

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL



WASHINGTON STATE VS. OREGON SEPTEMBER 27, 2008 POSTGAME QUOTES

WSU Head Coach Paul Wulff

On Cougar Turnovers...

"It's been our issue all these games so far. It's been a continual trend, and we're not a good enough football team to overcome those kinds of mistakes. When things start going bad it becomes more of a landslide for us right now."

On the game plan with Lobbestael after getting down early...

"We just wanted to be careful we didn't throw him to the wolves. We just had to stay the course. We have a whole season still in front of us and we need him to continue to develop; we have to be smart how we handle this whole situation. It's a grow up thing for this team."

Positives despite the loss...

"Our offense in a lot of ways did some good things. We were able to have some drives and I thought there was progress there."

WSU Offensive Coordinator Todd Sturdy

On Lobbestael's performance...

"I was proud of Marshall. It's the first time he's been put into the situation where he had to prepare for a Pac-10 ball game with all the pressures that go along with that throughout the week. I thought he handled it very well. I was impressed with his maturity."

On Lobbestael's response after fumbling on opening drive...

"You don't want to start the game off like that with a young quarterback, but he handled that adversity and continued to compete."

WSU Defensive Coordinator Chris Ball

"We knew going into the game we had to tackle, and we didn't tackle."

On matching up to Oregon...

"We had the game plan - not too complicated. The number one thing going into it was to stop the run, the second thing was to stop the run, and the third thing was to stop the run and we didn't. I'm afraid, which is a defensive coaches nightmare, that we didn't tackle very well."

Safety Xavier Hicks

On having 14 tackles...

"Part of our plan was to have one more person than they could block in the box. Dropping down a safety made us uncovered so we were able to fill the gaps and make the tackles for the team. That's what we tried to do today - have more people in the box than they could block so we could have at least one free hitter at all times. I think that is probably why I had most of the tackles."

Quarterback Marshall Lobbestael

On his performance...

"You can't turn the ball over. Three turnovers is too much, no matter if it is my first start or my 10th start. So, too many turnovers... Any turnover - offense or defense - changes the pace of the game. Especially the first fumble, you can't give them that good of field position. That turned it around big. That started us off on the wrong foot, definitely. That gave them momentum, and turnovers are a momentum swing. If you give them three from one person, that is too much for any offense. It is what it is, but I have to fix it."

Wide Receiver Jeshua Anderson

On his touchdown reception...

"I was just glad I got that pass. (Marshall) Lobbestael did a great job of just staying patient. He threw a great pass and all I had to do was catch the ball."

Wide Receiver Michael Willis

On his first career touchdown reception...

"It was the end of the game and a lot of guys might get down in the dumps, but I was going to make the most of it...I told Marshall to put it close...It felt good. The first one is in the books and it felt pretty good."