



2014 Florida Football Postgame Quotes

Steve Spurrier, South Carolina Head Coach

South Carolina 23, Florida 20 (Overtime)

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Head Coach Steve Spurrier

Opening Statement:

"It looked like we had outplayed the team two weeks ago, but they beat us. I feel for him (Will Muschamp), but it was a wonderful week for the Gamecocks. It was a good win for our team and the best defensive game we've played all year. The defensive coaches were great; we really stopped the runs well and really thought it was our best defensive game. Although we had some very undisciplined plays, somehow it all worked out. Sometimes you just have to say, "it was meant to be," and today was meant to be. For our guys to come back like this, I'm really proud of them.

What did you say to Will Muschamp after the game?

"I told him that I feel for him and I was on the other end of that two weeks ago. Sometimes that's what happens as coaches, you guys deserved it, but our guys hung in there and played to win it. You have some feeling for the other guy and what he goes through, so it's been close games this year, every single one of them. Nine out of 10 (games) this year could have gone either way."

How did you approach counting the ball in overtime, was that just being cautious or something else? And was the last play Dylan (Thompson)'s call?

"Well, we want to make a first down and we were running the ball pretty well and when we threw a swing pass to Pharoh (Cooper), I was hoping that one would score, but he got it down there. David Williams got the first down on the next play and then Dylan (Thompson) ran it in from the four (yards). He has the option if he thinks he can keep it. If there's nobody out there, he can take it and go if he wants to."



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Senior QB Dylan Thompson

On his emotions after earning the victory:

"I was so excited I think I threw the ball into the upper deck. You realize that you've been putting in these long days day in and day out. We almost win so many times. Finally, when we look like our backs are against the wall, we just keep competing, come back and show up. The end of that game was just an amazing feeling, the excitement of the team, I'm just thankful to be on this team and to be a part of a group of guys like this."

On his touchdown in overtime:

"I think that we had been running that play pretty successfully all day and they were getting more aggressive. Typically around the goal line, we are worried about getting in [the end zone] and not even looking at the quarterback. I was looking at [the receiver] and he crashed down hard, so I figured that I could run into the end zone from there. As a whole, this win, all week I was thinking about how we seemed to be working hard all year and doing it right, wondering why these close games haven't gone our way. A lot of our guys have been constantly working, being great teammates and being accountable all year long. I am just so proud of our team and so thankful for this much more than myself. I just ran the ball in from four yards out and it wasn't a big deal, but what our team did today was huge."

Junior WR Carlton Heard

On blocking the punt:

"That was the first time that we actually sent everybody to block. When we first went out there, he [Steve Spurrier] told us that this was our chance to make a play and to block the punt. Once I got out there, I had a feeling that I was going to come free because two guys were on the left side of me and there was another guy on the right. It was a straight run, I ran threw unblocked and just hoped that I got it. It happened at the blink of an eye."