

LSU vs. Florida

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LSU HEAD COACH LES MILES

Opening Statement ...

“First of all the crowd at Tiger Stadium was spectacular. I felt there was a real energy and electricity in the air. Our guys felt it and enjoyed playing to it. We experienced a great start to the game. To start the game we kicked it off. I believe our young kicker is feeling confident and getting his foot on the ball. He’s doing the right things and we’re covering our kicks. Our defense goes on to the field and makes it very difficult for our opponents to drive the football. That gave us a short field at about midfield to drive for scores. We immediately go up 14. I felt our quarterback played sharp at the start of the game and really throughout the game. We rushed the football at the back end of the game when we had to so that we could take our opponent out of the game. With that being said, this is a quality Florida team. They are a very talented bunch and were well prepared. Coach Muschamp did a great job. I just felt like today was all about the Tigers.”

On the efficiency of both quarterbacks ...

“I think they can be better. I thought we did some good things with both. They both played well. I think we can do even better. There were some things we didn’t do with both guys. We felt that when victory was secure there were things that were out of the playbook.”

On the defense ...

“Florida was a quality team with great speed and an ability to come off the football. They had a big offensive line. As long as you turn the ball east and west and allow us to run them down, we have great speed in the secondary that allows us to take advantage. I liked exactly what the defense did except for a couple of plays, including the long pass. The defensive line was constantly putting pressure in the quarterback’s face and making line of scrimmage tackles as two techniques and three techniques.”

On the jump pass touchdown ...

“I thought it was wonderful. Any time we score, I enjoy those things. Coach Studrawa, our offensive coordinator, has some experience with that play. It was not necessarily the first time that it was run in football. It has been done with a fullback with a dump pass. Now in the spread, you move out and it is done with the quarterback carry. Studrawa has done that before. It was his idea, and I really enjoyed it.”

LSU OFFENSIVE PLAYER QUOTES

WR Rueben Randle

On his touchdown catch ...

“They played man defense, and we decided to take a shot on that play. I was able to get leverage on the guy and beat him deep. Jarrett threw the ball on the money, and I didn’t have to break stride.”

On the play of the team ...

“We just go in and play great football. Our coaches have a great plan, and we just go out and execute it. We have a great team and great talent around here. We just go out and do our job and come out with a victory.”

QB Jarrett Lee

On his touchdown pass ...

“The safeties bit on the play action, and with our running game right now we knew they would. Rueben did a great job of getting open, and our offensive line protected really well. It was a great call.”

On the play of Jordan Jefferson ...

“Jordan has made those plays for us before. Him coming back was not a problem. We’re happy to have him back, and he is making plays for us. We’re going to continue that and continue working hard.”

TE Mitch Joseph

On his touchdown catch ...

“I looked at the sideline and saw the signal. Having the feeling inside that they finally called this play, everything played out and it was the greatest feeling in the world. I had to sell the run, and I had to block him for a second or two and release inside. Right when I turned around I saw him release it, and it was a perfect pass.”

LSU DEFENSIVE PLAYER QUOTES

CB TYRANN MATHIEU

On the interception ...

“I tried to bait the quarterback a little bit and make it seem like the receiver was open. The receiver had great speed, so I could not do too much. It was really about me getting my eyes on the ball and coming down with it.”

On making big plays ...

“I just try to live in that mindset. You have to try and make those big plays for your team. You are not going to be able to make every big play, and that is why it is a team sport. There are a lot of great players on our team that keeps the pressure off me to be the only player to make the big play. Morris (Claiborne), Brandon (Taylor) and all those guys help to keep that pressure off me. It is really just about me going out there and realizing when I need to help my team out and make the big play.”

DT MICHAEL BROCKERS

On shutting down Florida's run game ...

"We emphasized this all week in practice. I feel like the game was so much easier because we ran to the ball, and we communicated really well on the defensive side of the ball."

S BRANDON TAYLOR

On giving up the big play ...

"I think that we have to learn that we cannot afford to give up the big play. We gave up a big play today, and I think we have to remember that we always need to stay on our toes and keep our motor running to make sure those big plays do not happen."

On Tyrann Mathieu and talking during the game ...

