

BYU vs. No. 22 Washington - September 21, 2019

BYU head coach Kalani Sitake

Tough loss against a great team like that. As much as we try to gain momentum, we're looking forward to the next one and learning from this and getting better. We didn't execute well enough. It's my fault and I need to do whatever I need to do to make sure we have a high execution level next week.

The guys played hard, the effort was there. They were pounding us on the run game. They did a lot of different formations. Things just happened and anytime we tried to respond, it was too much for us to overcome. That's a huge credit to Washington. We made some mistakes too, but I don't think that takes away from what Washington did. They put us in uncomfortable positions and I'm disappointed in our performance. That's my job to get them ready so they play faster and more clean.

On the team's mistakes

You know, the guys were ready to play, but we didn't make them uncomfortable at all. We just made a lot of mistakes. Washington steamrolled us. They disrupted our timing and caused turnovers. They executed their game plan and we weren't able to do ours. These young guys want to make plays. But, just because they want to make plays, doesn't mean we should allow them to forget things like ball security.

On where the team is currently

I knew that going into this part of our schedule, we would need our depth. We felt like we have a huge emphasis on our depth. They put us in a really tough spot. Their coaching staff did an amazing job preparing. It would have been nice to have that one back. Washington is a great team, but I'm more focused on getting ready for the next game.

On quarterback Zach Wilson

We're going to watch some film, but there's some drills we can work on. I know he's going to be really hard on himself. We just have to keep working with that guy.

On Washington's strategy

They had some different formations and did some things that we hadn't seen in previous game. They did whatever they wanted to do and we didn't do enough to stop them. We had to make them feel uncomfortable and we didn't do that.

We tried to put them in tough spots. When you're playing with a lot of young guys, practice always works well. We need to put our guys in more difficult positions. It's hard to simulate a game. We try to bring pressure. It's a great team, but we just need to make some adjustments.

BYU defensive back Dayan Ghanwoloku

We were coming in and playing a good quarterback. We need everyone on the same page otherwise our team doesn't work. Having them pick us apart like that was disappointing to see. We we're ready for this game for sure. We tried to go out there and do our job.

On how BYU will bounce back

We just have to stay positive. When the second half came, we had a lot of time left in the game. Our only goal was to stop them. We just have to do our job. Coach has put us in a good position to be successful. We have to move on. We have a whole other game next week and a long season.

On where the team is at currently

It's not going to happen again. We'll make sure of that. Coach coaches us well to know what we're doing out there and keep any return contained. But, we're solid. We need to move forward and we can win all the games ahead of us.

BYU Linebacker Max Tooley

On Washington QB Jacob Eason

He's a great quarterback, you've got to give credit where it's due. You could tell he has experience. He was able to look us off really and it helped them to complete passes where last week we were getting takeaways. He's obviously a great quarterback and you've got to give respect to him.

On being out on the field for 34+ minutes

It's hard, it's tiring. But, we have trust in our offense and we have trust in ourselves just to keep pounding it. We have depth and we trust each other. Obviously, it's hard coming toward the end of the game when we've got the defense out on the field most of the time. But, I think just sticking to our assignments, playing football and being aggressive all the way to the last minute is really all we can do.

On the overall health of the team

Obviously, throughout the first couple of games you're always going to have guys going down and injuries are going to happen.



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But I think overall our depth has held up. We've had guys ready to go in when other guys have been tired or not feeling 100%. I think through four games we're looking pretty good for the most part.

BYU Tightend Matt Bushman

On bouncing back from start

It's tough. Playing Washington these last two years, we've shot ourselves in our foot in a lot of drives. Coming out after halftime, we had all the confidence that we were still in the game. We had momentum going, but unfortunately turned the ball over and it was hard to get back after another a turover like that. At the end of the day, our team just wanted to fight, but it's hard to come back after that many turnovers.

On fumble after halftime

It was a tough go because we were driving the ball and doing pretty well. Dax made a good play, but they punched it out. We had the momentum going, but it turned rough. It's hard to keep getting themomentum back against a good team like Washington. They didn't turn the ball over often and finished their drives. They're just a good team and we can't do that against good teams.

On if this was the toughest team played so far

They are a good team, but I think our personal mistakes made them look a lot better. They're returning Pac-12 champions, so they were going to be a really good team this season. But, I think if we eliminated those mistakes we would've been in the game and it would've been a lot closer.

On coming out after two emotional games

I don't think we came out flat, but I think they came out hot. They drove down and scored. We had some mistakes and that didn't allow us to finish our drives like we wanted to. We were confident going into this game and we knew we could play with them, but we can't have so many mistakes against a really good team.

On Washington's play vs. USC and Tennessee

I think they were playing a little different. Their style of defense is to not give up huge touchdown passes. They started to adjust and do things that other teams have done in the past. But, I should still be able to get open when there are double teams. As a player, I believe I need to do better and get open, especially in the second half too.

On Ty'Son going down

He's a workhorse and works so hard and wants us to succeed. That one hurt. He's confident that it's nothing major, but we hope the best and hope we can see him next week.

On assessment going into the rest of the season

As a team and as a person, I would love to have been 4-0. I think any team should have that desire, so that's a little frustrating. I think not may people thought we could be 2-2 against two really good teams this far. We're really focused on Toledo. We're going to own up to our mistakes, figure it out, be in the film room a lot and prepare for Toledo.

Emmanuel Eskupa

On Ty'Son going down

It was heartbreaking. We've gotten pretty close since I've been here, so it was heartbreaking to see.

On offensive play

We have bad tastes in our mouths right now. We gave them the ball too many times and gave them too many chances to do things. We just have to watch the film, learn from it and move on.

On how the team responded physically

We stuck around for the most part. We have a long week that will give us an opportunity to get healthy. But, for the most part, we were pretty good.

On difference between games

All four teams were pretty good to me. I just pay attention to us and what we have to do to get a win. You just have to do what coach tells you.

On how Washington jammed them up

They are really tough to move on. They are really fast. They were doing things that were disrupting us, but we have to keep parting with our eyes down and keep doing what we have to do.