

83rd East-West Shrine Game
January 19, 2008
Robertson Stadium Houston, Texas
West, 31 East, 13

West Head Coach Mike White

On the experience coaching in the East West Shrine game:

"I'm happy for the Shriners organization. I'm so happy for all the children that the Shriners provide for. These players have been great, and I have just enjoyed being back on the field and having fun again. I really appreciated the experience. And it was great being included with Dick Vermeil - he's my best friend - and that never gets old getting to beat your friends. It was a great win and a lot of fun to be a part of."

East Head Coach Dick Vermeil

On his evaluation of the game:

"We dropped too many passes, we threw too many interceptions, gave up a punt return, an interception return but other than that we had a wonderful chance to win."

On his experience coaching the game at Robertson Stadium:

"The kids all played hard, they tried hard. We just dropped too many passes from the quarterbacks and missed too many guys when they had them open."

Defensive MVP Arizona Linebacker Spencer Larson

On his expectations for this game:

"Just working with the coaches who have been around for so long. They have been around for so long and they know the game so well. They know what it takes to get the job done. I learned things just think week about being a linebacker that is invaluable to me."

On his plans after college:

"Maybe I will play in the senior bowl next week we will see how I feel. Then I will head to the NFL Combine and hopefully get picked by a team that can use me in a good situation and go on and have fun playing the game."

On being named Defensive MVP:

"It's great. Anytime you can do well in a game like this it boosts your confidence when you go to the next level."

Offensive MVP San Diego Quarterback Josh Johnson

On his performance:

"I just did what the defense gave me. They gave me runs and they gave me passes. I didn't want to go out there and do anything spectacular, I just want to play the game of football the only way I know how."

On how his performance impressed NFL scouts tonight:

"I hope I did. There is always room to improve on. I still have a chance at the combine and my pro day so I'm really getting ready for those right now. I just wanted to come out and show that I can play at this level and that's what I did, show them that I belong here."

On the defensive strategy against him:

“At times they gave me passes and at times they gave me runs. In the two-minute (offense) they gave me a lot of underneath opportunities. I was able to make a couple of scrambles when they covered the check down, that’s when they forgot about me. I just took what they gave me and just played within our offense and just made plays when I had to and gave my teammates the opportunity to make a play and we came out with the win.”