

**Postgame Quotes**  
**Oklahoma State 30, Texas 27**  
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**Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Gundy**

**Opening Statement:** Well that was worth the price of admission for the fans and I am sure TV enjoyed that game. Really proud of our team for finding a way to win and that was an excellent call by Coach [Robby] Discher to go all-out block on the last punt. I'm not really sure how it affected them in the end, but when the ball is on the ground, we had enough people there to corral him and then their punter did a nice job of getting it out. It was a good call by Rob Discher and really proud of Ben Grogan. He may be the only kicker in college history to have to make a field goal after a delay of game with 23 seconds to win the game. And before we get any questions on that it was my fault and we are going to fix that. Good news is, he made them after we had the delay of game and I was proud of him for his effort. We weren't very good in special teams today. They out-punted us and for that reason, they out-returned us. Our coverage units were really good corralling number four [Daje Johnson]. He is a really explosive player and they have a good chance of getting a return with his ability. Our coverage on that was good and the reason I bring that up, is because when you play Texas with the skill players they have in the return game, it's very important your coverage is good. We have to find a way to run the football better. We had some concerns coming in the game with our match-ups up front and we have to get better and improve in those areas. I am just proud of our team for finding a way to win on the road.

**On defensive performance and how they contained Jerrod Heard:** We gave them two touchdowns. Our defense for the most part corralled them pretty well. I think their quarterback is a good player. I think they found their quarterback as I said in my press conference on Monday and I was really impressed with the way he played the game. He made his plays, but I thought he would make more than that. I thought we corralled him. I thought Joe Bob Clements did a good job not rushing our line up the field and creating lanes. He causes some problems. I don't think that's a secret and what really concerns me in the future is he's faster than you think.

**On being 4-0 at Texas and performing well at DKR:** For some reason, our players enjoy playing here. I said that on Monday and that's nothing personal against Texas. A lot of our guys are from here and whether you like it or not, some of their ultimate dreams are to play here. The condition physically of our team was good. Our defense was fresh and effective.

**On kicker Ben Grogan hitting winning field goals after missing in previous games:** I was proud of him for rallying. We talked to him after those, that he needs to be a

professional at what he does and get the ball up. He worked hard and moved on and you have to realize that with every kick, there is a snap and a hold, so it all has to come together and it did.

**On facing the Texas frontline:** We didn't block them very good in the first half. Early in the third quarter, we hit a few plays here and there, but we needed to get a big run. We only got the four or five-yard carries, not the 10 or 12-yard carries. We are going to have to get better at that, or its going to be a tough run through league play.

### **OSU Offensive Coordinator Mike Yurcich**

**On headphone trouble:** Communication was a little hectic. It was like a scrimmage, back in high school days, those sorts of things. It was a little bit old school, but it was fun. It sure was good to get into the emotion of the game.

**On the last time he was down on the sideline:** Winston-Salem. The only difference was there were about ninety-five thousand more people here today.

**On difficulties from headphone trouble:** Well it was hard to communicate with coaches because you're not in headsets. You can't just have open conversations. So there was a lot of communication, just yelling at each other. So it was a little bit old school, but it was good. Our guys did a great job of communicating, and our coaches are awesome. Coach Arroyo, coach Dunn, coach Adkins, and coach McEndoo provide great input. And when we got to the sidelines, we were able to talk to the players, obviously, and give the input that we needed to give them, face-to-face, which was fun for me. Usually, it's over the phone or through a headset, but now I get to look them in the eye, and it's a little bit different vibe on the ground.

### **OSU Defensive Coordinator Glenn Spencer**

**On containing [Jerrod] Heard:** It is not like a scheme change. We had some things designed. When you try to get an extra guy at the end, it leaves you one-on-one, and you give up a deep ball twice, it calls for that. We knew that was a risk we had to take, and luckily after those big plays, we usually held our own. Like I said last week, when you stop him, you give up something else.

**On headset issues:** The whole game was without a headset. I had one on, but it never did work. So even in the first quarter, there was no communication. Everyone was down. I am looking for personnel, and I have to make calls at the last second. Yeah, it was pretty crazy. I have never coached a game like that in my life.

**On executing well on the third down:** Those guys executed the game plan. Sometimes

we would bring the fourth rusher late; sometimes we would spin a safety down, to fill in the escape lane. We changed it up. I think our coaches prepared them great, and they stuck to the game plan. They knew where the escape lanes were; we had the second double cross going.

