

San Jose State Postgame Quotes  
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The Fresno State game

Head coach Ron Caragher:

“I’m excited – a great win for the Spartans in a ‘rival game.’ I was very encouraged by the way our team played tonight. In the first half, it wasn’t stellar, we shot ourselves in the foot several times. We had a couple of opportunities to capitalize. We came in at halftime. ‘The bad news, we didn’t play great. The good news is we’re only down seven. This game is reachable. Let’s send our senior off with a win. Let’s finish the season on a high note.’

“I’m really proud how we came out in the second half. We kicked off. Defense held them 3-and-out. Offense got the ball. Though we didn’t score touchdowns, in a game with this weather when everything easily becomes sloppy, we moved the chains effectively and we capitalized with field goals at the end of our drives. Nine points we got in the second half. We shut them out in the second half. Defense gave up only 47 yards in the second half.

Deontae Cooper, the offensive line did a good job. The quarterback run game – Kenny (Potter) ran the ball effectively. All in all, it was a team win. I’m really, really encouraged by the team win – what the guys did and what it means for the seniors. I’m very proud of those guys to be able to go out on a high note.”

(On the defense in the second half): “Coach English and the defensive staff called a great game in the second half. Isaiah Irving and Andre Chachere, Frank Ginda, just played stellar ‘D.’ It’s so nice to see them play outstanding football as a unit. To hold a team to 47 yards, I know the conditions were tough, but they were tough for both of us on both sides of the ball.

We found a way to overcome a deficit. We moved the ball effectively in the second half and the defense was able to stop them.

(On a second half adjustments and a comeback): “It was more of an emphasis of, ‘We’ve got to do our job. We had to open our eyes to their quarterback run game. They had a nice run, their quarterback Kline (for a touchdown). We had to stay home and be disciplined on those zone reads. All in all, I was encouraged.