

# **SOUTH CAROLINA (5-6, 3-5) vs. KENTUCKY (6-5, 3-5)**

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## **>>> KENTUCKY HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS**

*On what limited Kentucky...*

"Just terribly inconsistent. I thought our run game was terribly inconsistent. I thought we didn't run the ball very effective in the way they were playing, this new style that we saw early in the game last week. We practiced it, we were ready for it. We had a lot of good opportunities, we missed it. Even late we had a seam and then we got tipped by a backer."

*On the delay of game penalty...*

"I was really torn on what to do. Some analytics will tell you to go for it there. I didn't feel really good about it when we were on our headset, so I let the time expire and took the delay, and in hindsight it worked out."

*On number of long shots taken (long throws)...*

"Early we had our opportunities and missed them and those were by design. We had some opportunities and we missed them. Late, on one of them there wasn't really anywhere to go."

*On was Ray banged up and were you looking for other guys to try tonight?...*

"I think we were just trying to get something going. He's a good player, he's not perfect, he maybe missed a couple, and maybe we need to get him going. Some other guys got some good reps too."

## **>>> KENTUCKY PLAYER QUOTES**

**Ramon Jefferson • RB • R-5<sup>th</sup>**

*On how does it feel to get more involved in the offense...*

"It felt good to be back out there. Long road through recovery after tearing my ACL and a year for rehab and then later on in the season getting an opportunity to step up and help my team. Having the same teammates that I've been picking up, pick me up and be like 'man you got to finish.' I told myself if I got the opportunity to get out there, make something happen."

*On how you and the other offensive players feel after keeping Carolina to only scoring 17...*

"Every game so far this year we have had that mindset like we could have done this, and we could have done this more. This is just another one of those games we know our full potential and sometimes you are just not able to show it all."

**Maxwell Hairston • DB • SO**

*On what it was like as a competitor with Xavier...*

"It was a matchup I was looking forward to. He's a top prospect in the draft so I look forward to guarding him. I look at it as just us competing. It's a good matchup. I wish they had taken a couple more shots at me. He's a great guy, great player."

*On what are the older guys saying to the underclassmen to keep you guys going?...*

"They just continued to encourage us. Continue to tell us to keep our heads up. We got another opportunity next week to go out there and just play our hardest and give it all we got. The message is just to keep going, keep your head up, and let's just keep working."