Opening statement:
“That’s why they call it Bedlam. It lived up to the name, lived up to the rivalry. Tremendous game. Very different game – it was very explosive offensively on both sides in the first half. I thought we really controlled things offensively other than a couple of drives in the first half when we got down to the red zone but didn’t get touchdowns, so that was certainly the most disappointing part. That and not getting a chance to kick it at the end. Kyler was just a little too aggressive there with the clock – knew that he had five seconds. But, a good first half. Defensively, we were probably a little bit of a victim of such an emphasis coming in of trying to make them one-dimensional in the throwing game. I think that was certainly a big part of the plan, trying to eliminate (Chuba) Hubbard and Justice Hill with the respect that we have for them. And then they come out and hit two or three just big plays over the top of us and that changes the way that the game is going to be played. So, give credit to them. We got some pretty good pressure on their quarterback, but I thought (Taylor) Cornelius was outstanding. I thought he threw the ball as well as I’ve seen him throw it on tape. I thought they really played well.

“Two offenses sort of going at it the first half, and then it kind of flipped in the third quarter. Started to see some stops, game slowed down. Defenses started to settle in. Particularly frustrating on our part that we had some opportunities to get it to a double-digit score game a couple times and just couldn’t come up with the play. Had some critical penalties that seemed to always happen on long runs or big plays that certainly hurt us offensively. But we battled. We battled the whole night. I thought two of the biggest plays of the game were the fumble – to stop that was huge – and obviously, the two-point play, which we defended well. Our guys anticipated, were ready for it and so proud of that. Proud of the way our offensive line continues to play. That’s the third game in a row we’ve had both 300-plus (yards) rushing and passing, which is – I don’t know how many times that’s happened. Probably not many, and our front has really led the charge there. Gutsy win. It’ll be fun for this team to continue to go forward. We’ve got some big goals in front of us, big games in front of us, but I think we still like what we have in that room without a doubt. That’s a really excited locker room right now that know they won maybe without our best and we’re going to continue to fight to get to our best as we go forward here. Tremendous win. These rivalry games like this are hard to win and give Oklahoma State credit for a great game, and we’re certainly thrilled to have come out on top.

“We came in thinking, ‘let’s make them one-dimensional and give ourselves some chances.’ As they hit some balls over the top of us early, naturally, you still don’t want them to get going in the run game so we loosened up early, trying to make them one-dimensional in the throwing game. I think that was certainly a big part of the plan, trying to eliminate (Chuba) Hubbard and Justice Hill with the respect that we have for them. And then they come out and hit two or three just big plays over the top of us and that changes the way that the game is going to be played. So, give credit to them. We got some pretty good pressure on their quarterback, but I thought (Taylor) Cornelius was outstanding. I thought he threw the ball as well as I’ve seen him throw it on tape. I thought they really played well.

On Oklahoma State's fourth-down conversion:
“The fourth down play – we decided to play some loose zone there. The thought was, we felt like we could get some pressure with our rush. Our guys have been winning one-on-one. More than anything, we wanted to make them – if they were going to get one there, we didn’t want it to be a one-on-one shot on their guys. We wanted to make them make a tough throw and give the guy credit. We came out of the zone just a little bit more and I thought we could’ve squeezed it better, but they made a great play. They had a good route dialed up against what we had called and made an extremely good throw and a very competitive catch. We talked about it before the series. We thought if they did score, they’d go for two and so (Defensive Coordinator Ruffin McNeil) had a call ready and obviously, that ended up being probably the biggest play of the game.”

On the growth he’s seen from the defense:
“It’s a week-in, week-out deal right now. We’re in the middle of it, so I’m not sitting back and looking at the previous three or four games right now. It’s looking at the weeks that we’re having and looking at the way that we’re playing and just win and be at your very best the next week. Were we at our best tonight? No. Especially
in the first half there, we did miss more tackles than we have been missing, which is also something that we’re going to have to do better. But I do think we have improved in some areas. There’s no question. I really do. The way we run to the football, our mentality – I do think there’s absolute growth, and there’s going to have to be. No doubt. Some of the challenges we’ve got coming up are going to be there. But the great thing for us right now is that every goal that we want to be in front of us is right there in front of us. You’ve got to win these games and do that. Sometimes, you’ve got to win them when you’re not your best. We know that the last couple, we’re going to have to find a way to get it to our best.”

