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MIAMI HEAD COACH AL GOLDEN

On his team's character after challenging first quarter...

"We kept saying to the team something we learned this summer from a leader: 'You don't have any leadership until you have a bead of sweat and the crap hits the fan.' And that's what happened. We learned a lot about our team and we had great leadership through that. We had great poise, but it did look bleak. I think we had six plays, you guys would know better. We didn't get a chance to draw up one thing on defense. Not one thing.

"We scored in two plays, which actually worked against us. Then we fumbled and then threw an interception, so we didn't a chance to draw up anything. When Mark [D'Onofrio] got them at halftime and drew them up, the guys came back with a vengeance. They played with poise and precision. My hat is off to Mark - what they did at halftime was phenomenal."

On his team making the necessary plays in the first quarter...

"It was not pretty. That's why with the ball, I was excited about 17-17. I think that kind of breathed some life into us at that point. I didn't want to mess around with 4th and 2. I didn't want to mess around with that - just take it there. I didn't think he was going to try to win it in the two-minute drill. Then we get the ball and we started the game over at halftime, basically. I'm real proud of our guys and the way they fought. We learned a lot about our team today, we learned a lot about our leadership, and what a gutsy performance from Stephen [Morris]. Tremendous."

On the success of Georgia Tech's rushing offense in the first half...

"To be honest with you, they're way faster than your scout team. They're way faster. You know in the first 10-12 plays of the game, you have to get a stop, because once they get going, it's hard. We just could not get adjusted and didn't have time to adjust. Those kids battled - they caused a fumble, which gave us some time there, then we made some adjustments. Mark [D'Onofrio] made a shift up front, and that basically went away. That formation went away early in the third [quarter], and that was the end of it - so that was a big win. We weren't dealing with five formations, we were dealing with three or four. Big win there for Mark, I'm really excited about what he did there and what these guys did. They executed."

On the performance of quarterback Stephen Morris...

"Gutsy. You can tell he's not 100 percent, but these nine days coming up are huge. He's running around back there, the pass he threw to Stacy [Coley] was phenomenal - he bought himself some time, you can tell his arm strength - he threw it off one leg. He threw an interception, saw it wrong, and again he's not an excuse guy. He came right over and said, 'I thought it was too high, I made a mistake,' and we just moved on. I thought both coordinators really called the game with poise. With James [Coley], we're three turnovers away from having just a prolific game on offense. We have to get those things fixed. We had some untimely penalties - one before the half cost us four points. We had a couple of fumbles and dropped punt, which we have to get cleaned up. We absolutely have to get it cleaned up. We have nine days, and we're going to go to work hard here on that."

On his concern level with Duke Johnson's ability to protect the football...

"He's going to get it fixed. I don't have a concern level. Nobody works harder at it - it was unfortunate. The only one I have a concern about is the one he reached over in the South Florida game. He'll be fine. Look at all the carries he has had - he has been great with the ball. He was very mindful of it late in the game, he had two hands on the ball. I thought he did a great job. I had written on my notes, this was going to be a Duke Johnson game, and it was. It was 22 [carries] for 184 [yards]. And what can you say about Dallas [Crawford] does when he comes in? I'm really proud of those guys and how they work in cooperation with each other. It's great."

On Allen Hurns' patience during his 69-yard touchdown catch...

"That's exactly what he is - that is a smart football player. Whatever you ask him to do, he is smart, he studies the game, he spends a lot of time on it. He timed it up and he had a little tempo there, and used the block and made a touch. Great effort by Phillip [Dorsett] too."

On his defense helping to contribute with 18 points off turnovers...

"We're obviously more explosive. We're getting more guys around the ball. They're all the same guys as last year, they're just playing with a quiet mind. They're playing so much faster. Ladarius Gunter sees the break on the ball, and he's gone. He's not saying, 'what do I do?' That's it, he gets the break and he's gone. They're playing with a real quiet mind, they're playing fast, they know what they're capable of, and we're playing a lot of guys. It's tag-team defense right now. That team we just played, they give you all you can handle. All you ever want to do against that team is win. There's no qualitative analysis here. It's just straight win or lose, and it was a good win for our guys."

On how much an increase in leadership has played a role in the team's success...

"Immensely. We're more focused. We just have guys who have been through a lot. It's a close group. They're not daunted by anything. If you look at what they've been through, it pales in comparison. They get down a little bit and say, 'Alright, let's go.' I'm really proud of the leadership we have and the poise they exhibited. We have a long way to go as a team. There are a lot of things you guys are asking about that I know I'm responsible for and I have to get fixed. We'll go right to work on that tomorrow. I want them to enjoy this. It's not easy to win games. They're right where they want to be."

