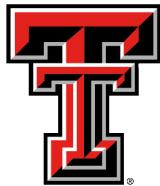


# FINAL SCORE



5 OREGON

23



4 TEXAS TECH

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF QUARTERFINAL

January 1, 2026 - Hard Rock Stadium (Miami Gardens, Florida)



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## GAME STORY

January 1, 2026

By George Richards

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — A dominant defensive performance helped the Oregon Ducks move on in the semifinal round of the College Football Playoffs with a 23-0 victory over No. 4 Texas Tech in the 92nd Capital One Orange Bowl at Hard Rock Stadium on Thursday afternoon.

The No. 5 Ducks (13-1) advanced to the CFP Semifinals against the winner of Thursday's Indiana and Alabama in the Chik-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta on Jan. 9.

Texas Tech ends 12-2 with a Big 12 championship.

"Unbelievable game. A lot of fun. We've talked to our guys about being battle tested all year and having to win in different ways," Oregon coach Dan Lanning said.

"That game went back and forth in a lot of ways, [we] struggled at times to go score points, and our defense did an unbelievable job getting the ball back. And then our offense showed up when it mattered most at the end of the game. I think we out-physicalized our opponent at the end. ...

"Proud of our players, the resiliency they showed, their ability to stay calm and poised and collected under pressure. It's not easy in big moments. But these guys have shown and proven time after time, these two guys up here,

that team in that locker room have shown time and time again that they're ready for big moments."

The defense on both sides was the story of this game.

Oregon held the Red Raiders to 215 yards of offense and forced four turnovers.

Brandon Finney Jr., a freshman defensive back, was named Orange Bowl defensive MVP after intercepting a pair of passes in the win.

Oregon's defensive gem is the first shutout in the history of the College Football Playoffs.

"I feel like our defense is the best at preparing in the nation," Finney said, "so what Coach Tosh Lupoi and what Coach Lanning do just throughout the week, just preparing us as players, getting ready for the game plan, just helps us as players to just be ready and execute. That's our job."

The Ducks got a 50-yard field goal from Atticus Sappington on their opening drive after Oregon forced Texas Tech into a 3-and-out to start things off.

Yet despite a dominant defensive performance — and some pretty good numbers by Offensive MVP Dante Moore — Oregon only led 6-0 at halftime.

That gave Texas Tech hope for a big second half.

It just did not come.

"It's no fun being in that locker room right now," Texas Tech coach Joey McGuire said. "I've said it all year long: Been doing this for 31 years. I've never been a part of a closer group of men and never been so proud.

"One thing that I told them, and I truly believe it, like when you do something that nobody has ever done, nobody has ever done what these guys did wearing this uniform, ever, so the standard is set. That's where you start building something really special. I can't thank them enough. This is going to hurt for a long time. I know these guys are hurting right now. But can't be more proud of my football team."

It would not take long for Oregon to give itself some needed breathing room.

Oregon gave Texas Tech the ball back at the 32 by coming up short on a scramble by Moore on a fourth-and-2.

On third down, linebacker Matayo Uiagelelei stripped Tech quarterback Behren Morton of the ball and rumbled all the way down to the 6.

Freshman running back Jordon Davison went around right tackle on the very next play, scoring the first of his two touchdowns — the only touchdowns of the game — for a 13-0 lead with 11:20 remaining in the third.

"It was a crazy turn of events," said Davison, who put an exclamation mark on the win by scoring from the 1 with 16 seconds remaining.

"We always practice sudden change, so we were prepared. And excited."

The opening half of the game was dominated by the excellent defenses of both teams.

Oregon led 6-0 at halftime off a pair of field goals after holding Texas Tech to 88 yards of total offense — 50 of which came off a nice run from J'Koby Williams early in the second.

The Ducks forced two turnovers in the first half, the second of which lead to a 39-yard field goal from Sappington for the final points before intermission.

Sappington was 3-for-4 on field goals, accounting for 11 (with two PATs) of Oregon's 23 points.

Moore did not lead the Ducks to the end zone in the first half, but he put up some fantastic numbers throwing for 192 yards on 22-of-27 passing.

He ended up completing 26 of 33 for 234 yards with an interception.

"Like Coach Lanning always says, 'you never want to look too far ahead.' You want to be where your feet are at, being in the present moment," Moore said.



## GAME NOTES

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**Kickoff:** 12:10 p.m. ET

**End of Game:** 3:23 (Time elapsed: 3:13)

**Attendance:** 65,021

#### GAME TIME CONDITIONS:

**Hard Rock Stadium – Miami Gardens, FL:**  
 64°, 48% relative humidity, Partly Cloudy skies, winds from NW at 15 mph.  
**Eugene, Oregon:** 38°, Overcast skies, Wintry Mix  
**Lubbock, Texas:** 59°, Overcast skies  
 End of Game temperature in Miami Gardens: 66°

#### THREE'S COMPANY:

Oregon Kicker Atticus Sappington scored on three of four field goal attempts (50, 38 & 43 yards). He is the first kicker with 3 FGM in an Orange Bowl game since Evan McPherson (FLA) vs Virginia on December 30, 2019 (FLA 36 UVA 28).

**ATTENDING A CLASSIC:** Today's Capital One Orange Bowl attendance – **65,021**. 93 Orange Bowls have entertained 5,805,822 (62,428 average).

**THE DAILY NEWS:** Today, the Capital One Orange Bowl returns to January 1 for the first time since 2013 (Florida State-Northern Illinois). 60 of 92 Classics have been played on New Year's Day. It is the 15<sup>th</sup> played on a Thursday.

**MERCURY RISING?** Today's game time temperature was 64° – ties for 8th coldest game time temperature in Orange Bowl history.

#### Coldest Orange Bowl Game Time Temperatures

- 49° - Georgia Tech-Iowa (1-5-2010)
- 56° - Notre Dame-Penn State (1-9-2025)
- 57° - Nebraska-Louisiana State (1-1-1971)
- 57° - Kansas-Virginia Tech (1-3-2008)
- 57° - West Virginia-Clemson (1-4-2012)
- 59° - Wisconsin-Miami (FL) (12-30-2017)
- 61° - Texas-Georgia (1-1-1949)
- 61° - Michigan-Florida State (12-30-2016)

#### GAME CAPTAINS:

**Oregon** (Black & Silver Helmets, White Jerseys, Gray Pants):  
 1 Bear Alexander, 4 Malik Benson, 28 Bryce Boettcher, 75 Emmanuel Pregnon  
**Texas Tech** (Black Helmets, Black Jerseys, Black Pants):  
 2 Lee Hunter, 2 Behren Morton, 5 Caleb Douglas, 10 Jacob Rodriguez

#### COIN TOSS:

**Oregon** (visitor) calls HEADS, Texas Tech (Tails) elects to defer. **Oregon** will receive and defend the East goal.

#### MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS:

**Offense:** Oregon – 1 Dante Moore (QB) – 26 of 33, 234 yards, 1 interception.  
**Defense:** Oregon – 4 Brandon Finney Jr. (DB) – 6 Tackles, 2 Interceptions, Fumble Recovery.

#### CHARTING COOB MOPs (Since 1964):

Quarterbacks 33; Running Backs 17; Wide Receivers 8; Linebackers & Defensive Backs 3 each; Defensive Line and Kickers 1 each.

61°- Michigan-Florida State (12-30-2016)  
 62°- Oklahoma-Florida State (1-1-1980)  
 63°- Oklahoma-Florida State (1-1-2001) BCS  
 64°- Clemson-Ohio State (1-3-2014)  
**64°- Oregon-Texas Tech (1-1-26)**  
 65°- Georgia-Florida State (12-30-2023)  
 67°- Louisiana State-Colorado (1-1-1962)

**NEW YEAR'S READINGS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA:**

- Lowest temperature: 57° in 1918
- Highest temperature: 87° in 1982
- Average January temperature – High: 75°  
Low: 61°
  - 1870-1964 National Weather Bureau; 1965 Environmental Science Services Administration (ESSA); 1970-present National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**NICE TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE:**

Today's matchup is the first Capital One Orange Bowl appearance for both Oregon and Texas Tech and marks only the third match up of first time COOB teams since 2003 (2007: Louisville-Wake Forest & 2003: USC-Iowa). There have been 14 games with first time Orange Bowl encounters.

*(1955 Duke-Nebraska; 1950 Santa Clara-Kentucky; 1944 Louisiana State-Texas A&M; 1943 Alabama-Boston College; 1942 Georgia-Texas Christian; 1940 Georgia Tech-Missouri; 1939 Tennessee-Oklahoma; 1938 Auburn-Michigan State; 1937 Duquesne-Mississippi State; 1936 Catholic-Mississippi; 1935 Bucknell-Miami, FL)*

**THEY'VE COME A LONG WAYS:** Longest Combined Team Distance Travelled to Capital One Orange Bowl

Miles	Year	Team	Distance	Team	Distance
4,940	2026	Oregon	3,283	Texas Tech	1,657
4,820	1985	Washington	3,299	Oklahoma	1,521
4,256	2005	Southern Cal	2,735	Oklahoma	1,521
4,211	2003	Southern Cal	2,735	Iowa	1,476
4,053	1950	Santa Clara	3,006	Kentucky	1,047

**Longest Single Team Distance Travelled To Capital One Orange Bowl**

Miles	Year	Team	Opponent	Combined Distance
3,299	1985	Washington	Oklahoma	1,521
<b>3,283</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Oregon</b>	<b>Texas Tech</b>	<b>1,657</b>
3,018	2011	Stanford	Virginia Tech	906
3,006	1950	Santa Clara	Kentucky	1,047
2,735	2003	Southern Cal	Iowa	1,476
2,735	2005	Southern Cal	Oklahoma	1,52
2,085	1977	Colorado	Notre Dame	1,340
2,085	1990	Colorado	Ohio State	1,157

**EARLY RISERS:** Today's Noon starting time is the earliest Orange Bowl since January 1, 1963 – United States President John F. Kennedy opened the 1pm game between 5-Alabama and 8-Oklahoma by participating in the coin toss. Alabama's Lee Roy Jordan won the toss by calling "tails". Bear Bryant's Alabama squad blanked Bud Wilkerson's Oklahoma Sooners, 17-0.

**THE LIGHT OF DAY:** Prior to today, the last daytime OB Starts were in 2023 & 2015 (both 4pm) – they marked the first daytime kickoffs in 52 years. **FYI:** The First Night game in Orange Bowl History was January 1, 1964 – Nebraska 13 Auburn 7. The NBC telecast was also the first New Year's Day bowl game played at night. A year later on January 1, 1965 Orange Bowl MVP Joe Namath's Alabama Crimson Tide lost to the

Texas Long Horns, 21-17 – in the first national college telecast (NBC) in Prime Time.

**ON TO THE NEXT ROUND:** With today's victory Oregon will face the winner of tonight's 9-Alabama vs 1- Indiana 4pm et (ESPN), CFP Quarferfinal at The Rose Bowl Presented by Prudential.

The Rose Bowl winner faces Oregon, January 9, in the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (7:30 pm et, ESPN).

**ZERO IT OUT:**

- Texas Tech is the 5<sup>th</sup> straight team to be held scoreless in the First Quarter (3-0)...three of those lost the game.
- Today: Texas Tech – No points in first half. The last Orange Bowl team held scoreless in the first half –
- Florida State vs Oklahoma (3-0) on January 3, 2001.

- Oklahoma went on to capture the National Championship, 13-2.
  - The Red Raiders were also held scoreless in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – last Florida State (2001).
- Today's result is the 9<sup>th</sup> Shutout in Orange Bowl history and the first since Miami captured a national title by blanking Nebraska, 22-0.
- Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest margin of victory in a shutout (Bucknell 26 Miami 0, January 1, 1935 – first Orange Bowl Classic.

**TODAY'S GAME OFFICIALS – (ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE):**

Referee: Jerry Magallanes; Umpire: Daniel Worrell; Head Linesman: Benjamin Keller; Line Judge: Josiah Ford; Field Judge: Hugh Brown; Side Judge: Rick Santilli; Back Judge: Antony Little; Center Judge: Art Brown; Replay Official: Mark McAnaney; Alternate: Adam Savoie; Alternate 2: Michael Griffith

**Game Summary**  
**Oregon vs. Texas Tech (Final)**  
**01/1/2026 at Miami Gardens, Florida**



Oregon (13-1; 8-1) vs. Texas Tech (12-2; 8-1)  
Date: 01/1/2026 • Site: Miami Gardens, Florida • Stadium: Hard Rock Stadium  
Kickoff time: 12:11 PM EST • End of Game: 03:38 PM EST • Total elapsed time: 03:27  
Attendance: 65021  
Temperature: 64 • Wind: • Weather: sunny

**SCORING SUMMARY**

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Oregon	3	3	7	10	<b>23</b>
Texas Tech	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:41	ORE - A.Sappington 50 yd FG , 10-43 4:19	3-0
2nd	01:33	ORE - A.Sappington 39 yd FG , 4-8 0:56	6-0
3rd	11:20	ORE - J.Davison 6 yd TD RUSH (PAT KICK by A.Sappington GOOD) , 1-6 0:00	13-
4th	07:53	ORE - A.Sappington 43 yd FG , 10-55 5:55	16-0
4th	00:16	ORE - J.Davison 1 yd TD RUSH (PAT KICK by A.Sappington GOOD) , 8-28 2:54	23-

**OFFICIALS**

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Head Linesman: Benjamin Keller  
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Field judge: Hugh Brown

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Center judge: Art Brown

	ORE	TTU
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	16	9
Rushing	3	4
Passing	11	5
Penalty	2	0
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	64	78
Rushing Attempts	47	30
Average Per Rush	1.4	2.6
Rushing Touchdowns	2	0
Yards Gained Rushing	118	121
Yards Lost Rushing	54	43
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	245	137
Completions-Attempts-Int	27-34-1	18-32-2
Average Per Attempt	7.2	4.3
Average Per Completion	9.1	7.6
Passing Touchdowns	0	0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS</b>	309	215
Total Offensive plays	81	62
Average Gain Per Play	3.8	3.5
Fumbles: Number-Lost	3-0	2-2
Penalties: Number-Yards	3-25	6-36
<b>PUNTS-YARDS</b>	2-72	4-178
Average Yards Per Punt	36.0	44.5
Net Yards Per Punt	36.0	37.5
Inside 20	1	0
50+ Yards	0	0
Touchbacks	0	0
Fair catch	1	3
<b>KICKOFFS-YARDS</b>	6-390	1-65
Average Yards Per Kickoff	65	65
Net Yards Per Kickoff	65	30
Touchbacks	4	1
Punt returns: Number-Yards-TD	1-28-0	0-0-0
Average Per Return	28	0
Kickoff returns: Number-Yards-TD	0-0-0	2-35-0
Average Per Return	0	17.5
Interceptions: Number-Yards-TD	2-2-0	1-8-0
Fumble Returns: Number-Yards	2-16	0-0
Miscellaneous Yards	0	0
Possession Time	37:23	20:34
1st Quarter	12:05	2:55
2nd Quarter	9:58	5:02
3rd Quarter	5:00	10:00
4th Quarter	10:57	4:03
Third-Down Conversions	4 of 19	6 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	4 of 8	0 of 3
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4 of 6	0 of 1
Touchdowns	2	0
Field Goals	2 of 3	0 of 0
Sacks By: Number-Yards	4-39	2-22
Tackles For Loss: Number-Yards	7.0-42	10.0-45
Forced Three-And-Outs	4	2
Total TDs	2	0
Defensive TDs	0	0
Special Teams TDs	0	0
PAT Kicks	2-2	0-0
Field Goals	3-4	0-1
Points off turnovers	13	0

**Individual Statistics**  
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**OREGON**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.Davison	15	45	3	42	2	7	2.8
N.Whittington	13	34	3	31	0	9	2.4
D.Hill Jr	5	15	2	13	0	6	2.6
J.Limar	3	3	0	3	0	2	1
D.Moore	10	21	33	-12	0	8	-1.2
TEAM	1	0	13	-13	0	0	-13
Totals	47	118	54	64	2	9	1.4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
D.Moore	26-33-1	234	0	27	2
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	1-1-0	11	0	11	0
Totals	27-34-1	245	0	27	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Tgt	YAC
M.Benson	5	51	0	24	6	5
J.Johnson	4	66	0	26	6	27
K.Sadiq	4	22	0	11	6	5
D.Moore	3	21	0	13	4	5
D.Hill Jr	3	3	0	4	3	15
J.McClellan	2	13	0	11	2	4
N.Whittington	2	10	0	6	2	6
J.Limar	1	27	0	27	1	25
J.Davison	1	14	0	14	1	13
T.Tuioti	1	11	0	11	1	10
G.Bryant Jr.	1	7	0	7	2	1
Totals	27	245	0	27	34	116

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	2	72	36.0	39	1	0
Totals	2	72	36.0	39	1	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
B.Finney	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
M.Benson	1	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	28	28	0	0	0	2	2	2

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
A.Sappington	1st	10:41	50	GOOD
A.Sappington	2nd	01:33	39	GOOD
A.Sappington	4th	07:53	43	GOOD
A.Sappington	4th	04:45	36	MISSSED

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
A.Sappington	6	390	65	4	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR/FR	Total
M.Benson	0	51	0	28	0	79
J.Johnson	0	66	0	0	0	66
J.Davison	42	14	0	0	0	56
N.Whittington	31	10	0	0	0	41

Fumbles	No.	Lost
TEAM	1	0
Totals	3	0

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Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.Williams	13	85	4	81	0	50	6.2
C.Dickey	11	29	0	29	0	9	2.6
B.Morton	6	7	39	-32	0	6	-5.3

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
B.Morton	18-32-2	137	0	24	4
Totals	18-32-2	137	0	24	4

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Long	Tgt	YAC
T.Carter Jr.	9	72	0	24	11	32
J.Williams	5	17	0	6	8	32
R.Virgil	2	29	0	24	3	7
C.Eakin	1	11	0	11	2	6
C.Dickey	1	8	0	8	3	11
TEAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Douglas	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	18	137	0	24	30	88

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20	TB
J.Burgess	4	178	44.5	50	0	0
Totals	4	178	44.5	50	0	0

Returns	Punt			Kickoff			Intercept		
	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg	No	Yds	Lg
J.Williams	0	0	0	2	35	19	0	0	0
B.Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	8
Totals	0	0	0	2	35	19	1	8	8

Field goals	Qtr	Time	Dist	Result
S.Harrington	2nd	10:53	54	MISSSED

Kickoffs	No.	Yards	Avg	TB	OB
S.Harrington	1	65	65	1	0

All-purpose	Run	Rcv	KR	PR	IR/FR	Total
J.Williams	81	17	35	0	0	133
T.Carter Jr.	0	72	0	0	0	72
C.Dickey	29	8	0	0	0	37
R.Virgil	0	29	0	0	0	29

Fumbles	No.	Lost
MORTON,B	1	1
Totals	2	2

<b>Fumbles</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Lost</b>
UIAGALEI,M	1	0
MOORE,D	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>Fumbles</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Lost</b>
DICKEY,C	1	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

**Moore, Dante**  
 26 - 33   79%   234 yds   0TD   1INT   132.3RTG

C-A	Yds	Context	Receiver	Stk
+	1-1	5	J.Johnson	
+	2-2	26   1st   3rd and 7 on ORE28 (Q1 15:00)	J.Johnson	2
+	3-3	2   1st and 10 on TTU46 (Q1 15:00)	K.Sadiq	3
+	4-4	11   1st   2nd and 8 on TTU44 (Q1 15:00)	K.Sadiq	4
+	5-5	11   1st   1st and 10 on TTU33 (Q1 15:00)	J.McClellan	5
	5-6	1st and 10 on TTU22 (Q1 15:00)	M.Benson	
+	6-7	-4   2nd and 6 on ORE32 (Q1 09:23)	D.Hill Jr	
+	7-8	14   1st   3rd and 10 on ORE28 (Q1 09:23)	J.Davison	2
	7-9	2nd and 7 on ORE45 (Q1 09:23)	J.Johnson	
+	8-10	5   3rd and 7 on ORE45 (Q1 09:23)	M.Benson	
+	9-11	4   1st   4th and 2 on ORE50 (Q1 09:23)	K.Sadiq	2
+	10-12	13   2nd and 16 on TTU38 (Q1 09:23)	D.Moore	3
+	11-13	6   2nd and 20 on ORE25 (Q1 01:19)	M.Benson	4
	11-14	3rd and 20 on TTU43 (Q2 13:15)	K.Sadiq	
+	12-15	-2   1st and 10 on ORE36 (Q2 10:53)	D.Moore	
+	13-16	3   2nd and 17 on ORE29 (Q2 10:28)	D.Hill Jr	2
+	14-17	11   3rd and 14 on ORE32 (Q2 10:03)	J.Johnson	3
+	15-18	7   3rd and 10 on TTU46 (Q2 07:39)	G.Bryant Jr.	4
+	16-19	4   1st   4th and 3 on TTU39 (Q2 06:56)	N.Whittington	5
+	17-20	2   1st and 10 on TTU35 (Q2 06:13)	J.McClellan	6
+	18-21	24   1st   2nd and 8 on TTU33 (Q2 05:44)	M.Benson	7
	18-22	1st and 9 on TTU9 (Q2 05:07)	K.Sadiq	
	18-23	4th and 2 on TTU2 (Q2 04:12)	G.Bryant Jr.	-2
+	19-24	8   1st and 10 on TTU29 (Q2 02:29)	M.Benson	
+	20-25	8   1st and 10 on ORE22 (Q2 00:37)	M.Benson	2
+	21-26	10   1st   2nd and 2 on ORE30 (Q2 00:33)	D.Moore	3
+	22-27	24   1st   1st and 10 on ORE40 (Q2 00:29)	J.Johnson	4
+	23-28	6   2nd and 8 on TTU39 (Q3 13:22)	N.Whittington	5
	23-29	3rd and 2 on TTU33 (Q3 12:50)	D.Moore	
	23-30	INT   4th and 2 on TTU46 (Q3 03:45)	J.Johnson	-2
+	24-31	4   2nd and 7 on ORE36 (Q4 11:19)	D.Hill Jr	
+	25-32	27   1st   3rd and 3 on ORE40 (Q4 10:47)	J.Limar	2
+	26-33	5   3rd and 7 on TTU30 (Q4 08:51)	K.Sadiq	3

Sacked 2 times for 22 yards lost

Lost	Context
-12	3rd and 8 on TTU20 (Q1 15:00)
-10	1st and 10 on ORE35 (Q1 01:25)

**Ferguson-Reynolds, James**  
 1 - 1   100%   11 yds   0TD   0INT   192.4RTG

C-A	Yds	Context	Receiver	Stk
+	1-1	11   1st   4th and 3 on ORE43 (Q2 09:22)	T.Tuioti	

Sacked 0 times for 0 yards lost

Lost	Context

**Morton, Behren**

18 - 32    56%    137 yds    0TD    2INT    79.7RTG

C-A	Yds	Context		Receiver	Stk
+	1-1	4	3rd and 6 on TTU29 (Q1 10:41)	J.Williams	
+	2-2	7	1st and 10 on TTU25 (Q1 03:02)	T.Carter Jr.	2
	2-3	INT	2nd and 7 on TTU25 (Q2 14:43)	R.Virgil	
	2-4		1st and 10 on ORE38 (Q2 12:06)	J.Williams	-2
+	3-5	2	2nd and 10 on ORE38 (Q2 11:35)	J.Williams	
	3-6		3rd and 8 on ORE36 (Q2 11:28)		
	3-7		2nd and 6 on TTU6 (Q2 04:01)	C.Douglas	-2
+	4-8	8	3rd and 6 on TTU6 (Q2 03:43)	T.Carter Jr.	
	4-9		1st and 10 on TTU14 (Q2 03:33)	C.Dickey	
+	5-10	11	1st	C.Eakin	
	5-11		3rd and 9 on TTU15 (Q2 03:16)	T.Carter Jr.	
	6-12	5	1st and 10 on TTU25 (Q2 01:33)	R.Virgil	
	6-13		2nd and 10 on TTU25 (Q2 01:30)	T.Carter Jr.	
+	7-14	3	2nd and 11 on TTU24 (Q3 14:52)	T.Carter Jr.	
	7-15		3rd and 11 on TTU24 (Q3 14:24)	J.Williams	
+	8-16	8	2nd and 11 on TTU31 (Q3 12:01)	C.Dickey	
	8-17		1st and 10 on TTU8 (Q3 11:16)	C.Dickey	
	9-18	24	1st	R.Virgil	
+	10-19	8	2nd and 10 on TTU20 (Q3 09:51)	T.Carter Jr.	2
	10-20		3rd and 5 on TTU49 (Q3 08:59)	C.Douglas	
+	11-21	10	1st and 10 on ORE43 (Q3 08:26)	T.Carter Jr.	
+	12-22	3	3rd and 11 on ORE44 (Q3 07:56)	J.Williams	2
+	13-23	24	1st and 10 on ORE45 (Q3 02:05)	T.Carter Jr.	3
+	14-24	0	1st and 10 on ORE33 (Q3 00:52)	T.Carter Jr.	4
	14-25	INT	2nd and 9 on ORE9 (Q4 14:52)	C.Eakin	
	14-26		3rd and 9 on ORE9 (Q4 14:17)	J.Williams	-2
+	15-27	8	1st and 10 on TTU25 (Q4 07:53)	T.Carter Jr.	
+	16-28	2	2nd and 15 on TTU20 (Q4 07:50)	J.Williams	2
+	17-29	6	3rd and 7 on TTU28 (Q4 07:02)	J.Williams	3
+	18-30	4	1st and 10 on TTU20 (Q4 04:45)	T.Carter Jr.	4
	18-31		2nd and 4 on TTU26 (Q4 04:37)		
	18-32		1st and 10 on TTU30 (Q4 04:02)	C.Douglas	
			2nd and 10 on TTU30 (Q4 03:37)		-2

**Sacked 4 times for 39 yards lost**

Lost	Context
-17	3rd and 3 on TTU32 (Q1 03:02)
-9	3rd and 11 on TTU31 (FUMBLE LOST) (Q3 11:33)
-5	4th and 5 on TTU30 (Q4 06:53)
-8	4th and 4 on TTU36 (Q4 03:21)

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#	Oregon	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH
28	B.Boettcher	6	6	12	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	-	-	-	-
31	D.Thieneman	6	6	12	0.0-0	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-
4	B.Finney	4	2	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	1-0	2-2	-	-
44	T.Tuioti	6	0	6	2.0-22	2.0-22	-	-	-	-	-
54	J.Mixon	4	0	4	0.0-0	1.0-1	-	-	-	2	-
26	D.Jackson	1	3	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
21	A.Flowers	3	0	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	1	-
10	M.Uiagalelei	1	1	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	1	1-16	-	-	-
22	J.Canady	1	1	2	0.0-0	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-
9	B.Purchase	2	0	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	-	-	-	-	-
1	B.Alexander	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	1
5	T.Johnson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
9	J.Johnson	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
38	W.Straton	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
72	I.Lalolulu	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
99	T.Green	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
52	A.Washington	0	0	0	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	1	-
Totals		35	24	59	4-39	7.0-42	2	2-16	2-2	4	1

BLOCKED KICKS: none.

