

Utah State Football - Postgame Quotes

Utah State vs. San José State - Nov. 21, 2014

San José State Head Coach Ron Caragher:

"In the first play of the game our starting quarterback goes down with a strained MCL and I didn't feel comfortable putting him back in the game. I feel very good about our No. 2 quarterback. He's a competitor, he's a fighter and he's a winner. I thought our team played really well in the first half. It was 7-7 before they got a long run, and I was very pleased. We won the turnover battle and that's big, that's one of our goals. I think in the second half they wore us down. I am not an excuse-maker, but we've got some young guys playing and I think our guys played hard. Unfortunately it just got away in the second half."

Utah State Head Coach Matt Wells:

"Great job by our players, I'm really proud of them for the way we came out in the second half. It was not as clean of a first half of football as I would have liked, we had a dropped punt and an interception on offense. We didn't contain the quarterback as well as I would have liked early on, but our guys came out and played really well in the second half. We cranked it up a whole other notch and won the game on both sides of the ball.

"Any time you rush for 300 yards the credit goes to those big five guys up front and the two tight ends. Unbelievable performance by Zach Vigil from an individual standpoint, but a lot of that is because of the play of the defensive line. To get to nine wins with everything that has gone on during the season is a testament to the culture and the character of that locker room. We have said around here for a long time that players make plays and players win games. They're the ones out there winning, and again all the credit goes to them. I couldn't be happier for them and for them to have this performance on Senior Night in front of their fans, friends and families to be 6-0 here at Romney Stadium. It's quite an accomplishment. Nobody will ever take that away from them and I am very happy for them. Onward and upward, we're going up to Boise, can't wait to play up there on the blue."

Junior Wide Receiver JoJo Natson:

"In the first half we came out slow on offense. We didn't execute, and it showed with the score. In the second half, we talked it up in the locker room during halftime. We came out and executed. Coach McGiven called the right plays for us, and as you can see, we made plays."

Freshman Quarterback Kent Myers:

"I think the offense played very well today. The first half, we didn't do as well, I think it was 14-7. We knew that to beat them with their defense, we were going to have to score points and keep it going. We just battled out there, and that's what we did to score points."

On his three rushing touchdowns:

"It feels good. It takes me back to my high school days. I just wanted the opportunity, and we game-planned this read throughout the week. I finally had the opportunity to break away, and that's what I did."

Senior Linebacker Zach Vigil:

"I thought the defense was poor in the first half. They ran the ball right down the gut of us. We couldn't hold an edge. They were very efficient running the football, which we knew they had to do, and we still

couldn't stop it. We couldn't make the adjustments. In the second half, we did a much better job controlling the run game and stopping the draw plays because the draws hurt us a lot early on. Overall, I think the defense rallied in the second half, and we played much, much better."

On having a great game in what could be his last game at Romney Stadium:

"It hasn't really set in yet, honestly. I love playing in front of these fans. They were awesome tonight. You heard my brother's name and my own name tonight. It was awesome to hear the love and support they have for us. I'm very humbled and very grateful to have had that experience for the last five years that I've been here. They've been really good to us, and more than anything, I'm just happy we won."