



# Baylor

## Head Coach Matt Rhule Quotes

*Sept. 16 – Baylor Game*

### Head coach Matt Rhule

#### **On positive takeaways:**

“I’d like to give a lot of credit to Duke. I thought they played a complete game. Quarterback play was outstanding, they played really well up front, and they’re the kind of football team I like to watch. I give a lot of credit to Coach Cutcliffe. I’m really disappointed for our kids, but I enjoyed seeing them get significantly better this week than they were last week and the week before, more so on defense. To see the defense hold them to 27 points even though they were leading the ACC in pretty much everything, to see the defense on the field all day and to be able to get off. We held them to 4-of-18 on third down, knock the ball loose, get to the quarterback, those are all things we weren’t able to do a mere two weeks ago against Liberty and now they’re playing at a significantly higher level.”

#### **On things to work on:**

“We have to go back and correct those two long runs that happened, those were obviously disappointing. Offensively, not a good day all around. [Chris] Platt had a couple of big plays that enabled us to stay in the game, but the issue offensively is up front. We can’t run the football right now. When you can’t run the football, you can’t control the game. That leads to unmanageable third downs. We were 1-for-12 on third downs. Our defense held Duke to 4-for-18 on third downs so since halftime of last week, our defense has held the opponent to 4-for-24 on third down. We’re kind of a big-play offense, we’re scoring in an explosive manner, but there’s nothing efficient and that really starts up front with our ability to run the football and protect our quarterback. We have to grow up front, just like our defensive line is, and that has to happen quickly.”

#### **On team’s effort:**

“I’m proud of their effort, I thought they fought. There was such a fun demeanor on the sidelines. I thought our crowd that was here was great. You could see our kids growing up. They’re getting better. Eric Ogor, a guy who stood out to me. After not playing the first two weeks, was a difference maker at times in the game. We just have to continue to develop those kids and sometime the light is going to click for everybody like it’s starting to click for the defense.”

#### **On fourth quarter turnovers:**

“The pick six is obviously huge. We have a chance to go move the football and the kid steps in front and makes a good play and takes it back for a touchdown. That was disheartening. I was really pleased with the way our kids responded to that, but your chances of winning aren’t good with a pick six. I think at that time, our defense started thinking we can go win this football game and unfortunately the kid made a good play for them and took it back.”