

Nebraska vs. Oregon (Sept. 17, 2016)

Oregon Head Coach Mark Helfrich Postgame Quotes

On the team's effort

"Effort was outstanding, I think our guys played hard. Great environment, we knew [that] coming in. We got a bunch of new guys, their first college action, bunch of guys first time with extended action. We just need to manage situations better. Obviously the penalties killed us. Situational awareness in a couple coverages that were tough and it's a tough one to swallow. We got to give them [Nebraska] a bunch of credit for how they responded, we were happy with our team's response when things didn't start out great in the second half. We kind of stood up to that. But again we've gotta finish."

On two-point conversions

"We just believe a lot in what we're doing in the swinging gate. That is one of the situations that we have one guy to break down and coach that better and Charles [Nelson] kind of ended up with nothing left to do in that situation. Just kind of attack mode."

On two-point play call

"It's all based on the look, we can chip back in and kick it if we want. The situation was exactly how we planned it. We need to coach it better, we need to execute it better. It's based on the look on the field."

On last play with Dakota (Prukop) 4th-and-18

"We gotta get the ball out of our hands, it's one of those things you gotta give yourself a chance. They [Nebraska] did a good job of rushing five, I think in his [Prukop] vision and tried to pull it down, that's a good lesson for him to learn going forward. You've gotta give somebody a chance to make a play."

On Dakota Prukop

"He battled in a tough environment. Great crowd. Up down, up down. I thought he did some really good things in the run game, decision making and physically. We'll coach through some other things. Proud of his effort."

On defense

"Proud of their effort. Love to not end a couple drives with way too many pass interferences, way too many penalties, which that's on me 100%. 4th-and-9 for the ball game, again, we're in great position, one guy just misses in the coverage he's kind of in the wrong spot. We've just gotta coach that up and move on."

On adjustments to Nebraska's defense in second half

"They didn't do a ton differently. There was one formation they played a little bit different but nothing drastically. The start of the one backed up drive, we just didn't get off to a great start at a couple spots. But they didn't do anything drastically different from a schematic standpoint."

On injuries

"We just have to move on, whatever happens from here on out. You know take care of those guys, love them up. The next guy has got to be ready to go."

On postgame emotions

"It's a tough one, it's so many things we did. Not to take anything away from them (Nebraska) but that's tough because this could've been a bring them together cohesive win on the road, gutsy comeback. We let it get away at the end. So that hurts too, hopefully that's a tough lesson that we all carry forward."

On how size difference effects play calling

"Not a great deal, particularly against them, it didn't really change anything. That's why you talk about a fluky game. Rushed 300 yards and lost, that's a tough one."

On if evaluation needs to focus on offense rather than defense

"There's evaluations with everybody, starting with me and everybody is evaluated every single game. You know that's what makes it fun to second guess. Special teams had a couple huge impact plays. If we had two guys pull up on that first and signal, it's a fair catch, and they drop the ball, if those two guys played two steps more then it's a different game. A million scenarios like that we will address."

On Cameron Hunt's mistakes and emotions

"He's an emotional guy in a good way. We need to harness that as much as possible. Fine line on some of these, we have to obviously address all those penalties. Way too many."

On penalties and how it's addressed

"It's on me, we'll take care of it."