at PSU44, for 15 yards to the SMU43 (#34 A.Walker), 1ST DOWN.	P11
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1 plays, 15 yards, 00:08

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
SMU	0	08:03	3	3	0	6	0-4	0-1	11-21	6-14-2-47	0-0
Penn St.	21	06:57	4	2	0	6	4-5	0-1	10-72	6-11-0-70	1-5



SECOND QUARTER	SMU	PSU
Score	0	21
FIRST DOWNS	6	6
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	11-21	10-72
PASSING YDS (NET)	47	70
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	6-14-2	6-11-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	25-68	21-142
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	1-12
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	2-73
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-40.5	0-0.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	1-5
Possession Time	08:03	06:57
Third-Down Conversions	0 of 4	4 of 5
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 1
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	1-1

SMU							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brashard Smith	4	21	1	20	0	16	5.0
LJ Johnson Jr.	2	7	0	7	0	7	3.5
Kevin Jennings	5	12	18	-6	0	6	-1.2
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Kevin Jennings	6-14-2	47	0	20	2		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Jordan Hudson	3	2	15	0	0	8	
Brashard Smith	2	2	4	9	0	10	
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	3	1	20	21	0	20	
Kelvontay Dixon	1	1	8	10	0	8	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Isaac Pearson	2	81	40.5	43	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Ahmad Walker	4-2	6	0.0	0.0
Kobe Wilson	2-1	3	0.0	0.0
Ahmaad Moses	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Alexander Kilgore	2-0	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	13:09	PSU - #13 T.Rojas 59 yd interception return (#94 R.Barker kick), 03:32	0-7
2nd	05:00	PSU - #13 K.Allen 25 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 9-75, 03:06	0-14
2nd	01:03	PSU - #10 N.Singleton 1 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 7-38, 02:14	0-21

PENN ST.							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Kaytron Allen	2	26	0	26	1	25	13.0
Drew Allar	3	24	0	24	0	13	8.0
Nicholas Singleton	5	22	0	22	1	8	4.4
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Drew Allar	6-11-0	70	0	25	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Harrison Wallace III	3	2	32	10	0	25	
Kaytron Allen	1	1	15	13	0	15	
Tyler Warren	3	1	9	5	0	9	
Nicholas Singleton	2	1	7	6	0	7	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Zion Tracy	1	12	0	12
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Kobe King	3-2	5	0.0	0.0
Dani Dennis-Sutton	1-1	2	1.5	1.5
Jalen Kimber	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Jaylen Reed	0-2	2	0.0	0.0



3rd Quarter

(15:00) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 59 yards to the SMU06 #1 B.Smith return 41 yards to the SMU47 (#31 K.Dinkins), out of bounds.

SMU drive starts at 14:50

1-10	SMU47	(14:49) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #88 M.Hibner thrown to SMU50 QB hurried by #33 D.Dennis-Sutton.	
2-10	SMU47	(14:44) No Huddle-Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush right for 2 yards loss to the SMU45 (#13 T.Rojas).	
3-12	SMU45	(14:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short middle to #88 M.Hibner caught at PSU44, for 20 yards to the PSU35 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #4 A.Harris), 1ST DOWN, PENALTY PSU Personal Foul (#15 A.Vanover) 15 yards from PSU35 to PSU20, 1ST DOWN.	PX11
1-10	PSU20	(13:55) Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush left for 8 yards gain to the PSU12 (#7 Z.Tracy), out of bounds.	
2-2	PSU12	(13:40) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 7 yards gain to the PSU05 (#6 Z.Wheatley; #4 A.Harris), 1ST DOWN.	R12
1-G	PSU05	(13:09) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 1 yard gain to the PSU04 (#41 K.King).	
2-G	PSU04	PENALTY SMU False Start (#11 L.Johnson Jr.) 5 yards from PSU04 to PSU09. NO PLAY.	
2-G	PSU09	(12:11) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #8 J.Hudson caught at PSU15, for 3 yards to the PSU06 (#1 J.Reed; #15 A.Vanover).	
3-G	PSU06	(11:32) PENALTY SMU False Start (#59 P.Williams) 5 yards from PSU06 to PSU11. NO PLAY.	
3-G	PSU11	(11:09) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #8 J.Hudson thrown to PSU00 QB hurried by #13 T.Rojas.	
4-G	PSU11	(11:02) #41 C.Rogers field goal attempt from 28 yards GOOD (H: #49 I.Pearson, LS: #48 W.Benton), clock 10:59.	

SMU 3, Penn St. 28.

9 plays, 42 yards, 03:51

(10:55) #41 C.Rogers onside kickoff 13 yards to the SMU48, End Of Play.

Penn St. drive starts at 10:56

1-10	SMU48	(10:54) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 18 yards gain to the SMU30 (#2 J.McGill), 1ST DOWN.	R12
1-10	SMU30	(10:38) No Huddle-Shotgun #15 D.Allar sacked for loss of 9 yards to the SMU39 (#81 J.Harrison-Hunte, #5 E.Roberts).	
2-19	SMU39	(10:02) Shotgun #15 D.Allar sacked for loss of 5 yards to the SMU44 (#5 E.Roberts, #6 J.Harvey) PENALTY SMU UNR: Unnecessary Roughness (#81 J.Harrison-Hunte) 15 yards from SMU44 to SMU29, 1ST DOWN.	X13
1-10	SMU29	(09:36) Shotgun #44 T.Warren pass incomplete short left to #10 N.Singleton thrown to SMU31.	
2-10	SMU29	(09:36) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 0 yards to the SMU29 (#24 K.Wilson).	
3-10	SMU29	(08:56) Shotgun #15 D.Allar pass complete short middle to #44 T.Warren caught at SMU28, for 6 yards to the SMU23 (#2 J.McGill).	
4-4	SMU23	(08:16) #94 R.Barker field goal attempt from 40 yards GOOD (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky), clock 08:13.	

SMU 3, Penn St. 31.

7 plays, 25 yards, 02:43

(08:13) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 59 yards to the SMU06 #1 B.Smith return 24 yards to the SMU30 (#99 G.Nwosu), out of bounds.

SMU drive starts at 08:08

1-10	SMU30	(08:06) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. caught at SMU25, for 9 yards to the SMU39 (#11 A.Carter), out of bounds.	
2-1	SMU39	(07:41) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #3 R.Brinson caught at SMU37, for 2 yards loss to the SMU37 (#29 A.Collins).	
3-3	SMU37	(07:09) Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 1 yard gain to the SMU38 (#99 C.Izzard).	
4-2	SMU38	(06:34) Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush middle for 2 yards gain to the SMU40 (#0 D.DeLuca), 1ST DOWN.	R13
1-10	SMU40	(06:14) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete deep right to #3 R.Brinson thrown to PSU30 PENALTY PSU Holding (#29 A.Collins) 10 yards from SMU40 to SMU50, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY.	X14
1-10	SMU50	(06:07) Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush middle for 4 yards gain to the PSU46 (#91 D.J-Thomas).	
2-6	PSU46	(05:48) No Huddle-Shotgun #11 L.Johnson Jr. rush middle for 9 yards gain to the PSU37 (#1 J.Reed; #6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN.	R15
1-10	PSU37	(05:24) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete deep right to #8 J.Hudson caught at PSU14, for 22 yards to the PSU15, out of bounds at PSU15, 1ST DOWN.	P16
1-10	PSU15	(04:50) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #1 B.Smith caught at PSU12, for 13 yards to the PSU02 (#6 Z.Wheatley), 1ST DOWN.	P17
1-G	PSU02	(04:22) PENALTY SMU False Start (#71 L.Parr) 5 yards from PSU02 to PSU07. NO PLAY.	
1-G	PSU07	(04:13) #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #1 B.Smith thrown to PSU00 QB hurried by #13 T.Rojas.	
2-G	PSU07	(04:05) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short right to #3 R.Brinson thrown to PSU01.	
3-G	PSU07	(03:58) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings sacked for loss of 18 yards to the PSU25 (#11 A.Carter).	
4-G	PSU25	(03:24) #41 C.Rogers field goal attempt from 42 yards NO GOOD (H: #49 I.Pearson, LS: #48 W.Benton), clock 03:22, End Of Play.	

12 plays, 45 yards, 04:46

Penn St. drive starts at 03:22

1-10	PSU25	(03:20) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 9 yards gain to the PSU34 (#7 D.Harmon).	
2-1	PSU34	(02:36) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 6 yards gain to the PSU40 (#34 A.Walker), 1ST DOWN.	R14
1-10	PSU40	(01:50) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush right for 6 yards gain to the PSU46 (#3 A.Moses; #94 J.Jefferson).	
2-4	PSU46	(01:02) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush left for 17 yards gain to the SMU37 (#23 I.Nwokobia; #34 A.Walker), 1ST DOWN.	R15
1-10	SMU37	(00:15) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 4 yards gain to the SMU33 (#24 K.Wilson; #54 A.Kilgore).	
		(13:00) Timeout by PSU.	

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
SMU	3	08:52	3	3	2	8	1-4	1-1	9-12	6-10-0-65	4-30
Penn St.	3	06:08	3	0	1	4	0-1	0-0	9-46	1-2-0-6	2-25



THIRD QUARTER	SMU	PSU
Score	3	3
FIRST DOWNS	8	4
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	9-12	9-46
PASSING YDS (NET)	65	6
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	6-10-0	1-2-0
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	19-77	11-52
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-65	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	4-30	2-25
Possession Time	08:52	06:08
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 4	0 of 1
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	1-1

SMU

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brashard Smith	5	19	0	19	0	8	3.8
LJ Johnson Jr.	3	13	2	11	0	9	3.7
Kevin Jennings	1	0	18	-18	0	0	-18.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Kevin Jennings	6-10-0	65	0	22	1		

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Jordan Hudson	3	2	25	8	0	22
Matthew Hibner	2	1	20	9	0	20
Brashard Smith	2	1	13	10	0	13
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	1	1	9	14	0	9

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		
Brashard Smith	2	65	0	41		

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Ahmad Walker	1-1	2	0.0	0.0
Elijah Roberts	0-2	2	1.0	1.0
Jonathan McGill	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Kobe Wilson	1-1	2	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	10:59	SMU - #41 C.Rogers 28 yd FG, 9-42, 03:51	3-0
3rd	08:13	PSU - #94 R.Barker 40 yd FG, 7-25, 02:43	3-3

PENN ST.

