

Washington vs. Illinois Postgame Quotes
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Washington Head Coach Jedd Fisch

Opening Statement

I want to make sure that we appreciate all of our troops and everybody that has given us the freedoms that we all have and the opportunity that we all get to play this amazing game, and to live in this country. I certainly want to also thank Coach Petrilli, gave him a game ball today and obviously appreciate his service for our country. Proud of our guys, thought our guys played exceptionally well today. A lot of young guys were playing – the guys that had to step up. It was fun to watch. I said you build it. You build it with young guys and it's fun to see this recruiting class step up. I think I saw today that we have had 2,000 reps with freshmen. It's pretty amazing, pretty awesome to see our guys do what they're doing. I thought that our quarterback played exceptionally well today. Demond was 16 for 19. 84%. I thought Adam Mohammed stepped in beautifully as our starting back, and three touchdowns, which is awesome. 60 or so yards on the ground. It's great to see Jordan Washington rip one off. It's great to see Audric [Harris] step up, make plays. Dez Roebuck got in the end zone again. Defensively, it was really nice to see the way our guys attacked the quarterback. I thought [Deshawn] Lynch and [Zach] Durfee did a great job attacking the quarterback. All together, I thought we had a good game, proud of our guys, it's not easy to score 49 points in this conference. So excited that we're seven and three and having a chance now to get on the road and go play at UCLA.

Any update on Raiden [Vines-Bright]?

Raiden is doing good, from what I understand. Everything has checked out at this point in time. He is fully mobile, fully awake, fully aware. It was very precautionary at the time and he is doing good.

At what point this week did you know you weren't going to have Denzel [Boston] and then Jonah [Coleman]?

Jonah I thought we were having until pregame warm-up. I think the third snap of pregame warm-up when we were in seven on seven, he couldn't decelerate. So at that point in time, we couldn't play him. And Denzel, we worked him out on Thursday and he couldn't cut.

What do you feel like a game like this says about the makeup of your offense, and do you feel like this was a complete performance by them?

Yeah, I mean, I think I think our offense has done a nice job this season for the most part. I think statistically it would say that. But I would say when we were able to have the balance of run and pass and not have to rely on Demond's [Williams] legs because of the fact that their way of defending our run game was by defending Demond and making him hand the ball off. Us being able to break some of those runs, are the difference makers in the game. Passing wise, I think we don't have to throw it as much as I've had to in the past. I mean, we

called 22 passes today. Maybe we called 27 and scrambled five times, but it's kind of fun to be able to mix and match and be able to not feel that you're in a position where you have to throw to win.

Washington Running Back Adam Mohammed

When did you know you were gonna start today?

I've known for a while. Probably the whole week...

So what's your week look like? How many reps are you getting?

I was taking the same amount of reps. I know. We tried getting Jordan and Quaid more reps.. It was just doing that. Jonah [Coleman] was still going.

What was Jonah like on the sidelines today?

Jonah is just great energy. I know he's not in the game physically, but mentally, he's still there with us. He's just an amazing guy.

Washington Linebacker Zaydrius Rainey-Sale

For someone who, obviously being a local guy and then coming off the injury everything, you' been working a lot, you just take a little bit through that and how that just culminates in a night like tonight.

I just felt like the long days, long nights, prepared me for this, and just keeping my head down and continuing to work every day. That's really what led me to this point. I'm very thankful. For young players like you, there are moments where things might click and might just take a pick, step forward.

How did you feel about that interception you had? What was going through your head?

I was like, there's no way throwing it to me! I was like "golly", am I seeing it? Really? I caught it. I got nervous, though I'm not going to lie. I should have made a mess. I was like " just need the pick"

You went down pretty quick there (at the interception) what happened?

Seeing the whole bunch of people around me, my vision got closed, and I was just like, "Let me just secure the catch." Cause I could have probably returned it, but I froze. So I was like, "It's all good. I got the pick."

I've heard the defense really wanted to play for Coach Walters, considering his history for doing everything. Did you feel that during the week and how do you feel like you guys were able to put on for him today?

Of course. I feel like we put on very well. I feel like I really played for my coach, to be honest, because his brother's the head coach, so I just wanted to play for Coach Odom.

Washington Linebacker Xe'ree Alexander

You mentioned before that you know, you guys wanted to play for Ryan (Walters). How did it feel to kind of make that come true today?

Oh, man, amazing. He won a game ball today, too. The way he led us to a victory. It was amazing. We played for (Brian) Odom, too, and Coach P (Chris Petrilli). It was great. We talked about it a lot, but we also focused on playing our game.

You guys had a lot of different faces out there. Was that kind of weird?

