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GAME 9 - POSTGAME QUOTES

MIAMI HURRICANES HEAD COACH

Al Golden • October 11, 2014

Opening Statement...

"Let me start by saying thanks to Jim Kelly and his family for coming. We're very appreciative of him and what he means to the University of Miami. Obviously he's in our thoughts and prayers and we wish him really well."

On the improved play of his defense over the last two games...

"I think it's been the last three weeks. It was 41-13 against Cincinnati and I whole sale subbed. They're playing hard right now. They're tackling better, playing very unselfish right now, getting off the field on third down better. They're making progress."

On the offense complementing defense with long drives...

"Finally. We're doing it. We're playing better as a team. There are a lot of things we still have to fix: we're having trouble finishing some of these games because we don't have any depth. We have so many injuries and our count is down to begin with. It puts you in a tough spot. We're giving up some sloppiness late - we have to get that fixed. We're playing better in all three phases, and our penalties were better the last two weeks."

On the timeliness of playing better with Florida State looming...

"It's really going to be about us. We have to get better this week and worry about Florida State next week. For us right now, hopefully we got everyone out of here healthy. I thought that last weekend and we had something sneak up on us during the week. Hopefully everybody will check in tomorrow healthy. We're doing a good job - wherever we play - focusing on us and being unselfish. All three phases, playing together and we're practicing really well. We're practicing hard right now."

On the difference in running back Duke Johnson, who has five straight 100-yard games...

"There's a difference between a talented running back and a skilled running back. This guy is skilled right now. He has the experience and wisdom to know when to press, when to cut. He has always had the gifts for the second- and third-level plays - that's what makes him special. But right now, the way he's seeing it, his tracks are really good, there's not a lot of cuts on air, he's pressing the line of scrimmage well, he's coachable, he's practicing at a level that none of us have seen. And he's stronger. He's markedly stronger than he was at any point in his career. His play count is low. Just so we're on the same page - his play count is low, but his production is high. He's about 220 plays less than Denzel [Perryman] for the year. His play count is right where we want it, and his production is high."

On what he has seen as some of the reasons for recent success...

"No. 1, practice. We've been practicing. We've been getting practices in, we're getting better. Right now, we're competing at a higher level in practice. We're blocking everything out, we're focused and we're improving. We're not letting anything on the outside get inside. That's hard to do. Right now we're getting great leadership, and we're coming to work every day. I thought we got better this week. I think head coaches are paranoid to begin with, but I was worried sick about this game coming off of last week and obviously looking at a team that was playing really well coming into our game. Really well. And putting a lot of points on the board. Good win."

On if his team is playing a more attacking style...

"We're tackling better. I think we're unselfish more. We're fitting it, sending it to the unblocked guy. We're finishing plays better, I don't think there's any question about it. We've gotten more depth as the season went on because Darrion Owens, [Jermaine] Grace, Chad Thomas and all those guys are starting to play more. The nose guards...you see Mike Wyche now, and Courtel [Jenkins] and Calvin [Herutelou]. We're getting deeper as the season goes on, which is going to be important for us. Right now we're practicing, we're laying good tracks in practice and we're bringing it to the game."

On the timeliness of the bye week...

"It is a good time. It's a good time because we have to get caught up on academics, we have to get healthy. Last time I saw you, I did not know Ereck [Flow-ers'] status. Obviously he got hurt, had a procedure done and we'll see when he returns. He's not done for the season. Hopefully he'll get back soon. Other than that, everybody else came out of there...early reports on Gus [Edwards] are that he'll be okay. I think that's it, really."

On the job of offensive line coach Art Kehoe and the play of his unit...

"We've lost four players since the spring, and the fifth transferred. That's four tackles. That's hard to overcome. I really appreciate their effort right now. Trevor [Darling] went in and did a nice job for us. He's going to learn a lot, he'll get better from this. Danny [Isidora], Jon [Feliciano], Shane [McDermott], those guys are playing really well. Hunter Wells played today. We have to get [Alex] Gall healthy. He's had a little bit of a back issue. We have to get him healthy. He has to help us down the stretch. We have too much football left and we don't have enough depth. Art's done a really good job. Shane and Jon's leadership has really shone."

On if having Jim Kelly in town for the game served as any inspiration for his team...

"I've been saying it all week: here's a guy that bucked the trend to come down here and is one of the guys that jumpstarted this thing. He's a pioneer from that standpoint. Then he goes to USFL, pioneer from that standpoint. Then he makes the transition to Buffalo, who was not having great success before he got there - pioneer there. Now here he is having one of the most difficult challenges of his life and he's meeting with the same class, same dignity, same resiliency. It was very emotional. You grow up watching Jim Kelly, and then here he is. Right before the coin toss I got a chance to see him and meet his daughter. God bless him and I wish him health and a full recovery."

On the adversity his team has faced and how the players handled it...

"They've been dealing with adversity for a long time. They're dealing with the adversity on the field better. They've dealt with it off the field really well, they've handled it with class and moved forward. Now I think you're starting to handle it better on the field, stay together. Obviously I was really disappointed in that [North Carolina fumble return for a touchdown]. I think the offense went back out there and turned the tide."

On North Carolina quarterback Marquise Williams...

"That quarterback is good. It takes two or three guys to bring him down. I think he made some good throws underneath. His escape-ability was good. We tried to keep in him in the pocket as much as we can, and he's a load once he gets out. He's a competitor but I think our guys did a good job against him."

On the performance of punter Justin Vogel...

