

Navy Post-Game Quotes

Head Coach Ken Niumatalolo

"I think my opening statement is our players. I don't need to say anything. What those guys said ... We played well. Am really happy for our guys, our team. Happy for Keenan, he's healthy, able to get back to his old self. He was trying to come back with a brace, but he was hurt. He continued to grind through, but that break came at a perfect time for us. We're banged up in a lot of places, especially Keenan. Both him and DeBrandon Sanders were able to take their braces off and play at full speeds."

"Those guys practices really hard; had two tough weeks of practice. And they really worked hard. We can't worry about what everybody says, all the critics and this and that. We just went back to work. The foundation of our program is in place. We're not going to go with the whims and the wind and the different thoughts and the trends. We know who we are, we know what it takes, and we've got great kids here. I knew we would bounce back. This is not surprising with the way we practiced. When you guys came to practice I told you we had our best practices this week. I really love (punter) Pablo (Bertrand), but I really love it when he doesn't have to go out there."

On the 98-yard drive

"That was a testament to the fortitude of our guys. It is not what you want. We don't like to be backed up. Most people want to get a first down or change the field. But our guys came to play today against a good team. San Jose State has won a few games in a row. We know how good they are. We played them last year and it went three overtimes. I'm really happy and satisfied to see our players have fun. They've been working hard."

On the defense at the start of the second half

"The start was huge. For them to get some stops definitely helped. We knew it was going to be a grind to try and stop those guys. They put you in a lot of binds. They have great schemes."

On Keenan Reynolds vs. San Jose State

"I think he's healthy again. Just in our practices, guys saw him. I knew this was coming. Everything was in the works. I saw this coming because I saw the way he was running and cutting carefree, back to his old self. I said he was going to have a big game."

Cornerback Kwazell Bertrand

"This is a lot better. Coming off of a couple of losses we needed to get the season back on a roll. We needed to go back to the basics and do what we do and how we play Navy Football. Play hard, run to the ball and make plays. After this win, hopefully we can get on a roll, get some momentum and carry that through the rest of the season."

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Quarterback Keenan Reynolds

"It was nice to be out there brace free. It all goes to execution. It is an 11-man game and we execute as an offense. When we did, we were successful. That's the key, brace or no brace. We just have to stay on the grind. I really felt good about how we practiced. We got back to the basics, sprint downfield and finish the play. That was key ... the way we practiced and prepared was how we played."

On the 98-yard drive

"It really was one play at a time. You can't get caught up in thinking we have to score. It still is one play at a time. You execute one play at a time. Don't worry about the future, don't worry about the past. That was the key to success. Kept trying to remind guys, and kept hearing from the sideline it was one play at a time. Just grind and grind and grind. Next thing you know we are on the other side of the field. Then we just have to finish. We've been talking for all of our two weeks about finishing plays."