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MIAMI HEAD COACH AL GOLDEN

On team's overall performance...

"I thought we played really hard. I thought Florida Atlantic played incredibly tough. They were very physical, well-coached. I thought their punter was amazing - I thought he changed the field for them all night. As I just said to our guys, give them a lot of credit. Any time you play one of these rival games in the state, that's what you're going to get. Give Florida Atlantic a lot of credit - they played hard and they made us earn it. We were overzealous a little bit with some penalties early in the game. We dropped some passes that we hadn't been dropping. Our timing wasn't where it needed to be in some instances, but I thought our guys played hard. We didn't play smart all the time, weren't as good as we needed to be on third down on offense, but I thought our defense played really, really hard, played physical, and ran to the ball well."

On the performance of Duke Johnson...

"I don't know what his overall numbers were...I'm guessing 20 touches. That's kind of what we need him to be, somewhere around there. I thought he did a good job with that. He's healthy. He cut two guys down on the [Herb Waters run] where we scored. He's a very unselfish player."

On his assessment of the team's passing game...

"I didn't think it was as sharp as we have been, for sure. We were really humming coming into this week in the pass game, and obviously it wasn't where it needed to be. We need to go back to work. We'll go back tomorrow, watch it, and we'll get back on the passing game. We certainly didn't do a good enough job on third down."

On managing an excited team playing in its season opener...

"All of those things you think about, we don't think about until it's the eventuality. We don't talk about any of that, because all of these first games - they're hard. We have idea what they were going to do. We saw three different quarterbacks. Opening games are hard - you have no track record to go by, really. I thought they were well-coached, tough as can be, physical. I thought they were excellent on special teams, and I thought their punter gave us a long field all night. As well as Pat [O'Donnell] was hitting the ball, this kid changed the field for them. That was the big difference in the game."

On nerves affecting the passing game...

"That's something that's disappointing to me. Monday and Tuesday, I thought we were really sharp in the passing game. It's a shame. It is. We didn't look like we had our timing, so we have to get back to work on that. Obviously that was reflective in our third downs - not where we need to be. We need to be on more third and shorts too, we weren't in enough of them."

On the play of his team's pass rush...

"We have more depth and we have more guys that can rush the passer now. Certainly Quan [Muhammad] made a difference, I thought [David] Gilbert made a difference. I thought we had more power inside, so I think that helped. We need to get takeaways, but we were physical, we were running to the ball. We made some errors, but I thought we played hard. I really did. We didn't put the defense in good situations too often, and they battled their way out of it. We need to do a better job on offense on third down - that would really help us in time of possession and help our defense."

On rotating young players in...

"Those guys, there were a lot of freshmen that were redshirting that we were not going to play. Those guys that played, we made the decision in camp that they're going to help us at some time this year and help us significantly. That's why we played them. We have to get Stacy [Coley] to forget about this one. He had a tough first quarter - he just has to forget about it and move on. He's very talented, he just needs to relax and let it come to him. He has worked really hard, but I think he was pressing a little bit. Obviously he and Stan [Dobard] and Gus [Edwards] and Artie [Burns] and Corn Elder and [Jermaine] Grace, and all those guys, they're all in the mix. They're all going to be helping us this year."

On Rashawn Scott's catch and injury...

"It was a great catch. I don't know what his status is - hopefully not too bad."

On the performance of Eduardo Clements...

I'm happy for him. We had the first scrimmage, then the second scrimmage, now it's the first game - these are all baselines, and he's moving up every time. He's in better condition. He's feeling more confident and we're feeling more confident that he's ready to go. He has had a great attitude. I'm happy for him that he got going on that."

On Duke Johnson being issued a concussion test...

"That's our protocol. We follow a strict protocol for anybody that we think is woozy or got their bell rung. We have a great concussion institution, and we have great sideline protocol with Vinny Scavo and Dr. Kaplan. We just do that to make sure that we're protecting any kids that have any kind of head trauma."



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FAU COACH CARL PELINI QUOTES

What did you take out of the game defensively?

Well to me that's a discipline issue. That was an awfully good back we were going against, I'll give them that one. The reverse was a busted assignment. We just fell asleep. That's something that we worked hard on throughout the spring and throughout the camp. It was disappointing to see that happen. We just busted it and whoever was responsible for it didn't go with it. And so we've just go to keep getting better. But I thought we battled. I think we're more physical than we were a year ago. At times we tackled better. But we'll learn a lot from this tape and you'll see a much-improved defensive football team next week.

On being outsized by Miami...

There were times when their size, especially on those stretch plays to the outside. You know they'd get on to some double teams and get some more, just through sheer size. But we've got to do a better job at just executing our movements and that's when, when you're playing against a team like that, that's bigger than you, you've got to be able to move. You've got to be able to make plays and at times we did. We did a pretty good job, sliced through there and made some plays. And at times I don't think we executed our movements as well as I'd like to. Again, we'll learn a lot from this game plan and build from it.

How disappointing was it to get the false start penalty on the one-yard-line when you probably could have gotten back in the game with a touch down?

That was very disappointing. I thought there were a couple things; we had a couple big drops. That penalty was especially costly, the mistake on the reverse. Those are things where, I feel like, against a team like Miami, you just can't make those, you can't hurt yourself. You can't spot them, those plays. Those are things you've got to correct. At times I thought we were pretty efficient and disciplined, that's why those mistakes were so disappointing, you just can't do it, not down there in the red zone. It's too hard to score in college football these days.

