



**Quotes
#19 USF
vs. San José State
August 26, 2017**



Head Coach Charlie Strong

Opening Statement

"It's great that we were able to come back and get the win. If you watch the way we started off, we just weren't very good in the beginning. And it was issues in the kicking game and penalties. Offense is about rhythm, and we had no rhythm at the very beginning. But, defensively we were able to play well, and that kept us in the game."

"The opening kickoff, we kick the ball out of bounds. We get them stopped, and then we punt the ball after our offense goes three plays and out. We shank the ball out of bounds, then we come back and punt again and they're able to block it. We just have to improve. The guys know there is improvement to be made. We can't get complacent. We wanted a game like this so now it's like relief and feels like there's not as much pressure on them as they think, but you have to play well to win."

After falling behind 16-0:

"I just kept saying to them, listen guys this is a 60-minute game. We're still in the first quarter, and we haven't even got going on offense. We just need to get going on offense. Quinton's going to make some plays, he's too good a player where they can't keep him contained all day."

Key to getting the offense going:

"When we made the big stop there on fourth down on defense, I think that kind of got us settled down. Then they felt like there's life where the defense made a big play, and now we can get going on offense."

"We just have so many leaders. You look at Quinton, you look at D'Ernest, and you look up front, we have so many leaders and they didn't panic."