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TEXAS TECH VS TEXAS

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TEXAS TECH POSTGAME QUOTES

Head Coach Joey McGuire

Opening statement

"Really proud of our guys I know there was a moment there it was 31-17 and at any point they could have given up and they didn't. We asked them to come out at half and just keep fighting because good things are going to happen. What's really fun is these guys believe, and whenever you have results like this, it just fires that belief even more. They're practicing even more, they're practicing extremely hard, they're practicing their self into really good football players, and they're practicing themselves into a good football team. I was asked at the end "what does this mean about beating Texas?". What's it means to us is that were 1-0 in the Big 12. That's what it means to us. I know I'm fired up to beat Texas, don't get me wrong, but I'm more fired up to be 1-0."

Q: On how big those turnovers were and how your defense has been this first four weeks

"They were huge, and I think we won the turnover battle for the first time. I know in the last three games we won it for the first time. You know it's really big, that last one is huge from the standpoint, we knew exactly what we had to do. We were in field goal range right there, so it took a lot of pressure off of us getting that turnover in overtime."

Q: On if he found his kicker

"I have man. (Trey) making that kick against Houston to send us to overtime gave us a lot of confidence in him. A lot of times that doesn't mean you lose confidence in somebody else, it just means a little bit more confidence. We have confidence in Wolff and man he came through today. We felt good about where were at these last two kicks. I almost took a delay on that last one to kind of give him a better angle, but he felt good about it and said he was going to knock it through. I believe in my guys, and he did."

Q: On the number of fans today and the culture that he is building in Lubbock after a win like this

"I've said it, the one thing I think we're going to keep trying to prove, and they're going to keep proving me right, we're going to fight. When you come watch us, we're going to play four quarters and if we have to play in overtime, we will play in overtime. I will tell you, the fans today were absolutely amazing. It wasn't (DeRuyter) today; it was Zach Kittley going "oh my God this place is so loud right now." Our kids feed off of that. I know the more and more we get these sellouts, and we get the Red Raiders

behind us, we get 60,000 plus every single week at The Jones makes a big difference for us. We got four more here and it should be four sellouts. I'm asking everybody to help us out. We've got some big games at home, and we need everyone here."

Kicker Trey Wolff

Q: On his mentality from where he was two years ago to now.

"I think one of the biggest things that have me helped so much is when Coach McGuire preaches the "what's next mentality." And we're all 'The Brand', so if something good happens, what's next? Erase that. If something bad happens, erase it; what's next? When I started this game, I had a kickoff out of bounds, and I just walked on the sidelines and acted like nothing happened because I knew there was a possibility that my team would need me. So, the best opportunity for me to be in that situation is to have a role ahead. Not even, get to emotion from it."

Defensive Back Reggie Pearson Jr.

Q: On his fumble recovery on the first overtime possession

"Once I saw the ball come out, it was an immediate reaction to jump on it. There was a 300-pounder right next to me, so I thought 'I'm about to be smashed or something.' I just had to hurry to get the ball and thankfully my guys came in and fought for me."

Wide Receiver Myles Price

Q: On team composure during the comeback win

"For me it's just "what's next". For what Coach McGuire and the staff preaches to us like; so what something happens to us, so what we didn't get in the endzone, so what we're down 14, who cares? Go make a play and everybody understands that everybody's starting to believe in that, and you can see it; it's transferring onto the field."

Q: On team's mindset going for it on fourth down

"That shows they believe in us, and when they believe in us, we believe in ourselves even more. That just gives us more confidence. You know, if that was me and I was the coach, I would do the exact same thing. I'm going forward, we don't have to put a kicker out there. Let's go score."

Head Coach Steve Sarkisian

Opening Statement

"First of all, give Texas Tech a lot of credit, they played a heck of a football game. Coach McGuire had his team ready to play, they took care of the ball, they didn't turn it over. I thought they played aggressively, they went for it eight times on fourth down and converted six of them to extend drives so give them a lot of credit."

"I think for us we didn't play good enough to win today. Too inconsistent offensively. It was very big little. We struggled to protect the quarterback and to win on first down in the second half. We had some missed opportunities in the passing game, we didn't make catches we are accustomed to making, and ultimately, we turned the ball over twice, which we hadn't done here the last couple of weeks. Defensively, our inability to get off the field was a real factor. Like I said, they went for it eight times on 4th down and got six of them, and of those six a few of those were close we just couldn't get the quarterback on the ground to get them off the field, which was disappointing. And then we couldn't create a turnover. We had some opportunities, the ball got loose but we didn't create any turnovers, so at the end of the day when you play 100 plays on defense and only run 60 on offense, that's not a great formula for success in any league. Like I said, all the credit in the world to Tech, they did a heck of a job."

Quarterback Hudson Card

Q: On the pressure he felt today

"There are things that we need to clean up as an offense, but I thought I did a great job today. There are obviously some plays that we wish we had back, and as an offense we're going to learn from it and watch film.

Q: On the overall game

"I thought we had quite a bit of success and especially in the first half of being able to split the ball here and there. It's something that we are going to watch tomorrow as a team, and position groups to learn from it"

Running back Bijan Robinson

Q: On the fumble

"On that play we were trying to get a stretch play out, to get the line backers flowing and for me to cut up and find a crease to get a touchdown. But when I did cut up the linebacker came and hit me the ball just slipped out. That was a mistake from me, so I just have to live with it and pray on it."

Q: On the Texas Tech Defense

"They are pretty good, we have gone against some really good defensive lines, but I'm just glad we get to experience this kind of defensive line and go against them so we can learn from it. Going against it our offensive line can understand that we got a lot of work to do"