Nah, I don't think it was weird. Next man up. We trust everybody, whoever we put on the field, so it's just a blessing that they get the chance to get up there and play.

What's the excitement like about not just what you guys have right now, but about what you're building?

It's great. What we're building right now is going to be phenomenal when the future comes. Letting all these young guys play right now, we're developing them, and they're gonna be the best when it comes to this next season. We're going to be a great team next season, but right now we have to go 1-0 again this week.

Washington Quarterback Demond Williams Jr.

Demond, what did it mean for you guys to come out today and have such a dominant performance given what happened against Wisconsin?

It means a lot, especially having a lot of guys down, A lot of key players. Having people step up like Adam (Mohammed) and Audric (Harris), players that they probably weren't expecting to play a lot, and coming in and making plays for us was really big.

What is it about Adam (Mohammed) that allows him to take on that running back position in Jonah's (Coleman) absence?

Yeah, I mean, he has elite contact balance. He has elite speed and he's really good at finding the gaps. For him to be playing as well as he is, as young as he is, you don't really find it. He's been playing super well, so I'm really proud of him.

How does this help you guys set up for the game against UCLA and down the stretches?

Trying to have the same mindset and go into this week with the same amount of hunger that we had this past week, after a game that we didn't feel like we played our best. And continue to have that mindset and never get complacent. being able to go out next week on the road and just be able to play well as well.

A little different with all the new faces out there on offense?

Just a little bit, but I trust all of them, and I made sure they knew that before the game. So we played with the utmost confidence as an offense. Going to each drive, letting them know that I got their back and they have mine.

Purdue Head Coach Barry Odom

Opening Statement

From coaching all the way down to playing and executing we got whooped. Anyway you slice it and dice it in all three phases, plus coaching, we got our tails kicked. Didn't see it coming. Shocked as I sit here and think about how we started the game, how we were throughout the course of the game. Very, very disappointing, and we took a step back today, and it was a big step. I've got to do a great job on finishing the season the right way, and we've got 13 days to find a way to put together a team that will go play clean football. One that will give great effort every single play and play the way that we should and we did not do that tonight. Buckle up, and I've got to go to work. I sure hate it for Purdue because they deserve better than what we did tonight.

What were you most disappointed in tonight?

I was disappointed with all of it. We didn't have answers coaching, we didn't execute, I did not see a team that was motivated and played the way that you should when you get so few opportunities to play the game. This didn't look like a team that I've been a part of, and we certainly weren't there tonight, and that's unfortunate. I can't point fingers. I've got to fix it. We were awful in all areas, including coaching, tonight.

Do you think it's a creative enough offensive attack and why do you think the offense continues to struggle?

We're creative enough. There's times that we don't walk well to the point of attack. We can't get a first down, we can't separate on man coverage. When we do and we have opportunities, we don't play catch well enough, we have too many drops. Quarterback decision making, we've got to continue to improve. We've got enough playmakers on that side of the ball that we should play better than we are.

The penalties?

It was bad. You look at the last three weeks, and we haven't had any penalties, hardly. Tonight, we did, and that's an example of exactly how we played. It was awful, in every way, and when you are getting your tail kicked and then you have a personal foul that says that we've got a long way to go.

Purdue Linebacker Mani Powell

How disappointing is this?

I'm very disappointed. There's a lot of bad things you can say about it, but to keep it simple we didn't execute our job and we didn't do good enough at all. We didn't show who we are as a team. It's heartbreaking to see and to feel what we're feeling right now.

Do you think the team has good leadership among the player ranks?

We have good leaders on our team, but when it comes down to the details and when we're out there on the field on Saturdays, nothing matters about how we plan and how we are working together on that day. We do have good leaders on the team, but we didn't show it tonight pretty well.

Did the Washington offense do anything that surprised you?

There were trick plays, of course, which we had to adapt to how we could, but not much surprising. We've got to pay attention to our details and do the things that we practice every single day. When you get away from the details, that's when you start to look like a bad team like this.

Purdue Wide Receiver EJ Horton Jr.

Was it a good week of practice? Did this outcome surprise you?

We didn't expect this. We had a good week at practice. We felt good going into the game and nobody was expecting this. We've got to fix some mistakes and execute better next week.

Why do you think the offense is struggling?

We've got to dive into the details and make them a priority and execute at the end of the day. That's all that it comes down to is execution. So, we've got to execute better.

How frustrating is this right now? Nine losses in a row; Is it hard to motivate yourself to keep going while the team is struggling down the stretch here?

It's been hard for everybody involved. We're better than this. We know that. It's not hard to get motivated because there's opportunities at hand. Life changing plays all over the field. Every opportunity that you get each week is motivation in itself. We're not going to have a problem being motivated.