

#25 SOUTH CAROLINA (5-3, 2-3) vs. MISSOURI (4-4, 2-3)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> MISSOURI HEAD COACH ELIAH DRINKWITZ

Opening Statement

“Just incredibly proud of our football team. A Top 25 win on the road, sellout crowd. We did a great job ignoring the noise, did a really good job of playing complimentary football. All three flat phases held their own tonight. No self-inflicted wounds and in this league to play that kind of game, when we really had to have it was impressive. Proud of our leadership. You know, Tez gave an emotional pregame speech, and our guys were ready to play and didn't flinch. They really only had two drives of significance and didn't flinch and offensively I thought we started really hot. It was good.”

On ... Few penalties and self-inflicted wounds

Quote

“That was the difference in winning and losing the game. It's quite simple for me - winning football versus losing football is the self-inflicted wounds. Tonight was a step in that direction for us.”

On ... Offensive line performance

Quote

“We only give up one sack. We had no negative yardage plays.”

On ... Finishing drives and red zone efficiency

Quote

“Go back and watch the sequence of plays the first red zone - we didn't score. You know, we had a little tail back out to the flat and I felt like a running back kind of pulled up and threw it out in front of him. So that was a timing issue. And you know that we had a little man to man crack pass and just kind of got dirty and the quarterback couldn't see. And then on the last pass you know, he just didn't get through his progression.”

>>> MISSOURI PLAYER QUOTES

Ennis Rakestraw Jr. • Defensive Back • R-So.

On ... Giving up a touchdown

Quote

“That whole drive was self-inflicted wounds. We are talking about it in the locker room. It was all us. It was nothing special. So we just had to get our feet back under us to dominate the game.”

On ... Pressuring the quarterback

Quote

“It was part of the game plan. We stuck to the game plan. So that's why it was so good. The gameplan helped us stay in the game.”

Bray Cook • Quarterback • Sophomore

On ... Scoring on consecutive drives after the first

Quote

“That just says that we're resilient. We didn't get it done on the first drive, but I'd say we picked up immediately on what they were doing. They didn't do the exact mix that we thought they were going to. We adjusted quickly and made plays.”

On ... Criticism of the team after three SEC losses

Quote

“Nothing about the way I think about me or the way I think about my team has changed. And tonight, we showed each other what we can do and continue to do the next four games.”

Dominic Lovett • Wide Receiver • So.

On ... Getting receptions against potential first round draft pick Cam Smith

Quote

“It’s just football honestly. I go out every day just looking at the same guy who’s playing the game. I love my mindset when I get in it. No disrespect to the South Carolina’s DB. That’s just how I look at everybody. And when the whole team is on the same page, it makes it very easy just to go out and do. Like to go out there and have fun having fun is really the best. You don’t get these like moments in life back, so you’ve got to just have fun.”

On ... Having few self-inflicted wounds

Quote

“It was pretty big. Because obviously you can see what we can do without self-inflicted wounds. It just makes the game flow smoother. Everybody feels better. It makes the game feel better and it just gives you more confidence playing the game. So, I felt like we played as one team with one goal when we came here with the right mindset.”