**On winning four in a row at DKR:** At the end of the season I will think about that and reflect. We have Kansas State next week. I am thinking about the quarterback run game again, and when they play at your pass.

### **OSU QB J.W. Walsh**

**On staying in the game:** I think we did a great job as a team, staying in the game. The defense did a fantastic job of keeping us in it. Towards the end of the game, offensively we struggled and the defense did a really good job of keeping us in it. If you can find a way to stay in it the whole time, sometimes it's better to be lucky than good.

**On the communication issue with the headsets:** I really don't know. I know it wasn't working for the coaches, but I really don't think it was an issue. We were rolling for a while. Offensively we struggled, but I don't think it had anything to do with the headsets. It made it better. We could communicate a lot better. The coaches were talking to each other. They probably like a little bit of discrepancy, but we as players get to hear what they're thinking and saying. So there were some pros and cons to it.

### **OSU Kicker Ben Grogan**

**On game winning kick:** Being down by three for so long during the game, I had already put it in my head that it was going to come down to a field goal to win it. In my head, that was my mindset, so I wasn't worried about it as much.

**On winning at DKR against Texas:** I think our defense fought hard despite losing momentum at times. Everyone fought hard and we were able to get into field goal range a couple times and able to come out of here with a win.

**On sympathy for Texas punter:** I have a bunch of friends on other teams that are kickers and snappers, so I know where he's been and I know how they feel. You've got to feel bad for them a little bit, but I am happy we came out with the win.

### **OSU RB Chris Carson**

**On Jerrod Heard:** He is a great player and our whole focus was on him, whether it was throwing it or running it. Great players are going to make plays, which he did, but we

came in made adjustments and did our best to stop him.

**On late turnovers and playing from behind:** You have to keep playing and keep going. That's fun for me. You get out there and keep playing, so that's why we are proud of ourselves.

**On winning at DKR against Texas:** It feels great. We got a great win against a great team. We are 4-0. We have to keep working. It's easy to feel complacent after a big win like this, but we still have to come back to practice tomorrow.

### **OSU DE Trey Carter**

**On winning at DKR and against Texas:** You have to thank God. It's how he wanted it to go down and we came together as a team and got it done.

**On defense playing well:** We went out there and got the stop we needed. We got the stop and then came through with the field goals. It felt good to be a part of the win.

**On offensive mistakes despite defensive success:** It's football. Things like that happen. Things aren't going to be perfect. We have to come together as a team and keep fighting and keep doing what Coach tells us to do

### **OSU RB Rennie Childs**

**On the experience:** It was a good experience. Of course we're going to have games when that happens. Me? I just stayed calm. Just went over the things I'm supposed to be doing. Going through the reads and just trying to stay calm, and just run the ball as hard as I can.

**On playing at DKR:** Yeah, there was that energy with the team. It was kind of crazy, seeing my boys getting all hyped up. Saying, 'we the best, we the best Texas boys' saying, 'we're fixing to show them what's up.' But yeah it was cool.

**On winning on the field goal:** I was built up with a lot of joy. Just seeing him do what he does everyday. I had no doubts he was going to miss. But he made it, and we won.

### **OSU CB Kevin Peterson**

**On defensive play:** Anytime we go into a game, we know we have to do our job, and the offense has to do their job. We might mess them up a couple of times, they might put us

in bad spots a couple of times, but we have to play; we're never going to have the perfect opportunity to do anything. We just really did what we had to do.

**On takeaways:** We're glad we got the win now, we want to be Big 12 champions this year, and we preach that. You can just tell by the work at the end. The offense did what they had to do to get in position for the kick, the special teams got the pressure on the punt and we did what we had to do. We came out there, and we got the 'W.'

**On the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter Texas punt:** Oh yeah I was watching the punt as it happened. I didn't see it because I was kind of getting up, but then I just heard the crowd go, 'Oh', like something messed up. And I just ran over there to see that he tried to kick it and he kicked it out of bounds. I just thought, 'yes, yes, yes, we got Ben Grogan back there.' I know he's over there warming up. We got it.

**On the win:** It was a rewarding win for the whole team. We want to be Big 12 champions, and this is the first step, this is our first Big 12 play, and I feel like we showed what we had to do.