

# Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl: Texas vs Arizona State

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## Texas Longhorns

## Kelvin Banks

### Press Conference

**Q. Kelvin, curious if you have ever played right tackle, what's the difference between playing left and right, and how does this kid, Trevor Goosby, what is he doing to be doing both so effectively?**

KELVIN BANKS: I wouldn't say there's a big difference. Only difference sufficient to switch your technique over. That's a big difference. Goosby, in practice, he's a sponge man. He soaks in everything you tell him. He kind of like, in a way, he's not too big criticism or too big. He goes out there every day and is like, just be confident in yourself. I think that's the biggest thing this is being confident in yourself and knowing your assignment and knowing that you can make that block.

**Q. I know the run game and Sark focused on fixing outside zone or making it work a little bit better. What did the running backs do to really help in that process?**

KELVIN BANKS: I mean, yeah, they do their job every time. They kind of -- it works hand-in-hand in the sense we have to make sure we give them the lanes to go to, show them the hole and then just stretching the play and puncturing it when it's the right time. It goes hand-in-hand, but I feel like we've both been doing a great job at that.

**Q. Curious when the injuries hit against Clemson, how much of an adjustment is it to play alongside somebody like Cole Hutson, as opposed to Connor when you get the shuffling of the line, is that a tough thing to do?**

KELVIN BANKS: Not really. In practice, we rotate all the time we have, I guess you could say, that brotherhood that keeps us connected. Even in practice we do drills. Coaches switch different guys out because you never know what happens, different guys could get hurt or go down. We have a connection so we know what each other



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is going to do on the field.

**Q. From your standpoint, what does a healthy Isaiah Bond do for the offense and how dynamic can the team be?**

KELVIN BANKS: He can change a lot in our game. He can catch a two-yard pass and turn it into a touchdown. I know every O-line man want a guy that catch a two-yard bubble and have a touchdown. He's that type of guy. He's got great speed and gives a great team speed, and he goes out there and puts his body on the line for a team. When he is healthy, he definitely our guy.

**Q. In your three years at Texas, what the have you learned from Jake majors and what is he like in the O-Line room?**

KELVIN BANKS: Biggest thing I learned from Jake is it's never enough to learn what your position does, because in a sense you have to know everything. Because if you know the whole front, kind of makes your life a little easier because you know what each guy is going to do.

From the leadership aspect, Jake is a leader and shows me the way in the room. He's vocal and helps me spoke up a lot more.

**Q. I was talking to your high school coach, Kenny Harrison, and he told me a story about how you would go to lunch with a member of your offensive line, a guy who probably needed to you boost his confidence; you would go to lunch with him like every day. We're getting ready to play in the playoffs. Wondered what kind of leadership stuff you've done at Texas that might mirror that?**

KELVIN BANKS: I would say something that mirrors that, one thing that comes to mind, I'll go through film and watch different games and stuff. And I'll get the offensive lineman in the group chat and I'll give little tips and reminders of things they can work on or things that they have done good or could do a little better.

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We also call a tackles meeting one day out of the week and we watch film. Just trying to pick guys brains and see what different ways they would attack the end or like see if they been watching like the different rushing moves they been doing. I would say those are the two things I've been doing the past two years.

**Q. How effective has Kyle Flood been as a teacher, helping you push forward?**

KELVIN BANKS: He's a great teacher. He kind of let's you know when you're doing good and he let's you know when you're doing bad. I kind of like that about him. He's not afraid to coach you. He gets out there and gets after it pretty well. He's been great. He helps me so much with technique, and there's different small things that you need to fix that you'll never think of. You'll go out there and block a man and think you did good, and he's telling you what you could have done better. I think that's the biggest thing he's been doing for the whole O-Line room.

**Q. With the holiday season, a lot of people are traveling. Is your family able to come?**

KELVIN BANKS: Yeah, they are going to be down there, my mom and dad. Basically most of my family is going to be there to watch me play.

**Q. There's 125 teams that would love to be where the he late eight are right now, three wins away from a championship. How much are you guys having fun in this experience and how much are you appreciating the opportunity that's in front of you?**

KELVIN BANKS: We are definitely having fun with the experience. Like you said, we really appreciate the opportunity because it's 120-something other teams who want to be in that position and we don't take that for granted. We go out every day and treat it like it's going to be our last practice or last game. We make sure we stay focused and we understand it's win-or-go-home. We definitely don't want to go home so we try to take advantage every day.

**Q. After you got your honors, have you contacted any of the other offensive linemen at Texas in that echelon?**

KELVIN BANKS: Yeah, I haven't really gotten too much contact. After I got the Lombardi, I talked to Brian a little, that was pretty cool. Sweat played with me, so we already knew each other. I talked to Sweat a little bit. The only guy I talked to was Kasey Studdard. He comes around off often, so you get to pick his brain, too, sometimes.

**Q. You were the top tackle in your recruiting class and D.J. Campbell was the top interior lineman. What's y'all's relationship like and how have you tried to help each other? I know you're on different sides of the line but talk about that relationship?**

KELVIN BANKS: We have a great relationship. Me and D.J., it's like I could never not come to him about anything, whether it's about something he got to fix or something I've got to fix. We have that relationship where we are okay with each other criticizing each other and just knowing -- even we came in, we kind of knew each other a little bit before that because we were at the All-American game together. We have a great relationship together. It's a tight relationship.

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