



**Quotes
North Dakota
vs. San José State
August 28, 2014**



San José State head coach Ron Caragher

Opening Statement

I was encouraged by the game we had tonight. I liked how we came out fast. I knew there could be mistakes made, but I wanted a perfect effort and that's what I saw. On the defensive side, guys were swarming. On offense, we spread the ball around effectively and ran the ball well. It was nice to see a quarterback play well in his first start. The return of Tyler Ervin is exciting for us as he adds a new dynamic to our offense.

It's about continuing to grow each week. I like that we got a number of players in the game. All in all, it was a good night. We'll go back and watch the film and build from there.

Was the game plan designed for success for Blake Jurich?

I think it's important for him to get off to a good start. He made good decisions, and spread the ball around well. He gained confidence with his throws and that helps his teammates gain more confidence in him which was a positive.

Impressed with defense?

From the moment Greg interviewed and talked about what he wants - the tackling, the breaking down - all of it was implemented in fall and spring and it was implemented again tonight. There was some great open-field tackling, and the players were running hard and fast to the ball. It was a good night on defense.

Tyler Ervin

Did it feel good to get the ball back in your hands?

It felt good, but I couldn't think about that. I just go out there and play.

Immediate boost in return game

I just try to contribute anyway possible. Whether it's rushing or returning I just try and do my best out there for the team.

Blake Jurich's performance

He had a heck of a day. He did a great job running the offense, and he gave us confidence. We are looking forward to moving onto the next game with him.

Thoughts on Auburn

We approach every week the same. We aren't nervous, we're just going to go out there and play the game like we did tonight.

Blake Jurich

What was it like in your debut?

It felt really good. I've been working here for five years now, and this is a dream of mine. I have playmakers around me, and I just try to get the ball to them and have them make plays.

All of our receivers are playmakers. The line did great, and we had no sacks tonight. Then we ran the ball successfully.

Forrest Hightower

The defense was aggressive tonight

That's what we preach during the week, 11 guys to the ball. That's what we did tonight, and it worked for us.

Satisfying performance?

Yes, but it wasn't a perfect game at all. We have stuff to work on, and we will look at the film and go from there. Confidence and camaraderie of the defense is what helped us tonight. We've been playing together for a long time, and that confidence helped us tonight.