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QUESTIONS FOR COACH MIKE ELKO

COACH ELKO: Obviously, a great night. Appreciate the fans. Really, really electric atmosphere for an opener. 40,000-plus student pull, 100,000-plus attendance again. Thank you again to the 12th Man for all that you do to drive us.

I thought it was an interesting game. Obviously, excited to get the win. Starting 1-0, obviously, always a good thing. I think a lot of the big question marks, I think, showed to be good. I think we wanted to get more explosive on offense; we did. We wanted to get more explosive in the return game; we did. We wanted to see Marcel [Reed] throw the ball a little bit better; he did.

Now we have to be able to run the ball. We got to be able to hold up a little bit better up front. We got a lot of things in those types of areas that we've got to clean up, but I thought we showed a lot of the things that we wanted to show.

Defensively, I thought we did a much better job defending the pass. I thought we did a really good job in some of the things we were doing coverage-wise. Obviously, we had some of the misfits show up again and create some explosive runs, which obviously are things that are going to need to get fixed and need to get cleaned up. Was really excited with what we did in the return game. Both Terry [Bussey] and KC [Concepcion] back there, I thought they made some explosive plays in the punt return game, which is another big emphasis.

This was an interesting game, it was. They're a good team. They're going to have a really good year. We've got a lot of things that we're going to have to do to get better at between week one and week two to go where we want to go, but it's a good start, and it's a good way to start the season.

From there, we'll open it up to questions.

Q. What do you think were maybe the biggest issues for you guys from a run defense perspective? And how fixable are they? And do you feel like they kind of got cleaned up later in the second half?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, I think they're definitely fixable. I felt like in the first half, a lot of it was some off-yardage runs that they popped on us. And then the last two, the two touchdowns were both just some kids playing for the first time, not doing what we need to do to be successful.

And so, we'll get that cleaned up and get that fixed. But yeah, they're very, very correctable situations.

Q. Was KC [Concepcion] just cramping? Is he good to go?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, KC's fine.



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Q. Mike, after [Robert] Henry had that long run, the next six possessions, they had nine total yards. What changed? Was it just guys doing what they were supposed to do, or did you say something?

COACH ELKO: No. I think we kind of fixed some things at halftime. I think we kind of had a good plan and a little bit better plan on what they were doing in some of those off-distances.

Again, we were putting them in some third down spots in the first half. They kept popping some traps and some runs that we hadn't really seen or been ready for. So that's on me, and we've got to get that fixed.

Then we came out, and we had a kid run the wrong defense on the first play off the second half. He looked at the wrong signal or ran the wrong defense. It was his first play off the season. That's going to cause problems. And so that's what happened on the first play. I think after that, we played well.

Q. You talked about wanting the punt return to be explosive. How satisfying is it that right from the get-go, you get that kind of response?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, yeah. I thought we had some kids block really, really well today. I thought we blocked really well on punt return. I thought we blocked well on the perimeter. Both of those things were things that I didn't think we were really good at last year.

And so it was good to see those two things take big steps forward tonight. And obviously, any time you can be dangerous in the return game, that's a big part of college football nowadays. We talked about that at one of the press conferences recently. So, yeah, it was good to see that.

Q. And to your point with Mario [Craver], with KC [Concepcion], the other guys around them were able to kind of spring those guys out. How much of that was a focus on the blocking of those?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, it matters. It matters. And if people are going to try to load the box on us, we're going to have to be able to spit the ball outside and make them pay for it. I think that was something we weren't really efficient at times last year. Obviously, it's just one game, so we're not going to draw massive conclusions. But it was good to see it show up tonight the way it did and know it's going to have to continue as we go through the year.

Q. First, just what was your assessment of y'all's running game on offense?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, it was very, very choppy. We kind of knew it was going to be. They play an awful lot of people in the box, and so we ran a lot of RPOs. A lot of those balls that got spit were run plays that they just were cramming people into the box.



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And so we kind of thought it was going to be that kind of game. It was kind of played in hand with what we wanted to do. We wanted to be able to get the ball out in those kids' hands and let them go to work and let them get comfortable doing those things.

And so, yeah, the yardage per carry is not bad. We just didn't have a ton of run opportunities.