#	Texas Tech	Solo	Ast	Total	Sacks-Yds	TFL-Yds	FF	FR-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH
13	B.Roberts	8	8	16	0.0-0	1.0-2	-	-	1-8	-	-
10	J.Rodriguez	2	9	11	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
7	B.Jordan	7	2	9	0.0-0	1.0-1	-	-	-	-	-
31	D.Bailey	5	4	9	1.0-12	2.0-13	-	-	-	2	-
2	L.Hunter	5	2	7	0.0-0	2.0-4	-	-	-	-	-
27	A.Boyd	3	4	7	0.0-0	1.0-2	-	-	-	1	-
5	C.Wisniewski	4	2	6	0.0-0	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-
6	J.Curry	2	3	5	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
9	R.Height	3	2	5	1.0-10	1.0-10	-	-	-	-	-
33	A.Holmes Jr.	2	1	3	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
14	B.Pollock	2	0	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	1	-
2	B.Morton	1	0	1	0.0-0	1.0-9	1	-	-	-	-
8	E.Banks	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
18	T.Tilmon	0	1	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
39	L.Dillingham	1	0	1	0.0-0	0.0-0	-	-	-	-	-
Totals		46	38	84	2-22	10.0-45	1	0-0	1-8	4	0

BLOCKED KICKS: none.

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**STARTERS**

**Oregon**

Pos	##	OFFENSE	Pos	##	DEFENSE
WR	4	M.Benson	DL	1	B.Alexander
QB	5	D.Moore	DB	4	B.Finney
RB	6	N.Whittington	DB	7	I.Obidegwu
TE	9	J.Johnson	LB	10	M.Uiagalelei
WR	11	J.McClellan	DB	21	A.Flowers
TE	18	K.Sadiq	DB	22	J.Canady
OL	71	A.Harkey	LB	28	B.Boettcher
OL	72	I.Lalolulu	DB	31	D.Thieneman
OL	74	D.Iuli	LB	44	T.Tuioti
OL	75	E.Pregnon	DL	52	A.Washington
OL	76	I.World	LB	54	J.Mixon

**Texas Tech**

Pos	##	OFFENSE	Pos	##	DEFENSE
WR	1	R.Virgil	DT	2	L.Hunter
QB	2	B.Morton	S	5	C.Wisniewski
WR	3	C.Eakin	LB	6	J.Curry
WR	5	C.Douglas	DB	7	B.Jordan
TE	7	T.Carter Jr.	DE	9	R.Height
RB	20	J.Williams	LB	10	J.Rodriguez
OL	56	D.Carter	LB	13	B.Roberts
OL	70	J.Ponton	CB	14	B.Pollock
OL	72	S.Wilson	CB	27	A.Boyd
OL	76	W.Jados	LB	31	D.Bailey
OL	79	H.Sampson	DL	33	A.Holmes Jr.

**SUBSTITUTIONS**

**Oregon:**

0 J.Davison; 1 D.Moore; 2 G.Bryant Jr.; 5 T.Johnson; 9 B.Purchase; 12 P.Woodyard; 13 G.Nix; 14 N.Offord; 20 M.Hughes; 23 B.Platt; 23 D.Hill Jr; 24 Z.Grisham; 26 D.Jackson; 27 J.Limar; 29 A.Porter; 30 X.Barksdale; 32 N.Wyatt; 34 C.Rushing; 36 A.Sappington; 38 W.Straton; 39 C.O'Flaherty; 42 A.Breland; 44 Z.Grace; 46 J.Ferguson-Reynolds; 50 T.Gray; 55 M.Johnson; 55 D.Utu; 56 T.Ferguson; 59 F.Crader; 70 C.Pickard; 73 K.Rogers; 77 J.Johnson; 83 R.Saleapaga; 89 B.Bidwell; 99 T.Green;

**Texas Tech:**

3 B.Ramirez; 6 K.Valsin; 8 C.Dickey; 8 E.Banks; 9 J.Miller II; 11 C.Esters III; 11 T.Turner; 12 M.Stevenson; 14 M.Hudson; 16 A.Hampton; 18 T.Tilmon; 19 H.Wiginton; 20 D.Balfour; 22 M.Ramon-Edwards; 23 T.Grant; 24 M.Esquerra; 25 C.Lewis; 28 O.Miles III; 29 C.Collins; 30 M.Harrison-Pilot; 34 T.Low; 35 G.Elder; 39 L.Dillingham; 40 W.Smith; 41 J.Burgess; 45 B.Golwas; 48 S.Harrington; 51 J.Cofield; 66 J.Hildebrand; 71 V.Sciury; 74 D.Sill; 84 M.Dever; 88 A.Washington; 90 A.Nedore; 94 B.Rigsby;

**DID NOT PLAY**

**Oregon:**

0 Austin, Daylen; 2 Lopa, Kingston; 3 Kasper, Kyler; 3 Laulea, Sione; 6 Florence, Jahilil; 7 Stewart, Evan; 8 McNutt, Trey; 10 Moga, Luke; 11 Fields, Dakoda; 12 Thomas, Brock; 13 Hayes, Ryder; 14 Lowe, Justius; 15 Davis, Solomon; 15 Smith Jr., Akili; 16 Novosad, Austin; 17 Perry, Cooper; 18 Brew, Dorian; 19 Haastrup, Tobi; 19 Wiepert, Mark; 20 Williams, Dylan; 21 Riggs, DaJaun; 22 Harris, Jay; 25 Haasenritter, Kilohana; 25 Graziano, Rocco; 30 Bidwell, Aaron; 33 Mothudi, Kamar; 40 Quinn, Zander; 43 Basso, Luke; 45 Williams, Torrence; 46 Harden, Jay; 47 Rushing, Elijah; 50 Manning, Demetri; 53 Brooks, Devin; 57 Stascausky, Zac; 58 Addison, Ziyare; 66 Boulton, Bryce; 67 Cressallen, Beau; 68 Mims, Auston; 77 Bedford, Matthew; 78 Wilson, Gernorris; 79 Moala, Lipe; 80 Gresham, Dillon; 81 Ploog, Vander; 82 McCoy II, Nathan; 84 McRae II, Jovon; 85 Caton, Kade; 86 Anderson, Darrian; 87 Pugliano, A.J.; 88 Ressler, Jack; 88 Sims, Xadavien; 92 James, Ross; 96 Duzansky, Nick; 97 Hurych, Gage; 98 Boyle, Andrew;

**Texas Tech:**

0 Gill-Howard, Skyler; 0 Joyner, Quinten; 1 McCarty, AJ; 4 Horn, Maurion; 4 West, TJ; 10 Jones III, Lloyd; 12 Griffis, Mitch; 13 Morgan, Price; 15 Hammond, Will; 16 Phillips, Holden; 17 Morgan, Peyton; 17 Stone, Leyton; 18 Alexander, Roy; 19 Joyner, Quintaelyn; 21 Dingle Jr, Miquel; 21 Gentry, Tristian; 23 Hill, Adam; 26 Lindsay, Deante; 27 Bellentant, Upton; 28 McDonald, Braylan; 32 Ojili, Cheta; 33 Tshibangu, Loic; 35 Henderson III, Michael; 36 Horne, Justin; 37 Hershey, Ian; 43 Lemons, Chris; 46 Allen, Tanner; 47 Vagana, Rylan; 49 Upshaw, D'Anthis; 50 McMath, Patrick; 50 Smith, Eddy; 52 Cleveland, Cash; 53 Hendrix, Holton; 57 Zambrano, Hunter; 61 Carty, Connor; 64 Loftin, Jurrien; 68 Brown, Ren; 73 Guberinich, Danilo; 75 Maley, Garin; 77 Gillen, Elias; 78 Davis, Ellis; 80 Powell, Kai; 83 Esparza, Jack; 85 Jones, Bryson; 85 Spencer, Dylan; 86 Robinson, Sean; 88 Jackson, Trey; 89 Llewellyn, Jason; 92 Long, Kasen; 93 Singleton, Dylan; 96 Williams, Keyshawn; 97 Anderson Jr., Charles;

**Drive Chart (By Team)**  
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI-Yds	TOP
ORE	1st	ORE25	15:00	KO	TTU32	10:41	*FG	10 - 43	4:19
ORE	1st	ORE28	09:23	PUNT	TTU25	03:02	DOWNS	13 - 47	6:21
ORE	1st	ORE35	01:25	PUNT	ORE39	14:54	PUNT	3 - 4	1:31
ORE	2nd	TTU33	14:18	INT	TTU43	12:44	PUNT	3 - 10	1:34
ORE	2nd	ORE36	10:53	FGA	TTU2	04:08	DOWNS	14 - 62	6:45
ORE	2nd	TTU29	02:29	FUMB	TTU21	01:33	*FG	4 - 8	0:56
ORE	2nd	ORE22	00:37	PUNT				4 - 29	0:26
ORE	3rd	TTU41	13:34	PUNT	TTU32	12:06	DOWNS	4 - 9	1:28
ORE	3rd	TTU6	11:20	FUMB	TTU0	11:20	*TD	1 - 6	0:00
ORE	3rd	ORE35	06:34	DOWNS	TTU46	03:06	INT	7 - 19	3:28
ORE	4th	ORE20	13:48	INT	TTU25	07:53	*FG	10 - 55	5:55
ORE	4th	TTU25	06:53	DOWNS	TTU18	04:45	FGA	4 - 7	2:08
ORE	4th	TTU28	03:10	DOWNS	TTU0	00:16	*TD	8 - 28	2:54

Oregon	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	Total
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Half	Half	
Time of possession	12:05	9:58	5:00	10:57	22:03	15:57	37:23
3rd down conversions	2-6	0-5	1-3	1-5	2-11	2-8	4-19
4th down conversions	1-2	2-3	0-2	1-1	3-5	1-3	4-8

Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI-Yds	TOP
TTU	1st	TTU25	10:41	KO	TTU33	09:23	PUNT	3 - 8	1:18
TTU	1st	TTU25	03:02	DOWNS	TTU15	01:25	PUNT	3 - -10	1:37
TTU	2nd	TTU22	14:54	PUNT	TTU25	14:18	INT	2 - 3	0:36
TTU	2nd	TTU10	12:44	PUNT	ORE36	10:53	FGA	6 - 54	1:51
TTU	2nd	TTU2	04:08	DOWNS	TTU29	02:29	FUMB	7 - 27	1:39
TTU	2nd	TTU25	01:33	KO	TTU31	00:37	PUNT	3 - 6	0:56
TTU	3rd	TTU25	15:00		TTU27	13:34	PUNT	3 - 2	1:26
TTU	3rd	TTU32	12:06	DOWNS	TTU22	11:24	FUMB	3 - -10	0:42
TTU	3rd	TTU8	11:16	KO	ORE35	06:34	DOWNS	12 - 57	4:42
TTU	3rd	TTU45	03:06	INT	ORE9	13:48	INT	10 - 46	4:18
TTU	4th	TTU25	07:53	KO	TTU25	06:53	DOWNS	4 - 0	1:00
TTU	4th	TTU20	04:45	FGA	TTU28	03:10	DOWNS	6 - 8	1:35
TTU	4th	TTU19	00:10	KO	TTU28	0:00	HALF	1 - 9	0:10

Texas Tech	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	1st	2nd	Total
	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Qtr	Half	Half	
Time of possession	2:55	5:02	10:00	4:03	7:57	14:03	20:34
3rd down conversions	0-2	2-4	4-7	0-3	2-6	4-10	6-16
4th down conversions	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-3	0-3

**Drive Chart (By Quarter)**  
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Team	Qtr	Drive Started			Drive Ended			Consumed	
		Spot	Time	Obtained	Spot	Time	How lost	PI-Yds	TOP
ORE	1st	ORE25	15:00	KO	TTU32	10:41	*FG	10 - 43	4:19
TTU	1st	TTU25	10:41	KO	TTU33	09:23	PUNT	3 - 8	1:18
ORE	1st	ORE28	09:23	PUNT	TTU25	03:02	DOWNS	13 - 47	6:21
TTU	1st	TTU25	03:02	DOWNS	TTU15	01:25	PUNT	3 - 10	1:37
ORE	1st	ORE35	01:25	PUNT	ORE39	14:54	PUNT	3 - 4	1:31
TTU	2nd	TTU22	14:54	PUNT	TTU25	14:18	INT	2 - 3	0:36
ORE	2nd	TTU33	14:18	INT	TTU43	12:44	PUNT	3 - 10	1:34
TTU	2nd	TTU10	12:44	PUNT	ORE36	10:53	FGA	6 - 54	1:51
ORE	2nd	ORE36	10:53	FGA	TTU2	04:08	DOWNS	14 - 62	6:45
TTU	2nd	TTU2	04:08	DOWNS	TTU29	02:29	FUMB	7 - 27	1:39
ORE	2nd	TTU29	02:29	FUMB	TTU21	01:33	*FG	4 - 8	0:56
TTU	2nd	TTU25	01:33	KO	TTU31	00:37	PUNT	3 - 6	0:56
ORE	2nd	ORE22	00:37	PUNT				4 - 29	0:26
TTU	3rd	TTU25	15:00		TTU27	13:34	PUNT	3 - 2	1:26
ORE	3rd	TTU41	13:34	PUNT	TTU32	12:06	DOWNS	4 - 9	1:28
TTU	3rd	TTU32	12:06	DOWNS	TTU22	11:24	FUMB	3 - 10	0:42
ORE	3rd	TTU6	11:20	FUMB	TTU0	11:20	*TD	1 - 6	0:00
TTU	3rd	TTU8	11:16	KO	ORE35	06:34	DOWNS	12 - 57	4:42
ORE	3rd	ORE35	06:34	DOWNS	TTU46	03:06	INT	7 - 19	3:28
TTU	3rd	TTU45	03:06	INT	ORE9	13:48	INT	10 - 46	4:18
ORE	4th	ORE20	13:48	INT	TTU25	07:53	*FG	10 - 55	5:55
TTU	4th	TTU25	07:53	KO	TTU25	06:53	DOWNS	4 - 0	1:00
ORE	4th	TTU25	06:53	DOWNS	TTU18	04:45	FGA	4 - 7	2:08
TTU	4th	TTU20	04:45	FGA	TTU28	03:10	DOWNS	6 - 8	1:35
ORE	4th	TTU28	03:10	DOWNS	TTU0	00:16	*TD	8 - 28	2:54
TTU	4th	TTU19	00:10	KO	TTU28	0:00	HALF	1 - 9	0:10

- Start of 1st quarter, clock 15:00. [15:00]

Texas Tech won the toss and has deferred to the second half. ORE will receive and TTU will defend the west goal.

HARRINGTON, Stone kickoff 65 yards from the TTU35 to the ORE0, Touchback , clock 15:00.

**ORE drive start at 15:00**

1-10	ORE25	[SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush up the middle for a loss of 2 yards to the ORE23 (HUNTER, Lee).	
2-12	ORE23	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the right complete for 5 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari to the ORE28 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob;ROBERTS, Ben).	
3-7	ORE28	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the right complete for 26 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the ORE45 and advanced to the TTU46 (CURRY, John), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	TTU46	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the left complete for 2 yards to SADIQ, Kenyon to the TTU44 (CURRY, John;JORDAN, Brenden).	
2-8	TTU44	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for 11 yards to SADIQ, Kenyon caught at the TTU38 and advanced to the TTU33 (ROBERTS, Ben), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	TTU33	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for 11 yards to MCCLELLAN, Jeremiah caught at the TTU23 and advanced to the TTU22 (POLLOCK, Brice), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	TTU22	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left incomplete intended for BENSON, Malik broken up by BOYD, Amier.	
2-10	TTU22	WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU20 (JORDAN, Brenden).	
3-8	TTU20	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante sacked for a loss of 12 yards at the TTU32 (BAILEY, David).	
4-20	TTU32	<b>SAPPINGTON, Atticus field goal attempt from 50 yards GOOD [kick was spotted at TTU40], clock 10:41. [10:41]</b>	

**OREGON 3, TEXAS TECH 0**

Drive Summary: 10 plays, 43 yards, 4:19

SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, Touchback , clock 10:41.

**TTU drive start at 10:41**

1-10	TTU25	[NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a gain of 3 yards to the TTU28 (TUIOTI, Teitum).	
2-7	TTU28	[NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU29 (FINNEY, Brandon).	
3-6	TTU29	[NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left complete for 4 yards to WILLIAMS, J'Koby caught at the TTU27 and advanced to the TTU33 (BOETTCHER, Bryce), out of bounds.	
4-2	TTU33	BURGESS, Jack punt 39 yards to the ORE28, fair catch by BENSON, Malik, clock 09:23. [09:23]	

Drive Summary: 3 plays, 8 yards, 1:18

**ORE drive start at 09:23**

1-10	ORE28	[SG] HILL JR, Dierre rush to the left for a gain of 4 yards to the ORE32 (HUNTER, Lee).	
2-6	ORE32	[SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left complete for -4 yards to HILL JR, Dierre to the ORE28 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole).	
3-10	ORE28	[SG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the left complete for 14 yards to DAVISON, Jordon caught at the ORE29 and advanced to the ORE42 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	ORE42	[SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 3 yards to the ORE45 (HUNTER, Lee).	
2-7	ORE45	[SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right incomplete intended for JOHNSON, Jamari broken up by BAILEY, David at the ORE40.	
3-7	ORE45	[SG] MOORE, Dante pass short up the middle complete for 5 yards to BENSON, Malik to the ORE50 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob;ROBERTS, Ben).	
4-2	ORE50	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the left complete for 4 yards to SADIQ, Kenyon to the TTU46 (JORDAN, Brenden), 1ST DOWN.	P
1-10	TTU46	[NH] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 5 yards to the TTU41 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob;ROBERTS, Ben).	
2-5	TTU41	[NHSG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the right for a gain of 9 yards to the TTU32 (BOYD, Amier), 1ST DOWN.	R
1-10	TTU32	MOORE, Dante pass short to the left incomplete thrown to the TTU30. PENALTY ORE Holding on WORLD, Isaiah enforced 10 yards from the TTU32 to the TTU42 [NHSG]. NO PLAY (replay the down).	
1-20	TTU42	[SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU38 (ROBERTS, Ben).	
2-16	TTU38	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for 13 yards to MOORE, Dakorien caught at the TTU27 and advanced to the TTU25 (POLLOCK, Brice).	
3-3	TTU25	[SG] QB Keeper MOORE, Dante rush up the middle for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU23 (ROBERTS, Ben;RODRIGUEZ, Jacob).	

4-1 TTU23 [SG] Direct snap to DAVISON, Jordon rush to the right for a loss of 2 yards to the TTU25 (HUNTER, Lee); ORE turnover on downs, clock 03:02. [03:02]

Drive Summary: 13 plays, 47 yards, 6:21

**TTU drive start at 03:02**

1-10 TTU25 [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the right complete for 7 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the TTU26 and advanced to the TTU32 (CANADY, Jadon; THIENEMAN, Dillon).

2-3 TTU32 [SG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the right for no gain to the TTU32 (TUIOTI, Teitum).

3-3 TTU32 [SG] MORTON, Behren sacked for a loss of 17 yards at the TTU15 (TUIOTI, Teitum).

