

Boise State vs San Diego State

San Diego State Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Rocky Long

On shutting down Boise State's defense...

"[We didn't do] anything special. They didn't see anything we hadn't done before. It was just one of those days that we executed well, and we made enough plays to keep us in the game and eventually win."

On what this says about the team, with the starting quarterback and running back injured...

"Well, it's a thing where our backup QB thinks he should be the starter and our backup RB thinks they should be the starter and if they get a chance to play they should play and prove that they should be the starter."

On this being a 'revenge game'...

"There's a lot of things that we did poorly [last time], and they came and whooped us. They absolutely whooped us in every stage of the game. I think when you have kids that are competitive, they don't want that to happen again, so they come in with a little different attitude. They came with a great attitude today. They were ready to battle and compete. You saw what happened and it happened to work out that we won."

Senior Linebacker Ronley Lakalaka

On his interception...

"There was great pressure from Kyahva Tezino. I was just there to make the play. Whatever the team needs me to do, I'll be able to do it. We're going against a team like Boise and we know what's at stake. We came in wanting it more and that was key for us."

On adjustments they made to play Boise State...

"Oklahoma State was able to generate pressure on them. We watched the film on that game. Getting pressure on the quarterback was really the important for us. Our defensive backs did a great job of guarding man to man and in zone. We did a better job against the pass."

Freshman Cornerback Darren Hall

On the Aztecs' execution...

"It's hard to be perfect in a football game, but we were pretty close to it. There were plays we gave up, but it was still a great game. This whole week coach said it was on us. If we're going to win, it was up to us."

On defeating Boise State ...

“It feels good to get a win here. They beat us last year and it was tough. It hurt last year. They came into our own place and beat us. We were ranked then, so it feels good to come here and win.”

Junior Quarterback Ryan Agnew

On what worked well...

“Boise State is a great football team. This atmosphere was outstanding. The thing that worked for us was making plays. That’s all we needed to do. Our defense played amazing for us. They made crucial turnovers for us. Offense wasn’t going, but it was enough to get the win.”

On playing against Boise State’s defense...

“They’re just a great defense. They were flying around. They’re big, fast and strong. They did their prep and we did ours. They played a really great football game. All that matters is we made just enough plays to get the win.”

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Head Coach Bryan Harsin

On if Brett Rypien got dinged up and if he thought he was off today...

“Well no, we were using some of our personal groups with [Chase] Cord. Now at the end yeah because he got hit I don’t know how many times. I thought Brett showed extreme toughness today. The bottom line is he can’t protect himself out there and we have to be able to do a better job of that and that didn’t happen tonight. As far as being off, I don’t know about that. He had a good week of practice. We know San Diego State, they’re a good defense. They play hard, they mix it up. They do different things that cause some issues and we felt like we had answers for it so as far as that goes we just have to do a better job offensively and that starts with us as coaches protecting our quarterback and making sure that he’s upright and he’s able to go out there and deliver the ball and do the things we ask him to do. It’s a tall task to ask your quarterback to be able to do all of those things if you’re not helping him. Flat out credit to San Diego State. Rocky Long is a hell of a defensive coach and that showed up.”

On the team’s miscues and the effect, they had on the team...

“Well it’s huge, because that’s something we talk a lot about is game-changing special teams plays. We see that show up in a positive way for us with the fumble recovery and then we’re able to punch it in. It gave great field position to the offense because we didn’t have to do anything to get down there except for on the last drive. The dropped punt, uncharacteristic of us, missed extra point. It all comes back to doing those little things that make a difference in a game, like catching a punt, being able to hit your extra points, making those types of plays all those things matter. It’s disappointing that those things happened today but it’s something we’ll look and work on moving forward. “

Thoughts on the intentional grounding penalty and the last play on fourth down during the final drive...

“I can say I disagree with the penalty. I could see the receiver in the vicinity and knew exactly where he was trying to go with it. They don’t review that so you have to deal with it. The last play, no, we had something we thought we could catch underneath. We thought we had opportunities to get underneath and catch that and get the first down or be right at it. It’s hard for me to tell exactly what the answer should have been.”

On the offense not getting a good rhythm in the running game so far this season...