Q. And then just second, [Jared] Zirckle handled the place kicking duties, the PATs. How did that battle kind of shake out? Maybe just how that -- with Randy [Bond] kind of flip-flopping there from last year's roles?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, it was interesting. Jared had been phenomenal all the way through spring, all the way through fall camp. He just won the job. And so we feel like -- by a wide margin won the job.

And so you feel like if you're going to have competition in your program, you have to make it honest competition, and it was. Randy will be ready if we need him, and Randy is a great kid, and he's been really good for us. But Jared has been phenomenal through spring and through fall camp. And so we just decided to go that way.

Q. Hello, Coach. I just wanted to ask, how do you feel about Dezz Ricks' play today and the progression he's made?

COACH ELKO: Good. It's hard to see play in and play out. Obviously, I thought he made a nice play on the one third down that he had a good pass breakup. They tried to test him a couple of times. I thought he was tight in coverage. Again, it will continue throughout the year, and to kind of see where he's really at. But certainly a good start for him.

Q. Mike, obviously big performances from KC [Concepcion] and Mario [Craver], but just if you could talk about how satisfying that must be that two guys that y'all targeted needing to make a difference, and then they come out right first game and have so many big plays.

COACH ELKO: Yeah. I mean, obviously we have a lot of confidence in those two guys and the guys that have been out there in practice. We feel like those two kids are really, really talented receivers.

We also feel like Ashton [Fund] and Terry Bussey are, too, and Izaiah Williams keeps coming. And so we feel like that group is in a better position than they were when we got here day one, for sure. I think we've made some of the strides that we want to make. Again, I'm not going to sit here and say that we've arrived or anything like that. We've still got a lot of weeks in front of us and a lot of work to do, but it was good to see those guys go out tonight and do what they did and make the explosives that they made.



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Q. You mentioned Marcel [Reed] and his performance tonight. How do you feel like he's progressing as a passer with y'all making that be a focus kind of this offseason?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, I thought he threw the ball well. Obviously, he had the one deep ball to KC [Concepcion] that I'm sure he wishes he would have back. But outside of that, I thought he made the right decision. I thought the timing looked better than it has. I thought he was putting the ball where it needed to go. I thought all of that was good. I thought we took some good strides in that area.

Q. Coach, obviously 11 receivers caught a ball tonight. Can you just talk about just how deep your receiver unit is, whether it be running backs, tight ends, wide receivers? It feels like this offense has a chance to be special this season.

COACH ELKO: Yeah. I mean, obviously I think we've enhanced the amount of skill players we've got. We've added quite a few guys that I think can be difference makers from a skill position standpoint, getting Lev [Hancock] back and Rube (Rueben Owens) back adds more to it. So I do. I think we have some talented skill position players that we can find ways creatively to get them the football and allow them to be explosive.

And so that's a big part of what we wanted to accomplish when we got here. It's been a huge emphasis for us. Again, there's a lot of weeks in front of us, and we've got to keep doing it. But it was certainly a good start tonight.

Q. Coach, we all pretty much majored in journalism, but you could see the return on investment that KC [Concepcion] and Mario [Craver] gave you today. Did you expect that to be as explosive as it was? And maybe play as big of a role in the offense today as it did?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, I did. I think they're two talented kids. They were two talented kids that we targeted, that we coveted, that we thought would have a huge impact on what we were doing around here. And obviously, I think now that will draw some attention, which will be really good and free up some of the other weapons we have, too.

But yeah, I did. Those two kids are really good players, and so I was happy for them tonight.

Q. You talked about the run defense. How would you evaluate the front seven and the pass rush and how that's coming along?

COACH ELKO: Yeah. Again, I would just say it felt choppy. The whole game just kind of felt choppy on defense. I felt like we did some good things. I think we put ourselves in position to make some plays. But, you know, obviously, you can't allow rushing yards like that. You have to put more pressure on the quarterback.

Again, it still feels like every time we play one of these games that the quarterback spits the ball out of his hands as soon as he gets it. Like, it does not feel like there's a lot of



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time to get to the quarterback, but we'll watch the tape and see where we can improve and get better.

It was nice to see Rylan Kennedy, the one time they did try to take the play-action pass and see Rylan Kennedy get the sack. They didn't do much of that. We didn't expect they would do much of that. It's just kind of how those games play out sometimes for us.

Q. Are y'all letting Le'Veon [Moss] grow into the game? Did y'all get to see enough out of him from what y'all scheduled for him?

