

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2022 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> TENNESSEE HEAD COACH JOSH HEUPEL

Opening Statement

“Obviously, extremely disappointed with the performance and the outcome of the football game - everybody involved. From myself to our assistant coaches to players. We had an opportunity here and didn't take advantage of it - didn't play well. Credit to South Carolina. They did play well. It's disappointing that we didn't perform better.”

On ... Defensive effort

Quote

“We played man, we played zone, trying to find an answer to (South Carolina’s offense) but at the end of the day, we didn’t. The run game early in football game in particular hit us with a little bit of a wildcat, but we anticipated some of those things. The power read got us couple of times early, but at the end of the day, we didn’t defend anything that you need to and you can’t play in this league that way.”

On ... Looking at the big picture

Quote

“For us and this program, this one needs to hurt on the way back and needs to hurt guys that are on this trip that will be in our building tomorrow afternoon and be there on Monday. For us to grow as a program you have to look at this as an opportunity and understand what happens and let it hurt and remember that as you move forward and let it help you help you grow.”

On ... Signs of a difficult game during the week’s practice

Quote

“I did not see any. I thought our kids prepared in a pretty good way and had good practices leading up to the game.”

>>> TENNESSEE PLAYER QUOTES

Jerome Carvin • Offensive Line • Senior

On ... Watching the defense not be able to make a stop

Quote

“We just have to go out there and play. They had a down game. We have to go out and put points on the board and vice versa. We were stalling out. The defense has to give us stops. Doesn’t matter what the outcome is. We have to go out there and score points.”

On ... Reaction to there being no answer to South Carolina’s offense

Quote

“It’s tough, you know. You train so hard for a game – these are one game seasons. You put your everything into one game. Things just didn’t go our way. We have to get better in all three phases. We just came up short tonight.”

LaTrell Bumphus • Defensive Line • Redshirt Senior

On ... The game outcome

Quote

“Just from start to finish (South Carolina) did a good job. They did a good job executing and we didn’t. You know, obviously, it shows up on the scoreboard and I think that falling this past week we go on Monday and take the corrections and just get back to work.”

On ... Any signs during practice of this game not going as expected

Quote

“I don’t recall anything. I thought we had a good week of practice. I just think we didn’t come out perform the way we expected to.”

Princeton Fant • Tight End • Redshirt Senior

On ... Not having an answer

Quote

“Adversity hit us. Coach talks all the time about what we're going to do when adversity hits. Tonight, we needed an answer. Still proud of these guys. Still proud of the offense. We'd have to regroup next week against Vanderbilt. We still got a game scheduled so we have to go out there and compete.”

On ... Not getting an early lead like usual

Quote

“We really can't control how the game goes. We went out there, we made some plays and got back into the game. Adversity hit us again. When adversity hits us we need to respond better.”