4-20 TTU15 BURGESS, Jack punt 50 yards to the ORE35, fair catch by BENSON, Malik, clock 01:25. [01:25]

Drive Summary: 3 plays, -10 yards, 1:37

**ORE drive start at 01:25**

1-10 ORE35 (01:21) MOORE, Dante sacked for a loss of 10 yards at the ORE25 (HEIGHT, Romello), clock 01:19. [01:19]

2-20 ORE25 (00:45) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short up the middle complete for 6 yards to BENSON, Malik caught at the ORE30 and advanced to the ORE31 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob; BOYD, Amier), clock 00:36. [00:36]

3-14 ORE31 (00:10) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante scrambles up the middle for a gain of 8 yards to the ORE39 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob), clock 00:00. [00:00]

- End of 1st quarter, clock 0:00. [0:00]

**END OF 1ST QUARTER: OREGON 3, TEXAS TECH 0**

Quarter Summary	Score	Time	1st Downs				Conversions			Passing	Penalties
			Poss	R	P	X	T	3rd	4th		
Oregon	3	12:05	1	5	0	6		2-6	1-2	12-11	11-13-0-93
Texas Tech	0	2:55	0	0	0	0		0-2	0-0	4-13	2-2-0-11

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	ORE	TTU
Score	3	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	6	0
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	12-11	4-13
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	93	11
Passes Att-Comp-Int	13-11-0	2-2-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	25-104	6-2
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	2-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	1-10	0-0
Possession Time	12:05	2:55
Third-Down Conversions	2-6	0-2
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-2	0-0

Oregon

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Davison	3	8	-2	6	0	2	5
N.Whittington	4	15	-2	13	0	3.3	9
D.Hill Jr	1	4	0	4	0	4	4

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore	11-13-0	71	0	26	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
M.Benson	2	11	0	3	6
J.Johnson	2	31	0	3	26
K.Sadiq	3	17	0	3	11
D.Moore	1	13	0	1	13

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T.Tuioti	3-0	3.0	1.0	1.0
B.Finney	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
B.Boettcher	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
J.Canady	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0
D.Thieneman	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Texas Tech

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Williams	2	4	0	4	0	2	3
C.Dickey	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
B.Morton	2-2-0	-6	0	7	1

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
T.Carter Jr.	1	7	0	1	7
J.Williams	1	4	0	1	4

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
J.Burgess	2	89	44.5	50	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
L.Hunter	4-0	4.0	0.0	2.0
B.Roberts	2-4	4.0	0.0	0.0
J.Rodriguez	1-5	3.5	0.0	0.0
B.Jordan	2-1	2.5	0.0	0.0
C.Wisniewski	2-0	2.0	0.0	1.0
B.Pollock	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
J.Curry	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
A.Boyd	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:41	ORE - A.Sappington 50 yd FG , 10-43 4:19	3-0

**Play-by-Play Summary (2nd quarter)**  
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- Start of 2nd quarter, clock 15:00. [15:00]  
4-6 ORE39 (14:58) FERGUSON-REYNOLDS, James punt 39 yards to the TTU22, fair catch by WILLIAMS, J'Koby, clock 14:54. [14:54]

**TTU drive start at 14:54**

1-10 TTU22 (14:54) [SG] DICKEY, Cameron rush up the middle for a gain of 3 yards to the TTU25 (BOETTCHER, Bryce; JACKSON, Devon), clock 14:43. [14:43]

2-7 TTU25 (14:21) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left intercepted by FINNEY, Brandon at the TTU35 intended for VIRGIL, Reggie. Finney return for 2 yards to the TTU33, out of bounds, clock 14:18. [14:18]

Drive Summary: 2 plays, 3 yards, 0:36

**ORE drive start at 14:18**

1-10 TTU33 (14:18) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush to the right for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU32 (HUNTER, Lee), clock 14:10. [14:10]

2-9 TTU32 (13:43) [SG] QB Keeper MOORE, Dante rush to the right for a loss of 11 yards, MOORE, Dante fumbled at TTU38, recovered by ORE MOORE, Dante at the TTU43 to the TTU43, End of Play, clock 13:15. [13:15]

3-20 TTU43 (12:56) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the left incomplete intended for SADIQ, Kenyon thrown to the TTU18, clock 12:54. [12:54]

4-20 TTU43 (12:51) FERGUSON-REYNOLDS, James punt 33 yards to the TTU10 downed by AUSTIN, Daylen, clock 12:44. [12:44]

Drive Summary: 3 plays, -10 yards, 1:34

**TTU drive start at 12:44**

1-10 TTU10 (12:43) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the right for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU12 (BOETTCHER, Bryce), clock 12:38. [12:38]

2-8 TTU12 (12:17) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a gain of 50 yards to the ORE38, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, R, clock 12:06. [12:06]

1-10 ORE38 (11:38) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left incomplete intended for WILLIAMS, J'Koby thrown to the ORE40, clock 11:35. [11:35]

2-10 ORE38 (11:33) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 2 yards to WILLIAMS, J'Koby caught at the ORE43 and advanced to the ORE36 (THIENEMAN, Dillon; UIAGALELEI, Matayo), clock 11:28. [11:28]

3-8 ORE36 (10:57) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the right incomplete broken up by MIXON, Jerry at the ORE35, clock 10:58. [10:58]

4-8 ORE36 HARRINGTON, Stone field goal attempt from 54 yards NO GOOD (wide left) [kick was spotted at ORE44], clock 10:53. [10:53]

Drive Summary: 6 plays, 54 yards, 1:51

**ORE drive start at 10:53**

1-10 ORE36 (10:53) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for -2 yards to MOORE, Dakorien caught at the ORE31 and advanced to the ORE34 (BOYD, Amier), clock 10:41. [10:41]

2-12 ORE34 PENALTY Before the snap, ORE False Start on MOORE, Dakorien enforced 5 yards from the ORE34 to the ORE29, clock 10:28. [10:28]

2-17 ORE29 (10:12) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left complete for 3 yards to HILL JR, Dierre caught at the ORE25 and advanced to the ORE32 (JORDAN, Brenden), clock 10:03. [10:03]

3-14 ORE32 (09:31) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass up the middle complete for 11 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the ORE30 and advanced to the ORE43 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob; BOYD, Amier), clock 09:22. [09:22]

4-3 ORE43 (08:47) [PUNT] FERGUSON-REYNOLDS, James pass short to the right complete for 11 yards to TUIOTI, Teitum caught at the ORE44 and advanced to the TTU46 (DILLINGHAM, Luke), 1ST DOWN, clock 08:33. [08:33] P

1-10 H46 Timeout Texas Tech, clock 08:21. [08:21]

1-10 TTU46 (08:19) HILL JR, Dierre rush to the right for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU44 (JORDAN, Brenden; ROBERTS, Ben), clock 08:15. [08:15]

2-8 TTU44 (07:44) [NHSG] HILL JR, Dierre rush to the left for a loss of 2 yards to the TTU46 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 07:39. [07:39]

3-10 TTU46 (07:05) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass up the middle complete for 7 yards to BRYANT JR., Gary caught at the TTU40 and advanced to the TTU39 (JORDAN, Brenden), clock 06:56. [06:56]

4-3 TTU39 (06:26) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the right complete for 4 yards to WHITTINGTON, Noah to the TTU35, End of Play, 1ST DOWN, clock 06:13. [06:13] P

1-10 TTU35 (05:53) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for 2 yards to MCCLELLAN, Jeremiah caught at the TTU33 and advanced to the TTU33 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole), clock 05:44. [05:44]

2-8	TTU33	(05:32) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the left complete for 24 yards to BENSON, Malik caught at the TTU10 and advanced to the TTU9, End of Play, 1ST DOWN, clock 05:07. [05:07]	P
1-9	TTU9	[NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left incomplete intended for SADIQ, Kenyon broken up by POLLOCK, Brice at the TTU13, clock 05:05. [05:05]	
2-9	TTU9	(05:05) [NHSG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 7 yards to the TTU2 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 04:47. [04:47]	
3-2	TTU2	(04:43) [NHSG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for no gain to the TTU2 (ROBERTS, Ben;HEIGHT, Romello), clock 04:32. [04:32]	
4-2	H2	Timeout Oregon, clock 04:12. [04:12]	
4-2	TTU2	(04:11) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right incomplete intended for BRYANT JR., Gary broken up by BAILEY, David at the TTU5; ORE turnover on downs, clock 04:08. [04:08]	

Drive Summary: 14 plays, 62 yards, 6:45

#### TTU drive start at 04:08

1-10	TTU2	(04:03) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush up the middle for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU6 (JACKSON, Devon;ALEXANDER, Bear), clock 04:01. [04:01]	
2-6	TTU6	(03:48) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the right incomplete intended for DOUGLAS, Caleb thrown to the TTU35, clock 03:43. [03:43]	
3-6	TTU6	(03:43) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass up the middle complete for 8 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the TTU12 and advanced to the TTU14 (FLOWERS, Aaron), 1ST DOWN, clock 03:33. [03:33]	P
1-10	TTU14	(03:25) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short up the middle incomplete intended for DICKEY, Cameron thrown to the TTU16, clock 03:23. [03:23]	
2-10	TTU14	(03:21) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU15 (FINNEY, Brandon), clock 03:16. [03:16]	
3-9	TTU15	(02:47) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the right complete for 11 yards to EAKIN, Coy caught at the TTU20 and advanced to the TTU26 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), 1ST DOWN, clock 02:41. [02:41]	P
1-10	TTU26	(02:32) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the left for a gain of 3 yards, DICKEY, Cameron fumbled at TTU26 forced by BOETTCHER, Bryce, recovered by ORE FINNEY, Brandon at the TTU29 to the TTU29, End of Play, clock 02:29. [02:29]	

Drive Summary: 7 plays, 27 yards, 1:39

#### ORE drive start at 02:29

1-10	TTU29	(02:27) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the right complete for 8 yards to BENSON, Malik caught at the TTU24 and advanced to the TTU21 (BOYD, Amier;RODRIGUEZ, Jacob), clock 02:18. [02:18]	
2-2	H21	Timeout Official, clock 02:00. [02:00]	
2-2	TTU21	(01:56) WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU20 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 01:54. [01:54]	
3-1	TTU20	(01:38) [NHSG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush up the middle for a loss of 1 yard to the TTU21 (BAILEY, David), clock 01:37. [01:37]	
4-2	H21	Timeout Texas Tech, clock 01:37. [01:37]	
4-2	TTU21	(01:36) SAPPINGTON, Atticus field goal attempt from 39 yards GOOD [kick was spotted at TTU29], clock 01:33. [01:33]	

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Drive Summary: 4 plays, 8 yards, 0:56

SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, Touchback , clock 01:33.

#### TTU drive start at 01:33

1-10	TTU25	(01:31) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the right incomplete intended for CARTER JR., Terrance broken up by MIXON, Jerry at the TTU30, clock 01:30. [01:30]	
2-10	TTU25	(01:29) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left complete for 5 yards to VIRGIL, Reggie caught at the TTU23 and advanced to the TTU30 (MIXON, Jerry), clock 01:17. [01:17]	
3-5	TTU30	[NHSG] MORTON, Behren scrambles up the middle for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU31 (TUIOTI, Teitum), clock 00:43. [00:43]	
4-4	H31	Timeout Oregon, clock 00:43. [00:43]	
4-4	TTU31	(00:41) BURGESS, Jack punt 47 yards to the ORE22, fair catch by BENSON, Malik, clock 00:37. [00:37]	

Drive Summary: 3 plays, 6 yards, 0:56

#### ORE drive start at 00:37

1-10	ORE22	(00:35) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left complete for 8 yards to BENSON, Malik to the ORE30, out of bounds, clock 00:33. [00:33]	
2-2	ORE30	[SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left complete for 10 yards to MOORE, Dakorien to the ORE40, End of Play, 1ST DOWN, clock 00:29. [00:29]	P

1-10 ORE40 (00:25) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the right complete for 24 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the TTU41 and advanced to the TTU36 (JORDAN, Brenden), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 00:19. [00:19]

1-10 TTU36 (00:18) [SG] TEAM rush up the middle for a loss of 13 yards, fumbled at TTU36, recovered by ORE MOORE, Dante at the TTU49 to the TTU49, End of Play, clock 00:11. [00:11]

2-23 TTU49 (00:09) MOORE, Dante pass up the middle complete for 16 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the TTU35 and advanced to the TTU33 (POLLOCK, Brice), clock 00:00. PENALTY ORE Holding on HARKEY, Alex enforced 10 yards from the TTU49 to the ORE41 [SG]. NO PLAY (replay the down). [00:00]

Drive Summary: 4 plays, 29 yards, 0:26

- End of first half, clock 0:00. [0:00]

## END OF 2ND QUARTER: OREGON 6, TEXAS TECH 0

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Oregon	3	9:58	0	5	0	5	0-5	2-3	9-16	12-15-0-110	2-15
Texas Tech	0	5:02	1	2	0	3	2-4	0-0	7-64	4-10-1-26	0-0

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	ORE	TTU
Score	6	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	<b>21-5</b>	<b>11-51</b>
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>37</b>
Passes Att-Comp-Int	28-23-0	12-6-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	<b>49-198</b>	<b>23-88</b>
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	2-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-25	0-0
Possession Time	22:03	7:57
Third-Down Conversions	2-11	2-6
Fourth-Down Conversions	3-5	0-0

Oregon

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.Davison	6	16	-2	14	0	7	2.3
N.Whittington	6	16	-3	13	0	9	2.2
D.Hill Jr	3	6	-2	4	0	4	1.3

Passing		C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore		22-27-0	170	0	26	2
J.Ferguson-Reynolds		1-1-0	11	0	11	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
M.Benson	5	51	0	6	24
J.Johnson	4	66	0	5	26
K.Sadiq	3	17	0	5	11
D.Moore	3	21	0	3	13

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	2	72	36.0	39	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
T.Tuioti	4-0	4.0	1.0	1.0
B.Boettcher	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
B.Finney	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
D.Thieneman	1-2	2.0	0.0	0.0
A.Flowers	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
J.Mixon	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
D.Jackson	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
B.Alexander	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:41	ORE - A.Sappington 50 yd FG , 10-43 4:19	3-0
2nd	01:33	ORE - A.Sappington 39 yd FG , 4-8 0:56	6-0

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	ORE	TTU
Score	3	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	5	3
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	9-16	7-64
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	110	26
Passes Att-Comp-Int	15-12-0	10-4-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	24-94	17-90
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	2-36.0	1-47.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	0-0
Possession Time	9:58	5:02
Third-Down Conversions	0-5	2-4
Fourth-Down Conversions	2-3	0-0

Oregon

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Davison	3	8	0	8	0	2.7	7
N.Whittington	2	1	-1	0	0	0	1
D.Hill Jr	2	2	-2	0	0	0	2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore	11-14-0	99	0	24	0
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	1-1-0	11	0	11	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
M.Benson	3	40	0	3	24
J.Johnson	2	35	0	2	24
K.Sadiq	0	0	0	2	
D.Moore	2	8	0	2	10

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	2	72	36.0	39	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Boettcher	2-1	2.5	0.0	0.0
D.Thieneman	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
B.Finney	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
A.Flowers	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
T.Tuioti	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
J.Mixon	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
D.Jackson	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
B.Alexander	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
2nd	01:33	ORE - A.Sappington 39 yd FG , 4-8 0:56	6-0

Texas Tech

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Williams	2	52	0	52	0	26	50
C.Dickey	4	11	0	11	0	2.8	4
B.Morton	1	1	0	1	0	1	1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
B.Morton	4-10-1	26	0	11	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
T.Carter Jr.	1	8	0	2	8
J.Williams	1	2	0	2	2
R.Virgil	1	5	0	2	5
C.Eakin	1	11	0	1	11

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
J.Burgess	1	47	47.0	47	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Roberts	3-2	4.0	0.0	1.0
B.Jordan	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
A.Boyd	1-2	2.0	0.0	1.0
L.Hunter	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
C.Wisniewski	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
J.Rodriguez	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
D.Bailey	1-0	1.0	0.0	1.0
L.Dillingham	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0

*At the start of the second half, TTU will receive and ORE will defend the north goal.*

Start of 3rd quarter, clock 15:00. [15:00]

SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, Touchback , clock 15:00.

#### TTU drive start at 15:00

1-10 TTU25 (14:59) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a loss of 1 yard to the TTU24, End of Play, clock 14:52. [14:52]  
2-11 TTU24 (14:25) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass up the middle incomplete intended for CARTER JR., Terrance broken up by WASHINGTON, A'Mauri at the TTU24, clock 14:24. [14:24]  
3-11 TTU24 (14:24) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the right complete for 3 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the TTU25 and advanced to the TTU27 (MIXON, Jerry), clock 14:14. [14:14]  
4-8 TTU27 (13:43) BURGESS, Jack punt 42 yards to the ORE31, BENSON, Malik returned 28 yards to the TTU41, out of bounds, clock 13:34. [13:34]

Drive Summary: 3 plays, 2 yards, 1:26

#### ORE drive start at 13:34

1-10 TTU41 (13:33) [SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush up the middle for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU39 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob; HOLMES JR., Anthony), clock 13:22. [13:22]  
2-8 TTU39 (12:59) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass to the left complete for 6 yards to WHITTINGTON, Noah caught at the TTU39 and advanced to the TTU33 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole), clock 12:50. [12:50]  
3-2 TTU33 (12:21) [SG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the left incomplete intended for MOORE, Dakorien thrown to the TTU12, clock 12:17. [12:17]  
4-2 TTU33 (12:14) [SG] MOORE, Dante scrambles to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU32 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob; BAILEY, David); ORE turnover on downs, clock 12:06. [12:06]

Drive Summary: 4 plays, 9 yards, 1:28

#### TTU drive start at 12:06

1-10 TTU32 (12:03) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a loss of 1 yard to the TTU31 (MIXON, Jerry), clock 12:01. [12:01]  
2-11 TTU31 [SG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left incomplete intended for WILLIAMS, J'Koby thrown to the TTU30, clock 11:33. [11:33]  
3-11 TTU31 (11:33) [SG] MORTON, Behren sacked for a loss of 9 yards at the TTU22, fumble on the sack (forced by UIAGALELEI, Matayo), recovered by ORE UIAGALELEI, Matayo at the TTU22, returned 16 yards to the TTU6, UIAGALELEI, Matayo fumbled at TTU7 forced by MORTON, Behren, recovered by ORE UIAGALELEI, Matayo at the TTU6 (MORTON, Behren), End of Play, clock 11:24. [11:24]

Drive Summary: 3 plays, -10 yards, 0:42

#### ORE drive start at 11:20

1-6 TTU6 (11:24) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush to the right for a gain of 6 yards to the TTU0, TOUCHDOWN ORE, clock 11:20 (Scoring play confirmed). [11:20]  
0-0 TTU3 SAPPINGTON, Atticus PAT kick attempt is good.

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Drive Summary: 1 plays, 6 yards, 0:00

(11:20) SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, WILLIAMS, J'Koby returned 16 yards to the TTU16 , End of Play, clock 11:16. PENALTY TTU Holding on JACKSON, Trey declined TTU Holding on OFILI, Cheta enforced half the distance from the goal, 8 yards from the end of the play at the TTU8.

#### TTU drive start at 11:16

1-10 TTU8 (11:11) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 8 yards to DICKEY, Cameron caught at the TTU5 and advanced to the TTU16 (THIENEMAN, Dillon; JACKSON, Devon), clock 11:07. [11:07]  
2-2 TTU16 (10:42) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the right for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU17 (FLOWERS, Aaron), clock 10:33. [10:33]

3-1	TTU17	(10:06) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the left for a gain of 3 yards to the TTU20 (BOETTCHER, Bryce), 1ST DOWN, clock 10:04. [10:04]	R
1-10	TTU20	(09:54) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left incomplete intended for DICKEY, Cameron thrown to the TTU17, clock 09:51. [09:51]	
2-10	TTU20	(09:44) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the right complete for 24 yards to VIRGIL, Reggie to the TTU44, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 09:31. [09:31]	P
1-10	TTU44	(09:22) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU45 (BOETTCHER, Bryce), clock 09:12. [09:12]	
2-9	TTU45	(09:04) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush up the middle for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU49 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 08:59. [08:59]	
3-5	TTU49	(08:35) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 8 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the TTU46 and advanced to the ORE43 (THIENEMAN, Dillon;BOETTCHER, Bryce), 1ST DOWN, clock 08:26. [08:26]	P
1-10	ORE43	(08:07) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep up the middle incomplete intended for DOUGLAS, Caleb thrown to the ORE3, clock 08:02. [08:02]	
		<i>ORE CANADY, Jadon injured on the play.</i>	
2-10	ORE43	(08:00) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the right for a loss of 1 yard to the ORE44 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 07:56. [07:56]	
3-11	ORE44	(07:15) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 10 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the ORE37 and advanced to the ORE34 (JOHNSON, Theran;BOETTCHER, Bryce), out of bounds, clock 07:10. [07:10]	
4-1	ORE34	[SG] Direct snap to WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a loss of 1 yard to the ORE35 (CANADY, Jadon); TTU turnover on downs, clock 06:34. [06:34]	

Drive Summary: 12 plays, 57 yards, 4:42

#### ORE drive start at 06:34

1-10	ORE35	(06:30) [SG] HILL JR, Dierre rush to the left for a gain of 6 yards to the ORE41 (BOYD, Amier;CURRY, John), clock 06:19. [06:19]	
2-4	ORE41	(06:11) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 3 yards to the ORE44 (HEIGHT, Romello), clock 06:07. [06:07]	
3-1	ORE44	(05:29) [SG] QB Keeper MOORE, Dante rush to the right for a gain of 2 yards to the ORE46, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 05:25. [05:25]	R
1-10	ORE46	(04:45) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush to the right for a gain of 2 yards to the ORE48 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole;TILMON, Terrell), clock 04:37. [04:37]	
2-8	ORE48	(04:25) [SG] QB Keeper MOORE, Dante rush to the right for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU48 (WISNIEWSKI, Cole;ROBERTS, Ben), clock 04:21. [04:21]	
3-4	TTU48	(03:47) [NHSG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the right for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU46 (BAILEY, David), clock 03:45. [03:45]	
4-2	TTU46	(03:11) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass up the middle intercepted by ROBERTS, Ben at the TTU37 intended for JOHNSON, Jamari. Roberts return for 8 yards to the TTU45 (JOHNSON, Jamari;LALOULU, Iapani), clock 03:06. [03:06]	

Drive Summary: 7 plays, 19 yards, 3:28

#### TTU drive start at 03:06

1-10	TTU45	(03:03) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the right for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU49 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 03:00. [03:00]	
2-6	TTU49	PENALTY Before the snap, TTU False Start on PONTON, Jacob enforced 5 yards from the TTU49 to the TTU44, clock 02:43. [02:43]	
2-11	TTU44	PENALTY Before the snap, TTU False Start on SAMPSON, Howard enforced 5 yards from the TTU44 to the TTU39, clock 02:35. [02:35]	
2-16	TTU39	(02:24) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush up the middle for a gain of 13 yards to the ORE48 (FLOWERS, Aaron), clock 02:20. [02:20]	
3-3	ORE48	(02:09) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush up the middle for a gain of 3 yards to the ORE45 (GREEN, Terrance;FINNEY, Brandon), 1ST DOWN, clock 02:05 (After official review, play stands as called on the field). [02:05]	R
1-10	ORE45	(01:44) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 3 yards to WILLIAMS, J'Koby caught at the ORE45 and advanced to the ORE42 (BOETTCHER, Bryce), clock 01:35. [01:35]	
2-7	ORE42	(01:21) [NHSG] Direct snap to WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a gain of 5 yards to the ORE37 (BOETTCHER, Bryce;THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 01:18. [01:18]	
3-2	ORE37	(00:58) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush up the middle for a gain of 4 yards to the ORE33 (THIENEMAN, Dillon;BOETTCHER, Bryce), 1ST DOWN, clock 00:52. [00:52]	R
1-10	ORE33	(00:29) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the left complete for 24 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the ORE11 and advanced to the ORE9 (FINNEY, Brandon), out of bounds, clock 00:00. [00:00]	
-		End of 3rd quarter, clock 0:00. [0:00]	

END OF 3RD QUARTER: OREGON 13, TEXAS TECH 0

Quarter Summary	Score	Time Poss	1st Downs				Conversions		Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			R	P	X	T	3rd	4th			
Oregon	7	5:00	1	0	0	1	1-3	0-2	9-28	1-3-1-6	0-0
Texas Tech	0	10:00	3	2	0	5	4-7	0-1	14-25	7-11-0-80	3-18

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	ORE	TTU
Score	13	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	12	8
RUSHES-YARDS (NET)	30-23	25-76
PASSING-YARDS (NET)	209	117
Passes Att-Comp-Int	31-24-1	23-13-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	61-232	48-193
Fumble Returns-Yards	2-16	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-28	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	1-2	1-8
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	2-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-25	3-18
Possession Time	27:03	17:57
Third-Down Conversions	3-14	6-13
Fourth-Down Conversions	3-7	0-1

**Oregon**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.Davison	9	27	-2	25	1	7	2.8
N.Whittington	8	20	-3	17	0	9	2.1
D.Hill Jr	4	12	-2	10	0	6	2.5

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore	23-30-1	176	0	26	2
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	1-1-0	11	0	11	0

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
M.Benson	5	51	0	6	24
J.Johnson	4	66	0	6	26
K.Sadiq	3	17	0	5	11
D.Moore	3	21	0	4	13

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
J.Ferguson-Reynolds	2	72	36.0	39	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
M.Benson	1	28	0	28

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Boettcher	6-5	8.5	0.0	0.0
D.Thieneman	4-6	7.0	0.0	1.0
T.Tuioti	4-0	4.0	1.0	1.0
B.Finney	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
A.Flowers	3-0	3.0	0.0	0.0
J.Mixon	3-0	3.0	0.0	1.0
M.Uiagalelei	1-1	1.5	1.0	1.0
J.Canady	1-1	1.5	0.0	1.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
1st	10:41	ORE - A.Sappington 50 yd FG , 10-43 4:19	3-0
2nd	01:33	ORE - A.Sappington 39 yd FG , 4-8 0:56	6-0
3rd	11:20	ORE - J.Davison 6 yd TD RUSH (KICK by A.Sappington) , 1-6 0:00	13-

**Texas Tech**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
J.Williams	13	85	-4	81	0	50	6.2
C.Dickey	9	20	0	20	0	4	2.2
B.Morton	1	1	0	1	0	1	1

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
B.Morton	13-23-1	91	0	24	1

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Tgt	Lg
T.Carter Jr.	6	60	0	8	24
J.Williams	3	9	0	5	4
R.Virgil	2	29	0	3	24
C.Eakin	1	11	0	1	11

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	In20	TB
J.Burgess	4	178	44.5	50	0	0

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
J.Williams	1	16	0	16

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Roberts	5-7	8.5	0.0	1.0
B.Jordan	5-2	6.0	0.0	0.0
J.Rodriguez	1-9	5.5	0.0	0.0
L.Hunter	5-0	5.0	0.0	2.0
C.Wisniewski	4-2	5.0	0.0	1.0
A.Boyd	2-4	4.0	0.0	1.0
D.Bailey	3-1	3.5	1.0	2.0
R.Height	2-1	2.5	1.0	1.0

