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POSTGAME QUOTES

MIAMI HEAD COACH AL GOLDEN QUOTES

On Duke's interception, trailing 17-7 in the first half:

"You could say the momentum changed there. It was unfortunate because we had a chance for a completion, and they got the ball with some good field position. There were so many other things that we did wrong. It's my responsibility. The penalties. We didn't tackle well enough. We didn't get enough red zone stops. It was really disappointing."

On Miami's re-evaluation of coaching defense:

"I think it's fair to say we're evaluating every component of [the team], every step of the way. That includes defense. There's enough blame to go around in this game. We didn't punt the ball well. We weren't good on kickoff returns. We had too many penalties. We didn't answer. We needed to answer them on offense, if it was going to turn into that kind of game, and we didn't do it. It's all three phases. The buck stops with me. I have to get it fixed."

On commonalities through the last three Miami losses:

"I don't know. Obviously we're giving up too many points. That's changing the way we play the game on offense. We had more penalties in the first quarter today than I think we had the last two weeks. We've been punting the ball well, but we didn't punt the ball well [today]. There's too many explosive runs. Too many missed tackles. We have to dig deep and look at everything and see what we can do better, and see what direction we want to go here, starting tomorrow."

On the defense allowing 358 yards rushing:

"Disappointing, for sure. No excuses. Too many explosive plays on the ground. They weren't throwing the ball very much. We didn't make enough stops. They got into too many third-and-shorts and converted them."

On Virginia Tech's loss earlier in the day:

"Somebody mentioned something. That's not going to change anything we do. We didn't execute well enough. Give Duke credit. They played really well. They're playing really well right now. We have to get back to work and improve ... I think maybe the players were aware. I don't know. I don't know if they saw a score, or announced it, or what. I don't know what happened. It's immaterial. It's really about executing, and we didn't do that well enough. Duke did."

On Duke's two-quarterback system:

"In terms of them staying fresh, that was difficult. I don't think there was much difference when each was in the game. They're both running the ball well. Obviously they used a lot of running backs, and ran the ball well, and we didn't tackle well enough and they wore us down."

On Miami's preparation coming into the game:

"We started well. We just aren't doing a good enough job of answering on defense. When you get into this kind of game, you really need to be perfect on offense. We weren't, they were. We had one turnover, they didn't have any. Obviously we aren't generating enough turnovers right now. We're not creating short fields. There is no excuse. It's my responsibility."

On coaching methods to use following three consecutive losses:

"Obviously it's the seniors' last home game. I think it's important to rally around those guys. They've been through a lot. It's important that we respond. Virginia will be coming off a week off, so they're going to be fresh. We need to get our guys healthy. We have a lot to play for. Obviously this team has not been able to go to a bowl game the last couple years. We have to get our minds right and finish the season. That's my responsibility to get them focused and recentered and get going."