

SOUTH CAROLINA (3-2) vs. S.C. STATE (1-3)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> S.C. STATE HEAD COACH BUDDY POUGH

Opening Statement

“We played pretty terribly for most of the first half, but we did kind of infused Tyrece Nick back into our scheme again. He had been on the outside looking in. He still seems to be able to help us accomplish some things at a high level of competition that some of our some of our regular people don't seem to be able to quite get done. We can't quite find what are we trying to do with what our old style of what we did last year was. Now I don't know exactly what I'm trying to say here, but the bottom line is, I can't quite get Corey Fields going. Today was not one of his better days. It was not pretty at all. We're back to square one on that deal. But at the same time, it looks that we are going to have to use Tyrese (Nick) more, and we got to figure out how to how to do a better job on the perimeter in the tackling game on defense. We're making too many mistakes and too many penalties and we're just doing some things that will not allow us to win in the competition that we have in front of us. We got our work cut out for us. We are 1-3. We're not at some place we haven't been before I guarantee that. We were 1-4 last year. We got our work cut out for us. We got through it mostly healthy.”

On ... Signs of improvement

Quote

“We've been not as good on defense, as it were last year. We're not as aggressive we don't tackle that well. We just make too many mistakes. And that's been beating us up really badly. That's us calling the truth, the truth at this point. We just haven't been very good defensively this year. Hadn't been pretty good at all. We are one and three and we look like it. People said we're better than that. No we're not. That is what we are. So, at this point right now we got to figure out how to fix some things.”

On ... Game time/date change effecting time to prepare

Quote

“We would have just had another two more days of trying to mess around and do some of the same stuff we do. We might not have played as well in two more days. We need to bring this thing to a head, kind of see if we can figure out - what our aces are - kind of figure out how we can fix it.”

On ... Scoring quickly after halftime

Quote

“We had an opportunity in the first half to get something done and couldn't quite get it done. We kept kind of you know goofing off and making mistakes and that kind of stuff. We had our shots and we kind of stopped enough times. Our defense didn't play well, but we got some stops which is what you have to get in situations like this. We just got to figure out how to maybe mesh together and get some of the things accomplished. We got turnovers you know, that was great for us or the first couple of series and we got stops and that kind of stuff. We didn't make enough of it.”