On the team’s goals in November:
“I feel great about them. That’s the team we’ve got, and I think we know what they’re capable of. And so, it’s looking at the whole team. I think this team’s proven it can separate from some people, it’s proven that we can win tough games, it’s proven that we can handle adversity – those are all things you have to do here at the end of the season.”

On the offensive line:
“For the offensive side of it, that was the reason that we won the game. We continue to play at a high level up front. Really proud of the two running backs, too, and those were the only two running backs we had available. I don’t know what we were going to do if something happened to one of them. And so, they were awesome. The O-line was awesome. We did a good job on post-snap penalties, which was a big deal for us. I thought we controlled the line of scrimmage. If we can continue to run it like that, we can be tough to beat.”

On the Sooners’ success in the running game:
“It’s had a big hand in us winning the last three Big 12’s, and if we’re going to do it again, it’s going to be critical. I think you have to be able to run the ball to win, and to win games in this month here at the end of the season. Right now, we feel like we can do both and we feel like we can do both against anybody, and so that keeps people off-guard. I think you’ve seen the balance that we’ve had offensively in the last several weeks, and it’s been key and we’re certainly going to need it going forward.”
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OKLAHOMA DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR RUFFIN MCNEILL

On the defense’s progress since he became Defensive Coordinator:
“‘You always look back and see how I can do better. Not the kids, but what could I have done better to help them? As far as the kids, the most impressive thing is their fight. They had some tough plays. You have to give Coach Gundy and his team credit, but our kids kept fighting for the second week in a row. Wins are hard. I said it last week. Wins are hard. What I think about is how I can help them more. Very happy to get the win, and there’s a lot of things we can improve on… I think last week our team did a good job early. You are talking about two top teams in the league. We knew that. You see some steady play in areas, and some areas that need to keep getting better. That’s just how this game is. In November, you’ve got to scrap. I know the last two weeks have been scraps and fights. Having been in it for a while, I don’t ever take that lightly.”

On defending Oklahoma State’s two-point conversion attempt:
“Well, calling against Coach Riley every day in practice is hard. We don’t see each other on Mondays and Thursdays, but on Tuesdays and Wednesdays we go against one another. It could be third down or two-minute offense or two-point conversions. During that time, what I do is watch the other team. We all have different assignments on defense. You come up with two options. One to attack or blitz it, and one to defend it. That last one we felt just give me a man and let’s send some edge pressure. We knew in the game they would come back with motion. That’s something they’ve shown, so if you watch it real closely you’ll see Tre (Brown) pointing it out and alerting that (OSU) is going to run with it. Each week changes.”

On keeping morale up after giving up first downs:
“It’s tough. I know it’s tough on the players. We keep talking about ‘forget it and drive on… fight on’ because they (OSU) coach too. Getting third down is very big for us. The reason why is that it first gets us off the field, but number two it gets the ball to our offense. That’s why one of our biggest emphases is getting turnovers. We’re trying to get the ball back to our offense and get extra possessions because if you get those guys extra possessions, then we’re ahead of the schedule… It bothers you. It hurts you. But at the same time, you’ve got to line back up and play again.”

On if Oklahoma can be a playoff team with its defense:
“I was talking to the guys who did our game – Todd (McShay), Brian (Griese), and Steve (Levy). I’d love to be there. Personally, what I think, is win by one. Win the game. Because if you’ve been in it as long as I have, you know how hard wins are. Now, with the Playoff, it’s gotten to be different now. Nothing will ever take away from the feeling of winning. I’ve been on the other end of that. I know there’s a long-term goal, but I go right back to tonight. I’ve got 24 hours to digest it, but on Monday we go to the next game – Kansas. Not tonight, but tomorrow after we break down film. Getting critical plays and stopping critical two-point plays is pretty big. The two-point play for the interception last week helped us win. I probably look at it a little differently than most people. Doesn’t mean I’m right or wrong… I know that’s part of it now – being a complete team and making sure we do our part. That doesn’t intimidate me. It even motivates not just me but our staff and players. But at the same time, nothing will override us winning the football game. A rivalry game, nip-and-tuck, and our guys having to come up and make a play again for the second time in a week… No, it wasn’t pretty, in some standards. But for me it was because we won. I really put that over a lot.”
REDSHIRT SENIOR LINEBACKER CURTIS BOLTON

On how the defense performed:
“I am not satisfied and I am not happy with how we played. We have to play better. We cannot give up 50 points and expect to be a playoff defense. We have got to get better on defense. That happens during the week. We have to practice better so we do not come out here and give up 50 points because that is something we do not want to do.”

