

Penn State Football
Head Coach Kenni Burns Postgame Press Conference
vs. Kent State - September 21, 2024

Opening Statement:

“It was obviously a disappointing loss. Excited to get to conference play and get back on the on the grind here. But it was a disappointing loss, and we have a disappointed locker room. We got to come back and respond next week. We get healthy and give ourselves a chance to win next week’s game.”

Q: When your quarterback goes down as early as he did, and then you had maybe half a dozen times where kids are laying on the ground. Are you concerned about the physical health and also the mental and emotional, just health of your team?

A: “You know what? We play football. So, there’s going to be a physical element to it, and you’re going to get banged up here and there. This game was probably a little bit more than normal. But I thought our guys kept battling. I thought to get some young guys going there and compete at a decent level. So, you know, this is football. I’ve been a part of worse games than that, from an injury standpoint, from the emotional standpoint, no, I thought our guys came back the second half, and they kept competing, kept trying to do their job. We got to learn how to do it better. That’s just the bottom line. Still a very, very young football team. You look out there a ton of freshmen playing ton of freshmen, true freshmen, and they got to learn from this and take what they’ve learned in the conference play.”

Q: You obviously played Tennessee last week. How does this Penn State team compare?

A: “They are both very elite football teams, both are two teams I expect to be in the playoffs. They don’t have many weaknesses on offense or defense. They play extremely hard. Both teams do. And when you put talent with effort, you got something special. I expect both those teams to be in the playoffs.”