



Please see below for select quotes from this afternoon's VRBO Citrus Bowl head coaches press conference with James Franklin and Mark Stoops.

Penn State head coach James Franklin

On being selected for the VRBO Citrus Bowl:

"I can't tell you how much we appreciate this opportunity. Our players are really excited; coaches are really excited. Obviously, this is a historic bowl game and we're looking forward to have the opportunity to play Kentucky — a program and a coach that we have great respect for. Obviously, I've been a head coach in the SEC, and am very familiar with this conference and what coach has been able to do in a historic season for Kentucky. So I think it's going to be a great game, I think it's going to be a tremendous challenge and a great opportunity and I'm just looking forward to spending a little bit more time with this team, and specifically our senior players. Those guys have been special for our program over the last four or five years.

On facing Kentucky:

I've watched them on TV a few times and obviously I know Coach Stoops quite well and I've got tremendous respect for him and that program. ... We got all their film in this afternoon and the GAs are already breaking it down, the coaches all have their laptops while they're on the road recruiting so we can start watching tape on them.

Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops

On being selected for the VRBO Citrus Bowl:

"We are honored to be a part of this great bowl and looking forward to it. It's going to be a real challenge playing a great team in Penn State. We embrace that challenge and are looking forward to the opportunity of getting down there, getting in some sunshine, enjoying the weather and competing in a great game."

On his team:

We are very proud of this team and the work they have done and the coaching staff. To be able to represent our great university in a New Year's Day game in Florida against Penn State ... it means a lot.