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## Cincinnati Football Game 11 (BYU) Postgame Press Conference Transcript

### Head Coach Scott Satterfield

#### **Opening Statement**

"First of all, I've been here three years, and that was the best experience I've ever had here in Nippert Stadium. It was incredible, starting with all the things that we had to do today with the Big Noon Kickoff. A lot of things happened around our campus today. Our students were out in full force. It was a great atmosphere. It was big-time college football today, and I appreciate everybody. That is what college football is all about. Our guys played hard. I just talked to them in the locker room, and the effort was there, and they're playing their tails off. That BYU football team is the 11th ranked team coming in here. We went toe-to-toe with those guys. We did not play our best ball; we missed three field goals, and we had a fourth-and-one inside the 5 we didn't get...Respect to BYU. We just came up short tonight...I thought our guys came out and eagerly wanted to go out and get a win tonight against a good team."

#### **On the red-zone and other scoring opportunities**

"They're one of the top red zone defenses. Anytime teams are getting close, they have a hard time scoring. Of course, we did too. We went down there, and that's why I said be aggressive, it's fourth down, let's try to get in there. We came up a little bit short on that one. And then I felt like, at that point, the other three field goal attempts were right there around where you don't go for it, there's a little bit outside of the red zone area right there at it. You have to make the plays when plays need to be made. We score there at the end of the game. This happened last week, too. We had to get off the field. And there are five minutes on the clock where we didn't get off the field. So those third downs were crucial. There were 7-for-15 on third down. You've got to find a way to get off the field on some of those third downs."

#### **On Cyrus Allen's fumble and his ankle getting twisted on the play**

"That's what happened. Going back and watching the film of it on the tablets, he got twisted around. His foot was underneath the guy, and he called him down right there. I thought his shin area was down as he's going down and getting spun around, and the ball came out of his hand. I think just getting caught up underneath the defender."

#### **On BYU's time of possession**

"That's their plan, and they do a great job of huddling, slowing the game down, and handing the ball to LJ [Martin], who's an outstanding back. I think he leads the Big 12 in rushing. So they're just gonna let him carry the football, and they're just gonna fall forward three yards. I felt like we had some great initial contact. They may go another two or three yards; you do that multiple times as a first down, and I thought he did an outstanding job with that. I mean, the guy had 32 carries tonight. That's an incredible workload from a running back there. That was their plan: keep it away from our offense, and that's what they did."

#### **On his postgame message to the seniors**

"I love those guys. They're awesome. They're great guys, and I hurt for them. That's what I told them in the locker room. We hurt for those guys, and we love them. We want it bad for them and everybody else that was in this stadium tonight. We came up a little short, and it's about the execution. You have to execute the plays. It's not about the effort those guys give. They give great effort. They come to work every day. We care a great deal for those seniors, and we are disappointed we didn't get them a winning note there at our Senior Night."

#### **On the offense's third-down performance**

"They're good defenses. The bottom line is they are good defenses, and you have to execute those. I did think we threw the ball well and caught the ball well tonight compared to the last two weeks. You have to look at the third and fourth. You need to look at both the downs. We were 3-for-4 on fourth down, so 7-for-17 there. I'm disappointed. We didn't get the fourth-and-short, and inside the five. But on those third downs, you're getting some good coverage. You're getting blitzes. You get a lot of different things. And you've got to go out and execute. You've got to throw a catch and get those first downs."

### **Quarterback Brendan Sorsby**

#### ***On any missed opportunities***

"We knew coming into this week that obviously they're a really good team and that we'd have some opportunities, but if we didn't take advantage (of any BYU opportunity), you can't make too many mistakes against a good team like that and expect to come out with a win. So, we definitely made too many mistakes tonight as an entire team, and we had to learn from them and grow from them, and put it behind us now, because there's really nothing to be done about it. But yeah, really tough on the night."

#### ***On keeping the locker room positive***

"It's still just a lot of guys that got one or two games left in their career. Play for those guys. Play for the fact that you're never going to have the same team year to year. This is a really close team with a bunch of really good individuals on this team. So it's about playing for one another and finding a way to finish it out strong with you guys."

#### ***On third-down conversion difficulties***

"A lot of third and longs are putting ourselves in some bad situations, and it's just tough to convert those. We have to find a way to do a better job of staying on the sticks. And then, even when it is third and long, find a way to pick it up."

#### ***On coming up short on Senior Night***

"It's unfortunate. We knew what was at stake coming into this game. We knew the opportunity that we had, and we just didn't take advantage of it. There were multiple opportunities out there, and we left a lot out there. So there's really nobody to blame but ourselves for this one. We've got to find a way to move past it. Like I've said (to them), just find a way to finish strong and finish it out with you guys."

#### ***On adjusting to different defenses each game***

"We knew what we were getting out of these last three defenses. We just got to execute. We haven't done a good enough job of that. Whatever that may be, we haven't done a good enough job of it. We've got to find a way to just execute next week and finish."

***On knowing when to throw the ball away***

“I really feel like pretty much every throwaway that I had tonight was a pretty good decision. You try to drag it out, and you try to make plays, but at some point, you don't just sit back there and take sacks; you have to live to find another down. I mean, maybe there's some stuff whenever I watch it back that I'll say, 'I could have hit that.' Obviously, there were a couple of throws that I was high on that we ended up not converting on. But initial thoughts, that's usually just living to play another down and move on.”

***On he and Dontay Corleone thanking and visiting with fans postgame***

“You're going to have losses throughout your playing career. Whenever I was one of those kids who wanted the autograph of a player, win or lose, I didn't really care. I want an autograph from the player, so I always try to put myself in the kids' shoes. Especially on a lot of our players, the same way when you're growing up, you always look up to these players and stuff. So think being able to just do something similar, like take a picture, win or lose, it's what it's all about.”