

SOUTH CAROLINA (0-0) vs. GEORGIA STATE (0-0)

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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

MarShawn Lloyd • Running Back • Redshirt Sophomore

On his Touchdown play and difference he feels in being able to do that this year compared to last year

“Last year I probably wouldn’t have even thought of doing that. I wasn’t confident, now I’m confident, made me feel like I could do pretty much whatever I feel like doing. That was good, being able to be back to my old self.”

On the atmosphere with the new lights, sell out crowd, and the energy of the fans

“I loved it, I’m sorry. I enjoyed every bit of it, it was really fun, all the guys out there, they did a great job with the lights and everything, I loved every bit of it.”

On the defense stepping up and the great special teams play in front of a great crowd

“Yeah, so it was exciting to see those blocked punts, and you know just our special teams unit playing their tails off. That’s something that Coach Lembo, and Coach Beamer has integrated into the whole staff and the whole team to where we want to be on special teams, and it’s not like you have to do it now, we want to go out there and make those plays. They have done such a great job of making the special teams a huge priority within this program, and just watching everything unfold is amazing.”

Jalen Brooks • Wide Receiver • Fifth-year Senior

On Where do you want to improve

“Yeah, like he just said, obviously we got to be more consistent. But, you know, that’s where we go back to the drawing board and see where we didn’t do good and see where we did good. How we can keep up, but like he said, they’re a good, very good team, and we just go to be more consistent.”

On being the leading receiver tonight, and just having a great game

“Yeah, so that really felt like a full circle moment. And I can’t thank mt teammates enough, I can’t thank my coaches enough for you know, having that confidence in me to go out there and make those plays. Buy you know, it is just so beautiful to see how God works in you know, just everything being able to come full circle.”

On recovering from the early second half interception, and respondiing on the following drive

“Obviously we just knew, we knew exactly what we wanted to do. We knew what they were going to come with, and honestly we just put our head down and just work, we go by just our main goal of the team is what’s next. So the first series wasn’t the best but we wanted to come back and go and show pretty much that we got what they were doing, and pretty much just go through it. And pretty much everything was good and we just figured out what they were doing, and just put it into play.”

DQ Smith • DB • Freshman

On the blocked punt play, what’d you see...

“I was kind of surprised, but I knew when I picked up the ball nobody was around me. Playing a lot of offense in high school helped and I was able to make a play.”

On the pregame lights and the atmosphere as a whole...

“It was unreal, I’ve never played in an atmosphere like that before. I had teammates guiding me the right way throughout the game telling me to stay focused between the lines, so thanks to those guys I’m able to stay focused.”

On playing with this special teams unit...

“We spend so much time on it and Coach Lembo does a great job and for me to be on multiple units with the special teams it’s a great feeling.”

Mitch Jeter • PK • Junior

On your view of the fake field goal...

“We prepare for all situations and Hunter did a great job on the fake. He was a receiver in high school I’m pretty sure so, it took him back to his old days a little bit.”

On your first field goal from 53 yards, were you intimidated at all and what was going through your head as you kicked the ball...

“When I hit it I knew it was on a good line and that I hit it pretty well so thankful for that. Going out there I try to treat every kick the same way whether it’s 20 yards, an extra point, or 53.”

On when you knew you were going to be the starter...

“Through training camp a lot of our reps are the same whether we’re with the one’s or the two’s, but Coach Lembo told me on Friday that I was going to get to kick in the game.”

Spencer Rattler • QB • Redshirt Jr

On the play calling process from the sidelines...

“We wanted to take more shots, but everything combines you know, you want to have the right protection, the right timing, matchups. Obviously we want to get more balls up in the air, but we had a few good plays down the field, but we definitely left some stuff on the table that we want to hit moving forward.”

On the atmosphere in the stadium...

“It was great, I’ve never been in a stadium that packed and with the light show, the fans, the Gamecock Walk, it was amazing. Just winning in that environment, are defense played great, special teams played great, and we’re never going to be sad about winning.”

On how comfortable you are with the offense...

“I’m comfortable with the offense. I just wanted one throw back on the third and two I should have just ran it. That’s the one I want back the most, but for offense as a whole I feel like I’ve got it down.”