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POSTGAME QUOTES

Head Coach Lance Leipold

On the offensive line and its performance...

“Like I said, people have their recruiting ranking and whatever, but I think holistically, we are using our personnel extremely well, getting a lot of people involved. And you get to see guys make plays and have confidence, and that’s exciting and fun to see.”

On Jalon Daniels return to the lineup...

“I thought he played extremely well. One or two plays in the second half and he got maybe a little tired. You know he hasn’t done as much as you would have liked during the month of August, but all in all, I think he showed tonight that he is a pretty special quarterback.”

On the depth and talent of the defensive backfield...

“Mello has been steadily been getting better & better all the time and you kind of watch what he does, and he’s really put on the weight and his confidence is there. Our depth in that corner was good. Kwinton making a play when we need to after Cobee was out. Kalon Gervin is playing in some nickel situations, so we’re going to have some opportunities for some guys to keep helping us. I think up front, you know, we had a solid night we’re playing a lot of guys. Taiwan Berry Hill didn’t play tonight, we need to get him healthy. But JB Brown, I thought, had a nice game. We were able to get Cornell Wheeler on the field for the first time, really extended playing time that was not mop-up duty. And those are things that we’re going to need, and it is going to help this football team as we get into conference play.

On the team’s response in the second half...

“You know we did. I think the fumble hurt us as we’re driving. I thought we had a chance to put the game away but, It should have gave us a commanding lead. If we go up 35-7, I think we had the field goal then the next drive we did. So, we had something and then come of those calls start happening, and there’s a lot of reviews and it doesn’t seem like it is going your way, and momentum seem to be shifting. I thought we made some big plays and stepped up when we needed to.

On getting prepared for Nevada...

“Playing these Friday night games is something that we had hoped as we went through that, especially with traveling and some other things, would give us a day to get healthier. Tomorrow we’re off, then we’ll practice Sunday, and then give them Monday off. So they get two out of the next three days off. So hopefully that’ll help some of the bumps and bruises, and we can attack the rest of the game prep in a way before we get on the plane.