



## **HAWAII OFFENSIVE PRESS CONFERENCE QUOTES**

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### **Session 1**

#### **QUARTERBACKS COACH DAN MORRISON, QB COLT BRENNAN, OL HERCULES SATELE**

**Opening Statement from Colt Brennan:** “We are in the real thing right now and we are actually here. Everything has been great – the food and the hospitality has been great. It was certainly worth it to get here. We are so grateful to be here. We are in the real show now.”

**Opening Statement from Dan Morrison:** “We really appreciate being here. The players have felt all along that they are a great football team and they were hopeful they could get to a place like this. Now that we are here it has been a wonderful experience. The people of New Orleans have been great to us and we are very excited to be in this situation. We can’t wait to get started.”

**Opening Statement from Hercules Satele:** “It is a great honor to be here. You hear all about the great tradition of the Sugar Bowl and the great teams that have played here. Just to be a part of the Sugar Bowl and have the chance to play here is a great honor. We are happy to be here. We are happy that the season went the way that it did and all of it added up to this.”

**Question for Colt Brennan – Could you talk about your journey to Hawaii and going to play there as a walk-on?** “The whole time that Hawaii was recruiting me with the hospitality on my visit I didn’t feel like I was being asked to come in as a walk-on. I felt like they were really recruiting me. Hawaii was the one school that never backed away from me. I knew they were going to give me a chance to play and that is all I really wanted. In addition to that, I felt like Hawaii was going to be a good place to get away. It just seemed like Hawaii was going to be the place for me to be.”

**Question for Hercules Satele – Could you talk about some of the food you have had here in New Orleans?** “I got to have some gumbo on my first night we were here. It was very good and kind of spicy. I have also had some jambalaya. It is all pretty tasty, but very different than the food that we have in Hawaii. It is nice though to be able to have different types of food like this. It is good.”

**Question for Colt Brennan – Why has it been important for you to embrace the Hawaiian culture?** “If you have never been to Hawaii before, the first thing that you realize is that the Hawaiian people have a different way about things. It is a culture of people that doesn’t care what your skin color is, what language you speak, or where you are from. At first you may seem like an outcast when you get there, but once you acclimate yourself to the culture you get pulled right in. It is the melting pot of the pacific. The people find a way to bring everyone together. I realized quickly that if I wanted to do well and get along with everyone all I needed to do was acclimate myself to the culture.”

**Question for Colt Brennan – How will the Sugar Bowl provide an opportunity to showcase Hawaii?** “Everyone has come up with an excuse as to why we are not a great football team. There shouldn’t be any more excuses after this football game. This is the national stage, it is the Sugar Bowl, and we are playing one of the best football teams in the country.”

**Question for Dan Morrison – How is Colt Brennan more than a ‘system’ quarterback?** “Well, every quarterback plays in a system. For Colt we just feel like he is in a very good system. Every quarterback that comes to us has to understand that he is going to be the centerpiece in our offense. Some kids can handle that and some kids cannot. He has handled it very well. Beyond all that and beyond all the aspects of his throwing, he is a great external thinker. He has a lot of intangibles outside of his physical tools.”

**Question for Hercules Satele – What is the definition of Hawaii football?** “For us the whole thing is about excitement. If people practice with the enthusiasm that it is a game, it makes you want to practice more and makes you want to play the game more. We want to show the world what we can do when it comes time to play.”

**Question for Dan Morrison – What has been the most impressive performance that you have seen from Colt Brennan?** “There have been so many. The most amazing thing about Colt is his accuracy. To throw as much as we do and still have a high completion percentage is extreme.”