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	4	31	0	31	0	18	7.8
Kaytron Allen	3	29	0	29	0	17	9.7
Drew Allar	2	0	14	-14	0	0	-7.0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack	
Drew Allar	1-1-0	6	0	6	2	
Tyler Warren	0-1-0	0	0	0	0	
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long

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
Zakee Wheatley	1-3	4	0.0	0.0
Abdul Carter	2-0	2	1.0	1.0
AJ Harris	0-2	2	0.0	0.0
Jaylen Reed	0-2	2	0.0	0.0



4th Quarter

- 2-6 SMU33 (14:56) #13 K.Allen rush middle for 6 yards gain to the SMU27 (#81 J.Harrison-Hunte; #7 D.Harmon), 1ST DOWN. R16
1-10 SMU27 (14:34) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush left for 18 yards gain to the SMU09 (#7 D.Harmon), 1ST DOWN. R17
1-G SMU09 (13:47) Shotgun #13 K.Allen rush middle for 5 yards gain to the SMU04 (#10 A.Booker Jr.).
(13:00) Timeout by PSU.
2-G SMU04 (13:00) #13 K.Allen rush middle for 4 yards gain to the SMU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 12:56.
SMU03 #94 R.Barker kick attempt good (H: #95 R.Thompson, LS: #48 T.Duzansky).

SMU 3, Penn St. 38.

9 plays, 75 yards, 05:26

(12:56) #99 G.Nwosu kickoff 56 yards to the SMU09 #1 B.Smith return 12 yards to the SMU21 (#0 D.DeLuca; #23 A.Belgrave-Shorter) PENALTY SMU Personal Foul 11 yard from SMU21 to SMU10.

SMU drive starts at 12:47

- 1-10 SMU10 (12:47) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short right to #44 S.Eby caught at SMU11, for 6 yards to the SMU16 (#13 T.Rojas).
2-4 SMU16 (12:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 D.McFall rush middle for 0 yards to the SMU16, End Of Play.
3-4 SMU16 (11:47) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #9 K.Smith caught at SMU21, for 10 yards to the SMU26 (#9 E.Washington II), 1ST DOWN. P18
1-10 SMU26 (11:25) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete deep right to #8 J.Hudson thrown to PSU50.
2-10 SMU26 (11:22) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings rush right for 5 yards loss to the SMU21 (#28 Z.Durant).
3-15 SMU21 (10:58) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete deep middle to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. thrown to PSU26.
4-15 SMU21 (10:47) #49 I.Pearson punt 36 yards to the PSU43 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU43.

6 plays, 11 yards, 02:06

Penn St. drive starts at 10:41

- 1-10 PSU43 (10:42) PENALTY PSU False Start (#72 N.Rucci) 5 yards from PSU43 to PSU38. NO PLAY.
1-15 PSU38 (10:40) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush right for 1 yard gain to the PSU39 (#29 B.Miyazono).
2-14 PSU39 (09:59) Shotgun #17 E.Grunkemeyer pass intercepted by #1 B.Crossley at PSU42, End Of Play.

2 plays, -4 yards, 00:42

SMU drive starts at 09:59

- 1-10 PSU42 (09:53) No Huddle #7 K.Jennings pass complete short middle to #11 L.Johnson Jr. caught at PSU49, for 2 yards to the PSU40 (#43 T.Elsdon).
2-8 PSU40 (09:19) Shotgun #13 R.Daniels, Jr. rush left for 3 yards loss to the PSU43 (#5 C.Miller).
3-11 PSU43 (08:43) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete deep right to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. thrown to PSU20 QB hurried by #99 C.Izzard PENALTY SMU Holding (#54 S.Byrd) 10 yards from PSU43 to SMU47. NO PLAY.
3-21 SMU47 (08:33) Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass incomplete short middle to #1 B.Smith thrown to PSU50 broken up by #43 T.Elsdon PENALTY PSU Roughing The Passer 15 yards from SMU47 to PSU38, 1ST DOWN. NO PLAY. X19
(08:29) Timeout by PSU.
1-10 PSU38 (08:27) No Huddle-Shotgun #1 B.Smith rush left for 3 yards gain to the PSU35 (#43 T.Elsdon).
2-7 PSU35 (08:06) #7 K.Jennings pass complete short left to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. caught at PSU37, for 7 yards to the PSU28 (#91 D.J-Thomas), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN. P20
1-10 PSU28 (07:36) No Huddle-Shotgun #7 K.Jennings pass complete deep middle to #13 R.Daniels, Jr. caught at PSU00, for 28 yards to the PSU00 TOUCHDOWN, clock 07:31, 1ST DOWN. P21
PSU03 #41 C.Rogers kick attempt good (H: #49 I.Pearson, LS: #48 W.Benton).

SMU 10, Penn St. 38.

5 plays, 42 yards, 02:28

(07:31) #41 C.Rogers kickoff 61 yards to the PSU04 #13 K.Allen return 4 yards to the PSU08, End Of Play.

Penn St. drive starts at 07:29

- 1-10 PSU08 (07:26) Shotgun #10 N.Singleton rush middle for 1 yard gain to the PSU09 (#5 E.Roberts; #81 J.Harrison-Hunte).
2-9 PSU09 (06:39) Shotgun #24 C.Smith rush left for 1 yard gain to the PSU10 (#29 B.Miyazono).
3-8 PSU10 (05:51) Shotgun #17 E.Grunkemeyer pass complete short left to #6 H.Wallace III caught at PSU14, for 9 yards to the PSU19 (#22 C.Sanders Jr.), 1ST DOWN. P18
1-10 PSU19 (05:07) Shotgun #24 C.Smith rush right for 7 yards gain to the PSU26 (#23 I.Nwokobia).
2-3 PSU26 (04:23) Shotgun #25 Q.Martin rush middle for 0 yards to the PSU26 (#6 J.Harvey).
3-3 PSU26 (03:41) Shotgun #24 C.Smith rush right for 3 yards loss to the PSU23 (#29 B.Miyazono).
4-6 PSU23 (03:00) #95 R.Thompson punt 44 yards to the SMU33 #13 R.Daniels, Jr. return 14 yards to the SMU47 (#7 Z.Tracy).

6 plays, 15 yards, 04:44

SMU drive starts at 02:45

- 1-10 SMU47 (02:44) No Huddle-Shotgun #20 D.McFall rush middle for 0 yards to the SMU47 (#15 A.Vanover).
2-10 SMU47 (02:19) No Huddle-Shotgun #9 K.Smith rush middle for 2 yards loss to the SMU45 fumbled by #9 K.Smith at SMU47 recovered by SMU #75 B.Sparks at SMU45, End Of Play.
(02:00) Timeout.
3-12 SMU45 (02:00) No Huddle-Shotgun #6 K.Luster pass incomplete deep left to #9 K.Smith thrown to PSU20 broken up by #10 D.Lane.
4-12 SMU45 (01:52) #49 I.Pearson punt 40 yards to the PSU15 fair catch by #7 Z.Tracy at PSU15.

3 plays, -2 yards, 00:59

Penn St. drive starts at 01:46

- 1-10 PSU15 (01:44) Shotgun #25 Q.Martin rush middle for 0 yards to the PSU15 (#98 M.Yoan Sandjo-Njiki).
2-10 PSU15 (01:03) Shotgun #24 C.Smith rush right for 1 yard gain to the PSU16 (#58 I.Smith; #29 B.Miyazono).
3-9 PSU16 (00:23) Shotgun #25 Q.Martin rush middle for 7 yards gain to the PSU23 (#28 B.Booker).

3 plays, 8 yards, 01:46

Summary	Score	Time Poss	R	1st Downs			Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
				P	X	T	3rd	4td			
SMU	7	05:42	0	3	1	4	1-3	0-0	6--7	5-8-0-53	2-21
Penn St.	7	09:18	2	1	0	3	1-3	0-0	13-48	1-2-1-9	2-20





FOURTH QUARTER	SMU	PSU
Score	7	7
FIRST DOWNS	4	3
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	6--7	13-48
PASSING YDS (NET)	53	9
Passes Cmp-Att-Int	5-8-0	1-2-1
TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS	14-46	15-57
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-14	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-12	1-4
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-38.0	1-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-21	2-20
Possession Time	05:42	09:18
Third-Down Conversions	1 of 3	1 of 3
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 0	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-0	0-0

SMU							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Brashard Smith	1	3	0	3	0	3	3.0
Derrick McFall	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Ben Sparks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Key'Shawn Smith	1	0	2	-2	0	0	-2.0
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Kevin Jennings	5-7-0	53	1	28	0		
Keldric Luster	0-1-0	0	0	0	0		
Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long	
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	3	2	35	9	1	28	
Key'Shawn Smith	2	1	10	5	0	10	
Stone Eby	1	1	6	5	0	6	
LJ Johnson Jr.	1	1	2	9	0	2	
Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB	
Isaac Pearson	2	76	38.0	40	1	0	
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Roderick Daniels, Jr.	1	14	0	14			
Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long			
Brashard Smith	1	12	0	12			
Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL			
Brandon Miyazono	3-1	4	0.0	1.0			
Deuce Harmon	1-1	2	0.0	0.0			
Jared Harrison-Hunte	0-2	2	0.0	0.0			
Anthony Booker Jr.	1-0	1	0.0	0.0			

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	12:56	PSU - #13 K.Allen 4 yd rush (#94 R.Barker kick), 9-75, 05:26	0-7
4th	07:31	SMU - #13 R.Daniels, Jr. 28 yd pass from #7 K.Jennings (#41 C.Rogers kick), 5-42, 02:28	7-7

PENN ST.							
Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Nicholas Singleton	3	20	0	20	0	18	6.7
Kaytron Allen	3	15	0	15	1	6	5.0
Quinton Martin	3	7	0	7	0	7	2.3
Corey Smith	4	9	3	6	0	7	1.5
Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack		
Ethan Grunkemeyer	1-2-1	9	0	9	0		

Receiving	TAR	No.	Yards	YAC	TD	Long
Harrison Wallace III	2	1	9	5	0	9

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
Riley Thompson	1	44	44.0	44	0	0
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Long
Kaytron Allen	1	4	0	4

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
Tyler Elsdon	2-0	2	0.0	0.0
Amin Vanover	1-0	1	0.0	0.0
Antoine Belgrave-Shorter	0-1	1	0.0	0.0
Cam Miller	1-0	1	0.0	1.0

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Postgame Press Conference

Penn State 38, SMU 10

MODERATOR: Good afternoon, and welcome to the visiting team media room inside Beaver Stadium for today's postgame press conference with SMU Head Coach Rhett Lashlee. Members of the media, please raise your hand if you have a question and a microphone will be brought to you. Please state your name and outlet you represent, and wait to have the microphone in hand before starting your question. We will begin with an opening statement from Coach Lashlee and then open things up for questions.

RHETT LASHLEE: All right, well, disappointed, you know, disappointed specifically in the second quarter. We let the game get away from us and didn't give ourselves a chance to compete today the way that we know we can, you know. I thought we had a chance to start well early. We deferred, we got a quick stop. Offense started moving the football. We got to fourth and probably half a yard. We decided to be aggressive and had an opportunity to either run for the first down or throw for a touchdown, and either one would have been good if we would have executed it. Chose to throw it. We didn't make the throw and catch. We had a really good chance to go up 7-0 early and that would have been big for the momentum. We didn't.

