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## Ed Orgeron

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ED ORGERON: What a game. What a game. Great night for college football. Give Texas credit; they fought to the very end. That quarterback is a great player. I think he has a phenomenal future. Their receivers played phenomenal tonight. I thought their offense was hard to stop, gave us problems. But how about our offense, man? 573 total offensive yards, 102 rushing, 471 passing, three receivers over 100 yards, I think that's the first time that's happened in LSU history. Five out of five in the red zone. We were -1 on turnover margin, which we didn't like. Proud of our football team. Man, what an epic battle. Proud of Cade York going out there and making those field goals. Proud of the defense making that goal line stand. We don't stop them on the goal line we're dead. That's the difference in the ballgame.

We were going to go four minutes, Steve said we can pass the ball and make some 1st downs. I said, go get it. And thank God he did, that 3rd down and 17 saved us. That was a great call and a great catch and what can we say about our quarterback. Tremendous job by him. Questions?

### **Q. (Question about the offense.)**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, I felt, especially with the quarterback and the receivers we have, but calling with Steve and Joe and the game planning was phenomenal, and they had them. They felt they could get us in the right play according to the coverage they did, and they did it so many times. But you know what, give the credit to our players. The plays that they made were phenomenal.

### **Q. What do you see on 3rd and 17 when it's right in front of you?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, thank God. Thank God. I knew when they get the ball back, we couldn't stop them. Just to be honest, we couldn't stop them. I think if they'd have got the ball back I think it would have been a different story. It was a phenomenal call, a phenomenal catch, a phenomenal play.

### **Q. What's the mentality to have a six-point lead on the road in a place like this?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, first of all, we felt like we could do it. Second of all we felt like we had to score another



touchdown. We didn't feel like that six-point lead was good enough, and we had to go up two touchdowns to win the game, and that was the thinking.

### **Q. (No microphone.)**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, to win this game in that type of atmosphere gives us a lot of confidence in our football team, because you know what, we're going to come against some opponents just as good or better and we have to go on the road and win like that. But I think the more that he matures in this offense, the better off we're going to be.

### **Q. How important was it to have Justin Jefferson in there, it seemed like he was able to get open any time in the game.**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, again, we felt the game plan we could create some mismatches, we could create some one-on-ones. When they had zone coverage there was a bunch of holes there. When you blitz, there's going to be holes in the coverage. We had to protect for some time. We didn't protect, but when we did protect, there was big holes there.

### **Q. What was the Joe's demeanor kind of going into the fourth and delivering that touchdown pass? How big was that?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, that was awesome. Man, he was so fired up. The kid is a baller. He lives for that moment, and I'll tell you what, those were some tough plays. It was loud out there, and he got it done.

### **Q. (No microphone.)**

ED ORGERON: You know, I don't know that. I know that we have a good football team. I've always felt like we had a good football team. But there's some things we've got to better on defense. We can't give up 38 points and get where we want to go. We got some one-on-one mismatches, we didn't get enough rush, we missed some tackles, some of our best players missed some tackles. So we have to get better and take it one game at a time. We have to be hungry, we have to be humble, look at the things we did wrong and get better at them.

### **Q. What kind of performance was this for Marshall and Chase? What does that do for their confidence?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, you look at Marshall and Chase.

Marshall was the No. 1 receiver in the country. Ja'Marr Chase was the No. 1 player in the state of Louisiana coming back. So we knew they were good players. But you know, I'm so proud of this offense. We were able to give them the ball in space and let them make plays.

**Q. You mentioned the defensive stand there, the goal line stop. How were you able to pull that off?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, we knew the quarterback was going to run the football. There was no question about that. And when the ball got within the six-inch line, we submarined and that helped and we knocked them back. Then they got into a formation that we knew the ball was going to be a sweep, so it was great recognition, great coaching by our coaching staff and great play by our players.

**Q. Any extra sense of personal satisfaction for you to win --**

ED ORGERON: Zero. This will never be about me, this is about our team. I'm just glad we won, man.

