



Head Coach Brent Brennan Postgame Quotes 9/30/17

Opening Statement:

“Congratulations to Coach (Tony) Sanchez and UNLV. They played better than us. They’re doing a great job trying to get this program going here. You can tell that they are further ahead than we are. We probably had some chances to make it fun, to make it competitive, and small mistakes that led to unfavorable outcomes continue to plague us. So, we’ve got a lot to do fixing the penalties and the punt protection and some of that stuff. I thought our kids fought throughout the game. I thought they battled, throughout the whole game. It was some real good performances from some freshman, some true freshman. We had a running back (Tyler Nevens) have a good game as a true freshman, and we had a receiver (Tre Walker) have a good game as a true freshman. Josh Love (quarterback) did some great stuff throwing the football. So, I’m encouraged with some of the bright spots. Obviously, I’m disappointed with the outcome, it’s not anywhere near we want to be and it’s not good enough.”

On UNLV’s defense coming in ranked lower, and SJSU’s breakdown’s that cause its defense inconsistencies:

“It’s penalties; it’s a holding penalty, it’s a procedure penalty. You know, we had a true freshman receiver moved right before the ball, it was a run play and he didn’t have to. That’s up to us and coach him right.”

On what the team needs to do defensively to stop giving up the big play:

“That’s a hard thing, because that’s a really good offensive team (UNLV). You know, their tailback (Lexington Thomas), quarterback (Armani Rogers) and their receiver (Devonte Boyd) are excellent, excellent players. Some of those situations it comes down to one-on-one matchups making a tackle in the hole on a good back or making the play on a receiver down the field or tackling Armani outside in space, and, obviously, we didn’t do that enough tonight.”

On using turning the adversity of the past few games into a positive for the future:

“I think every week we’re back to the drawing board. We’ve been a little beat up, so we’ve got some people out there that haven’t played a lot of football. And we need our seniors and our leaders to step up and push the team and they need to lead. That’s something that we’re going to talk about a lot as a team this week going into our game against Fresno State. The future of this football team is dependent on the leadership, from me to the guys that have played the most football here, and we needed everybody to step up and lead us the right way.”