

Brigham Young University Postgame Quotes

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Head coach Kalani Sitake

Our guys played hard. I thought they've played hard all season. I appreciate them taking over, using our coaching staff and how hard they work for this win. Now we've just got to keep it going and get the next one.

If we could do that every week that would be good. I think (Brayden) El-Bakri does a good job for us on the field and helped us early on. He's a tough kid, he is one of our better guys on kick-off returns. He makes great tackles, great plays and he can run the ball a little bit too. We want to utilize the fullback a little more too.

We've just got to keep it going and be consistently aggressive. I still feel like there were a lot of points left on the field and off the scoreboard. But I think it was good for our reserve defensive guys, not good that they got scored on, but it's hard to simulate those reps and get them that kind of experience.

The think that those last two drives that they scored on us were hard for our defense and hard for our coaches to take but it will be a good step for our guys in the long run, and it will be a good experience to see it on film. Offensively, we still have things that we need to keep working on but for the most part I think our guys did good up-front. I thought we took advance of our strength up front on both defensive and offensive line, obviously I think that we can handle the run better. We have to give a lot of credit to San Jose Staté who stuck with it and saw the seams and the holes in our defensive.

It was just nice to get a lead and not have to come from behind. We've got ourselves in the hole way too many times in a lot of games. Our goal is to get some confidence and establish that identify and keep working on it and trust it to stand throughout the game. There are a lot of things to fix, I'm just pleased that we got the win. It's been something that we've been needing, so I'm excited for that but I just really want to get to work and try to get the next one.

We are trying to establish our identify through our progression and it doesn't really matter what the score was. I want to see our guys perform and answer the call. We put a lot of trust in them to make plays and for the most part they did that. I'm pretty pleased with the coaches and I thought the plays did a good job.

I thought that we were more aggressive in the way that we practiced and the way we approached our work days as coaches. The focus was a lot better. I was trying to establish more confidence. I think we are able to get more confidence out on the field. But just having optimism isn't good enough, just saying that things will get better isn't good enough. You have to combine that with hard work and dedication. Once you get those combined and get it right, you have confidence and it shows on the field. Although it wasn't perfect, there are a lot of things that we can still do but it's a lot easier to make those corrections when you win.

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Quarterback Tanner Mangum

Right off the bat, we took some shots and played with an aggressive mindset. We had some big plays and receivers made big catches. That is what makes my job easy. It was fun to get out there and play in front of the home crowd.

When you get off to a good start, you can play more loose and free. I give a lot of credit to our defense and making things easier for us.

Obviously we are happy with the win, but there is a lot more we could have done. I missed a couple of throws, and there were some drives we could have finished. Even if you are winning, you're always going to want more. It's good because we never want to be satisfied. It is good when you can get the backups in to get some reps because it means we've done our job and had a good game.

We needed some first downs, and I did what I could with the opportunities. My ankle is feeling better and giving me more mobility.

[KJ Hall](#)'s instinct is amazing. With the long run, he showed some great patience. I love having him in there. He is a good athlete, and we are hoping to get more out of him.

Sophomore wide receiver Micah Simon

We practiced that look all week, and we were ready for it. It was the exact look we thought we would get.

Every game we have the confidence to go out and play — it is about showing up. It all clicked this week. We need to get back to work and minimize those mistakes. It was different getting a win — there are lots of happy faces right now.

Junior defensive back Zayne Anderson

I think as a defensive back, you're more competitive up front. We had a lot of turnovers, and I think that comes from being aggressive.

Our coaches really do a good job of teaching us to keep our eye on the football and to punch through. I'm just doing what they tell me to do.

That's awesome. Brayden (El-Bakri)'s like a defensive player. He always flies down, making defensive plays for us. For him to go in and make plays at the end of the game is awesome.