

# **SOUTH CAROLINA**

## **A T H L E T I C S**

### **Furman at South Carolina**

**October 18, 2014**

#### **• Furman Head Coach Bruce Fowler •**

##### *On game in general*

We did a couple of things decent, particularly in the first half. I think we had about 140 yards rushing in the first half. We were able to hold the ball, but we didn't really slow them up. We had a little trouble in the red zone. I think we're capable of playing a little better than we did today, but I think offensively we put together some plays in the red zone. But we were 1-3 in the red zone and they were 6-6. Some large unforced errors, and I think that maybe cost us an opportunity to get a score or two more. We were really able to run the ball, and I think we were probably giving up about six yards per play and we've got to do better than that. Turned it over a couple of times, got a couple of turnovers, so we've just got to regroup, get through our five conference games and re-focus on that.

##### *On Gamecocks' second-half adjustments*

They ran the ball on us for about 200 yards in the second half, so that made it tough for us to get the ball and put anything together. I don't remember – we still ended up with 211 yards rushing. I think it was about 70-something the second half, and I don't know the number of plays or anything by half, but the biggest thing is they started running the ball.

##### *On challenge of playing tougher competition at this point in the season*

It depends on how we're playing at this time of season and, you know we've got a true freshman quarterback who got his second full time start in college. Obviously, we don't play environment every week; that wasn't a big deal. We've got some inexperienced guys on offense but I just think you've got to go out there and you've got to execute and you've got to play well. When you're playing a team that's a good football team and has 85 scholarships compared to 63 and stuff like that, the margin for error is not that much, so you've got to play well.

#### **• Furman Players •**

##### **Hank McCloud • Running Back • Redshirt Senior**

###### *On his great individual play, most importantly his touchdown...*

That's a testament to my O-line and fullbacks right before me and the receivers blocking on the edges. They just came up with a big crease for me. I saw nothing but daylight and didn't look back. I didn't do anything really spectacular, just ran the ball to daylight.

###### *On the expectations coming into this game as underdogs...*

We came into this game expecting to win – that's every week. Winning is our goal. We didn't accomplish that today, but there's some positives we can take out of the game. We are going to just keep moving forward in conference play.

###### *On what the Gamecocks did to slow the run game down for Furman...*

I saw them come in and stack the box a little bit. They brought in safeties and a couple of backers back into the box. They didn't really stop us. We had a couple of self-inflicting wounds in the red zone, and we've just got to be more focused in the red zone.

###### *On playing in a SEC stadium...*

It's a big game. It's a dream of mine to come in and play in front of 81,000. We came in expecting to win. They put on the same pads that we do, so it's nothing different. But we came in the game ready to win. We executed very well, and we had some things that we didn't execute. We are just going to continue to move forward.