

# 2011 UTSA Roadrunners Football UTSA 31, Northeastern State 3 Saturday, Sept. 3 Alamodome · San Antonio, Texas Northeastern State Postgame Quotes

# Head Coach Kenny Evans Opening statement ...

"Coach Coker and his staff did an outstanding job of preparing their team. For the first game in the history of the program, they did a phenomenal job. They were clicking on all cylinders. Even though we had a game under our belts, they were more prepared. That was without a doubt. I think the environment that UTSA created here was outstanding. It definitely affected our players early on. We were out of sync. We made a number of mistakes early in the game. We got most of them corrected in the second half, but today, all the credit goes to UTSA for doing a great job of being prepared and implementing their game plan."

# On the relationship Coker has built with him and Northeastern to have this matchup today ...

"Coach Coker is a guy I've always looked up to in this profession. He's a guy that I've patterned myself after. He gave me some encouraging words after the game. I hope to get this program to some of the things he has done in the past in his coaching career. Like I said, I have nothing but admiration for what he has done, and to start a program from scratch, must be very tough, but UTSA is off to a very good start."

# On the performance of his team in the first half ...

"It was hard for us to prepare because we didn't have any knowledge of what they were going to do, but we knew it was going to be a challenge because of the backgrounds of their coaches. There were some things we weren't prepared for, such as the quarterback carrying the ball and the option game. We had some missed assignments and it took us time to regroup because we had to correct those mistakes. UTSA did a great coaching job by having their team ready today. To come in this environment and not be prepared on some things made it tough for us, but I do want to say that I was proud of our kids for finishing the game off. I don't feel there was ever an effort problem."

#### Johnny Deaton, So., QB

#### On his thoughts about today's game ...

"We came out really flat in the first quarter and then we started working at it in the second quarter. In the second half, we were a completely different team."

# On slowing UTSA's momentum in second half and if they did anything different ...

"In the beginning, the defense came out with a better game plan. It seemed as if they were lining up better and adjusting quicker to the speed of the game."

# On coming to the Alamodome and trying to get a win on the road ...

"The first thing we had to do was get adjusted to the noise due to how loud it was. We also had to get adjusted to the fans. We knew it was going to be a bigger crowd than anywhere else we have played. Those two were the biggest things we had to get used to in order to try to get the win."

### Terrance Leach, Jr., DB

# On his thoughts about today's game ...

"We should've come out playing better as a team. The Roadrunners were well prepared and well coached."

# On what things the defense did different to slow the Roadrunners` momentum in second half ...

"We looked at our mistakes coming into halftime and we tried to fix them. We came out in the third quarter and had a better half. We just fixed some things at halftime. Some people were missing their assignments, but in the second half, we got everyone on the right track. Everyone had their eyes in the right place and we made more plays."

# On if the atmosphere of today's game interfered with their game plan ...

"We had to communicate more because it was very loud in there. We just had to do more hand signals and some other things just to get the communication down. It was pretty loud, though."