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	ORE	TTU
Score	7	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	1	5
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	9-28	14-25
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	6	80
Passes Att-Comp-Int	3-1-1	11-7-0
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	12-34	25-105
Fumble Returns-Yards	1-16	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	1-28	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-16
Interception Returns-Yards	0-0	1-8
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	1-42.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	0-0	3-18
Possession Time	5:00	10:00
Third-Down Conversions	1-3	4-7
Fourth-Down Conversions	0-2	0-1

Oregon

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Davison	3	11	0	11	1	3.7	6
N.Whittington	2	4	0	4	0	2	2
D.Hill Jr	1	6	0	6	0	6	6

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore	1-3-1	6	0	6	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
J.Johnson	0	0	0	1	
D.Moore	0	0	0	1	

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB

Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
M.Benson	1	28	0	28

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Boettcher	3-4	5.0	0.0	0.0
D.Thieneman	3-4	5.0	0.0	1.0
A.Flowers	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
J.Mixon	2-0	2.0	0.0	1.0
B.Finney	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
M.Uiagalelei	1-0	1.0	1.0	1.0
J.Canady	1-0	1.0	0.0	1.0
T.Johnson	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
3rd	11:20	ORE - J.Davison 6 yd TD RUSH (KICK by A.Sappington) , 1-6 0:00	13-

-		Start of 4th quarter, clock 15:00. [15:00]
1-9	ORE9	(14:55) [NHSG] DICKY, Cameron rush to the left for no gain to the ORE9 (FINNEY, Brandon), clock 14:52. [14:52]
2-9	ORE9	(14:23) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass up the middle complete for 0 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the ORE13 and advanced to the ORE9 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 14:17. [14:17]
3-9	ORE9	(13:52) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left intercepted by FINNEY, Brandon intended for EAKIN, Coy. Finney return for yards to the ORE0, touchback., clock 13:48. [13:48]

**ORE drive start at 13:48**

1-10	ORE20	(13:47) [SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 3 yards to the ORE23 (RODRIGUEZ, Jacob), clock 13:42. [13:42]	
2-7	ORE23	(13:07) [SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the right for a gain of 4 yards to the ORE27 (BOYD, Amier), clock 13:02. [13:02]	
3-3	ORE27	(12:25) [NHSG] QB Keeper MOORE, Dante rush up the middle for a gain of 1 yard to the ORE28 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 12:16. [12:16]	
4-2	ORE28	(11:40) FERGUSON-REYNOLDS, James punt 46 yards to the TTU26 downed by THIENEMAN, Dillon, clock 11:32. PENALTY TTU Offsides on MCCARTY, AJ enforced 5 yards from the ORE28 to the ORE33 and results in a 1ST DOWN [FAKE PUNT]. NO PLAY (replay the down). [11:32]	E
1-10	ORE33	(11:30) [NHSG] HILL JR, Dierre rush to the left for a gain of 3 yards to the ORE36 (HOLMES JR., Anthony), clock 11:19. [11:19]	
2-7	ORE36	(10:53) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass to the right complete for 4 yards to HILL JR, Dierre caught at the ORE32 and advanced to the ORE40 (JORDAN, Brenden), clock 10:47. [10:47]	
3-3	ORE40	(10:12) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the right complete for 27 yards to LIMAR, Jayden caught at the ORE42 and advanced to the TTU33 (CURRY, John), 1ST DOWN, clock 10:00. [10:00]	P
1-10	TTU33	(09:45) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante scrambles to the left for a gain of 3 yards to the TTU30 (HEIGHT, Romello), clock 09:25. [09:25]	
2-7	TTU30	(08:57) [NHSG] LIMAR, Jayden rush to the right for no gain to the TTU30 (ROBERTS, Ben; BAILEY, David), clock 08:51. [08:51]	
3-7	TTU30	(08:14) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short up the middle complete for 5 yards to SADIQ, Kenyon to the TTU25, End of Play, clock 08:02. [08:02]	
		<i>ORE HARKEY, Alex injured on the play.</i>	
4-2	TTU25	<b>(07:56) SAPPINGTON, Atticus field goal attempt from 43 yards GOOD [kick was spotted at TTU33], clock 07:53. [07:53]</b>	

**OREGON 16, TEXAS TECH 0**

Drive Summary: 10 plays, 55 yards, 5:55

SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, Touchback , clock 07:53.

**TTU drive start at 07:53**

1-10	TTU25	[NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left incomplete intended for WILLIAMS, J'Koby thrown to the TTU25, clock 07:50. [07:50]
2-10	TTU25	PENALTY Before the snap, TTU Illegal Snap on WILSON, Sheridan enforced 5 yards from the TTU25 to the TTU20, clock 07:50. [07:50]
2-15	TTU20	(07:36) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left complete for 8 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the TTU26 and advanced to the TTU28 (JACKSON, Devon), clock 07:02. [07:02]
3-7	TTU28	[NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the right complete for 2 yards to WILLIAMS, J'Koby caught at the TTU25 and advanced to the TTU30 (TUIOTI, Teitum), clock 06:53. [06:53]
4-5	TTU30	[NHSG] MORTON, Behren sacked for a loss of 5 yards at the TTU25 (TUIOTI, Teitum); TTU turnover on downs, clock 06:53. [06:53]

Drive Summary: 4 plays, 0 yards, 1:00

**ORE drive start at 06:53**

1-10	TTU25	(06:53) [SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU24 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 06:43. [06:43]
2-9	TTU24	(06:07) [SG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush up the middle for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU23 (BAILEY, David; HUNTER, Lee), clock 06:04. [06:04]
3-8	TTU23	(05:30) [NHSG] WHITTINGTON, Noah rush to the left for a gain of 5 yards to the TTU18 (BAILEY, David), clock 05:20. [05:20]
4-3	TTU18	(04:47) SAPPINGTON, Atticus field goal attempt from 36 yards NO GOOD (wide left) [kick was spotted at TTU26], clock 04:45. [04:45]

Drive Summary: 4 plays, 7 yards, 2:08

**TTU drive start at 04:45**

1-10 TTU20 (04:42) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass to the left complete for 6 yards to WILLIAMS, J'Koby caught at the TTU15 and advanced to the TTU26 (MIXON, Jerry), out of bounds, clock 04:37. [04:37]

2-4 TTU26 (04:11) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass short to the left complete for 4 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance to the TTU30 (FINNEY, Brandon;BOETTCHER, Bryce), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 04:02. [04:02] P

1-10 TTU30 (03:42) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the left incomplete intended for DOUGLAS, Caleb broken up by FLOWERS, Aaron at the ORE34, clock 03:37. [03:37]

2-10 TTU30 (03:36) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the left incomplete thrown to the ORE48; QB hurried by ALEXANDER, Bear, clock 03:33. [03:33]

3-10 TTU30 (03:33) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren scrambles up the middle for a gain of 6 yards to the TTU36 (THIENEMAN, Dillon), clock 03:21. [03:21]

4-4 TTU36 (03:12) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren sacked for a loss of 8 yards at the TTU28 (PURCHASE, Blake); TTU turnover on downs, clock 03:10. [03:10]

Drive Summary: 6 plays, 8 yards, 1:35

**ORE drive start at 03:10**

1-10 TTU28 (03:09) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 6 yards to the TTU22 (ROBERTS, Ben), clock 03:03. [03:03]

2-4 H22 Timeout Texas Tech, clock 02:51. [02:51]

2-4 TTU22 (02:51) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush to the right for a gain of 4 yards to the TTU18 (BAILEY, David), 1ST DOWN, clock 02:44. [02:44] R

1-10 TTU18 (02:02) [SG] LIMAR, Jayden rush up the middle for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU16 (HUNTER, Lee;CURRY, John), clock 01:58. [01:58]

2-8 H16 Timeout Official, clock 02:00. [02:00]

2-8 TTU16 (01:59) [SG] LIMAR, Jayden rush to the right for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU15 (HEIGHT, Romello;BAILEY, David), clock 01:54. PENALTY TTU Unsportsmanlike Conduct on BAILEY, David enforced half the distance from the goal, 8 yards from the end of the play at the TTU15 to the TTU7 and results in automatic 1ST DOWN. [01:54] E

1-10 H7 Timeout Texas Tech, clock 01:54. [01:54]

1-7 TTU7 [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush to the left for a loss of 1 yard to the TTU8 (JORDAN, Brenden), clock 01:49. [01:49]

2-8 H8 Timeout Texas Tech, clock 01:49. [01:49]

2-8 TTU8 (01:46) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 5 yards to the TTU3 (BANKS, E'Maurion), clock 01:43. [01:43]

3-3 TTU3 (00:59) [SG] DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 2 yards to the TTU1 (HOLMES JR., Anthony), clock 00:55. [00:55]

4-1 H1 Timeout Oregon, clock 00:19. [00:19]

4-1 TTU1 DAVISON, Jordon rush up the middle for a gain of 1 yard to the TTU0, TOUCHDOWN ORE, clock 00:16 (Scoring play confirmed). [00:16]

0-0 TTU3 SAPPINGTON, Atticus PAT kick attempt is good.

**OREGON 23, TEXAS TECH 0**

Drive Summary: 8 plays, 28 yards, 2:54

(00:16) SAPPINGTON, Atticus kickoff 65 yards from the ORE35 to the TTU0, WILLIAMS, J'Koby returned 19 yards to the TTU19 (STRATON, Will), clock 00:10.

**TTU drive start at 00:10**

1-10 TTU19 (00:10) [NHSG] DICKEY, Cameron rush up the middle for a gain of 9 yards to the TTU28 (PURCHASE, Blake), clock 00:00. [00:00]

Drive Summary: 1 plays, 9 yards, 0:10

1-10 TTU28 End of game, clock 0:00.

**FINAL SCORE: OREGON 23, TEXAS TECH 0**

Quarter Summary	Score	Time	1st Downs				Conversions				Rushing	Passing	Penalties
			Poss	R	P	X	T	3rd	4th				
Oregon	10	10:57	1	1	2	4		1-5	1-1	17-41	3-3-0-36	0-0	
Texas Tech	0	4:03	0	1	0	1		0-3	0-2	5-2	5-9-1-20	3-18	

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	ORE	TTU
Score	10	0
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	4	1
<b>RUSHES-YARDS (NET)</b>	17-41	5-2
<b>PASSING-YARDS (NET)</b>	36	20
Passes Att-Comp-Int	3-3-0	9-5-1
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE PLAYS-YARDS</b>	20-77	14-22
Fumble Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Punt Returns-Yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yards	0-0	1-19
Interception Returns-Yards	1-0	0-0
Punts (Number-Avg)	0-0	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	0-0	3-18
Possession Time	10:57	4:03
Third-Down Conversions	1-5	0-3
Fourth-Down Conversions	1-1	0-2

**Oregon**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
J.Davison	6	18	-1	17	1	2.8	6
N.Whittington	5	14	0	14	0	2.8	5
D.Hill Jr	1	3	0	3	0	3	3
J.Limar	3	3	0	3	0	1	2

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
D.Moore	3-3-0	36	0	27	0

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
K.Sadiq	1	5	0	1	5

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
D.Thieneman	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
T.Tuioti	2-0	2.0	1.0	1.0
B.Purchase	2-0	2.0	1.0	1.0
B.Finney	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
J.Mixon	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
D.Jackson	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
W.Straton	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0
B.Boettcher	0-1	0.5	0.0	0.0

Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	V-H
4th	07:53	ORE - A.Sappington 43 yd FG , 10-55 5:55	16-0
4th	00:16	ORE - J.Davison 1 yd TD RUSH (KICK by A.Sappington) , 8-28 2:54	23-

**Texas Tech**

Rushing	No.	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Avg	Lg
C.Dickey	2	9	0	9	0	4.5	9
B.Morton	1	6	0	6	0	6	6

Passing	C-A-I	Yds	TD	Lg	Sack
B.Morton	5-9-1	7	0	8	2

Receiving	No.	Yards	TD	Tgt	Lg
T.Carter Jr.	3	12	0	3	8
J.Williams	2	8	0	3	6
C.Eakin	0	0	0	1	1

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Lng	In20	TB
Punt Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg		

Kick Returns	No.	Yards	TD	Lg
J.Williams	1	19	0	19

Tackles	UA-A	Total	Sacks	TFL
B.Roberts	3-1	3.5	0.0	0.0
D.Bailey	2-3	3.5	0.0	0.0
B.Jordan	2-0	2.0	0.0	1.0
A.Holmes Jr.	2-0	2.0	0.0	0.0
J.Curry	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
R.Height	1-1	1.5	0.0	0.0
L.Hunter	0-2	1.0	0.0	0.0
E.Banks	1-0	1.0	0.0	0.0

## Oregon

### **Passing Plays Gain of 15+**

4 Plays for 101 total yards (74% of total passing yards)

Yds	Qtr	Context/Play
27	4	3rd and 3 on ORE40 (10:00) (10:12) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass short to the right complete for 27 yards to LIMAR, Jayden caught at the ORE42 and advanced to the TTU33 (CURRY, John), 1ST DOWN, clock 10:00.
26	1	3rd and 7 on ORE28 [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the right complete for 26 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the ORE45 and advanced to the TTU46 (CURRY, John), 1ST DOWN.
24	2	2nd and 8 on TTU33 (05:07) (05:32) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the left complete for 24 yards to BENSON, Malik caught at the TTU10 and advanced to the TTU9, End of Play, 1ST DOWN, clock 05:07.
24	2	1st and 10 on ORE40 (00:19) (00:25) [NHSG] MOORE, Dante pass deep to the right complete for 24 yards to JOHNSON, Jamari caught at the TTU41 and advanced to the TTU36 (JORDAN, Brenden), out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 00:19.

### **Rushing Plays Gain of 10+**

0 Plays for 0 total yards (0% of total rushing yards)

Yds	Qtr	Context/Play
<b>All Plays Gain of 20+</b>		
5 Plays for 171 total yards		
Yds	Qtr	Context/Play
28	3	4th and 8 on TTU27 (13:34) (13:43) BURGESS, Jack punt 42 yards to the ORE31, BENSON, Malik returned 28 yards to the TTU41, out of bounds, clock 13:34.
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## Texas Tech

### Passing Plays Gain of 15+

2 Plays for 48 total yards (50% of total passing yards)

Yds	Qtr	Context/Play
24	3	2nd and 10 on TTU20 (09:31) (09:44) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the right complete for 24 yards to VIRGIL, Reggie to the TTU44, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 09:31.
24	3	1st and 10 on ORE33 (00:00) (00:29) [NHSG] MORTON, Behren pass deep to the left complete for 24 yards to CARTER JR., Terrance caught at the ORE11 and advanced to the ORE9 (FINNEY, Brandon), out of bounds, clock 00:00.

### Rushing Plays Gain of 10+

2 Plays for 63 total yards (81% of total rushing yards)

Yds	Qtr	Context/Play
50	2	2nd and 8 on TTU12 (12:06) (12:17) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush to the left for a gain of 50 yards to the ORE38, out of bounds, 1ST DOWN, clock 12:06.
13	3	2nd and 16 on TTU39 (02:20) (02:24) [NHSG] WILLIAMS, J'Koby rush up the middle for a gain of 13 yards to the ORE48 (FLOWERS, Aaron), clock 02:20.

### All Plays Gain of 20+

3 Plays for 98 total yards

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# CFP Quarterfinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl: Oregon vs Texas Tech

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Miami Gardens, Florida, USA

Hard Rock Stadium

**Texas Tech Red Raiders**

**Coach Joey McGuire**

**Behren Morton**

**Jacob Rodriguez**

Postgame Press Conference

Oregon 23, Texas Tech 0

JOEY MCGUIRE: Well, I want to start off by thanking Red Raider Nation for showing up today, man. It was really special. It's been an incredible ride this year, but it was really special to have so many Texas Tech fans. I'm sorry that we let you down. But I hope you've enjoyed every second of this year. Man, this is such a special team and I'm so proud of them. But thank you for that.

Hats off to Dan Lanning and hats off to the Oregon Ducks. Just an incredible football team. They played at a really high level today. I'm going to be rooting for them.

I told Dan after the game, I hope he wins the whole damn thing. They're a good football team.

I also thought, and a lot of people don't say it and I don't know if I've ever said it in a press conference, but I thought the officiating was as good as I've been a part of in college football. Hats off to the ACC crew today. They did a good job.

It's no fun being in that locker room right now. I've said it all year long. Been doing this for 31 years. I've never been a part of a closer group of men and never been so proud.

One thing that I told them, and I truly believe it, like when you do something that nobody has ever done, nobody has ever done what these guys did wearing this uniform, ever, so then the standard is set. That's where you start building something really special.



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So I can't thank them enough. This is going to hurt for a long time. I know these guys are hurting right now. But can't be more proud of my football team.

**Q. For Behren, start of the fourth quarter, obviously a lot of things had gone wrong offensively up to that point, but you do get the opportunity there in the red zone. Can you just describe what you guys were talking about and thinking kind of at the doorstep of that opportunity and then what happened on the interception?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, we got a time-out so we had a play that we wanted to run. I didn't have good eyes. They came out in something that I thought they were in differently. I thought they were in man, and I threw the corner route, corner fell off of it, made a great play. I thought we saw a really good defense today, but I thought offensively it's just not the standard of football that Texas Tech plays.

But like Coach said, a lot to be proud of this year. But today was tough.

**Q. Behren, can you take us through your emotions right now? Obviously this is the accumulation of a big career for you.**

BEHREN MORTON: It's tough. I love this university, everything that it stands for, and I've been a Red Raider since I was a little kid.

To get to do this this year has been awesome. A great group of guys. Man, it's just been so fun just to put Texas Tech back on the map. Lubbock deserves every bit of everything that happened this year. We can hang our hat on something. Obviously not the outcome that we wanted, but really proud of this team and the way that we fought through adversity this year. I'm proud to be a Red Raider.

**Q. Behren, in terms of the offensive struggle today, would you say it had more to do with rust from the layoff with scheme with their defense, with the talent disparities? What could you put your finger on?**

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BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, I think that we had a great game plan. The whole month really we had a great game plan. We just didn't execute base plays. We didn't run our day one stuff that we'd run good.

I didn't do a good job of settling down and really focusing on the next play. But there was a lot of things that we could have done differently. Can't give them the ball. We've got to keep the ball on our side when we're on offense.

But just a lot of bad football on offense.

**Q. Joey, the same question to you: What did you feel like it was that kept you all from being the kind of offense you all have been all year?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, you can't turn the ball over. It's a really good defense. It's one of the top defenses in the country. We knew that coming in. I want to give them all the credit. They did a great job defending us. I thought they did a good job of keeping the ball in front of them, not giving up a lot of big plays. We've been a big play offense, explosive offense. They kept the ball in front of them.

But you can't turn the ball over four times. I think that led to 13 points. Then the other part of that was we were not good on 2nd down. I didn't think we were horrible on 1st down, but on 2nd down we were not efficient at all, so it put us in some really tough 3rd downs, and man, they played really well on defense.

**Q. For Jacob, I know you guys are hurting right now, but can you talk about what it's meant to you to be with this group and be a Texas Tech Red Raider?**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: It means everything to me. I know that this changed my life. It's changed my family's life. It's not just me; it's everybody in that locker room. This double T has touched everybody in a way that -- this year was so special for us.

Today didn't go the way we wanted it to, but I'll always be able to look back on this year and be proud of the people that were around me. I kind of told them throughout, just a couple minutes ago, that they've got me for the rest of their life. I'm not going anywhere. I'm here for them always. They've got me forever.

The way this place and this university and this program has changed my life, I'm hoping to be able to do that for every single one of them.

**Q. For Coach McGuire, I know you guys are hurting, but first playoff, first 12-win season, great recruiting**

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JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah. People have asked me a lot, have you been able to reflect on this year and everything, and I never do that until it's all said and done. The next few days I'll definitely reflect.

I do think that we've set a standard that we're going to try to live up to. We're losing some really great football players, but you've always got to do something special, do something that the guys -- like Oregon is about to try to go to, and Miami. There's got to be a first, and this was the first group that was able to do that. No Red Raider team before us were able to do what we've accomplished this year.

But today will hurt for a long time, but we're going to learn from it. We're going to keep getting better.

**Q. Joey or Behren, there's going to be a lot of conversation around the layoff and teams now being 0-6 after the bye. Defense didn't seem to skip a beat, but was there anything you sensed in the offensive struggles that caught up to you or maybe in the prep that 20 minutes off the field you would have liked to have done differently?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Man, the tough thing is if we use the layoff, then we're going to use an excuse. And we believe in this program you don't make excuses and you don't let anybody make them for you.

We've got to do better. If this is going to be what the College Football Playoffs is, then we've got to find a way to be better to win that game.

But I think more than anything, it was a mixture of playing a really good Oregon defense and us not executing at a high level. I think whenever you're in these games and you're playing teams that's every bit as good and every bit as talented as you are and vice versa, then you've got to execute at a high level, and I think that was the biggest thing.

Now, I'll piggyback off of Dan and we'll see what everybody else says. We're in a world that makes no sense. But that's where we're at, and you've got to find a way to be better to win this game.

**Q. Joey, through the course of the season, you guys proved you were the best team in the Big 12 by a pretty significant margin. Today, from your perspective, was it a bad day, or did they present something from a size-speed quotient that maybe the Big 12 hadn't**

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prepared you for?

JOEY McGUIRE: No, I mean, I know stats are a little bit different, but they rushed for -- they were rushing for over 200 yards against Big Ten teams and they rushed for 64 yards today. I know some of that was in sacks and snaps and stuff like that, but we still did that.

I do think, and Behren will probably say the same thing, I think defensively that was probably the best defense we've faced this year. I do think they did a really good job schematically. Their defensive coordinator, defensive staff did a really good job of giving us some issues.

But I go back, and whenever you turn the ball over -- let's say we turned the ball over four times, if you look at the 4th down conversion, there was really one that was like a competitive gain that we didn't get, so that's a fifth turnover. The score was 23-0. We were desperate, so they get that last touchdown that we didn't hold them out.

If you look -- and they scored, what did we say, 13 off of turnovers? We didn't play good enough. It really wasn't the patch on anybody's arm. That's a really good football team, though. If the quarterback decides to go in the draft, he's probably going to be the first or second guy taken.

It just comes down to execution, and we didn't execute at a high level.

**Q. David Bailey showed out today. What did he show NFL scouts today?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Well, I think he's showed all year long, I'm sitting there and I'm an NFL team, if I'm not taking a quarterback or a left tackle, if I'm a team that's going to take a defensive player, I don't know what defensive player out there you would take over David Bailey. I really don't.

I've been around some special guys. I got to coach a really special one as a position coach, and then we had Tyree Wilson. Honestly, some of the stuff that he does I've never seen a guy do at that level. If I'm an NFL team and I want to take a defensive player, I'm taking him first overall.

**Q. If I told you this morning that their quarterback, who you just said is going to be one of the first picks in the draft, didn't have a touchdown pass, would you take that from your defense?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, when we went in at halftime it was 6-0. We missed a field goal -- we've got one of the best kickers in the country, and he's made some long critical field goals this year, and we just pushed it to the left.

But if you would have woke up this morning and told me it was going to be 6-0 at halftime, then I would have taken that, too. I knew this was going to be a dogfight. We really did. If you look statistically at the two defenses, you've got two of the best defenses in the country going at each other.

Yeah, I would have taken the 6-0 at halftime.

**Q. Following up on that, considering it was 6-0 at halftime, for either Joey or Behren, when you guys went in to regroup and plan out the second half, was there anything you wanted to go to to try to get yourself going? Considering it was only a one-score game at that time, were you still looking to hit with a big play?**

BEHREN MORTON: I think we were just trying to find a good play that we could get in rhythm. I felt on 1st down we were trying to find our rhythm, and we didn't find our rhythm for a while. Coming out in the second half, we just talked about execution. We've got to execute. We didn't execute in the first or second half, and that gets you beat every time.

It just really comes down to executing the base plays, and we did not do that.

**Q. Jacob, for you guys on the defense, in terms of how you wanted to approach Oregon and perform against them, did this meet your expectations in terms of how you wanted to slow this team down, this kind of offense? How did you view them from your perspective?**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, I think we did a good job of matching up and kind of knowing exactly what they wanted to do. A lot of the errors were on our part, self-inflicted, just us not communicating as much as we wanted to and being in the right position.

But man, I was super proud of our guys flying around, hitting and going at the ball. It was just kind of how it goes sometimes. I know we had a few drives start on our side of the 50, and it's hard to play defense like that.

