

San Jose State University Post Game Quotes

The Nevada game

November 16, 2013

Head Coach Ron Caragher:

Opening comments: "Disappointing, tough loss. Give credit to them, they controlled the ball at the line of scrimmage. They did a nice job on offense and in the run game by putting themselves in good down and distance situations, that's being ahead of the count in play calling. The run game was tough to defend, and we had a tough time defending it."

First half: "We settled for field goals a few too many times, but we came out with points and I was ok with that. We made adjustments at halftime but they looked like the superior team the way they executed well and we did not play to how we needed to in the second half."

Adjustments not working: "They make adjustments too, and their passing game was better off, at least in the third quarter. You make the changes and you see you're there, and my expectations were to come out and put it together in the second half, and we didn't. Didn't capitalize when we had the opportunity."

Bowl Hopes: "I told the guys we need to rally and where is the leadership of this team, how do we want to finish? We need to rally as a group and take care of business. It's across the board, all phases of tonight did not meet the criteria we ask from an execution standpoint."

Defensive concerns: "open field tackling, that's an area we maybe took a step backward. I thought we were better after the Minnesota game, but not tonight."

Sense of Urgency: "Right now I'm focused on this game. We have two games left, how do the seniors want to finish this year? The bowl game is great, but I want to play to our potential and improve, and I don't think we did that tonight."

Wide receiver Chandler Jones:

Second half: "We were moving the ball and we shot ourselves in the foot, we couldn't punch it in. A couple of three and outs led to punts and we stalled ourselves."

Morale: "We all know we have two games left, we have to go out and compete. This week we will come back and regroup, because we have to get back on the grind and get going again, get ready for the big week."

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Keith Smith on..

Not stopping run game: "I don't know if we prepared for the QB run as much, and we didn't have an answer for it. Didn't help we weren't tackling well."

Concerned before facing Navy: "It's good we went through this because now we know what to fix. Nevada came in with a good game plan, and we didn't tackle well so I'm sure we'll work on that a lot in practice."

Tonight's disappointment: "Very, especially with how close we are to being bowl eligible, this is one less game we could have had toward that. We probably underestimated them to be honest, and we have to prepare even better next week."

David Fales on..

Disappointment/Emotions: "It's tough, they did a great job and their offense probably played one of their better games. The plays we needed we didn't get."

Rest of season: "We need to stick together and figure out what we're going to do. We need to learn fast and put it together."

Upset?: "Losing sucks. We have a group of seniors that want it and we're putting in the work, so it's tough. We need to come together and figure it out fast."

Bowl game: "We knew there was no guarantee, take it one week at a time and as you see anyone can come out and play well. When we need a play we need to step up and make it."