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GAME 10 - POSTGAME QUOTES

Al Golden

UM vs. Florida State – Nov. 16, 2014

On the effort of his team...

"I'm real proud of the effort. I think there's no question they prepared and entered the game believing and knowing that they were going to win. Obviously we were just a couple of plays short at the end of the day. They made a couple more plays than we did. That was the difference in the game."

On an incompleteness call in the fourth quarter...

"I was communicating and there were about three or four different views of it. The guy that I was talking to was pretty sure he never had possession of it."

On the performance of Florida State in the second half...

"They made more plays than we did. It was a hard-fought game. That's what this game should be like. This game should be like this every year. I'm proud of our guys for fighting. They fought their tails off. They just made a couple more plays than we did. It was as physical as anything we've been involved with. Hats off to [Florida State]. They made a couple of plays when they needed to."

On his team's final offensive drive...

"We were in good shape. We had three timeouts and 1:30 [left on the clock]. After the made first, Brad [Kaaya] took a little too much time on the ball there. I think he got a little confused with the look and we had to use a timeout after an incompleteness, I believe it was. That was disappointing. But it didn't have any bearing on whether it was 3rd & 9 and 4th & 9. We didn't make a play. We got hit on 3rd & 9, and intercepted on fourth [down]."

On the injuries to Anthony Chickillo and Deon Bush...

"It's too early to tell. That was a big loss. Both of those guys were playing really well. Not having Gus [Edwards], as much as we wanted to run the ball, I think that hurt. Gus was kind of a game-time decision. He just didn't look like he was where he needed to be."

On if there is any solace after an impressive performance by his team...

"Not in that locker room right now. Nope. We have to make a couple more plays, it's as simple as that. We turned it over a couple of times. They made a couple more plays than we did. And that's it."

On the performance of quarterback Brad Kaaya...

"He's doing a good job. We're asking him to do a lot. That's a big stage and a big moment. I think we certainly can take from this that it's not too big for him. He grew up a lot this season and obviously we just needed to finish it better. We stayed aggressive with our play-calling, we left too many X plays on the field on offense. We really did. A couple of overthrows, a couple that we did not connect on. It came back to hurt us."

On miscues...

"You can't make those mistakes in a game like this. We held them to a pretty close field goal. Stan [Dobard] catches a slant and he looked like he got us about 20 or 25 yards and then he put it on the ground. I'm not sure if I'm exactly correct, but I think we would have been on the 35-yard line there – we're knocking on the door again there. In a game like that, there are a number of plays that we needed to make. We just came up a little bit short."

On field position after penalties...

"The one we had that backed us up, we ended up getting 40 yards on the field and were able to swing it. If you didn't have the 15-yard penalty there, you're in much better shape. Too tough ones there – facemask and a late hit out of bounds."

On the second-half injury to Duke Johnson...

"I think it was a cramp. I don't know specifically. It seemed like it was a cramp, at least I know it was early on. I don't know if it became something else. He's playing really hard, obviously a lot of energy spent in the emotional part of the game. It would have been nice to have Gus [Edwards] to spell him a little bit more."

On the performance of Ereck Flowers, who returned from injury and started...

"Amazing. That guy is a warrior, Ereck Flowers. That guy...that's crazy what he did. He played a really good game, worked his tail off to get back after surgery. It wasn't too big for him. He played his ass off and he was ready to go."



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FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES HEAD COACH

Jimbo Fisher - November 16, 2014

Opening Statement

"What a college football game! That's Miami-Florida State, isn't it? That's the way it is supposed to be -- a tremendous game. Miami is a heck of a football team and very talented. They played a great game. That was two teams that battled extremely hard. Al [Golden]'s done a tremendous job with that program and their players and our hats off to them. They were a heck of a team."

On the media scrutiny of this team's talent...

"Talk about our guys -- just amazing. What a special group of guys. Everybody talks about this team -- it doesn't do this, it doesn't do that -- well measure this team for sixty minutes. When you measure this team up for 60 minutes it measures up pretty dad-gum-good to anybody anywhere. Anybody, Anywhere! Everybody has flaws, but this team here, they believe in each other. They love each other. They are a family. They play for each other. They never panic. They look each other in the eye and they handle the next play."