Why did you decide against going for it on the fourth down?

Every coach is a little bit different. At that point, it put us down by two scores. If I felt like we were in a rhythm offensively, I think maybe I would have decided differently. But I always think about not the point differential as much as the number of scores we're down. You get down by 20-6, put us two scores down and I thought it was the right decision to make.

You talked all week about not putting everything into this game. Now you have a short week. Do you think you'll find out tomorrow what you think they'll be for your conference opener?

I don't want to misrepresent what I was talking about. What I was talking about was I don't want to be an up and down football team. I want to be a team that approaches every game the same. It doesn't matter who the opponent is. That you're ready to play, you play the same way, play with the same kind of effort. I think when you're building a program that's an important lesson to teach your guys. You can't be on a rollercoaster ride for 12 games. I thought we invested in this game. I thought I players played hard. I think they prepared well. It wasn't perfect but we certainly are a much-improved football team, we've got a lot to build on. The old adage is always correct. There's a lot of new faces out there and you can't simulate game situations, game speed. That film tomorrow at one o'clock is going to be very important and we'll look at it, correct our mistakes, and move on. The greatest improvement has to happen between week one and week two.

You suspended five players before the game. When was that decision made? What went in to that decision? And how long will those five be out?

The decision was made in the last 48 hours. I announced it to the team actually yesterday. That's really all I'm going to say about it right now. The further decision, as far as when they'll return will be made this weekend and prior to our practice on Sunday.



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FAU PLAYER QUOTES

JAQUEZ JOHNSON

On his first major college game and playing in front of the nation...

"It was exciting but I feel like we could have performed better than we showed. It was a good experience and I am looking forward to next week."

On take aways from this game...

"I feel like we can play anybody. This is supposed to be one of the top 10 (teams) in the nation. We competed with them most of the game. We just made a lot of mistakes. We just have got to go back and fix our mistakes and then we can compete with anybody in the nation."

On having a quarterback rotation ...

"I just had to go out there and make plays and wait until I had my chances. It didn't really bother me."

ANDRAE KIRK

On learning from this game...

"We learned we got a lot of work to do. We want to reach our goals we set for the season."

On his interception getting them back in the game ...

"We never felt like we were out of the game until the end. It was just more momentum for our team to go out and score."

On his interception...

"It was a tight split by the x receiver. I gave Keith Reaser a call where he sits in the flat when the back swings, something we have been practicing. So the back swung and he sat on the flat, the receiver released vertical and I just dropped back and the quarterback just threw the ball. I was in the right spot."



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HERB WATERS

On the reverse...

We've been preparing for that since camp started. I was ready.

On Stephen Morris blocking downfield on the reverse...

We don't really allow him to block in practice. Things are different in game time, in live situations, and I just read off him. I could count on him to make that block, and I used my ability to take it to the touchdown.

AL-QUADIN MUHAMMAD

On his first play and the rest of the game...

After the first play, I got a little bit comfortable. As the game kept going on, I got a little more comfortable and confident. Next week, I can really do me and be the real Al-Quadin Muhammad.

On his performance tonight...

It was okay. I'm not excited about it. I'm not happy about it. I'm looking forward tomorrow to watching a lot of film, and preparing for next week.

STACY COLEY

It was your first college game, were you nervous?

Like you said, it was my first college game. Coming straight out of high school, there are more fans. It is moving fast. I have to put this behind me, and move forward.

On going through the smoke for the first time...

It feels great man. Just to have that opportunity and run through the smoke, it was a blessing.

EDUARDO CLEMENTS

On getting one carry after another...

I didn't know I was going to get five straight carries. I just went with the flow, and with every chance that I got, I ran the ball like I was supposed to.

On the win and getting off on the right foot...

It feels great. It is hard to win your first game against a great team like FAU. These guys are coming here and they don't really have nothing to lose. They were playing to their best abilities. I feel we played great as a team on both sides of the ball. We came out with the W.



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DUKE JOHNSON

First question is your head okay?

Oh I'm fine, yes sir.

Was that a concussion test they were putting you through after the play?

Yes sir.

You started off with a few good plays, did you know that it was gonna be a good night for you after that?

Yes ma'am, after the first play you always get the feel of how the game is gonna be and how things are gonna go. You never know what to expect in the first quarter from the opposing team. But as time goes on and fatigue hits we get a better idea. We pride ourself on our conditioning throughout the game.

Did you know you were going to have a good game after the first play?

Yes ma'am I did.

What do you and the team take from the game tonight?

We got a feel of how good we could be, minus the penalties and errors

STEPHEN MORRIS

Did it surprise you how much you overpowered the opposing team?

It did surprise us, but coach told us we had to do what we had to do. We knew what to expect.

You got this done, and you say take it one day at a time but are you thinking of the Gators game next week?

Not really, Coach Golden told us to enjoy the night and tomorrow we can start our schedule and going over film and getting ready.

Do you anticipate what it will be like a week from tonight?

Crazy. It's going to be a crazy one and everyone knows that. It's a game we've been waiting on for four years. We haven't played these guys in four years and we know they're bringing their best and we're going to bring our best too.

JIMMY GAINES

On what's next...

Right now, tonight, I'm going to enjoy myself. I'm going to enjoy this win with my teammates.

On preparing for next week's game...

We'll see. I don't know. I'm not there yet. I couldn't tell you right now.