

ETSU VS. #13 CITADEL POSTGAME QUOTES

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HEAD COACH CARL TORBUSH **ON TODAY'S GAME VS. THE CITADEL**

I thought our young men played hard the entire ball game. Obviously, they (The Citadel) caught on a little bit to what we were doing, but I thought defensively we had some really nice plays and did a good job.

I am a little bit disappointed we didn't move the ball better on the ground, but I thought we threw the ball well at times.

We have some good football players and a good football team. Like I told our guys after the game, 'being close is not good enough'... when you play the 13th ranked team in the country and play them like we did, we had a chance at the end of the ball game.

I thought we used the time and timeouts wisely, but it just didn't work out. If we stay in this type of ball game with this type of opponent we'll win our share of the ball games.

Austin Herink is a great competitor and he plays hard. I thought Drake Powell did some really nice things today and Vincent Lowe had some good catches. We had a lot of good plays, but we need to shore up the running game because we don't have to throw to move the football. We need to be able to run the ball so we can run some time off the clock, but to also score.

This was the type of ball game we thought it would be. I was just hoping we'd come out on top and we didn't.

AUSTIN HERINK – R-JR. – QUARTERBACK **ON TODAY'S GAME**

The Citadel is a really good ball club. They were conference champs last year, so we do need to put that in perspective, but it's never fun losing. We felt really good all week in our preparation that we could take advantage of some match ups. I thought we did that a few times, but a few times we didn't. We will learn from the film, capitalize on our mistakes, and be better from this. It's a really tough game to lose, but there are some positives to take from this.

THE DIFFERENCE FROM PLAYING THE CITADEL THIS YEAR TO LAST YEAR

We have grown a lot as a team. Last year we went there, and maybe were a little intimidated, but I think this year we know we can compete with anyone. We're excited to do that, but instead of compete; we'd like to get a win.

NASIR PLAYER – R-SO. – DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

HOW WERE YOU ABLE HOLD THIS OFFENSE IN CHECK IN THE FIRST HALF?

We played our assignments and then we would push through. That's all we did. We played assignment football.

ON THE DIFFERENCE FROM LAST YEAR TO THIS YEAR AGAINST THE CITADEL

Having the experience playing against them last year helped us coming into the game.

We knew what we had to do to beat them. It's a tough loss because we played hard, but we have to learn from this.

DEFENSIVELY, HOW DO YOU GUYS JUST FEEL WITH HOW YOU PLAYED AGAINST THE NO. 13 TEAM IN THE COUNTRY? DO YOU THINK THE CITADEL TOOK YOU A LITTLE BIT OF GRANTED COMING INTO THIS GAME?

I don't think they took us for granted. I think we were clicking on all cylinders in the beginning and then things weren't clicking at the end. Things were still going good later in the game, but we have to execute better sometimes.

VINCENT LOWE – SR. – WIDE RECEIVER

HOW GOOD DID IT FEEL TO GET OFF TO THAT QUICK START?

I felt like we came in the game confident. We knew from the start that we could compete with these guys at high level. Coming off strong on the first play is always a good thing. So, it felt good.

DO YOU WALK OFF THE FIELD FEELING BETTER THIS YEAR AFTER WHAT YOU WENT THROUGH AGAINST THE CITADEL LAST YEAR?

For me personally, no. There are no close calls – this is football. When you lose and even when you lose a close one, it hurts me. This does give us a little view of where we are, and how we've grown. How much we've improved. That's pretty much what we're going to have to take out of this. But, by no means do we feel good. We competed with them, but we wanted to win this game.