

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

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>>> FLORIDA HEAD COACH BILLY NAPIER

On mindset coming into the game

"We came here today to prove something... what a way to win a football game; lot of credit to South Carolina, their team showed up and competed."

On last 10 minutes

"There's 9 minutes to go in the game and we're down 10 ... we could have hung it up and they didn't do that. It's a fun group to coach, that's what I would tell you."

On preparing for the game

"Their offensive line is where they made the biggest improvement; they got some unique skill players out there; put an extra hat in there and all the sudden you're isolated. He (Rattler) is a good player, everyone knows that."

On coaching a game like this and postgame feelings

"I would say God smiled on the Gators today."

>>> FLORIDA PLAYER QUOTES

Graham Mertz • QB • Jr.

On scoring in the first drive

"One thing I'm extremely proud of is the sense of urgency: everything we do is starting fast, whether it's a workout, a win, a team meeting... across the board it's starting fast."

On final play

"I know this guy (Ricky), I know what he's thinking. I knew he was going to make this play; he's the best route runner I've ever seen."

Ricky Pearsall • WR • Sr.

On the younger players on the team

The younger guys have a lot of confidence to them, so I don't have to say much (to them)."

On sideline energy being down 10 in the last 10 minutes

"I said 'look over at the stands, they're gator chomping.' We have to take that as disrespect and go down there and score, get the ball back, score again. And we did that."