



## Western Michigan Post-Game Quotes

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### **TAYLOR MOTON, OFFENSIVE LINE**

*On Cotton Bowl Week:*

It was an unbelievable experience this week. From the Cowboys and Mavs games to the great hospitality at the hotel. We had a great time.

*On the start of the game being behind 14-0:*

You can't come in and play a team like Wisconsin and dig yourself a hole in the first quarter. We fought back and focused on one play to the next. It was a tremendous effort by our team and we have a lot to be proud of.

*On Being a Senior:*

We are such a close family and it's going to be very hard to say goodbye to these guys. Hopefully the younger guys can learn from this experience and continue to make the program better.

### **ASANTAY BROWN, LINEBACKER**

*On Wisconsin offense:*

They played a little faster than us at the beginning. We began the game kinda sluggish; we blew a few assignments while they were running the ball.

*On making a comeback:*

For a team like Wisconsin trying to make a comeback is difficult, but Coach says, we focus one play at a time. We just kept our oar in the water.

*The game's outcome:*

We stayed one family though the adversity. We are not going to be defined by a win or this loss. Coach said not to hang our heads. We lost but we are not losers.

### **CARRINGTON THOMPSON, WIDE RECEIVER**

*On fighting back:*

We had confidence and humility and played one play at a time. We didn't focus on the next play but fought through the adversity.

### **JARVION FRANKLIN, RUNNING BACK**

*On today's game:*

"Those guys came out and beat us. They executed flawlessly. They got an interception when we pride ourselves on taking care of the ball. We put it on the ground twice. We just have to be better. We have a couple of days off then it's back to the drawing board."



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*On the Western Michigan running game:*

“One thing I can say is that our offensive line came to play today. I can tell by a couple of runs I had early. Those guys were really moving that front interior. That got into my head and got into their head. Once I saw (Western Michigan RB) Jamauri (Bogan) doing his thing, I was like I had to pick up the slack. Let’s go. We just kept going from there and doing our best every play.”

*On end of 15-game winning streak:*

“I don’t feel like we’ve lost, I just feel like we got beat. They were a better team than us today. Knowing this team, I know they are going to come back with an elite response and be ready for the 2017 season.”

### **DONNIE ERNSBERGER, TIGHT END**

*On tonight’s game:*

“It was a big game, but we’ve had big games before. The adjustments we made really helped us out. We corrected what we needed to correct, but it was just an elite game by then.”

*On playing close game:*

“It’s just about our seniors. Our seniors brought us here with the leadership that they had. I just hope to be like them one day next year, in my senior year. I just hope to be as elite as they are.”

### **ROBERT SPILLANE, LINEBACKER**

*On Western Michigan Head Coach P.J. Fleck:*

“Fleck has done everything. He has been my dad away from home. He brought me into this program a little boy, and helped my mature throughout the year. Now he just told me that this is my team, my defense. He wants me to really lead this boys. Take this, grow from it, and move forward from this.”

*On positives from tonight’s game:*

“Just the way we showed that we can play with anyone, and that there is no one that should beat us. They played better than us, today. Today.”

*On Western Michigan’s future:*

“We have a very bright future. I am not in the media, I’ll never be in the media so that’s for them to determine. Our guys- our seniors, our juniors- everybody out there played with their hearts out and left everything on the field. I love this team and I love this family.