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On how important it was to get a number of players more reps...

"It was good. It wasn't perfect, but I think we got better in a lot of different areas, and in some other areas we have to continue to make progress. We played a lot of guys, which was great. I thought a lot of those guys played really soundly when they got in. I thought they lined up really well, tackled well, ran to the ball well - I was pleased with that. Obviously we have to look at some guys on offense - the second offensive line, Joe Yearby, Trayone Gray, Tyre Brady, [Christopher] Herndon, just to name a few. There were a good group of young guys - a lot of freshmen, probably 12 or 13. A good number."

On his team playing with aggression...

"That was a long week. That sounds weird...but it was one of those deals where we were physically managing the team and trying to get better at the same time. That was tricky. I was afraid we weren't going to have our legs. We landed at 5 a.m. on Tuesday. We basically did it on two days' preparation. To be quite honest, FAMU - the looks they give you on defense - are very difficult. We were coaching right through the day today because of how intricate their zone pressure package is. We did a good job of picking that up. We turned it over a couple of times on offense - one was on a snap when we thought we had them offside and the other the kid made a great play on a deep ball. A lot to fix, but we can grow from this for sure."

On his satisfaction level with the offensive rhythm...

"I don't know if I'm satisfied in anything right now. It's hard to judge, to be honest with you. It's two games in five days, and now we need to take a deep breath and look at everybody's body of work in those two games. We have a heck of a football team coming in here next week. We have a team that knows how to win and is aggressive. We have to get healed up and healthy tomorrow, and go back to work on Monday. I can't wait to get back to work on Monday. I really can't. I think we're going to learn a lot about a lot of different guys, kind of set the team moving forward here and get ready to go."

On which key players missed the second half...

"We held Stacy [Coley] out, we held Duke [Johnson] out, we held Denzel [Perryman] out. From there, we took out guys incrementally as the game progressed."

On his evaluation of freshman quarterback Brad Kaaya's performance...

"I thought Brad made some really nice throws. I think it was unfortunate we snapped the ball three times thinking we had them offside and all three were incompletions, one was an interception. We have to go back and take a look at the tape on that. That wasn't good there. We liked to keep the ball outside the numbers on the go route. He brought it inside, brought the corner in to play. There were some heck of [good] throws there too. I thought we did a better job protecting them against all the zone pressure we were getting. I think Brad's going to keep making progress and grow. I'm excited about Brad."

On the defensive line playing with more confidence...

"I don't think there's any question. The biggest thing was last week, we had 72 or 73 plays, so it's probably 800 reps, and out of those 800 reps on defense, we only had 15 mental errors. They challenged each other this week to have less than that. They're really cohesive right now. Everybody is fitting in the right gaps. We let up a couple of deep ones. We have to do a better job playing the ball down the field, but we're keeping the quarterback in the pocket, we're tackling better. In both games, I think we tackled better. [On] the defensive line, we're playing more of those guys and we're getting more production, for sure."

On the offensive execution on third down...

"I'm going to go back and look at it again. I'm going to go back and look at first and second down again. Protection wasn't an issue today, clearly. We have to go back and look at the first two games and analyze everything about it. Don't make any excuses. See what our first- and second-down efficiency is, see what the actual third-and-distance is, what our average is on third down. Are we in too many long yardages? And then go from there. There's no question we need to improve that."

On if the playbook was opened up for quarterback Brad Kaaya...

"Because we had such a short timeframe, we didn't really change the playbook. It's just the way it unfolded. Perhaps if we had gotten down to a lead last week or had converted on those two [drives] inside the 10 [-yard line], it would have looked like a different playbook, but it didn't. We didn't add anything really. We just moved everything forward and I think he got a little bit better at some of the things we called."

Duke Johnson, RB

On the meaning of the game ...

"In some aspects, it was my first home game back from injury. I think it means more to my mom than me, she gathered up a huge crowd, a big fan base to come out and sit in one section for the game but I think it meant more to her than me."

On the offensive performance ...

"I think we stepped up big time from the last week. We still have a lot of things to correct and get better at, but for the most part I think we did a great job. I am just looking forward to next week."

On milestones reached tonight ...

"Just being in the arena with some of the guys is a great feeling alone. Just being compared to a lot of great running backs that came through here is heart felt and I think it is a great accomplishment."

On Where he feels the offense is at ...

"I think we have a long way to go. We have Brad - Brad has a long way to go. He is a freshman, and so does the offensive line starting with the center Shane McDermott, and he is a senior. As a whole we have a long way to go. Every guy has more stuff they can take. Even the guys who are coming off second & third string have more to give and more to give and more to learn. I wouldn't say we are pretty far right now, but we are just getting started and getting rolling."

On if he feels the offensive line was better tonight ...

"I feel it was much better tonight. I think the guys came out with that bad taste from last week in their mouths, and we just wanted to just come out here and play the football that we know we are capable of playing."

On Joseph Yearby...

"It's just great to see a guy come in and work hard and battle. It's the same injury I had coming from high school. He is working hard every day to get better, and better himself to get adjusted to the college game. Today was his first go around, his first taste of college and I think he has done well."

Miami Quarterback Brad Kaaya, QB

On how he's feeling after having his first two college games within a five game span:

"This practice week was tough. It was a rushed practice week. We got back at it Wednesday, so we didn't have as much time to get plays installed, but I feel that we handled it well and attacked the week."

On how much more comfortable he felt tonight compared to Monday:

"A little bit more. It's at home. It's a different environment. It was my second college game. I could say I felt a little more comfortable back there."

