

# Baylor University Football Media Conference

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## Dana Holgorsen Press Conference

DANA HOLGORSEN: I'm proud of the guys the way that they hung in there. I thought it was a weird first half, but I thought we had a good halftime, went out and played a great third quarter. Was up a lot of points, and then it kind of got away from us at that point. So, you know, it's offense. Doesn't do anything in the fourth quarter. Defense gave up way too much, special teams didn't do anything. We know how that feels because it happened a week ago, we were on the positive end of both. So we got a good comeback, and we prevented a good comeback.

So give Coach Rhule credit and Baylor credit for believing. Until at the end of the third quarter, they weren't in a very good spot, and they came out in the fourth quarter and played great and scored a lot of points on us.

At the end of the day we made a play at the end, you know, and then we recovered the on-side kick, which that's two years in a row that we've recovered an on-side kick against these guys to seal the games. Proud of the way the guys did that.

So we'll take the win, and we're excited to getting out of Waco for the first time with a win.

### **Q. The two-point conversion, what were you guys trying to do to stop that?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: We were trying to cover our receivers and defeat blocks and tackle the quarterback, which we finally did. We had a hard time getting off of what I thought was multiple holding calls in the fourth quarter. That play, we did, and we sacked them and preserved the lead.

### **Q. What did you think in the first three quarters of the defense?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: They were playing pretty good. We gave up too many big plays. The first half, we held them to six points in the first half, which was great. I think they had 13 at the end of the third quarter. Was playing good. Was giving some big plays, but wasn't



letting them get in the end zone, so to speak. So we were playing good.

Then they got on a roll and we didn't play very good in the fourth quarter. Got to do better.

### **Q. I know you're prepared for the quarterbacks, but does it take a little bit to adjust? Did they do a lot different?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: Kid ran better than we thought, the back-up. He's a good player. He's going to be a really good player. You know, he's won a lot of State Championships around here. So we're aware of him. But he ran probably a little better than we thought he did.

Like I said, I don't think we did a very good job of containing, getting off blocks and holds and all that stuff. And he broke contain several times and did a nice job.

### **Q. Offensively, the first three what stopped them?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: Well, we didn't have the ball. I think we had two three-and-outs. And this is something that's been concerning to me that will get addressed. We have a lead, we need to preserve the lead, and not hurry up and three-and-out twice in the fourth quarter. That just puts our defense on the field way too much, and that's not good offensively. We obviously made a lot of plays offensively and rolled through five touchdowns and we scored 38 points. All that stuff's positive.

But when we have an 18-point lead in the fourth quarter that needs to remain an 18-point lead. And we three-and-out twice, and they gained a possession on a special teams thing that we work every single day. You know, went right to one of our guys and then it bounced right over his head. I don't know what to say. You've got to make that play. So they gained a possession on that which hurts our defense as well.

### **Q. How would you assess the offensive touchback?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: Work in progress.

### **Q. Run game still an issue?**

DANA HOLGORSEN: Yep. Absolutely. I expect more. Thought McKoy went in there, McKoy and Pettaway, I

was happy with how they went in there and ran the ball. It looked different. Justin's had -- I don't know if he's hit a wall. He's a little banged up. It was really good for five games and then took a step back a week ago and wasn't quite ready and wasn't quite himself tonight. But I thought Kennedy and Pettaway went in there and sparked us a little bit. I don't think it was good early, but I thought it was decent in the third quarter which allowed us to make some big plays in the pass game.

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## Yodny Cajuste Press Conference



### **sudden they're doing it to you?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: Not really, you know. At that point in time we just didn't get a stop. Just get a stop, get a stop. Let us win.

### **Q. In the end, I know you want to play as well as you can, but in the end is 38-36 as good as 38-20 for purposes of going home happy?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: No, not at all. Not at all. It was an ugly win but at the end of the day, a win is a win.

### **Q. What was Dana's message in the locker room afterwards? Have you had time to talk?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: Just basically, you know, this is the Big 12, so there's going to be competition no matter what team you play. Just like a said, a win is a win. And we got that.

### **Q. What went right for three quarters offensively, and what stumbled for you guys in the fourth?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: Honestly, I feel that we were passing the ball good in the first three quarters, and in the fourth quarter, things happened, a momentum switched.

### **Q. Did you think the game was put away, not you, but just in general?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: As far as?

### **Q. That the game was over when you got the last touchdown and you go to 38 points? Did you think it was over?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: No, I mean, we didn't want to. We wanted to go out there and continue to score, but things happened. But I'm just glad we got the W.

### **Q. Struggles with the run games, I mean, Dana still wasn't really happy with that. The combination, can you explain what it is?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: We've just got to watch film tomorrow and see what we did wrong and get better on that and try to fix it.

### **Q. What's it like watching that in the fourth quarter, especially when they get the on-side kick? You don't go out and get to run clock or put the game away. Kind of helpless or what?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: I was just excited that defense got a stop and we were able to get the win.

### **Q. So tell me what's going on when you're watching that two-point play? I guess the whole offense at that point is watching it?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: We're just praying, defense get a stop. Defense get a stop.

### **Q. Did you say anything to Xavier after that one?**

YODNY CAJUSTE: I congratulated him.

### **Q. Did you think of last week but in reverse when you guys had the big come back and all of a**

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## David Sills Press Conference

### Q. Did anybody relax in the fourth quarter?

DAVID SILLS: I don't know if it was relaxing. Maybe losing a little bit and maybe taking our foot off the gas a little bit, but that's something we just have to finish out the game. We've got to go back and look at the film and see what happened on that. But I think when we were, you know doing our thing and playing our game, I think we looked pretty good. We just have to continue to finish the game.

### Q. It seems like you were able to hit stuff down the seam and in between the corner and the safeties. Is that something you expected doing?

DAVID SILLS: Yeah, they gave us a lot of coverages on film. So we weren't actually sure on what we were going to get. They showed Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, basically two different defenses. So we really weren't sure kind of went in with a pretty basic game plan. Knew we could take some shots and stuff and play off of their corners and in their secondary. So that's what we tried to do.

### Q. What were they doing to take away the screen game? Looked like they were pretty good on the screen game.

DAVID SILLS: They were just putting three bodies over two. They were playing off coverage, and Will was giving us a chance. But once the ball gets in our hands, we've got to make a play. You know, if Will's throwing it out there, he obviously sees a favorable screen look. So we've got to just get the ball in our hands and make a play with it, and that's what we're supposed to do as receivers.

### Q. The play right before the half, you got seven seconds. You guys had repped that as a five or six-second play. (Indiscernible) was talking about everything has to be?

DAVID SILLS: Yeah, we knew it would be a quick-hitting play. It would get us in position to where all of the defense would be. Also get us in the end zone, I think, with enough time to either run or kick a field goal if we did complete it. But Will gave me a great ball, put

it right in the middle of the coverage, and it worked out.

### Q. What about what did it feel like in the locker room after this? Did it feel like a win?

DAVID SILLS: Yeah, it did. You know, you can't take any win for granted. All wins are important, you know, because at the end of the day, it says you've won, and it's always hard to win on the road. You know, coming in and playing at somebody else's home, they're hyped up. They're not just going to quit in a moment like that. But it's hard to play Big 12 football on the road. So any win is important, so we're happy we got the win, and now we're just moving on to Oklahoma State.

### Q. What do you know about Oklahoma State?

DAVID SILLS: I've watched them on TV. I haven't really studied them much really. Just been focusing on our opponents week to week, so we'll be ready to get after Oklahoma State and look at their film and figure out how we can beat them.