Defense got another stop and then that's when we kind of started to hurt ourselves and beat ourselves with the pick six on our own end. The ball just sailed on him across the middle and then, still, 7-0 going into the second quarter. Had the ball, I believe, and just, again, second quarter got away from us with another pick six, another pick in the red zone after we got a stop on fourth and one and you just can't do that stuff, so.

Guys did what we asked them to in the second half when it was obviously not good being down the way we were, 28-0 at half. I think it was 10-10 in the second half. We competed well three out of four quarter, just can't have a



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quarter like that and sad we wasted a defensive performance, I think, that was good enough to win with, but we just didn't. So, disappointed for our team, we don't get to keep playing and that we didn't get to show maybe our best today, even though Penn State deserves a ton of credit. I mean, that's going to be a hard out for Boise and whoever else gets to play them. But wish we would have put our best foot forward a little bit better than we did today. I'll say this: It's a special group of seniors we're losing, a special team. It's going to be sad not getting to come to the building with them. We started this thing on, I think, July 23rd and here we are on December 21st. It's been a found journey with them, and they've raised the standard of SMU football in year one in the ACC this a big way, and so that bar's high now. We're excited to come back and go to work soon and chase that standard.

MODERATOR: Questions on the left.

Q. Coach, over here. Joe Lester, Onward State. A couple of time-outs, a couple of false starts that the crowd had an impact in. Did you get what you expected out of the Penn State crowd today? A little bit more?

RHETT LASHLEE: Yeah, we got what we expected. I don't think we burned time-outs because of the crowd per se but I thought 95% of the game we handled the crowd great. First half we didn't have any issues. It was that third quarter we got down on the endzone where the student section was and I think we had the ball inside the five two different times. We settled for a field goal on one. We missed a field goal on the other. You know, I think when you couple that with the drive in the first half, we had the ball probably inside the 10 or 15 twice, three time, excuse me, and had an interception, a field goal and a missed field goal. The crowd was definitely a factor there, and, you know, it showed. We can't -- if we just snap the ball and hand it off, we have some good things and we go backwards and now you get to second and third and goal from the 9, the 11, those are low percentage no matter who you're playing. I think that's when it affected us the most, was that third quarter going into the endzone where the student section was, and that's what college football's all about. We got to handle that better.



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Q. Rhett, Chris from The Athletic.

RHETT LASHLEE: Hey, Chris.

Q. Was there a point at all where you considered putting Preston in and what did you say to Kevin during the game?

RHETT LASHLEE: Yes, after Kevin threw the last touchdown, felt like that was a good way to finish -- as good a way to finish the day as we could, the way it went, and we talked to Preston. It was his option and, look, I get it. Just like at that point, we didn't want Kevin to go back in and get hurt. You know, we don't want him to go into the offseason hurt. Preston's about to have an opportunity to go play somewhere else and in fairness to him, it would be a shame to roll him out there for a drive or two that doesn't have an impact on the game and him get hurt, so it was a great conversation with he and us and we just decided to let Keldric go with it. Keldric's going to be part of this team next year. It was good to get him out there. So, yeah, it was all positive things as far as that goes, but it's just no reason to put him at risk for his future, either.

Q. Hey, Rhett, Jeff Gold with Fox Dallas. Piggybacking on that with Kevin, obviously, a really benefit moment that he'll have to move past with this game. You had a huge embrace with him coming off the field. What did you say to him and how can he be better for this game?

RHETT LASHLEE: Yeah, I just told him to hold his head up, you know, and that I'm proud of him. I mean, he's a stud. He's a winner. Everyone believes in him. He had two bad games out of 14. That's pretty good. We were fortunate to win one of them. We weren't fortunate to win one of them. That's what I hate. It is what it is. We didn't play well enough to say anything that isn't going to be written. You know, to say anything against what isn't going to be written, I mean, it's going to be written should we have been in or did we belong? And that's fine. They can -- everyone here, you're welcome to write it. You were here. We didn't play very good today and -- but this team's a quality team. We had a good team. We deserve to be here. We earned the right to be here. Disappointed we didn't play to the level that validates that, but, it's hard right now because that's a really crushed locker room. A lot of seniors who know they're not going to play anymore. This team's not together anymore. The further they get from this moment they'll realize what they did this year and what a special year it was. Only one team's going to hold up the trophy at the end. It's not going to be us, but what they did was special and that's basically what I was trying to make sure Kevin does is hold his head up because one game, four bad passes today doesn't define him. Just like four

touchdown passes necessarily don't either. I think everyone's seen what he's capable of and I think now, just like anyone else in life, he knows we go into the offseason, there's room to improve. If you're going to be a special player, you got to be able to do a lot of special things and value the ball and nobody cares about that more than him, and I have no doubt he'll be better for it next year.

Q. Hey, Rhett. Seth Angle, statecollege.com. What kind of impact do you think weather made today? It seemed like the field was kind of hard. It was cold out, punters were kind of struggling.

RHETT LASHLEE: I think none whatsoever. Both teams played in the same weather on the same field. Their punter missed a few punts early. Our punter missed a punt. We have a kicker who has a strong leg, had a short kick because he missed it, you know, both teams played in it. I don't think weather had anything to do with anything, yeah.

Q. Coach, Jacob Richman, Loan Star Live. With Kevin's interceptions he threw in the first half, when you talked to him, did he say, was it a vision problem? Was it execution? Where does he think things went wrong?

RHETT LASHLEE: Yeah, I can walk you through them all. The first one it was our second drive. We ran a play on the first down that really was blocked well. We just missed the hole -- we hit the hole -- that's the frustrating thing about football that nobody sees. It's probably a 20, 25 gain and that's if the safety tackles him but we missed it so it's second and 10, 11. So we were just running a little bit of a base concept with a little kind of angle option route with Brashard. We ran it several times this year and it's been good and they blitzed from the field. We slid and picked it up but we got beat by the nose inside and the nose got right in his lap and made him rush the throw. And so when he did, he had to throw it a little earlier as Brashard was coming out of his break and the ball was a little bit high and he just went right over him and right to the defender.

And, so, that's what people don't see about football is Kevin's going to take a lot of the beating for three interceptions. That was a -- it all works together, right? I maybe shouldn't have called that play. If we would have been a little solid in protection it's probably completion for a seven-yard gain to Brashard and here we are third and three. But it's not. It's a pick six, it's 7-0. So that's where he's going to have to learn to potentially get a little more depth, either eat that ball. Not let it sail on him when a guy's in his face. That's easy to say, hard to do. But it wasn't like it was a clean pocket and he just threw the ball up for grabs or something.



On the second one, that's one that probably he wants back the most. We scrambled, he fleshed. He had LJ, probably waited a little too long to throw it. When he did, he just short-armed it. He didn't get it over the backer and threw it right to him and then we did a poor job as a team getting him tackled.

And then the third one I think should go to me. We had a run play with a slant. We've repped it a lot. They did a nice job blitzing off the edge. I got to get him more opportunities to see all the various looks they can give. You'd like to just hand that ball off and you're probably going to get -- I mean, we had it blocked up decent, but he tries to pull it and throw it and the guy jumps up and made a great play. That's the one they made a great play on, but it cost us because we were in the red zone. So, that's what happened on all three of them.

Q. Mike Craven, (indiscernible). For a long time this program was defined by the death penalty. What do you think this season has done to kind of redefine SMU football?

RHETT LASHLEE: I hope it gives you guys something else to write about. And nothing disrespectful to anybody here, you should have been writing about it. We've been revived. That's over. That chapter is closed. We've moved on. It's a part of our past in history just like everybody's got parts of their past in history, but that's what I mean by this team raised the standard and the expectations for SMU football. They made our entire school prude. They made our entire city proud. We got Tim in here, I see him over here like we've got guys recognizing what they did. Look, if we played the way we did in the second quarter today and throw -- if you throw two pick sixes, a pick in the endzone, or, I'm sorry, in the red zone and do some of the things we did, we would have lost to every single team on our conference schedule probably. You know, we somehow miraculously won one doing that. We didn't do that stuff all year, so it's going to be unfortunate that it happened on this stage in this moment, so it has a different feel, but we've proven we belong. We've proven we can play with the big programs in America, and, you know, we've gotten back to the national stage and we've proven we have a long way to go if we want to get to a National Championship again, but hopefully this is a way to close that chapter on that part of our history and say, okay, SMU is back and back in the standard of we're on the national stage, we're playing with the power coverage schools. We're competing and winning with power coverage schools. Now we have to see can we sustain it? Now we have to see can we take out even further over time?

I think if you would have told anybody going into year one in the ACC that we would go undefeated in conference and play for a championship and be in the College Football Playoff, probably people wouldn't have believed you or said that's a heck of a year, so hopefully the more distance we get from this moment, that's what's remembered and we're disappointed we didn't finish today the way we wanted to, but we'll be back.

Q. Billy Embody with On The pony Express. Two-parter for you. Can you talk about the seniors and that group a little bit and overall this season to have that type of a leadership group, just kind of your initial thoughts on what their legacy is for the season the last couple of years.

RHETT LASHLEE: I don't know, I think it's going to be hard to define their legacy. I think their legacy has a lot to do with what I just answered with Mike's question is closing that chapter and starting to write new chapters here at SMU. I don't think I'm going to get emotional. I think I'm good. It's a special senior class. They've won 22 games in the last two years, they played in back-to-back conference championship games. They made the first ever College Football Playoffs. I think they're a special group and we're going to miss a lot of their ability, don't get me wrong, but we're going to miss a lot of their intangibles: Their leadership, the things they brought to the table. They have revived an entire fan base and program and school for what can be here at SMU. To me, that's their legacy, is they have put us back on this stage in a way that is respectable and where we can have high expectations for ourself and so, you know, and like I said before, in some areas, we didn't -- we had good players and we got some guys who just played their last game, they're going to get drafted in the NFL this year and some that aren't going to get drafted but are going to make teams and some that whether they played in NFL or they do for a short amount of time are going to go on and impact this world in a really positive way just because of who they are and what they learned.

So we have really good players, but make no mistake, this team won because they were a team. I've said that a lot. We had some really good -- we doesn't have an Abdul Carter, you know what I mean? But we played some guys like that throughout the course of the year, not today, but really good teams with really good players and beaten them because they've proven to me because the team model still works in this world of NIL, transfer, all those things, it's still the greatest team sport out there.

MODERATOR: Got time for about three more.

Q. Coach, Mike with The Arbarker and the Sports Now

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Network. You mentioned the debate that's raging on right now on whether you should have got in the playoff, etc., because of this showing. Do you have any response to that debate beyond what you already said and any concern based on this result, even Indiana's result that the committee may have different thoughts about putting in non-blue bloods to avoid blowout situations, things like that?

