



Florida State vs. Wake Forest
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FSU Player Quotes

Redshirt junior quarterback Deondre Francois

On his thoughts of today's game:

"Great. It's always good to get a win. It's very hard to win in this conference and we came out on our own field and played well."

On making adjustments after stalling the first couple of drives:

"It was just a matter of taking time; just executing. We had a great plan, coaches were calling it and again, it was on us. We need to execute better early in the game."

On the play of the offensive line:

"They did really well. The execution part early on was not on them, it was on the skill positions; myself and receivers not being on the same page. Once we got on the same page, it started clicking. I thought they did a great job run blocking today. We saw Cam (Akers) break a long once, Jacques (Patrick) had a couple of good runs and they played a great game."

On spreading the ball to 11 different receivers:

"It is a help. Guys get tired, that's just being human. It's nice to get another guy in there who can give a guy a breather and come in and perform at the same level."

Sophomore running back Cam Akers:

On how differently he practiced this week:

"It was the drive. I am happy to get the intensity up this week. I wanted to focus on the little things that they have been coaching me and be productive."

On the things improved through practice:

"I think that I have improved on patience. I also think that trusting myself and trusting my instincts is crucial. There are a lot of different things which make a difference. I will keep on improving."

On the importance of touchdown run:

"I think I needed that touchdown run a lot. It helped me in getting the weight off my shoulders just to break a long one. I am used to scoring touchdowns. It's just about coming out and breaking a long one."

On how tough was the last month for him:

"It was not really frustrating but just a learning experience. I want to learn from it so that I don't really have a slot like that again. I just want to stay on top of my game."

On improvements in passing game:

"Yeah, it has definitely improved. I have to do both – passing and running. We get a lot feedback on the blocks and passing game. I think that has been important."

Junior defensive end Brian Burns**On what he credits his performance today to:**

"Just really paying attention to the details, and breaking down film and understanding what Wake Forest does. Just trying to do those things."

On what he saw when converting the fourth down sack:

"I forgot what happened the play before, I just knew they were going fast and lined up to snap the ball as fast as they could to catch us off guard. I knew that the running back was in the zip formation, but I knew it was a pass. I just took off and made a play."

On slowing down the Wake Forest offense:

"Just making negative plays for them and making big plays for us. Switching momentum really slowed them down because they had to think about their game plan and do something. Their previous game plan coming in was tempo-tempo, catching us off guard, doing a lot of stuff on the perimeter and picking up short yardage. After that, they had to slow it down because it wasn't working anymore."

Redshirt sophomore defensive end Janarius Robinson**On his thoughts on the win:**

"I felt pretty good. We went out there and expressed ourselves. I was down last week losing my house, but coming out there and putting everything [out there] for my teammates was great feeling."

On the defensive issues at the start of the game:

"I guess it had got to do with the tempo. We didn't really think it was going to come that way. It took a little while for us to get back. We went on the sideline and made adjustments."

On the sack which switched the momentum:

"I think it got us back into the game. The offense played well and scored. It was really important for us. Getting that sack was important to me and my family."

On the situation of his house in Panama City:

"I have no idea about that. I have not been running around, but I want to appreciate everybody. It means a lot to me."

Sophomore defensive back Stanford Samuels III**On substitutions getting players behind on tempo:**

"I think it's just us as a defense getting settled in. Coach always preaches start fast and we have to find a way to do that. Our defense has pretty much started like that almost every game and sometimes even into halftime. Once we get our feet settled in and are confident in the game-plan, everything goes so much smoother. Everybody's natural ability is able to come out."

On momentum switch after Brian Burn's Sack and the interception:

"The sack was huge. Brian is a big leader on our team. We feed off the energy he brings. For us to come back and get the interception to flip the field right after the turnover that would have been a touchdown, it was big and we need more plays like that."

On settling in on defense after not substituting so much:

"I definitely felt that way. Sometimes players and coaches tend to complicate things more than they have to be. I love our defensive coordinator. Coach Barnett wanted to stay basic and let us use our athletic ability. We made plays when we needed to, we won our one-on-one battles."

On how today's win helps the momentum of team:

"It just gives us that extra bit of confidence just knowing we can play this good and play at this level. It's just the fact that we have to play at this level at all time and holding each other accountable every time we step out on the field. Sometimes guys take a play off and it may be that one time you do the opposite team comes at you. It's just knowing that every play, every snap and as long as the clock is ticking we have to give it our all."

Junior linebacker Dontavious Jackson

On the fourth down sack from Brian Burns:

"Brian Burns came up with a big play as usual. An electric player, a great player and he made a much-needed play. When he made it, the sideline became electric and we needed that push. That gave us momentum and we continued it"

On the tempo of Wake Forest:

"It was different. Even after incomplete passes, they would hurry up. They caught us off guard and we weren't expecting that. We adjusted, got to the sideline and adjusted and did what we needed to do when we came back out."

On the confidence making adjustments gives the defense:

"It gives us a lot of confidence because we had a lot of young guys in the game. Everybody got to play today. We threw everybody out there and there were not a lot of missed assignments. It was very productive. I thought it was very productive."

Sophomore defensive tackle Marvin Wilson

On the shift in momentum on defense:

"Yeah just after that second and third drive, they were going fast. We're used to tempo, but they were going fast. They were going fast after incompletions that was something that was different for us. We had to adjust to it and adjust our mindset. We had to get used to that fast pace and got our minds right."

On the challenge of playing against an offense running 100 plays:

"It was fun, especially when you are winning. It's fun when you go out there and make plays and just to see how good we can be."

On how much the team needed an ACC win:

"We needed this. Right now we're like fifth in the ACC (Atlantic), so we needed that to pump us up right now. We're trying to go the rest of the season and win out, so that was our first big step in getting another ACC win."