



**Texas Defensive Player Quotes**  
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**Junior Defensive Back Quotes**

**Brandon Jones (Nacogdoches, Texas)**

**On getting his draft grade back**

"I got my grade back. I was pleased with the feedback from them. Overall, my biggest focus is getting ready for Georgia and getting ready for that, and letting that stuff happen after the game."

**On when he would make a decision to turn pro**

"I haven't even thought about it. Probably sometime after the game, I will get with my family and my coaches and discuss what the best thing is for me and my family."

**On what would affect his decision to go pro or not**

"Just knowing what we have done so far on this team and to see the type of the people we will have on this team. We have a lot of younger guys that do not have a choice but to come back. Overall, I think we are going to be a really good team next year, and it would be really fun to get a chance to get to play with them again next year."

**On the impact and his relationship with the freshmen this year**

"I think the biggest thing in their point of view is to be able to come in early and to early enroll, to learn the playbook a lot faster than someone that came in during the summer. And we get to start a relationship for a longer period of time. We have gotten a lot closer. Off the field, we hang out a lot more than we did. We are on the same page most of the time, which helps and having a good relationship shows its place on the field."

**On Georgia complimenting the Texas defensive backs on their physical play**

"It is a good thing, especially coming from one of the best teams in the nation, in my opinion. We really pride ourselves in being a physical team, not only from a defensive back standpoint, but as a team as a whole. That is one of our big things, is to be the most physical team out there every Saturday and play a game. It is a good compliment from them, and we know what we bring to the table every game."

**Senior Defensive Back Quotes**

**P.J. Locke III (Beaumont, Texas)**

**On if flying first class to the Sugar Bowl was the proper way to arrive**

"I would say so. This is one of the biggest bowl games in the country and we earned that right. It was an unbelievable moment our team was not even expecting."

**On playing in the Sugar Bowl**

"Being a senior I could not go out a better way. This is a great challenge for our team and will really give us a chance to see where our program stands right now."

**On his future after football**

"I would like to get my doctorate in physical therapy. I also plan to open up my own performance facility and be a personal trainer. I would like to take what I have learned from playing football and motivate others to go after their goals."

**On the Georgia offense saying the Texas secondary is the most physical they have seen this year**

"It is a great compliment. People say the Big VII is soft and I think it is disrespectful. We will keep that in the back of our mind and bring it to the game on Tuesday."

**Senior Defensive Lineman Quotes**

**Chris Nelson (Lakeland, Fla.)**

**On the team being ready for game day**

"We are really fired up. Today, everybody was excited in practice. For the seniors, with this being the last practice, the guys are focused, locked in and we are ready to go play."

**On facing Georgia's running attack**

"How physical they can run the ball. They have two explosive running backs, a nice quarterback and a nice offensive line. So, they have the whole nine yards. Their offense is nice."

**On facing Georgia's offensive front**

"It is something that we look forward to playing against. Our guys are excited for it. We are up to the challenge at all times. Knowing them, they are going to come in and be ready to run the ball. As a defensive line, we have to be ready to stop the run."

**On the difference between game preparations during the regular season and for the Sugar Bowl**

"To be honest with you, nothing really changes. With preparation, everything is the same. Film is the same. Obviously, they try to take care of our bodies. At the beginning, we bang full pads and stuff like that. Towards the end, we are just making sure mentally we are ready to go."

**On his career at Texas and the program moving forward**

"Just taking a last lap around the football field today after practice, it's just crazy to see that everything is wrapping up now. I want to go out and lead this team to success."

"When I was coming in, I could never tell you I would be at this point. My mindset the whole time my freshman year was just to turn this program around. Obviously, there have been a lot of ups and downs here, but I would not regret it for anything in the world. I love this team, and I am happy with where we are at now. There are a lot of great things happening, and this team is going to be great in the future."

**Senior Defensive Lineman Quotes**

**Charles Omenihu (Rowlett, Texas)**

**On Texas in the College Football Playoff conversation**

"I don't think we are that far away. I think Texas will be there pretty soon. We have to matchup a little bit more if you want me to keep it real. We were a few plays away here and there from having one or two losses for the season. I definitely think Texas will be back in that [the playoff] pretty soon."

**On getting accustomed to Georgia's huddle offense**

"It is what it is. I don't think it's that big of a deal for me. I don't think it's a big deal for the defense. It obviously lengthens the game but it is what it is and we'll take our time."

### **On if he faced no-huddle offense in high school**

"I had a couple teams, maybe three or four teams that huddled up. Again, I don't think it (no-huddle) is that big of a deal. They (Georgia) call their play and run a more traditional offense."

### **On current players that can take the program into the future**

"Joseph Ossai is one of those guys; he's going to be a monster. Caden Sterns, you've all seen what he did this year, his freshman year. I think B.J. Foster is one of those guys as well. Sam Cosmi and Keaontay Ingram; Sam still has two more years. We definitely have a lot of guys who are going to be ballers and be high level guys."

### **On who has shown potential this year**

"I think Brennan Eagles is going to be somebody to watch. I think (D'Shawn) Jamison when he's given more of an offensive role is going to be huge. On defense, I really think Cout (Hank Coutoumanos) and Jalen Green are going to be guys who are really solid."

### **On how Georgia's offensive line compares to a team like Oklahoma**

"Size-wise, they are right there. Physicality-wise, I think Georgia is a little more physical than Oklahoma's offensive line. Things can get wacky, but Georgia is right there with it. I would say Georgia is a more complete offensive line."

### **On players who stand out on the Georgia offensive line**

"Probably their left tackle. I think 71 (Andrew Thomas) is a pretty good player. I think his technique is pretty solid. It'll be a good matchup; he's good."

## **Senior Linebacker Quotes**

### **Anthony Wheeler (Dallas, Texas)**

#### **On preparing to face SEC competition**

"We really don't change how we train. We take it day by day. We have really been focusing on the run lately because Georgia likes to run."

#### **On being an underdog**

"We need to start out fast. Show them that we came to play and that we can play with them, regardless of what other people say."

#### **On making it to the Sugar Bowl**

"It means everything making it to the Sugar Bowl. It has been a while since we have been to a bowl game like this. If we win, it will give a lot of motivation to the guys next year."

#### **On facing the Georgia running backs**

"We need to step up and stop the run. Their offensive line is dominant, and they have two running backs that are very good. If we can control the run game, I feel like we will have a good chance."

#### **On playing his last game as a Longhorn**

"It will probably hit me after the game. I feel like I have come a long way. I have developed a lot. I am more of a team player and a leader."

#### **On this year's senior class**

"I want people to say we changed Texas and brought it back to how it used to be so Texas can keep moving forward until they are considered a top team again."