

SOUTH CAROLINA (1-1) vs. FURMAN (1-1)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2023 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> FURMAN HEAD COACH CLAY HENDRIX

Opening Statement

“I say that we felt like we were in a really good position to compete and we talked about how you’re going to have those - we use the word ‘tsunamis’ come at you from time to time, we just couldn't let the tsunami fall and get followed by another one and it snowballed on us. We got a couple of tough calls that went against us. We lost containment of the quarterback a couple of times - it gives him a chance to heave it down the field and certainly makes it tougher to cover. I still felt like if we could have come up in the third quarter and put a drive together we could go back to making it a one possession game but we couldn't.”

On ... inability to get to the quarterback

“We've done a pretty good job at getting after him - we do pressure a lot. You can certainly hope we could've gotten him a few more times. I think on two of the long touchdowns we lost containment of the quarterback. I don't think he ever makes that throw if we don't let him. Again, I don't think it's for lack of effort. We got ‘big boyed’ a few times, which I knew was gonna happen.”

On ... emotions during the end of the first half

“We thought we could go get points. And then we have offensive pass interference and then we run another route and we slipped on the route. We had short yardage to get a first down and the officials didn't give us a spot so we have to punt it.”

On ... the environment

“I thought we handled the environment pretty well. We went silent count which we don't have to do at all (on our home field). We had two offensive line starters out. I thought our guys managed all that pretty well.”

>>> FURMAN PLAYER QUOTES

Joshua Harris • WR • Junior

On ... completing a pass

“We would practice it all the time and then after practice I'll practice throwing a lot. That particular play, I threw it and I knew it was a duck, but I knew I put enough power on it. So after I got through it, I got hit and fell down and I looked our sideline and everyone was cheering so I knew he caught it then I looked up and he was at the three (yard line) so I felt good.”

Hugh Ryan • FS • Redshirt Senior

On ... takeaways from tonight's game

“I mean, we had some mishaps. I think just some issues we have on defense that we gotta get fixed come to the forefront of my mind. There were a lot of new things - things we've got to get better at, especially in the secondary, just preventing the big plays. I think just learn from it. You know, don't let it be a negative thing - make it a positive thing.”