

**Wisconsin vs. Iowa**  
**Nov. 12, 2022**  
**Kinnick Stadium**  
**Wisconsin Interim Head Coach Jim Leonhard**

**On how to win close games....**

"It's got to be emphasized all year round. You have to get your guys comfortable in close games and in tough situations. I think in order to win close games, which is what you anticipate in the Big Ten, you're going to get in some battles when the weather turns. It's going to be my emphasis moving forward and has been since I have taken over. I am not going to say that it wasn't before, but we have to get comfortable in uncomfortable situations."

**On improving special teams...**

"I think we need to have a dynamic special teams unit. Whatever that takes, if it is someone dedicated to it full time. We need to be able to create momentum with your special teams and we need to be able to just stop the bleeding when things get rough. Obviously throughout my career, that was a huge role that I had so I understand how big it is. Things get close when we play great teams and special teams needs to be a factor in the game. Unfortunately, today it was a factor in the wrong direction for us."

**On the defensive performance...**

"It's always tough as a defensive player to play that well and get the loss. Football is the ultimate team sport, so we have to play well in all areas of the game. We have a number of defensive players on our special teams, and it goes to show how much you can affect the game in one area in a positive way and not in another. We can play well and not get it done and in other games the offense has to pick them up. That is the way football works and it's why I love it and that's why I'm here"

**On Braelon Allen...**

"First of all, Braelon, he's a banger and he is very physical. When you play that style of football you're going to get beat up a little bit. I am just proud of the way he's handled everything this year. He wants to be out there, he wants to be an enforcer, and he wants the ball in his hands. That's all we can ask for from him. As always, you can take every run and he is going to be hard on himself, just like the coaches are."