

Head Coach Tony Sanchez Postgame Quotes 9/30/17 vs. San Jose State

Opening Statement:

"I'm really happy for my players, our coaches, and everybody in the organization. They put a lot of time and effort in. It's always good to get that win and have these guys feel good about their hard work. I thought we did some good things on offense in the first half and defensively kind of struggled a little bit, and found ourselves in the second half. Defense played a good second half, gave up some yards, but had some really important stops. Offensively, we had that one drive that was nice early on, and then sputtered. Our guys have got to do a better job of understanding the situational football, even though you had the lead and still have time on the clock, you still have to have that same intensity the entire time. And part of that, in the building of this program is teaching these young guys you never play the clock, you just play the game. Every snap is just as important at the end as it is in the beginning, and I thought we faltered with that a little bit. Extremely proud of Johnny Stanton, he came to us a couple weeks ago, said he wasn't playing quarterback, could he help out in some other areas. Then we threw him on special teams, and he comes in and blocks that punt. That speaks to what kind of person he is. Excited about the game and the win, and ready to go back to work."

Talking about Armani Rogers' composure throughout the game:

"Armani is a great kid and has done a great job. I'm really proud of his maturation. We're tough on him. I thought early on he did some good things and there were some great learning opportunities in that second half, learning how to not take some many shots and getting down. For him to come out in that first half and go 7-7 and execute that offense the way he did and run the ball and extend plays. Every week he's becoming a better and better football player and that's why we recruited him."