"It is just the way he plays; it is the way our entire defense plays. We like to get into our opponent's head during the game. Our defense feeds off it. It motivates us to play our best."

FLORIDA HEAD COACH WILL MUSCHAMP

Opening Statement ...

"We're obviously disappointed in the game. Defensively, too many big plays and penalties killed us in the game. We've got to get better on the line of scrimmage. We wore out as the game wore on, but we didn't force turnovers. We committed two, and we've just got to play better on the line of scrimmage. We gave up some big plays. We were trying to load the blocks in the run game, and we gave up some big plays. I'm disappointed in the game. We've got to get better, and I look forward to getting back to work and getting ready to go to Auburn."

On the fake punt ...

"We had two guys assigned for the punt. They didn't do their job. So, we move on from that, and that's coaching. We had two guys that were assigned to do their job and they didn't do it. They did what they wanted to do, and those guys aren't going to play in our program anymore. Guys that just do what they want to do, it's undisciplined football and that's my fault, nobody else's."

On Jacoby Brissett at quarterback ...

"I thought he was solid and I thought under the circumstances against a good football team defensively, field position in the first half was tough. They had the wind, especially in the first quarter. We were backed up a lot, and I think he's going to be a really good football player for us. I think we have to play better around him in some spots and create some more situations in the running game. We had one nice drive in the second drive of the second quarter, and we had two penalties that put us behind the stakes, which is tough against that group."

On the defensive line ...

"I thought we would play better than we did in the last two ball games. Again, we've got to come up with some ways to stop the run game better than we're doing at this point. That's been disappointing because I did think we would play the fronts better, but we tackled well and got the ball in the perimeter in some spots. Again, it's just a collective effort. It's not one area."

On this tough stretch in the football schedule ...

"A loss is a loss, regardless of how it looks. We've just got to look at the film and evaluate where we are as a football team. That's what we are going to do and move forward with the guys that are willing to do what we need to do to be successful. That's what we plan on doing. We've got a bunch of guys in that locker room that are hurting right now as well as us, and we've just got to get better."

FLORIDA OFFENSIVE PLAYER QUOTES**LG Dan Wenger****On his performance ...**

"I didn't play good enough to beat LSU today, and I'm just going to have to go back in on Monday and re-evaluate the tape and get back to work."

On where the team goes from here ...

"As a team we have to collect together and learn from the experience, and, like I said, last week we don't want to feel this way. We don't intend on going out there and losing. We don't practice all week to lose, and it's just a matter of coming together collectively and getting better as a team."

RB Trey Burton**On QB Jacoby Brissett ...**

"I have to give him props. He played really really well. He's a really good runner and a really good athlete. He did really well. I'm really proud of him. The team has his back and he's just going to get better every week."

On what they have to do to re-group after the loss ...

"We have to look in the mirror and critique ourselves, and we just have to get better. There are a lot of things we have to work on. We're a young team, and we just have to mature."

RB Chris Rainey**On the game ...**

"We just need to get tougher as a team and get ready for next week."

On the fake punt ...

"I just saw the punter hesitate, and I took off. Everyone was down field, so I was the only one that saw it."

On LSU's defense ...

"It was tough. I give credit to them, but we just need to swallow this one and get ready for another defense this week."

FLORIDA DEFENSIVE PLAYER QUOTES**DT Sharrif Floyd**

On the game ...

"The loss obviously got us down, but we're OK. We're going to come back, and we're going to get it going again Monday."

On back-to-back losses ...

"At the end of the day, we still control our own destiny. We're going to rally out there. We're going to practice harder. We're going to do things the Florida way. We're going to get it right."

DE Lerentee McCray**On the Florida defense ...**

"We need to go out and work on our attack and work on our defense as a whole, so we can get better. We played poorly. We made a lot of mistakes that we have to fix. We have to pick it up."

DT Jaye Howard**On young team members and the loss against LSU ...**

"They're taking it hard, and that's what I like about them. It's going to translate in practice, and they're going to practice harder."

On Florida's season ...

"The East is totally in our grasp. We just have to worry and get better each week. We need to take care of games in front of us and try not to worry about it too much. We're worried about different games, and right now we need to just focus on one game at a time."