On what needs to be approved:
“I thought we played stout up front. I thought our D-line played good. When they only have given up two yards going into the second quarter, I cannot complain. We have to play better on the deep balls. We cannot go to sleep on the back end. As linebackers we have to give better underneath coverage. As good as we are playing on the run game we have to get more pressure on the quarterback. We cannot let him sit back there for six or seven seconds and expect our defensive backs to have coverage for that long. I think we played well in the run game, but at the end of the day, I think we need a better pass rush on obvious pass rush downs. Our linebackers need to sync more and our back end does not need to give up fading and lock in.”

On the two-point conversion:
“Give it all you got. This is the last play of the game and that is how we felt. Treat it like the last play of the game. Treat it like that. And that is what it was. As good as our offense is, it puts them in a bad position to mandatory score or game over. It was just like play like the season is on the line at the end of the day. They rolled out and our corner made a good play on the ball and the rest is history.”

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK KENNEDY BROOKS

On what it means to him and Trey Sermon to be given so much responsibility:
“It means a lot. It means that they trust us to get the job done. We get out there and dominate, do what we do, and positive things happen.”

On communication between him and Sermon during personnel changes:
“It’s up to the coaches, whoever they want in. We all want each other to ball at the end of the day, so I’m glad he got that touchdown. It’s a team win. We both balled out and I’m pretty proud of him.”

On the offensive line’s performance:
“Oh, man. The O-line dominated the defensive line at the line of scrimmage. We couldn’t do it without them.”

On using the run so much in an air raid scheme:
“Everybody loves getting the ball, so we take all the opportunities we get, do the best we can, and it shows. We’re just proud we got the ball out this game.”

JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER MARQUISE BROWN

On the atmosphere of the game:
“It felt like last year, just back and forth, back and forth. They have a good offense and we just wanted to keep fighting. That what we preached all week: just keep fighting.”

On if he feels 100 percent:
“The past three weeks, even though I haven’t been 100 percent, my presence out there, I think it helps the team out. So whatever I have to do, I do it for the team. I just love being out there.”

On the balance of the offense:
“It says a lot. Those guys, they really work hard, but a lot of credit really goes to our O-line, our O-line is a big part of our success for running and passing the ball. All we have to do is do our jobs.”

SOPHOMORE CORNERBACK TRE BROWN

On how much 2-point defense is emphasized during practice:
“Oh man, it’s big. We go through special teams every week, we were going through the fakes and everything, thinking that they were going to fake us out. But we really, we didn’t really see that coming. But, I feel like they watch Texas Tech, that they could do something weird. We just changed the mindset of the game.”

On the cornerbacks making the play when the defense needed it:
“I mean they gave us a stat, it was a fun fact stat that OSU had the same number of explosive plays as we did. So we knew we were working with, like ‘wow they’re going to throw the ball downfield’. They’re going to do what they do best, so we just got to cover it. Being in this league there’s going to be some good games, there’s going to be some bad games. You just can’t be discouraged, you got to do your job.”

On how it felt to make a game winning play:
“I mean I feel like it was written for me. You know, I talked to
my mom before, and I mean there’s a reason for everything. You know, my faith is really high, so when I was lined up (Tylan Wallace), I talked to my mom before the play that even happened. I knew they were going to come at me. I mean growing up watching the game and being able to make such a big play, that was really a blessing. Like I said before, I talked to my mom before the game, I mean before that play and made a play, and like ‘wow this is amazing’, you know, it was really emotional at the same time trying to keep everything in.”

JUNIOR LINEBACKER CALEB KELLY
On if it’s tough to stay positive when they continue to score: “I’m going to be honest, I don’t even look at the score very often. I’m trying to fix things, I’m trying to see what’s going on, and focused on getting plays right.”

On if he’s happy being moved back outside: “I get to play football. I’m not going to be mad about that.”

SOPHOMORE LINEBACKER KENNETH MURRAY
On his overall impression on the night: “We have some improvements to make, but at the end of the day, no win is a bad win. We continue to fight and we continue to do what our coaches tell us, beginning in drive one. I feel like as a defense, as a whole, that’s what we did. Obviously, some stuff didn’t go our way, but we continue to fight, and at the end of the day we got a win. We beat Oklahoma State today, and that’s what matters.”

On the team’s resiliency: “In tough environments, in tough moments, we’re taught to fight. That’s something we have from the jump. When things don’t go our way, we fall back on that and we get the job done.”