RHETT LASHLEE: Yeah, I don't know. I don't. Not right now. Like I said, we earned the right to be in. It's unfortunate that, you know, a bad game is going to maybe make it feel like maybe that's not the case. I can't control the debate. I can't control what people are going to say. We got in. Today we got beat. We got beat soundly by a very good team. Next year's going to be a whole new year, you know. Yeah, maybe in the future if we're on the edge we may not get the nod because of how we performed today so it's our job to do what we should have done a week ago and one the championship and get a bye and be setting in Arizona right now. We didn't do that. So I don't know. There's a lot of things that need to be reformed. I don't know if I'm ready to weigh in on the committee. Like I said, they got a hard job. I do think the playoff is good for college football. Whether you have results like last night and this one a little bit at times or not, it's still good. You got more teams that get in. It's all the first year of doing it, so I don't have a whole lot more to say other than I wish we would have played better because I think our body of work shows we're a better team than how we performed today. Now, whether we would have won the game or not, I don't know, but if you take three of the four quarters, that game's 17-10 and that's with a pick six, you know what I mean? So unfortunately the second quarter exited, so.

Q. Steve, SB Nation. Hi, Rhett. With the way your offense moved the ball and how well you played with leads all year, do you feel like this game has a completely different complexion or maybe confidence in your players if you convert that fourth and one and just see the 7-0 on the scoreboard?

RHETT LASHLEE: Who knows what would have happened, but yeah. What's weird is we've been one of the best teams this year in the first quarter in America, one of the best fast-starting teams. In our last two games we didn't do that. Now, we were able to recover from the last one. Yeah, it's fourth and half a yard. If Kevin just keeps it and runs for six, it's a first down. I don't know what happens. Or, again, he didn't make a bad decision, because he can run for a first down or throw for a touch down you know, we just got to make the throw and catch and Matt was open and if we go up 7-0 there, I think you say how our defense played, who knows. This was a tough match-up the way they can rush the passer. You get

behind the way we did, you know, you have to be able to stay balanced. You have to be able to run it and throw it and not be in must-pass situations and when you get to that point where you're down 21-0 or more, it's really hard in this environment against that defense. So, yeah, it may have had a great bearing on the game, but guess what, we had the opportunity to do that and didn't do it so we have no one to blame but ourselves on that.

MODERATOR: Final two questions up front.

Q. Rhett, Chris. Kind of piggybacking off that, when it's 21-0, even 28-0, a couple of plays you guys may be in the lead if it goes the other way. How frustrating was that in the moment?

RHETT LASHLEE: I'm glad you said that because that's what's frustrating. People are going to see the scoreboard, that's it, 38-10, or they're going to see the halftime score and some of those things and say things like, well, they shouldn't have been in. They don't belong. But to your point, it was 14-0. We had two pick sixes and some other things we just talked about the fourth and one. We had our opportunities. We don't have anybody to blame but ourselves. We had our opportunities to make it the game it should have been, which to me was going to be a really good defensive struggle that someone in the low 20s won and we didn't do that. We didn't do that because offensively, not only did we turn the ball over, we turned the ball over and let them get on the scoreboard and I don't know what the final number is because I haven't been able to see the stats if they were 21 or 24 points off turnovers but that's a lot.

Q. Yeah, Rhett. Tim Cowlshaw, Dallas Morning News. You mentioned you could have scored on the first drive, almost did on the pass. As the game went along, were you wondering where that execution, where that offense went or do you just give Penn State credit for keeping you to three points for almost the entire game.

Q. Yeah, we had that drive and then the next couple drives were the two pick sixes and that kind of shell shocks you a little bit, and so that put us behind it and we didn't really recover well in the first half. In the second half, we did. We went out and I think our first two drives we drove inside the five. Like I said, we didn't finish those drives, so, yeah, you give them credit. We needed to be able to play with tempo and play with balance. The few drives we did that, we moved the football. Statistically the game's not that lop-sided but those three and ones and the way those turnovers went, it had a huge impact on how the game ended up unfolding. Like I said, when we got behind

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the way we did, it made it hard for us to play the way we needed to to hang in this kind of game and play good team football. It just did and credit to them for making those plays and like I said, we have no one to blame but us for allowing it to go down that way.

MODERATOR: Coach Lashlee, thank you for your time.

RHETT LASHLEE: Thanks, everybody. Appreciate you.

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SCOTT SYMONS: Execute at a high level at third down, give us a chance to win. Obviously, you know, put in some tough situations. I thought they were resilient in those, but, yeah, it's, you know, when you look at the stat line overall, it's kind of what you saw. I mean, we had more first downs than they did. We let four or five runs pop that we didn't get lined up. The short yardage, really their drive that -- their drives that got going in the second half minus the short fields what have you were just tempo and us getting lined up in some of those key situations didn't feel like they changed the line of scrimmage. I thought we stood up. I thought we were gassed probably from the first quarter. We were on the field a long time in that first quarter and I think, you know, over the course of the game, that probably wore on us, but, yeah, there were four or five runs, uncharacteristic that we didn't net the football, get them down, whatever that situation was, got tempo, didn't get cleats in the ground but I thought -- you know, I was proud of the resiliency our kids had when our back was against the wall, especially early.

Q. And Casey, can you talk about can you talk about what you kind of hope the offense learns from a game like this and what Kevin can kind of learn, when, obviously, yeah, there's some execution mistakes and what they can take away from this.

CASEY WOODS: Yeah, the number one thing is you can't be reckless with the ball, you know, that obviously put us in a hole, put Scott and the defense in a hole early on. I do think he responded later and he had some throwaways that we talked about at halftime so he was able to, during the course of the game, to adjust some of those things, but you play a good team like Penn State that's going to cost you



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ultimately in those situations. Obviously we got to do a better job finishing in the red zone. I thought we did -- I thought we were aggressive. The game plan was to be aggressive. We knew we wanted to attack. We wanted to try to get things don't. We kind of missed the throw there on the first drive of the game that would have been a -- had a chance to score a touchdown there and we were just trying to be aggressive in those situations, challenged them at halftime, you know, playing such a tough first half. Came back out, very similar, I thought, to what we did at Clemson. Had a 10-play drive and a 13-play drive. They ultimately only resulted in three points, so we got to find ways to finish once we get down there and make sure that we do the things that are necessary. I think as far as, you know, Kevin enters the offseason as the proclaimed starter. He's our guy a and he knows what it looks like to get to this point. Isn't anybody more disappointed than him right now. I know that he's got a short memory, he's done a great job at having that all year long. He's got to come with the -- he's got to bring the maturity on, you know what I mean, and now the team is relying on him to be able to continue to handle and move the ball the way that we need to and it's not a back-up quarterback coming in situation like it was halfway through the season. Now it's your team and we got to go from a seriousness standpoint from that.

But I was really proud of how they responded, honestly, coming out in the second half, and I think we've commented on this. We've been part of games this year where everything you call works and we've been part of games this year where nothing you call works and it's just kind of one of those days for us offensively.

Q. Steve Landsdale, Pony Fans. When you guys go into the locker room on the short end of a 28-point margin, how much of -- in the offensive side, how much of the conversation was schematic adjustment and how much was you and the offensive staff sort of trying to help your guys regroup and restart that second half with a new attitude?

CASEY WOODS: Yeah, I think that's a good question. I think you probably answered it in your question. A lot of it was that, schematically I think that we felt like we had good scheme. We thought we'd run the ball a little better than



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we did. Some of that was execution. Some of it was just missed holes and sometimes they just made plays. They're a good football team. Some of those holes close up faster versus a defense like this than others that you've had. So we felt good schematically going in there. Kevin felt good about what we were asking him to do offensively. We talked about helping with the protections a little bit more. We had been exposed in some empty protections there in the first half, so we tried to do that and you saw us get some throws off down the field including the touchdown the last play of the game, just helping shore up some of those things for him. But other than that, there weren't major schematic adjustments from that. It was getting those guys ready to go. And honestly, it wasn't hard. They were confident. I felt like they couple back out in the second half ready to go and we took the ball and moved it ten plays down the field and couldn't punch it in there. Close, but scored points, did the things that we had to do and when we got the ball back, marched it down there again and just, you know, just misfired. Got the offsides penalty. That was certainly a factor down there in that student section endzone that you have to be able to account for into the future, but now that our guys have had a taste of what this game's like, had a taste of the success of what this thing can be. There weren't a lot of hung heads in the locker room. There was a lot of disappointment. There was a lot of sadness, but there was a lot of confidence, too, that Penn State and ESPN, everybody that watched this didn't get to see the best version of what SMU's offense can be and, but I think that they're confident in what the future of this thing can be.

Q. Casey, Bill Embold with On The Pony Express. With Kevin, the last two games didn't start that well for him, just from a turnover perspective. I know you guys went right down the field that opening drive but now that he is the returning starter, do the conversations change around turnovers maybe as far as preparing him to maybe avoid some of those in a sense?

CASEY WOODS: Yeah, they have to, right? In order for us to be good. He's a guy that has to be able to differentiate between a play that he can make and a play that's not worth trying to make, you know, so sometimes there -- hey, you're late in the game we're pushing down there and we've got -- a play's got to be made in certain situations, then you got to have freedom to be able to play the way you're going to play. On second and ten backed up at your own 20 on the second drive of the game, it ain't worth doing some of the -- you know. So I think being able to differentiate -- some of those just come with the experience of playing the game, right? He's got to be able to get out there and identify certain drives of the game, I understand situational football. That's the next development, I think, in Kevin's game, really embracing

what it is that we got to do third down, score zone, red zone, certain times during the game, when to take hits, when not to take hits. All that's going to -- his growth and development. This year, boy, it started out let's just execute plays. Then it was let him play and get the ball moving around and then we got hot and then it was, you know, kind of just played man from that front situation and he was able to respond a couple different times with our backs against the wall and really did a good job in the second half and leading it down.

But, sure, into the future he's got to have a better situational awareness, day one install of situational awareness is you can't turn the football over and have a chance to succeed and put our defense in bad situations like we did. So certainly that will be eh something we're invested in but really proud of where he got here. He's as disappointed, like I said, as anybody, but I think we got a great opportunity moving into this offseason with him leading us.

MODERATOR: We got time for a couple more.

Q. Scott, Penn State's tight end, Tyler Warren, won the Mackey Award, had some enormous numbers during the course of the year and he got some plays today, obviously, but how did you simulate him in practice and what was your key to, I don't know if you want to say keeping him in check, but not letting him have one of his huge days?

SCOTT SYMONS: No, I mean, you can't simulate him in practice. You know, our Scott team guys tried to give us a look but that's not the same. I think our guys were really clued in to him and like I said, you know, we felt like going into the game, once again, that if we limited explosive plays and were efficient on third down and we were at least even in the battling field position that we would give ourselves a chance to win and we really, like I said, we had the one short yardage touchdown run that popped where we were not lined up. It was they tempoed us, we weren't all on the same page. Got to put us in a better situation to get us lined up in that and that whole drive, basically, was tempo plays that we just weren't cleats in the dirt.