"He's doing a great job...obviously the return that we got the hold on, that was a miss. That was supposed to go outside the right numbers and ended up on the left hash. That was a killer there. He's really unselfish. He's putting the ball where we want to put it. This was not easy conditions. I don't know if you were outside or inside, but it was really blowing. It was difficult. He did a tremendous job. We have to keep covering them better, both in the kickoff and punt return."

On if he has sensed a difference in confidence level in the locker room...

"I think we're getting better. We had a young quarterback back there at the beginning of the year who's not young anymore. He's protecting the ball really well, he's making good decisions. I think we're growing with him. Obviously we've settled in. We've kind of settled into who we are and hopefully we can get healthy here and get some guys back."



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MIAMI HURRICANES PLAYERS

November 1, 2014

Duke Johnson, Running Back

On the 90 yard touchdown ...

"We had the mindset going in that if we can score on one play that's what we wanted to do. Coach Coley called a great play and when I got to midfield, I started slowly getting tired, but I refused to get run down again by North Carolina."

On his success this season ...

"I think as an offense we are in a zone. We're hitting in every way we can, passing and rushing. Guys up front are doing a great job week in and week out providing holes and protection so Brad Kaaya and I can do what we do best."

On the growth of the team...

"The defense played great games. This is a defense that I know is capable of doing great things week-in and week-out but it's about going out there and doing it."

On being in reach of the Miami Hurricanes all-time leading rushing record....

"I probably wouldn't believe that I would be close just knowing the guys that came before me. I wouldn't think that I would have had the chance."

Joe Yearby, Running Back

On how well the running backs have been ...

"We work very hard. We stay committed and we push each other in everything we do and that's how our success began."

On the win today ...

"Clive Walford gave us a speech before the game. He said to treat every game as if it's an ACC Championship game. We have to play that way in order to get to where we want to go."



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Denzel Perryman, Linebacker

On the recent defensive success...

"We are playing together and everyone is doing their jobs. We are all competing together and a job is a job."

On what has changed for the team in recent weeks...

"Our unity for both offense and defense. We are playing together and we have been successful. Everyone is doing the jobs they set out to do."

Deon Bush, Defensive Back

On what has changed for the team in recent weeks...

"Everyone is doing their job and being unselfish. Everyone is having a lot of fun and enjoying success. Guys have been stepping up after the adversity of a couple of losses that humbled a lot of us. Everyone is being unselfish and trusting one another and helping each other out."

On the success of the pass rush against North Carolina...

"The defensive line is running really good stunts. The cornerbacks have been great at disguising their stunts that the quarterback has no idea they are coming. Coach D'Onofrio just dialed up a really good call and he knew their tendencies, and we capitalized when our number was called."



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NORTH CAROLINA TAR HEELS HEAD COACH

Larry Fedora - November 1, 2014

Opening Statement...

"It was a rough ball game today. I am not sure that any one of our three phases played well today. We have to go back and evaluate the tape, we have to look at it, correct it and hopefully be a better football team in two weeks."

On the team's offensive performance...

"It was very disappointing. I don't think we played well upfront or anywhere, quarterbacks, running backs, [and] receivers. We made a few plays down there towards the third and fourth quarter but it was way too inconsistent to be effective as an offense. So very poor."

On the team's special teams mistakes...

"It was very disappointing because we spent a lot of time on it and emphasize it as much as anyone in the country. We have usually been pretty good, so it's very disappointing to see that today."

On if team was prepared for the game...

"I thought they were ready. It is no different than any other game and you have to give Miami credit -- they came out and played a heck of a game and got after us and we didn't respond very well."

On making sense of the loss...

"They whipped us. That is all I can say. We have to go back and look at it to really see what is was. They ran the ball and we fit the run pretty well in some situations but then we gave up big plays in the running game that really hurt us. They completed 11 passes on us on the day and three of them were for touchdowns. Offensively, there was never a situation where we felt like we were in any kind of rhythm whatsoever. That is bad, that is hard as a play-caller when there is no rhythm and you are searching for everything and get nothing consistently. We have to be better and we have to run the ball effectively to be good on offense and we weren't able to do that."



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Cayson Collins, Linebacker

On the team's disconnect today...

"It had a lot to do with miscommunication, as far as getting a call in and then relaying that call to the rest of the defense. But that's something we're going to work on and we're going to get it right."

On the optimism of a win after his touchdown...

"For a second I thought we had momentum, but then Miami made a play and they drained our spirits. Coach [Fedora] talks all of the time about keeping a positive energy and creating and building our own energy, but Miami's play reversed our momentum. Energy just comes from within. Coming into the game with energy and wanting to play, wanting to be out there, and wanting to have fun."

On the team's supposed disconnect and lack of trust in today's game...

"Miami's speed created a disconnect within the trust of the team. Guys felt like they had to make all the plays, instead of taking care of their individual responsibility. As a defense, I feel like that's something we'll get together and talk about, and we'll get better with."

Marquise Williams, QB

On his overall performance in today's game...

"I didn't play as well as I should have. I put that blame on myself. Everyone did what they were supposed to do and I feel like as a quarterback I could've done more to help us get the victory."

On Miami's defense...

"They did an incredible job. My hat goes off to the Hurricanes. They played tremendously and they did what they needed to do to get the victory."

On his team's offensive performance...

"The offensive line did an unbelievable job. It's just me, I need to get the ball out quicker. There were guys open. I just need to execute more and do more of what I needed to be doing."

Dajuan Drennon, Defensive End

On Miami's 90-yard run today...

"It is just a missed opportunity. Things happen. It was a tough time for us. We just weren't really focused and that's something we need to work on."

On the team's overall performance today...

"We had too many people trying to do other people's jobs. I don't think we had enough trust in each other. We needed to just focus."