

Georgia State at Washington Post-Game Quotes
Husky Stadium
Sept. 20, 2014

Washington Head Coach Chris Petersen

Opening Statement:

I'll start with the positives because I'm a positive guy. I like the way the kids played in the second half...it was good, it was inspiring, it was the way football should be played. I thought first half was just about as bad as football I've been around, maybe ever. I want to give Georgia State credit, I think they were executing and doing a nice job. But it wasn't anything we haven't seen before, and for whatever reason the kids didn't show up to play in the first half, and that's all me. So we'll analyze, we will adjust.

Did you sense that kind of play coming during practice this week?

Nope, I thought we had the best week of practice, but for whatever reason, lose your edge around here for one second that's exactly what will happen.

Cyler mentioned he thought he did see this coming...does that frustrate you to hear players feel like that?

No, I think it's honest. I didn't feel that, I don't think our coaches felt that. I actually thought the kids worked hard. I thought it was pretty good, but the players know. You sometimes think the players aren't ready but they are ready. I just really hope that this is a lesson we can all learn from.

Is the team ready for Stanford?

Did you just see what I saw? I know we're not ready for Stanford .

What was your approach at half time?

We'll the approach was everybody just needs to do their job. That's the bottom line. You stop looking around at what's going on, just take care of your area and you're responsibility...get the energy up and let's go play. It's not rocket science here...it's pretty easy to see that there was very uninspired football the first half. To those guys credit, they did adjust. Sometimes we tend to panic a little bit, but they honed in and focused and got some things done.

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DL Danny Shelton:

On being down 0-14 at half:

As a defense we knew that we needed to keep it together. We have been through a lot of adversity so it was nothing that we haven't faced before. Really it was just we didn't expect them to come out with a fight, personally I didn't. Gotta give them props for coming out fighting. It woke us up and it was what we really needed.

On the Georgia State running game:

Coach K came out at half time and addressed it. We made a few adjustments on the D-Line. It's something that us as a D-Line needs to work on. Anytime that they are gaining yards on us, we are going to take the fall for it. We really wanted to step up in the second half.

On allowing only 42 yards in the second half:

It says a lot. It really spoke to us as a team. We have to come out and expect that we are going to face somebody that will give us a fight. The second half taught us that we need to come out heads on fire right away. You can't just slow down and expect the offense or the defense to do it. I think we did a good job as a whole unit. Special teams came at it.

QB Cyler Miles:

On bringing in Jeff Linquist:

Jeff is a great player, a great runner. He can throw the ball too. Obviously he pounded the rock today. Jeff is the type of guy that would do anything for the team. It was great for him to come in and give us that spark.

On Cyler's overall play:

I think I played so-so. They were bringing a lot of pressure. We have to get that fixed during the week. I gotta get better at a lot of things.

On impact of losing John Ross for the game:

We got guys to fill in. Ross is a great player, obviously. But it's not like we lost a beat because we got guys that we ready.

LB John Timu:

On the coming out slow in the first half:

It was just the energy. Everything we had, we saw. We just have execute it, but we didn't have any energy. We have to come out a play a complete game.

On recovering in the second half:

It is always good to be able to recover like that. WE can't overlook anybody. We just have to come out and be a complete football team.

On overlooking Georgia State:

Everybody thought it was just Georgia State. We can never do that, no matter what team we are facing. We have to come out and the energy has to be on fire like it was in the second half and we have to execute.

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Opening Statement:

It was a tale of two halves. I thought our kids played pretty well in the first half. There were still too many turnovers. But then Washington did an outstanding job in the second half turning up the heat and pressure and performing to the level that they can perform at. They didn't allow our offense to move the ball and flipped the field on us. Everything was played with our defense with their backs to the wall in the second half. And you can't do that up here. Give them all the credit for scoring 45 unanswered points, but you can't put your defense in that position and expect to have any kind of result no matter who you play. But Washington caused that. They did a great job on returns – we had breakdowns in our punting team and they capitalized.

On what changed from first to second half:

I think they changed. I think UW did a great job at getting after us up front. We couldn't even get the ball off. They shut down the run. They put the pressure on us, and a lot of young guys wilted under the pressure. And they really did a good job on their returns. We weren't supposed to kick the ball in-bounds, then you kick the ball down the middle of the field and they're starting on the 20 yard line going in. They did a great job turning it up.

On what happened to defense in second half:

They got tired. You can be playing the Seattle Seahawks, if you put them where they're backed up every series, they're going to get worn down. That's a Pac-12 football team. We've been playing football for five years and we only have six seniors on the trip. We wear down when you leave them out there like that. You have to move the ball on offense to keep them off the field to give them a rest.

On impact of Avery Sweeting's fumble on team's morale:

We didn't lose morale, we lost the ball. Our kids don't lose morale. You can't turn the ball over against a really good football team deep in your own territory right after your defense got off the field – they didn't even have time to get a drink of water before they're back out there.

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QB Nick Arbuckle

You had the lead heading into halftime can you compare the first half to the second:

We played a lot better in the first half we came out with a lot of energy. We were executing on both sides of the ball. We made two big mistakes but our defense had our back. In the second half we completely lost the field position battle. We struggled to get first downs offensively. They started every single series on our side of the field so it was a tough uphill battle there in the second half.

What was it like playing in this type of environment here at Husky Stadium?

It was pretty awesome. Any time you can play in front of this many fans with this kind of noise you can feed off of it. It is a lot better than playing in front of 10-15,000 fans like we usually get in the Sunbelt so it was pretty awesome to play with this kind of noise.

Moving forward, what will you take as a team from this game as you continue on in your season?

I think we showed how good of a ball team we can be especially in the first half. I mean obviously in the second half, we did not do much. First half we showed we can play with the best of them out here. We played up to the level I know that we can and this was probably as good as team as we are going to face in the Sunbelt. They deserved the win and they played one hell of a second half.