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Cincinnati Football Head Coach Scott Satterfield Game 9 (UCF) Postgame Press Conference Transcript

Opening Statement

"Congrats to Central Florida for getting that win, but I think it points to a very undisciplined football team, which pisses me off. We've been that way, and that's all on me. We're going to get that fixed. We have three weeks to do it and then have an offseason, but we're doing everything we can to get that fixed. You cannot win football games being that undisciplined, it's the turnovers and the penalties. We also had a player kicked out tonight. Those type of things is not who we want to be, and it's embarrassing that we do those things. We have to get that fixed, and we're going to continue to work hard to get that fixed. Whoever wants to show up in that locker room tomorrow, we're going to continue to work on that, and that's what I just told them in the locker room, it's just unacceptable. I feel like a broken record coming in here. We're out-gaining teams by over 100 yards, yet we're on the short end of the stick, and it comes down to six or eight plays that are the difference in the game. That's what's frustrating and I know it's frustrating to our crowds that show up. I appreciate everyone that shows up out there, that have to look at that crap, it pisses me off. We have to get that fixed. I know that we understand that and we're going to. We did some great things tonight and that gets overshadowed by some undisciplined plays. The work of our running backs, who didn't even practice until Wednesday, and we have two guys over 100 yards again. We've done that several times this year, so I'm extremely proud of them and the way they competed. The offensive line opened up the holes like they did tonight, great job. It's just frustrating and obviously, we're going to work to continue to get that fixed and even after all of that, we still had a chance to go down and tie the game, but we didn't hit the two-point play. Our guys played their butts off and that's what's frustrating. I don't know what the percentage is on guys who were playing undisciplined. We have to continue to work to get better at that. Our plan tonight was to get Brady [Lichtenberg] in at quarterback and we did that early in the game. I thought he played well, and I thought Emory [Jones] played well also. The plan was to start him and no matter what happened, we were going to put Brady [Lichtenberg] in because he deserves to play. So, we were able to get him in the game. I thought Emory [Jones] was playing well, so we ended up leaving him in the second half. We could have put Brady [Lichtenberg] in but I thought Emory [Jones] was doing a good job and got us back in the game. we drove down the field with some great drives. I thought Braden Smith played really well tonight, had some big-time catches, which got us in the ball game and gave us a chance to tie the game at the end, but you know again, we're just frustrated."

On how to fix the issues occurring for the team

"It's going to take some time. It's not going to get fixed in a couple of days. This is going to be a work in progress which we know and we're going to work hard this week to see if we can fix that. Maybe it's playing time, maybe it's some other things. Some of the issue is that you don't have many guys to put in, with our depth issues, but we'll figure that out. It's just being disciplined and little things and for me, that's everything. Not just on the field. When you're doing things right off the field, you do things right on the field and that's within our program. But it may take longer, to answer your question. It may be January or February. It's going to be a tough winter here because we have to clean those things up. No matter how good you are on the field, you can't just go win these games in this league. It's just not happening. We see it week in and week out. No

matter who the teams are, you have to be a disciplined football team. You can't beat yourself and we've done that so many times this year. I take ownership in that."

On entering Brady Lichtenberg into the game when he did

"That was the plan. I think it was the third series. Yeah, that was the plan to put him in in the third series. Let him get some action, put him out there and let him play a little bit. I thought he did a really good job. We'll go into next week continuing to let those guys get equal reps throughout practice and see how we end up as we go throughout the rest of the season."

On fans booing the quarterback

"It's difficult. I don't like getting booed, I'm sure Emory [Jones] doesn't like getting booed or whoever else is playing, especially in your own stadium. No one likes to get booed in your own stadium. These guys that are playing, they're trying to produce. They're trying to make plays. We as coaches are trying to make the best decisions and calls in order to make plays. I get it when we don't, and it's frustrating. I think our fans have probably seen too much of that and are getting a little overzealous in their boos. But I get it, I get it because we have to do better. But when you're at home, you would love to get some support from your people. But they show up and they're awesome. It's a great home field advantage. They were great tonight. We came up a little short, but we have to do better as players and coaches. Give them something to cheer for."

On quarterback situation moving forward

"We will see how it goes this week in practice, but these guys are working their tails off and all have great relationships in that room. We are trying to win and whoever can give us the best chance to win will play. I thought they both played very good tonight and did the things they were asked to do. I am not going to put Brady [Lichtenberg] in a situation where he will fail but we are trying to win the game. I would say we will see both of them play moving forward this season."

On penalties and lack of discipline

"We were down at the two-yard line about to walk in, and we committed a penalty and now we are backed up struggling to get in the endzone. If we scored there, that would have made a huge difference but that is the lack of discipline I am talking about."

On UCF's offense and RJ Harvey

"They are a very fast offense, and they try to get you out of position. [RJ] Harvey can run and is very quick. I thought we handled him well in the first half but then he got loose a lot in the second half. He is a very talented football player, but we need to do a better job containing him."

On Ryan Montgomery's return

"He missed four or five games; we certainly could have used him throughout that time. When he went down about a month ago, he was just starting to hit his stride. I really thought he could have helped us. It was great having him back today. He had a great game, he's a very versatile weapon because he can catch the ball in the backfield, he's a threat with that, but also, he has great vision. I thought he had some great runs, he, and Corey [Kiner] both did some great things, Myles [Montgomery] was still banged up a little bit from last week, but all of those guys are running hard and doing what it takes to give us a chance to win games."

On the early momentum shift in the game after not converting the fourth and one

"It was big. We had gone for the fourth down earlier, we got it. Then, we lined back up on the next fourth down where we had planned a pop pass to our tight end, but he fell down. It was an all or nothing play, and we didn't execute. There was nobody for Emory [Jones] to throw to. We were on their 40-yard line when it happened, so if you don't get it you're not really putting the defense in a terrible bind. I felt like it was worth

the risk to try and get a touchdown there. We had worked on that all week, but unfortunately, we didn't execute."

On Kalen Carrol, Antwan Peek Jr. and some other young players

"I thought Carrol played better tonight, we'll see as we go back and watch the tape. It's hard to look at everybody playing, but those guys certainly had to get in and play. When you think about [Bryon] Threats going out, which made Antwan come in and then D.J. Taylor came in and played a bunch in the second half, so we'll see how those guys did, I mean it's hard to say from just watching the game."

On getting sacked five times

"A couple of those were protection issues, one of them was a running play, I know they called it a sack, but it was a running play. I think they have a great pass rush, #3 [Tre'mon Morris-Brash] and #51 [Malachi Lawrence] are really great pass rushers, they can get after the quarterback. I thought it was more protection issues when you think about the sacks."