



**Quotes
Cal Poly
vs. San José State
September 2, 2017**



Head Coach Brent Brennan

Opening Statement...

I thought our defense was lights out. Coach Odum put a great plan together and executed it. It's exciting to see them having fun and making plays. I thought offensively we kept shooting ourselves in the foot early but then settled in. Montel gave us a spark, that was obvious. He extended plays, made throws and mixed it up to receivers. That helped us get the running game going from all the backs, especially Zamore Zigler and Malik Roberson. Packer did some nice things for us too.

On coping with the heat...

Our training staff did a great job preparing all week with the hydration plan. Then the kids did a great job when they were away from the staff. We were able to play fast and with high intensity, and the heat didn't affect us as much as we thought.

On Montel Aaron...

Montel made a step in the direction to being the guy. That's something we'll evaluate as a staff going forward. Montel gave us a spark which was evident to anyone who was watching.

On Frank Ginda and the defense...

Frank was incredible. He's such a tough guy. He plays so hard all the time. I'm proud of that kid. He was a game changer today. I put the defense in a tough spot a few times. They didn't flinch, and that's going to be our attitude.

Owen Roberts

On knocking the ball loose...

We worked on flying around in practice and causing turnovers. We did that in the game, and it helped us win.

On going against Cal Poly run game...

We knew coming in that they were going to try and pound us up front. We were up to the challenge, and we were ready for it.

On the heat...

We didn't let the weather bother us. We were there to do our jobs and play football. When it was game time, all we were focused on was Cal Poly.

Tre Hartley

On Montel Aaron...

I thought he was great. We didn't know who it was going to be going in. We all stuck together, and Montel came in and made some plays. He threw me a touchdown so I can't hate on him.

On Zamore Zigler...

I wish I had that speed. He's like a lightning bolt. It's amazing to see the way he hits the hole. He's going to have a great season.

Montel Aaron

I think I did alright. I made some mistakes that I'll see on film tomorrow. I'll work on them and try to get better for next week. Coach said to be ready when my number gets called and that's what I try to do.

On if he feels he has the starting job...

I wouldn't necessarily say I have the starting job. We're not worried about that. We have a lot of trust in the quarterback room. Whoever gets their number called, they're going to be ready to ball out.

On redshirting last year...

Redshirting was a huge experience for me. I'll never take it for granted. I got to travel everywhere last year and see a lot of things and that helped me be ready for games this year.

On the running game..

We are a full team out there when we're firing on all cylinders. When we have both the pass and the run games going, I feel like we're unstoppable.