

**Washington head coach Chris Petersen**

I thought it was a good performance on all phases. It was nice to get explosive plays by our defense and it was nice to get them on our special teams. Our offense was striking with explosive plays as well. I thought that the balance of the run-pass on the offense was good. Our defense did a nice job creating turnovers, which changes the game. It was everything that we talk about. Our offense and defense did a nice job taking the crowd out early. First game on the road at a pretty cool venue and I was proud of everything they did. The game is always far from perfect, we still have a lot of learning going on and some things that are frustrating, so we'll get cleaned up. I like how they practice, and I like how they competed out here.

On the strong third quarter start

I don't know why the last two week we haven't started that. You can't just talk about things; you have to work on them. That's not good coaching, to just talk about coming out in the third quarter. There are some things in practice that we try to emphasize and try to get done to help those things, but they came out and they played. There were some young guys that were making some really good plays. Trent McDuffie in there, as a true freshman he plays at a high level.

On the quarterback, Jacob Eason, not needing a lot of room between the O Line

It's nice, he just needs to learn how to balance how much room he needs because he needed a little more room on that one play, but that's part of the snap decisions that we make. There are always those throws, whether they're game changers or not, but as far as I could see that, that was one. We could've gotten down field, but he did a nice job checking it off. He's making good process.

Washington Quarterback Jacob Eason*On if Washington changed anything on offense*

No, we didn't change anything, it was the same offense. We have big playmakers, but we had other guys that did a good job of stepping up and making plays when they needed to."

On how he would rate his own performance

"Well, it was good to get my first road game under my belt. The crowd noise was there, there were some good situations in the game that went well so pretty solid. Our offensive line did a great job of keeping me upright and our receivers made some great plays. Our running backs ran the ball, overall it was a pretty solid performance."

On the first possession score

That's the goal every game no matter where you are, we were dialed in, we got some of the looks we wanted, we came out on the attack, so I think we did a good job, opened up the game pretty well."

On completing 13 passes in a row

It's just being in the moment, next play mentality. I didn't know that, that was the first time I heard to be honest. Yeah, just playing the play, doing my job on each play, going through my progressions. Receivers made plays, the offensive line gave me time to throw the ball. All around it was a team effort.

On the turnover in the third quarter

"It's always good to come out of the half and get some juice and I think we did that today. This atmosphere was pretty new and exciting and we did a good job of handling it. I was proud of our guys."



On the team's defense

They're always going to bring it. I know Coach Lake dials them in. Those guys over there prepare all week. I'm always confident in those guys and they're confident in us too. Super excited to see those guys making plays and playing good football.

On when the defense plays well and takes the pressure off the offense

When we get 14 points on defense it's definitely a huge energy thing for us. You wish you could get that every game, but that's just not the case, but we had the opportunity to do that and we made those plays today. Like I said, it was just a huge energy boost for us, super proud of our defense who played really well today.

Washington tailback Sean McGrew

On starting the third quarter well

Recently we've been starting off slow in the third quarter, so it was nice to come out fast and not slow down from that first half and to keep our momentum going.

On hitting a career-high in rushing yards (110 yards)

That's awesome. Honestly, stats don't matter to me, it's just about doing whatever I can to help the team win. Stats are cool but winning is even cooler.

On Salvon Ahmed not playing

There wasn't anything different for me at all, I just had to watch an hour extra of film and just going through our plays in my head more. I just had to understand what our checks and audibles were, so I don't have to ask.