But I'm really proud of our guys for doing what we did. A big plan for us was -- they're really explosive. They've got guys who can go all over the field. If we just get the ball down, we'll live with a 20- or 30-yard gain, if we can just get the ball down and play the next play. And you kind of saw that on a lot of the long drives. They'd have some explosives, and then we'd be able to step up and do our job and make them kick. That's all you do is just give our guys a chance.

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## POTGAME PLAYERS QUOTES

### OREGON DUCKS

January 1, 2026

Bryce Boettcher, LB  
Jordon Davison, RB

Tatum Tuioti, OLB  
Malik Benson, WR

#### Bryce Boettcher, LB

**Q: You know how this felt (losing in QF) last year; how is this feeling right now?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: It's a way better feeling to tell you that much. It's the reason I came back to win this game – and go win the game next week. I'm just proud of our team and the way our defense showed up today.

**Q: Knowing you returning to Oregon was worth it must feel great**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: It has been worth it since Day 1. Obviously, we have some unfinished business to take care of next week and the following week, but it's been worth it every single day. My teammates are awesome. Coaches are amazing, and the culture of Oregon football has changed. And, to have a shutout in the College Football Playoff is something that is pretty special to be a part of.

**Q: How proud are you of this defense today, what you guys accomplished?**

Incredibly proud. Just incredibly proud of accomplishing our goals, what we set out to do this week, which is to tempo their tempo, and to be the most physical team. The most physical team always wins in football, and we were that tonight.

**Q: First series, 3-and-out quickly off the field; Importance of getting offense the ball so fast?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: Huge. We preach it all the time: Get the ball, especially this week, because their defense is elite at forcing turnovers. That's kind of the way we saw it as our defense versus their defense. Who's going to be better? And we were tonight. Credit to them, they are a really good team, but turnovers are huge.

**Q: Playing against Oregon offense every day in practice give confidence to defense?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: I'd say so. I'd say our preparation and practice facing our offense for many months now that, I think, is the best offense in the entire nation. We get to see their look every single week, and it served us well.

## **Jordon Davison, RB**

**Q: Importance of the Oregon culture that freshmen can come in and perform in big situations.**

JORDON DAVISON: Coach Lanning preaches that every day: If you ready enough, you are old enough. I feel like it all comes back to preparation and how much you want it.

**Q: Frustrating having mixed success on fourth downs?**

JORDON DAVISON: The biggest thing was just taking a deep breath and resetting. It's a one play focus like last week. Just move on to the next series or the next play, get back to the drawing board and see if we can correct our mistakes.

**Q: Does your team like how Coach Lanning pushes in all the chips?**

JORDON DAVISON: Sure, that just shows the trust that he has in in the offense and the defense. Our defense played great. We couldn't have asked them to play any better.

**Q: Feeling that you have another game?**

JORDON DAVISON: It feels it feels great, especially for the seniors. I like being here with them and just enjoying the moment of being able to be a part of their career and do something that hasn't been done here before.

**Q: The Matayo Uiagaleilei strip sack and scoring the TD afterward**

JORDON DAVISON: It was a crazy turn of events. We always practice sudden change, so we were prepared. And excited.

**Q: Confidence level with two TD runs**

It's just a blessing. It shows they trust me, and I'm just glad to have their trust.

**Q: Confidence in the defense**

JORDON DAVISON: It gives us a lot of confidence, because we feel like we have to go back them up and go score and put points on the board. It goes both in both ways.

**Tatum Tuioti, OLB**

**Q: On the fake punt play**

TAITUM TUIOTI: I had flashbacks to Sheldon (High School) when I used to play tight end. I was excited about the play because I knew that it was going to work out. I was happy that coach Lanning felt that it was OK to run it... I just had to make sure that I caught the ball, tuck it, and run someone over. It felt great.

**Q: On the defense's play**

TAITUM TUIOTI: That's the standard for our defense. Being able to showcase our standard and play for each other was the main thing and, obviously, the turnovers were great. That was the outcome we wanted.

**On getting a shutout**

TAITUM TUIOTI: That's the standard that we have. Shutouts are hard but that's what we expect. That's what we shoot for every time. That's what we were planning on doing.

**Q: On being among the final four teams**

TAITUM TUIOTI: It means a lot. We're grateful for the opportunity to be able to continue to play with each other. Being with my brothers and continuing to play for my coaches and family means a lot.

**Q: On the National Championship Game being at Hard Rock Stadium**

TAITUM TUIOTI: (Getting back here) is the goal. This place is amazing, and we want to be back. We have to make sure that we handle business (in the Peach Bowl).

**Malik Benson, WR**

**Q: On what it means to advance**

MALIK BENSON: It's a blessing to have the opportunity to play on. This year has been a whole grind. To be one of the last teams standing and have another opportunity to play with my brothers (is great).

**Q: On the Oregon defense**

MALIK BENSON: We see that every single day in practice so when they come out in a game and do it, there's no surprise.

**Q: On missing some fourth down conversion attempts**

MALIK BENSON: It's human nature when you don't convert to get down on yourself. We just go with a next drive and next play mentality.



## POTGAME PLAYERS QUOTES TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

*January 1, 2026*

David Bailey, DE  
Lee Hunter, NG

Terrance Carter, TE  
Ben Roberts, LB

### **David Bailey, DE**

**Q: Can you describe the mood in the Texas Tech locker room postgame?**

DAVID BAILEY: It was obviously not great. We expected a different outcome. But it is what it is. ... We knew what we were able to accomplish. The Big 12 championship really wasn't the goal. We knew we could go further. We had a lot of talent on this team. We had a lot of pieces on this team. So, we expected a different outcome.

**Q: Do you think this program will be in contention at this level for years to come?**

DAVID BAILEY: Yeah, I think so for sure. As long as Coach McGuire is here and he has the same staff behind him, I think they're going to do even greater things than we did this year.

**Q: What was the feeling at halftime after holding Oregon to just 6 points in the first half?**

DAVID BAILEY: We were feeling good. We were feeling optimistic. I know Coach McGuire was emphasizing how grateful we are to be in this position. Obviously we're playing a great offense, so to hold them to six points in the first

half, we were feeling pretty good about ourselves. We just had to take the next steps to cut that lead down.

**Q: What was the key to Texas Tech's success on defense today, especially on some of your fourth-down stops?**

DAVID BAILEY: It's just effort. Effort-based defense. That's what we emphasize every time we step on this field. So, I mean, it's just 11 guys doing their job full speed every time. So we expected those results in terms of the success we had.

**Q: What are your thoughts on going up against Oregon quarterback Dante Moore today?**

DAVID BAILEY: He has a great line protecting him, a great running back core around him, great pieces around him, a great receiving core, too, a talented team.

**Q: What was it like for your defense to be on the field for so many plays in the first half as Oregon dominated time of possession?**

DAVID BAILEY: I think we actually liked it. That's just more ball for us to play, more plays to

be made, more opportunities to showcase what we are as a defense. We don't really shy away from that. We were just waiting for the offense to hit its stride. But we were just having fun out there. I know I love being out there. Anytime there was a turnover, we had a great attitude in terms of having the opportunity to take the field again and just play football.

**Q: Physically, you didn't feel worn down at all during the game?**

DAVID BAILEY: No, I don't think so.

**Q: What does Texas Tech need to do to take the next step as a program?**

DAVID BAILEY: Just learn from the mistakes that we had here. I know Coach McGuire's going to take this to heart. I know the staff's going to take this to heart. I know the players are going to take this to heart. I know they're going to make the adjustments and I'm sure they're going to go all the way next year.

**Lee Hunter, NG**

**Q: How frustrating was today for you guys, knowing how well you guys played on the defensive side of the ball?**

LEE HUNTER: It was frustrating. But, you know, at the end of the day, it's a team game, so you just can say defense played good. But it was frustrating. We got through. I feel we finished strong and played hard together when we needed to as a team, but it's tough.

**Q: For you, in that first quarter specifically. It was like you were like shot out of a cannon, what was that feeling like for you individually?**

LEE HUNTER: I just play hard for Coach McGuire and Coach Fitch, and things they did for me and my family. I just wanted to play hard and win

the game for them, but it just comes down to we didn't get the job done, but we've got to get better. I had some stuff I screwed up on that I gotta get better on, so I'm looking to just keep improving throughout everything. At the end of the day, I'm thankful we won the conference championship, which a lot of people can't say that, that wear the black. So I'm thankful. I really wanted to win today, but it didn't go as planned.

**Q: What's this experience been like for you here?**

LEE HUNTER: Great experience here. Coach McGuire, Coach Fitch, the guys in the locker room, I just can't thank Red Raider family enough. They welcomed me with open arms when I first got here, when I met them, when I was a recruit and I got here, they were the same people they were as they recruited me. So at the end of the day, I'm thankful and blessed. We fell short, which I hated. But I'm just thankful to be a Red Raider. I can say that for the rest of my life, it's just a blessing for Coach McGuire, what they did, what they put together. I appreciate these guys. They did a lot for me and my family. I'm just thankful. I'm thankful thank you for Texas Tech. It's rough, but, you know, we got to get better at things.

**Q: What did it mean to you personally when you guys were walking out into the tunnel and all those fans stayed afterwards just to cheer you guys on for the season that you guys had?**

LEE HUNTER: It meant a lot. It shows you they were the same way we won then when we lost. It means that they're real, they're good people. Texas Tech and this program, and the fans and family members it's just great people around here in Lubbock. Most fans would have left the game, forgot about what you did for them before. But it just showed you what type of place

Lubbock is, and how good and true the people are around here.

**Q: What are some of the best memories you'll remember from this team?**

LEE HUNTER: It's a lot of memories, but it wasn't nothing like saying Coach McGuire hold that confetti up for the Big 12 Championship. I know he wanted it. The coaches wanted it, the players wanted it. We did that. We fell short. But it really sucks. But, I'm just thankful to be a Red Raider. I can't say nothing bad. I feel the coaches did a great job today. We just, lost. It was wire to wire. We could have made more plays as players. I'm just thankful to be a Red Raider.

**Q: What does it mean to be part of the greatest defense in Texas Tech history?**

LEE HUNTER: It means a lot. It showed the hard work that we put in on a day to daily basis. But, I'm just blessed. I'm thankful that I came to Texas Tech. I'm still grateful I came here, and leaving a Red Raider and I chose that. But it's such a blessing just to be a Red Raider.

**Terrance Carter, TE**

**Q: How frustrating was today for the offense?**

TERRANCE CARTER: It was really frustrating. We were just plays away from getting stuff going. We just have to execute more and just get back to the basics.

**Q: What were they doing defensively to make it difficult? Early on it was you and J'Koby and that was about it.**

TERRANCE CARTER: I mean, it's a really good defense. We expected that. We didn't expect for it to just be two people to get off, but they're a great defense. We didn't execute to our full capability.

**Q: You've had so much success offensively: Was it a shock to the system to not be able to score?**

TERRANCE CARTER: I mean, like I said, it was just a great defense. They had a great game plan to stop things that we had going.

**Q: What do you take away from this season, the greatest in Texas Tech history?**

TERRANCE CARTER: It was a great experience for me, something great I've been part of. I've never been part of something like this. Just coming in and seeing everything that Tech's done for me, my family, everybody else, I love it.

**Q: Do you take any satisfaction from what you were able to contribute offensively personally?**

TERRANCE CARTER: Nah. I just wanted to win.

**Q: Do you think the pieces are in place for Texas Tech to get back here to the CFP quarterfinals?**

TERRANCE CARTER: Oh, we'll be back for sure. We'll be back for sure.

**Q: What will it take to get back?**

TERRANCE CARTER: All we did was just set the standard for the next group to come in. I don't see us changing anything. So, like I said, we'll be back, for sure.

**Q: Have you given any thought to returning for another season?**

TERRANCE CARTER: Yeah, I'll be back.

**Q: What made you decide to return?**

TERRANCE CARTER: Honestly, just everything Texas Tech's done. I feel very comfortable where I'm at. I still have little aspects of my

game that I have to work on, and I feel like next year I'll be fully ready.

### **Ben Roberts, LB**

**Q: How frustrating is that know that you guys played pretty solid, as usual, on defense, but just couldn't get anything going?**

BEN ROBERTS: Extremely. I think the toughest thing is just seeing those seniors leave because we were so close, for sure.

**Q: What has [Jacob Rodriguez] meant to the program and to your development?**

BEN ROBERTS: He's meant a lot. I've said it before, I look up to him. He's been a guy that I've been able to kind of model that my day-to-day life after, just because he lives so well. And then his leadership qualities, the way that he leads by example, and when they're just time to step up and talk, he's able to do that. And then I'm gonna miss Lee [Hunter]. Lee always kept it fun. And David [Bailey] and Romelo [Height], they were always being pros. I'm gonna miss having guys like that. It's just time to step up.

**Q: What does that mean for you moving forward and your role with this football program?**

BEN ROBERTS: I'm just gonna have to take another step. If that's losing a little bit of some social life so that we can get back to where we want to be, and that's here, and further on, that's what I'm gonna do. I'm gonna try to push this team further than it's ever gone before.

**Q: How do you think you were able to show that you are able to compete at this level consistently, like some of the other programs that have made it to the playoffs?**

BEN ROBERTS: Just the effort that this team plays with. And I think y'all saw it, we played down to the very last second. There was no give up in this team. Yeah, it got a little chippy, but that's kind of how it always goes.

**Q: Just wanted to get your thoughts on the support of the fanbase.**

BEN ROBERTS: The fan base is awesome. The way they travel, the way that they support on social media, the way that they approach us and the way that they treat us. There's no other fan base like it really.

**Q: How do you feel about the way that you guys played defensively?**

BEN ROBERTS: I'm proud of the way our defense played. We played hard, and we played through the whistle throughout the whole game. We were put in some tough situations, and I mean, we just have to be able to capitalize.

**Q: Can you take us through the interception?**

BEN ROBERTS: Honestly, I think he thought I was the ref. I was dropping to the deep hole, and I saw mesh, and I knew there was a high dot behind me. So I knew about the location where that guy was dropping, and I was right behind the ref when you look on film. So, I think I was hiding a little bit.

**Q: Are you surprised they went for it so many times (on fourth down)? And, how did you feel how you guys handled that?**

BEN ROBERTS: I'm not surprised they went for it. They're a tough team. And I knew that they thought they could do it, and they did a couple times, but we knew we could stop them, and then that's why we kind of won those fourth downs for most of the time, at least.

**Q: What does it mean to be with those guys and be part of the greatest team in Texas Tech history?**

BEN ROBERTS: It's special, and it's something that no one can ever take away from us. Yeah, I mean, I'm gonna miss them, for sure, but, I want to break that record.



## PREGAME PRESS CONFERENCE

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Joey McGuire – Head Coach, Texas Tech Red Raiders  
Dan Lanning – Head Coach, Oregon Ducks

Don Jackson, Moderator

**THE MODERATOR:** A very pleasant good morning to everyone. Happy New Year, or happy New Year's Eve, and welcome to the head coaches' press conference for the 2026 College Football Playoff quarterfinal at the CapitalOne Orange Bowl. I'm Don Jackson, and it's my privilege to serve as your moderator for today's coaches' press conference.

We will first welcome Texas Tech head coach Joey McGuire to say a few opening remarks and then we will hear from Oregon head coach Dan Lanning. Coach McGuire?

**JOEY MCGUIRE:** Thank you. Man, we're really excited and honored to be here. I'm kind of one of those guys that can fan boy really easy over great coaches, and I'm a huge fan of Dan's. I watch a lot of his stuff that he puts out on social media or anytime there's a press conference. I don't have a lot of hobbies, but that's one. I pay attention to a lot of coaches around the nation, especially guys that are doing it right.

We're really honored to play against such a great team like Oregon. I think it's going to be

the best game, without a doubt, in these quarterfinals. You've got two great teams.

We were talking earlier, it's like looking in the mirror. You've got great defenses. You've got explosive offenses. I think both of our offenses probably produced the most explosive plays in college football this year.

It's going to be a lot of fun tomorrow. We're excited to be here, and we've got a big day today. It's our Fast Friday on a Wednesday, and then we'll be ready to go tomorrow.

Just thank you for letting us be a part of this. I promise you we'll be ready to go.

**DAN LANNING:** Certainly honored to be here. First want to thank the Orange Bowl. The hospitality has been first notch. Really honored to get the opportunity to share a stage with Coach McGuire. Both of us started off as high school coaches. I'm sure he's very similar to me in the sense that we pinch ourselves every day to get to do what we do and who we do it with.

Obviously Texas Tech has an unbelievable team. And he's right, when you watch it,



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something we've talked about since we arrived here is our ability to create explosive plays and eliminate explosive plays. When you look at both these teams, they're two of the best in the nation at doing that, creating explosive plays, and certainly two of the best in the nation at eliminating that.

This will be an exciting game, certainly an exciting opportunity for us. A lot of these last few weeks for us has been about creating that rhythm that you have as a team, and you heard Coach just say it's Fast Friday. I had somebody text me this morning about it being Wednesday; I said, what are you talking about? It's Friday.

Your clock is off a little bit as a coach, but our players have prepped really, really hard, and there's a ton of respect for Texas Tech and what they've been able to create this year. The team, the way they play, I think that's a true indication of the way Coach McGuire coaches.

But our guys are really excited about this opportunity to share a field, and it's an awesome venue to get to be a part of.

THE MODERATOR: Now we'll open it up for questions for both coaches.

**Q. Coaches, what is the best advice you've received to bringing your team and preparing them to be at a new venue in this type of atmosphere?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, ultimately, both of us get the opportunity to travel on the road, and I think we've really been prepared for moments like that. We've traveled across the country several times this year, something that's prepared you.

The football field is the same length, same width. You get an opportunity to go out there

and compete with your teammates, and I think we both are hoping for a great crowd from both sides, so there's not a lot that's different. Even though there's distractions that exist as you go out to games like this, there's some pomp and circumstance, there's some fanfare, ultimately the game is the same and the guys got to go out there and play the game.

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, I would totally agree. The people that I've talked to say, man, just stay -- and Dan talked about it, stay in rhythm.

Again, today, they probably know it's Wednesday, but it's Fast Friday for us. Don't change anything. You're here for a reason, and what you've done all year long has worked, so stick with that.

We were lucky enough, and I know they were, too, we were able to go over to Hard Rock. We didn't go on the field, but just seeing the venue, our guys are really honored and excited to play in that stadium.

But I think the biggest thing is just keep doing what we do.

**Q. For Dan Lanning, how would you describe the process you've had with your outgoing staff? Obviously they've got a lot of responsibilities with their next programs, and also just from the head coach's standpoint, are there positives to having two guys off your staff that got head coaching jobs this year?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, I talk about it a lot. I set goals personally for myself, and my number one goal is to help people reach their dreams and goals. And when you see a guy like Tosh Lupoi that I've got to work with for a long time and Will Stein, who I've gotten to work with the last



three years, work their tails off to earn opportunities, you're really excited.

I tell every recruit that walks in our office, look, I can't promise you who will be here as your coaches because I want to help create their dreams, as well, but I can promise you I'll be here as your head coach. That's a piece that won't change.

I'll say both those guys have had unbelievable focus on our team. I think they both recognize they'd never had the opportunities they have if it wasn't for the players at Oregon and the place of Oregon, and I think they feel a term of endearment. They feel like they owe it to our players to give their absolute best on the way out.

I remember -- this is kind of sentimental for me. Leaving Georgia, I went through kind of the same process. The hotel we're staying in this week, I remember hiring my strength coach, Wilson Love, in that hotel. I remember reaching out to coaches on staff and hiring them during this same process in the Orange Bowl when I was at Georgia, so it's kind of a full-circle moment to see them going through the same things.

But I'm very appreciative to the detail that they've put in, the work they've put in, and it's led to some long nights and not a lot of sleep, but I always tell our coaching staff, you can sleep when you die.

These guys have worked really hard. They've earned it. I'm excited about their opportunities, and I'm excited about the opportunity to grow through our teams. When there's transition, there's opportunities for new ideas. There's opportunities for us to continue to grow.

**Q. For Joey, on a similar note, your former offensive coordinator, Zach Kittley, is the head coach at FAU. I'm wondering if at any point during this buys week you've gotten a chance to visit with him and catch up and hear how the season has gone?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, I talked to him. Actually he's going to be at practice this morning because we're practicing at FAU. We changed our venue, and it was great to see a bunch of guys that were on staff with us yesterday. We had our walk-through, our Thursday walk-through yesterday, and there was a bunch of guys.

His head strength coach was our No. 2. His chief of staff was one of our assistant DFOs. So it was great to see those guys.

He did, man -- he was a couple plays away from being in a bowl game, and I know he's itching to recruit right now and bring some guys in, and he had a really good signing class.

Kitts, man, he's a stud. I'm really happy and excited for him that he had that opportunity.

**Q. Do you think he gets to share in some of this success and understand he's been part of the build to this game?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, without a doubt. He's a Red Raider. He was there on staff as a student, and then he was kind of Kliff's right-hand man growing up. His dad is probably the most decorated track coach in the country right now, so he's still got family out there. He was in Lubbock for Christmas.

I know he's really excited. I know he's excited to see the guys. I told the guys he was coming to practice, he and Behren Morton, our



quarterback, are really, really close, so I know he's excited to see him today.

**Q. Dan, to go back to the coaching changes and all that, on the outside we can sit here and look and say there's got to be a better way, and from where you sit, the portal is going to open, recruiting never stops. There probably is no better way. But would you rather see a process that might be a bit more streamlined and not allow at the biggest time of the year, the biggest games of the year for things to sort of seem so kind of topsy-turvy like they are at so many places right now?**

DAN LANNING: Well, I think there's clearly a better way, and I think it really starts with the season moving up and the playoffs not having -- how many days, Coach, is it for you between us and your last game?

JOEY McGUIRE: We played December 6, and I'm 100 percent with him about moving the --

DAN LANNING: Yeah, ultimately in my mind the vision for this should be every playoff game should be played every single weekend until you finish the season. Ideally the season, even if it means we start week zero, or you eliminate a bye, the season ends January 1st. This should be the last game. This should be the championship game. Then the portal opens, and then coaches that have to move on to their next opportunities get the opportunity to move to their next opportunities.

Certainly there's some conversation about when high school signing days should be. I think that could go either way because most of us now try to get guys in as mid-year players, and you want them to be able to join your program at semester, which is a challenge.

But I think the first really clear indicator of a place that we can make this better is to wrap the season up. Our National Championship game this year is January 19th, and that's really hard to envision as a coach that's going out and trying to join a new program and start a staff. It's hard for players to understand what continuity looks like and where are they going to be at and to manage that with visits, the portal, everything else that exists.

I think the clear indicator and the clear way to do that is to bump the season up and make sure these playoff games happen a lot faster.

I've got a ton of respect for the NFL, but we're a prep league for the NFL. We do a lot of favors for the NFL. We're the minor league in a lot of ways. But there's no money paid from the NFL to take care of college football.

In that sense, we've given up some of our days to the NFL. We said, you guys get to have this day, you get to have this day, you get to have this day. Saturdays should be sacred for college football, and every Saturday through the month of December should belong to college football in my opinion.

**Q. Dan, the nature of retention in recruiting has gotten a lot more transactional. In some ways that comes across as being a little derogatory, but it's sort of the nature of the beast. This is still college football; how do you balance the relationship piece, more of what you would consider the traditional recruiting, dealing with young men, while also understanding that there is a transactional piece to this?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Well, I'm lucky; I think I have the best general manager in the country in James Blanchard and his staff, and we have a personnel staff. I'm never in any meeting



whenever it comes to money. I try the best I can to keep the coach/player relationship as traditional as it has been whenever I was coached by Harris Brownlee and Tom McCohen and the relationships I had with those guys. I'm also a very emotional person, so it's better for me to not be in these meetings. James keeps it very black and white, and as you said, it is very transactional.

But I also think there's a lot of things that are still going on at Oregon and Texas Tech that are incredible for young people, that we're creating better men. I have 33 college graduates that will take the field tomorrow. We hold every GPA record in the 100-year history at Texas Tech, but we just broke the record, and my team has a 3.23 GPA, so all the people saying that they came for money and we paid this and this and this, man, turn on the tape and see how hard we play, and then, guess what, my guys went to class and excelled in the classroom.

I think that's still such a huge part of what we're doing, and I think whenever people come into your building and they feel that and they see that, they want to come to places like Oregon and Texas Tech because it is about the money, there's no doubt about that, but it's also about we can help them reach their goals and their dreams and be better people.

