

Weber State at Utah State Postgame Quotes

Weber State 35, Utah State 7

Utah State Head Coach Blake Anderson

On the game:

"Obviously, it's disappointing. Give credit to Jay (Hill) and his group. We got outcoached and outplayed. It's that simple. They came with a great gameplan and executed it. They had us off-balance all night on both sides of the ball. We dropped balls. We had penalties. We made mistakes. We played right into their plan. They did a great job. They earned it. Every bit of it. They're celebrating down stairs and they deserve to. I told our guys all week this was very possible. I had a tremendous amount of respect for the team that was coming in, what they were capable of and what this game could look like. I've been in it. I've been in both sides of it as a player and as a coach. All week long we talked about how we have to play our best. Respect the opponent. Respect the process. Respect the opportunity. And play your best. We did not. So, it falls on me as a head coach. I have to get them ready, and we weren't. It shows on the field. Weber did a great job. They deserve to celebrate. We have to learn from it, be critical in the open week, find where we can get better because right now we're not a very good football team. We're searching for ourselves. We're searching for consistency. We're searching for leadership. You name it. In every phase of the game. We have not played a good football game yet, and it shows. We're fortunate to have one win under our belt because we easily could have lost week one. We're just struggling to find our team. Hopefully, that's something we can do in the course of the next week. It's a non-conference game, and I'm hoping we can figure out who we are and have some guys step up before we start conference play and start playing like the team that we are capable of. But, we're going to have to make some adjustments in a lot of areas this week to get that done."

Utah State Graduate Senior Safety Hunter Reynolds

On if the defense was worn down at the end:

"No. As a defense, we know we can play four quarters. Our goal every week is to come out and play four dominant quarters. We just didn't execute well enough down the stretch."

On what USU needs to do differently in run defense:

"We have a bye week coming up, so we're just going to self-evaluate, look at the film and see what we need to do better in terms of players. I know the coaches are going to handle what they need to handle. They are a great coaching staff. Coach (Ephraim) Banda last year made great adjustments down the stretch. We're just going to watch the film, be very critical of ourselves, be honest, be accountable and look to fix any problems."

On the defense's mentality:

"As a defense, our mentality is next up. If they score a touchdown. If they get a field goal. If our offense puts us in a position where we have to put out a fire, our mentality is just next up. Next play. Next drive. One play at a time. That's how we go."

Utah State Junior Wide Receiver Terrell Vaughn

On returning a kick-off for a touchdown

"It felt great. I want to help my team win in any way I can. But, it felt great to do that today."

On what Utah State's offense can do differently to get things going

"We are a great offense. We've got a lot of new players and key players that left from last season, including the top three receivers. We just need to find out more about our new players and build up to that point. But, we'll be fine."

Weber State Head Coach Jay Hill:

"The players were outstanding and I can't say enough about the coaches and the game plan. Ultimately, it comes down to players making plays and they all did it on both sides of the ball. We ran it when we needed to, we threw it when we needed to and the defense was absolutely outstanding all night."