



**Quotes  
Nevada  
vs. San José State  
September 27, 2014**



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**San José State Head Coach Ron Caragher**

I was very encouraged with our defense. We played a very good offensive team. I thought our guys played hard and swarmed the ball as well as I've seen. We were disciplined with our execution, and I was very encouraged there.

Special teams played solid. It would have been nice to hit that field goal. Austin felt good about, and fourth and nine is a tough distance.

On the offensive side of the football, I am encouraged. I thought Joe played very solid. Yes, there was a pick six, but the defender just made a great break on the football. The second one he got hit just as he was throwing it.

Joe had a feel for the game tonight. We saw it on some plays where he scrambled out of the pocket well. He found Billy Freeman for a big gain, and that was a good play.

Turnovers were the most frustrating thing. You can't have turnovers and win a football game. And then there were the penalties. We had done well with that in the past, but tonight we were penalized a lot and it was just tough. The timing of the penalties really hurt us. There were a few that I respectfully disagreed with, but you just have to move on.

I told the guys in the locker room that this doesn't shake me one bit. I believe in the players and what we are doing. We can't let this get us down, and we have to bounce back. This is a resilient group of young men and we will persevere.

**TRAVIS RACITI**

What happened on hands to the face call? - It came at an unfortunate time. I was just playing my hardest. Unfortunately my hands slipped up and they called it, as they should have.

Can you still take away a good performance even though you lost? - I think there are always things you can take away. We held them on third down and held them to 14 points.

Last year in same position with a 1-3 start? - Whenever you can look back and reference something like that it gives you a little bit of hope.

**JOE GRAY**

What do you take away from first start? – You can't turn the ball over. One miscue on the handoff exchange, and then you can't have those interceptions.

We can't shoot ourselves in the foot. We can't get across the fifty and then get a penalty. That's what happened tonight and it hurt us.

I felt pretty good (in his first start). I just need to get my feet under me.

We just need to stay together. We are playing good together and are looking forward to next week and getting better.

**FORREST HIGHTOWER**

How do you feel about the defense? – We are encouraged and excited about where the defense is headed. The passing yards are still not good enough for us. We are going to keep working and grinding things out.

Was the plan to make them pass? – We wanted it in our hands. The DB's love the challenge, and we wanted them to pass it against us. It was something we focused on throughout the week.

How frustrating is a loss when you play well? - It's frustrating, and this is a team effort. We weren't perfect on offense or defense. People may think we played well, but it really wasn't because we lost.