

## **Texas head coach Charlie Strong**

### *Opening Statement:*

"Totally disappointed, frustrated after the past two weeks how we came out and battled and competed. We came out today and just didn't play hard. Just simple, fundamental techniques... You get into a big game like this, and you have the offense, and we have to play better. We're looking for more leadership, do a better job of coaching, and we've got to get this turned around. We have no choice."

### *On UT's performance against TCU:*

"I felt they were ready, just by the way they worked all week. I thought when the game first started off, we were going to be in good shape. We knew this was a good football team – it's No. 4 in the country- but that should not have stopped us in going out and playing our best. It was like we gave up a score, and we snapped a ball over the punter's head. And then [TCU] scored again. We didn't compete for 60 minutes. When you talk about playing an offense like this, you talk about matching scores. We couldn't get a first down, so we couldn't match the score. Now when that happens, [TCU] can open up the playbook and do whatever they want, because they realize we're not scoring."

### *On UT's performance and improvement in season:*

"I told [the team] we're not going to give up and we're not going to give in. We have to learn how to compete. We don't know how to compete yet. There's something about pride- pride in yourself. It's a very competitive sport- this is a game of life. You have to know when things aren't going right, that someone has to step up. That's just not what we're getting right now. "

### *On UT's team leadership and building confidence in young players:*

"As coaches we have to provide that leadership and keep pushing [the players]. The young guys just want to play, and the more you play them, the happier they'll be. When you don't have that key guy- somebody that can lead the team- we need to find him. You have to find leadership and get the players to accept him. When you're a young team, like the team that we have right now, and you don't have any leaders to step up with your older guys, then you're going to have issues. What's happening now is most of the playmakers are the young guys. When you don't have [a leader] yet, you have to continue to develop. We've just got to coach better. We just have to continue to coach."

### *On Texas' offense against TCU:*

"We felt offensively, [TCU] was missing some guys, so we thought there was very small linebacker organization. We thought we could win outside, one on one with our wide receivers and defensive backs, and we could run the football. We were gonna let Jerrod just take off with the ball and keep him contained, which would corral the ball. We've got to release it- we've got to make plays."

### *On UT's Defense against Boykin:*

"You would like to think the way we rushed last week, that we could've won some one-on-one battles and I look at [TCU's] offensive line and it's seniors. They've got 4 out of 5 of their linemen who are seniors. We felt pressure to get there, but [Boykin] released the ball. He released the ball- he's like a gun- so he can release the ball so quickly, that when you do come clean, the ball's out of his hands."

## **Texas quarterback Jerrod Heard**

On performance:

"I feel that we have a lot of things to get done, as far as offense. I think we got out executed... That lack of execution hurt everyone. Another part of that is having heart, we can't get down. We have a big game next week, and we're not a team that can't battle. We've shown it before, but today was one of those games that...it took the best of us and we lost."

On leadership:

"I make sure I'm doing my part and helping others around me. At practice, I'm that guy that makes sure everybody is doing everything right and preparing right. To be that leader or leaders that Coach Strong is looking for some of us are just going to have to step up."

## **TCU Head Coach Gary Patterson**

### *Opening Statement*

"Nothing's changed since last week. We win a ball game, and now we're on to Kansas State – that's what I just told them in the locker room. The biggest thing is that we made it out with anyone hurt. This is the four-game swing, and now we've got two hard games left. Every week you just try to win by one. We got a little luckier today."

### *On what to improve*

"We didn't tackle very well defensively. That's two weeks in a row that we have to tackle a lot better. And offensively, we weren't that good on third downs. Am I happy? Yeah, I am. It's awesome we got a chance to win a ball game. We got a chance to be 5-0. There's a bunch of people that didn't think we would win the ball game."

### *On expectations*

"I'm not trying to be a playoff team just yet. I'm trying to win the next ball game. I just want to win game six. I'm not going to lose perspective. I was the guy that got left out last year, so right now that can't be the final goal. The goal has got to be to win more than you lose, and that's what I want to get accomplished. We're down eight players on defense, Kolby Listenbee didn't play today, [Ty] Slanina didn't play today, and we're on the thirds. For us, we're going to count our blessings and see how it all works. "

### *On Jerrod Heard*

"We talked about running the sideline and making him cut back. We were better this week handling him than we were at SMU. "

### *On the last injury*

"I've already been dealing with that. Nobody wants to deal with that. It's hard. That's somebody's kid."

