

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

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Hard Rock Stadium

Texas Tech Red Raiders

Coy Eakin

Press Conference

Q. How does it feel to finally be here after a few weeks off getting ready for the game?

COY EAKIN: It feels good. The whole team, we practice a lot. Feels good to finally be here. I wish the game was tomorrow or today. I'm just anxious. I hate being anxious.

Q. So you grew up in Texas, you kind of know the history of the program. The Orange Bowl is almost 100 years old. This is the first time that Texas Tech has ever played in the Orange Bowl. How does that talk about the development and the good things that are going on big picture?

COY EAKIN: Oh, it's amazing. This team and the past couple teams have set the new norm for Texas Tech, especially with the transfer portal being how it is, how we're able to come together with the transfer portal with a team like this.

Q. How do you see the Oregon defense matching up?

COY EAKIN: It's like playing our own defense every day at home.

Q. Texas Tech offense, is there anything in particular that sort of makes the offense click, that makes you guys --

COY EAKIN: I think just the bond of the team. We're all pretty close. Me and Behren have always been good friends. We live 45 minutes away from each other. We take one as if they have been there their whole career. It's just a bond, a closeness that we have with the team.

Q. What's your favorite part about Coach?

COY EAKIN: Realness. The person you see every day is



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what you get.

Q. Big 12 this year, you kind of ran through it. Even like BYU and some of the other top teams, you just rolled over them. Does that give you the momentum and confidence coming into the playoffs?

COY EAKIN: Yeah, it's a confidence every time you go into a big game, you come out victorious and you come out with a dominant victory, especially when our defense backs us all up. But yeah, we have a lot of confidence going into every game we play.

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