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Texas Tech Head Coach Kliff Kingsbury

On winning at Texas: We tried not to play it up to big. We knew it would be a tough challenge on senior night with a very good University of Texas football team. We are excited to get it done. I don't think execution-wise offensively or defensively tackling we were very good. You have to give them credit on making it difficult on us.

On final play to Jakeem Grant: Yeah, I need to cite that. That play was from the Auburn vs. Texas A&M game. Coach [Eric] Morris was watching the game live and saw it and got the film and we put it in practice this week and ran it.

On facing adversity this season: We haven't played well on the road. Some of that is having tough opponents but we haven't been able to get it done on the road. Even tonight, there was a lack of execution. You have to give a lot of credit to the University of Texas fighting for their bowl life and just playing hard.

On significance of winning at Arkansas and Texas: To get two quality road wins, which we have struggled on the road traditionally, is a big step and we have to keep building on it.

On Patrick Mahomes winning against Texas: I told him [Patrick Mahomes] I never did it. I never even came close on the road. Early he was trying a little too hard, but he hung in there and kept making plays and has put himself in very rare company by winning here.

Texas Tech Wide Receiver Jakeem Grant

On final touchdown: It was a midget play called hook' em. We have been running it in practice and we had two weeks to get perfect and that's what we did. I knew when that defensive end bit up that I would be in the clear and that's what I did. I used my playmaking ability to go score a touchdown and possibly put the game away for my team.

On deflection touchdown catch: It was a full vertical route and Pat [Patrick Mahomes] tried to throw the ball up to Devin [Lauderdale]. He made the defensive back cough the ball up and I just made a great play. It was just the hand of God and it was an unbelievable moment.

Texas Tech Quarterback Patrick Mahomes

On final touchdown play: I was surprised that Coach called it in that situation but I just knew that if I put it in Jakeem's [Grant] hands and if we ran it like Auburn ran it we would score. It worked out almost exactly the same except they didn't have Jakeem make three or four guys miss and go score a touchdown.

On winning against Texas for the seniors: It's a great feeling and I have to give a lot of respect to my teammates. The seniors have been through a lot. For me it was about going out there and doing what I need to do and letting other playmakers and other players make plays.

On playing in a bowl game: I am very excited. My freshman year, we didn't make a bowl game so coming into this year that was the goal. All the seniors are telling me about the experience and how great it is and I am ready to go through it.

Texas Tech Linebacker Pete Robertson

On what did the win feel like as a senior: It is a great feeling. Not just for the seniors but for the young guys as well. This just goes to show that anything can be done at anytime during any situation, and we came down here and enjoyed ourselves.

In general we played tough, and we played together as a team. That last drive I remember going out and talking to Braden Jackson and other senior leaders, talking and letting him tell the defense that anything is possible, and that we can get this stop and go score again. That is what happened and what they did, and we came out with this great win for the team.

Texas Tech Running Back DeAndre Washington

On his excitement for the future: Without a doubt. Going into the season the one thing that we harped on was leaving a legacy. Beating Kansas State last week on senior day and going to Austin and beating a good Longhorns team hasn't been done in awhile so we definitely think this program is on the up and up.

On whether he anticipated having so many carries in the game: Coach [Kingsbury] is the type of guy who is going to go with whatever is working. We had some success is that second quarter.

On what was the post-game locker room atmosphere was like: Special. To sum it all up in one word is just special. To win the last regular-season game, and rival with the tradition between Texas and Texas Tech, being able to get a win on the road, this is all a special night especially for the seniors and everybody really.

On what he saw with the midget play: We practiced it all week and it was actually looking pretty ugly at first and he wasn't going to run it because we couldn't get it set but I'm glad we did. Jakeem [Grant] is so small. I'm pretty sure they couldn't see him or know what was going on, and once he finally broke nobody was going to catch him. It worked in our favor and it was a great play call, and it could not have been at a better time.