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San Diego State Spring Game
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SDSU Practice Fields

Postgame Quotes

Head Coach Brady Hoke

On the receiver play:

"I think those guys are going to be really good football players for us. You know, I love what they do with the ball in their hands. I think both of them have a little different gear. You know, some quickness it's a little different. But yeah, I like those guys."

On the quarterback play:

"Well, I think Will and Braxton both came out and did what we thought they would do. You know, I think they both have progressed through the spring. I really think Will came out and performed well, and I was happy to see that because he's been a little up and down so I thought he was more consistent. Braxton has been pretty good all spring, he'll be our starter in the fall and we will see what happens."

On why he named Braxton Burmeister the starter going into fall camp:

"He has made more plays, he can make some great plays with his feet. He's quick, and Will is too believe me, but Braxton has a real knack of how he throws the ball."

On what he saw from the running backs:

"I think that's a position that our numbers are pretty good. I really want to see (Jaylon) Armstead, more. In Chance (Bell) we know what we have there, and want to see what Armstead and Cam have. That was one of the goals, we wanted to do is give them a little bit more time."

On the biggest accomplishment of the Spring Game:

"Well, we got young offensive line. We have some young defensive lineman, they have to continue to make strides. I mean, we're in two-minute drill and they're watching the ball downfield instead of going to chase it. So, it's baby steps with them, and Mike's done a great job and we'll keep plugging away at it and they have to have a great summer. I mean, that part of it is going to be huge."

Senior safety Cedarious Barfield

On all the people who came out to see the team play:

"It's just a great feeling because if you guys remember last year, they gave us about two tickets to have some family come and then the year before that we had about six days of practice. To finally get a feeling of the San Diego community, people's friends, and families who get to come out to this spring game and see the support and just the excitement of the new stadium, and the hundredth team is just a great feeling honestly."

On the defense's play:

"I think we played well. I like to talk a lot of crap to my guys on the white team. I was team Sipe today, but a lot of my guys on Team Pumphrey did really well. I like to play on both sides. I feel like this year, we're a group that the team is going to lean on a lot because we have a lot of people that have played a lot of games and we're just going to have to step up coming this fall."

On the quarterback play:

"We love them both Braxton and Will. They kind of bring the same thing, they kind of have this moxie to them. They can throw, run, and they have a lot of swagger. They're the guys that you kind of want to follow and just build off of their energy and play to their level."

On who he thinks has had the upper hand in practice this spring:

"This year I can say the offense really has been more intuitive, energetic. There is just a different vibe going around the team and we love it. We love the competition, and it's just been great."

Senior quarterback Braxton Burmeister**On earning the starting job heading into Fall camp:**

"I feel like over the course of spring, I felt like I did a really good job and kind of took over and felt really good. I didn't play too much today, but I felt like I was solid."

On what it was like to play in front of the Aztec crowd for the first time:

"It's awesome. That was a big priority for me when I transferred for my final year and an opportunity I really couldn't pass up coming home and play in front of family and friends."

On what it was like walking out onto the field for the first time:

"It was awesome. My parents were here, they haven't really been able to come to any of my spring games so far in my college career, so that was awesome. It's a little different."

On his relationship with the wide receivers:

"I had mostly been getting reps with Jesse (Matthews), Tyrell (Shavers), and TJ (Sullivan) and then they kind of split them up for the spring game, and they didn't get a ton of reps. So, I was getting out there with some different faces today, but I've definitely built a lot of chemistry with those guys over the spring."

On making adjustments coming into the team:

"It's definitely different. It's different than Virginia Tech. I kind of knew that it would be different and I kind of came in with an open mind and tried to embrace it. The system is different, so learning a whole new system was definitely difficult in the span of a month, but I felt like I did a good job."

On how the offense has grown:

"Over the course of spring I feel like we made a lot of strides. This is our third scrimmage now. So, over the first two weeks, we definitely had good scrimmages, and then today, I think me and the other guys threw the ball pretty well. I think you got to see it today and I can't wait to continue to make strides over the summer and in fall camp."

His thoughts on the Aztec defense:

"It's crazy. It's different than anything I've seen in college. I've started a ton of games and I got here, and they run a completely different defense than what I've seen. There's definitely an adjustment period and those guys really attack the ball and play hard and it's something special."

Senior wide receiver Tyrell Shavers

On the quarterback play:

"I think all of them did really good. I can't single one out and say one did better than the other. I feel like they all did really good. We got some special in that quarterback room this year, honestly."

On what he thinks his role on the team will be this year:

"I feel like it's my time to be a leader. I'm working on trying to become more of a verbal leader. But it's something that's still a work in progress, but I think that I have the experience to be a leader."

On where he think the team is at:

"We are in a really good position. We're ready to go to offseason and then get back to work and hit the stadium September 3."

On Brionne Penny's development:

"Since I've gotten here Penny's development has been crazy, like through the roof. I love working with him because he wants to learn, he always asks questions and is always intrigued. Sometimes he won't even say anything, and he will just watch and then he will go do it. But I love Penny, that's my guy."

On what Braxton Burmeister has done to separate himself:

"I think he has the experience under his belt. He's has like 20 plus starts or something like that. He has the experience, and he has the leadership qualities as well. He's just a great guy a great quarterback as well."

On how the offense has progressed:

"The offense definitely progressed, we've gotten better. We have been building the chemistry and the relationships, getting the timing down, even with handoffs, not just throwing the ball, but running the ball as well."

On becoming a more dynamic passing offense:

"We just have to take advantage of opportunities that we have been given. We have we had good receivers in the past. We have good receivers this year. So, I just feel like when we get our chance, we will take advantage of it."

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