



Florida State vs. ULM
Saturday, Sept. 7
FSU Player Quotes

Junior Tailback Cam Akers:

On what it means to have 40 touches:

"I didn't know I was going to get it that many times, but you have to be quick on your feet and make the most of it. I understand that I am one of the leaders of this team, one of the play makers. I don't want to take all the credit, the offensive line should get the credit for making those holes."

On what he was saying to the team as a leader:

"I was talking to the offense, telling them to respond. No matter what happens on the defensive side of the ball, we have to respond."

On the first two games of the season being fast starts compared to last two seasons:

"We need to understand that we can't relax. We have to come out like the score is 0-0 every time, even if we're winning."

On the fewer carries in the last game:

"I told the coaches that I want the ball. Whatever this team needs me to do, if we need a big play I want to be able to make it."

On the mood in the locker room after the game:

"Frustration and excitement. You have to take the good and the bad from it. I don't like talking about the bad. But the good is this team didn't quit, we kept fighting. Through all the adversity we put ourselves through, we kept fighting."

On how close the offense is to fixing mistakes:

"We're very close, we just have to jump over the broom and be consistent."

On how James Blackman was in the huddle after his mistakes:

"He was talking to me, he was very composed. Anytime he makes a mistake, he's the one telling the team 'my bad' being the leader of the team and responding."

On the growth of his own game:

"I'm just coming to work every day, staying on top of things. Doing whatever I can do."

Sophomore Quarterback James Blackman:

On running back Cam Akers' performance:

"He is a workhorse. He is built to have that type of performance. We knew what kind of practices he has been having. He knows that he is the type of guy that can manage all those carries. He showed it to us tonight. I told him during the game to put the team on his back."

On how the team was able to finish the game:

"We played a full 60 minutes tonight. We went to overtime and played the full game. We made mistakes that come with the game, but we played our heart out tonight. We told each other that they are going to have to drag us off this field tonight. We looked to the man beside us and said let's go. 'You ride for me; I'll ride for you.'"

On if the mentality of the team was different this week than last week during the game:

"Oh definitely. We were ready to come out and put it all together. We knew exactly what we wanted to do and what we had to do. We knew what type of outcome we didn't want. We knew if we put some drives together and gave the defense some rest off the field, that we were going to be alright."

On the feeling in the locker room after the game:

"It is like I said last week, it is hard to get a win. It's not like Louisiana Monroe is just picking guys from anywhere. That have players too and guys that want to win. It was a great feeling, honestly, to finally get that win. Now that we got it started up, we need to keep this streak going. We got one and now it is time to keep it up."

Junior Defensive Tackle Marvin Wilson:

On defense performance late in the game...

"We just have to do a better job of doing our job. That's about it. We're going to go back to work, watch film, and keep working. I'm glad we got our first win of the season."

On any concerns about the defense...

"No, I don't have any concerns. I trust my defense wholeheartedly. I know what we can do and I know what we're capable of. It's going to come together real soon."

On feelings in regard to defensive struggles...

"It's college football. Everyone's on scholarship and everyone plays Division I for a reason. It's not just a coincidence that guys come ready to play on Saturday."

On any frustrations regarding defense...

"It is what it is. We have to keep fighting and keep pushing. That's really just how I live my life. I don't judge it off of sight. I live my life by faith and I have faith in our defense."