COACH ELKO: Yeah, I wouldn't say we scheduled it for him. I think, again, you go into it and you just kind of see how it goes and play it how it plays out. And he was out there, body looked good. Again, we'll watch the tape and get more details on that.

Q. What did KC's [Concepcion] punt return do for the team? First touchdown to settle down, what does that do for the team?

COACH ELKO: Yeah. I think it's huge. I think it's a huge momentum in the game. Obviously, when you go out there, everybody's very anxious, and that's the first game. No matter who you play, no matter how many times you've played, you go out on Kyle Field at night for the first time at night, there's a lot of anxiety. He goes out there. He gets a whole bunch of blocks, and off he goes. That's a huge credit, and certainly, he deserves a lot of it, but there weren't very many people around him to tackle him either, and that's a credit to the guys that were out there on that unit. And that's the nature of special teams. There's a lot of names that you don't know out there making things happen for the guys that get all of the credit for it.

And again, I'm not taking anything away from him, but that was a really, really well-blocked punt return touchdown. That was good to see.

Q. Solomon Williams, he had the tackle for loss there in the second half. Just tell me what you've seen out of him the past few weeks in camp.

COACH ELKO: Yeah, a kid who just keeps growing and keeps developing. Got an opportunity to get out there and did some nice things. He's a kid that adds value to us as an edge. We've got to continue to get him consistently executing at the level we need him to get more opportunities, but it was great to see him get out there in a limited scope and make plays. And that always gets you more opportunities to go out and showcase what you can do.



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QUESTIONS FOR TAUREAN YORK, MARCEL REED, AND MARIO CRAVER

Q. Taurean, what were they doing in the first half, or what were you guys maybe not doing that allowed them to have the success they had in the run game?

TAUREAN YORK: Yeah, we really just misfired a lot of stuff. I know the D-line got a lot of flak because these guys ran 203 yards. But we misfired a lot of stuff at linebacker as well. A little bit of sloppiness, that's what happens when you haven't played football in nine months. But we definitely got it cleaned up in the second half and we'll clean it up throughout practice next week.

Q. What was the difference that y'all were able to change it after the long touchdown run? Because they really just stopped their momentum after that.

TAUREAN YORK: Tempers flare when you give up a 75-yard touchdown in the first play off the second half. It's kind of like Bowling Green-esque in a sense. We didn't want that to happen. Obviously we know the Bowling Green game went down to the wire. We all just came -- we were just like, we got dialed in, we were giving these guys too much free stuff. I'm looking at it, the dude (Robert Henry, Jr.) ran for 16 carries, 177 yards. That's ridiculous. That's not what we stand for.

Q. Right after that run, what were the conversations like? How many guys came up with that kind of Bowling Green idea at the same time?

TAUREAN YORK: I mean, we all were there, we were all there in that spot route for 75 yards. We pretty much told everybody that we love you and we know that we can stick together, and we can battle through this. We're not going to have a close game with UTSA. So that's kind of how it went.

Q. How satisfying was it to then go out and kind of pitch the effort y'all did in the second half?

TAUREAN YORK: It's always good to see. I wish we could have got some turnovers. That's obviously in the plan to win. But I like how we finished out. That was our mantra all offseason.

Q. Taurean, saw you pretty animated when the 12th Man kickoff was in the works. What were you saying to them? And then how cool was that to see that today in the season opener?

TAUREAN YORK: It's really just awesome to see those guys get the attention that they deserve. Because they put in so much hard work throughout the week. Obviously on the scout team -- we wouldn't be here without the scout team. So it takes truly an entire organization. And everybody in that locker room tonight had a role in the victory.



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Q. Taurean, what did you make of KC [Concepcion] and Mario's [Reed] performances tonight? And just how cool is it to watch them from the other side?

TAUREAN YORK: I mean, it's awesome. I'm glad Mario Craver is on our team, for one. Obviously, we played him last year and he gave us a little bit of trouble in that first half. KC, words can't explain how much of a good person he is, really. He's a great guy. And he takes care of the people around him, not only his family, but his peers as well. I'm glad both of them are on our team.

Q. Taurean, last year the big problem at the end of the season was the passing game or defending it. How nice was it to see a good quarterback have trouble throwing against you guys first time out?

