Kentucky Football Postgame Quotes Kentucky 45, South Carolina 38 Commonwealth Stadium – Lexington, Ky. Saturday, October 4, 2014

#### **South Carolina Head Coach Steve Spurrier**

## **Opening Statement**

"Okay I'm not going to yell and scream. Everybody saw what happened. They scored more points than we did; they got a deflection and a touchdown and they beat us. They had a lot of guys play pretty well and probably a lot that didn't play well, but overall as a team we got beat. Simple as that. Got beat."

On wildcat formation...

"Obviously we can't stop it. Obviously we cannot stop that kid in the wildcat."

On the thought of running the ball after UK's go-ahead interception...

"It was two minutes. We got a two-minute drill. We thought of it. We don't usually make as long of runs as other teams do. Although, Mike Davis had some good runs. Brandon Wilds had some early. They all had some good ones, but obviously not good enough. Y'all watched it. We're not a great team. You know that. Hopefully we play better the rest of the season. I told the guys we're going to try to have a winning season somehow and we have to do some work to do that. We'll obviously try to make some changes somewhere. I don't know exactly where, but we have to do something different."

On "talent issue" with USC...

"I'll let you guys make that decision. Just write what you see. Wish we could've made some better calls. Wish our kickoff guy would've kicked it deep. For some reason we're trying that grounder ball. I don't know why. We got issues on a little bit of everything and you lose a close game and everything comes back to haunt you a little bit. You could probably say that if he kicked it off to the 20 or if they got it on the 50 because we couldn't stop the wildcat guy (Jojo Kemp). That maybe had nothing to do to with the game, but yeah it was amazing. We were running one play and they were running one play most of the whole game. We probably should've run ours more often as it turned out. Didn't block it correctly there when we had to punt the next to last time when we had a seven-point lead. Other than that, a lot of guys played pretty well and a lot not so well. That's just the way it is right now"

#### On motivating the team...

"Well we'll take some time off. We've got a team we'll be favored over I think. We'll be favored over Furman. We have to find a way to do a lot better to try to have a winning season. That's where we are now. Every game is down to the wire like this except the first one and we've won several close ones and now we're losing some close ones. It is what it is."

On re-evaluating positions...

"Well we'll just evaluate our players. We'll see if we can get some guys on the field who haven't maybe played much yet and see if they can make some plays."

### **South Carolina Student-Athletes**

# #17 Dylan Thompson, QB

On back-to-back late fourth-quarter loses....

"We just have to finish. That is for everyone in the locker room, starting with me. We just have to finish, and we haven't done that. "

On if the team thought a loss like this could happen after preseason expectations....

"You never know how a season is going to turn out, you don't. Obviously you don't expect to lose a game where things are going well, where you feel like you have control of it, and just blow it, and that's what we did."

On if he blames himself after this loss....

"I mean you can't turn the ball over three times on the road and expect to win, and I was the reason for that."

### #28 Mike Davis, RB

On if the team should have run the ball towards the end of the game....

"That's not my decision, I'm not the type of guy to go to coach and tell him I want the ball or whatever, but at times I want the ball, but I'm not going to go to coach and tell him I want the ball. My coaches are here for a reason, they are the ones calling the plays and getting paid."

On back-to-back late fourth-quarter loses...

"It's frustrating, but you know we have leaders on our team that pick guys up, telling guys that it's not over, it's not the end of the world."

On if it's frustrating losing while scoring 38 points...

"It's not all the defense's fault, it's on the offense too. We had some three and outs where we should have kept the ball a little longer, so it's not all defense, some of it is on the offense too."