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Head Coach Ron Caragher

What a fun and exciting football game to win. They came out fast and sharp, just as we had foreseen. We came out and looked flat and didn't execute well. However, in football and life, if you never give up, you always have a chance, and our guys did that.

David had a heck of a night. Billy Freeman made outstanding catches and plays. He made two huge catches, leapfrogged a guy in the fourth quarter and got the energy going. The offensive line gave Fales time to throw the football and open up the run game. Jarrod Lawson and Tyler Winston are stepping up as freshmen. Chandler Jones had another big night. I am so proud of those guys.

Defensively, we made some mistakes early on but we got better and made stops when we had to make them. I'm proud of this football team. We rectified coming out poorly and played the kind of football we wanted to play.

After the first quarter

I wanted to yell at them and tell them to look at the fans, that we should play for them. During halftime, I told them that we turned things around, and we're only down nine. We can come back in this game. Then we come back and let them score a touchdown, but after that point, we played pretty good football. We looked sloppy in some ways. That we have to clean up, but guys made some big plays.

This comeback win goes to show you that you're never out of it. It gives you confidence that even if you're down, if you keep competing, you can come back. We have the guys who can step up and make the big plays. This shows you the resiliency of this team. That's a credit to the coaches, seniors and the other guys on the sideline.

Play of the defense

When the defense is hitting three and outs, we're eating up the clock. The turnover by Frierson was huge for momentum because we scored off of that short field position. That was big.



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Wide Receiver Chandler Jones

Emotional roller coaster of the game - We've been in a lot of situations like this before so our team was ready for it. We just keep fighting. In the second half, we came out striking.

His first TD - I saw the coverage and we did that at practice. I just took off.

David Fales' play - Fales is just doing his thing now. He comes in every week prepared. In practice, in those situations, he sees the situations like it's a game. He regulates things.

What they said to each other when down 16-0 - On the sideline, everyone knew what we needed to do so we were all just riled up.

Tyler Winston's play - It's not surprising. When he came here he was impressive so we knew we could rely on him. We've had freshmen step up before, but he's doing some big things. When Noel went down, I felt like I needed to be more of a vocal leader. Noel is still there every game helping out. It's unfortunate, but at the same time, it's like having an extra coach on the field.

Key to comeback - Play calling. We stuck with our scheme. Running the ball was working, the offensive line was blocking great and everyone did their job. That's why we were able to come back and get that win.

It was nice to hear the crowd out there. Hearing them out there was huge.

Billy Freeman Fourth and a half-yard play

I knew I needed to get it. We needed it. I knew I was going to be open. We've run that in practice and we executed it. When I saw the safety come up the ball, I knew I'd be open.

On the Hurdle - We were jacked. It was a fun play. Two weeks ago at Colorado State, I got table topped so it worked out. This year has been a blast. We all play for each other. We have a lot of freshmen stepping up.



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David Fales

On his night - Our theme has been that no matter what happens, we'll stick together. We had a rough first quarter, and we hurt ourselves a lot. But we made it happen. We had a lot of guys making plays and as an offense, we played really well. We have a lot of guys stepping up. It's nice to get a W.

The run of wins - I knew we had a lot of young guys but once we understood that if everyone is doing their job, it would work out. Utah State was a scary game, but these last couple of weeks, we have come together to figure it out and make it happen. The seniors came together and figured out what we need to do and turn it around. You have to buy in 100 percent.

About Tyler Winston - He's going to be a beast. It'll be crazy to see what he's going to do in a few years. He gets up and fights for the ball and does a good job after he catches it. I'm not surprised, and he'll have a great career ahead.

Offense now versus the first few games - A lot of guys stepped up and understood their role, and we all meshed, bought in and are resilient. Whatever we have to do, we'll get it done.

Keith Smith

His season thus far - It's kind of cool, but it's just me doing my job. Coach calls the plays, and if they go my way, it's up to me to make the play. I've been playing every snap for the most part of three seasons, so I just need to keep myself in shape. I make sure that I won't get tired. I make sure the guys are rallied. I feel honored that coach keeps me out there as much as he does because every play I'm out there, I'm playing for my boys.

The game's roller coaster on defense -We had to settle down. Early on, they came out fast, and we knew they would. We had to get lined up. Coach settled us down, and we rallied together and made sure we'd do our job. That's when it worked out.

After Wyoming's first 2nd half TD - We knew exactly what happened. It was us not being disciplined, and we had to make sure that everyone knew they had to do their job. We fixed it, and they didn't run that play the rest of their game.

On Wyoming QB Brett Smith being unable to run - That helped tremendously. He's the best athlete on their team and facilitates their big plays. All week, we worked on trying to prevent that so anytime he would break containment, I came out. They had to resort to their run game.

Giving up 44 points - We need to stay disciplined. For the most part, it was gap control. I know that Coach Thompson will work as hard and keep us grinding.