DAN LANNING: Yeah, venues like this are a great example of the value that players have for organizations. We don't get to coach if there aren't players. As much as the game has changed, a lot of it still has stayed the same. We're in year four here at Oregon, and we've never lost a starter to the transfer portal. I think retention is the biggest piece. I think that's really important, and that's twofold.

It always starts for me, what can I control, the relationships. I want to make sure we have great strong relationships with our players. A lot of times guys are going to choose to stay for less, but we also want them to be treated fair, and if they have the opportunity to have success, we want to make sure we're able to maximize that opportunity.

That's not just what a school can give a player, it's the recognition a school can create, it's the story that a school can tell. I think Oregon and Texas Tech have both been elite at that.

Then it starts at high school recruiting. It's development. Our team has a lot of freshmen that are contributing this year, a lot of guys that have been able to make an impact, and I always say, if you're good enough, you're old enough.

When you make an impact, I think stepping out into that water of, okay, I'm going to try this again somewhere else, when you know the known. We know it exists at Oregon. You know if you work your tail off, you're going to get an opportunity. I think that can be scary. Even if the dollar or the price tag might be somewhere else, the known of being in a program like Oregon, getting the opportunities that you get, that's something you want to take advantage of. Then that's where you hope the relationship matters.

We've had some really mature kids. These guys had to make really mature decisions that I don't know that I could make when I was their age. I know I'd probably screw it up and I'd probably have a dorm room full of Natural Ice if I was 19 years old, but it's changed.

These guys handle really, really tough decisions and they lean on people, and you hope they get really sound advice. But what warms your heart



is the text message you get from a mom about what you've done for my son, from a high school coach of how you've created confidence in this kid, and you hope all those things pay off and they're able to make mature decisions that are big-boy decisions that a lot of these guys don't get faced with.

Sometimes that means making a sacrifice and maybe not making as much as you might somewhere else or being able to maximize your value where they're at, and I think we have a lot of guys that have been able to maximize their value here.

**Q. Joey, you're in the same situation as Dan was last year in terms of being the team that does have the longer layoff, and in last year's playoffs didn't work out for the teams that did have the longer layoffs, so I'm wondering if you've asked questions to some of the coaches that were in a similar situation as you are this year and how you get your team ready to face a team that's already played?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Yeah, one thing, we've got an old team. We've got a lot of snaps in college football, and I ask them, man, please make me right because the one thing that we did do, we needed the bye.

Now, everybody that played December 6, seven days later they would have played. We just would have been football banged up. But the guys that I talked to, I talked to Kenny Perry, my special teams coordinator. I talked to Sonny Dykes whenever they played Michigan that year, some of the stuff that they would have done maybe different. Talked to Kenny. He had the bye last year with Arizona State and some of the stuff they did.

What we tried to do was add some time where the players were together more, more events as a team because we weren't in school and we weren't on a normal schedule. So we had some more downtime.

Then the biggest thing what we try to do is we do good-on-good but we added periods, or there would be sudden changes in practice. Howard Sampson saw he was blocking David Bailey or trying to block him from the standpoint of just the speed of the game because you're not seeing that, that we're going to have to see tomorrow and try to deal with. We try to do stuff like that to try to stay in rhythm.

We needed a little bit of rest, though, too, especially our quarterback. I think he feels really good, and hopefully it shows up tomorrow.

**Q. You've called Dante Moore "special," but what about him makes him different from other opposing quarterbacks?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Well, no disrespect to any quarterback that we've faced, but he's the best quarterback we've played all year long. He extends plays with his feet. You see that.

But whenever you turn on the tape, he's as accurate as anybody that we've played or really more accurate whenever he throws the deep ball. He's got great skill around him, but he throws a great deep ball.

I just love his story. So you know he's a mature person and he's really grown because there's not a lot of people in this day and age that would sit behind -- especially at the quarterback position, sit behind people. I'm really lucky my quarterback has been here from day one. He was born in Lubbock, and he's got a Texas Tech



degree. There's not a lot of people that do that. They don't want to sit; they want to play right now. He redshirted and grew as a quarterback.

I just think he's dynamic. Whenever you see him, he just continues to make plays. Whenever it's time to make a play with his feet, he makes a play with his feet, makes a play with his arm. He's tough, and just watching what they do offensively schematically, he also has a high football IQ because he can really digest what they do and play at a really high level.

**Q. Joey, Behren is one of four quarterbacks in the CFP field that's still with the school he signed with, and he's easily the most experienced of them. When you look at his journey and where he's been to get to this point, do you appreciate the fact that perhaps we're not going to have so many Behren Mortons and guys like him down the line?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Yeah, I hope I have another one in Will Hammond. He's dealing with an ACL. But Behren, I just have not been around -- I've done this 31 years - here in a few weeks it'll be 32 because I started in January - and he's the toughest player I've ever been around. There's a lot of things that he's dealt with over his career that a lot of quarterbacks around the nation didn't play, and he played.

He has such a respect in that locker room and he's got such a big voice. I feel like one thing about this team, putting this team together, this is as healthy of a locker room as I've ever been a part of. The care factor in that locker room is so high, and he's been such a -- he's been the force behind it.

I asked him to really step out and cross over to the other side of the ball and bring Lee Hunter into what it means to be a Red Raider. David

Bailey, Romello Height, he was the leader in bringing this team so close together.

I'm going to miss him. It was really cool in the Big 12 Championship, his dad sent me a text and said, hey, look, I want a Big 12 Championship and I want a picture of you two walking out of the stadium together, and it was really cool we got to do that. We made a point, both of us, because we had talked about it in January, in January the year before, of making that happen, and we walked out together, and there's some really cool pictures of us coming out of that game together.

**Q. Dan, you've talked about strength in numbers with this team, and at the running back position in particular, you've really been able to have some depth. Why do you think that group has been able to excel when it comes to readiness, both Jordon and Dierre being ready to go early in their careers but also within the flow of a game whenever your number gets called being able to step up and perform?**

DAN LANNING: It starts probably with the leadership in that room. Coach Samples done an unbelievable job. But we have a veteran in there with Noah Whittington, and he's worn a lot of hats. He's been injured and came back from injury, but he demands -- it's like having another coach at the position there, and he demands that these guys do it the right way.

Then the young guys being able to throw -- handle whatever we throw on their plate. You give them a bite, and take advantage of short yardage. You give them a play, and they take advantage of it, and you're like, okay, let's give them more.

Those guys have done an unbelievable job of the more that you can give them, the more they can



handle, and they've created something that can be really dynamic for us. Once you start talking about the variety of formations and plays that we can run with multiple personnel groups, the fact you can make sure there's a fresh player in there, and then strength in numbers has really just been a mantra for our team this entire year. If we've got to be a 12 personnel team to win, we'll do it. If we've got to be an 11 personnel team, if we've got to play 21, if it's going to be a two-minute drive or if it's a tight defensive ballgame, we can play in a variety of ways. I think that shows up in moments where you have to lean on your depth and lean on players that have to be ready for their opportunity. We've had a lot of guys that have been ready for their opportunity when their number was called.

**Q. Following on an earlier question about the January calendar, in less than 48 hours when the portal opens, for the winner that's going to be particularly difficult logically and practically. Presuming you win, how will you plan to manage that with the academic calendar and the road that creates at Oregon?**

DAN LANNING: More than anything, just being honest. Be honest with your players. The one thing I expect from anybody that enters the portal from our team is communication. The University of Oregon has given you an opportunity. We've coached you really hard. We've built relationships. We expect you to be able to communicate with us on what that looks like. Similar to Coach McGuire, we've talked about you come in here and win this game, you're going to send other people on the road in your organization than normal to help do some of the recruiting for you, and that's why it's important to have a really strong personnel department that can help you with that because if you continue to prepare for games and there's

opportunities to recruit, you want to make sure you're able to take advantage of those, too. Then you hope you've built a strong enough roster that they can manage and handle some of the distractions that exist in college football.

But these guys are used to it. They're tough. They're resilient. They've dealt with it before. I think every one of them recognize how special it is to be a part -- there's only eight teams left right now, and after this game there will be four teams left. To be a part of something like that doesn't happen a lot in anybody's lifetime. I hope they recognize the importance of that, the opportunity for that. Then the academic calendar is something we all have plans for, and we'll be ready to adjust and adapt as we go. But that's college football over the last four years that I've been a part of it as a head coach is adapt, and you have to be good at adapting and adjusting, and there will be some learning lessons this year, this off-season that we learn, just like there were last season that we'll continue to adapt to.

**Q. Coach Lanning, almost 24 hours away from kickoff; where is this team's mentality at maybe compared to where it was last year?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, you know, you always try to overanalyze that as a coach. You walk in and guys are laughing and you're like, wait a minute, are we too loose. You walk in the room and everybody is quiet and you're like, okay, are we too tight. I really like where our team is at, their temperament. When they step on the field, it's business. They enjoy spending time with each other. They've had a really clear focus throughout the week, and the result is going to be the result.

We've got two really good teams going against each other head-to-head, talent on both sides,



good coaches on both sides. So ultimately you want the players to go out there and take the opportunity to go win the game on their own, and I like where our guys are at. I think they've been really focused.

I think, again, the repetition of us, the rhythm for us has been a factor that will contribute in this game for us to be able to keep the sequence as much as possible, similar for our players.

But I really like where their head is at, I really like their focus, and it's hard to maintain focus at that age for as long as you have to maintain focus in college football right now, so excited to see that result.

**Q. Coach McGuire, you talked about Coach Morton and what that moment meant for you. I know you're worried about your team, but have you given any thought what this would mean to all of the planes full of Red Raider fans, the guys driving cross country and documenting that, what this moment will mean for the Texas Tech fan base as a whole if you guys can follow through and get a win tomorrow?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, it's going to be incredible. One of the coolest things throughout this journey is after the Big 12 game how many letters and emails I've received from Texas Tech fans and guys that played -- some lettermen saying how proud they are and they've been waiting for however long for a team like this.

It's going to mean a lot, but we have focused every single week on being in the moment and being where our feet are. This is a game that's a huge game, but our guys know what's at stake.

But I do carry that and feel that and am excited that there's been a lot of cool moments this year

that Red Raiders have been excited about. I know they're really excited.

We've got a big group coming out, and it's going to be -- I think Red Raiders always show up, and we'll have a good crowd.

We're going to do everything we can to play really well tomorrow.

**Q. Coach McGuire, most people in America today are waiting for that ball to drop for 2026. Talk about your focus, mindset and trying to keep all the noise out as the ball drops for you guys in about 24 and a half hours for the biggest game in Red Raider history.**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, we're going to be on our normal Friday schedule. We'll have this Fast Friday today and then we'll have all our meetings and we'll eat as a team, and then we're going to go watch a movie and be back for our team meeting and be in the hotel room.

I think Cody Campbell and John Sellers are having a big New Year's Eve party tonight and I'm sure my wife is going, but I won't be thinking much about -- I imagine I'm going to be up, but it's only because Dan is going to keep me up because I'm going to be worried about the Oregon Ducks. It's not going to be because I'm trying to bring in the new year. I'll probably be looking at the ceiling and thinking about tomorrow and making sure I've checked all the boxes to make sure that my guys are ready to roll.

Exciting, and man, it's so cool. I did look up -- and Bob Stoops is a good friend of mine, so of course he commented that he's coached in this game and won it, and I did look up. Man, it's really cool, the different guys, the who's-who have coached in the Orange Bowl. Foe Joey



McGuire, an ol' high school coach, to be able to coach in this game and bring the Red Raiders in the College Football Playoffs, it's pretty cool. We're really excited about it.

**Q. Dan, you've already talked about getting reps for your guys. This is the third straight January 1st bowl game you guys have played. How can the last two years, the experiences and the distractions and dealing with all that help you for this week?**

DAN LANNING: Playing football makes you better at football, and playing in big moments makes you better at playing in big moments. Our team certainly has played in a lot of big moments.

It's funny, you don't sit back and really think about what you've been able to accomplish because you're always worried about what's next. But this is the winningest group in Oregon history over their four years. There's some new faces in there, too, some guys that weren't necessarily there for the entire ride, but there's been a standard created and an expectation created for this group, and now it's about taking the next step.

Really excited. We want these guys to lean on their experience and what they've been able to do. Again, they've prepped really well, and obviously you're playing a great team. At this point, there aren't any bad teams. You're playing great teams from here on out. Really excited about seeing our guys go out there and execute.

THE MODERATOR: Well, thank you, both coaches. We know you have a very busy schedule. At this time we'll ask that you take your place over in front of the CapitalOne Orange Bowl trophy for a photo opportunity.





## MEDIA DAY TEXAS TECH RED RAIDERS

December 30, 2025

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Mack Leftwich, Offensive Coordinator

Shiel Wood, Defensive Coordinator

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Cameron Dickey, RB

J'Koby Williams, RB

Jacob Rodriguez, LB

David Bailey, DE

Lee Hunter, DL

Romello Height, LB

### Joey McGuire, Head Coach

**Q. Coach, 25 days between games; how does it feel to actually be here finally?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Yeah, we're really excited. Like this morning we were doing our walk-through, and I was proud of the way the guys were handling it, but man, we are ready to play. I think they've walked through our game plan as much as possible, and we still have a fast Friday tomorrow and then we have another walk-through on game day.

Feel good where we're at, but we're ready to play.

**Q. How do you avoid the lull having had so much time off?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Yeah, one, I think it's very important for us to start well in the game. I think one thing we also have to do is we've got to weather their storm. They started really fast

against James Madison, so we've got to do a good job of weathering their storm.

That's one thing that I think as a whole we have to take a look at the structure we have at this level of College Football Playoff that really need to change. But it is what it is right now, so we've got to do a great job of handling it, and we really do need to start really fast.

**Q. Y'all don't play on a lot of natural grass fields. I know the players probably like it a little bit better. What do they think of that?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Yeah, we're lucky we have that grass field at home. It's going to be a little different because our grass is probably not as tight as what we're going to play on. We played at Arizona State this year, and they've got as good a grass field as there is in the country. They say this is a really fast track, so we're excited about that.



We called out here and talked to some of the equipment guys for the Dolphins, and of course we've got a couple of Red Raiders that are Dolphin players, so we expect to be able to wear our normal molded cleats versus our grass cleats, so we're excited about that.

**Q. What sticks out to you about Oregon on tape?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: The effort they play with, which is doesn't surprise me. I'm a big fan of Coach Lanning, and I think he's an effort-based guy with the people that he coached for and how he's grown up in this coaching world.

But how hard they play, and then they're extremely athletic. They've got great team speed, and they've got really good big-time playmakers, so that really jumps off film.

**Q. Since Texas Tech hasn't played in this setting before, how much pressure do you feel for the university?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: I think it's a mixture of not just us performing at a high level Texas Tech-wise, but for the Big 12. I've talked to Commissioner Yormark multiple times over the last few weeks, and man, I know we're not only just representing the TT but we're representing the Big 12.

I think it's important. But the one thing about this team, man, they love playing the game. They love playing football together. We're just going to go out and do what we've done all year long and try to play at a really high level, execute the game plan.

But there is a -- I don't think they feel it, but I definitely feel it. It's important that we perform, and it's important that we win the football game, not only for Texas Tech but for the Big 12.

**Q. What were some of the challenges of getting 21 transfers --**

JOEY MCGUIRE: Well, I think it's important that you do as much as possible. Gus Malzahn is a really good friend of mine; so I can call Gus and say, "Tell me about Lee Hunter." And Mack Brown is a really good friend of mine; so it was easy to pick up the phone with Mack and say, "Tell me about Howard Sampson."

I think it's important whenever you're going through and putting a team together that you do your research, and then I feel like we have some really good things in place to build a culture. And Lubbock, Texas, is a great place to be. It's a college town. That town is built around the TT.

So I think the players, whenever they get there, they really feel the love of the community. So I think that's been really important to building this team.

**Q. It seems like you're the same guy. How have you stayed true to who you are as the stage has changed?**

JOEY MCGUIRE: My biggest thing, I learned this a long time ago, I had a great mentor. I've had great mentors. It's really cool, I saw one of our fans put it out because Nick Saban has got such a great tree represented in this College Football Playoff.

And I learned from Robert Woods, who's a Hall of Fame Texas high school coach, one of the greatest coaches of all times. I learned from him and then my first AD, Gina Farmer. If you make it about the players and they genuinely feel that and they understand how much you care about them, then you can do some incredible things as a group.



Man, that's the thing; I tell parents, I tell anybody that comes to Texas Tech whenever they visit that I wake up every morning, and my job is to make these guys the best version of themselves. And if you keep that in the forefront, then a lot of good things can happen, and winning is a byproduct of that.

That's just what I've always believed. January, starting in January will start my 32nd year of coaching, and no matter if it's a 22-year-old or it's a 16-year-old that you're coaching, they're all the same. They're playing a kid's game that they absolutely love, and they want to do great things. I just try to help them do that.

**Q. What's the key to victory for Texas Tech?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, we've got to do a great job of stopping the run. These guys run at such a high level, so we've got to do a good job of stopping the run. Whoever wins the turnover battle, you've got two explosive offenses, so who can give their offense an extra couple possessions.

And I think we've got to make plays on special teams. That's where we've been from really all of our victories this year, but especially Arizona State, after that loss, we've done a great job of stopping the run, creating turnovers. I think Indiana and Texas Tech are the No. 1 team in the country in turnover margin. We're plus 17. And then playing really well on special teams. I think those are the keys to this game.

**Q. Having played so many other games, I think this will be (indiscernible).**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, it's kind of been -- whatever the first game was this year, and we had a couple last year, but the 11:00 kicks, we have played extremely well. We had a couple

early this season, and I started saying, man, we're the best 11:00 a.m. team in the country. Then all of a sudden we'd get another 11:00 a.m. game, and that's really in your wheelhouse.

You'd kind of like a 2:30 kick because it's early and you can get your juices flowing but it's not too late to where you've got to sit around in the hotel all day long.

These guys, whenever they said we were going to play in the Orange Bowl, I said, man, it's 12:00 here but it's 11:00 a.m. Central Time, and we've played really well at 11:00 a.m. I think whenever you've had success like that, you can push that message, and we'll be ready to go.

**Q. The Utah game was 10:00 a.m., right?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, 10:00 a.m., that was an early kick. That was a little bit earlier. But still, I think that's one thing, whenever you go that way, they're not used to playing at 10:00 a.m. their time ever. That's usually whenever you go to the West Coast for some reason, that's usually a night game. That's really tough to play in.

But we've got that 10:00 a.m. kick, and I thought that was an advantage for us.

**Q. How about with the kids, just get them up, get something to eat and go play ball?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, we're excited. It's funny, if you come to our hotel this morning -- if you came this morning and if you come on game day, we've got blue lights. So we've got blue lights set up on the table while they're eating breakfast waking them up and getting them going.

We practice Thursday and Friday morning pretty early. When we're in pads, we're an afternoon practice team, but Thursday and



Friday we practice pretty early in the morning. So our guys are used to getting up and getting going.

**Q. (Indiscernible) sustainable for Texas Tech. What does that mean to you?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Man, he was on the interview committee, and the day I sat with him and felt his passion about Texas Tech, he said, "I'm all in, wherever college athletics is going, we're going to be all in," I knew that it could be really special.

The thing that -- I read an article yesterday about Cody, and the thing that I just keep saying, the more and more people that listen to Cody Campbell, the better off college athletics is going to be. I know some of the commissioners have been really -- not threatened but not necessarily agreeing with him, and they think he really doesn't see the big picture.

Get in the room with him. Don't throw stones at him outside the room, but when you're in the room with him, you'll understand, he's smarter than you. Not only that, I heard Kirby Hocutt, our AD, his high school coach said this. Cody has wore a jock. Cody not only is an incredible businessman, but he played this game at an extremely high level, a higher level than any commissioner than I know of.

It's not only did he play this game, but he's also so intelligent whenever it comes to the business world that I think if we could really get behind some of his ideas and do it as a collective, we're better athletically.

But your question, man, he went all in. And I told him. I said, "Man, we'll do everything that we can to make you right," and we to this point

have made him right as far as him going all in behind us.

**Q. (Indiscernible) level, though?**

JOEY McGUIRE: I know this sounds crazy, but man, I just believe -- I was at a place that I never won a playoff game in the history of the school. They started playing in 1932, and they didn't win a playoff game until 2006. Four years later we went 16-0. I do believe what we do and the way we do things produces a winning program.

When they hired me four years ago, so it's really cool, year four, we go 16-0 year four, we're in the College Football Playoffs, I really felt like we could be successful. It really helps whenever you have the backing that we have of Cody Campbell, John Sellers, Dusty Womble, Mike Wallace, Gary Petersen. Those are kind of the big five that have really been the push, and then all of Texas Tech behind us.

**Q. Do you feel like after those guys got into it, your job (indiscernible)?**

JOEY McGUIRE: I think if you're not so self-driven that the pressure could really get to you because now the expectations raise from the outside. But man, somebody was telling me whenever we got to the Big 12, they were like, man, this is a big deal, or maybe it was before the Big 12 because they were talking about contract extension. And I said, look, if we don't win the Big 12, then I don't want to talk about contract extension because I've failed.

That's not anything to do with how they felt. It's how I felt. I'm my worst critic, besides my wife sometimes. It's one of those deals I think if you're self-driven, then the outside expectations are not going to bother you because you have -- your expectations of yourself are so high.



**Q. What about the part where you have to integrate (indiscernible) from the outside, manage it, bring them into that expectation environment? Is that something you have dealt with?**

JOEY McGUIRE: I think anytime, at any level that you're at, whenever you start winning, the expectation just goes up. Whenever I got hired in 2003 at Cedar Hill, one of the things that came out in the "Dallas Morning News," which is the biggest newspaper in Texas, was they let a Hall of Fame high school coach go because he didn't win enough games. So I knew right then if I didn't win enough games, I was going to be fired.

I think no matter -- that's your livelihood no matter what level it is, then you still feel the pressure of winning. That's kind of how I've always felt.

**Q. How has your team grown since the two programs played in 2023?**

JOEY McGUIRE: I'm really proud of our coaching staff. The one thing I'm really proud of, if you look, the players that we have on our team are playing their best football in their career. So I'm really proud of our coaching staff. I think we've grown as a coaching staff.

Then I think the guys that were in that game are older, and that was Ben Roberts, he was a redshirt freshman. I think our talent level on our roster is higher, but I think theirs is, too.

It's really hard when you look at Oregon and you look at us, it's almost like you're looking in the mirror. We're very similar football teams.

**Q. The football we've grown up watching, a game played two years ago (indiscernible) maybe not the case in today's day and age?**

JOEY McGUIRE: Yeah, really whenever I look at that roster or look at that game, there was guys on the roster that were there but they weren't playing yet. Jacob Rodriguez didn't get to play in that game because he got hurt the week before. That was Ben Roberts' very first start. But the roster between the guys that we have, they were young, and then the guys that -- kind of the turnover of the roster, it's very different.

But I think it's very different for them, too. I don't look across the field and see a lot of guys that played in that game on their team, either.

Jadarian has done offensively for us overall as a unit, making explosive plays when he got opportunities, and in picking up the team at times and I think of Texas A & M pops to my brain. And there's a bunch of other ones too, that where he just where we were a little bit bogged down, he gave us a spark. And I know he's anxious to prove that he's that type of guy that can be that consistent on every snap, and he has that ability. I don't know that it would change us offensively all that much. Obviously, you don't want to not have Jeremiah Love, if at all possible, but we feel confident with whoever we put in there."

**Mack Leftwich, Offensive Coordinator**

MACK LEFTWICH: My dad was a coach, college coach for a long time, and that was one of his coaching buddies, now runs a podcast really for high school coaches in Arkansas. So it was just such kind of a unique thing, and that was my brother's bachelor party.

**Q. It was your brother's bachelor party?**



MACK LEFTWICH: It was my brother's bachelor party, and Coach Williams, who runs this podcast, has been wanting to get my dad and my brother and me for a podcast the last couple years. So it was like: We're all going to be in the same spot; you can come down here, and we can film this thing. So we started off the bachelor party with the podcast.

Anyways, that was just a question that he asked. I think he was trying to poke the bear a little bit and get me and my brother talking some smack to each other.

**Q. Where was the bachelor party?**

MACK LEFTWICH: It was in San Marcos, so there in Central Texas. (Indiscernible) at Texas State the year before, and Cutter loves that area, and we went and floated the river and hung out in San Marcos. So it was a real guys' weekend.

