

Head Coach Ron Turner Quotes
FIU 52, UTEP 12
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On overall game:

I'm proud of these guys, truly a great team win. We practiced every day with a chip on our shoulder... it showed today we came out with tremendous focus. The players in did a great job pushing and leading one another, great team win.

On lack of penalties or points scored by UTEP:

We said "there's lots of man coverage" there will be lots opportunities to make plays. We've done it all year and all training camp we knew we got guys that can do it. I was very pleased with the number of penalties. The way we handled ourselves, our guys did not get involved in any of the pushing and shoving. Saw our guys even helping the other team up off the ground. This is the class of character we are looking for.

On potential of team and breaking school records:

We know what we are capable of doing when we do not hurt ourselves. It's one game we have to do the same every week, it's what the great teams do, it's what we are striving to become.

On responsiveness of team coming off loss:

Very pleased with it. They knew how disappointed I was. They were a little mad at me but it's alright. I told them stay mad at me, I still love you when you're mad at me. I have four kids I still love them when I'm mad at them, I love these guys when I'm mad at them.

On guys getting a lot of playing time:

That was great, those guys have been wanting to get involved we got them involved early in the game and late in the game. Guys on our scout team have been doing everything they can to help this football team win and to get them out on the field was very rewarding. They earned it and deserved it.

On the run defense

What we do normally on defense, we swarm. We played pad level. Our guys did nice job setting the edge on perimeter plays forcing them back inside. Then we swarmed to the ball and we were hitting. We knew it would be a tough challenge and our guys stepped up.

On McGough throwing deep balls:

Huge part of it had to do with what they did defensively, we said going into it "they play a lot of man coverage, we have to beat man coverage". Our offensive line did a great job of protecting, we saw pressure right off the bat. Our guys handled it well, Alex did a great job of getting the ball out, guys made plays.

On this being a statement win:

I hope so. This team is a very comfortable team. We just know what we have to do to maintain it. We play a very good team on the road next week and we will be ready for it.