

SOUTH CAROLINA (7-3, 5-3) vs. MISSOURI (7-3, 3-3)

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>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

LANORRIS SELLERS • QUARTERBACK • R-FRESHMAN

On the final drive of the game...

“So they were up by three so I knew if we got to the red zone, we have points. Once you got to the red zone, it was just like alright, just protect the ball at that point but I wanted to score, obviously. We did some show pass early in the game too and they overplayed it the first time we ran it so we came back to because they over-played it. So once we came back to it, I gave it to Rocket and scored ... once he broke that tackle from the ‘backer, I don’t think any DB in the conference is going to stop Rocket. So, once he did that and broke the second one, and another one, and another one, that’s the game right there.”

On the team answering the late-game pressure from Missouri...

“Really just staying calm, not budging, not flinching, just taking it one play at a time, not worrying about the outcome. Not worrying about, ‘Hey, we gotta score. We gotta score.’ Because you say ‘we gotta score, we gotta score.’ You get desperate. Take it one play at a time and whatever happens, happens.”

NYCK HARBOR • WIDE RECEIVER • SOPHOMORE

On getting the game ball from his teammates and coaches...

“I never got one of these (game balls) before. I’m going to keep this special for me, just all the hard work I’ve been putting in, it’s showing the field, everything started to slow down. I just go out there, just do it for 16 (LaNorris Sellers), do it for my teammates, do it for offense and defense. Any ball in the air is my ball, nobody else’s.”

On Dalevon Campbell’s impact on the game...

“He puts in all the work. you know, this season probably hasn’t been going the way he thought it was going to go. No matter what, he never got down. he just kept working, kept his head down, kept pushing. He made two of the biggest plays of the night, he takes a, probably a ten yard route, takes it 40 yards down the field. Then on the second he catches probably the biggest ball of that drive, that’s that moment he’s been waiting for, he executed real well so I’m proud of him.”

TJ SANDERS • DEFENSIVE TACKLE • R-JUNIOR

On trying to contain Missouri’s run game...

“It’s really the whole mentality of our defense, just put the ball down, yards don’t really equal points. We did a good job of holding those boys to three (points) when they got into our red zone. It was just minor adjustments to make on our sideline. I didn’t realize he got 150 ... knowing they’re going to run the outside zone all game and coming into the ball game going against it are totally two different things. They did a good job executing their scheme, but like I said earlier, yards don’t equal points.”

On the difference in the defense this year compared to years passed...

“With this team right here, moreso speaking about our defense, it just comes with a shared experience. Last year we were 5-7, that wasn’t really a good feeling to think that this is my last season of college football and wanting to leave off that. We all made it a mission to show the country what we were really about.”

ALEX HUNTLEY • DEFENSIVE TACKLE • R-SENIOR

On the offense picking up the defense late...

“That one play where he (Sellers) broke the sack and threw it to Brady, I remember watching him about to be sacked and I’m just thinking ‘LaNorris I need that magic’ and he did it. The second he got out of it I knew something good was going to happen. He’s a guy the whole team trusts, he’s a leader, he’s a great player, it’s only up for him”

On the team's success in his final season...

"I feel like what we're doing this year is a reason why a lot of guys came back. We knew what we could have, we knew what this team could be. We kind of just trusted each other, trusted the coaches, trusted the game plans, everything. We just bought in and, I had never beaten Missouri before tonight, so it's just little moments like this, I wanted to put a check on that box. Some of these accomplishments that we're doing, we're just grateful, blessed, all the above."

RAHEIM SANDERS • RUNNING BACK • SENIOR

On the differences in LaNorris Sellers as the season goes on...

"I'd say everything, to be honest with you, but main thing is stepping up in the pocket. It's crazy because, in practice, stepping up in the pocket is a tackle for our defense, technically, that's how it is, they blow the whistle fast so you really can't see the moves in practice that we see in game. Main thing I always say is he's got high confidence for himself."

JOSHUA SIMON • TIGHT END • SIXTH YEAR

On the team's success in his final season...

"Second year in this offense, second year with Coach (Dowell) Loggains, first year with LaNorris, but just being able to be myself and play ball, it means a lot, to come back to this team, to South Carolina. I'm at home and we have a good chemistry here and as y'all can see, we're we learning how to win games. We know how to win games around here and we have a whole lot of fun doing that. I'm glad I did it, to come back and play a full season of college football, being a starter and putting that stuff on tape. One of the best decisions I made."

On the difference in LaNorris Sellers as the season goes on...

"You know, what haven't you seen? Honestly, his ability to break sacks, his ability to create longer plays, the ability to create plays. and that we talk out there to help each other out. I help him out. he helps me out, we help the receivers outs we help the back out. We just all look out for each other out there and we just trust one another to know what we got to do, but man, the kid is special. He did some Superman stuff today."