

Postgame Quotes
UW vs. Oregon State
Nov. 4, 2022

Head Coach Kalen DeBoer

Opening Statement

"What a game. Finding a way to win that is what we talked about. We have a goal of winning a championship and we talked about it at halftime. You want to be a championship-caliber team, you have to find ways to fight, battle and win in games like this. The physical ones. The ones that go back-and-forth. The ones that have the adversity that hit you. Throw in there the lights go out. Certainly, proud of the resiliency and fight. The drives at the end whether it's the defense getting a stop or the offense going the length of the field. There were a couple of times during the game I felt like the momentum was on our side and we just couldn't quite get over the hump. The defense had a third and long in the third quarter and we got the face mask call that extended their drive. Felt like after the first quarter or first half we were battling our way back and then the interception for a touchdown. The guys just believe. That is just who we are, I definitely believe that. It is fun to just see them finding a way. The only time I think we led was the very last few seconds of the game. I am going to enjoy this one for sure. Every game that we play from here on out that we win just makes the next one more important. It is fun to be a part of that here this time of season."

On halftime defensive adjustments

"I was in the room with the defense and I thought that they did an amazing job. This coaching staff. You know what the game plan is and the adjustments that are a part of the game. There were some tweaks and things to just keep testing throughout the first half. But really got in there and I thought that it was efficient. I was so impressed with the efficiency and communication by the coaches and then taking that into the locker room. It played its self out exactly how the coaching staff were portraying it to the defensive side of the ball. Hats off to the guys for believing in those adjustments."

On Peyton Henry

If we got to the 20-yard line, we felt pretty good. So that catch by CD (Cam Davis) that he had was kind of right where we wanted it. It wasn't a matter of probably so much of if he could hit it, like Peyton has been hitting it pretty strong, it was just pregame I saw two balls that he kicked right down the middle. One hit the left and one went right and barely got in. He was hitting it pregame and that was the yard marker in my mind the whole game. We felt pretty comfortable going that direction."

Place Kicker Peyton Henry

On the wind

"I wasn't paying attention to that all night because the pregame was giving me fits. I was happy it kind of died down at the end there."

When did you think it was going to come down to you?

"Start of the fourth quarter when it was still tied. I was just visualizing being in that situation and mentally getting ready for it because I knew it was going to come down to a single kick."

How much did winning the toss help out?

"It was a pretty heavy cross wind, not going to lie. Probably one of the worst wind games I've ever played in, especially in Husky Stadium it was pretty hard to play left to right down toward the lakeside, tricky to aim a little bit, outside the left upright for it to curl back in so it was definitely a tricky night to kick all around."

#1 Rome Odunze**On the wind...**

"It was a little windy out there, I honestly didn't think it impacted us too heavily. We don't really think about the weather we just think about going out there and executing. I think that the wind was causing the ball to have different patterns but with Mike's talents, he gets the ball where it needs to be regardless, so not tremendously."

Did they do anything differently in the first half that you weren't expecting?

"I think we had to identify how they were going to play us. I think they came out a little bit differently than they're comfortable in, it seemed like. They had two weeks to prepare, they know we're a high-powered offense so I'm sure they were dialing some stuff up." \

Was there anything hard about this weather?

"It didn't rain, it was honestly a relief. I think we went in thinking; I mean some reports were saying it was about to be a hurricane out there, so we thought it was going to be way worse than that. So just the wind, a little chilly, but we knew we could overcome that."

What'd you think when the power went out?

"I don't know man, that was crazy. That reminded me of the Ravens and 49ers Super Bowl when the power went out. I was like man you should just let us play with the power out, old-school rules. You could get more chips in, more dirty plays in, you know what I'm saying. It was interesting, we just tried to stay warm and stay focused."

What's the meaning of a win like this for the program?

"I think that it builds character for us and propels us forward in the season. We're got a big opponent next week and these last four games of the season are always tough. With the weather getting worse and worse and having to focus more and more and our bodies getting more tired, it just gives us that mentality that we're going to go out there and fight no matter what. No matter the score, until the clock hits triple zero."

Linebacker Cam Bright

It got a little bit chippy at the end of the game, what was going on?

"They're (Oregon State) finally winning again, finally ranked since 2013 so you know, they're a little frustrated on their losing the ball game as well."

Running Back Cam Davis

Are you surprised that Oregon State ran the ball so much on you guys tonight, considering that everyone else has tried to pick apart your secondary?

"No, I wasn't surprised, because honestly that was probably their game plan. Knowing that it was supposed to rain, it was crazy that it didn't rain, but you know, considering the wind and stuff we knew they weren't gonna pass too much."

Last drive, how much confidence was there?

"We all have confidence in each other, like I said earlier, in practice all the time. We have clutch periods, so these are moments that we're made for."

You're 7-2 now, how can a win like this propel you through the rest of the season?

"It's huge. We've got three tough games coming up, so this is going to give us great momentum going into those games."

What does this mean for the team, and for you personally?

"I just try to keep my head down and keep working. I don't want to be content and complacent, so I've still got a lot more to do."

Quarterback Michael Penix Jr.

Walk through the last drive...

"We had to go score and that's what we did. That's all it was. The team always believing, you know."

On the weather

"I was good. I wasn't worried about that. We're still gonna throw the ball no matter what the conditions are."

On the wind

"For sure. It got away on the couple of them. But the ones that counted, they got there."

What was the biggest play on that last drive?

"The biggest play on that last drive, I don't even know I can't even lie to you I barely remember the last drive. I was too hype. (play by Cam Davis) that was the biggest play oh my goodness, third down, big play. Their defense, they messed up I don't know what they were doing, and they left him out there and I just had to get him the ball. I wish it was a better throw, but I was just trying to get it to him as fast as I could. Cam is a dawg, he comes to practice every day so I

know he's going to make plays like that in the game, so I just put it in his vicinity, he's going to go get it."

Comparing OSU to who else you've played this year, was Oregon State doing anything you didn't anticipate?

"No, they weren't doing anything we didn't anticipate. They did mainly what we thought they would do. As far as their secondary, they do got a good secondary, they've got a good defense in general. I feel like they probably thought coming in they had a great game plan. I feel like they played good but we made plays when we needed to. Our defense made big stops over and over and over again, so we capitalized on that, and we just needed to take advantage of that."

What's the mentality like commanding that offense on that last drive?

"We just knew we needed to protect the ball. I couldn't put the ball in danger. Just make sure to control everything that's going on on the field and make sure we move with good tempo and just execute on the smaller details. That was the main thing, we knew that nobody could stop us. That's how we feel on offense, we feel that nobody in the country can stop us. When we got the ball with like 4:35 left, it was no doubt in anybody's mind in that huddle that we weren't gonna go down there and put some points on the board. That's the thing about this team and this offense, those guys never quit. Those guys are always going to fight right until the end and they show it over and over again. First of all, I need to thank my offensive lineman, man. I had so much time in the pocket tonight. To allow me to make some of those big time throws and long downs. The offensive linemen played their tails off. It was a great game by them."