On the statement made with today's victory...

"There is no statement. We're 1-0 in the ACC and really 1-0 today. Tomorrow is a new day. I want them to enjoy it for 24 hours, and then, all of these things we're talking about, my job is to create a practice on Tuesday that starts to satisfy the resolution to a lot of these things and fix them. And we'll do that."

On if he expects Seantrel Henderson to return...

"I do. I haven't talked to him. I'm sure I'll sit down with him tomorrow. He was not [at the game]."



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COACH MARK D'ONOFRIO

On the defense...

You get a chance to see what these guys are made of they made of. They're built for this, they worked really hard. They fought through it and didn't point any fingers. They just locked in, everybody did their job.

On forcing turnovers...

We've been causing fumbles all season, we have been creating turnovers. They're executing, they're going after the ball, they hit hard, they're physical.

MIAMI PLAYERS

DUKE JOHNSON

On the win ...

This was a big win. It's a conference game but more importantly, to see our team fight back, to see our defense force turnovers and our offense fight back, that's what we needed.

DALLAS CRAWFORD

On Stephen Morris...

Stephen's a warrior. He'll limp around and you won't know if he's able to go but then he'll make those throws and scramble around like he did today. He's doing a great job.

SHAYON GREEN

On the adjustments made after halftime...

When they first came out, they did some things that we didn't quite prepare for. Everybody was doing things to the best of their ability until we could get it adjusted. Everybody did their job and we came out on top.

ALLEN HURNS

On what the win means for Miami as a team...

We had turnovers early on in the game but we fought back. It's the ACC, and we knew it was going to be a tough game, but we fought it out.

STEPHEN MORRIS

On the early deficit and the team's resiliency...

I think last year would have been different; the team would've been a little more immature. This team, though, we looked each other in the eyes and said "nobody said this was going to be easy." We understood who we were playing, Georgia Tech is a great team.

On healing his injuries...

My biggest thing right now is listening to Vinny and his training staff. I'll be there all the time. I have class, and I'll go to class and right after class, I'll be right back in treatment. I have to get as much treatment as I can.

On the offensive possibilities without turnovers...

We can't give the ball up. The score and momentum would've been a lot different. We need to do a better job with that. I put that on myself, making better reads and getting to my check downs quicker. I'm not worried about scoring points. We have a great coordinator and a great system right now.

DENZEL PERRYMAN

On being undefeated...

It feels great actually. Seeing us practice and pretty much bringing our strength to the game and being able to just dominate and win games, is a great feeling.

On trailing early...

This is the biggest growth game. Stephen kept coming to our sideline, we kept talking to the defense saying "it's not going to be easy."

On the remaining schedule...

We are going to be ready for it, we just need to prepare and go out and dominate.

PHILLIP DORSETT

On the team...

We have a lot of confidence, and we feel like there are not much teams can really do to stop us.

On being undefeated...

It feels good. We just need to take everything one by one and we'll be all right.

BRANDON LINDER

On Duke Johnson...

He gets the ball and he blows right by you. It was awesome to see that. It's great to see that as an offensive lineman, your blocking really makes an impact. He's a special player. It's ridiculous.

On Dallas Crawford...

We are in the film room, watching it (Crawford), rewind, rewind. It's crazy but again our greatest players are honed in on what we are trying to do and their assignments. I couldn't be more proud of them.

On being undefeated...

We take it one game at a time, one practice at a time, one play at a time.

On Stephen Morris...

Stephen did a great job, he came out and executed what he was supposed to do and he was getting treatment all week, getting reading for this game. I think he did an amazing job.

ANTHONY CHICKILLO

On the defense's effort today in the second half...

They came out and gave us a little something different than what we practiced all week. They changed it up a little bit. They got us on the first couple drives. Coach D'Onofrio, Coach Barrow, Coach Franklin, and Coach Williams all made great adjustments and we just executed.

On the locker room at halftime....

It was 17-17, so it was like 0-0. The second half had to be ours. They are a good Georgia Tech team. They're going to win a lot of games this year. I was just proud of our guys.



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GEORGIA TECH HEAD COACH PAUL JOHNSON

Opening remarks

That was a tough game. I think our guys played hard. We got off to a pretty good start. We couldn't have scripted a better start. We were holding the ball, keeping the ball away from them. Got a couple turnovers early and felt like we had a lot of momentum then we turned it back over which really hurt us. We were up 17-7 in scoring range, at least we were in field goal range. If we can go down and go up 24-7 maybe we put them behind the eight ball and we can run some clock. Didn't happen. We still had a chance in the second half. Got a couple possessions and great field position and couldn't do much with them. Have to give them credit, they made plays. When they had to have big plays, they made them. When they tried to keep the ball away and run the clock out, we had a hard time tackling the backs.