We gave up, the long pass, I believe, was 25 yards, so one explosive pass. I think Warren's long was 15, you know, so our guys practiced well. We felt like once again, felt like obviously if you win the battle of field position and we were efficient on first down, which we were under our goal. We were a little over 50%, I believe. Our goal is 66%. There was one or two calls I wish we had back on third down, but, you know, we had the big fourth down stop, too, there. So it was kind of a tale of I felt like about five plays for us on defense, really, that, you know, you're in tough situations,

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you got to find a way to make every play to give yourself a chance to be in the game. So I thought those guys gave us a good look and our guys were locked in with the game plan and confident, just, you know, didn't execute quite well enough in that type of a game.

MODERATOR: Final question.

Q. For both of you guys, what is this season overall, your initial thoughts on it? What does it mean to you guys to have reached this point? I know it's bittersweet right now, but just the overall trajectory of the program with a season like this?

CASEY WOODS: Um, yeah. I think it's -- I think we raised the bar. Coach Lashlee asked us back in February, we all had T-shirts on that said raise it and I thought we did that. I thought our program as a whole we raised it in recruiting. We raised it in operations. We raised it in equipment and video and coaching and playing and these guys were unafraid and our fans raised it and obviously our program and what they've invested into it raised it. Our administration has raised their level and I think that we that comes raised expectations, which is good. That's what we want, right? That's the cost of doing these things, that you have a chance to do that and we set a school record for attendance so our fans understand what's going on, right? It was amazing to experience a crowd like it was today, right, as a football guy, being able to get out there and be at a place that is such a -- what a unique atmosphere it was, but I think as far as the trajectory of the program, I think we've raised it, right? We set a new standard and our kids have bought into that and they understand that and we've got great leadership and we got great exiting senior leadership that's done a fabulous job here for us the last two years, going to two conference championship games, winning one, winning 22 games, I believe, and we got a new crop of sophomores and juniors that have played a lot of football for us, significant football for us that are going to have to take that leadership torch and lead us forward going.

But I think that they've now had a taste of what it looks like and I think the country's has a taste of what SMU can be and the danger that we can provide to them and the excitement that we can provide and I really look forward to watching Scott develop our defense and watching Kevin develop our offense and, man, I think that the future's bright and we're going to be disappointed today as we should and we're going to go home and get some rest and recruit and get back to work, but if we can sit and take measure of this season, then we're going to try to do that in the next couple hours:

MODERATOR: Coach Woods, Coach Symons, thank you

for your time.

SCOTT SYMONS: Appreciate it.

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MODERATOR: All right, everyone. Once again, please raise your hand if you have any questions. We're going to begin with Elijah Roberts, Kevin Jennings, and Roderick Daniels Jr. So please, once again, raise your hand if you have a question and we'll be providing you with a microphone. We'll start on the left-hand side.

Q. Hey, Kevin. Jeff with Fox Dallas. How can you bounce back from and use this performance as a positive as you look forward to next year and I saw when you walked off the field you had a big embrace with Coach Lashlee. What did he say to you in that moment?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, he just told me, I mean, we got to move on from this, games like that. It can't happen, so just move on from it and learn from your mistakes and the things you did bad today. So things I can learn on and things like that, just being better with the ball, going on and just, yeah, that's about it, really.

Q. Kevin, 106,000 people in the building today. How did you prepare for dealing with the crowd, that environment, and how do you feel that you dealt with it and the impact they played?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, we prepared all week at practice, the two weeks we had to practice and prepare for it, so we were really all right with the sound, but, you know, it was a big impact for sure, though, and they showed out and came out there and just, you know, kind of disturbed our offense a little bit.

Q. This one's -- Bill Embody, On The Pony Express.



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This one is for Rod. Not the way you want to have your SMU career end, but can you put into words what this season has meant to you as a guy from Dallas and just going on this written to the playoff?

RODERICK DANIELS JR.: It was a fun journey being from Dallas and playing in the College Football Playoffs the first year with the 12 team playoffs and I was basically blessed to be able to do it with these guys up here and everything we did this season, I'm going to remember this year for a very long time, one of my favorite years of my life and just move on and hope my boy Kevin keeps doing what he's doing next year.

Q. Mike Austy with Yardbarker and Sports Now Network. Kevin, in terms of the interceptions, if you could kind of walk us through any of them on what unfolded, what do you think, what were you seeing? Coach actually mentioned on the third one that he felt was on him. How would you characterize those picks and kind of what happened?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, none of them was definitely on him. I mean, I had the ball in my hands. He didn't have the ball in my hands. I mean, I made mistakes three times and just gave the defense the ball making careless mistakes and, yeah, just not being protective with the ball, and, yeah, that's really it.

Q. Steve, SB Nation. Elijah, how did that defensive start forcing two punts, getting those two fourth down stops kind of really energize your unit and kind of keep you guys in that game for a bit?

ELIJAH ROBERTS: Yeah, it was good to get a good start like that. We wish we could have taken the ball away a little bit more often early on in the beginning, you know, help put our offense in better positions, but, you know, I felt like defense came out ready to play. We were ready to have the game and at the beginning of the game, you were able to do see that a little bit.

Q. Kevin, Chris from The Athletic. The first drive, the fourth down, you believe run it, you can throw it. You had a guy there. What did you see on that play and do you feel like missing that play kind of got stuck with



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you a little bit and led to further struggles?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, I mean, saw a guy wide open, missed the pass and just got live with it from there. I mean, tried to bounce back from it. That didn't really play a major effect in it but just tried to bounce back from it and, yeah.

Q. Travis Johnson with The Associated Press. Guys, Coach Lashlee was just in here and said he thinks that you guys have set up a new chapter for SMU football, one that doesn't always necessarily start with the death penalty. Do you believe that that's true and in what ways do you think your success this year set you up for the future? This program, potentially. The guys who will come after you?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, I think it set the bar a lot coming in, you know, teams not planning for us to do nothing throughout the year. I mean, we came in and we showcased what we can do throughout the year and we set the bar for ourself for next year and that's all we did.

Q. Jacob Richman, Lone Star Live. Elijah, what do you hope people will remember about this team and about this defense when they look back at it?

ELIJAH ROBERTS: I want people to just remember how much fun we had on the field together, like, I honestly know that watching us, offense, defense, that we look like we're having so much fun. From the beginning of the season all the way up until the last second we just played. I just want people to understand how hard we played, how much we really, like, love this game and put our time into this. We have a team that's very dedicated, all the way from the coaching staff to the even the media people here. It's just -- we have such a great staff and like you said before, our program is going to be in a good place in the next few years for sure.

Q. All season we've asked you guys about what different games said in terms of a statement for the growth of this program and obviously you guys are sitting here after a game you didn't get the result you wanted, but when you think about this season, maybe for Elijah and Roderick, what does this season say about the group that Kevin is bringing back next year and what SMU can be?

RODERICK DANIELS JR.: I would say he brought us here already, so he already knows what it's like when he does come back next year and he'll be able to lead those guys. He's a great leader and I know they're going to be in good hands when they're with Kevin next year so he knows what he's doing and they're going to be all right.

ELIJAH ROBERTS: Yeah, like Junior said, it's hard not to love SMU now. Just on the outside looking in, I know today didn't go as planned but if you're a recruit, if you're a transfer or something like that and you really want to have a special place to come play, like why not here? We're just on the rise right now. Kevin will be back. We got a lot of guys coming back on the team, so SMU will be good for sure.

Q. And Elijah, the ride for you to come in as kind of a tweener two years ago and to then emerge as one of the better defensive players in college football, what's your ride been like and just what are your emotions right now?

ELIJAH ROBERTS: Yeah, I told all the coaches after the game, man, thank you guys for trusting in me and bringing me here. I was in the portal. I didn't really have a lot of options. I did, like, here and there but it was just to be a backup. Like teams would tell me, hey, we'll bring you in but you're going to be a backup. Just having that, like, opportunity here. I thanked every coach, every person who I shook hands with, thank you for the opportunity. Thank you for help, being in this chapter of my life and thank you for changing my life, you know. I really appreciate this program forever, man, and this has honestly been the greatest two years I've had playing football. Ever.

Q. Joey, Lone Star Live. Kevin, you mentioned learning from this game. What would you say you did learn and then where do you want to grow for next season?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, just learned a lot, just, of course, not being careless with the ball, trusting my teammates to make plays and not for me to do everything on the field and just trusting my teammates and I'm going to carry on for sure and we're going to bounce back from this and just learn from the mistakes we had today.

Q. Kevin, Mike with the Yardbarker and Sports Now again. What does it mean for you in this climate of college football in the portal and everything and teams changing every year for after a game like that, Coach already today said you're starter next year. You're going in starter next year. What does that mean for you? Because a lot of coaches around the country despite your body of work this year, would not have said that, would have made you maybe compete again or would try to go in the portal and get somebody else to get to another level, but they're sticking with you right now?



KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, it definitely means a lot just having the coaching staff having that much trust in me to say that, like you said, it's rare to come across that, transfer portals, high school kids coming in, things like that, it's rare for that to happen and I want to thank the coaching staff for that and all the trust they have in me.

Q. Hey, Kevin. Jeff with Fox Dallas. I know we asked you a couple times now about how you bounce back from this, but how do you actually do it? How hard do you take this game in this moment and how do you not let that fester and carry over into next year?

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, it's definitely going to start in the offseason, you know, just what we put in day by day and just going to work and putting our heads down and putting this game behind us. So offseason, fall camp, spring, all of that stuff is going to matter a lot just to put this behind us and to come out next year swinging.

Q. Coach Lashlee was quick to say that the weather didn't impact the outcome because obviously both sides had to play in it, but, Kevin, how hard was it just to throw the ball in these kind of conditions? And for the rest of you, did the conditions impact any part of your game even though it impacted Penn State as well, did it impact the way you guys were able to perform?

ELIJAH ROBERTS: I don't think so. I know as far as us up front, the D-linemen, kind of getting that first pop and that first strike, your hands kind of got to get a little adjusted but honestly, everybody was just so ready to play, I don't think it affected us at all.

KEVIN JENNINGS: Yeah, I don't think the weather did nothing to us at all, just had a terrible game. I had a terrible game. Yeah, that's it.

MODERATOR: All right. Elijah, Kevin, and Roderick, thank you for your time.

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SMU Mustangs

Kobe Wilson

Matthew Hibner

Postgame Press Conference

Penn State 38, SMU 10

MODERATOR: All right, everyone. Welcome back to the Beaver Stadium media room. We are joined by number 24, Kobe Wilson, and number 88, Matthew Hibner. Please do raise your hand if you have any questions. A microphone will be brought to you, remember to state your name and the outlet you represent before asking your question. Start in the front row.

Q. Steven Landsdale, Pony Fans. As transfers from Temple and Michigan, you guys at least had played in weather like this before. Did you talk to any of your teammates about how to block out the conditions or handle them and deal with what you're facing today?

