

ETSU vs. Emory & Henry Postgame Quotes
Sept. 26, 2015 – Kermit Tipton Stadium (Johnson City, Tenn.)

Head Coach Carl Torbush

On going for it on fourth down in the fourth quarter

As a football team, and where we are as a football program, we have to learn how to make that play and get the first down. If I had to do it over again, I'd go for it. I felt like if we made that play the game would've been over.

On the loss to Emory & Henry

Nobody said this was going to be easy. Emory & Henry played really hard and executed when they needed to. They are a well-coached football team and will be a tough team in their conference again this year.

On final Emory & Henry scoring drive

They made a great throw and catch on that play. Daren Ardis is one of our better cornerbacks and cover guys, but it looked like their receiver beat him and was able to make a great play.

On moving forward

Right now we have to be consistent quarter in and quarter out, play in and play out. We got up 14-0. I'm not sure if everybody started to relax, which we have no right to do that, but at the same time we fought back and put ourselves in position to have a chance (to win). In the end, weren't able to get the job done.

Quarterback Austin Herink

On the loss to Emory & Henry

This is a tough one. We had opportunities to get the win, but we came up short. I know it's going to hurt when we watch film, but we have to get better this week and learn from this. We will get back to practice and start focusing on our next opponent.

On final drive of the game

We couldn't have asked to be in a better situation by starting at the 50-yard line, but I had bad throws and missed hitting our receivers. It hurts, as it's something I have to get better at and hopefully the next time we are put in that situation we will make the most of it.

On not getting first down on 4th-and-1 in fourth quarter

I really thought we had it. Like coach (Torbush) said, if we have the opportunity again we will go for it. I wanted to make the play and it hurts that we came up short.

WR Dalton Ponchillia

On fourth down call in fourth quarter

It's tough. We expect to get a yard there when running the football. Even as a receiver we want to run the ball in that situation. We believe with our offensive line, running backs and quarterbacks, we should be able to get that yard. It hurts that it didn't happen today.

On losing Homecoming game

This one hurts a lot, especially since we were so close. We felt like we had it and let it slip away.

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Head Coach Curt Newsome

Overall thoughts on the game

I thought our defense made some adjustments today and played well. We also got great play from our quarterback today.

On getting the win

There are great football players at all levels of play. We have made improvements from each game and that is what I want to see out of this football team. Today was a great win for our program.

QB Kevin Saxton

On the go-ahead touchdown play

I just gave him (Tyree) a shot in the back of the end zone, and I wanted to get the ball into his hands. Fortunately, the play worked and we were able to get the win.

On getting the road win

This win will give us momentum as we head into conference play. It gives us everything we need to start believing in ourselves. We need to focus on getting better and today we took a step in doing that.

On the play of Tyree Ward

Tyree is a great athlete. He and everyone else on this team are great players. We have a lot of depth at wide receiver and that helped us throughout today's game.

WR Tyree Ward

On the game plan for today's game

We wanted to press a lot on the corners and take quick shots. Then, when the time was right, we hit them with our deep shots.

On what the win means for the program

This win means a lot. We were able to match up with them and showed we will fight to the end against any team.

Was that the biggest catch of your career?

Yes, that was the biggest catch of my career. To catch the game-winning touchdown was special. It is something I will never forget.