On the offense

Overall it was better. We were able to control the clock a little bit. We missed some chances to pitch the ball, they would have been big plays. But we talked all week about make yourself be a runner, get turned up and make somebody take you. We probably emphasized that a little too much. We had a hard time cutting them off. We lost two offensive linemen in the first half. After that we had a hard time in there cutting them off.

On the defense giving up more plays than they usually do

They've (Miami) got good skill. I said going in that this is the best team that we've played offensively from the skills standpoint. And we missed a ton of tackles. Their running back is really good. Both of those little running backs are good. The other one's pretty good too. And early on we didn't get much pressure on the quarterback. And he was throwing some deep outs, deep crosses and we had a hard time covering him.

Was the missed extra point a major cause for team deflation?

Yeah, you hope not. You try to keep everybody pumped up on the sideline. I was trying to say hey it's just a score and a two-point conversion. Because you fight so hard to get it back. Got a break, they dropped the punt. We go down there and nothing was coming easy so we had to grind it and grind it. We finally get it in there and you think, man we've got this thing tied up. Not so fast. No we don't. And we had a chance to in special teams in the first half, second half. Man we must have had two, three, four chances to pin them down inside the ten.

On being 2-2 in the division now

Well I think we played probably the two teams that we were picked to win in division. I think we played really poorly on Thursday night. I think we're better than that. Today we didn't make enough plays to win. Could we have won this game? Yeah, if we made a few more plays we could. But we weren't going to be able to win a game making mistakes. Not turning the ball over and missing opportunities and those kind of things.

Was this the most disappointing game against Miami?

They're all disappointing when you lose. I don't know about more disappointing than last year. Last year I felt like we gave that game away. It's disappointing when we lose any time. Nobody wants to lose. That's not why you work 80 hours a week and the kids bust their a** in practice and do all the stuff. I promise you nobody in that locker room is not disappointed.



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GEORGIA TECH PLAYERS

DAVID SIMS - RB

Assessment of offense ...

"In the first half we were moving the ball. The only time we stuttered was when we were stopping ourselves with turnovers or just missing a couple of plays. I think it is a step in the right direction. Even in the end, we didn't give up."

On playing better than Thursday night ...

"We wanted to come out and show we were a better offense than we were last week, and I think we did that. Unfortunately, we came up two plays short. Hopefully we can build off of that and keep consistent during BYU next week."

On losing to Miami two straight years ...

"It's frustrating. The last couple years we felt like we've had them on the ropes, and we let them up each time, and that's what happened again today."

VAD LEE - QB

On turnovers ...

"I just have got to hold on to the ball."

On a frustrating loss ..

"This is the second loss in a row, so obviously we feel devastated right now. We are going to continue to work to get things better."

On getting into rhythm...

"I just couldn't get in a rhythm all game. It just is what it is."

On the loss...

"We came out fast. They just finished better than us. They're a good team, so we know we have got to play four quarters for us to win. We didn't"

On starting out quicker offensively than last week ...

"We tried to put emphasis on that. Make sure we didn't start slow this game. Make sure we get to a fast start. Miami never went down all year, and that was another thing. We wanted to get on them early. But we just didn't finish."

On missed extra point ...

"I try my best to keep guys up because I knew that the score wasn't going to win it anyway. I wouldn't say that it killed us but it, obviously, has something to do with it cause it's a tie game and we're still losing. We felt like we were doing something positive. It kind of hurt us."

On losing to this specific team ...

"It's real hard to swallow because they are a strong, fast team and they played four quarters. We just got to find a way to play all four quarters, the way that we are capable of. We'll be fine. We just have got to settle down."

JEREMIAH ATTAOCHU - DE

On what's next after the loss...

"We have got to get back to work as a team and a unit. We need to really bring ourselves out of this hole, that we put ourselves in early."

On seniors staying strong for young guys...

"Our demeanor has to be strong because there are a lot of young guys on the offensive side of the ball who look up to us and things like that. So our demeanor in moments like this adversity is important. We can't hang our heads. We have to push through. It's a long season."

On recovering fumbles ...

"It was definitely a big turning point. You have got to take advantage of the opportunity. We had a lot of opportunities in this game. I think we won the turnover battle, 4-2, I'm not sure. You have to take advantage of those opportunities where you play a team like Miami and the great skill players that they have. No excuses. You just have got to take advantage every time you get the ball."