



TEXAS FOOTBALL

Rice Owls (1-1, 0-0 C-USA) _____ **28**

Texas Longhorns (1-1, 0-0 Big 12) _____ **42**

SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS

86,458 — Attendance. Texas ranked 8th in the nation in home attendance in 2014.

85 — temperature at kickoff. Light winds at 3 mph

22 — number of games it had been since Texas returned a punt for a touchdown. **Daje Johnson** ended that in the first quarter when he ran 85 yards for a score.

175 — total punt return yards. This is a new school record for Texas, surpassing the previous best of 173 punt return yards set on **Nov. 3, 2001 at Baylor**.

43.75 — Average distance for Texas on punt returns tonight. In the season opener at No. 11/11 Notre Dame, the Horns averaged just **1.5 yards** on 2 punt returns.

69 — Distance of **Jerrod Heard's** touchdown pass to fellow freshman **John Burt**. That marks the 5th longest pass thrown by a Texas freshman and the 11th longest reception by a freshman

20 — number of games since Texas had returned a fumble for a touchdown. Freshman **Malik Jefferson** scooped the ball at the 26-yard line and ran to the end zone untouched to put Texas on top 35-14 following the extra point.

3 — players scored the first touchdown of their career tonight: **John Burt, D'Onta Foreman, Malik Jefferson**

POSTGAME NOTES

TEAM NOTES

- Texas Team Captains: Duke Thomas, Johnathan Gray, Sedrick Flowers
- Series: Texas is now 72-21-1 against Rice. The Longhorns have won the last 13 meetings with the Owls with their last loss coming in 1994. Texas is 40-2 against Rice since 1965.
- Texas has now won 16 straight home openers. The last time Texas lost a home opener was against North Carolina State in 1999 when Texas fell 20-23.
- Texas won 42-28 despite only holding possession for 15:58 of the game. Texas ran just 38 plays as the offense struck quickly on offense with scoring drives of 9 plays, 2 plays, 1 play and 5 plays.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Jerrod Heard, QB

- Freshman Jerrod Heard got his first start at quarterback for the Longhorns. He dashed for a 53-yard run on UT's third play on offense that was called back to only at 35-yard gain due to a block in the back.
- Heard threw for his first career touchdown on a 32-yard strike to Armanti Foreman in the corner of the end zone.
- Ran for 96 yards on five carries with a long of 35 yards

Daje Johnson, WR

- Returned a punt 85 yards for a touchdown with 6:43 left in the first quarter. It was the first time Texas has returned a punt for a touchdown since Johnson ran one back for 85 yards against Oklahoma on Oct. 12, 2013.
- Totaled 119 yards on three punt returns for an average of 39.67.
- Moves into 4th in school history for career punt returns for touchdowns with his second.

Jason Hall, S

- Hall registered the first interception of his career. He pulled in the pick in the end zone during the second quarter.

Dylan Haines, S

- Pulled in his fifth career interception as he picked the ball at the 2-yard line near the end of the first half.

Paul Boyette Jr., DT

- Talled the third fumble recovery of his career in the third quarter. He fell on the ball after Edwin Foreman forced the first fumble of his career.

Malik Jefferson, LB

- Registered a team-high nine tackles on the night. Also had a tackle for loss.
- Scored the first touchdown of his career in the third quarter when he returned a fumble 26 yards.