



ARKANSAS



FOOTBALL

TULSA GOLDEN HURRICANE vs ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS



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## POSTGAME QUOTES: TULSA HEAD COACH PHILIP MONTGOMERY

### ***Opening statement ...***

"I thought defensively we played a pretty good game. Had opportunities in there, especially early in the game. Got the quick turnover there, put us in a good position offensively. Got to get points out of that, you can't let things slip away. We let a couple field goals slip away. In the first half offensively, we got to produce in those situations. I thought we sputtered around, really, we are just inconsistent. Offensively we got to be a lot more consistent from that standpoint. Take your hat off to Arkansas, thought they played a nice game. Did some good things, but you know we had some opportunities we didn't make the most of. Keep staying tight, going as a team. Got some young guys that are growing up and learning. That's where we're at in our season. I thought our defense played well enough to win, offensively we just didn't get it done"

### ***On his team not giving up toward the end of the game ...***

"No, our defense fought right there to the bitter end. Offensively, I thought our guys are continuing to fight. We've got to make plays. I didn't see our guys give up. That's not in our DNA. At that point, we've just got to continue to keep battling, driving, and playing with the energy level we've been playing with."

### ***On the unsportsmanlike conduct after the reversed targeting ...***

"We had a young kid on the sideline that didn't need to do that. He will learn from it and I will take care of it when we get back."

### ***On QB Seth Boomer's performance ...***

"Boom's growing and learning. The only way he's going to get better is if he continues to go through some of the things he's going through right now. It's good to see him make that throw at the end. He's got to be more disciplined with his eyes. He made a couple plays there in the first half. He's got to be more consistent. We had things open and didn't take advantage of it."

### ***On what left the worst taste in his mouth ...***

"Not winning."

### ***On what difference the missed field goals made ...***

"I think it makes a huge difference. Right there, you go up 3-0, have an opportunity to go up 6-0. We want points out of those drives, from a standpoint of touchdowns. You got to break the ice on the scoreboard, we didn't do that today. Which makes it very very frustrating. You're also capitalizing on some momentum of the game. We just got a big turnover on the first drive. You get points out of that. You go back out defensively, you get another good stop and we get an opportunity to get more points on the board. You've got to make the most of those in every game."

### ***On what led to the missed kicks ...***

"He just missed them. It wasn't atmosphere. He's kicked in atmospheres before, he just missed them."

### ***On what he saw out of Connor Noland ...***

"I thought he did some good things. He's got a lively arm. I thought we got good pressure on him. We needed to do a good job and, at times, I thought we did a good job of getting them behind chains and putting them in predictable situations. Any young quarterback, just like we're dealing with, you're sitting there at third and long. That puts a lot of pressure on him. You can change up your looks, blitz him at times, drop into coverage, try some things. That's always hard on young quarterbacks. He's trying to learn just like ours is trying to learn."

### ***On McKinley Whitfield standing out ...***

"McKinley's stood out all year long. He's a good leader for us; a guy who hates to lose. Plays with the type of passion you want a guy to play with. He's going to battle every second he's got on the clock. He's, in my opinion, a NFL type player. He's a guy that brings it every day at practice and backs it up when he gets on the field."

### ***On if this feel like a setback after two close games against big opponents ...***

"No. It's not a setback. We got beat today. We didn't put points on the board offensively. We didn't come in here and get blown out. If we're putting points on the board and taking advantage of opportunities we had, this is another one of those types of games. I don't see it as 'We came in here and got blown out,' because I don't feel that way. Our guys battled; our guys fought. We've got to do something offensively to keep us in the game."

### ***On the wear that losing has on a team ...***

"You've got to be resilient. We're built on things that are more than just winning and losing. Our team is strong. Our family has to stay tight from that standpoint. We've got to keep improving."