

California Head Coach Sonny Dykes

Opening Statement: Hell of a ball game. I want to give Texas a lot of credit for playing the way they played and battling back. It shows that they have what it takes to become a good football team, and I think all the fans should be proud of the effort they put forth. I am really proud of our guys and our effort down the stretch. Darius White blocked the extra point, and that was the game-winner for us. I told all our guys that every play was going to matter in this game, and the extra point is usually an insignificant play until someone makes a play like that. Give Jerrod Heard a lot of credit. He put on a show, had (163) yards rushing and put them back in the ball game, but we were fortunate enough to win.

On not closing out the game: We needed to make some first downs is what we needed. We needed one first down to seal the ball game, and we couldn't get it. We dropped a pass, which we talked about leading up to the game. If we wanted to run the clock out on the game, we were going to stay aggressive. Steven Anderson dropped it, and he has the best hands in the world, so I'm not unhappy with the way it turned out. Darius White made a great play and here we are.

On getting a signature win: We are 3-0. We get to play a game next week; and if we win that, then we will be 4-0. Anytime you get the chance to play in front of a crowd of 100,000 people, and you hang out and figure out a way to win, that shows you have a lot of character. I am just proud of the way our guys hung in there, and if the game went into overtime, I was confident of what we would do in overtime. It was a heck of a ball game.

On third quarter success: We had a nice little run. I think we scored the last 10 in (the first half and) the first 21 and were on a 31-0 run at one point. We executed and got some stops defensively. There were plays to be made out there, we just needed to do that. Once we settled down and just started, we were able to make some plays, especially in the third quarter.

On QB Jared Goff: He played well. He figures out ways to make plays. He did a good job taking care of the ball. It was a frustrating first half. We were our own worst enemy in the first half. But Jared [Goff] just keeps believing and does what he is coached to do. Our players have a lot of confidence in him.

Junior California QB Jared Goff

On coming from behind: We play better from behind. I don't know why that is. It probably shouldn't be that way, but sometimes that's the way it goes, so when we saw we were behind, it didn't really phase us, not with this group. The defense made big plays, and we got some momentum, and we were able to capitalize on it.

On the blocked extra point: At first I thought it was like the Arizona game; and then they were saying they missed it. I still didn't believe it; and then the refs made the call, and that was it. Unbelievable.

On upsetting Texas at home: It's a big win, obviously. You go on the road to a Power 5 team, and you get a team like Texas who's traditionally a good team, it's a huge win. We played ourselves into that one-point win; and if we played as well as we should have, it probably should have been a 21-point win. At the end of the day a missed field goal is a lucky way to end it, but at the end of the day, I think we deserved the win.

Sophomore California RB Vic Enwere

On the game being a homecoming: It was a very fun homecoming. There was a lot of emotion in it, but we came out to win, and it was a great feeling.

On the running backs: We practice every day. All of us just have to be ready when our number's called. It really wasn't very much as far as the conversation that changed. We all have been prepared like we are going to start the game, and we have been doing that since the day all of us got here. So there wasn't too much conversation, we were just ready to play.

On knowing that UT might give up a lot of yards based on the past two games: We came in knowing that we had a chance to win the ball. We played our game, the fundamentals that we have. We knew coming in that we had the opportunity to win the football.

On the offensive line: I can't praise those guys enough. There are not enough words in the English dictionary that I can say to show my gratitude. They really fight every play, every down, and that means so much to me. Hats off to them. All the praise they can get, they deserve it.

On how many friends and family came to support tonight: I couldn't even tell you. A lot of people came out and supported. My immediate family came, high school coaches. Everybody was here.

Senior California CB Darius White

On the blocked extra point: I was just lined up with the field goal blocking up, I went a hundred percent like I do every play. I block them. I tip them.

On the details of the blocked extra point: A little bit because we were watching film on the team, and we saw that the edge wasn't as strong as other teams. If we rushed really hard, we could tell that we could get a tip on him [Nick Rose], and that is all I did. Trusting my technique and doing what my coach told me to do.

On the edges they weren't blocking as hard. If we went really hard, really fast, quick, did our job and what we were supposed to do, everything was going to work out. That is all I did.

On the importance of not giving up on that last play: It feels really good because that is what our coaches are doing, to never give up, to never quit. That is what we go by every play, and that is what we are going to continue to go by.

Junior California RB Khalfani Muhammad

On his 74-yard run: Yeah, that was a phenomenal run. The whole line did an excellent job of opening up the hole. We had Malik McMorris on the block, and it was just right off him for a touchdown.

On it being that open: No, we have been working on it all week, so we were pretty confident coming in. We got the play, and I was pretty excited for it. We went out there and just executed.

On where this team is going: Today, it was an excellent win. We made a lot of mistakes that we need to fix, so we have a 24-hour celebration rule where we just celebrate for 24 hours. So starting on Sunday, we are going to clean up the mistakes that we made.

On knowing UT had problems stopping the run: Yeah, coach told us that this should be a big game for us to come in and rush a lot of yards, but it is a lot easier said than done. We went out there and just executed our game plan, and it was beautiful day for us rushing the ball.