**Q. Since he spoke it into existence, how does it feel that you're days away now from playing against each other?**

MACK LEFTWICH: Pretty surreal. It'll be really a cool moment, I think, pregame when we go out there and get to kind of dap each other up. It's like, man, this is pretty cool. We're both living our dream. Both of us grew up watching our dad coaching and wanting to be coaches, so pretty awesome to do it on this stage.

**Q. How are your parents going to handle this?**

MACK LEFTWICH: My dad is pretty cool, calm and collected. I think my mom might be a little bit of a wreck. She's pretty conflicted on how to root for the game. I'm sure she's hoping for probably their O-line to play well and our offense to score points.

**Q. Does she have a shirt where she's going to put both --**

MACK LEFTWICH: She's got a shirt. My wife had it made, so it's got Texas Tech and the little Raider Red and Oregon with the Duck, so she'll be supporting both teams.

**Q. In talking to your dad about the massive influence he's had on your career, from your perspective, what do you think was his biggest game?**

MACK LEFTWICH: He's coached in a couple of conference championships. I know they won one when he was at Tulsa and ended up playing in the Liberty Bowl when he was at Pittsburgh. The Backyard Brawl against West Virginia is always a huge game.

But I think that, too, that gives me and my brother an appreciation for being here. We saw how hard my dad worked, and he coached in college for 30 years and never had an opportunity to coach in the game of this magnitude. Pretty awesome for both of us to do it here and for my dad to be able to be here in the stands and get to watch it.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

MACK LEFTWICH: We've kept it pretty cordial. I think our wives are actually on a cruise together right now, so they're --

**Q. Out of Miami, I hope?**

MACK LEFTWICH: Yeah, the wives did like a little wives' cruise this morning, so they're hanging out together right now.

**Q. Are they going to get back in one day, two days --**



MACK LEFTWICH: It's like a little lunch cruise, one of those type of things. We're all hanging out. I think I'm going to try to get dinner together as a family, kind of -- we still love each other. For about three hours after kickoff we'll be competitors.

**Q. He does claim the better beard. Do you want to confirm that?**

MACK LEFTWICH: He does have a good beard. I might give him that one. I'll give him that one.

**Q. Who's the bigger trash talker?**

MACK LEFTWICH: I'd probably say probably growing up, it had to have been me. I feel like I won more, so when you're winning you just have the ability to talk more trash. So probably me.

**Q. This rivalry, once you found out that it was going to be Oregon, did it bring back any memories for you guys when you were younger, that sibling rivalry between you two?**

MACK LEFTWICH: A little bit. Kind of just the back-and-forth that we had because that's -- we grew up with three boys. I'm the oldest, Cutter, and then we have a younger brother. There wasn't very many dull moments at the house. My mom always jokes everything turned into a weapon at the house so you're naturally wrestling around and competing at everything that you do. That was just kind of our life growing up.

**Shiel Wood, Defensive Coordinator**

**Q. How unusual is it (indiscernible)?**

SHIEL WOOD: Oh, gosh, that's a great question. I don't know how unusual it is, but I do think (indiscernible) first year getting the defensive

staff on the same page and tying it in with our players, to that extent it doesn't matter. I'm in my first year at Texas Tech. Our staff is in our first year.

So whether guys will return as players to Texas Tech or new to Texas Tech was irrelevant from the standpoint of our defensive system was new to all of them. So it was a challenge in year one, and the credit goes to our staff and our players, just the tremendous buy-in, their talent level, their ability. Our staff are great teachers, great students of the game, understand concepts.

Our guys have bought in, and the players have been outstanding. To be able to do all that in the first year has been tremendous.

I do think now kind of with the last several years of college football and more player movement that, to a certain extent, depending on where you're at, you've got to build a team each year. And maybe in years past it was more of an established program, then you could kind of bring guys from high school and develop over a several-year period.

I think now sometimes it's a little bit more of you've got to be ready defensively to build a new team each year because you have new players filling in for you.

**Q. Why do you think it's working?**

SHIEL WOOD: I think that our success is attributed to several things, but I think it starts with the leadership of Joey McGuire and the culture that he had already established in our building and in our program with our players already in the locker room.

I think that this is an extremely positive environment. He is a tremendous guy. He's the



same individual, a consistent leader. So these guys know what to expect. They know what they're going to get from him. He just really creates this environment that's fun to work in every day, whether you're a player or a coach.

Then our guys, I think we have done -- Coach McGuire has done a great job with our staff of bringing in really good football players but also really good people that are high character, hardworking, love the game of football. And we've been blessed with some of the new guys that come in this year from other schools, that transferred in, are cut from that same cloth.

I think collectively in that locker room, we're a player-led team. We talk about that all the time, and I think we've got tremendous leadership, and they have just done a great job of bonding together and working their rear ends off, and that's why we've had the success we have.

### **Beren Morton, QB**

BEHREN MORTON: I think it's going to be a great match-up. I think Oregon is very talented. They're really good up front. I think they do a lot of good things on defense. I think they're fundamentally sound. I think that they are assigned well and they do their job. But we've got a high-powered offense. We've got a lot of playmakers on the field, too.

I'm excited for the game. I think it's a great opportunity for Lubbock, too. I think Lubbock deserves a game like this, and I think there's going to be a lot of Red Raiders here, too, so it's going to be a lot of fun.

### **Q. Everybody talks about Alabama, Ohio State. Who is Texas Tech, and what makes them a contender for the National Championship?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, I think it goes back to our head guy. I think Coach McGuire has done a phenomenal job of (indiscernible). I really think our culture is top-notch. I think what he's trying to build here at Texas Tech is something really special.

There's some really good people in West Texas for sure, and I think that's what elevates Lubbock for sure.

### **Q. When you saw the destination for the bowl game, Miami, were you thinking of coming here --**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, for sure. To get to play in 80-degree weather and the facilities we get to use here has been awesome. The people of the Orange Bowl have been great, and I know the guys have enjoyed the trip for sure.

### **Q. How much have you watched of Oregon?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, I've watched a lot. I do think that they're a very talented team. I think that there's ways that we can get the ball to J'Koby Williams in the backfield. Cameron Dickey, a power back. I think there's different ways to attack them.

I think having the bye that we've had, 20-something days since we've played, I think it's helped us get guys back healthy. Myself, I think it's been really beneficial having this bye for sure.

### **Q. After all that time off, like you said, getting guys rested up, is there almost a rust factor to start the game?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, for sure. There's going to be a lot of nerves at the beginning of the game. It's a big game. But at the end of the day,



it's football, and once the ball is spotted, we'll get comfortable with it.

But Coach McGuire has done a great job of -- we're practicing five days a week. We got to go home for Christmas for a couple days, but that's about it. Just staying in shape, getting ready for the game.

**Q. Do you feel like you have to match Oregon's explosiveness or lean on your defense which is pretty good with the guys you have?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, for sure. There's no reason to do anything out of the ordinary. Play the next play. My job, keep it simple, get the ball to playmakers, let them do the work in the open field.

But our defense is a great defense. It's been all year that we're not sitting on the sideline for long. To have the defense that we have, it's very securing for sure.

**Q. How do you see the match-up between you and Dante?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, I have a lot of respect for Dante. He's a phenomenal player. We're actually part of the same agency. I know a little bit about him. But he's a phenomenal player and a great person, too.

**Q. Having some time off, what's that allowed you to do the last few weeks?**

BEHREN MORTON: Yeah, this whole bowl prep has been really good for me. I've been basically 100 percent in practice as far as team reps. I haven't been able to do team reps really all season long. Been in the boot for probably about seven weeks, eight weeks throughout the season. Got out of the boot -- I'd been wearing the boot.

Just getting the body back to playing football again. It's been a while since I've gotten to do that. I think it's been good that we've had this time off.

**Coy Eakin, WR**

**Q. How does it feel to finally be here after a few weeks off getting ready for the game?**

COY EAKIN: It feels good. The whole team, we practice a lot. Feels good to finally be here. I wish the game was tomorrow or today. I'm just anxious. I hate being anxious.

**Q. So you grew up in Texas, you kind of know the history of the program. The Orange Bowl is almost 100 years old. This is the first time that Texas Tech has ever played in the Orange Bowl. How does that talk about the development and the good things that are going on big picture?**

COY EAKIN: Oh, it's amazing. This team and the past couple teams have set the new norm for Texas Tech, especially with the transfer portal being how it is, how we're able to come together with the transfer portal with a team like this.

**Q. How do you see the Oregon defense matching up?**

COY EAKIN: It's like playing our own defense every day at home.

**Q. Texas Tech offense, is there anything in particular that sort of makes the offense click, that makes you guys --**

COY EAKIN: I think just the bond of the team. We're all pretty close. Me and Behren have always been good friends. We live 45 minutes away from each other. We take one as if they have been there their whole career. It's just a bond, a closeness that we have with the team.



**Q. What's your favorite part about Coach?**

COY EAKIN: Realness. The person you see every day is what you get.

**Q. Big 12 this year, you kind of ran through it. Even like BYU and some of the other top teams, you just rolled over them. Does that give you the momentum and confidence coming into the playoffs?**

COY EAKIN: Yeah, it's a confidence every time you go into a big game, you come out victorious and you come out with a dominant victory, especially when our defense backs us all up. But yeah, we have a lot of confidence going into every game we play.

**Cameron Dickey, RB**

**Q. After so many early games, what advantage do you have over a team like Oregon that's only played one early this year?**

CAMERON DICKEY: You know, Coach says we're great at early games. We are. First of all, I like to wake up and just get going for a game. We all thrive on early games, so it's going to be awesome.

**Q. You guys only played on one natural grass field earlier this year. What's going to be different about that?**

CAMERON DICKEY: We look forward to playing on grass, so I feel like that's (indiscernible).

**Q. What was practice like this morning?**

CAMERON DICKEY: Practice this morning was down at FAU. Saw a few of the coaches from a few years ago that are out there now, some of the guys. We were really locked in, felt good

outside. We had a great walk-through. Everyone was just locked in.

**Q. You've had a long layoff. How do you avoid a slow start?**

CAMERON DICKEY: I think Coach has a great plan. We've been very active, been practicing a lot. We've had a few days off, which has been nice, as well. But yeah, just staying active, and I think we're going to do great.

**Q. (On what you like about Miami.)**

CAMERON DICKEY: Love Miami. Great weather, the breeze, ocean view. It's nice.

**J'Koby Williams, RB**

**Q. You finished up that Big 12 Championship, playing in a big bowl game, the Orange Bowl. What's scared you about this defense?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: You know, they've got a good defense, but I'm pretty sure we're prepared. We worked real hard. We had a lot of practices. I'm pretty sure we're going to be okay.

**Q. What's unique about your running style and your running offense?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: Our offense is pretty good. My running style, I just like getting in space, getting as much as I can in space.

**Q. What do you like to tell people about your team?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: That we're just real close. We play as a team. As long as you worry about us, we're good.

**Q. This bowl game coming to fruition, talk about that.**



J'KOBY WILLIAMS: Being here in Miami is really amazing. I've never been here, so it's all new to me. I'm happy to be here. We just kept preaching, it's about us. Thankful to the Lubbock community. They had a big role in our season this year.

**Q. What was it like when you guys saw -- when you were doing the selection show and you saw you were No. 4? What was the feeling like as a team?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: That feeling was great. Just seeing that on the board shows you how hard -- it just shows how hard we worked. We deserved to be there. Just happy to be here. I'm ready to go. Everybody is.

**Q. What did you guys think of -- I'm sure you guys were watching the James Madison-Oregon game. What was your first reaction when Oregon won?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: They're both really good teams. I think we had our minds set on who we were going to play already, and we're here now.

**Q. Is there anything that you're looking forward to in this game that you haven't been able to experience so far in your career?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: I mean, playing in the Dolphins stadium. It'll be really fun playing in the stadium.

**Q. Have you played in an NFL stadium before?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: I'm not sure.

**Q. When you played Oklahoma State, you had that huge kickoff return. What were you thinking?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: When I fielded the ball, I hit the hole. When I seen I had broke that first tackle, I was ready to just get on the horse and get to the end zone.

**Q. How do you manage your time between practice and schoolwork?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: You know, we usually have a schedule that we have, so we'll probably practice in the morning, I'll probably go to rehab, do all that. I'll go eat, and then I'll have class. So I'll be studying for that. Just do it like that.

**Q. What do you do when you have to travel?**

J'KOBY WILLIAMS: When we travel, we usually bring our computers, so any work that we get for the week, we just finish it there. We get it done pretty good.

**Jacob Rodriguez, LB**

**Q. Have you seen any similarities between you guys? You give up very few points, very few yards, they give up very few points, very few yards. You score a lot, they score a lot. Do you see similarities?**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: Yeah, of course. I think first of all, we're a really good team, so that kind of shows up. But I think they're one of the best in the country, as well.

They're a very good football team, so I think it's accurate that both teams will kind of match up well and the numbers will be pretty similar just because of -- especially offensively, our style of offense and their style of offense, they want to make a lot of downfield plays and explosive plays, so I think it would make sense that it matches up.



**Q. What's it been like waiting for this game to get here?**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: It's been different. I think it feels like fall camp all over again, and it feels like you're going through it week to week but there's no scrimmage and there's no game to play. You have all these questions that you just never get answered.

You don't know if it's best to move on from that, that specific call or game plan and move to the next, or it's just kind of doing the same thing over and over. So you just don't know if you're right or wrong, so you could be prepping for the wrong thing. You just never know. That's the hardest part.

But it was nice to have the time off and get guys healthy, but the prep was pretty weird.

**Q. As a linebacker, when you look at Oregon, what do you see?**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: I see a massive offensive line who is very good with their hands, very good with their feet, and then I see a quarterback who's arguably the best in the country, and then receivers and running backs who can go the distance. Their speed jumps off the page, and they're very explosive. If we can just do our job and do what we can to stop the explosive plays, that's what we're going to try to do.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: I mean, I think we just do what we've been doing all year, just trying to attack the ball using our leverage and just doing stuff that we've been coached to do all season long and keep proper shoulders, proper feet, proper hands.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: I guess I don't know exactly how they do it yet. I hope that I can give you an answer after the game. We're just looking forward to a great match-up against a great team. Yeah, we've definitely looked into that and tried to study why that happened last year and what we can do to prevent it, and I think we've had a good plan up until this point, and I'm excited for it.

**Q. (On Oregon's run game.)**

JACOB RODRIGUEZ: I mean, all of their running backs that they play are incredible, and they can go the distance at any point. Then it really helps when you have an O-line who is as big and as strong as they are and use their feet as well as they do.

But then I think it comes down to their quarterback play. I think what I see from them is their quarterback is checking them at the line and putting them into the right play, putting them into good positions for them to win.

They may pick up a few yards, but it'll open the door to bigger and longer runs as the game goes on because they're just checking into the right play.

**David Bailey, DE**

**Q. Talk about coming down here to Miami for the game.**

DAVID BAILEY: Yeah, this is my first time in Miami. I love the weather. It kind of reminds me a little bit of Southern California. It's a great environment, and obviously I'm having a lot of fun with the team. It's a business trip so we've got to lock in on what we've got to do, but we're having a lot of fun.



**Q. I know this is your first year at Texas Tech. Can you touch on the decision to transfer from Stanford as well as (indiscernible)?**

DAVID BAILEY: Yeah, so my original goal was to finish at Stanford, and then obviously when I did that, I entered the portal, and then I didn't really know where I was going. I was kind of ignorant to that until (indiscernible) had notified me what they were doing. So I kind of did my research, talking to my agency, and ended up making a deal.

**Q. Pretty nice playing in Hard Rock Stadium?**

DAVID BAILEY: Oh, yeah, man, I'm taking it in. The Big 12 Championship was amazing, too. That was an insane environment, and I know it's going to be something similar here, so I'm just taking it in.

**Q. How are you adjusting to hearing your name in mock drafts? Are you just trying to stay focused?**

DAVID BAILEY: Yeah, I don't really tune into that just because this experience is everything, so I'm just relishing being in the College Football Playoff. This experience is really so awesome to me, so I'm really just honestly focusing right here, having fun with the guys, so I'm not really thinking about the draft or anything like that.

**Q. If you can describe Oregon's offense in three words, what would they be?**

DAVID BAILEY: Explosive, physical, talented.

**Q. Does Dante Moore remind you of anyone you've seen over the course of this year?**

DAVID BAILEY: Maybe Caleb Williams a little bit. I don't know. He has a unique play style. I know he likes to stay in the pocket a little bit

more and rely on his passing ability. He's super talented.

**Q. When you look at Oregon's offense as a whole, how do they compare to some other teams you saw this year?**

DAVID BAILEY: Yeah, obviously they have a great offense like Utah and BYU. But I don't think they really have a weak area in terms of the O-line or skill players. I'm looking forward to the challenge.

**Lee Hunter, DL**

**Q. First time in Miami?**

LEE HUNTER: No, I've been here a few times.

**Q. You're from Mobile, right?**

LEE HUNTER: Yeah, from Mobile.

**Q. What can you tell us about your defense?**

LEE HUNTER: We're special. I mean, we love each other. We work hard together. We're just for each other. We know each other well. We know why we play football, why you go so hard, why you love the game. It's special, just the people on the defense love each other, work hard together.

**Q. Playing on the big stage in a couple nights, what's that feel like?**

LEE HUNTER: It feels amazing. It's a blessing. Everyone don't get these opportunities but once in a lifetime, so take advantage of the opportunity you get.

**Q. You've seen video on Oregon's offense. How does that work for the linebackers like yourself?**



LEE HUNTER: They're good. They're good at what they do. A very good football team. We're lucky to have a very great coaching staff, so it just comes down to who wants it more.

**Q. Obviously at the beginning of the season, did you ever think that you'd be at this position right now to play for a National Championship?**

LEE HUNTER: No, I haven't. I haven't. It's such a blessing being able to -- I never knew I was going to have this opportunity to play at this level. It's really a blessing. I'm so thankful. But it's time to go show the world how good we really are.

**Romello Height, LB**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Honestly, man, just they made me feel like family as soon as I walked in the door. It felt like I had been here for all my years of college because of how they made me feel.

Honestly, that's what I wanted to be a part of. That's what I wanted to be surrounded with, genuine people. Even the players were so welcoming. Honestly, I just knew this was my home after that.

**Q. You've played with Emmanuel when you guys were at USC. Do you guys have any --**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Yeah, Big E, man. That's my guy. Big E is a great player, great guy, genuine dude, plays great football, super strong, can move. He is a great ball player. Who knew?

**Q. I know you probably have played with some of your former teammates. Is that something you think about at all going into the game or someone comes up and reminds you and that's the first time you think about it?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Yeah, I'll be looking forward to playing against some of my former teammates. I'm super competitive, so I'll probably shoot them off a text before the game joking around. But they're my guys, so I'll be looking forward to playing against former teammates because, like I said, I'm super competitive.

**Q. You and Bear were there together, too?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Me, Bear, Gary Bryant. They're my guys, man. I'm looking forward to playing those guys, man.

**Q. Have you been to Miami before?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Mm-hmm.

**Q. How do you like it?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: It's cool. I like Miami. I trained out here a couple times. Miami has got great weather. Never played ball out here, so I'm really looking forward to that.

**Q. Have you ever played in an NFL stadium?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: No, sir, not outside the Cowboys stadium because we just played there for the Big 12 Championship.

**Q. What have you guys done as a team since you've gotten here, team bonding kind of things?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Oh, all kinds. It's a lot of stuff in the facility like pool tables, little arcade games and things like that. That was kind of (indiscernible) we did a lot of stuff in the facility. It's things like that that's brought us together, create a bond off of that.



**Q. What was your first reaction when you guys were watching the selection show and you saw your team on the screen at No. 4?**

ROMELLO HEIGHT: Man, honestly, it didn't hit me until like a day or two later. I was just like, man, we're in the playoffs. It's a dream come true. This is something I dreamed of as a kid. It's things like that that I'm like, man, I'm going to remember this forever, for life. Like I said, it honestly didn't hit me until like two days later. It was crazy.



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### **Dan Lanning, Head Coach**

DAN LANNING: Certainly excited to be here at the Orange Bowl. Definitely pumped to play a great Texas Tech team. Got a lot of respect for Coach McGuire and the job he does. We just wrapped up a practice, and enjoying our time so far in Miami.

### **Q. What's the keys to victory for you guys?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, play our game. We've got two really good teams. Can't go out there thinking about making mistakes. Have to go out there and execute and do your job. Two explosive offenses, two defenses that have played really well throughout the season.

But ultimately we've got an elite quarterback. We've got a team that plays really well together. We need that to show up in this game.

### **Q. Does it feel different preparing for a quarterfinal?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, definitely different. I think that's been a benefit for our players, staying in sequence, in rhythm. It's a lot easier to maintain that rhythm for us. But definitely a difference.

### **Q. Coming off a big win, getting to take that momentum into the next game, how much different was that than last year?**

DAN LANNING: We came off a big win from the Big Ten Championship the year before. It's just a lot of time in between. There isn't a lot of time to think, which is good. In my opinion, playoff games should be played in sequential order and really quickly. I think that allowed for a little bit more of that rhythm this year for us, which is good.

### **Q. I know you guys have had one 9:00 a.m. this year. How do you prepare for that?**

DAN LANNING: We practice every morning in the morning. That's kind of our sequence. This will be like 9:00 a.m. for us. That's normally



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right when we're hitting the practice field. So not that different.

Obviously we got out here yesterday with a little bit of time to prepare and kind of get in rhythm with what the time difference feels like. Got our players up this morning ready to roll. I think it's something we'll be ready for.

**Q. So far the Big Ten is 5-0, undefeated (indiscernible) what does that say about the conference?**

DAN LANNING: I think the record itself speaks for the conference, the quality of players and coaches and teams in this conference. I definitely think the Big Ten is the best conference in college football. Last two National Championships have indicated that as well.

It's a good opportunity, some good teams, good Big Ten teams still playing football right now, and I hope they show up.

**Q. They're 17-plus in the turnover margin. How do you not feed into that?**

DAN LANNING: I think the biggest credit to that belongs to their defense and the way they attack the ball. Even when it might be credited as a missed tackle, that's because they're punching and attacking the ball.

They do as good a job of anybody that we played in attacking the ball. We have to do a great job of protecting it. And then it's kind of a competition between our defense and their defense on who can create takeaways.

**Q. On Gary's injuries and bringing him back --**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, ultimately injuries this year have really played a part in our theme of the season, which is strength in numbers and

being able to lean on guys that can go play winning football for you.

We have a lot of guys that can do that, and we have coaches that are doing a good job of being able to adapt. When you get guys back, you want to figure out how you can get back in rhythm and be able to utilize those players. But it won't change some of the things that we've been able to create over the last few weeks.

**Q. Losing two of your coordinators, how much does that --**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, one thing, I'll give great credit to Coach Stein and Coach Lupoi. They've worked their tails off. You wouldn't know a difference that they're taking other jobs. They're spending a lot of time at night working on the job that they're about to go into. But they're spending a lot of time during the day on the job that they have and the job that they feel responsible for towards our players. They've worked extremely hard, and the players around them have prepared really, really hard, which has been awesome to see.

**Q. (Indiscernible) about that part of success as a head coach, how you have to keep doing this or you have to keep doing that?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, it's always been on the forefront of my mind. It's something you want to happen in a program. I think it speaks to a healthy program when coaches get opportunities. I've certainly leaned on some other people on how they've helped handle that situation and what it has to look like.

I think the biggest thing is you can't cheat the players. It's something that they've earned, they deserve. We've got to be able to give them our



best and adapt to make sure we can give them our best.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

DAN LANNING: Bo is doing great, man. It really fires me up. I think everybody knows I'm a Chiefs fan. But if it's not the Chiefs, I'd love to see an Oregon Duck go take care of business, and Bo has been doing an outstanding job.

**Q. What's the overarching message to the team this week?**

DAN LANNING: Play your game, real simple. I'm not getting into our theme of the week, but ultimately go out there and execute the way you're meant to do. What you've shown us a million times in practice, let it show up on the field.

**Q. (Indiscernible) did he have a setback?**

DAN LANNING: No, no setback. We just like moving Evan up and down so you guys talk about it instead of talking about our team.

**Q. What do you think the advantage is of having a game under your belt?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, I think it helps you keep your rhythm, keep your rhythm when you get an opportunity to keep playing football. If you have a long break, it's hard to keep the rhythm and the focus for your players.

**Q. What concerns you about Tech's offense?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, again, explosive offense. They have receivers outside that can win. They've got running backs that are really good in the run game, a quarterback that makes great decisions, tight ends show up in the passing game.

They're able to play with tempo, which will be a challenge at times. That means you have to line up and get the call in play. Ultimately they're really efficient.