**Q. The second half, do you feel like that was a matter of them wearing down in the heat?**

ED ORGERON: I think it was a matter of a lot of things. Schematically they had us, we wasn't getting enough rush, we were getting beat one-on-one, guys were wide open. We've got to go back and look at what we did and evaluate what can we do better. There was people wide open, there was too many penalties, there was not enough rush, overall I don't think we were very good on defense. We know that. We didn't tackle well in space. We couldn't stop them.

**Q. (Indiscernible) was that due to the heat?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, I think we felt like it was not that hot. And we came in at halftime, usually we have a bunch of guys, but none of them needed it. But in the second half they started cramping up. Most of it was cramp but some of it was ankle sprain, some of them were knees, they were hurt a little bit. That was a war out there.

**Q. Can you understand how wild it looked for those of us who have watched LSU for a number of years?**

ED ORGERON: Well, it's a division that I always had when we took over, and we finally got there. It took a couple of miscues to get there, but we're finally there and we have the coaches to do it, we have the receivers to do it, we have the quarterback to do it, and we're going to get better. We're going to keep on getting better in this system.

**Q. You were able to corral Ehlinger a couple of times. What was your assessment of that?**

ED ORGERON: Phenomenal player. Better than we

thought he was. I thought he was a good player going in, this guy is a phenomenal football player. He wanted to take the game on his back, and he practically did, but you know what, those receivers he has are pretty talented, too. Their running game was good. Their offensive line blocked better than we had seen them block before. They were ready to play.

**Q. Did you feel like you were going to get locked into a game with this many yards?**

ED ORGERON: Uh-huh, no, never.

**Q. How do you kind of adjust to that in the middle of the game?**

ED ORGERON: We're going to look at the film. We're going to see what we did wrong, if it's the call, if it's the technique, if it's the person. We've got to get it fixed. We're not going to win a whole bunch of games giving up 38 points per game.

**Q. Do you think that might just be the price you pay for having an up-tempo offense that runs like that?**

ED ORGERON: No, not at all, nuh-huh.

**Q. You mentioned Cade. I guess it was a matter of -- he looked very calm out there.**

ED ORGERON: And y'all will notice he was hurt all week. He didn't kick all week. Tremendous job by him. He was hurt Tuesday, couldn't kick. We asked him all week, Jack got him better, Coach Mac did a great job, he came in and did a phenomenal job of kicking.

**Q. What do you think it means to schedule a game like this? You can play a team at home that you know you can beat, but you come here, you could lose and you win. Is it a high reward to come here and pull this off?**

ED ORGERON: I don't mind. I like it. Hey, we compete. We've got to go out there and compete. Last year we had to compete at Miami. But I'm sure glad we're playing Northwestern next week.

**Q. You mentioned ankles and knees. Did any offensive players get that or was it mostly defensive?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, it looked like mostly the defense. I don't think we had any injuries on the offense. A couple of defensive guys got carted off. I think there will be a couple weeks on a couple of guys. I'm not sure yet, we'll see.

**Q. Normally these games are kind of neutral site. How big of a difference did you notice tonight?**

ED ORGERON: They had a crowd, man. It was nice. It was good. We're going to need to win on the road. This was good for our team. Obviously I can tell you it's good because we won the game, but there was some

adversity that hit, that crowd got loud, that team kept on battling, and we had to battle. We're going to look at the tape, see who was battling in key situations. We had to make plays, we made plays on offense but we didn't make many plays on defense tonight.

**Q. Going into that last drive, where Joe threw the touchdown to Justin did Steve want to be aggressive going into that drive?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, yes. I said, hey, man, what do you think about four-minute offense. He goes, no, we're going to pass the ball, go down there and score. I said, go ahead.

**Q. What did you think about Derek Stingley's performance today?**

ED ORGERON: Yeah, I thought he played good. Obviously had some pass breakups. He fought for that ball at the end right there, and I thought he might have had it. I don't think he had any penalties, I'm not sure. I thought he played a good game.