



POST-GAME LOCKER ROOM QUOTES

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WASHINGTON STATE HEAD COACH

ERNIE KENT

On Effort

"Well the good thing about this team, particularly the last third of the season, they became mentally tougher. As we started to face teams the second time around, we played them tougher, we played them differently, and they allowed us to make adjustments. I feel like we really grew up as a team to take a team that was a Final Four program (Oregon), beat them in Pullman, and then have them on the ropes to beat them again here along with Stanford at Stanford, Cal at Cal, the Utah game, and the Colorado game, we've played some outstanding basketball coming down the stretch. We made some mistakes in this game, and we did a lot of good things in this game too. At the end of the day, we don't have a (Kenny) Wooten and Wooten made some big plays - two big blocks to win the game for them. Those were big time plays, and I don't have that guy, we have to go find that guy. I'm proud of the way this team battled and I'm really proud at the way Malachi (Flynn) battled especially in the last third of the season..."

On Defensive Effort

"It was the best defense we have played since I've been here. We've beaten teams with the zone defense; we have beaten teams with the 1-3-1 tapping defense. I'm sure it shocked them (Ore.) that we could be that good, and take a team that athletic, that big, and lock them up in man-to-man defense. Again, that shows you the versatility of this team and what they are going to be able to do down the road as we add a few more pieces..."

Jump Between Freshman and Sophomore Season for Malachi Flynn

If you think back to last year at this time: we were up on Colorado, I think by 19, and lose the game by a big number, and he was a non-factor. Here he is a year later, and, he's hitting big shot after big shot after big shot to put us in a position to win the game. That's the growth that took place for him..."



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On Overtime

"I just think we made a couple mistakes that hurt us in the end. We just made too many mistakes that's all it was."

On What Oregon Changed In Second Half

"I don't think they really changed defensively. We held them to 17 points in the first half; we're obviously not going to do that again. They're a good team."

On Limiting Oregon To 17 First Half Points

"I think we were all bought in, we all helped each other out. We just got them off the offensive glass."

DRICK BERNSTINE

On Washington State Moving Forward

"I think if you're watching our games over this year you know we have it in us. I look forward to watching along with everyone else next year because I think they are going to have an exciting season. You have a lot of talented guys in this locker room, you have an amazing coaching staff. You have a hall of famer in here along with some other hall of fame coaches as well. It's going to be amazing honestly over the next couple years."

On Takeaways From Game

"I made mental mistakes. Some of the other guys made mental mistakes, but I can't give up an offensive rebound at the end of the game. I can't make a turnover at the end of regulation. Honestly, we played good, but the game comes down to mental mistakes and they ended up closing the game better than we did and it sucks that that's the way the season ended, but it is what it is. You got to take it as a lesson from God and learn from it and I look forward to these guys next year, watching along with everyone else because I think they have a lot of potential in them honestly."