



Texas Arrival Quotes
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Senior Defensive Lineman Quotes
CHRIS NELSON #97 (Lakeland, Fla.)

On this experience of playing in the Sugar Bowl

“I’m excited! Just from the entrance coming off the plane and all of the love we are getting and just being in this environment. We haven’t been here in a long time and I’m just excited and I know the guys are too.”

On distractions of New Orleans and staying focused

“That is something that has been preached to us from day one...on how to lock in and tune things out and just going out there and being free. We have something called ‘Family Fridays’ where we go and enjoy ourselves, but at the end of the day when that is over with you just got to come back and lock in. So we are going to enjoy ourselves, but none of these guys are going to do anything to hurt the team.

On what the coaches told the team to expect

“They told us that it is going to be a lot of distractions, but to seize this moment. It is hard to get here and it’s hard to win games and be in the position we are in right now. They just told us to seize the moment and enjoy our time here.”

On what the main challenge for the defense

“The main focus is stopping the run and being more physical. That’s the main focus at the end of the day.”

Senior Tight End Quotes
ANDREW BECK #47 (Tampa, Fla.)

Do you believe emotion matters? Some say Georgia might not be excited to be here but y’all are going to be excited.

“I think that’s true with any game, the sport in and of itself is an emotional sport, so I think that’s going to play a lot into it. And like you said, I can only speak for my locker room and everybody in there is going to be excited to play in this game.”

What stands out about Georgia when you look at their defense?

“Looking at their defense they’re a physical bunch. They’re incredibly deep upfront too, I think they have 11 guys that contribute significant minutes, especially on the defensive line. They’re physical backers and they’ve got some guys that make plays in the backhands. It’s been a fun challenge to prepare for them and obviously it continues until we play.”

Clearly the more physical team for first OU meeting but not as much for the second. How do you get that physicality back?

“I think part of it is just going to be understanding that it’s a bigger game and stepping up into it. We probably weren’t as physical as we wanted to be coming out against OU a couple of weeks ago but knowing the challenge that we’re getting into and what people say about conferences and things like that, but just knowing that that’s going to be in the back of our minds.”

Big 12 plays offense and no defense.

“It’s going to be interesting to see. I think there’s a couple of ways that we can attack their defense that they’re not used to seeing. They’re smart coaches I’m sure they’ve got some tricks up their sleeves as well. It’ll be a good game, I’m excited for it because our teams are built a little bit differently.”