



**Quotes  
Hawai'i  
vs. San José State  
October 8, 2016**



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**San José State head coach Ron Caragher**

It was a really frustrating day. Things haven't gone this season that I had foreseen going into it today. I thought we came out of the gate fast. We scored the first couple of times we touched the football and that's the kind of offense I want to be.

A couple turnovers, we shot ourselves in the foot. We want to win the turnover battle, not lose it time after time. Thus the record is the way it is.

We were down 14 at halftime never quite never give up. Let's come out in the second half fast and three-and-out them. Let's get the ball and let's score.

I think the missed opportunities early in the third quarter were really harmful. We just had trouble executing on the offensive side of the ball, and the defense kept stopping them. You ask why, we have to make the throw, we have to make the catch, and we have to make the run.

We turned the ball over too many times. Frustrating day for me, for our team and hats off to Hawai'i. I just told our guys that our character is really tested, and we have to do a good job not blaming and take full ownership go out to practice and carry things over to Saturday.

**The fourth-down TD**

The defense sells out fourth and one, and, if you want to stop the defense, you have rules. Their quarterback kept the ball, and our last man in the line of the defense came down. It's one thing to give up a first down, but it's another to give up a 70-yard touchdown.

**The penalty before the TD run**

It's a he said, he said thing. You're allowed to move and attempt to confuse the offensive lineman. The umpire said we tried to simulate that snap count. I'm not blaming anyone. He said we made a shift call and said we simulated the opponent's snap count.

**On Hawai'i QB**

Dru is a good athlete. We saw him on that long run. He does carry the ball a little loose, and Isaiah (Irving) did a good job with that in the third quarter. But he threw the ball pretty well and played a good game.

**More on Hawai'i**

I think they had some confidence and a big part of that was a win last week against Nevada. They played with confidence, and when we moved the ball, they hung right in there and scored right after. Defensively they played hard. They've done some insane travel and gone around the world. They had a bye at the right time to help them gather, and they're playing some good ball right now.

**What changed**

We had a failure to execute. They did a good job collapsing the pocket. We had our opportunities just didn't take advantage of them.

## **Frank Ginda**

I thought we came out fast. Defensively, I thought we did a pretty good job and just had to clean up some areas on fourth down packages. I thought our defense played our hearts out. I always tell the offense we have their back.

## **Being 1-5**

Of course it's disappointing to be 1-5 now. But at the end of the day I'll do anything for my teammates. I'm not depressed at all with the season, but we need to clean it up.

## **On starting fast**

One thing we preach is playing fast right out the gate, and we did it again at halftime. I thought we did that. I give credit to the D-line. I don't think we were caught off guard. It was the same play they ran earlier in the game. They just had a great play and there is nothing we can do about that.

## **On the TD Score**

It was an exciting feeling. I haven't scored a touchdown in a long time. It was a great play by Isaiah (Irving). I felt all the love and everything come to me and there is no better feeling than that.

## **Justin Holmes**

It was a great game and a great opportunity for us to start our division play. We came out ready to win, but a series of events happened and unfortunately the win didn't happen but my brothers and I came out to fight.

## **What changed**

I'm not sure if much changed. Rather our ability to continue to execute wasn't there all the way. That's something we continue to work on. I feel like when we execute it's hard for anyone to stop us.

## **On the TD**

I'm just blessed for the opportunity and I'm trying to take advantage of it. I have 100 other brothers on this team counting on me to do my job, and I just try to do my job

## **Kenny Potter**

I put that game and loss on my shoulders. I made critical errors that I don't believe I should make as a football player and that loss is completely on me.

## **What changed from the first two drives**

The execution stopped. We were rolling, and we didn't keep going with that momentum that we had. Then again, I put it all on myself for not executing down the stretch and ultimately we lost.

## **On Hawai'i**

They're a completely new football team. I think they only had 35 guys on the roster from last year. But that's no excuse. They played well, but we didn't execute so it's a combination of those things why we lost this game.

## **What now?**

We're going to see if we're men or if we're going to run away from the situation. I'm going to man up to my mistakes and step up and play a lot better football game next week.