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"The only qualifications for a lineman are to be big and dumb. To be a back, you only have to be dumb."

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"Oh, we played about like three tons of buzzard puke this afternoon."

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"We live one day at a time and scratch where it itches."

Darrell Royal / Texas

"We didn't tackle well today but we made up for it by not blocking."

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"Three things can happen when you throw the ball, and two of them are bad ."

Darrell Royal/University of Texas (I always thought this was a Frank Broyles Quote)

"I've found that prayers work best when you have big players."

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