

Baylor Offense Player Quotes - 2020 Allstate Sugar Bowl December 30, 2019

QB Charlie Brewer

On what Baylor has to gain with a win in the Sugar Bowl: “I think it will huge for us and the program, to be able to play in a game like this against a great team and hopefully win.”

On how the team will fare against Georgia’s defense: “They will probably be the best defense we will play so far, so we have our work cut out for us.”

On his though process leading up to a game of this magnitude: “It is huge. It is huge for the program. It is huge for the university. The entire country will be watching, and we can show them what Baylor football is.”

On how he feels the program has grown: “It has definitely grown to be a stable, and Coach Rhule has definitely helped it to become that with his style of play. So it is a definite credit to him and his approach.”

RB John Lovett

On what it is like to play in the Sugar Bowl: “It is like a dream. You grow up as a kid watching it on TV, just dreaming about it. One day I hoped I would get here, and I just can’t wait. It is here, just a couple days away. Everything [in New Orleans] seems cool, all the scenery. But we are here for a reason. We have one job we are here for, so that is all that matters to us.”

On how much better the offense has gotten during a rollercoaster season of injuries: “It just makes us better as a unit, knowing that the next man is up and knows exactly what he needs to do because we all practice as one. In our program, there is no such thing as second string. Everyone is a first string. So you have to be prepared and treat your body right, doing everything like the first string. When Charlie [Brewer] went down, the next man was up and we were all comfortable with him.”

On if he enjoys the hard adjustments and improvements as much as games: “Yes, most definitely. That is what you remember, the hard stuff. All the easy things, you do not remember that. But when things get hard, that is when you look to your brothers and everyone is grinding with you. That is what you remember.”

WR Denzel Mims

On his mindset going into the Sugar Bowl: “It is just to take it one play at a time. I will try to do whatever I can to help the team, just play my game, and just stay focused. I will do what I can with my brothers.”

On what the team has to do to get a win against Georgia: “It is like I said. We just have to go one step at a time. That is our mindset for everyone is just one step at a time. Stay positive on each play, even if it is a negative play, you have to stay positive.”

On inviting a kid and his dad to bowl with the team: “It was just kind of a natural reaction. I saw them, and I knew we had the whole bowling alley but also open lanes. I saw that he [the

dad] was disappointed so I put myself in the same situation because I have a daughter so I would want someone to do that for me and my daughter. So, I invited them to bowl with us.”

On thinking about his prospects with the NFL: “Of course, I have thought about it, but my focus right now has been to play Georgia and try to get this win against them. That is all I have really been focused on in the past couple of weeks.”

OL Sam Tecklenburg

On ending his career with Baylor at the Sugar Bowl: “My freshman year, we were one win away from being here. I felt like we missed out on an unbelievable experience to be able to come here. To be back here for my final year is unbelievable, and I am looking forward to it.”

On having three different head coaches during his time at Baylor: “The guys in the locker room [are why I stayed]. I love my teammates. They are a great groups of guys, and they are very hard working. I think a lot of people would say the same. People counted us out. Knowing those guys in the locker room, I knew there was a future here.”

On what he is most proud of while part of the Baylor program: “Being here for the good times in the past. Being here for a 1-11 season, where we struggled. Being a part of getting the program back where it needs to be. There are still higher goals for next year, but to be here and have the ability to win a game like this would mean a lot.”

On what winning the Sugar Bowl would mean to him: “It would mean everything. To be able to get this program to this point would easily be one of the greatest accomplishments of my football career. I think a lot of other people would say the same.”

WR Tyquan Thornton

On taking advantage of a couple Georgia players being out: “We are still going to prepare the same way. We are going to take it step-by-step and take advantage of every opportunity we get. Even if all of their guys are down, they are still going to attack in the same way.”

On what it means to him to play in the Sugar Bowl: “Yes, it does matter. This is a big platform for us. Just taking this step in the new year, so we want to win this game. We can take that game into the new year. We are trying to build a winning program.”

On the excitement of the Sugar Bowl: “This game is exciting. It is not just a regular bowl game. It is the Sugar Bowl. One of our big experiences in a while. We are very pumped. We are going to go out, attack it, have fun and just make it football.”

On his comfort level with different quarterbacks: “We got more comfortable having more reps with all the quarterbacks. We have everyone ready to play. In practice, we work with each of the quarterbacks. Each quarterback is getting all of the reps. Mental and physical reps. Everyone is prepared and ready to step up.”