



2023 UTSA Roadrunners Football
UTSA vs. Rice
Saturday, Nov. 11
Alamodome · San Antonio, Texas
Rice Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Mike Bloomgren

On defensive performance

"That's why we were still in the game 10-7 at halftime and why we felt like we (could) make a run at this thing is because of what they did and the way they fought...all the respect in the world for UTSA's coaching staff, I think they do as good a job as anyone in this conference, but to hold Frank (Harris) to 10 points in the first half, my hats off to our defense...I felt like again, we were right in the place we wanted to be"

On third quarter execution

"...they executed at a super high level, and we didn't...I want to make sure I'm giving them the appropriate amount of credit. But also, there's things that we just didn't do well, and that's frustrating. We do them well in practice, but we can't get in the game and execute. That's a problem, and we've got to continue to address it."

On offensive line play

"I really have trouble putting this on the offensive line right now, I thought they played as well, certainly in the first half, where we were running the ball as officially as we ever have against this unit. We know they're a 3-4 2 gapping unit that really goes a good job building a wall, and we poked some holes in it the first half and I thought we protected our butts off in the first half."

On quarterback performance vs UTSA

"The positives are, we saw those bright spots. We saw the ability to fit that ball into Luke (McCaffrey) on that two minute drive to end the half. We saw the resilience of him to try to fight through and find the ways to and finding the way to put some good throws on the film on the last drive...The negatives are that we didn't execute our offense. They didn't look anything like what we had practiced...There's just some execution things, which ultimately, that is everybody. Everybody is responsible for those things when they don't go right on gameday, so everyone has to do a better job. Certainly I do as well."

Myron Morrison, R-Jr., LB.

On first half performance

"I think our execution in the first half, we emphasized the physicality we needed to be successful today, and I thought we had that flowing coming out of that first half, knowing we needed to be the hammers and putting them on their heels early. I think its just about keeping that going for four quarters, there's times where we're just very inconsistent, and I think that was the story of the game."

On game plan for Frank Harris

"Anytime you're facing a talent, someone as slippery as Frank Harris, you want to try to put some hits on him and as much hesitation in him as possible, so getting after him is definitely part of it. That was the plan for today, we had times where we were successful and times where we weren't successful, that was a big part of today, putting pressure on him."

Luke McCaffrey, R-Jr., WR.

On resiliency

"You keep fighting, that's all you can do. You never know how a game is going to go, maybe in the fourth quarter, we have a run like that. You never know with turnovers or with execution how a game is going to play out...I don't think you're ever out of a game... I think I'd be undefeated in life if there was no clock, you're gonna keep scrapping and you're gonna keep fighting no matter what happens. This is one of those games where I wish we had an extra 60 minutes, but we don't, so now we've got to look into next week and we've got to learn what we made mistakes on, and we've got to go execute and do our best for the next few weeks."