

Arizona vs. Oregon State

Nov. 11, 2017

Arizona Stadium

Postgame Quotes

Arizona head coach Rich Rodriguez

Opening statement...

"I'm happy and proud for our seniors. They are a great class and great group of young men. They have given a lot to this program and I hope this is a night they remember for the rest of their lives. I thought the first half was the best half we played all year."

On if this was another "redemption game"...

"There are a few games that were redemption games for us. I mentioned it a couple times this week. That was part of it, but they have been focused all year. I've been pleased how they have bounced back after each day to get ready for the next one."

On Nick Wilson...

"He is a great young man. He has been the main leader along with Zach Green for the running backs. They both played well again and it was neat to have Nick get 100 in his last game here. He'll remember that for a long time."

On rushing for 534 yards...

"It starts with the big guys up front. Our tight ends do a great job of blocking and I think our receivers do a great job blocking too, they get overlooked. We try to do some different things that can create big plays for us. The big guys and the tight ends take the most pride out of it. You don't always have to throw it, but Khalil made some nice throws."

On the backup quarterbacks...

"I'm proud of Brandon Dawkins. I told him that he's a player too and he did some good things during his reps. He took the team down for a touchdown and it was good to get Zach Werlinger in there. I think I heard the student section yelling for him to get in there."

Arizona senior offensive lineman Jacob Alsadek

On the running game...

"J.J. (Taylor) had a good night running up the middle and Khalil (Tate) had a good night running outside. That's what we live for. You know where we're going to run it and we're still going to do it."

On the offensive lineman mentality...

"We have to be tough, bigger guys. We don't look pretty but we'll beat you up. The younger guys can get frustrated because you were way bigger than everyone else in high school. Once you get to college you're going against bigger guys and you don't get that same feeling. You have to keep grinding and not get discouraged."

On his final game in Arizona Stadium...

"I tried to enjoy every second of it. I thank these guys and everyone in the room for being there for me. I have some of the best memories of my life here. If I could stay here forever, I definitely would do it. I just don't want it to end. People bring up this is your last time doing this and it's starting to weigh on you."

Arizona freshman running back J.J. Taylor

On Nick Wilson and Zach Green...

"They both lead the entire running back staff. They tell us to keep our head up when things don't go our way."

Arizona freshman linebacker Colin Schooler

On the difference between the first and second half...

"I thought we played pretty sound in the first half and we came out slow in the second half. I don't think we played a full game that we were capable of and we have to get better. We got frustrated when they were scoring, but I thought we did a pretty good job of sticking to the game plan."

Arizona freshman quarterback Khalil Tate

On Brandon Dawkins...

"He has helped a lot. Every time I come to the sideline he shows me what I could've or should've done, so he helps me a lot."

On his first touchdown...

"It was a run play, I kept the ball, the defender got in the way, I tried to move around and then I just used my determination to get in the end zone."

Oregon State Quotes at Arizona

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Head Coach Cory Hall

Opening Statement...

"The game tonight... We have 602 total offensive yards for Arizona and 360 (total offensive yards) for Oregon State Football. The thing that keeps me encouraged in the position that I am in is looking into the eyes of the players after the game. They're still not quitting. Now, there are some things that have to change, and in my humblest opinion, those players deserve better. I'm not going to take anything from Arizona. They did what they needed to do. They executed offensively and defensively. As I look at this and how invested I am in the lives of those players, the only thing I can say is for (me), they deserve a lot better than what's being displayed right now. Again, good job Arizona Wildcats, and back to work... business as usual."

On what was at fault tonight...

"It's not frustration, and that's why I'm saying what the players deserve. You saw Arizona run weak-side, and you saw Cal run weak-side. So at some point, you have to look elsewhere, adjust and put players in a better situation. We have to do better, and it has to be top priority. I'll take responsibility because I'm sitting here in this position, but I'm not unhappy with our players on defense... I'm not unhappy with the players on offense. Not at all. This is something we have to learn as a group, as a team. My message in the locker room was we have to take ownership."

On the difference between the first and second half...

"We wanted to establish the run. We played behind the chains a little bit. They got inside of some drives quickly. Defensively, we couldn't stop that running game. Really didn't do much in the pass and throw

game at all, but again, we have to put our players in better situations. We have to put them in the position to be successful - period point blank. That's really all I can say to be honest with you. You guys watch the game, and you guys look at our team, player for player, so we all have eyes. That's why I came in here, and it's on my heart to say that these players deserve better. They do."

Running Back Ryan Nall

On difference between run game in first and second halves...

"It was tough. They came in and stacked the blocks on our guys in there. Even if we had some, they were two extra guys open so it was difficult. They played hard and compared to second half, we were able to throw the ball a little and open up the run game. I think we came out and laid it out there second half."

On schematic changes to open up passing game...

"We had it in our game plan to throw the ball more, but it just came down to us executing and having one or two extra guys open helped a lot. We had to make them respect the pass, and it definitely opened up some plays for us."

On what was said at halftime that changed the effort in the second half...

"There was no inspirational speech. We knew what we were doing wrong and what we needed to change. We all knew that we weren't going to give up on each other, and that's how it's going to be for the next two games. We're still going to show Beaver Nation that we still care, and that we still love our fans."

Linebacker Jalen Moore

On Khalil Tate...

"I have nothing but respect for Khalil Tate. I want what is best for him the rest of the season. He's a good player, but at the end of the day, we're both Division 1 athletes and I have nothing but respect for him."

On the loss...

"At the end of the day, our loss is on us and we were the ones making mistakes. Arizona is a good team, and we were just missing assignments and making mistakes."

Linebacker Kee Whetzel

On Arizona's offense...

"They run a really fast offense, and they run the ball well. You can't really take away from a running game that is as strong as theirs. It just came down to us missing assignments and not executing well."