



Duke University

Player Quotes

Sept. 16 – Baylor Game

34 – Ben Humphreys – Jr. – LB

On the toughness of the game ...

“They came with everything they had so hats off to Baylor. I don’t know what happened during the first two games, but they are a much better team than they showed before. One of the fastest teams I’ve played since I’ve been in college so hats off to them. They gave us a run the entire game.”

On being behind early ...

“The best thing about our coaches is their next-play mentality, and I think that showed. We played a four-quarter game and the results showed. Three-and-zero feels a lot better than 4-8, I’ll tell you that.”

On defensive effort during third-downs ...

“Coach [Jim] Knowles always says to get it to third down and we’ll make something happen. That’s stops on third down ... defensive backs covering their guys ... up front men making plays ... it’s all in the philosophy. Coach Knowles is great at what he does.”

On fourth-quarter pressure ...

“We had a really tough camp. August was one of the longest Augusts we’ve ever had, and they pushed us every single day. We were ready to rock in the fourth quarter. Nobody was tired and we wanted to play more. I think we finished really well and defensively, we had two turnovers in the fourth quarter. I am very excited about what this defense can do the rest of the year.”

On the pick six ...

“All credit to Coach Knowles. He’s been on my butt all camp about undercutting the stick so I did that today and took it to the house.”

On teammate Joe Giles-Harris’ pick ...

“It’s nice playing next to a guy as good as Joe. We watch film together all week and when you make plays on Saturdays, it’s fun. I’m looking forward to the rest of the year. Big, big, big game next week and we want that bell to stay in Durham.”

29 – Shaun Wilson – Sr. – RB

On the running game ...

“I think that’s what got us started today and it really got mine started. We blocked well today and that’s what opened up things for me.”

On first touchdown of the game ...

“Coach called a good play and we executed it on the field. That really helped us out and allowed us to get momentum and continue to pick it up.”

On extending the lead in the second half ...

“At halftime, Coach [Zac] Roper came in and we made a few adjustments. He called a good play and we executed well.”

On short-space quickness ...

“Baylor was pretty fast so credit to those guys. Short-spaced quickness is my thing. I try to stay to my game and play within myself and I was able to do that today.”

On his leadership role to younger players ...

“It feels really good. Going into the season, Coach Re’Quan [Boyette] told me I have these younger guys looking up to me. To see them feed off my energy and things I do is fun. Those guys go out and make plays themselves and for the team. It’s a pretty good feeling.”

On the defense’s success ...

“Those guys create so many turnovers and big plays, so we feed off their momentum. It helps the team as a whole.”

On ACC play ...

“We’re looking to go 1-0 every week. We’ll come in tomorrow, watch film and correct what we need to correct and get back at it.”