



## 2011 UTSA Football Fiesta Spring Game *presented by Health Texas* Sunday, April 15, 2012 Alamodome · San Antonio, Texas Postgame Quotes

### Head Coach Larry Coker

#### ***Opening statement ...***

"Offensively, we have really improved over the course of the spring. Today, we ran the ball well and the receivers had opportunities to make plays. Defensively, I thought during the second half, we played much better and created some turnovers. I think we got some things accomplished this spring. I'm very pleased. We did not have a lot of injuries. We had some guys leave, but it's not very serious."

#### ***On what he can take out of spring practice and today's game ...***

"Offensively, we are much more physical across the offensive line. We did not have many negative plays. Everybody played some. We got a chance to take a look at everybody. All the quarterbacks played and they have really improved. (Eric) Soza threw the ball well, (Ryan) Polite has come a long way and so has Tucker (Carter). We have to work on the kicking game. Obviously, it was limited in some phases, but overall we got to see quite a bit today."

"As a head coach, you want the final score in this type of game to be balanced. In the first half, the offense dominated and the defense did not play well, but in the second half, the defense got into it and made some plays."

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### Eric Soza, Jr., QB

#### ***On being back out there in front of the fans ...***

"It's always great being out here at the Dome with all the fans being able to watch. I don't know how many there were, but it was a good crowd. We feed off that energy. It's always great to come back and play at the dome."

#### ***On what the goal was in today's scrimmage ...***

"Coach (Kevin) Brown talked to us at the beginning of spring practice and he told us that today isn't just to see what we've been doing this spring but it's another practice to get better. That's what we tried to do today. We tried to get better. It pretty much was a glorified practice. We still have to go out there and get better every day."

#### ***On the defense closing the gap in the second half ...***

"Yeah, they're pretty good. As far as the defense, I'm glad they're on our team. They fought and they didn't quit. I like that in our defense."

#### ***On some of the good things he saw in the first half ...***

"We were able to move the ball. We moved the ball well in the first half, but in the second half we stalled a couple times. The team in itself was able to move the ball well and get everybody in the game."

**Josiah Monroe, So., WR**

***On today's scrimmage overall ...***

"It's practice 15. Coach [Coker] expects us to go out there, work hard and execute the plays and that's exactly what we did."

***On some of the good things he saw in today's scrimmage ...***

"A lot of chemistry has built up from last year. Ten games of experience makes a lot of difference in a year and I think that went well for us today."

***On what he saw on the defensive side ...***

"They are fast and tall and they play hard. That's what I like about our defense. I'm glad they're on our team."

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**David Glasco II, So., RB**

***On today's scrimmage overall...***

"I thought it was a real good experience. We went out there today and showed where we're at. I think it's important for a lot of people to prove where they're at and how hard they've been working in the offseason. It's a stepping stone. We have to take it from here and get ready for next season when we join the WAC."

***On their mindset with the fans out today ...***

"It's like you're an actor and you have to perform in front of the cameras and fans. Today we had the whole audience there. We love the fans and we love San Antonio. I was born and raised in San Antonio, so I love the cit. It's our duty to give back to the city whenever they come to show us love."

***On some of the good things he saw in today's scrimmage ...***

"I was happy to see my boy Darrien Starling back out there. He's been battling with injuries but he had a pretty good day today. Marcellus Mack and Evans Okotcha played well. I'm just happy for us as a team. Everyone has improved. It's such a huge difference from what it was last year."

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**Mauricio Sanchez, So., S.**

***On today's scrimmage overall ...***

"It was a great experience and it was a good learning experience for everybody. We know that we're going to be moving up in conference and our intensity has to go up. Besides that it was awesome. We just have to keep working hard."

***On the presence of the fans today ...***

"It was a good feeling especially being from San Antonio. You look up in the crowd and your coaches are there and your parents are there, so it's a great feeling. It gets you pumped up. It's just awesome to have the community behind us."

***On the comeback of the defense in the second half ...***

"Being on the defensive side of the ball, it's not how you start but how you finish. I thought we finished the game off pretty well and it was a good learning experience for us to take into the summer."