

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

## HEAD COACH CHAD MORRIS QUOTES

### *Opening Statement*

"First of all, it's a great day to be a Razorback. Man, what a difference a year makes and the weather and guys knowing what we expect on gameday. I thought that was good. I want to thank our fans for coming out. I know they had a lot of festivities before. I appreciate our administration putting on all the events today at HogFest. That was really unique. I was able to spend a little bit of time over there and speak to the crowd, I thought that was neat. And our fans that showed up, our former players that have been a part of the last couple of days with us, I really want to thank them. It's always special to bring former players back in. Our recruits, we had a lot of recruits on campus, and to see the environment today, seeing our fans, and just enjoying all the activities going on campus makes it a special day. The goal of spring was not to be ready for fall. The goal of spring is to get this football team ready to go for summer, and then summer is to get them transitioned into that fourth quarter and into fall camp. So we've got a long way to go, but again as I've said 'what a difference a year makes.'"

### *On the Trey Knox TD from Ben Hicks...*

"When Ben sat in the pocket and delivered to Trey Knox, I thought it was a great catch. It was defended very well. Great catch and to see him with the ball in his hands is definitely a difference maker. But again, we've seen that. That's been consistent all spring and that's probably what's been impressive about Trey. A lot of times, freshmen get in there and they hit a wall and Trey has really worked hard to get through that and obviously we saw a well-executed play."

### *On Devwah Whaley and his playing time today...*

"I thought he had been limited the majority of spring. [He had] really just came back and done some drill work and 11-on-11 the last couple of practices just a little bit. He felt good and ready to go and he needed the work. He needed as much as he could've gotten today. This was about having a good workout. I mean I know it's a spring game, but we had to get good execution, good workout out of this thing. This was the last full padded live practice that we're going to have until the fall. So, he needed everything he could get today. It was good to see him out there... he missed a few runs but he made some. As the scrimmage went on I thought he got better."

### *On the importance of getting freshmen playing time...*

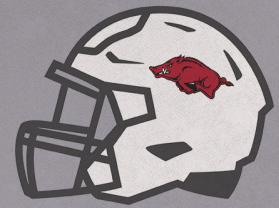
"Well first of all, yes. I believe these young men who have stepped on campus here, depends on what type of summer they have, but we're anticipating them being ready to go for the fall... Eric Gregory made a huge sack right there towards the end against Dalton Wagner. That was good to see from Eric's standpoint. Devin Bush responded. Devin's been consistent all spring. Greg Brooks is another one who's been consistent, but I've been very pleased. Mataio Soli is a guy who is much like Trey. He's come in and gained 22 pounds since he's been here and has made the best of the amount of reps that he's gotten this spring... and I think if you asked these guys now they would say they are excited they got here early."

### *On Noah Gatlin & Deon Stewart and the game plan today...*

"I think both of those guys have improved. Again, I think this is a much-improved football team from where we started spring until where we are right now. And that's what we asked. We're better and that's what we wanted. We wanted to focus on our fundamentals and limit a lot of the install. We were simple today, which is by design. But, we have to execute the simple. We have to do simple better and that's been my challenge to our staff. Both of those guys (Noah and Deon) have done a good job and you know, I think that Deon has taken on a leadership role in that wide receiver room and that's good to see as well."

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## ARKANSAS PLAYER QUOTES

### **Defensive Lineman McTelvin Agim**

#### *On how he feels after his snap count...*

"I'm not sure how many snaps I played. It definitely felt good to get out there though. Once it was time for me to shut it down, it was kind of hard for me to do that. I actually wanted to keep going. It's that competitive edge. You say you want to coach, but it's harder when it's actually time to settle down."

#### *On Trey Knox...*

"Trey Knox is a great player. He's going to be great for the present and the future. I think he's a three-year type of guy. He's a great talent and all I can tell Razorback fans is enjoy him while he's here."

### **Linebacker Grant Morgan**

#### *On the defensive performance...*

I think we finished how we wanted to finish. There's always room for improvement, especially with Chief [John Chavis], he's never satisfied. I think he's got a smile on his face right now, but there's room for improvement."

#### *On practicing without De'Jon Harris...*

"As a linebacker core, we had a lot of people step up. Bumper and I had to step up, we had to lead. I think that as a whole people think Scoota [De'Jon Harris] is the guy. We've known that we can still win with anybody and keep pushing forward. We know that he's going to be there and be the leader that we need."

#### *On Devin Bush's pick six...*

"I thought it was a great play, he broke on the ball well. He's just making plays. That's what he was brought here to do and that's what he's been doing. That's just normal for those Louisiana boys."

### **Quarterback Ben Hicks**

#### *On the impact of Devwah Whaley...*

"I think it was great having Devwah out there. We haven't had a whole lot of depth but having him back there really opened up the running game. He ran the ball hard and broke some tackles."

#### *On the offensive performance...*

"We had a slow start obviously. We've been seeing each other all spring. We know what they're going to run and they know what we're going to run. Sometimes it's just one of those days you can't get anything going in the beginning. We were able to score right before half and I think that was big. Our defense is pretty good. They have a lot of experience on that side and have a good coach. It's been huge for us to go against them every day. I think we're better because of it."

### **Offensive Lineman Noah Gatlin**

#### *On the offensive performance...*

"We started slow, but we got things going. We made some adjustments and got things working."

#### *On the offensive line...*

"We had some new guys come in and we switched some guys around. It was great just competing. I don't think we competed as hard as we should have the last year. We're a close group and I'm ready to keep moving forward to the fall."

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