

South Dakota State vs. Iowa
Sept. 3, 2022
Kinnick Stadium
Iowa Player Quotes

QB Spencer Petras

On how the game went today...

"Obviously, we need to grow offensively and I think we will. That was not a representation of our offense, but we will move on and take it to Iowa State next week."

On the team not keeping up the consistency...

"Without watching the tape yet, we were probably one guy away from getting it done, just one guy away on a run, one guy away on a pass play. The trick is we will get it down. We have our first game we got our first win, now let's get back to who we are because that's who we are."

On being short on offensive personnel....

"We were definitely short on personnel; I don't necessarily think that affected how we called the game. I'd say we did a pretty good job of applying some of the concepts that looked great on tape and as we started to go, we had some really nice plays out there. I don't think we were limited at all from a play-calling standpoint."

P Tory Taylor

On having 10 punts and the pressure it had on him...

"I probably wouldn't say pressure or anything like that. But I did just find out I had 10 punts breaking a personal record for me, which is probably not the best thing I'd say. I'm a pretty relaxed guy out there. I just try and catch it and kick it as far and as high as I can. I'm excited to be out there with people that are excited to be on the punt unit like Terry."

On what types of punts he has...

"I don't really know, it depends on where I am at on the field and what the wind is doing, some days it needs to be a drop punt and some it needs to be a spiral punt it all depends on the day. I'd say I have four to five types I really use. When I first got here, I had all these different shots but I never really used them. I just go out there and focus on the punts I need and execute them."

On punting becoming a muscle memory...

"It's funny you mention that; I always get nervous on that first punt of the first day just because you never know what the day is going to be like. But it really makes things a lot easier when you go out there and hit a good ball and from then-on it's like muscle memory. It's all about the separation, confidence, and firmness. I am only out there for probably 15-20 seconds and it's all about focusing during that time."

DB Terry Roberts

On Kinnick stadium...

"It's the best stadium, with the best atmosphere and the best fans; it's everything to us out there."

On the defensive presence...

"Our defense really stepped up. We put a couple fires out, but our defensive line got pressure and our defensive backs read and excel to make the plays out there."

On the team chemistry...

"We appreciate each other, offense appreciates the defense and vice versa and special teams. Everyone's going to have their ups and downs out there and it's up to us to go out there and pick each other up. As a defense communication is key; if we aren't out there communicating with each other we won't know what's going on."

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WR Arland Bruce IV

On punt returning duties:

"It was just me getting comfortable. It's a lot different than practice, getting that game experience. Glad I got about 10 punt returns. It was just about how I felt in a game situation."

On WR corps returning to full strength:

"That's the great thing about college football. We probably have 12-13 games left. Those guys are going to be back in the next few weeks. The guys that we had in today, they did a great job and it was their first time getting game experience. I think moving forward we are going to be just fine."

S Quinn Schulte

On the brand of defense:

"We are always trying to bring a physical brand of defense. Just trying to be tough, smart, physical. That's kind of our saying. They were a good team. We have a lot of guys that have played here for a long time, guys that have been here and people have been waiting their turn just trying to go out there and do the best that they could."

LB Jack Campbell

On the environment:

"It was so loud. You guys saw today, I don't even know how many false starts they had. It just proves how big of an advantage it is to play in Kinnick Stadium."

On the LB depth:

"Just a lot of effort and great attitude. The linebacker unit right now, I feel like we have some of the best depth we've had since I've been here. We have a lot of veteran guys that are able to play in that two-deep. Third year, fourth year guys, fifth-year guy like Logan Klemp; he did an outstanding job. He didn't ask any questions, stepped up and did his job."

RB Leshon Williams

On the run game:

"Very good. The O-Line did what they needed to do. I feel like they held their blocks well. I ran the ball hard, I had one little you-know-what. At the end of the day, we got a win and being 1-0 is better than being 0-1."