MATTHEW HIBNER: Yeah, I mean, for the most part, it's really just the mentality. I mean, there's little things you can do as far as latex gloves under the gloves, things like that, but it wasn't raining. It wasn't snowing. It wasn't anything crazy. It was partly cloudy most of the day. Once you get out on the field and you start playing, it just feels like every other game. For me, at least, the weather's never really been a factor and I think most of the team felt pretty much the same way.

Q. Kobe, just what are your thoughts on your career just coming from kind of a late addition from Temple and coming into this program and emerging as not only a leader, but one of the best players on the defense and just how do you kind of bounce between that and just the ride coming to an end?

KOBE WILSON: Um, I just think that growth has been a big portion of my career, so me growing as a player as well as a man, every year has been progression for me and the coaching staff has played a big part in that by developing me as a player and a man and I felt like that shows a lot



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about SMU and the culture they set because I wasn't -- like I wasn't starting at Temple. When I got to SMU, I got the starting role and then I started producing and that's not because of me, but because they put me through that developmental stage and they got me better to where I am today, so I just felt like growth has been tremendous throughout these years.

Q. Matt, Chris from The Athletic. The first couple of drives, the fourth down play, the pick sixes, how frustrating was that as an offense that you guys are kind of moving the ball and not finishing drives and getting it down and actually giving up points.

MATTHEW HIBNER: Yeah, definitely frustrating. We know who we are as an offense and we didn't display who we were as an offense today and we all know that. Everybody made mistakes, everybody could have played better. It'll be fun to go back and watch the film and learn from it all, but, you know, it is disheartening that we came out and started a little bit slow. Did the same thing against Clemson. It'll be something to reflect on and really evaluate how we can be really intentional about fixing that issue in the future.

Q. Jacob Richman, Lone Star Live. For both of you, what do you hope that people will remember about this team for years to come when they look back on what you guys did this year?

KOBE WILSON: I just hope they remember how hard we played on that field and, like, we never gave up. That first half was like 28-0, but then they only ended up scoring ten points and we scored ten points so just how hard we played on that field from game one to this game and how much we love each other and how great this coaching staff has done with us. I hope they just remember that and the culture that we brought back to SMU. I felt like we brought that swagger back here and now more people are going to want to come here rather than the Baylor, the TCUs, the whatever, so we just hope that people take that into account and they just keep supporting us and keep loving on us.

Q. You mentioned the 28-point margin at halftime, but like Coach Lashlee was saying, a lot of what happened



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in the first half was self-inflicted. I wonder if you could share at all anything about the conversations in the locker room as you guys tried to regroup and gather yourselves for the second eh half.

MATTHEW HIBNER: Yeah, I mean, even at half, it wasn't necessarily about making adjustments. I mean, Penn State's obviously a great defense, and they were able to make things harder for us and, you know, sort of putting us in situations where turning the ball over was more likely to happen, but at the end of the day, we just needed to get back to, you know, just the fundamentals of football, running through our plays, doing it, executing better. I felt like we did that to an extent. It just should have came out and did it in the first half.

MODERATOR: Anymore questions for our student-athletes? Kobe and Matthew, thank you for our time. Members of the media, thank you for your attendance today. Please travel home safely.

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JAMES FRANKLIN: Like always I want to thank you guys for covering Penn State football. We appreciate that, and we don't take it for granted. I don't just come in and say that each week. I mean it.

I want to thank the fans. It was phenomenal. The environment was phenomenal. The turnout was unbelievable. We have the second largest stadium in college football, fourth largest stadium in the world, and 99 percent of the stadium was filled up with our fans, and it made a huge difference.

A lot of the other games had some built-in advantages in terms of the distance between the two teams. So the fact that we filled that thing up with 106,000 fans, predominantly all of ours, is significant. I don't want that to come off the wrong way. I've got a ton of respect for SMU. I've got a ton of respect for Coach lash Lee. But it was impactful today, and it's really like that all the time. From the spring game with 75,000-plus all the way through this season, we get tremendous support, and we don't take that for granted.

So fans, alumni, lettermen, the community, phenomenal. Again, we don't take that for granted.

Just so I don't forget this at the end, our women's volleyball program and Katie, they're playing for the championship tomorrow. Wish them all the luck in the world. They've had an unbelievable season obviously, and that game that they played where they were down by two and came back three sets was just crazy.

I think that's one of the special things about being at Penn State, there's so many sports and so many coaches that are thriving. A big part that have is our leadership with Pat Kraft and Neeli Bendapudi, so we don't take that for granted whatsoever. But we'll be screaming and hollering,



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and watching and supporting Katie and our women's volleyball program.

Kind of summarizing the game, maybe the best performance on the defensive side of the ball that I've seen in a half. You talk about three interceptions, two for touchdowns, that's why you recruit linebackers that play running back. That was phenomenal. Took a little bit of time for our offense to get going, but obviously once we did, did some great things. Specifically, got the run game going, which was important for us.

12 wins in a season for the fourth time in school history, joining the 1973, 1986, and 1994 teams. 33 wins over the last three seasons, second time in program history. Last time that was done is 1971 to 1973. So a ton of cool stuff to be proud of.

You look at the stats that we focus on, the takeaway battle was big, three turnovers to one. Explosive play battle, we won that. Third down battle, we won that. We tied the sack battle. The penalty battle, we won. That's a whole nother conversation. Then the middle eight, we won the middle eight.

A ton of cool stuff. I can go on and on and on, but we got a team win led from our defense in the beginning of the game, but at the end of the game, it was a team win: Offense, defense, and special teams.

Look forward to answering your questions, and once again I appreciate the coverage you've given us all year.

Q. What is it about Dom DeLuca, who seems to have a knack of stepping up at the appropriate time. Is that something that you saw in him when you recruited him?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Dom is just -- he's a baller. You talk about a guy who was Pennsylvania Player of the Year, won a state championship on a torn ACL, gray shirted to be able to come here, came as a walk-on, earned a scholarship.

What a shame that there may not be more stories like this in college football with the 105 rule. Dom DeLuca may not



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happen at Penn State. I love Dom and Mom and Dad. I think he's a tremendous example for all of our players on the team.

He's got a smile on his face. He's appreciative. He works his tail off, trusted us when we talked about the positions that we wanted to play him, and whatever role we've asked him to do, he's done it 100 miles an hour.

There's a ton of changes in college football, but this is one of these that I'm struggling with because there's been so many special stories over the years of walk-ons. Whether they've earned a scholarship or not, they've been just such a significant part of the game and our history. It breaks my heart a little bit that maybe Dom isn't here if these rules were in place.

Just a tremendous young man. He's a captain. He's awesome. He's awesome.

Q. I also wanted to ask about Dom. I believe after he had surgery on his knee in high school, he called you very emotional. You told him he'd be back bigger, stronger, better than ever. What does it mean for you now to watch him have this kind of moment on this stage?

JAMES FRANKLIN: It's awesome, right? We talk about the journey a lot in our program, and everybody's journey's different, everybody's race is different. You've got to run your race and maximize the opportunities that you get. I think he's a great example of that.

I think it's obviously also the medical team that we have here. This isn't the old days. You can come back from these things better than ever before. Wayne Sebastianelli does a great job for our student-athletes. I think Dom is a great example of that.

I love the guys in that locker room. I said it to them in there, and I'll say it again. One of the -- in my opinion, one of the few places left where it's a real college football program in there. It's a real college football program in there and a college football program that everybody should be proud of because those guys are doing it the right way. And at a time where it's more challenging than it's ever been.

These guys put the team first, they put their teammates first, they sacrifice. A lot of distractions right now, and these guys could have played for Penn State in the '90s, the '80s, the '70s, and the '60s. No disrespect to the '50s, but they could have played there too. Just I'm proud to be their head football coach.

Q. On your first defensive series, there seemed to be some miscommunication and some emotions running pretty high. What flipped that you guys were able to kind of rebound from that and then just play so dominantly the rest of the way?

JAMES FRANKLIN: First of all, they're good. They're very, very good on offense. I don't know if he is or not, but that quarterback, I think he's related to Lamar Jackson, like that's how he plays, that's how we felt about him on film. He is a dynamic, scary athlete.

Combine that with the tempo that they were going. They were going extremely fast. One of the things that I think happens sometimes that I don't think necessarily people understand is different conferences, how quickly they spot the ball, the tempo of the game, it's different. That's why when you get to these bowl games and things like that, they can be very, very different in how the game is managed. I don't mean that as a knock on anybody. I'm just telling you it was fast today.

The combination of them and how they run their offense and what they do, did a great job, and we need to get settled down. We didn't face that a whole lot this year. We tried to simulate in practice by going good-on-good, but it's one thing to go six plays doing it. It's another thing to do it against that type of team who does it for a living, and obviously their head coach does a phenomenal job with it, and that's his reputation.

We just had to get the guys settled down, get their cleats in the ground, get the calls in, execute the calls. Then once we did that -- I thought although we didn't get him on the ground as many times as I think we could have, we impacted him dramatically.

I thought like even the one that Smith Vilbert had where he didn't make the sack, but he kept contained. He did not allow the guy to get outside, kept him in the pocket. He just kept running around, running around. Those things were huge. Our pass rush lanes were disciplined and productive today, and we needed that against one of the more dynamic quarterbacks in the country.

Q. You just mentioned the other generations of Penn State players that have come before.

JAMES FRANKLIN: And the Generations of Greatness Uniform.

Q. When it comes to making history at a place like Penn State, it's so difficult. You just got your 100th win. I think, when you think about the magnitude of this moment for pushing this program forward -- can



you comment on how big getting your first win in the College Football Playoff is for this program, where you guys are in the recruiting battles, college football in general, the emotion of something like this. This team clearly makes you emotional.

JAMES FRANKLIN: I can remember in training camp just talking to the guys that I wanted these type of moments for them. I want them to experience what it's like to win a Big Ten Championship and play in that type of game and in that stadium and in that environment.

Obviously talk about -- battling like everybody in the country to try to either get a bye in week 1 or a home game, we were able to do that. To watch Sal leaving the field today like he was taking the moment in. It was his last game at Beaver Stadium. He's played here for 9, 10, 11 years, however long he's been here, and he didn't want to leave the field. Not an emotional guy, he's emotional. It's emotional for all of us.

A lot of college coaches I saw this week talking about, this is a four-game season. It's not. It's a one-game season with an average of 65 plays on offense, 65 plays on defense, and 20 plays on special teams, and how you value those reps and how you prepare for those reps would give you an opportunity to play again. We're in a one-game season, and we just extended our season one more game, 65 more plays.

I think we've got ten days or whatever it may be, and every one of them is like gold. Not only that, I also want them to get some time with their families for Christmas. You're trying to balance all of those things. These guys are going through it for like -- the freshmen for the first time, but even for the vets. Depending on what bowl game we played in, depending on the time of the year, another New Year's Six game, we played in a bunch of them.

Dramatic pause just so everybody can take that in. We played in a bunch of them. My family, we're used to spending Christmas in hotels. Not everybody is.