**Q. Talk about the importance of the strong start and being able to land the first punch --**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, one, Tech is a really strong team. Even if you look at them deep in the fourth quarter, they've really beat their teams by a heavy margin in the fourth quarter. So it's about playing a fourth-quarter battle, but that starts with starting fast. We've been a really good team when we start fast. We've got to be a team that can play all four quarters in this game.

**Q. What was the hardest part of that long layoff last season?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, just the time, maintaining focus, the transition, all the things that go on with the portal. At that time the portal was already open. A lot of things exist in that window that makes it difficult, but everybody is dealing with it.

**Q. What do you feel like is different about this team that you have this year?**

DAN LANNING: I'd certainly say strength in numbers, just the amount of players that we can play. The depth of our roster is certainly different. The mindset, the maturity of our players, it really sticks out to me.

**Q. (Indiscernible)?**

DAN LANNING: There's always pressure, and you want pressure. We expect to go win this game. It's going to be tough because Texas Tech



I promise expects to go win this game. But that's something you sign up for.

**Q. Coming to South Florida, what's the team --**

DAN LANNING: We love Florida. We love Florida. There's a lot of great talent here. Our offensive line coach, Coach Terry, was talking about wearing an Orange Bowl outfit as a kid, working this same bowl game for a long time as a kid. We have some great players on our team from Florida. We always want to recruit the best, and there's some really good players here in this area. It's an area that we want to do a good job in.

**Q. What are you looking most forward to come game day?**

DAN LANNING: The game. We get into coaching, there's a lot of things that go outside of that. You get in the opportunity to coach because you want to influence players, you want to make an impact on guys, and then you want a chance to coach in great games like this.

**Q. How do you keep guys -- at the end of the day they're college kids, but they're athletes, great at what they do. How do you keep them locked in in a place like Miami? I'm sure they have great friendships, but how do you keep them serious?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, I think all of us here are different. It's not like your typical bowl game five years ago. The opportunity to keep playing, to take care of business in this game is one that's really important.

When we talk about sacrifice with our team, you're willing to sacrifice some things so you can take the next step. Our team, I have zero concerns about them being here. They're going

to make some sacrifices so we can make sure we execute at our best on game day.

**Q. I want to talk about the five guys up front. I know we listen to Emmanuel saying we trust each other, the trust we have for each other. Tell me about that.**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, one, I've been a lot of places, the O-line, the unit as a group, it's stronger here than anywhere I've been. They're truly like brothers in that room. They love and care for each other. I think it's a great indicator of our success this season and why that credit belongs to our O-line.

I know they're up for the Joe Moore Award. It's the third year in a row they've been up for that award. I certainly think they're very deserving of that. But ultimately whoever is up next, they go and they attack, and they care about the people around them. They're able to have fun. It's a group that has a lot of fun. But when they step on the field, they're very serious and certainly serious about protecting Dante.

**Q. The rhythm of a playoff, to get that game a couple weeks ago, how do you feel about transitioning out of that and into this week?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, ultimately I think the best way to get good at football is playing football, and the best way to keep your rhythm is to continue to play. So us having that game in a lot of ways helps us keep our process the same, our schedule the same.

I think that can be a benefit coming into this game. Our guys have been able to maintain focus, and just really have to focus on one opponent that's really far down the road for a long period of time. Ultimately it's been a really good setup for our guys.



**Q. Obviously Ohio State last year, but were there any indications from your side that that was going to happen?**

DAN LANNING: I thought our guys practiced really hard. They played hard. Ultimately I thought those guys had a great plan for us and we didn't have a good plan. Also, they looked fresh and in sync, in rhythm, and I think part of that is probably a credit to them being able to play in a game against Tennessee.

But I did not go into that game thinking we were not going to have success. We had some success in the second half. I just think it took us a little while to warm up.

**Q. (On the change in the playoff schedule.)**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, I don't have a problem with the byes. I think teams that are higher seeds deserve byes. I think where the big problem is is trying to wait to play the games for a long period of time. Whether there's conference championship games or the end of the season ends at the end of the regular season, to me, games should be played every single week, every Saturday from there on out so, if there's a bye, there's no more than a two-week window waiting for a team to play.

**Q. (Inaudible.)**

DAN LANNING: It's different when you have one game. When you have one game and then there's an opportunity to have another game after that. To me, everybody has been in the playoffs for a long time before Division I football got involved in the playoffs.

Once we decided we wanted to do playoffs, we should have ultimately, in my opinion, followed the format of every other playoff model that

exists, whether it's the NFL, whether it's FCS football, whether it's Division II football, March Madness. Those games, there's not those long breaks in between. I think that's somewhere we messed up.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

DAN LANNING: Nothing really different than what we've done for our long travel games. We've played at Rutgers this year, Penn State, played at Northwestern. We've traveled probably more than any other team at our level in the country. So that's something we're used to.

But also in the spirit of the playoffs, I do think that there should be home playoff games until you get to the National Championship. There should be an advantage to being a higher-seeded team.

I'm sure we'll have a great turnout here at the Orange Bowl, but ultimately I bet we'd have an unbelievable turnout if this was at Texas Tech, or in the same frame, if this was Eugene, Oregon, or wherever these games could be played.

**Q. Will you go back to Oregon if you win this game?**

DAN LANNING: Yeah, we'll go back, and then we'll go to the Peach Bowl.

We're used to the travel. You get an eight-day window for the next game, so we'll travel back right after the game, hit the reset button, and then travel back again.

**Will Stein, Offensive Coordinator**



**Q. Obviously you're hoping that you're going to be working on this next week, the portal is going to be open. Is that strange at all?**

WILL STEIN: Yeah, I mean, strange? Obviously, like I said, when I'm here, it's all Oregon nonstop, try to keep your head in this tournament, with this game.

But that's what I signed up for, and I'd say it's first-world problems. That's what I signed up for, and to do it again with these guys on this stage, with these players, I'm glad I have the opportunity to do that before going to Kentucky.

**Q. What about this offensive line -- obviously in one year they've managed to be a really interesting unit. How would you describe the way they've shown up?**

WILL STEIN: They're really good. I think obviously they're great (indiscernible) and on the interior they're really active. It's an elite unit.

**Q. How was your Christmas?**

WILL STEIN: It was great. It really was great. We spent a good amount of time at home, just kind of relaxing with the kids, then when I had to field some phone calls, to work two jobs, but really just tried to be present in the moment with my family and give it my all and enjoy the time.

**Q. How did your Christmas shopping go with your children and two jobs?**

WILL STEIN: The night before, I said, what did we get Joey again? She kind of let me know beforehand. It's been fun.

**Q. When you see the season that Dante has had, when you take into account the totality of his**

**process, coming here and then kind of -- I don't know if risk is the right word for what he went through last year, but just kind of the unconventional route, what do you take the most pride in in his development and where he's at?**

WILL STEIN: How humble he is and how humble he's been. Never asked me one time last year about playing time or trying to get reps over Dillon. Just did his job. He's an absolute pro. Learns, develops, knew his time was coming.

And when it did, it's obviously been the right decision for him just to sit back -- not relax, because he pushed, he grew, but to just know that, hey, my time is coming. And whenever he's gotten that opportunity, he's made the most of it.

**Q. What was your first interaction working out with him when he got here? Was he pushing Dillon at all?**

WILL STEIN: Oh, yeah. He had some plays in spring that first year and I was like, oh, my God, this guy is special. He's unique. He's got rare ability in terms of throwing the football, anticipation, knowing angles, everything. It's very rare. You could tell right away this guy is going to be a first-rate player.

He didn't quite have that experience yet, but Dillon did, and Dillon was the right man for the job last year, went 13-0, but you definitely saw early on that Dante was unique.

**Tosh Lupoi, Defensive Coordinator**

**Q. (On Behren Morton.)**



TOSH LUPOI: They operate at a high level and produced the way they have, and it starts with him. Doing a great job, and certainly look forward to the challenge here coming up in a couple days.

**Q. Curious with him, he's been getting healthier the last few weeks. He's out of the boot. Might be healthier than he's been this season. Does that add a wrinkle to the game planning where it might be a slightly different look than was on tape a month ago or so?**

TOSH LUPOI: Yeah, it could. Obviously that's their choice. But within this offense there's plenty of quarterback run activity, and that's something that you see that has been a little less in these last few weeks. But he's certainly effective and can run the ball, and we know that. I think you certainly don't want to play the game of being unsound and accounting for him. He's already proven that at times and tucked the ball and landed some QB draws effectively.

I think we have to plan accordingly and know that he can be an effective weapon with both his arm and utilizing his legs, too.

**Q. I know you're game planning for the Tech defense, but just from what you see when you do see it, what's your view of Tech's defense and what they've done this season?**

TOSH LUPOI: Yeah, I always like to look at the opponent's defense, too. Sometimes it can tell you quite a bit about the offense and some concepts they might be doing. But ultimately it's a team that attacks the ball really well.

What we've done all week when we're playing another good defense, I love to show comparisons of where we are from, for example, I think we have a slight lead ahead of them as

far as pass breakups. They lead as far as caused fumbles and interceptions. Love always showing the defense there as far as defense versus defensive opportunity for us. But they attack the ball well. We've watched that.

Then bring back the moments that we've attacked the ball well and then moments where we could have and missed some opportunities. So always love showing that when we're playing a good defense, to show the comparisons there.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

TOSH LUPOI: Well, I certainly don't go by the paper, I go by the film, so it looks pretty darned explosive on film, as well. Really what they've accomplished is what they're supposed to. Supposedly their strength of schedule hasn't been what ours has. They've done exactly what you'd expect them, put a lot of teams in their place this year.

At the end of the day, they're explosive, multiple, operate with strong tempo, and got a lot of weapons out there that we're going to have to deal with.

So excited for the challenge, and we've prepared extremely hard for it, and love to find out how that preparation looks here in a couple days.

**Q. What have you seen from their quarterback?**

TOSH LUPOI: Well, I would say what have we not seen. He's a guy that can tuck the ball and run, get out in four wide and stretch the field vertically. They've got a lethal screen that comes with it, as well.

Then you've got two backfield weapons that have done a great job, both in the pass game as



well as running the ball. They are who they are for a reason, explosive passes, explosive runs, and it's going to be a heck of a challenge. We're pumped for it.

**Dante Moore, QB**

**Q. Walk us through your practice this week, how you're preparing.**

DANTE MOORE: Yeah, we had practice this morning, of course. Felt great to come down, adjust to the weather. Another clean practice, another Thursday practice for us. The game plan is still getting put in, so like overall, practice went pretty good today. But overall, like I said, it's getting the reps down in Miami, getting adjusted to the weather. Everything went pretty good today.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

DANTE MOORE: Yeah, being able to play in warm weather, of course, is amazing. Back in Eugene right now, it's like 30 degrees. So being able to be in 70-degree weather is amazing. Of course we worked our tails off to be here. We're going to enjoy it for sure.

**Q. (On his decision to declare for the NFL Draft.)**

DANTE MOORE: No decision.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

DANTE MOORE: Yeah, I love our running backs to death. They made a lot of great plays, a lot of great blocks. Being able to play in this weather, all phases of the offense will be shown, first the run game, then the pass game. So overall we're excited. We have a great game plan. Coach Stein has done a great job dissecting Texas Tech's defense, so we're excited to get going.

**Q. (Indiscernible.)**

DANTE MOORE: Yeah, the three biggest things, first is just ball security, the biggest thing, punching the ball out. They have great linebackers, great D-linemen, great secondary. Another thing is run game, rushing yards, make sure we're moving the ball down the field when it comes to run game, and keep getting 1st downs. Moving the ball down the field. Those are the three biggest things for us.

Coach Stein has done a great job. Of course he has a lot on his plate. I feel like they're still giving us their 100 percent. Of course they all say that without this team, without this staff, that they wouldn't be in this position that they are now.

Of course it's congratulations to them getting a new job, but they know that the season, where we're at right now, they're still giving us 100 percent effort. Of course they have to worry about other things at their other schools, as well, but when it comes to us practicing and being in meetings, they're giving us their full attention, and we appreciate it.

**Q. I know you and Dan (indiscernible). Is there a special story or something that stands out about your relationship with him?**

DANTE MOORE: We have a lot of great memories for this team. I think the most important one that stands out is just his pregame speeches when we're in the locker room, when we're away or we're at home.

Of course the whole team is excited for the next speech because he's always having something memorized, always having a great story to tell to make sure our hair is on fire when we go take the field. I feel like the biggest thing he does is



preparing us to do a good job and play hard and play behind him.

### **Kenyon Sadiq, TE**

**Q. You grew up in Idaho, and you're in Miami. How is that?**

KENYON SADIQ: Yeah, it's an awesome feeling. If you would have told me I'd be in this position back when I first went to Oregon, I wouldn't have believed you.

**Q. With the Big Ten this year and all the times you have to fly east, do you think you have more of a system to try to figure out the setting?**

KENYON SADIQ: Yeah, it almost feels regular, the amount of times, Penn State, Iowa, Rutgers, those long trips. You kind of get a routine. So coming out here doesn't mess with us. I know we're here for a couple more days, but it doesn't necessarily feel different.

**Q. When you look across the field at Texas Tech, how do you see the team compared to some of the others you've seen this year?**

KENYON SADIQ: Yeah, this is one of the best defenses in the country. That's no secret. They're good on all levels, their defense, their linebackers, D-line, secondary is really good, as well. It's about winning the game in all phases this week.

**Q. When you look at Jacob Rodriguez on tape, is there anything in particular that jumps out about that guy?**

KENYON SADIQ: Yeah, he's just a well-rounded player. He strings the ball out really well in particular, is really good at zone coverage, really good at reading tackles.

**Q. What's it like having Dante Moore to throw to you?**

KENYON SADIQ: You know, he's the best to do it. He makes it simple.

**Q. You guys had that James Madison game a couple weeks ago. Texas Tech hasn't played for three, four weeks now. Is it an advantage or a disadvantage to have to play that game?**

KENYON SADIQ: In my eyes, kind of being in both shoes, I definitely think it's an advantage for sure. You kind of get a look at things and you kind of get in a flow a little bit. When you don't play for however many weeks, I think it takes a toll.

**Q. Are there things you're taking out of -- when you think about Texas Tech, things you can maybe exploit, without getting into game plans?**

KENYON SADIQ: I would say come out starting fast. Last year, if we look at it, how fast Ohio State started versus (indiscernible) started, we were playing catch-up the whole game. So I think it's just not getting to that point again.

### **Iapani Laloulu, OL**

**Q. What gives you that pride in being from Hawai'i and playing for the University of Oregon?**

IAPANI LALOULU: For me, I appreciate just getting back to my faith and my family, my roots, where I've come from is really big. We talk about pride in our culture, and I carry that around a lot, especially with my faith and the way that I carry myself. I just want to make sure I carry myself in the best way possible and to be a role model and an example for the kids in Hawai'i.



**Q. What would you like to say to the folks in Hawai'i?**

IAPANI LALOULU: I'd say I love all you guys and wish you guys were all here with me, but hopefully you all tune in on January 1st and watch me play in the Orange Bowl.

**Q. What is it like for you playing for the University of Oregon?**

IAPANI LALOULU: It's been an honor and it's been a blessing. Like I was saying earlier, there's a lot of kids, a lot of people that wish they could be in my seat but unfortunately weren't able to. I'm just blessed and thankful that the Lord has blessed me to be able to be here and to play for the University of Oregon. What a beautiful program. One of the best programs in this nation.

**Q. You're going up against one of the best defensive lines, a really talented bunch. When you watch that film, what stands out to you and how you're going to be successful?**

IAPANI LALOULU: I think one of the biggest things, as we were saying earlier, it's their effort. It don't matter how far away from the ball, chasing the ball, they're going to try to punch the ball out. So it's up to us as a front five, we want to make sure we're chasing the ball the best way we can. We want to make sure that we have possession all game and not give it up at all.

**Q. What's unique about them that maybe you've seen from other teams?**

IAPANI LALOULU: One thing that really stands out is their effort and their tenacity and their speed off the edge. Their two edges are really awesome, and their two interior, they do a great job, too. Texas Tech does a great job with their

guys making sure that they're ready and prepared to play well when it comes to their approach.

**Q. Do you know who you're going to be going against primarily this game?**

IAPANI LALOULU: I think it'll be their nose tackle, No. 2. I forgot his name, but I'm sure I'll probably be going against him primarily the whole game, but we'll be ready for it.

**Noah Whittington, RB**

**Q. What is the motivation that you have?**

NOAH WHITTINGTON: I would say it is a little bit of motivation, but honestly, I play football because I love it. I feel like I'm motivated just because of the love of the sport.

**Q. What did you guys learn the most from last year's preparation for the Rose Bowl that you guys applied this year?**

NOAH WHITTINGTON: I feel like we learned mostly about us as a team. Last year we just practiced, practiced, practiced, and I feel like this year Coach did a very good job of taking care of us physically.

I feel like last year he did, but this year was kind of different. We've had more time to rest, and I feel like that's also boosted morale of the team. When we come back to practice and we've had those days -- last year I feel like we just practiced every day nonstop. I feel like the guys were kind of worn out a little bit.

Everybody is growing, and that's one thing I like about Coach Lanning is he's always looking for new ways to grow. I feel like going into this year, he definitely changed the schedule. I feel like at this part of the season, our team is the



healthiest it's been, and I feel like the way he's planning the schedule has a lot to do with that.

**Q. Last year was it more physically grueling or mentally grueling?**

NOAH WHITTINGTON: Both, because we are a hard -- it's a hard program. It's a program full of guys that want it. We want it like that, where we're practicing, practicing every day, meeting before practice and then meeting after practice. It's always football, football, football, football. It weighs heavily on both sides, physically and mentally.

Going into this year, getting into the postseason now, we still meet like how we used to meet, but some days our practices will be lighter.

Honestly, guys just look fresh. They look like they feel good and are ready to play. Everybody said last year at the Rose Bowl, we lost real bad last year, but it was almost like a sign of relief last year. I feel like players was like, thank God; know what I mean?

**Q. Really?**

NOAH WHITTINGTON: Yeah. I was a little disappointed on the bus ride back, but guys are tired. Guys are hurt, beat.

**Q. Not happy you lost but also not unhappy that there won't be another practice?**

NOAH WHITTINGTON: Yeah, no more practicing. You get to go home.

**Bryce Boettcher, ILB**

**Q. I know you guys had your first practice down here today. How are you guys feeling after the long flight and everything, getting ready to get after this thing?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: I feel good. The team feels good. Obviously we had a long flight yesterday, but had a good walk-through last night and a good practice this morning. I think we got our legs under us, and preparation has been great this last week and a half. Coming after that JMU game, energy has been up, and excited to see what happens this Thursday.

**Q. A good Texas Tech team, right?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: Yeah, very good team.

**Q. You played Texas Tech a couple years ago. What do you remember about that game, and what was your impression of Texas Tech back then?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: Yeah, that was a good game, very good game. Probably the best game I had played in in my career up until that point. The crowd was rocking. The fans were really into it. I remember Tyler Shough was their QB and transferred from Oregon, so that was a pretty good opportunity to play them.

I remember them throwing tortillas on the field. That was pretty good. I had my first sack in that game, so that was cool. Then I remember Jeff Bassa picking off the ball and returning it to the end zone for a pick six at the end, so it was pretty electric.

**Q. You talked about the tortillas. What was that like? That's a kind of unique thing at Texas Tech.**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: Yeah, I thought it was a pretty cool thing. I mean, I could see why it would kind of be hazardous at times when tortillas are thrown and someone has to pick them up. But I thought it was a pretty cool tradition.



**Q. Considering you've been at Oregon for multiple years, a lot of guys have gone and transferred, have you ever been approached to transfer or get in the portal? What's your thoughts on that?**

BRYCE BOETTCHER: Yeah, I mean, it's definitely a new age of college football. I think everyone has their reason to do something, whether that's family, personal, something with where they're at.

Obviously I grew up in Eugene. I've been a Duck fan for my entire life, so entering the portal never really crossed my mind. I have a lot of teammates that have came into our program and made a huge impact out of the portal and have also been great teammates, so I'm not going to say I don't like the portal or whatnot. I definitely think there's some negative aspects of it, transferring a whole lot and culture being a hard thing to come by nowadays. But yeah, there's pros and cons for sure.

**Teitum Tuioti, OLB**

**Q. How has it been in Miami for the Orange Bowl?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: We're excited. We're glad that we're here. Just understanding that this is a big trip, though. This is a big trip for our team. We understand that we came here for a mission.

**Q. Speaking of business trips, the Rose Bowl last year didn't go the way you wanted. Are there lessons you can take from that game to help this year?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: Yeah, for sure. That's something that we continue to harp on. No matter what game it is, we always go back to it and just try to fix any problems that we have. So

I think going into this game, we've sharpened everything and we're ready to go.

**Q. With the Big Ten and the structure of the Big Ten having to go to Rutgers, having to go to Iowa, places like that, does it help having come east so many times, do you think, and making this game a little easier?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: Yeah, for sure it helps. We've traveled many places this year. We understand how to travel and understand what we have to do. Really ready for this opportunity that we have.

**Q. What impresses you about Texas Tech?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: Shoot, I would say they play really hard. Their offense is explosive. They make great decisions. They're just very productive offense.

**Q. From the second half of the James Madison game, is that some sort of motivation to come out here this week and play four quarters better?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: Yeah, we all know that that wasn't to our standard at the end of the game. We understand that we're going to showcase something new, but the great thing is we have another opportunity. Like I said, we got after it, made sure we fixed our mistakes, and we'll come out ready to go.

**Q. You're a native of Hawai'i. I'd imagine unlike some of your teammates you're used to all this sun and sand and beaches growing up in Hawai'i, but is it nice to get out of Eugene and go to a place like this for a few days?**

TEITUM TUIOTI: Yeah, it's cool. I was only in Florida one other time, and that was when I was a kid. It's nice to be out of Eugene and experience new things.



**Matayo Uiagalelei, OLB**

MATAYO UIAGALELEI: It was pretty cool. They all welcomed us with oranges and hats and stuff. Very welcoming. It was pretty cool coming off the plane.

**Q. What do you think of Texas Tech's two running backs?**

MATAYO UIAGALELEI: I think they're both good. One of them, I think No. 8, right? I think so. Downhill runner. Then No. 20 will get in there, more like that shifty, passing game.

Both of their running backs are really good. I think very highly of them.

**Q. How is their offense maybe similar or different to a Big Ten style?**

MATAYO UIAGALELEI: Yeah, I would just say kind of the tempo. I think the only team that really had that kind of tempo that they have is probably Penn State. Just the tempo and a lot of screens, a lot of quick game, a lot of shots and stuff.

**Q. Do you feel like you guys (indiscernible) and if so, what have you addressed?**

MATAYO UIAGALELEI: Yeah, definitely. We came out of the gate pretty hot. Our offense was rolling the whole game, and defense was doing really good the first half, and we just have to finish. I think that's going to show up this game.

Looking at Texas Tech, they're really good in the fourth quarter. So being able to finish throughout the whole game, playing the whole game is something we've been focusing on.

But yeah, definitely shouldn't have given up that many points against James Madison, but James Madison was a really good school.

**Dillon Thieneman, DB****Q. Is this your first time in Miami? Have you been to Miami before?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Yeah, I have been to Miami.

**Q. Where are you from?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I'm from Indianapolis, Indy area, a suburb of there.

**Q. How do you like being here since you've come here today, or yesterday?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Very nice. It's a lot warmer definitely than Oregon. A lot more enjoyable.

**Q. What was it like seeing Blankenship and DeJean reference the shirts?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: That was awesome. I mean, I feel like me and Bryce got excited to talk to them at some point.

**Q. That was a couple weeks ago. Has there been contact yet other than that?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: No, we've kind of just been focusing.

**Q. Have you thought about what's next, hopefully in three weeks, what that looks like?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I have been thinking, just considering my options and trying to get information, but I haven't made a decision yet.

**Q. Did you ask for an evaluation from the NFL College Advisory Committee?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Yes.

**Q. What did they tell you?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: They said second round.

**Q. When you think about the factors, it's very hard to --**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Yeah, often there's not always a safety taken the first round, and then there will be an outlier year where there's three, like a couple years ago. The bad part of that would be like potential injury. A safety, you can be the top safety, but you can end up in the same draft position.

**Q. And if another safety who's a potential first round who's out there a couple years from now -- what would ultimately be the deciding factor, the injury component, the business side of it? Are there other factors in terms of who else might come back?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I feel confident about the coaches and the team. I know Tosh is leaving, but I really like Hampton. He's been a DC in the past. I'd be happy to come back if I choose to go that route.



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