### **TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin:**

*On having something to prove after last week's close win against Texas Tech:*

"Last week was last week. It was a great team win with probably one of the best plays I've ever been a part of, but we just wanted to come in and prove that we could play TCU football. Defense played well and offense played well. Both sides of the ball had good effort today, and it showed on the scoreboard. For us, this game is just another conference win."

*On KaVontae Turpin's impact as a freshman:*

"[Turpin] did what he normally does. He's been like that since he stepped on campus. It's great to see it at game time, but we see it Monday through Friday. He's so small and so quick but has so much power. We just try to get that guy the ball in space and let him work."

*On breaking Andy Dalton's single season touchdown record:*

"I didn't even think about it during the game, but to be in the same category with someone like Andy [Dalton] is such a blessing and an honor. [Dalton] has great character and represents TCU well, and I hope that I can do the same thing."

*On Josh Doctson breaking Josh Boyce's single season touchdown reception record:*

"I didn't even throw [Josh Doctson] his record-breaking touchdown – Shaun [Nixon] did. I saw when Josh Boyce broke the record versus Virginia, so to see another guy do that is such a blessing."

*On TCU's goal for this season:*

"Our ultimate goal was to get to 5-0, and next week, it'll be to get to 6-0. We're all just out there trying to have fun, and at the end of the day, that's what it's mainly about. We always talk about making routine plays. We're not asking you to jump over a building – just go out there and make routine plays and routine reads. If we do that, we can live with the results. We're really just trying to build a resume and leave a legacy that will be remembered forever."

### **TCU cornerback Nick Orr**

*On TCU's defensive game plan:*

"Our main concerns were stopping the fast receivers outside and quarterback scrambles. We knew we had to stop them, so everyone had to be in the right place with our linebackers spying the quarterback. If we were in man [-to-man coverage], everyone needed to stay with their guy. If we did that, we would have a good chance to win."

*On only giving up 7 points against Texas' offense:*

"It built a lot of confidence for our defense. We knew that we gave up 52 points last week, but we came out this week locked in and focused, which made up for it."

*On having a house divided with his dad, Terry Orr being a former UT football player:*

"He wanted me to beat them because he's always rooting for us. He's 100% a TCU fan now."

### **TCU senior wide receiver Josh Doctson**

*On if today's game was "personal":*

"For me personally - its personal every game. There's someone lining up across from you saying you're not better than them. Going man on man every man, they're trying to stop you, so it's personal every game... He's just trying to stop me, and I'm trying to win."

*On looking at his dominance as a player:*

"I'm glad to see that I've gotten better, I'm seeing progress. Being more physical off the line, on the line, without the ball, with the ball. I'm just trying to get better everyday. Knowing people are targeting this team and this offense because of our rank is even more pressure. I love pressure..."

*On realizing capability of scoring:*

"When I get my chance, I'm just going to execute and make the best of it."

*On playing without Colby Listenbee:*

"I'm just doing what I was doing when he was here. You throw me the ball, I'm going to catch it. I'm just playing within my role."

*On breaking the TCU record for receiving touchdowns:*

"It was special. I saw (Boyce) on the sideline, he was the first one to give me a hug."

### **TCU sophomore middle linebacker Travin Howard**

*On today's effort helping the team going forward:*

"We always look forward to the next game, and try for the win next week."

*On how Montrel Wilson has played:*

"I feel like he's played pretty good as a freshman, stepping in as a safety and coming in doing what the coaches ask him to do. I feel like he's played well"

*On continued improvement on defense:*

"There is always room for improvement, every week is a grind in practice. It's our preparation."

*On Coach Patterson simplifying the game for him this week:*

"Last week, I was playing safety and linebacker, but whatever coach throws at me I'm going to try and tackle it."

*On Coach Patterson saying this is a turning point in the season:*

"Last week we gave up so many points to Tech, and this week we had pretty much a shutout performance against Texas. They're a good team and they're well coached, but I feel like we are coming together."