On how the defense can improve moving forward: “Situations on pass defense, situations on run defense. Getting off on third down, we can improve on. It’s up to us to get that done. We have the right guys in place, we have the right coaching staff in place; we know what we need to do. This week is going to be a great week for us to go out there and tighten things up.”

On fighting through adversity: “This defense, we’re going to get up and we’re going to fight every day. No matter what, that’s what you can count on from us. If we play good or we play bad, we’re going to fight. I can give you that 100 percent.”

REDSHOT JUNIOR QUARTERBACK KYLER MURRAY
On the final drive: “We knew once the defense got that stop, there was no time left. We just got to win the game; that was the mindset. I think we did that when we needed to. Obviously, there was some times during the game where we would have a costly penalty here or there or a negative play that would kind of mess up our drive, but we got the job done tonight.”

On OU’s offense: “Again, we’ve got the best offensive line in the country. Those guys played phenomenal tonight; running backs running the ball great, receivers blocked well, caught the ball well. I think we played really well on offense tonight. I trust everybody on the offense. We were able to run the ball all we wanted to tonight, so I don’t think that had anything to do with it. I think we really wanted to show physicality and we dominated upfront.”

On the final drive with Marquise Brown: “I think it was a good play for us. Third and long, I could’ve forced the ball to outfield, but sticking with my reads, throwing the ball underneath to Marquise [Brown]. Obviously, people watching were like ‘Why are you throwing that or whatever?’, but you trust your reads and get the ball to a playmaker and he makes a play. I think that was a big play for us.”

On another gear for OU’s offense: “I always feel like that. You go back on Sunday and watch the game and you’re just like ‘If we could’ve done this right or if we wouldn’t have done this, how much better could we be?’ I think everybody needs to feel like that. We are never satisfied, so I think that is why we continue to put up the numbers we do. We know the urgency, we know what’s at stake for us as an offense and we want to be the best in the country.”

On finding that gear as a team: “As a team, we’ve just got to keep playing. We’ve got to play better all-around football. Offensively limit mistakes, limit costly penalties, negative plays. Defensively, you’ve talked to them all night. We all know what we need to get better at and know what needs to happen.”
SENIOR KICKER/PUNTER AUSTIN SIEBERT

On making every kick:
“When it came down to it, we did. Good thing we won.”

On setting the OU and Big 12 points record:
“I really did not know when I set it. I was thinking if that was the one or not. But then they announced it and the crowd went pretty wild. That was pretty cool. I got to see that and take all of that in. That was really cool.”

On his final Bedlam matchup:
“It did not disappoint that is for sure. It came down to the wire and last year’s game came down to the wire as well. It is ‘Championship November’ and we found a way and we broke some records doing it.”

On what it is like to break a record in this type of game:
“It is very special. I will remember that forever. But at the end of the game we still have two more games and we are still going for the Big 12 Championship goal and the playoff run so that is my main focus right now.”

On what it is like as a kicker and a punter to have something tangible:
“A lot of kickers and punters get overlooked. That is just the position and we are used to that. But now that my name is in the record books I think that is really cool to go back and look at tell my kids and my family in 20 or 30 years from now and say this is what I did back in college. It is definitely really cool to think about.”
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OKLAHOMA STATE HEAD COACH MIKE GUNDY
Opening Statement:
“That was a heck of a college football game. We could probably talk about a lot. We made a couple mistakes in the game and they didn’t, but I’m very proud of our guys to come down and compete and play hard. They bought in, practiced hard and showed a good culture. It was a hell of a college football game. You sure would’ve liked to complete that last pass, but sometimes things don’t go your way. I told the team that I couldn’t be any more proud of them. They came to the fight and stood tall. As a coach, that’s all you can ask, for guys to buy in, practice hard and when it comes time to play, to play. I’m very excited about them standing toe-to-toe. We made a lot of plays and it was a fun game.”

On his decision to go for two:
“As the game was going back and forth, being on the road and struggling stopping them, it was probably the best thing. We had a shot at it, just didn’t make a good throw.”

On their preparation for the two-point conversion:
“We go into every game with a two-point play. We had man coverage and a guy on a flat route, just didn’t make a good throw.”

On his defense’s performance:
“We made a couple adjustments at halftime. They’re big and they’re good at their double-pull play - 1 (Kyler Murray) is fantastic. He’s tough to deal with. There were times we would have him wrapped up and he made plays here and there. We didn’t start the game very good. If we’d have just played a little better earlier, maybe it would’ve been different, but there were probably 200 plays in the game.”