On the trend of starting slow...

"I don't know. It's just what we are, it is our personality!"

On the comeback...

"They whittle it down from three scores to two scores. Get it down to one score and just take care of your business and be able to execute. Now we need to play better early, no doubt but that's what this team does. It's accountable to each other and it plays for each other. That's how you define success to me; when you have a family that loves, trusts and believes in each other and cares for each other and plays. Because if that is not what this game is about than we have all missed the boat and that is what this team does. I can't be more proud of them."

On the play of Jalen Ramsey...

"His ability to play corner, to play safety, tackle, blitz I mean he's a very unique player. He made big plays at big times."

On the touchdown catch from Karlos Williams...

"He [Winston] was reading underneath and I would say the ball wasn't bouncing our way. We had a stick route and a linebacker got his hand in their and tipped it and he [Karlos Williams] was the underneath leak route and tipped it right back our way and sometimes you got to have a little luck."

On the defensive adjustments in the second half...

"We went back to playing some more nickel. They were getting us in green and their tight ends are very athletic and they were getting us in green with the heavy package to stop the run. They were going empty out of it and isolating their tight ends on our back-ers and had a little mismatch. We made that change and went back to a different personnel group and gave them a whole different set of calls to mix in there. That is why personnel groupings and all that is very critical."



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MIAMI HURRICANES PLAYERS

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Clive Walford, TE

On the difference in the second half...

"They did nothing special. We just beat ourselves up and we came up a play short. If we made more plays, we could have a different outcome to the game."

On if he came into this game with a championship mentality...

"It was the same mentality. You can't change your mindset. You have to take it and take it for preparation for next week."

On the play of Brad Kaaya...

"It was big. The whole team was excited for him. He's a leader on the offense and a lot of guys on the team look up to him so that made us feel better coming into the game. He played a great game, and he's only a freshman."

Duke Johnson, RB

On the difference between the first half and second half...

"I would not say tougher. We didn't capitalize when we should have. We have a lot of plays that we left out there. A lot of plays that we got into good position, and made mistakes on the offensive side. There were a lot of things that we were doing that hurt ourselves."

On keeping the team together after a loss...

"It starts by doing it yourself. The leaders have to step forward and put it in the past. We have to go to practice and get back what we know how to do. It starts with the leaders and starts with the older guys. We just got to get everybody going -- the young guys going, and they can even get the coaches back into it. We really can focus on these last couple of games we have."

Phillip Dorsett, WR

On the difference in the second half...

"They started playing off. They started playing better. They started doubling me when I went into the boundary. We really didn't adjust as well. I still have to make a play when my number is called."

On Brad Kaaya and the future of the team...

"I look at it a lot. Brad is nineteen years old and going out playing this game -- probably the game of his life against Florida State, the 3rd-ranked team in the country. You can't really play any better than he played. He played a great game. Unfortunately, we fell short. These guys, these young guys, they take everything from us, and they look up to us. We're just trying to play out the game for him. These guys are going to be special. Brad is going to be special. He's young and he's going to get another off-season. He's going to be great."



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Denzel Perryman, Linebacker

On the tough game against Florida State...

"They are a great team. They made plays. They capitalized on our mistakes. We left a couple of plays out there on the field."

On the second half...

"They didn't do anything differently. They executed their gameplan. We ran the same plays we were running. We probably tried a couple of new calls, but we made a lot of mistakes and they capitalized."

Raphael Kirby, Linebacker

On learning from the loss ...

"I feel that we did a great job. A lot of young guys played great. We left a few plays on the field. I feel that next year, a lot of young players will learn from this atmosphere and learn to close out the game."

On how to change the mindset against upcoming opponents ...

"Above all, by tomorrow we have to get over the loss and close out the season the way we want to close out the season. We need to get over this loss -- that will be the main focus."

Brad Kaaya, Quarterback

On the tough loss ...

"I feel that we all played a good game. We just came up a bit short. Its tough because it is our in-state rival."

On Florida State's defense in the second half ...

