

POSTGAME QUOTES

IOWA STATE

HEAD COACH PAUL RHOADS

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Opening statement:

“Tale of two halves, first half we played extremely well in my opinion, we made a few plays, second half we didn’t and they played extremely well. Congratulations to the University of Iowa for winning that football game.”

On the Iowa adjustments after half as they put more pressure on Sam Richardson:

“I think it was more the back end than it was the front end to be honest with you. I think our folks were covered. The pocket escaped him because people were covered and he had to move and slide and try to find somebody who was open and it allowed their pressure to get there. Our lack of first down and second down success put them in what they wanted to be in on third and long and sort of challenged our ability to get in the right place.”

On the struggle with the run game:

“When you don’t get people blocked and have holes to run through its hard to have a successful running game.”

On the running backs:

“They’re all going to play. We played more two-back this game than we did the week before. You got a combination of [Trever] Ryen, [Tyler] Brown, [Mike] Warren and [Joshua] Thomas in certain situations with that two-back stuff. You saw Joshua get in there on short yardage situations and didn’t have anything close to the goal line that we put him in. It’s not a running back problem as far as the running game is concerned. You got to give people space to run the football and we didn’t do it. But you’re going to continue to see all those guys active in the offense.”

On the impact of run defense when Tucker went down:

“Did we lose one of our better defensive players? Sure. But I don’t know how Vernell [Trent] and Bobby [Leath] played. A lot of that offense was outside the tackles in the second half. I can’t necessarily say that was a big issue. There was some cutback that potentially he could have been a factor in.”

LINEBACKER JORDAN HARRIS

On the rivalry game:

“I think it was more of a mental breakdown. You had the junior college guys playing their game, they didn’t know what to expect in this rivalry. I didn’t know what to expect because I sat on the sidelines and watched it last year. I didn’t know what to expect today.”

On loss of momentum in second half:

“I think we got too complacent in the second half. We had a seven-point lead, it’s not that

much. Especially when you're playing a Big 10 football team. We got a little comfortable and took our foot off of the gas. Not as a whole, but just a few places here and there."

RUNNING BACK TREVER RYEN

On the running backs:

"They've got their main guys and I believe they're going to make some explosive plays later on. People have seen them play, obviously I didn't get any carries last game. They never really saw me on film, just for passing. I think that Tyler, JT, and Mike will start banging the holes and running with everything. I think it'll get a little better."

On being a track athlete:

"When I came in here, I knew that my speed would help me get on the field and obviously it has."

On the loss:

"It's disappointing, obviously I feel like we should have won. One thing I'll tell you is that I've never seen a team like this work so hard for something. To get a loss from an in-state rivalry sucks, but I know that from now on, this loss means a lot to us, and I feel like we're not going to lose another game. We're going to work hard, the next game is Toledo so we're going to get ready for this coming weekend."

WIDE RECEIVER JAUAN WESLEY

On building of loss for next game:

"Yeah, we want to build off this. Work on those things that we messed up on. We have a [lot of] season left."

On what the CyHawk games means to the players:

"It means a lot to the state of Iowa, I mean, we want to keep the trophy here."

On frustration in second half:

"It was very frustrating actually. We had a lot of plays, a lot of missed cues, a lot of things we could have capitalized on. We failed to do that."

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HEAD COACH KIRK FERENTZ

Opening statement:

"Today's victory is a rewarding end to a very difficult and challenging week for everybody. On top of that, an important chapter for our football team. I told the football team last night that we were going to have to earn this. This is a very tough environment, tough football team, a well-coached football team and I'm really proud of our guys the way they hung in there."

On Quarterback C.J. Beathard's play:

"C.J. obviously made some great plays with his feet. Some great plays with some precision throws. The most impressive thing about the way C.J. played was him keeping his poise. When you talk to him or see him on the sideline, he never looks any different. He doesn't get rattled. It would have been easy to get rattled today. I've seen quarterbacks get rattled in here on our team so just really proud of the way he didn't."

On defensive improvement in the second half:

“I wish we could take credit for a half time speech or adjustments, but it’s really just more about our players getting the feel a little bit. That first half the ball was going down, I don’t know what the stats were but it seemed one-sided. The second half we took away the run and made them a little bit left handed, which helps out a little bit, too.”

TIGHT END HENRY KRIEGER COBLE

On what was it like getting the trophy after the game:

“That’s awesome. There’s nothing like it, especially a rivalry game like this. It’s just big and we’re all really excited. They played a heck of a game and that was the challenge we expected. They [Iowa State] came out and played their butts off and we’re definitely really proud of our guys for the way we played.”

On what the difference in the second half was:

“We just came out and we just kept doing what we planned on doing. We didn’t try to change anything up too much. We played out game and we knew if we kept working at it then something was going to pop and the offense kind of caught on there in the fourth quarter.”

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN AUSTIN BLYTHE

On the emotions of lifting that trophy with your teammates:

It just feels good. It’s what we want to do as a senior class is go out and win those trophy games and this was a good start.