“Now’s not the time to talk about personnel changes but what I will say is that we are not good enough. I want to find out what the answer is. We’re disappointed that we’re not running the ball more effectively. We have a really good tailback and we have guys up front that can block. We’ll look at everything and figure out what we can do better.”

On the 3-2 start with high expectations going into this season...

“I still think we have a really good team. I still think we have a lot to play for. There is a lot in front of us that we want to accomplish. It’s more difficult now as we know, but the bottom line is we win and lose as a team. Now the bottom line is what we are going to do as a team and how we are going to get ourselves ready to go out and play Nevada.”

Senior Defensive End Durrant Miles

On what was the feeling of the team in there just now...

"It's humbling. Football is that way always. I think there's a lot of execution stuff we have to clean up and look at and get better at."

On what happened on the long TD run, how did he get so free there...

"I don't remember the exact play call or where he broke free from. Just like I said, execution is everything, especially in moments like that when we are backed up. We gotta be on our P's and Q's, and we gotta execute."

On the home loss in a conference game, how do you take it and move forward...

"It's obviously a difficult loss, very frustrating. Especially since it's on the Blue. You know we pride ourselves in protecting the Blue and we couldn't do that today because of lack of execution like I said, and I think that's something we are gonna be focusing on. We gotta regroup, refocus, and hit the road running because we got Nevada next week coming fast."

The team had high expectations for this season, now you guys are 3-2 so how do you assess where you guys are at...

"We gotta do the work, that's what we talked about in the locker room with Coach Harsin. That's what it really is, there is no secret to success other than hard work. Being able to play we need to play, we gotta start with that. How we prepare, how we focus every single day and I think that is really important and something we gotta focus on more."

Senior cornerback Tyler Horton

On how it felt to get back out there after being injured...

"It felt good to be back out there with my boys. Getting the news, I was cleared this week and got to be out there and play. Emotions were everywhere, I was excited and preparing, and to see the guys out there running around without me, and now being out there with them it's a very exciting experience."

You guys don't lose much at home, how much does it hurt..

"Every loss hurts. Doesn't matter if it's home or away, playing someone 6-0 or 0-6. Every loss hurts, but at the same time we gotta learn from it, grow from it. That's kinda the sport we play. We win and lose, so the fact we got a loss on the blue, it does hit hard more, but at the same time we just gotta grow."

Had high expectations for this year, now you guys are 3-2 so how do you assess where you guys are at...

"At this point we are still in. We still got a lot of football left, we gotta take it week by week. We don't really look at our record or what people put out there about us but at the same time we still gotta get the job done. For us to get a loss or to have 2 losses under our belt, we don't really pay that much attention to it because at the end of the day we still gotta go out there and play. Anyone in our conference can beat us as well we can beat them. So we just gotta prepare each week and get after it, and have this loss on the back of our tongues 'cause it's not a good taste."

On what the emotion are of losing this game from the defense side..

"It's like big brother little brother. You fight with your brothers all day but when you got out and someone messes with them you're gonna stand up for them. So in this situation it's the same thing, we

are out there competing we had our offense back when they weren't doing so well, but at the same time we made plays trying to help them out. We know down the line we are gonna need the offense, when the defense isn't playing so well and the offense is gonna be airing it for us."

Junior Running Back Alexander Mattison

On How tough was it out there for the offense..

"We just gotta do better. We got look at film and see what we need to fix and get better from it."

Seemed like you were able to get it going, what was the running game like..

"There were some holes opening up and some not. We just gotta take a better and deeper look at film to see who was not blocked or might have came through and just get better from it."

As an offense, you guys really haven't had/run into this issue yet, how frustrating was it...

"It's frustrating but we just try to not hang our head on it and just try to do better on the next drive. There were a couple drives where we had a couple turnovers, and that's just not what we do so that's frustrating but we just gotta make sure we move on and not hang our head on it, and play Boise State football."

On what San Diego was doing to disrupt your guy's rhythm..

"They just brought some things we might not have picked up. Some guys missed some assignments, I know I missed a couple. We just gotta make sure we keep Brett up and allow him time to make those throws. We gotta make sure the receivers make those catches and make sure we are blocking fast and physical for the run game. All those things have to piece together for us to win and they didn't piece together for us today."