



**Florida State vs. Samford**  
**Saturday, September 8, 2018**  
**Samford Head Coach Chris Hatcher**

**Opening Statement:**

"I'm very proud of the effort that our guys gave. We played extremely hard and if we'll continue to play hard each and every week we'll be a force to be reckoned with in our conference, I really believe that. We just fought all the way there until the end. We had a couple of bounces that didn't go our way; we had a couple of turnovers that really hurt us. You look back at the turnover right there are the end of the half where we go up two scores. After we forced them to miss the field goal, that was a big one. Then we misfired a couple of times where we had an opportunity there to do something. Part of that was us and maybe the other part of it was we were playing against a really good football team with a lot of good athletes that force you to do some of those things. We played well. We are a run-and-gun type of operation and when you are like that sometimes you misfire. When you shoot the three like we do every time every now and then you are going to miss one and that's just part of it. This guy (Devlin Hodges) played a tremendous game, our O-line blocked very well, we got some good yards running the football, our receivers played outstanding, our defense, golly, they played outstanding. We did a really good job defensively. The one thing I was most worried about was our special teams, and we held our own there. We played a good game, we are very disappointed we got beat, but we'll regroup and try to go get them the next time."

**On Kelvin McKnight...**

"He is one of the best players in the FCS, maybe in the nation. He diagrammed the first play; he's only a couple hours away from home. Coach Taggart over there and him went to the same high school. He's been wanting to run this double move all year, and so called it spear for the Florida State Seminoles. We practiced it all week and ran it on the first play and it worked pretty good. Chris Shelling played well. I was proud of Andrew Harris; best game he's played as a Samford Bulldog. We're going to need him to keep coming on."

**QB Devlin Hodges**

**On how much confidence a game like this gives the offense...**

"I think it gives us a lot of confidence. KJ (McKnight), it's funny because he drew that play up, and he's been talking about wanting to score on the first play and just to see him do that against Florida State, one of the teams he grew up watching and probably wanting to play at. Like coach said, I'm just proud of the guys. Everyone played their heart out. The offensive line blocked extremely well, and of course all of the wideouts, they make my job easier and make me look a lot better than I am. I'm just proud of the guys and I think it's a big confidence boost moving on."