



**Florida State vs. No. 11 Florida**  
**Saturday, Nov. 24, 2018**  
**FSU Player Quotes**

**Redshirt Junior Quarterback Deondre Francois:**

**On his current emotion:**

"It's tough. Just tough."

**On the second half starting off competitively and what happened:**

"Mistakes. We played an undisciplined game as a team. We made big plays on defense and didn't move the ball on offense. Florida capitalized and made big plays on offense, and they stopped us on defense. We just had to execute. "

**On being down by six at the half:**

"We were good, we had 'em. It's a game of momentum. Once they got the momentum, it was over with. They kept moving the ball, we couldn't move the ball, and then when we could we would have a big play and then we'd get called back by a stupid penalty- which ultimately means they we're undisciplined and we just have to be more disciplined."

**On the bowl streak being snapped and looking forward to next season:**

"Regroup. Take a look in the mirror, regroup, and just do what we have to do to not feel his way again."

**On how long he will dwell over this loss:**

"I don't know. Right now, it hurts. It's cutting deep right now. We've went to a bowl game every year that I've been here, and it just hurts not to go to a bowl game. This is not something I don't think I've ever not seen Florida State in a bowl game since I've been alive, and to end the bowl streak with me being the starting quarterback- it just hurts. This is not a good feeling for me, my family, my teammates, the fans... It's just not a good feeling right now."

**On battling back from penalties and miscommunications:**

"Yeah, we battled back from that, we drove the ball into the red zone we had some miscommunication on the route. Me and the receiver just weren't on the same page on the route. That was the first interception, that's where the game turned. We were going in to score, going into our red zone and then I threw a pick because we're not detailed enough, we're not on the same page which, we should be at this point in the season. It's just sad that it had to end this way."

## **Redshirt Senior Offensive Lineman Alec Eberle:**

### **On his five-year career at FSU:**

"We have done a lot of good things during these past five years. I was a part of the first playoff games, went to the Peach Bowl, won the Orange Bowl, and fought through adversity last year and won a bowl game. The record may not show it but this team overcame a lot of things in the offseason with the injuries and guys playing that maybe didn't expect to be playing. It hurts to leave like this but I am proud of this team. A lot of guys stepped up and played that weren't ready. I know it sucks to go down like this but in the end of the day I am proud of this team."

### **On the growth of the football team:**

"The team got so much closer this year. It seemed like in the past after a bad loss practice the next week would be down. If we lost any game this year, we came in on Sunday or Monday and practice was full go. No one ever lost heart and never lost faith. It may seem like when this team got down everybody was separated, but towards the end of the year you notice guys holding everybody accountable and keeping everybody up. Look at the sidelines in the film and you can see guys that bought into the message Coach has given us."

### **On how quickly this team can turn around:**

"There is so much going on between our workouts, lifting, spring ball, summer workouts, and then before you know it its fall again. This season flew by so quick and it hit me really hard. This team is going to work their butts off and before you know they are going to be ready for their first game. This team is going to be special and surprise a lot of people. You have about 24 hours to get this loss out of your system and move on."

### **On Coach Taggart's message to team after loss:**

"It was about how little things held us back today. In the end of the day, he was proud of us and this team never gave up. He is proud of the seniors for buying in to the process this year. He said he knows we have a lot of work to do and we are going to get after it as soon as they can and be ready for next season."