

## **2022 Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl**

**Air Force 30, Baylor 15**

**Postgame quotes**

**Dec. 22, 2022**

### **Air Force Coach Troy Calhoun**

#### *Opening Statement...*

"The appreciation and how thankful we are to be a part of this bowl. This is the sixth time that we have been able to be involved. The sponsorship by Lockheed Martin and the great hospitality is second to none. They are truly committed to making it an incredible opportunity for our young men. We are honored to be a part of it for what it represents. I am very proud to be a participant and be involved, and then be able to win in the way we did

"I thought we played really complete football in all phases. We encountered a good team in Baylor, but I can't say enough about our guys about the will and fight, the dedication. It is what you want for your seniors to graduate in May from the Air Force Academy."

#### *On playing through the tough conditions...*

"I thought (Haaziq Daniels) threw some strikes. The throw and touch he had on the touchdown. It never hurts that you can go four, that is something we are committed to doing and defensively we embraced some of our versatility in things we are doing."

#### *On the success of the season and ability to show in big games...*

"We have done that throughout stretches of time. We just want to play competitive football. The best thing you can do is work incredibly hard and prepare and digest as many details as possible so you can go out and perform and these guys do an exceptional job in attention to detail"

#### *On winning 10 years once again...*

"I think to be real, we are not headed in a direction where truthfully, where this senior class has won 10 games in three different times, it is the only time it has happened. Will we ever see that again, we may not. To be real about it, they are going to say to be easy here, but it may be an anomaly to be candid. We realize we are at a place where if we get to six wins in a season, and get to a bowl game, that is darn hard to do. We want to be competitive, and we will do everything that we can to make that possible."

#### *On reaching the mark of the potential expected to start the season...*

"I base it upon how well you work and pull together, the improvement they make. Truly to see the kind of comradery that they generate. Every team you have is different and this has been an absolute joy. It may be easy to say when you win 10 games, but it is not. That is what you want to each and generate. That is what you want to foster and cultivate. That is going to help them as they go forward as leaders."

### **Baylor Coach Dave Aranda**

#### *Opening Statement...*

"Our outcome tonight, it is sad for all of us and our senior class. Thank God for Dillon Doyle and the relationships you build. The people that they are. It is hard to say goodbye, especially after an outcome like this and that is where we are at. I am proud of the fight that we had. The game was out of reach,

and we were still out there fighting for a yard. We were able to come off the field excited and that speaks for these guys.

“From a team perspective it is a disappointing end to a disappointing season. There is a lot to be learned for our returners and younger people. A lot to look at and try to emulate as well. The fight that we just mentioned, the showing up under tough circumstances and never backing down and putting yourselves out there. Those are things we can build on.”

*Comparing last season's Big 12 title with this year...*

“It is a completely different team from last year to this year. There was a lot of learning from me. I look back now and have had some time to do this prior to this question. I see the things coming, and things we didn't see coming and it may be a lack of experience on my part. To be transparent about it only helps you get better. The college football world as it changes, through the portal and everything else, is my personal view of that is it is something here to stay and I think all of that has grown this year. This year could really be looked at as a lesson. I just see us getting better. For the guys that are returning to see the work, they are going to see the work, and the adversity, and how to handle it and be better for it.”

*What is the next step for Baylor in the offseason...*

“We are still in the midst of recruiting and there are a couple of valued spots where we have some valued prospects for. January is a limited window to get some guys to campus and see if something can work out because of all of it. We are finalizing our team now in terms of what that team will look like for next year. The third part is the class we just signed, and we are so excited to get them settled in and setting standards and expectations to see if we can get started off on the right spot. That is good for a team that has had some tough lessons and different ways to do it. We all have to get aligned to do it the right way.”

*On the play of Shapen...*

“I was disappointed on a whole offensively. In previous games there was more juice and excitement. I was way disappointed in the lack of that. I think it really starts with the run game. That is the identity of our offense, and you can argue our team. A lot of credit goes to Air Force. We didn't hold up to our side of the bargain. I could see Blake (Shapen) pressing, and there was a lot to improve on.”

*On the energy coming into the game...*

“We talked about with 20 seconds left in the game we were still fighting for it. Even the possession before where we were still fighting for it. Those are all views of the fight. Christian Morgan made a great play, and you look at his journey and learning experiences and people that have come to him and help him and the trust that people have in him and to see him fight there at the end. There was a lot of positive in that.