"They played harder and more aggressive than in the first half. There are a few plays that we left on the field, small things here and there that could have changed the game. They played a lot more zone in the second half, which I expected. Teams have been doing that for the past several weeks."

On the final play with just over three minutes ...

"I was thinking that we have to score. We have to score in this situation. No matter what, we have to put the ball in the end zone. A field goal wasn't good enough, we needed six points."



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Jameis Winston, QB

On explaining the difference in how they won games last year versus all the comebacks this year...

"It all started last year January 6th, 2014. We had to come back and that's when our identity became. We persevered, but we got to start right from the gates pretty soon here. You look back at our first game, I mean first game of this year, we had to persevere and get a good win."

On being down going into halftime and the mood in the locker room...

"It's been like that for a couple games this year. We knew what we had to do. We knew. The fans were starting to get into the game. Miami played tremendous. Their intensity was higher than ours that first half, but we did what we've been doing all year. We persevered and came back."

On your defense in the second half only allowing three points...

"They did tremendously. I feel like they did tremendous the whole game. Early in the game, we had a couple tries. Couple three-n-outs and one turnover that hurt them a little bit but when our defense got rolling, they are hard to score against."

Jalen Ramsey, Defensive Back

On the locker room discussion at halftime...

"At halftime, we just go in and talk. Everyone always comes out ready to play us—We're the best team in America. We haven't been beaten yet in 26 games and everyone's going to come out with that intensity and we don't always match that at the beginning of the game, and that's something we have to get better at. So at halftime, we have to go in and make the adjustments, and we come out in the second half with renewed focus and ready to play."

On a team with a loss getting ahead of them in rankings...

"That doesn't matter to me. Until someone beats us, we're the #1 team in America—we're still the champs. That's how it is."

On FSU's defense being better in 2nd half...

"Like I said, teams just come out ready to play us, and we have to learn to match their intensity from the first snap, but once we go in at halftime, and get focused and make those adjustments and do what we have to do, it's nothing—it's just playing ball when we get back out there."



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Rashad Greene, Wide Receiver

On people criticizing FSU's wins...

"Personally, everyone has their own opinion. At the end of the day, it's about winning and losing, and we're winning, so why constantly criticize us when we are making it possible to win games and continue to chase our goals. At the end of the day, that's their job to criticize us, and it's my job to go out there and play football and get my teammates going, and we will continue to win and get better."

On a team with a loss jumping ahead of them in ranking...

"That doesn't bother me. I don't entertain that stuff—that's not my job. My job is to be a student and an athlete, and that's what I do. I know how much work we put in—I know how much sweat, blood and tears we put in on the practice field, so it'll take care of itself."

On falling behind during game...

"That's how we're built. At the end of the day, we don't panic, we don't point fingers, and we don't blame anyone. We just make it possible and stick together and continue to fight and make it work."

Reggie Northrup, Linebacker

On the win... if he was worried...

"We have to fix it (the close games). Getting to this last half of the season, it could really bite us in the butt, so it's still something we need to work on. But for the most part, we don't give up regardless. We could be down by a lot and we're going to come back. If we keep that mentality of 'we're not leaving without a W', then that's what happens."

Another question about the win...

"I never take winning for granted. It's always a blessing and it's great to win, but at the end of the day, there's still some things we need to clean up. Getting closer to bowl season and playing high caliber teams, we have to fix certain things."

On the first half...

"There were just some adjustments we had to execute. We kept our heads up in between halves, and make the adjustments and talk to each other like 'C'mon we got this'. And then we got back out and do what we have to do."



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Mario Edwards, Jr., Defensive End

On what the defense did in the second half...

"We just went in second half, and we all talked to each other. Some of us were leaders. Me, Rashad, Jalen, Terrance Smith -- we all were just talking to each other and telling each other that we supposed to play football, Florida State style. First, we can't be starting slow and we had a good pregame talk. We had corrections and we figured out what we had to do, and we came out second half and we stopped them."

On if there is a reason that this defense continuously steps up the second half...

"I have no idea. Like coach says, we trust, love and believe in the process. Not for one second did we think that just because they jumped up at the half that we were going to lose. We knew that if we did what we were supposed to do, calm down and play the way we are supposed to play that we would come back and win the game."