TAUREAN YORK: I mean, it's great. We take a lot of pride in our communication and our hand signaling, just being on the same page. Because that's what a lot of it was last year. It's not like we didn't have the talent to defend the pass. Emotions happen, nobody's talking, nobody's hand signaling, we're not on the same page. so that's what happens; you lack in the pass game.

So this year, especially in the OTAs this offseason, we made that a big priority of ours.

Q. Since you faced KC [Concepcion] and Mario [Reed] a lot of bubble screens tonight. Just how tough has it been going against that in practice, and just what you've seen, that kind of element added to this offense?

TAUREAN YORK: Those guys are legit playmakers. They're extremely dangerous with the ball in their hands. We're going to continue to try to get the ball in their hands. But I can't wait to see our run game take off, because the staple -- I know they're waiting for us. So hopefully next week, we can put that on display.

Q. Hey, Taurean. Great job tonight. You guys played in front of the sixth largest crowd in Kyle Field history, and this was a nonconference game, nonetheless. What does that mean to you and the rest of the guys?

TAUREAN YORK: It's awesome. Whenever the fourth quarter light show came on, obviously I got a glimpse of it earlier this week when I did the uniform reveal. But just to see it in effect and that atmosphere with 107,000 people, it's truly amazing. I was telling the guys on the field, it's not like this everywhere, so make the most of it. Especially a night game at Kyle Field, those don't come around too often as well, so definitely make the most of it.

Q. What can you say about your two new receivers, KC [Concepcion] and Mario [Craver] and what they were able to do for you tonight?

MARCEL REED: Same thing I said over the summer. We have an explosive receiver room this season, and they showed that. I got him the ball probably five yards off the



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line of scrimmage, and they turn 30, 40-yard plays. And that's what they do. When they get the ball, they're slippery, and people got to make open-field tackles. They couldn't do that tonight, and they showed. We kind of dominated on that part.

Q. A lot of bubble screens with those guys. What is it about their skill set and how you guys feel y'all are able to utilize that kind of route concept?

MARCEL REED: Yeah, I mean, those guys are fast. They're quick. They're twitchy. We talked about getting the ball. Coach [Collin] Klein talked about we have bubbles the whole game, and, you know, we couldn't be mad if we threw ten and got a gain of five every play.

But it seemed like every ball we threw was ten or more yards. So we just kept doing it until they could stop it, and they couldn't.

Q. How would you assess the way you played, and particularly, the way you threw the ball?

MARCEL REED: I think I did all right. You know, there are some plays I missed. Obviously, KC was wide open on one of those balls. I think the wind kind of caught it. Also, I was a little bit juiced. Kind of let it fly. I'm kind of mad about that one.

But I think I did pretty well overall. Kind of took us some adjusting to do. They didn't come out with what we expected them to come out to.

So first two drives were kind of adjusting to the coverages and what they were playing, because that's not what they showed on film. We kind of had to change our game plan a little bit, but once we got rolling, we got rolling.

Q. To that end, how difficult was it to game plan for the coverages when they have ten new guys coming in like that?

MARCEL REED: Yeah, I mean, it's not too hard to game plan for the type of defense that they play when they have the same kind of coach. But with new players, maybe they could try something different. But obviously, we don't have film on that going into preparations.

Like I said, we just had to adjust in the middle of the game, and we did that. Once we did, plays started to happen for us.

Q. And how would you rate how the offense ticked along as a whole through the game?

MARCEL REED: I think the passing game, I think we did a lot better than they did previously and what we've shown previously. Obviously, in the run game, we've got to get moving. Got to cut back on penalties. Had way too many. And that put us in some third and long situations to where they could kind of attack with an uppercut and send pressure with cover too.



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So we've just got to stop that, and obviously, we've got to be better in the run game.

Q. Marcel, obviously, receptions to 11 different guys. You guys are known for being a running team. But what does a passing performance like tonight and how many ways you were able to attack them with the vertical game, how much does that help you guys moving forward?

MARCEL REED: Yeah, it obviously helps when they have so many guys they have to stop. We have four great tight ends, six great wide receivers, and obviously, got four great running backs that can get the ball and check down to. So they've got a lot of people to cover. And if they can't cover them all, then I'm going to get the ball to them. If they can, then I'm going to run myself.

But they have to choose. They have to play. And we've kind of taken advantage of that. I'm glad we got all of these guys out of the portal, and some guys can go for this team. I'm really excited to see how we progress this season.

