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Kicker Cade York

On going to NRG Stadium alone to kick...

“They canceled practice on Thursday and just did a walkthrough, and I wanted to keep in the same routine, so me and a few specialists took a bus over to the NRG Stadium in Houston and kicked for about an hour. We came back in time for the team meeting in the morning.”

On the lead-up to his second field goal of the night...

“They sent the punt team on and Coach O made the decision to punt first. Mac [Greg McMahon] decided to let them know that I was in range, and since they were in timeout, they changed their decision and they put me out there.”

On how he feels about making long field goals...

“If it goes in, it goes in, you can’t really argue with the results. I really liked the first one; the second one was a little bit of a pull. I cut it a little too close. But you really can’t complain; it’s three points on the board.”

Wide Receiver Kayshon Boutte

On if he is disappointed about the offense’s performance...

“As an offense, I’m really not disappointed, but I feel like we could’ve done more. It shouldn’t have been a close game at all, we really should’ve put up 60, but you have to learn from your mistakes.”

On if it has been frustrating that the offense isn’t clicking...

“It is frustrating a little bit, but we just have to get it going earlier. I feel like as an offense, we just start slow every game. When we get into SEC play, we have to start fast in order to execute.”

Quarterback Max Johnson

On playing in a packed Tiger Stadium for the first time...

“It was pretty sweet. Last year we didn’t get any of those times. It just gave us energy and we are all excited to play here.”

On why he thinks the offense struggled to get in rhythm...

“I think we just started slow. We called some of the same calls, but we just have to figure it out, bring more diversity and I think we are going to do that. I think we have to get better overall. We ran the ball really well tonight, but we have to be better in the passing game.”

On if he feels close to where the offense needs to be...

“No, I think there is definitely a gap. We took a step from last week by winning, but we have to be better on the offensive side of the ball. The defense played lights out.”

Defensive End Andre Anthony

On the defensive effort...

“From a defensive aspect, it is all about the ball. We talk about it all the time. We try to get strip attempts and we try to go after the ball every time. As far as the offense, you have to secure the ball on offense. No matter who got the ball, secure it.

On how they overcame last week's struggles...

“Yes, we were definitely trying to improve on that. It's a copycat league; they came out and tried to run some of the plays they [UCLA] ran on us. Our main thing was stopping the run in general; I feel like we did that. They gave us some crossing runs, but we stayed on top of it.”

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McNeese Quotes

Coach Frank Wilson

Opening statement...

“I thought our team came out to a hostile environment. I thought we played extremely hard. It was not enough to face the 2019 Champs. I liked the way we competed. We will go back and correct things.”

On the defensive lines performance...

“We had a great game plan. It gives all of defensive line a big confidence boost. This week helped us a lot with confidence. We feel like we're the best in the nation. We wanted to come out and show everyone we are against this opponent. We gave them trouble at times.”

Quarterback Cody Orgeron

On how they will bounce back...

“We get back to work tomorrow. We'll learn from our mistakes and grow from them. I'm proud to have thrown a touchdown in Tiger Stadium. I'm proud of our team but at the end of the day they are bigger, faster, stronger individuals.”

On if Coach Orgeron talked to him postgame...

“He said, ‘I'm proud of you son, on to the next one.’ I told him I love him. It's our opportunity to get back on track. I saw my dad looking at me and I could see how proud he was of me.”

On if LSU players were talking trash...

“They would help me up after a sack. At the end of the game, dapping them up, it was all love.”

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LSU Coach Ed Orgeron Quotes

Opening statement...

“First of all, what a great day. Tremendous day opening the stadium, the Tiger Walk. Our fans were fantastic, I want to thank them. Thank them for being there to supply the energy for our football team. We had a nice crowd; they were very loud at the beginning of the game. Everything I told the recruits and the new coaches about Tiger Stadium; I think it was a great start. We won the game; I was very pleased with the defensive performance. I’m not pleased with the last touchdown on the screen. Very pleased with our pass rush, and I knew we were a good pass rushing team but obviously, we’re going to face stiffer opponents down the road. On offense, we couldn’t get it going for a while, but we hung in there. We tried to get the outside run game going. We had several offensive linemen that were out but we had a variety of runs. Speeds, sweeps, tosses, counters... We still had some protection problems. We need to look at it. Whether it’s personnel or whether it’s scheme, we need to fix it because people are still going to come after us. Overall, we’re pleased with the win. From Game One to Game Two we made a jump in a lot of areas. Next week, we need to take the next jump to the next week in a lot of areas.”

On seeing Cody Orgeron being sacked...

“To be honest, the first couple of plays were kind of weird. After that, I knew Cody [Orgeron] could handle it. I’ve seen his games, there’s been games where he’s been sacked a bunch. He can handle it. He’s a big man. He knew it was coming in. I’m just glad he didn’t get hurt. Hopefully they can move on next week and have a great game.”

On LSU’s offensive performance...

“It’s not good enough. It starts with protection first. We have to protect the quarterback and we have to get better. We have to stay ahead of the chains. We have to continue to make improvements and hopefully with our offensive line coming back, we’re going to have a better protection for our quarterback and better schemes.”