



Team Arrival – Oklahoma
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Oklahoma Safety Patrick Fields

Question: How was the trip down?

Fields: Pretty good. Fell asleep on the plane, got here quick or the flight was quicker than I thought.

Question: Have you ever been to San Antonio before?

Fields: I've been one time when I was like a little kid. I was scared to meet 'Shamu', the big whale. So hopefully — I'm supposed to swim with the dolphin — I'm redeeming myself.

Question: Did you volunteer for that? Or were you told to do that?

Fields: No, they called me and asked me. I said 'yeah.'

Question: How have practices been leading up to this week?

Fields: I think it's been pretty dynamic, especially having Coach Stoops back around and he kind of picks the energy up with everything. And also kind of like a known standard of the way to practice. Coach Stoops has the background he does have, you know, all of us are playing for a Hall of Fame coach and you definitely understand that and the way we conduct ourselves during practice, so I think it's been fun for us and dynamic for us and everybody just rallies around him.

Question: You've seen some of the tape now on Oregon. What are some of the challenges that they present on the offensive side of the ball?

Fields: Quarterback is a very good player. Dual threat quarterback can make a lot of plays with his arm and his legs. Especially to get down in the red zone, they tend to go to him a lot. He's our go to guy, so I think that's going to be a challenge. And I think they just have a lot of dynamic skill players as they always had dating back to De'Anthony Thomas and all those guys. And it's the same thing obviously with their skill players and then you know, I think they got a good scheme. They play really well to their strengths and what they do best. They run the ball extremely well — top 25 team in run. Also, I believe they're top in the country in third down conversion, and so that's kind of what we're focused on.

Question: This is obviously a business trip, but at the same token, you got to have fun. How do you get some of these younger guys to okay, have fun, but when it's business time, let's get down to business?

Fields: I think as college athletes we're kind of used to it already because a lot of us are kind of like, quote unquote, 'the man on campus,' so we kind of battle that every single day. But I think we do a good job as a team and we have a lot of mature young guys who played early for us as true freshmen, so they kind of already understand and know what goes into things, but I think we'll do a good job. We do a good job of staying together and making sure we hold our position groups accountable. That way, you know, we know if guys need a little bit of guidance or direction back to the right path, we're there for him.

Question: So now that you're down in San Antonio, Mexican food or barbecue?

Fields: I think I'm going Mexican food.

Question: Any favorite item?

Fields: Oh, I just learned what horchata was, I think I said that right, maybe a couple weeks ago, so that's not a food, but that's mind blowing to me how good it is, so I'm going to get one of those. And then food man, I don't know. I eat anything, so I'm going to have a lot of chances to eat some food.