Q. Marcel, you've seen what Mario [Craver] and KC [Concepcion] can do all spring. You've seen it all summer. But how much fun was it to see those guys turn up field and go when it really mattered in front of 100,000 people?

MARCEL REED: It was amazing. Just watching KC on that punt, I was like -- that gave us the spark we needed for the game. It was just -- that dude is crazy. I haven't seen a punt return like that since Ainius Smith's been here. It's great watching him do that.

And then Rio (Mario Craver), like I said, you throw him the ball behind the line of scrimmage, and he turns into a 60-yard gain. You can't ask for anything better. Great respect for those guys. I mean, they're great players, and I'm happy they're on my team.

Q. What has made you most proud of your development for yourself as a player, from last December against USC, to now this season opener against UTSA?

MARCEL REED: I mean, I feel like what's made me most proud is my leadership. I'm able to communicate through these guys a little bit better. Getting receivers in the film room with coaches, just trying to get that extra connection, build that connection with everybody. You know, find ways to get the ball in their hands.

Like I said, we watch every week, just to understand each other's minds, what we're thinking on each play. And then, you know, gaining the trust of everybody. I think everybody comes to close together since we've been in this offense for a whole year. And we've got a veteran O-line, some veteran running backs.



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It's special to have a team that has been together for so long but in a system for so little. And we're kind of just all bonding together, learning something new and having fun with it.

Q. You mentioned you haven't seen punt returns like that since Ainais [Smith]. Almost two people that can do that with Terry [Bussey] and KC [Concepcion]. How does that factor in to the explosiveness of that return squad? And just maybe what that brings to the table for this team.

MARCEL REED: Yeah, I'll tell you what it brings to the table: Great field position. Terry almost took back two, and he had one in the kickoff return, too. So, I mean, great athletes. If they have the ball in space, they can make something happen.

And it's just amazing that I get to sit back and watch those guys work, because you see it every day. You've seen it since the spring and the summer and fall camp, and just really excited that we have such a great group.

Q. Marcel, you talked about [Mario] Craver and KC [Concepcion], and even before you get the ball in their hands, just how much does it help speed up the timing and maybe the spacing? Just how different it might feel now compared to maybe last season?

MARCEL REED: Yeah. The separation is a lot different. Like I said, we watch film together. Getting in spaces, it's kind of just a timing thing for us now. You saw on that dig route, I threw the ball. I didn't know where KC was; I just knew where he was going to be. He made a great catch. We had an explosive play on third and long, and it kept the drive going.

But things like that is what makes this group so special, and like I said, I'm really excited to see how we progress throughout the season.

Q. And you guys didn't get the run game quite going tonight, but what are your expectations going forward for that? And maybe what kept you guys from really popping off from the run?

MARCEL REED: Yeah, like I said, there was a difference in what they were playing, and we didn't have kind of many runs prepared. They played a little bit of a different front than we expected. But we have to adjust to those things, and we didn't get quite adjusted.

Also, just the penalties. We had some good runs, but a lot of them were taken back because of holding calls. So that takes you back on yardage. It makes us look worse than what we were tonight, but we've got to clean that up.

Q. Mario, what was working for you when you got the ball in your hands and had some space to work?

MARIO CRAVER: I mean, I've always been a ball-in-hands guy. That's what



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they brought me here for, for running out the catch situation. That's just something I do. Something they brought me here to do, so that's my job.

Q. A lot of bubble screens tonight. What is it about that route concept that you guys felt like y'all could take advantage of against them?

MARIO CRAVER: We just get the ball in our receivers' hands quick, get a chance to go make a play on a safety one-on-one. That's what we like. We think we got an advantage in that game, and really against anyone.

Q. On those bubble screens, a lot of good blocking for the wide receivers. How much of that is a focus over the fall, and what did you think of that performance?

MARIO CRAVER: Ash (Ashton Bethel-Roman) and Terry Bussey did a great, phenomenal job today blocking on the perimeter. Those guys did a phenomenal job. I wouldn't be able to make those plays without them, definitely.

Q. What was it about it in the game when things started to click? What kind of turned the corner for y'all and made things get in rhythm?

