

WASHINGTON STATE

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Head Coach Chris Petersen

(On the team's performance)

"I'm proud of our guys. I was really proud of how they prepared and their energy was awesome to start the game. We knew Washington State would rally a little bit, and they did, but our defense kind of swelled up and then our offense answered there at the end of the third quarter. The first half went as well as it could for us, and then they (Washington State) controlled the ball the whole time, but the defense answered when we needed to."

(On the offense setting the tone)

"We got a turnover early. You know Washington State is going to score the points and get their yards. Our offense just kept going. We had the one three-and-out in the third quarter which was unfortunate because they (Washington State) held the ball so long, but it also ate up a lot of clock for them (Washington State). And then our defense held, so it all worked out."

(On the fourth-down stop taking a toll on Washington State)

"I don't know, but I know they were big momentum swings for sure. They're (Washington State) hard to stop and that's a hard run-offense to stop. And when they only need a yard or two yards, and they take those splits and they got some big guys out there, so it was awesome to see our D-line take over because it's a hard team for our D-line to take over."

(On defeating against WSU and continuing that momentum)

"I think it's good but we have a lot more ball to play. This thing is always about how you finish. I mean, that's one of the things we talk about every day with our kids, just finishing everything whether it's school or a weight workout or practice. The really good teams, the special teams, can finish. So the hard thing about that is we're playing better teams as we finish. The next team that we play will be a really good and elite team. We feel we have some good football left."

Quarterback Jake Browning

(On defeating WSU)

"It feels good. It always feels good to win those rivalry games across state rivals. And obviously this one means we won the North and we get to play in a championship game, so we're really happy as a team and we're looking forward to playing the Pac-12 Championship."

(On the pass to wide-receiver Pettis after the first drive and that setting the momentum)

"I think it provided a bit of a spark. When you hit your shot plays, everybody gets a bit of a momentum from that, so I think it helped a lot."

(On keeping the momentum for the whole game)

"We stayed balanced and didn't get out of rhythm much. I thought we stalled a bit in the third quarter with the three-and-out and they (Washington State) got some momentum back and we had a big goal-line stand by our defense, I think twice, but I thought we played well in all three phases of the game and that's why we won."

Defensive Back Budda Baker

(On whether he was surprised about WSU running the ball so much)

"Of course, especially with WSU being a passing team, we were really surprised. But for us, we stuck to the game plan and played a lot more zone. The D-Line did a great job and the linebackers did a great job stuffing the holes."

(On if he was surprised at how one-sided the game was)

"For me being a defensive player, no. I think our defensive backs are the best defensive backs in the country. They (Washington State) actually ran a lot more which was surprising, but at the end of the day when they threw it up, their offensive guys made plays, which is good, but we made more plays."