

Baylor Defense Player Quotes - 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl December 29, 2019

CB Grayland Arnold

On Jake Fromm: “He is a really good quarterback. He is the type of quarterback where he does not really need the coaches to make a check for him. He knows how to make the check himself and read coverages - whatever he feels like, he can go with the call. He is a really good quarterback.”

On having a natural knack for creating turnovers: “That has to be one of your mentalities. [When the] ball [is] in the air, you cannot have the mindset of a 50/50 ball. It has to be, ‘This ball is mine.’ Every time the ball is in the air. Once you create those good habits - it starts at practice - but once you create those good habits, it will soon lead over to the game.”

On him getting to the ball so much this season: “I practice hard. I feel like it is fair to say I practice hard, and I listen to what Coach [Phil] Snow teaches me. I believe in what he teaches me. Before I get an interception, he will say, ‘Grayland, get your odds right.’ I go out there and get my odds right. Then boom, the ball comes.”

On trusting his teammates: “Trust is a big part, but we all understand that trust started back in August. I know my brother is going to fill this gap. I just have to do my job. We did not think about what any other player had to do on the team; we simply did our own job. Once you do your own job, you soon see, ‘Okay, he is going to do his job.’ We just trust each other and play football.”

LB Terrel Bernard

On how the team is enjoying New Orleans so far: “Yeah, we are having fun. We have been here for a couple days now, so we are kind of getting adjusted. We have a couple of practices under our belt already, and it has been a fun experience so far.”

On how the team steps up in the midst of injuries: “I think it says a lot about our coaching staff and about how we do things. We have a lot of guys that get ready for games. So, whenever your time is called you have to be ready to play, and we have had a lot of guys do that this year.”

On facing back-up players on Georgia’s roster: “They are a great team so I am sure they have really great back-ups. The guys who aren’t playing are really good. They are at Georgia for a reason. They are here for a reason, and we are expecting them [the back-ups] to be just as good.”

DT Bravvion Roy

On prepping to face the Georgia offensive line: “We prepare like everybody is playing. We do not take anyone lightly, if they are playing or not. So we know what to do, and we get the job done. We know who is playing and who is not playing so we prepare for that.”

On if this game means more to Baylor than to Georgia: “Most definitely. If you look across the board at what the Big 12 has been doing with bowl games, it does not look good for our conference. We plan to be the backbone for our conference and get the job done, get the big win.”

On playing his last game with James Lynch and James Lockhart: “We have to leave it all out there on the field. We know this is the last time we will all three be together, and we are just trying to leave everything out there. Sixty, seventy plays, whatever. You are going to have to drag us off the field. We know who is going to play. We know Georgia has two tackles missing. We know [D’Andre] Swift might play. He has been practicing, we heard. So we know we have to leave everything out there.”

LB Jordan Williams

On what it feels like to be part of the changes taking place in the Baylor Football program: “It is incredible. I never saw myself being in the Sugar Bowl. Looking back on this season and how hard we worked, this is a big accomplishment.”

On coming so far as a program: “Three years ago, no one saw the end of the journey. We really did not know what was going to come out of this journey. We just kept pushing each and every day. Those past seasons built up for this. They were stepping stones to build on to coming into this year.”

On facing Georgia: “It is a chance for us to see how good we really are. Georgia is a great team, and they have been a great team for many years. To be able to play at this level and play with them is going to be a good test for our team.”

On what Baylor can gain from winning the Sugar Bowl: “We have a chance to go out there and really prove ourselves. We are going to prove we can go out there and play with some of the best guys in the country. It is a testament to how hard we have worked this year.”

DT James Lynch

On reaching 40 sacks this season with his fellow defensive linemen: “Two years prior, our goal was 40 sacks. We know it is not unattainable, but it is hard to get to so getting there for us was a great accomplishment. We credit our coach (Rhule) for us getting there. It was really all of the coaches that got us to this point.”

On when he bought into the Baylor program: “Coach Rhule was my only coach. He was really my guy, and when he comes in your home - the way he talked and the way the other coaches were and the way they still are makes you feel you are an important part to the team.”

On playing in the Sugar Bowl: “Being in the Sugar Bowl is unreal. I remember watching it as a kid and knowing that both teams playing were great teams, so being able to be a part of one and having the chance to win a Sugar Bowl is still unreal to me.”