

SOUTH CAROLINA (2-4, 1-3) vs. FLORIDA (5-2, 3-1)
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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

TYREEK JOHNSON • EDGE • REDSHIRT SENIOR

On what needs to be done to get back together after the loss

“Biggest thing is to take care of the little things because at the end of the day, the little things leads up to big things. Especially with our defense. Everybody just has to do their job because if one person doesn’t do their job then, boom, we get split on a run. Or you know we give a big explosive play, so that’s our biggest thing.”

On rallying the younger guys and getting them ready to go

“They just have to keep their heads up. It’s a long season, ya know. Twelve games in a season, well 12- plus games in a season if we get a bowl game and National Championship, and playoff. I just tell those boys to keep their head up because, specially if they aren’t playing, you don’t know if someone may get injured and they’re going to have to step up and fill in those shoes. So, I’ll say the biggest thing is just keeping their head up and keep rallying and keep the motivation.”

SPENCER RATTLER • QB • REDSHIRT SENIOR

On the frustration of having to equal florida jumping ahead

“As a group, we’re just going to have to do more and there were some drives we could’ve extended. There’s some things we could’ve done better to help them out. So we tried to play complimentary football. It’s not just the defense, there’s all of our players throughout the game. But we’re going to get better aand just keep working.”

On the road games coming up and the changes made today on the offensive line

“I’ll start with the offensive line, they did a great job today. Amaizing job! I love the changes that were made putting Vershon at right tackle and Nick at center. I think it’s awesome, they did a great job. I’m sure JuJu could attest to that. Great in the run game, we’re great in the passing game all because of them. So credit to them! And then, two tough road games coming up, so we’ll see what we’re about. Either we’re gonna go in there and fold or go in there and fight. Knowing our character and our team, we’re going to go in there and fight. So we gotta get better and grind each and every day.”

JUJU MCDOWELL • DB • JUNIOR

On the idea from practice on getting him the ball more this week.

“No, it’s pretty much the same game plan going in every week. I was more conscious coming off the off week with my role trying to be more precise and helping the team but it was the same thing we do every other week. We just got out there and play ball.”

On the Mario’s touchdown.

“I was just estatic! That really shined a light on our day, especially what Coach Mo has been emphasizing. Doing a better job and making plays. When he throws us the ball out of the backfield to better help the team in not being just one demisonal in the run game. So, I was estatic for him. I was just calling him Super Mario before the play. I told him to get the box and he did that, so I’m proud of him for that.”

DEBO WILLIAMS • LB • JUNIOR

On.... How frustrating it was when they were one play away from being off the field.

“Got to make a play, like you said, at one play away even the games are one play away, we should be undefeated right now. That’s just how I feel. Could’ve, should’ve, would’ve, but we just have to make a play, you know? We will come together, and we will learn from this.”

On...what he saw on the three fourth downs that Florida converted,

“We have to make a play. None of it is like being in the wrong area, it is mental errors. We just have to make the play, you know? Everybody is in the right position; we just have to make the play.”

On...Why there were missed tackles

“I think I had one missed tackle too, so I’ll place blame upon myself too. We can all be better on tackling, so I felt like when I played and I did mis tackle, I went too low and then came up a little bit. We are trying to perfect our craft and continue to get better.”

On...What his message is to his younger teammates and what his confidence is in his team to turn the season around

"I have great confidence. It is no different than the game we just played. I know we can win every single game, so we can still finish the season undefeated the rest of the way and have a great season. I have great confidence. "