MARIO CRAVER: Once KC [Concepcion] got that punt return and offense got one job going, we were just like a well-oiled machine, we were just rolling. You feel me? That's all we need is one explosive play to get us going. That's how explosive this offense -- one explosive play, here comes another, here comes another, here comes another, here comes another. That's just what this offense is meant to do.

Q. What does it mean to you to come into a new team and be able to make such an immediate impact?

MARIO CRAVER: It means everything to me, because I came here to win, you feel me? I came here to Texas A&M to win. I felt like last year, the team that I was at, we didn't, you feel me? I wasn't utilized enough. I feel like they came here -- when I came here, they had a plan for me, and you feel me? That's just my job.

Q. First game at Kyle Field, tell us what you thought of the environment and how you'd say it would compare back at home in Starkville?

MARIO CRAVER: This field is definitely crazy. The fans, the drums, the -- everything. The crowd, everything. Not going to lie, topnotch, definitely. I played at Georgia last year. I played at Texas last year. But this, one and done.



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Q. You were talking about having a plan for you when you got here. First touch, you score a touchdown. How cool was that to get that ball and go and score right off the bat?

MARIO CRAVER: Definitely a good full circle moment for me. Just what I've been trying to -- these last nine months, I've been focused on this first game, trying to put good stuff on tape, because I feel like last year I didn't do that. So, yeah.

Q. Mario, you had eight receptions tonight. Last year, no receiver had more than seven in a game. What's that say about your impact tonight and what it could possibly be for this season moving forward?

MARIO CRAVER: We just get open more, that's all that means. You feel me? The quarterback going to throw it to whoever is open.

Q. Mario, when you see that punt return for a touchdown, what does that do for the team? And also, can you tell me a little bit about your relationship with KC [Concepcion] and what you guys can bring to this team?

MARIO CRAVER: Oh, plays like that definitely get us going. Me and him on the sideline, we know the team goes as we go. The offense goes as we go. As soon as we make a special play, everybody, here comes the O-line, here comes the running backs. That's just what we do. We're playmakers, we're game-changers. That's what we do. The relationship with KC, that's my dog. Ever since day one, we're sharp as iron, trying to make each other better. I'm pointing out his flaws, he's pointing out my flaws. That's my dog.

Q. A lot of talk in the offseason about how Will Lee said he wanted you because going against you last year was the hardest guy. What did that mean to you, and what do you remember about going against him and now having him on your team?

MARIO CRAVER: Actually, it's crazy, because I thought Texas A&M defense last year was the best defense I went against. That's one of the reasons why I decided to come here. So the fact that they think the same of me, you feel me, it's just awesome.



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QUESTIONS FOR UTSA HEAD COACH JEFF TRAYLOR

Q. What was the message to the team after the game inside the locker room?

"We're just different I can tell. We're a group with championship fiber and the right stuff. Having no pre-snap penalties on offense in tonight's environment is remarkable. We had one on our punt team and a holding penalty, but no turnovers. We really played hard. We shanked a punt, but the kid punted his tail off the rest of the game. The missed 43-yard field goal must've been the wind, maybe a little too much to ask for. I regret taking the shot on the 3rd-and-6 and should've ran the ball, we played good upfront defensively, they had some really good athletes who were hard to get down. Other than that, we played as good as we could've, coming out with only one serious injury, other than that we came out pretty injury free."

Q. What were your thoughts on the passing game?

"We weren't getting very much separation. Those guys did a great job of covering us, we were worried about dropping back to pass since we couldn't protect our quarterback. We did a ton of screens but didn't get much of a chance so we couldn't give our receivers an opportunity. For several screens if we could've just caught them, we would've had a chance to score. There was a chance to score early, we just didn't get an offensive lineman out on the screen, but it was all intentionally only giving up one sack, overall, really proud of those five kids up front."

Q. On playing Texas A&M?

"I knew coming into a stadium with 108,000 in the SEC, having coached in this league before, we wondered how our team would handle it, and they didn't blink. Even when we were in the game or letting it get away from us, we never flinched. Like the Aggie band, their song played forever which is cool about this place, but we did not flinch and waited for our school song to play. It may not seem like a big deal, but it is when you're dealing with young men who want to do well and feel like they didn't. Social media for example is powerful. I talk to the team all the time that they should get information not validation from social media. We have a generation where they get validated by social media and whoever came up with likes and retweets was brilliant because it gets people addicted."