

# **ETSU vs. #21/19 Montana State Postgame Comments**

## **Oct. 24, 2015 (Bozeman, Mont.)**

### **HEAD COACH CARL TORBUSH**

#### **On today's game**

*We have to put more than seven points on the board, especially against a team like Montana State. Not to take anything away from the rest of the opponents we played, but this is the best team we've seen this season. They (Montana State) are a top FCS program year-in and year-out. If we are going to do what we want to do as a program, these are the teams we have to play and beat to get there. I think we know where we are and how far we need to go. We have a long way to go, but we can get there.*

#### **On having too many turnovers**

*We shot ourselves in the foot. We can't have four turnovers and we need to create some. We had a punt blocked, a missed field goal, four turnovers and a kickoff for a touchdown. We just can't have those mistakes. We are not a good enough team to overcome all those mistakes. We also had them in fourth down twice and they scored touchdowns out of it. I think the most disappointing thing was their kickoff return for a touchdown at the end. That should not have happened.*

#### **On not giving up**

*We fought our guts out in the second half. Obviously, they (Montana State) had a few big plays, but overall I thought our players fought really hard. We have a long way to go, and even though the score may not indicate it, I think we made improvement.*

#### **Over having 300-plus yards on offense**

*We moved the ball pretty well at times – sporadically a bit. We have to get the ball in the end zone. I don't care who we are playing... We have to score more than seven points. Seven points isn't going to win a ballgame. I thought the running backs ran the ball hard and the quarterbacks did pretty well. They took some big hits. We have to get better with our protection, because we aren't giving our quarterbacks much time to pass the ball. If we play our very best, we have a chance to be competitive. If we don't do that play-in and play-out, then the outcome like today happens.*

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## **QB AUSTIN HERINK**

### **On taking some tough hits**

*The hits pile up, but I think we competed as a team. As strange as it sounds with the score being what it was, I thought we got better today. I thought we converted more third down plays on offense than we have the past few weeks. We fought hard and that's a really good football team we just played.*

### **On Montana State's program**

*You can tell by the fans and their support how strong this program is. They have a solid program and their quarterback is really good. This is what we are shooting for and want to be like in the future.*

### **On the trip to Montana**

*We were able to see part of the country we haven't seen before. This was a tremendous experience. On the field, we fought hard. There are a lot of teams that would give up when the score was like it was, but we came back and didn't quit.*

### **On Tony Drew's effort**

*Tony comes in and works hard every day. For him to go out there and keep running after taking some hits says a lot about his character. I thought Tony and all our running backs did a great job today.*

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## **LB DYLAN WEIGEL**

### **On playing a top program**

*It was definitely a good experience for us. With the crowd noise, guys had to speak up more than usual. We learned a lot by playing a team of this caliber. It showed us where we need to be and where we need to get to.*

The score may not show it, but I thought we played better today than we have in the last two games. We are growing and getting better as a team. This week was a big help for that.

### **On Dakota Prukop**

*He's a really good player. We knew coming in he was their strength on offense. He made*

*it tough on our defense at times and made some big plays to help them out.*

**Preparing for Warner next week**

*These last two weeks were really tough games. We learned from this stretch and now we have to move on and play Warner next week. I think it will be good for us to return home and play at Kermit Tipton Stadium.*

**RB TONY DREW**

**On playing hard until the very end**

*Montana State is a really good football team. I thought we did a good job fighting until the end. We showed some signs of improvement and maturity. We still need to focus on cutting down some of our mistakes and play four quarters of football.*

**On getting the chance to run the ball**

*I love running the ball and its a pleasure to play the game of football. I'm happy to be out here playing for ETSU. If we continue to work hard and do the things this team is capable of, good things will happen in the weeks ahead.*