

San Jose State Postgame Quotes

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San José State head coach Brent Brennan

Obviously, it was an ugly day for us. The turnovers were an absolute disaster, in my opinion. Anytime you turn the ball over, I think we had six, but we turned the ball over four times in the first half.

We repeatedly put our defense in really hard situations that I thought to our defense's credit, they came up with some big stops on fourth down at the end of the half. Multiple stops on turnovers deepened our territory that ended up in a field goal. So, I thought there were some good things that way. There were too many big plays on defense, and some of that is just getting off blocks and tackling.

We've just got all kinds of work to do everywhere. I'm disappointed for the kids because they've been working their butts off. They've been giving us everything we've asked for, and we've got to continue to grind and work and find ways to improve every week.

I think the (BYU) quarterback had his best day of the year. He kind of found his groove I thought.

Obviously, these were all teachable moments for our team. When you're playing as many young people as we're playing, game day is full of teachable moments, whether you win or you lose. Today we had a lot of them on the negative side of the ledger.

Positives

I think how we finished was good. I know that wasn't their first group out there, but we moved the ball down the field. Some big plays from our redshirt freshman tight end Billy Humphreys. I thought it was great to see Tre Walker get in the end zone, he's a true freshman. Montel (Aaron) is a redshirt freshman, so lots of times when you're playing as a freshman, stuff happens fast and there's a learning curve to it for them. Hopefully the more all of those young guys play, the more the game of football starts to slow down and they start to see things a little more clearly and the game will get easier for Montel and the game will get easier for those guys. The positive I would say is that we are building a really strong foundation of experience for our football program moving forward.

Challenge to stay positive

For me, it's not a challenge because what choice do you have? What am I going to do? Mope around and be a baby and cry? No one wants to hear that. My responsibility is to get our team ready to play. And we've got eliminate the mistakes. We've got to learn while we're losing. We've got to learn from the things we did well today and we've got to learn from the things that we didn't do well. I can focus on the positive and then I can be really firm and hard about the things that were negative or self-destructive.

Tyler Nevens

I'm just proud of that kid. He's really a serious, diligent kid, and he's been like that since day one. He's a good football player because he's got all the other parts of his life squared away.

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Freshman quarterback Montel Aaron

On being down early 14-0

That's never how you want to start a game, but we knew that there was still a lot of game to play and we never let that get down on us. We've been in those situations before. We got up on Hawai'i very quickly and things can change, so we were never really doubting ourselves. We just knew we had to pick up and start playing.

It just shows us that we never give up. As the quarterback of the offense, having the receivers still running 100% on their routes, having the linemen still getting their hot stuff off the ground for you is a really good feeling. We'll just try not to get too negative and just get ready for San Diego.

Junior defensive tackle Sailosi Latu

I think we tried to prepare for everything, but they were a little bit more physical than we anticipated and we underestimated their offense.

Freshman wide receiver Tre Walker

On his late touchdown

Anytime you score six points, it's going to feel good. It was nice to get the ball moving. We had struggled a lot in the game, but we fought the rest of the game and that was really nice to see.

On his confidence going forward

We know that we can move the ball. At first, we struggled and we've been struggling toward the beginning of the season, but I feel like we are starting to gain momentum. It's all a process with the new offense and new coaches, but I feel like we're going in the right direction.

On the turnovers

It's really just attention to detail. We focus a lot during practice, we just need to translate it to the game. I feel like a lot of the guys have bought in, but it just hasn't translated yet. We're going in the right direction and we're just going to prepare for San Diego State.