On evaluating his own performance tonight:

"Pretty good. There were some plays I wish I could have had back. We had a few miscommunications out there that we should get worked on. But hey, I'm not a big stats guy, I'm just a big wins guy. That's all I care about is wins."

On if he was frustrated from some of the negative plays on what looked to be offsides:

"You can't just dwell on those plays. You just have got to keep it moving. The referee is not always going to get it in our eyes. You can't dwell on those plays. You just have got to keep it moving."

On his chemistry with fellow freshman wide receiver Braxton Berrios:

"Braxton is a really good man-to-man receiver. He's a good route runner. He's a guy that I look for on third down in man coverage. This is a guy that I can really rely on."

Phillip Dorsett, WR

On his 32-yard touchdown catch in the back of the endzone...

"I know I had a post [route], and I thought because of the look they gave, I thought the play was dead. I wasn't supposed to get the ball on that play. When I saw the ball go up in the air, the only thing I thought was I was going to catch it. No matter where I am, no matter who hits me, just catch the ball."

On where improvements were made by freshman quarterback Brad Kaaya...

"I would say his poise. He looked like he was ready this game. We made a pact as an offense...to not let the defensive players touch him this game. He looked a lot more comfortable back there. We said we were going to rally around him, because he's our quarterback, and that's what we have to do."

On the team's confidence heading into next week's game...

"A lot more [confidence]. As an offense, we have to keep improving. We made a lot of mistakes, we had some ups and downs this game. I would say more good plays than bad plays. We have to keep going. We have to pass the ball more effectively. I felt like his interceptions this game were not his fault. He's getting a lot better. I know for a fact he has a lot more confidence in his game now."

Anthony Chickillo, DE

On Thurston Armbrister ...

"He is playing very good football right now. The sack-caused-fumble is the best play in football. I'm so happy for him, he just has to keep it up."

On the defensive the performance...

"I thought we played pretty good at times. They got a couple of plays that we didn't want them to get, but that's football and overall I thought we played great."

On the D-Line...

"I think we are playing good football right now. Guys are locked in, doing their job and making plays because of it. We have got to keep it up. We have a really tough team in Arkansas State coming in next week and they are going to be more than ready for us, so we have to go back to work tomorrow."

Braxton Berrios, WR

On playing a lot ...

"I'm excited. I had a lot of chances tonight, and I'm just trying to capitalize on every one. I think we played well, and I'm looking forward to improving."

On his prior expectations for the season, coming in as a true freshman ...

"I didn't expect to play as much as I am. I knew there would be competition. I knew if I deserved it, then I would get it, and I guess the coaches feel I deserve it."

On Miami's team chemistry ...

"We are pulling each other along. Obviously, I'm getting a lot of playing time and Brad is a starting QB, so we're in the same boat in regards to pressure and coming out as true freshman. We're just feeding off each other and talking each other through the whole thing on and off the field like in the dorms. We're around each other a lot, and it just comes naturally."

On offense improvement from last week and what he would like to see as the season progresses ...

"I think we improved greatly. Like the O-line said, they had a pit in their stomachs, and they practiced hard all week--as well as the rest of us. Going forward, we still have to improve on everything. Nothing is at a 12-game area. We have to keep on working every week, and hopefully we can reach our potential."

On health regarding knee injury back in January ...

"We'll see. I think I'm back, but we'll find out."

On working on field with Kaaya in May, June and July ...

"I probably touched the field in June or July. We didn't have too much going into the summer, but when fall camp started, that's when we hit the ground running."

FAMU Coach Earl Holmes

On the situation with QB Damien Fleming...

"We were being smart with him. It got rolled up on him, but I don't think it's anything serious. We were being smart with that. At the same time, we wanted [QB] Carson [Royal] to get some reps. Damien's nursing an injury, but at the same time it's not as serious as I thought it was, so that's a good thing."

On how the game played out..

"I thought we had some opportunities. I thought we had a chance to put some points on the board. I thought that the defense fought hard. But, you can't turn the ball over to a team like Miami. You can't beat yourself. You can't turn the ball over. We had a couple takeaways. We have to capitalize on that and at the same time we had the opportunity to make some big plays on offense. We got to make them."

On reading the Miami defense ...

"We have got some talent. We have got some young guys that stepped up, which is a good thing. To me, we'll evaluate it on film and see exactly what we have to improve on. But, one thing I can say a lot of the young guys stood out today against a tough team and that's a good thing."

Damien Fleming, FAMU QB

On Miami's defense ...

"They were just able to get pressure with three to four guys, drop eight guys back in coverage, and use their size and speed to their advantage.

On running plays against Miami's defense ...

I'm sure their coach believes in their abilities like our coach believes in our abilities. They gave us everything we saw on film and they weren't going to send too much pressure just a couple of dog blitz, and five man pressure nothing too extreme. They sat back and played defense."

On trying to get the offense going ...

"It was tough, we were able to make a play but then when we converted on that play we made an penalty. We just have to stop biting ourselves in the butt, and keep moving forward, and take this loss. There were some good things we did in this game and there were some bad things and we will go back watch film and evaluate."

On the upside of the game ...

"Being able to play in front of all the fans and higher competition. I'm glad that I got the opportunity to lay it all on the line and those guys fought 100 percent and that's all I can ask for."

Jacques Bryant, DB

On first interception ...

"I kept my eyes on the ball, as one of the Miami players tipped the ball I saw my opportunity to go. I would've scored, but I was unaware of the players behind me."

On running the same play twice ...

Jacques Bryant: "No sir, I ran my keys and did what my coach taught me to do."

On being a big game ...

"Coach said when we play big games, some of us will get notoriety and all I want to do is show what I can do."

Is this the kind of game that you're going to talk to our kids about for a long time?

"Of course"