

LSU vs. Florida
October 16, 2021
LSU Head Coach Ed Orgeron Quotes

Opening statement...

“What a great win for our team. I thought our guys practiced well all week. Andre Anthony gave them a pep talk on Monday. All week, I felt like they were going to play very well. We knew it was going to be a battle, but they came to fight today. That’s our motto - we’re going to fight. We are going to fight the rest of this season, one day at a time, one game at a time. They did a tremendous job. They showed some maturity from our football players. To see us run for 321 yards, wow. Physicality, running the football, staying committed to it, Tyrion Davis-Price had 287 yards rushing, wow. We held them to half of the yards rushing. On defense, Glen Logan coming back really helped us. I thought Neil Farrell played his best game. We were plus four in the turnover margin. Those interceptions were key for us in the ballgame. We still gave up that play before half. We still gave up some plays that we shouldn’t have, and those are things that we are going to have to fix before next week at Ole Miss. Overall, I’m happy for our team. Our team went through a lot this week and we understand that Florida is a rivalry. We wanted to represent our players and everyone who played before us. I think we did a good job of that.”

On the offensive line adjustments...

“With Kayshon [Boutte] getting hurt, we moved [Garrett] Dellinger to tight end and we had a jumbo package, we call it 12 Jumbo, and it really helped us out. We got more physical during the game, and it helped our run game out. That was something that we had never done before this season. I told our offensive line that they were the most improved group of the whole team. I kept showing them things of them dominating in practice. I showed them again this week and you could see the stuff that Coach [Brad] Davis was teaching them. I thought Davis-Price ran with confidence from the week before. We ran a counter gap play most of the time, we did it with a better defense, but our guys blocked it well and we made some big plays.”

On winning the turnover battle ...

“Plus-four. We have a 90 percent victory rate when we’re plus-four. We preach that to the team all the time and we had some key turnovers against them last year. Our defensive backs work hard. They were challenged today. Florida has a very good scheme, and they have some good players, but we answered the call. We got some key interceptions at key times for us.”

On the 4th and inches touchdown call...

“We were going to run the football; it was fourth and inches. Jake [Peetz] called a pass. He said ‘Coach, do you want me to run?’ I said, ‘It’s your call, do what you want.’ It was a great call. I thought Max [Johnson] did a great job of avoiding the pressure. It could’ve gone the other way, but Max made a great play.”

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LSU Player Quotes

Center Liam Shanahan

On what clicked with the offensive line ..

“I’ve been saying that we’ve definitely had our struggles, but it felt like we’ve been right there, so to put it together today with a performance like that running the ball, it feels great. We started to click a little bit, and hopefully that is something that we can keep building on moving forward.”

On Ty Davis-Price's record-breaking performance..

“He runs the ball hard; it makes our job a little easier to have a guy like that back there. It started last week with him hitting the holes, and we started playing better as an offensive line. It feels good for us to put it together little bit and for him to get some of the recognition he deserves for how good of a player he is.”

Linebacker Damone Clark

On the defensive performance today...

“I just told the defense that we have to play together; it’s now or never. We had a great week of practice. Dre [Andrew Anthony] led the players-only meeting on Monday. He just told us how it was, and we needed that. We told each other that we were going to go out there and play for one another and that’s what we did.”

On the interception and if he ever played receiver...

“No, but at Southern Lab, they used to play me at tight end to block.”

On his fourth-quarter interception...

“I really could not believe that he threw the ball to me; of course, it was my first interception. I just trusted what the coaches were telling me. We knew that was a play they were going to come to; I just ran stride for stride with him, turned around at the right minute and the ball fell right in my hands.”

Quarterback Max Johnson

On the fourth down call in the fourth quarter...

“The reason why I didn’t throw the ball the whole fourth quarter is because our offensive line was dominating. Shoutout to those guys, to Ty, and to the coaches calling the run plays. It just goes to speak for how hard the o-line and the backs have been working. We had not worked that play all week, but we ended up scoring, and shoutout Jaray [Jenkins] for having three touchdowns.”

Running Back Ty Davis-Price

On his thoughts on breaking the school record...

“Coach Peetz and the staff challenged us to go in and create a running game. The offensive line has been coming with it every day at practice, busting their tails and doing extra work. I couldn’t be prouder of them.”

On what’s going through his mind after the win...

“I did not know how many yards I had until after the game. I was just amazed at how good the offensive line was. You could see those were big holes that I ran through. Shoutout to them for going out each and every day and working hard. It was a great win for the team.”

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Florida Quotes

Head Coach Dan Mullen

On who's the quarterback moving forward and defense...

“We’re going to look at that going into the bye week. We’re going to evaluate a lot of things, saw good things from both QBs today, saw some mistakes from both QBs today. We’re going to evaluate that and see how that will play out moving forward. I can jump up and down on the table about some really good things that they did, and I can jump up and down on some terrible mistakes that we made. You know, we will evaluate that part of it. Defensively, same deal. We’re going to go back, watch film, evaluate. We played some solid defense at times this year, and obviously we didn’t in the second half today.”

On defenasive motivation...

“I thought our attitude was great. I thought we were into the game. We had the opportunities to make some plays. We dug ourselves into some holes during the course of the game, which you can’t do when you’re playing good teams. We dug too big of a hole to get out of there in the end.”

Are you surprised of all the different ways the team keeps losing games...

“We will evaluate all of that after the course of the game. It’s always easier when you can put your finger on that one thing and say, “that was the issue, let’s go fix that one thing.” We’ve got a bye week coming up and we will evaluate all of those things. You guys have the stats, I don’t. We’ll fix up some things, and look at other things that come up and bite us. One stat that stands out to me, we were minus-four ---- turnover ratio --- flip that around at least 21 points for us and none for them. It’s little things. We didn’t stop the run and make the stops necessary in the second half. We couldn’t get over the hump.”

On Anthony’s (Richardson) ability to handle the playbook...

“It’s the execution of it. I thought he did a really good job. He got hot and we stuck with him. We had some momentum offensively. He goes down and we can see the maturity of Emory. I don’t think anyone can understand how much of a play that was that he made in the game as a quarterback. To come in that situation and make that play, that was probably the play of the game for us. I thought it was pretty special. It’s a good building for Richardson. He had some confidence early, he had a little taste of reality and had to build up some calluses over the past couple of weeks. I think this will continue to build up his confidence.”

WR Justin Shorter

On the Hail Mary

“It was just focus. I had to see the ball in my hands, like Coach teaches us every single day. We were looking for something to spring us into that second half.”

On the inconsistency of the team...

“We have to go back to the drawing board. Everyone works hard, everyone goes hard. We need to go back and watch the film tomorrow and fix all the small things moving forward. Winning is the biggest thing, it’s the only thing I think about. I think if we just focus on winning games, we will be fine.”

On the offense’s possibility...

“We can be very very dominant. Everyone can go out there and make plays week in and week out.”

On QB Emory Jones...

“Really it was everyone’s fault on that loss. Both the quarterbacks are fine, the team is great. We just have to go back to the drawing board.”

LB Mohamoud Diabate

On LSU’s runs...

“They’ve got a talented running back. He was making good plays. They got us out of position a few times. We saw some things from them we haven’t seen before. They had a pretty good game. I will give them props for their players. We made the adjustments we were given to make.”

On his Confidence on Defense...

“I’m confident in my teammates. If they play hard and go where they’re supposed to be, I am confident in them.”