

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (2-4, 1-3) vs. FLORIDA (5-2, 3-1)**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

## **POSTGAME QUOTES**

### **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH SHANE BEAMER**

#### **Quote 1**

##### ***On the post-game message to the team ...***

*"I was proud of them. They laid it on the line. We talked about it this week, every single game each week in this league is a war and you must prepare, and they did. The bye week was good for us; we had a great week of practice. We were confident coming into this game, and we should have been. My message was we did not make enough plays and they made the plays when it counted. I give them credit for being down 10 points in the fourth quarter on the road. They did a great job. But my message also was I know how this group will respond. They always have and they will come right back to work tomorrow. We have our team meeting at 3 o'clock like we do every Sunday, and they will show up ready to get back to work. We will have a great practice tomorrow night like we always do, and we have to respond. We have a big challenge going on the road next week to Missouri and we must perform. That is life. You know, you put a lot into this stuff, and it is all about how you respond. Not to get too deep in here but when they leave college and are a husband, father, whatever it might be there are going to be tough times that happen. So, it is about how you respond, and I know the kind of people we have in that locker room. I am proud to be their coach and I can't wait to get back to work with them."*

#### **Quote 2**

##### ***On keeping focus the rest of the season...***

*"It's just the kind of people we have in this room. I am proud of our team, the people we have in that locker room, and the culture we have on this team. Certainly, it is a gut-wrenching loss and I get it. But we are at the halfway point of the season, and we are going on the road and then we come back home and have four home games in November, so we have got to get a lot better as a team. We are six games in, so we are officially in the second half of the season, and we've always been a team that gets better as the year goes on. Like I said there are some great young men in that locker room, that are really hurting right now because of what they put into that. I know they are eager to compete. We work hard year-round for twelve opportunities and haven't been good enough in the first six, but we have six more to go. We love to compete, and I have no doubt our guys will continue to love to compete. "*

#### **Quote 3**

##### ***On tonight's main problem...***

*"We called pressures, and we did not run them. We played man coverage and did not do a great job at keeping leverage. Just in the first half alone, we ran a pressure where the corner came and for some reason he stopped, then we gave up an explosive pass because we did not continue to run the pressure. In the first half, we had a holding penalty in the secondary. We had another pressure on a third down backed up where we were going to be off the field, and we didn't execute it properly. We talked to our guys about not jumping around the quarterback, we jumped and got beat on a pump fake. We just did not play clean football. And at the end of the day, we had some calls that were perfect calls. We ran an edge pressure. If somebody were to say a team is getting ready to run a reverse, what would be the perfect call? You would bring both people off the edge and we did, we had a perfect call. Their guy made the call, and we didn't, but we have good kids in that room and they're going to continue to make those plays. We've got to continue to do a better job at coaching them and putting them in position to make those plays."*

#### **Quote 4**

##### ***On the last possession...***

*"Let's be honest, as soon as they got the ball back, we were talking on offense about let's have our two-minute offense ready because we hadn't stopped them all day. We were hoping to get a stop right there and we should have if we make plays. We anticipate them scoring or at least being prepared if they score that we have an answer, we can't think the games over offensively. We are always thinking about okay, what could happen, so we were talking we knew we had three timeouts and plenty of time. We work a two-minute drill every Sunday night and Thursday in practice. We really felt confident with three timeouts and Spencer Rattler at the quarterback position I thought we were going to win the football game, to be honest with you. For us it was we had plenty of time let's just call our offense and do what we do, we like downfield throws, but we checked it down to DK he ran for a first down and then we just can not throw an interception there, tough way to finish."*