

Oregon State Head Coach Postgame Quotes

November 10, 2012 – Stanford Stadium

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Oregon State Head Coach Mike Riley

On today's game ...

"Well, we're disappointed. Obviously, it's a tough loss. We had our opportunities and I think that what we did is we gave up a big play that gave them momentum back when we had, I think, a two score lead. And that was big for them and then, of course, the turnover we had that gave them field position to score the winning points was also big."

On the first quarter ...

"Well, Stanford was good. They made plays. We had two opportunities with the ball and didn't get a first down, and they kept the ball for almost the rest of the time. They had long, sustained drives and did a nice job of executing, and we had a hard time with that at the beginning. That's kind of what happened in the first half; the whole first quarter for sure."

On Stanford's strategy for handling wide receivers ...

"They were mixing some coverages up on them and making it a little bit hard to get the ball down the field to them. But, I think they made a lot out of the balls."

On punting on second to last possession ...

"I thought that maybe we could in some fashion turn the ball up the field after punting the ball, maybe we'll get a better punt than we did and flip the field. And I knew if we could stop them, we'd have plenty of time, which we did. I think we ended up with 3:56 on the clock, which is plenty of time. It all worked out pretty good like that, but then we killed ourselves. We jump offside on second and one, we don't execute on a right or get through on a route – they held us up, and get sacked, and lose the game."

On Vaz's decision-making ...

"I thought he made some good plays, some good decisions, made some good throws. I think that as in every game, there's some plays you'd like to have back."

On Stanford QB Kevin Hogan ...

“He’s a good athlete. He hurt us with the bootleg and some scrambles for sure. Impressive. That was a great play he made getting the ball to [Stepfan] Taylor late on a check-down over there – probably the play of the game. We were up two scores and he gets the ball, finds him, but just before he goes down and the guy scores a long touchdown that really changed the momentum at the time.”

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Freshman TB Storm Woods

On the offense ...

“They were real physical but I think our O-line did a good job and we were able to gash them a couple time and I think we were pretty productive on the run today.”

On the loss ...

“It hurts. I just for (Jordan) Poyer and (Markus) Wheaton you know we wanted to get to the best bowl we can but you know of course this one hurts but we can’t let it affect us. We’ve got to watch film and put this behind us and move on. That’s all we can do.”

On the difference in this game ...

“Little mistakes. You know, false starts, giving up sacks, misread reads, just a little of that. We had more than those guys (Stanford) so they were able to come away with the win.

“I definitely think we beat ourselves again today, but no disrespect, that was a great team, but I feel like we beat ourselves. We let ourselves down today.”

On the first quarter offense ...

“Missed reads was the biggest thing. Those linebackers were fierce and running through everything. That was the biggest thing”

On the offense turning it around in the second quarter ...

“Run game a little bit, you know confidence. We got our feet wet out there and we just started making plays.”

On being up 23-14...

“I was going up the sidelines telling them it’s not over, this is a great football team. We gotta dig one out. We gotta still put up points so we don’t lose.”

Junior OLB Michael Doctor

On Stanford’s size and physicality on offense...

“You treat them like any other team. Every team is going to be physical. They’re a pretty good team and great backs and great line, but like I said, they brought the punch in the first quarter and we started off too slow.”

On the defensive turnaround after first quarter ...

"No, no adjustments at all. We just kept coming out there physical and punching and punching and making the tackle and making the tackle."

On Stanford being able to run well today ...

"That was a great offense. Big line, made some big holes for them. We should've just came out more physical and had a better start."

On running quarterbacks being able to hurt the Oregon State defense ...

"We need to get the assignments down, get takeaways and do our job. We just gave up some big plays today."