We've got to do whatever we've got to do to put ourselves in the best position to win this game, but I also want to be respectful and thoughtful of these guys' families and the holidays as well, and we've got a good plan for that.

I appreciate you bringing up the 100 wins and all that kind of stuff, but to me, I'm at a point in my career it's all about the players. It's all about the players, the staff. It's cool Terry Smith has been there for every single one of them. Chuck Losey, every single one of them. So cool.

Q. Fourth and one from your 19 --

JAMES FRANKLIN: Kevin Threlkel, Andy Frank, every single one of them. Shocker, this guy (indicating). Is anybody shocked by this?

Q. What effect do you think that had that you were able to defend that afterwards?

JAMES FRANKLIN: We fumbled the snap. That's why we didn't pick that up. But that was huge, right? I told the guys we were going to call the game aggressively on offense, defense, and special teams. I wanted them to play aggressively. I wanted Tom Allen and Andy Kotelnicki and Justin Lustig to call the game aggressively. Don't play on your heels, play on your toes.

So we get fourth and one, I can't say that all week long and then not do it. When you pick it up, it's a great call. When you don't pick it up, it's a bad call. I bet you were tweeting your tail off up there.

But the guys had the decisions back, and we were able to get it done. Obviously huge plays in the game. We've got to be able to pick up fourth and one, and I'd call it again. I'd call it again.

Q. Kaytron and Nick both over six yards a carry again. Do you feel collectively combined they are playing their most effective football of the 2024 season? If that's the case or even just about the case, what does that do for you that they're peaking at this point entering the playoffs?

JAMES FRANKLIN: Took us a little time to get going on offense, specifically in the run game, but then we got it going. Those two guys are fast, they're big, they're both 220-pound backs, and they're violent.

That one run where Nick scored a touchdown, I don't know if you guys heard it, but it was violent. And he came off, and I said, that was a violent run, and he screamed at me and used some words that I can't use in this setting, and he said, I'm a violent -- man.

(Laughter).

I kind of agreed with him and then backed up. But they're playing behind an offensive line that takes a ton of pride in doing their jobs for them. So it's cool. I love to see all these guys get opportunities to make plays and to win and to have success because they work so hard.

You guys know, this is a grind. We have turned college football into a grind. Used to talk about the difference between college and the NFL, it's essentially the same

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now. It's a grind on the coaches. It's a grind on the players. It's a grind on the staff. It's a grind on the wives and the kids.

So to see them have success is to me what it's all about.

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Q. Can you describe Dom DeLuca's knack for making plays at the right time. He's done it throughout his career. How have you seen that in your season here?

TOM ALLEN: What a testament to his grit and toughness in earning walk-on and earning a scholarship and becoming a really, really good player for us. You talked about the savviness. He's one of the smartest players I've ever coached. He spent so much time studying, preparing. He anticipates really, really well.

Obviously a huge, huge takeaway, two picks and one for a touchdown, that were just so monumental today. I just think you stay in the game, which he does. He has great awareness and just the ability to, like I said, anticipate. I think the film study helps with that.

More than anything, he's a gifted player, he really is. He's a guy that has come up big for us. He's been so consistent each and every week. I'm just so proud of him. He deserves all the credit he gets.

Q. Andy, you guys ran for 189 yards today, three touchdowns, Nick and Kaytron both had 6.4 yards per carry against one of the best rush defenses in the country. Why did that work so well for you guys today?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: We talked a lot in the past about their abilities and how hard they run and the way they've been complementing each other so well in the front on the run game. It starts up front.

I think James probably had commented in here these games, this kind of weather, you need to win up front. We need to have great O-line and D-line play. That's how



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we're going to continue to advance.

I think we did a great job blocking it. It wasn't always perfect, but as we started getting into the second quarter, and you can see those runs started to get a little bit bigger. We kind of talked at halftime, hey, listen, we're going to go in the second half here, and we're going to lean on them. If you're running the ball well, gains of two and three in the first quarter turn into gains of four, five, and six in the second and they turn into gains of 10 to 12 in the third and fourth, and that's kind of what happened. I was very pleased with that.

Q. When you decide to go for it on fourth and one at the 22 or whatever it was, what kind of message do you think that sends the offense? Then when you don't get it and the defense comes up with that sort of play, how big is that in the course of a game?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: Yeah, that's awesome. I think James talks all the time about playing complementary football. We've got to have each other's backs in this situation.

We talk about playing to win as opposed to playing not to lose. Those mentalities are two totally different. James meant to call the goal for it and make the call, doesn't work, sometimes it doesn't work. But then to turn around and have the defense get a critical stop to swing the momentum back, that's a huge deal. That's what complementary football is.

To answer your question, it's the mentality of playing to win. Let's not play on our heels. Let's not play reactive football. Knowing that when there is adversity, a championship football team is going to respond, really in any of the phases of the game.

Q. Dom DeLuca is the one that sealed the deal with those two interceptions, but what did it take for the secondary and even the front seven to kind of put it all together to confuse and help create those opportunities for interceptions?

TOM ALLEN: Total team effort. Just so proud of our guys. We challenged them this week to be the reason why. We



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knew this was going to be a game where the tempo is challenging, and they've given lots of people trouble. They've run the ball really well and thrown the ball really well. Score a lot of points.

They've got a lot of talented players, especially in the skill positions. The quarterback is tough to deal with. It started up front, the coaches said it. We challenged our D-line the whole week leading up to it, our linebackers to stop the run, and then pressure the quarterback. He's one of those guys, when you pressure him, you've got to be careful, what you get when you pressure him. It was about leveraging him and also leveraging him with layers.

If you don't have any layers, you're going to make that first guy miss most of the time. So proud of our D-line, got a few sacks, but constant pressure. And the secondary had to be able to do disguise and get some different looks, play some man, play some zone. Then you do that with tempo, it can be challenging. Somebody's got to get their cleats on the ground.

Just a collective effort all three levels. Just really proud of our guys. Just feel really blessed and very thankful.

Q. I know it will get a little overshadowed, but Grunk finally made his debut today, an interception on the first pass, but he came back with a completion. How do you feel he handled the moment, and how much comfort do you have in him moving forward?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: I think he handled the moment fine. There was no adaptation of what was being called. He was prepared all week to go into the game, like we would expect.

I think any time that you're the backup quarterback or the third string quarterback, you need to prepare like you're the starter, and I think he does that. I thought he went in and handled it well. You probably want that throw to be a little more on the body or handed off, but it happens.

So you go back out there, you get it out of the way, and you respond to adversity. It's a little bit about what I said before. It is football, this is playoff football, so it ain't going to go perfect, the whole game. You're going to have to respond to when things aren't going well. What he did in that to allow us to go out there and chew some more time up off the clock, it kind of really exemplifies kind of how today went, I thought.

Q. I was going to ask you about the other Penn State quarterback, Drew. Good defense you went up against today, conditions probably weren't optimum to throw the ball. How did you see him play today? It looked

like it maybe took him a little bit of time to get going. How would you evaluate Drew?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: Without watching film, and I didn't see statistically how it was, but in the second half we joked, I don't know if I hardly called a pass in the third quarter when he was out there. I think that one drive we ran the ball all the way down the field, which is awesome, and that's what you want to be able to do in a game like that.

So yes, weather conditions aren't great. They're not optimal, they're ripping around. It's playoff football. That's the way it is. There's no excuses to not really execute in any capacity. I will tell you one thing that's not going to show up in the stats is how many times he is our leader and the straw that stirs the drink how many times he puts us in the right play.

We had a lot of run checks in the game plan. For him to put us in the right play and get us in situation that's favorable that allow our guys to execute, that's a big part of being a quarterback as well.

Q. You mentioned playing not to lose, and James told us that all week he wanted you to guys to call the game aggressively. What does that mean for you to kind of have that opportunity, and was there any surprise or hesitation on that fourth and one when he's telling you, hey, we're going for this?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: No, zero. He was totally on the board with go for it, okay. It was that simple.

He communicates frequently throughout the drives of what he's thinking and when he thinks we might be able to go for it or not. That's something we practice daily honestly through practice and what we're doing and our game management meeting. So there was no surprise or hesitation or no, oh, oh, oh. There was none of that, no hesitation.

You could see our kids too, whatever, here we go. Another play, another opportunity.

Q. For both of you, just what you can say about the ride to get to where you are. You heard Coach Franklin talk about how this is a family and how they've worked together throughout this entire season, and they could play in any decade of Penn State football. What could you say being a part of this family and riding to this point right now and having a historic win in the College Football Playoff?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: I think -- you could get really deep in the answer here. First, to speak of the tradition of this



place, to have football as long as this place has had it, to have this stadium the way it is, and to do something that's never been done here, that's pretty frickin' rare, and it's pretty cool to be a part of it.

The comment that he made about being part of a family, that's totally true. Honestly, I feel like just a spoke in the flywheel that he's created here. The offensive coordinator is an important position, but he doesn't get enough credit for what he's done here consistently, honestly, and I feel like I'm just a spoke in that process.

I'm blessed to be a part of it. I'm having a ton of fun, but it's an unbelievable experience. All those things he talked about, they're real. It's a family. The guys love each other. They're playing for each other. We've had a ton of gritty wins this year. We've dealt with adversity and respond the right way. That's what being a competitor is about, and he deserves a ton of credit for creating this program.

TOM ALLEN: I would just say that just really blessed. A lot of emotions. Coach and I coached at the small college level, worked our way up through. It's been a long journey to get to a place like this in our roles, and just really grateful for Coach Franklin giving us this opportunity, both of us. I know we both feel the same way. We've talked about this quite a bit.

Just appreciate his leadership. So many great staff, people around us that work so hard, the players. I've been so impressed with just the work ethic of the kids and how much we demand of them and how much they give us. Over and over in the season. It's already been a long season, and they just keep showing up and working.

It takes a lot of people, and winning is hard. It's just been -- yeah, a lot of thanks to it. I feel really, really blessed to be here. Very thankful to be here. There's been a lot of lessons along the way, and I think this team has really kind of been forged by a lot of adversity during games. We've had to come from behind. We've had to be able to -- both sides of the ball or special teams have had to come up and make a big play that we're game changing. Very complementary football.

Each phase has to have -- when they have their opportunity, they've got to step up, and they have at different times. That's what makes it special. Really excited about where we are, but it's 1-0 mindset, and we've just got to continue to learn from the things each week like we did the last time we played and just keep getting better, and I appreciate it. We are.

Q. To follow on that, for both of you, first year in the program, to see how many people kind of showed up

tonight or today, especially with what was at stake, what was that like seeing that from the box? What did that look like? Was there a moment at all during the game that you were able to kind of like turn to the person next to you and kind of just say this is pretty cool?

ANDY KOTELNICKI: I don't know that in the heat of "battle" that you ever really get to enjoy it, to your point. Me and Tom actually, it's the only time we get to share these moments. He commented before, we weren't playing in front of these crowds when we were in the Division III playoffs, even though at Whitewater we had tremendous support and had great crowds there.

