



**Quotes
UNLV
vs. San José State
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Head Coach Ron Caragher

Opening Statement

I thought on offense we took our shots, and we were able to connect and make big plays. We moved the ball down field. When you take those longer plays, you become vulnerable to a sack, but we always have to take our shots down the field. It was nice to connect on a few of those. I thought we did a good job there. But I really want to point out our defense and the way they played from the get go. They played really good through the first three quarters pressuring them, forcing them into third downs and then stopping them. That's three weeks in a row that we've won the turnover battle. Not only does it stop the opponent, but it gives the offense more opportunities. Open field tacking was very solid.

On defense starting strong...

It's really important. Last couple games the offense was a little slow and the defense helped us. Tonight we started a little slow, but the defense was great and kept us there. We have some young guys - Trevon Bierria, Bryson Bridges and Owen Roberts. Besides the hands to the face penalty, it was just a really good effort by our defense.

On Crawford's field goals...

One of the biggest ways those field goals are important is because you don't want to come off the field after a long drive without any points. To be able to cash in and get three points, it's not the touchdown we wanted, but the field goals add up. Lawrence Fan informed me that is two of his longest field goals. We're really proud of Bryce for continuing to improve.

On Tim Crawley...

As we know, he's a senior and an outstanding ambassador for our university. He's a great player. He caught for over 100 yards and rushed for over 30 more with a touchdown. You can see the versatility of what he brings to the table. He took advantage of the situation and was a key figure for our football team tonight.

Tim Crawley

On the rushing TD...

It was a receiver reverse, and I'm just following Shane Smith. He does a great job blocking on the perimeter and inside. I know I just had to stay patient and stay behind him.

On difference between first and second half...

I think a lot of it had to do with us not executing. A lot of the time this year, we look back and see a lot of errors and mistakes we made that froze our offensive rhythm. I think we could have done a better job executing in the second half. But when we needed that extra yard or a first down or a third down conversion, we came through.

On the end of the game...

I get really nervous. I have pretty bad anxiety. When I saw them driving I was pulling my hair out. As soon as he made that interception, it was elation on the sideline. I'm proud of him (Bierria) for making the play, and I'm proud of the defense as a whole for coming through when we needed them.

On the win...

I think it's big because it boosts our confidence. Games on the road are much tougher than the ones at home. So, whenever we can win at home to give us confidence going into next week, that's big.

Tre Hartley**On the way the team played...**

I think it went pretty good. We schemed all week and went to practice knowing we had to get a win. It was important to go out and execute, and for the most part, we did that. We know we can do better.

On the offense in the first half...

We just took advantage of looks from the defense. Nothing is perfect - no perfect routes or passes, even though Kenny is close to it. We just made plays.

Christian Tago**On the performance...**

We had a good game overall. The offense came out and attacked them. The defense did pretty good. We let up a little in the second half. Overall it was great performance. It's a testament to our team. A lot of teams might have packed it in, but we're out here still fighting.

On stopping the run...

The past couple of years, our run defense could be called suspect. But it's a whole different defense with aggression and emotion, and it's great to have guys out there just doing their job.