



Florida State vs. Florida
Saturday, November 24, 2018
Florida Head Coach Dan Mullen

Opening Statement

"Great team win for us today. We came out and we wanted to play our best offense, defense and kicking game of the year and execute in all four phases. As we talk about it throughout the year, we want to get better and better as the year goes on. And I really think we did, with the exception of red zone offense in the first half, where we had four possessions and we only got 13 points, I thought we really played a complete game in all three phases today and executed at a really high level. I'm really proud of our guys for battling back. When you think you're going to have the opportunity to play for a championship and lose it with a little skid, they really buckled down from that point and finished the season strong."

On Feleipe Franks looking tentative early on and how he changed that in the second half...

"I just think he got comfortable and in the flow of the game. When he gets out there, he's still a young player, so when you get out there in a big rivalry game, you get all the looks in practice, but it's a little different sometimes when you get out there and there's real people coming after you. I think he really settled down and I thought he executed pretty well."

On Franks' performance...

"He did a great job. They gave us some different looks, they got down to the red zone, some different coverages and mixed some things up right there. I even thought he did a good job there a couple of times [when] we didn't have anybody open and he didn't force it. He tried to scramble to create and extended play before he threw it away. He did a good job, he didn't make mistakes, and executed well. I know it's tough to play quarterback at the University of Florida, everybody's got pretty high standards."

On the story of the team this season...

"I think they're finding themselves. You've got a team that went 4-7 last year with a new coach, a new program, a new way of doing things, so there's a lot of firsts. Sometimes I'll come in the locker room, like after a big loss to Kentucky... everyone's wondering if you're going to throw stuff at them, cussing everybody, what's going to happen, and then how's practice going to be on Monday? Then we win and we go on a little win streak and we're thinking what's that going to be like now? I think they guys are really learning what we expect out of them in this new program."