San Jose State University postgame quotes

Head Coach Ron Caragher:

"Well that was a tough lost for the Spartans. I think we started off slowly and both halves, we were mirroring each other. The first quarter and the third quarter we started off slowly and it was tough to get out of that rut that we were in. They bounced on us; they made some nice touchdown runs, and we failed to go down and score.

It was a tough one and I think with all that said I was proud of the guys for competing and I think that we didn't quit and we didn't give up and we kept battling. The fourth quarter was evident that the guys kept fighting. We had 21 points to their seven in the fourth quarter we had the ball twice and the opportunity to tie up the game. Unfortunately, we failed and then they got the ball and they got the touchdown and even then we didn't fail, we got the touchdown. Some good things were done."

"Zamore Zigler had a good game and it was tough losing him. He's a young promising star in our program, a freshman and he had nine carries for 90-something yards and he's a good player. It was great to get Kenny Potter back, he had a very valiant effort on his part of competing.

All in all, I think our defense came around and did a good job of stopping our opponent but it did take some time to get to that point and we had that as a concern, they were a fast starting team as we knew and by the time that we got up to that game speed we had dug a little bit of a hole and to answer it we had caught up to their speed and were playing very well, particularly in the late third quarter and the fourth quarter so hats off to the defense. It was just a little too late to win a football game against a good football team."

Tim Crawley (WR):

On overcoming a bad start...

"Well I think it was still early in the game you and there was a lot of game left and we kind of just wanted to bounce back and recover from a bad start."

Mark Amann (LB):

On what happened today...

"You know, playing these kind of offenses, it takes a while to get used to the movements, the different shifts and everything. The first half was not reflective on how well we prepared for it in practice, but second half we got it down, guys were staying in their gaps. See, with this offense you really have to stay in the game and in the gaps because if you don't stay in your gap, they'll squirt out and score like they did in the first half. That was big key that we changed at halftime."