

# CFP Quarterfinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl: Oregon vs Texas Tech

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Miami Gardens, Florida, USA

Hard Rock Stadium

## Oregon Ducks

## Dillon Thieneman

### Press Conference

**Q. Is this your first time in Miami? Have you been to Miami before?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Yeah, I have been to Miami.

**Q. Where are you from?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I'm from Indianapolis, Indy area, a suburb of there.

**Q. How do you like being here since you've come here today, or yesterday?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Very nice. It's a lot warmer definitely than Oregon. A lot more enjoyable.

**Q. What was it like seeing Blankenship and DeJean reference the shirts?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: That was awesome. I mean, I feel like me and Bryce got excited to talk to them at some point.

**Q. That was a couple weeks ago. Has there been contact yet other than that?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: No, we've kind of just been focusing.

**Q. Have you thought about what's next, hopefully in three weeks, what that looks like?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I have been thinking, just considering my options and trying to get information, but I haven't made a decision yet.

**Q. Did you ask for an evaluation from the NFL College Advisory Committee?**



DILLON THIENEMAN: Yes.

**Q. What did they tell you?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: They said second round.

**Q. When you think about the factors, it's very hard to --**

DILLON THIENEMAN: Yeah, often there's not always a safety taken the first round, and then there will be an outlier year where there's three, like a couple years ago. The bad part of that would be like potential injury. A safety, you can be the top safety, but you can end up in the same draft position.

**Q. And if another safety who's a potential first round who's out there a couple years from now -- what would ultimately be the deciding factor, the injury component, the business side of it? Are there other factors in terms of who else might come back?**

DILLON THIENEMAN: I feel confident about the coaches and the team. I know Tosh is leaving, but I really like Hampton. He's been a DC in the past. I'd be happy to come back if I choose to go that route.

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