We laugh in the pregame probably is when it happens, in the production that ensues of getting our football team and the whole travel party to and from. We laugh -- I remember on Fridays before we used to play games, we'd show up in the afternoon. We'd have a walk-through and a meeting and go home and be home by dinner. Now it's hotel and this meal and this buffet and then this dessert and then this meeting. There's just so much production and grandeur to it, that I don't know you probably get to enjoy it the way you want, but that's the competitor in us.

We're both going to go look at the film and be very critical, even though you win the game, you know what I mean? We're going to be critical of the body of work to get better. That's kind of what we do.

No, I haven't spent any time in the press box and look at Tom, can you believe this crowd? It's more whatever. You see him over there getting pissed off about something. Tom, it was a pick six, it's all right. Or I'm frustrated. It's just you're in the moment. You're doing your job. That's basically what it comes down to.

TOM ALLEN: Yeah, and I think -- during the game, that's accurate. You don't really have a time where you ever really let up. We shared just a lot of similar experiences in the past, and it makes you appreciate where you are, especially when you get a chance to deal with a guy that kind of knows you.

You're an equipment guy and responsible for different things, I was at the college level and high school level for many years. They've got someone for everyone here at this high level.

It just makes you really appreciate this experience that we're all involved in right now. To me it's about just not taking any of this for granted. We're blessed to be at a place that values football at an extremely high level, that creates a lot of expectations, which is what you want. You

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want to be at a place that cares so much about winning and so much about being able to play at the highest level possible.

I think, when you have a group of guys that have been at different places along the way, they bring those experiences with them. But we do enjoy each other. We've got a great staff to work with.

But during the game, there's not a whole lot of time for that.

I will say that when you do what we do and the hours we put in and the families involved and how much the sacrifice by them, it's pretty special. So you really enjoy it. That's why these noon kickoffs are good. You get a chance to get a big win, and you can kind of enjoy the rest of the evening here in a different way maybe because you don't have to go back and watch the film within the next three or four hours. Then when the night's over, you can come back tomorrow and get back to work.

We're going to enjoy this for sure and keep getting better. 1-0 mindset.

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CFP First Round: Penn State vs SMU

Saturday, December 21, 2024
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Beaver Stadium

Penn State Nittany Lions

Nick Singleton

Dom Deluca

Tony Rojas

Drew Allar

Abdul Carter

Dvon J-Thomas

Postgame Press Conference

Penn State - 38, SMU - 10

Q. Abdul and Tony, what have you seen from Dom DeLuca in practice this year, and why do you think he has a knack for making big plays in big moments?

TONY ROJAS: I'll start. I'd say he's just the same person every day since I stepped in on campus, whether it's leading all the younger guys like me and Taye and stuff like that.

Just the attitude he brings to practice every day, positive attitude, his work ethic, it just all meshes together, and I feel like it all gets put together.

ABDUL CARTER: Ever since I got here from year 1 to year 3, ask anybody in the building, Dom does everything right. He always does his job at 100 percent, always in the right position. He does everything right, and he makes plays on the field because of that. All of it shows.

Q. Dom, this is for you. Your high school career, so decorated, you went through a lot of adversity right before you came to Penn State. When you look at this moment, you walked on, earned a scholarship, became a captain. A game like this, this is history. Have you had any time to kind of think about how special this is being able to play here at Penn State and have a game like this in the College Football Playoff?



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DOM DELUCA: Not really. I'm just trying to celebrate with my brothers, going 1-0 each week. Being able to come out with a win on the first week of playoffs is huge. I'm excited to celebrate with my brothers.

Q. Dvon, the defensive performance today, how you guys dominated the quarterback, the offense as a whole kind of a little rattled there, how would you describe it being out there and how you guys were able to dominate and take over?

DVON J-THOMAS: I believe it was a mentality at the top of the week. We spoke a lot about going in and being exactly who we are and not letting the moment define us but defining the moment. I think we did that well.

I think our defense really went in, very level headed. We understood that SMU was a really good team with a really good quarterback that can make some explosive plays, especially on his feet moving around.

I think we came in, and we played and adjusted to that well. With spectacular performances from Tony Rojas, Dom DeLuca, Abdul, the list goes on. That is just a testament to us and how we approach everything throughout the week, especially Coach Allen's approach to this week, especially coming off of the Big Ten Championship, adjusting to the tempo and playing through that very well.

I think we just did a great job in our preparation and really examining and looking at what we did a couple weeks ago in the Big Ten Championship and improving on that.

Q. Drew and Nick, when it comes to Nick and Kaytron as a tandem, do you feel like you guys are playing your best football this 2024 season, the most effective? If that is the case, to be peaking going into the playoffs, what does that mean for this team?

NICK SINGLETON: I feel like me and Kaytron, we always say we the best backfield in the nation. We stand on it. Shout out to the O-line. They had a good job today doing what they doing. I feel like we just keep going with it. Keep practicing hard. Take one day at a time and find the little stuff we can get better at.



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DREW ALLAR: We talked about it as an audience, we want to be crescendoing. I'm not saying that right, but we'll go with that. We want to be peaking at this time. That's how we want to operate and really just building momentum into each game.

Like Nick said, they're the best backfield in America, and I truly believe that. It starts up front at the end of the day for us in both the run and pass game. But when you have guys like Nick and Kaytron on the team, they make a lot of guys miss. It just really helps our offense flow as a whole.

Q. Tony, first off, what did you see on film leading up to this game that meant you guys might have been able to turn in three interceptions off Jennings? And as a quick second point, did you feel like you were playing running back again on your pick six?

TONY ROJAS: Like you said, we knew the quarterback scrambles a lot, and we couldn't all proceed to the ball because he makes second plays out of nothing. Whenever he's getting out of the pocket, that's what he's known for is making plays and passing downfield.

I kind of knew that, how the running back ran, knew how to follow him, and I was in the right spot at the right time. Yeah, I felt like I was a running back. It felt good again, yeah.

Q. Dvon, you talked about mentality on defense. Knowing that this was your last home game, how did that kind of play into your mentality? To win your last home game on a stage like this in the College Football Playoff, what did that mean to you?

DVON J-THOMAS: I mean, it meant the world, to be honest with you. I wanted to go out with a bang. I believe, truly believe that we are the best defense in the country by far, by any means, and I think today was just another opportunity for us to show that. There's no other way that I wanted to go out of Beaver Stadium than to put on a defensive performance like we did.

Two pick sixes, and we stopped the run. We stopped the passing game. We shot everything down. I truly thank everybody on defense and on offense for everything that they did just because it made the moment so special and just made it just an incredible moment to leave off of in Beaver Stadium.

Q. The offense started little slow today. Was it something the defense was doing particularly, or was it a matter of locking in internally to flip that switch going on?

DREW ALLAR: I talked about it with the O-line and really we talked about it as an offense. It really comes down to our process and worry about us. At the end of the day, we weren't executing the play calls that were there. I had plenty of missed throws in that first quarter that I need to hit and get the ball to the play makers in space and allowed them to show off their ability.

It's something that we just have to get better at. And we emphasize it all the time. We just have to go out and execute it. At the end of the day, there was nothing that they were doing that was stopping us. It was more of just little things here and there that allowed them to make plays.

We always talk about it on offense, 11 guys have to be right for the play to work. And then on defense really only one guy has to be right to stop the play. We always have to be on the same page, and it comes down to communication. We'll get those things fixed, no doubt about it.

Q. Dom, three quarterback questions. One, what did your high school career playing quarterback, does that help you as a linebacker? What did you see out of Jennings as a quarterback leading up? And have you offered the offense your services as a backup?

DOM DELUCA: Growing up a quarterback, just being able to read defenses was a huge part for me. Now being on the defensive side is helping me play better in being able to read quarterbacks better, being able to read offenses better, identifying formations and what plays I get from each formation.

I have told Nick a couple times, if he needs me to step in for him, I'm here.

Q. Dom, after the game, James Franklin called Penn State a true college football program, talked about guys wanting to sacrifice for one another, wanted to see other guys do well. When you've got a program full of coaches and players who sacrifice for one another, who want to see each other do well, how big of an impact does that have on this team's success.

DOM DELUCA: It's huge being able to do that with your brothers and sacrificing for your brothers. Everyone doing that at a high level. We always talk about taking food off of someone else's plate if you don't do your job.

Us doing that and being able to make those sacrifices, either its sacrifice yourself in the gap for the D-line to make a play or take a double team off a D-lineman for them to



make a play, anything you can do to help us, it's huge.

Q. Drew, the goalpost gets set a little different for everybody of course. You guys have been asked ad nauseam, when is Drew going to win the big one? When is Coach Franklin, when is Penn State going to win the big one? Do you feel this is a big one today, and do you feel like today made a statement about Penn State moving forward in the playoffs?

DREW ALLAR: I don't care what anyone says about me, my team, or my coach, at the end of the day, our process is our process. The only things that matter are the ones that are in the building day to day and know what's going on behind the scenes.

In terms of Coach Franklin, he gets a lot of criticism that's undeserved, and he's done a lot more than people give him credit for. Obviously, winning his 100th game, it's special to be a part of that and be the team that was able to deliver that 100th game win to him. To have it on a stage like the playoffs and at home in Beaver Stadium, it's truly special.

We don't take these moments for granted, but at the end of the day, me personally, I don't care what anybody said about me from the outside just because I saw a quote like why would you take criticism from somebody that you would never take advice from? That kind of sticks with me.

There's a lot of people out there that don't really know what goes on behind the scenes, and it is what it is. It's part of playing at a place like Penn State.

It's, again, sticking to our guns and sticking to our process.

Q. Drew, when you look at leading this offense with the game starts out with two defensive touchdowns and another interception that leads to a touchdown, just what you can say about the defensive side of the ball and what these guys did to help you out on offense in this game and throughout the season?

DREW ALLAR: In this game specifically, they definitely got us going. Obviously like you said we didn't have a great start offensively. To be going up 14-0 and offensively we really didn't do anything up to that point was huge.

That allows guys like Abdul and Dvon just to pin their ears back and rush the quarterback. They're going to be more throw happy just in general because they're down in the game. That really got us going as an offense. Obviously the third interception set us up in a really good spot to finally get in the end zone offensively.

They've had our backs throughout the whole year. It makes -- they have made me a lot better throughout this

year just going against the best defense in America. I'm just glad that I get to go against them every day out in practice and not against them out on the field in a game setting.

Q. Nick, Coach Franklin said after your touchdown run, you came up to him -- I'm going to quote him. You said, I'm a violent -- and then he cut it off. What statement were you trying to make with that run and then after it?

NICK SINGLETON: I'm not going to repeat what he said, but that's what my game is. I'm trying to be more of a physical runner, run through someone when the extra man is there. Coach Seider always says just leave one for us. Everybody can block it up, then just leave one for us. That was my mentality at the 1 yard line.

Plus getting in there and trying to help my team get a win.

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