

SOUTH CAROLINA (3-2, 1-2) vs. OLE MISS (5-1, 1-1)

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POSTGAME QUOTES

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH SHANE BEAMER

On the offensive game plan going in...

"They're a good defense, obviously. We knew they were going to be a challenge up front to block, and they got really good players. The game plan was – we are who we are on offense. We run some triple option; we get the ball on the perimeter; we run the football; we take shots downfield. We wanted to be able to be able to get the ball out of LaNorris' [Sellers] hands quickly and get the ball in space to our guys. They played a little bit differently than we expected them to, so that was a little bit of an adjustment that we had to make – just the way they were playing coverage and trying to just defend that in a little bit of a different way. So, we thought we were a little bit better in the second half. We wanted to play with some more tempo in the second half. And I thought we played, from what I saw, decent in the second half, and that's what's frustrating."

On how the defense held up...

"We put [the defense] in some tough spots in the first quarter field position wise, with the fake punt, the turnovers, but for the most part, I thought they did okay. I don't think we got to take away, so that was obviously a disappointing part. You know, we knew that the turnover margin was going to be critical in this game ... and we lost that. So, I wish we could have gotten takeaways. But for the most part, I thought they did a good job. But obviously, when you lose the game and you give up 27 points, not good enough."

On how much Ole Miss' explosive offense affects your play calling/decisions...

"We certainly wanted to be aggressive. When you go into a game that you know the other team's offense is explosive. You got to be smart. But we didn't want to go into this game saying, 'Hey, we're going to run the play clock down every time to two seconds and just shorten the game.' We're a pretty good team, and we've got a good defense, and we thought we could rely on them ... [Ole Miss] is an up tempo offense, and it's not so much thinking that [your offense has] to stay on the field to keep them from scoring. In my mind, it's staying on the field so your defense doesn't have to play too many plays. That decision by me [to run the fake punt] in the first quarter wasn't so much we need to stay on the field to keep them from scoring. We thought like we had a good play, and it's something that we have repped a lot, and they did a good job defending it."