On the loss of Justice Hill:
“It factored in some. I thought they did a great job of rallying to overcome that, though.”

On how he felt Taylor (Cornelius) played:
“He played good, right - 34 of 53 for over 500 yards – so he played pretty good. He ran the ball effectively at times on a couple scrambles and draws, so he played really good.”

On Matt Ammendola’s inconsistencies:
“He’s not been kicking good of late, that’s for sure, so we’ll have to address that issue tomorrow and come up with the best solution. He missed a couple against Texas that were pretty moderate kicks for this level, and Baylor was a different deal, but here, he should’ve made those kicks. So we’ll have to address that issue.”

On if everyone was on board for going for two:
“Well I’m the only guy that matters. I don’t give a (crap) what they think. They pay me to do that, so that way y’all can criticize me. We’d made the decision I think two drives before.”

On Kyler Murray and his defensive backs’ performance:
“I’d have to look, but not bad. The issue you have is that you can’t contain him. He buys so much time and bounces around back there so you really have to assess it on, ‘OK, I covered for three and a half seconds, was I in decent position and in the right spot?’, but when you get up around six seconds, it’s pretty tough to cover. He just makes a lot of things happen and he’s faster live than he is on TV. He buys so much time, so we’d have to look and see, but we stressed this week to stay in coverage and not come off coverage and I think we did OK. We got more (pressure) than I thought we could get on him. But, in the first half we’d have it on him several times and couldn’t get ahold of him.”
REDSHIRT SENIOR QUARTERBACK TAYLOR CORNELIUS:
On how he felt about the way he played:
“Good, until the last play of the game. I just tried to place the ball instead of throwing it. He was open, I just should’ve hit him where he could catch the ball.”

On what was going through his mind when Coach Gundy said they were going for two:
“We had decided before the drive even started that we were going to go for two. We knew that going in, and we scored, so we knew what we were going to do. We were confident in that play and worked on it the past couple weeks. I just failed to execute.”

On what this win would have meant for him:
“It would’ve been huge. To beat those guys on their home field is what it’s all about.”

SENIOR SAFETY KENNETH EDISON-MCGRUDER
On the team’s performance:
“We fought hard and we know the season is not over. Knowing that we have at least two more games, maybe three, we have to go out there and continue to fight and practice hard.”

SOPHOMORE SAFETY MALCOLM RODRIGUEZ
On the emotion of the defense:
“We have to just go out there and continue to play and compete every game and snap no matter what.”

On being close in recent games:
“I feel like we are always close in tough games. I feel like if we get over some mistakes, we will be able to accomplish (some of these goals).”

RS-SENIOR LINEBACKER JUSTIN PHILLIPS
On containing Kyler Murray and the OU passing game:
“I think we played well. You have to just try and limit those big plays. I think we were able to contain them pretty well - coverage down the field was pretty good. We have to just look at the film and see what happened.”

On watching the two-point conversion from the sideline:
“It was one of those moments where your eyes are closed, and you pray that they get it. Unfortunately, they didn’t get it, so we just have to go out there and try to get a stop or get the ball on the onside kick ... I watched the big screen and my hopes were up when we decided to go for it and I was confident. The mindset I had was, let’s go for it and win it.”

RS-FRESHMAN RUNNING BACK CHUBA HUBBARD
On the fumble:
“I got twisted up kind of weird. I should have had two hands on the ball obviously and it just got away from me.”

On the mindset going for the two-point conversion:
“We all knew that we were going to go for it. It was a good play call and when you try your best, it sometimes doesn’t go your way.”

SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER TYLAN WALLACE
On Oklahoma State’s fourth down conversion for a touchdown:
“I knew at that moment that the ball was going to come to me. I knew I had to make the catch and get in there for us.”

On what he expected from OU’s defense on the play:
“We worked that look all week so we knew that I was going to be open, but I knew there was a safety in the middle of the field, so I knew I was going to take a hit and knew I’d have to hold on to it. ... That’s exactly how we worked it all week. We knew it was going to be exactly like that.”

RS-FRESHMAN WR BRAYDON JOHNSON
On the loss:
“We were on the edge of our seat. It was a fun game. ... It always hurts when you lose close. When you lose by a point, it always hurts more because you know you could’ve done something better to help the team win.”

On the team’s mentality going forward:
“Like Coach Gundy said, after a loss, tomorrow, we’ve got to practice. We’ve got to watch film on West Virginia. They’re next. We can’t dwell on this forever when we’ve got another game next week. We’ve got to get to work.”