

WASHINGTON STATE

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Washington State Head Coach Mike Leach

On the team's performance...

"I think we dug a huge hole early. We came out of the week very intense. Everyone wanted to play well, and we played tight in the first quarter. In the second quarter we played well. In the third quarter, basically they came out and hit us in the mouth. We spent much of the third quarter reeling rather than reacting. The maturity of Arizona's offensive line showed against our defensive line."

On Washington State's offensive...

"I thought we battled the whole game. We were explosive, but erratic. I think that's true of both sides of the ball."

On staying focused while trailing...

"I think we went out there and tried to score 14 points every play. We should have tried to focus a little more on just throwing a completion. We just have to focus on the job at hand and do a better job of that. We as coaches need to get them focused that direction. Everybody needs to work together and focus and embrace each individual play."

Washington State Quarterback Connor Halliday

On the team's performance...

"I just think we came out a little hesitant – not pulling the trigger. That's frustrating coming off a bye week because you should be amped up and ready to go. We played well in the second quarter. The second half was spotty."

On falling behind early...

"I think it's something that I battle – getting down a bunch and trying to make too much happen. I think I did an alright job of that tonight though. At times we played really well. At times we didn't have everybody playing as hard as we needed them to play."

Washington State Wide Receiver Vince Mayle

On falling behind early...

"We just need to come out and play physical like we should have. They just jumped on us. It'll bring the team morale down, but we preach 'play the next play.' We really do not look at the scoreboard. We are playing the next play."