December 16, 2022 Press Conference Quotes – Boise State

Head Coach - Andy Avios

On QB Taylen Green being the leader of the offense

“Just being around him the last two years and knowing who he is as a person and how much he cares about his teammates. In that role of quarterback, leadership is everything. The energy that he brings to the people around him. His willingness and his humbleness to continue to learn and grow. We were able to see a lot more behind the scenes before he stepped onto this platform that he’s on now in terms of what he’s able to do with the certain skill set that he has and what he’s able to do within our offense. It’s been fun to see him grow week in and week out, each opportunity he gets to step on the field and gain experience and even improve on the things he’s done well and on the things he hasn’t.”

On what it’s been like watching his players throughout this bowl experience

“That’s everything [seeing them have fun]. You work so hard to achieve, to grow, to thrive. But  the  biggest thing is having fun and enjoying it. This experience to get to play college football and get your degree - there are so many young men out there that as they grow up and through high school, this is such a big dream. To be able to see our guys do it, and do in a way with certain urgency and diligence, but to be able to put some fun into that and have a good time, that’s awesome. To see the guys the way they are around the hotel and see how they are in practice, I think you’ll see a team that is very grateful for the opportunity and grateful to be around each other. The care factor is huge. They love each other and that’s why they have fun together.

DL Scott Matlock

On first bowl experience

“For me I’ve never actually played in a bowl game so this is a great opportunity. It’s exciting and I’m very grateful. But at the end of the day, it’s still another mission that we have to accomplish. We still have to attack it the same way we do every game. We still have to prepare the right way and make sure that we’re doing all of the things we need to do, the details, do our due diligence. For me personally it’s been an awesome experience knowing that I actually get to play in a bowl  game. It’s awesome.”

On what he hopes his legacy will be at Boise State

“I would hope that someone would look at me and the impact I made and hope that that inspires them to be great. I hope that it inspires them that no matter what happens in life, whether things are good or bad, to make something out of it and that you can accomplish anything as long as you set your mind to  it. I hope someone would look at me and remember not what I’ve done but  the legacy that I leave behind. I hope that’s something that a lot of people should strive to do.”

OL John Ojukwu

On this bowl experience

“It’s been a couple of years so I’m excited to get back out there. Again, it’s another opportunity to get out there with this team for the last time so I’m just looking to get after it.”

On what he hopes his legacy will be at Boise State

“No matter what happens, there is going to be adversity in life. There is going to be ups and downs and just knowing that I pushed through that and helped push through with my teammates too and anyone else that comes after me.”