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POSTGAME QUOTES

IOWA STATE

HEAD COACH PAUL RHOADS

Opening statement:

“There’s a lot I can say. A lot I can say about those kids down in the locker room. A lot I can say about the coaching staff and the job that they continue to do. A lot I can say about the most loyal fan base in all of college athletics. I’d mess it up and probably run it long. It was a great victory for our program and there’s a lot of people that should be thankful.”

On the reason for the win tonight:

“We’ve always believed and I still believe that we have a good football team. We have played five opponents that we have lost to that had a combined record of 33-3 going into today. We’ve been playing really good football teams. We’ve improved in the process. We had one loss that was embarrassing to us, humiliating to us. Other than that our football team has fought, prepared and done the things that we’ve asked them. They haven’t performed at a high enough level to gain some victories over some folks like that. Today they did, from start to finish and in all three phases. We accomplished all the things that we felt we needed to beat Texas. We won the turnover margin, we stopped the run, we threw and run against their pressure, we were fantastic in special teams, and we started fast. People questioned whether we could do that or not. Our confidence level will be up another notch with this for that we get to take on an undefeated and one loss team the next two weeks in a row that are in the top 15 or somewhere in that margin. Our guys will be eager and excited about that challenge but we know the work that will be ahead to continue on towards the path to victory.”

On his expectations for Joel Lanning:

“No, but I would say that it was very accurate to what I expected to some degree. What happened to Joel in his first start, when he had the whole team the first week, had all the preparation to go through against a team that brings a lot of pressure was about what we expected. He is a competitive, competitive kid. He likes the ball in his hand. He stood in there under pressure. He delivered some clutch throws. He threw some bad balls into the ground, he threw a number of them that he’d love to have back. He’s tough, he ran for productive yardage, whether it was a scramble or a designed quarterback run. He took some hits on some scramble, and he got up and the team knew who their leader was and who was in charge. So that’s probably exceeding expectations for a first start for a redshirt sophomore, but in my estimation probably not.”

On what the defense’s performance says about them.

“That the three four is an okay defense, that Wally is a pretty sharp coach, that the rest of the staff knows what they’re doing, and that we’ve got kids that play with an unbelievable work ethic and passion. Tonight they made more plays. They tackled better, they pursued better, they put pressure on the quarterback, and they got what’s

been coming to them with the shutout. They played really good football. I would argue that for the last 100 minutes they played really, really good defense.”

On delivering the shutout:

“I was really happy. The game was over; it had been decided. But the players and coaches had such a pressure on their shoulders to deliver that shutout. I was hopeful that they would execute and be able to deliver it. Because I wouldn’t want anything to detract from what is and what was going to be a tremendous victory for our program. They played hard, they executed, we were fortunate that the ball ended up on the ground and we were able to secure the shutout.”

WIDE RECEIVER ALLEN LAZARD

On Joel Lanning’s debut:

“I think he handled the pressure extremely well. He was able to escape [and] make plays with his feet and with his arm. I was very impressed with him. I’m not saying I’m shocked or anything because I’ve seen him do that stuff since high school. I’m glad he had a great night.”

On how the ‘events of the week’ played into the game:

“We just came close as a team, especially offensively. We just all bought in together and we just understood what happened though and we just stuck together and had a good game.”

RUNNING BACK MIKE WARREN

On Joel Lanning sharing time running the ball:

“It was really good. It keeps the defense honest. I’m pretty sure they found out he could run early on. It takes a load off of me that he could run, too.”

On being close to the 1,000 yard mark:

“It means a lot to the [offensive] line. It’s all worth it.”

QUARTERBACK JOEL LANNING

On his first start:

“It was awesome. We came out ready to go; we kept it going with our drives. There were times where I could’ve done things better, and there were some passes that slid off my back foot. We just kept the drive going, kept fighting.”

On how he was feeling:

“It was like any other game, the pass game I’ve played. I was fine; I wasn’t nervous at all really. It was just a game.”

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HEAD COACH CHARLIE STRONG

Opening statement:

“We have to be a better prepared team and a better focused team on the road. From a coach’s perspective, we have to get our players going. From our perspective, the leadership has to take over, we do not have enough senior leaders, it is our job to make it happen. On defense, we have to get off the field on third down, they made some plays that kept drives going. On offense, we never converted on third down, I think we went 2-of-13 on third down, we just have to play better. We thought we were taking steps forward, this was a step back.”

On play at the line of scrimmage:

“You always feel like that you want to dominate at the line of scrimmage. Our offensive line, we want them to help us throw around the football, and defensively we need to stop the run. We all know that we cannot be one-dimensional, if they load the box with men we need to be able to throw the ball.”

On play of offense:

“We can get in sync, but there were breakdowns at every position. When you look at it, it is not just at the quarterback position, we have to get better all across the board. It is not just on the quarterback position, it is all of them.”

On whether play-calling was conservative:

“You have take shots, and when it is time to take shots you have to let the ball go. We had the opportunities, but you have to be able to release the ball, and let the receivers make the plays. The receiver is not always going to be open when you let go of the ball, but you have to give those guys a shot.”

On whether the loss hurts team’s momentum:

“It concerns me because it looked like we were building on. We felt that we had something going, outside of the early losses we had. We just need to play hard, and with a lot of effort. I think defensively we played hard, we need the execution to be there now.”

DEFENSIVE END BRYCE COTTRELL

On the loss being a surprise:

“Am I surprised? Of course, I’m always surprised. I mean, this is the University of Texas. It’s unacceptable.”

On if he thought Iowa State would be that physical up front:

“I mean, it’s college football. Everyone is going to be physical week in and week out.”

DEFENSIVE BACK DUKE THOMAS

On the loss being tough:

“It’s definitely a tough loss. I don’t like losing at all. Coming into this game, knowing it was their homecoming we had to play with pride, and we didn’t make that happen.”

SAFTEY DYLAN HAINES

On the defense:

“Offensively we couldn’t get anything going, but on defense we didn’t help them out at all, especially on third down. We’re going to look back on this game and see that we’re not executing on third down and this is not the team that played against OU and K-State, so we just have to continue to play better and execute and that just comes with preparation, It is a one-game season so this one is done so we just have to prepare for Kansas next at home.”