



**Florida State vs. NC State
Saturday, Sept. 28
FSU Player Quotes**

Redshirt senior quarterback Alex Hornibrook:

On his first Florida State start:

"It was fun. There were a lot of different things that happened in that game and I was just proud of the way the team finished today and we were able to separate a little bit, help not be a one possession game there at the end."

On when he learned he was going to start:

"All week I was just preparing. I didn't really know what was going to happen. I was just preparing like I was going to be the starter. Before the game they told me that I'll be playing."

On how the team was able to close this game out earlier than previous ones:

"I thought the defense did a great job,"

"At one point we had great field position. Three drives in a row on the other side of the 50 and we didn't score and the defense just gave us the ball back every single time. I thought they did a fantastic job and gave us the ball back a lot."

On how he assesses his play tonight:

"I always look at what I can do better...I'll hop on the film and see. I know there are some things that I can clean up. Help avoid taking some of those sacks. We got out of field goal range because of that one time. I'll just check it out tomorrow and see everything I can do better."

Sophomore Wide Receiver Tamorrion Terry:

On a comfortable game in the closing minutes:

"It was so nice, offense and defense played a good game. We held them from scoring and going out and having fun with my brothers. I loved that."

On the growth of the defense:

"A lot of growth. We had to buy in and just stay focused. We never doubted the defense. We kept them up and told them, 'We believe in you'. That's what they did, kept grinding."

On Alex Hornibrook's performance:

"I always knew he had it in him, ever since he first got here I told him once he stepped on the field to take advantage of it. What impressed me so much was he never stopped; he never gave up. He kept getting sacked, but kept everybody going and to keep our heads up. We believe in him and he got the job done."

Junior Defensive Back Cyrus Fagan:

On what the difference has been with the run defense:

"Our D-line playing their gaps; our secondary being great with their eyes."

How stopping the run builds confidence:

"We try to execute on all parts of the defense: run, pass, everything. When we know how to stop the run, next is to stop the pass."

Junior Linebacker Leonard Warner III:

On Amari Gainer's performance:

"Amari Gainer is a hustler. It was good to see it pay off for him. You see him do it in practice and now you know he's going to do it every time. I know he's going to be good."

As a team, how do you feel about the program, is it the best since you've been here:

"Honestly, yes. I feel like I'm in a position now where I can affect the program. We're starting to turn things around, and a game like this is a stepping stone in the right direction."

On each defensive unit focusing on doing their job:

"That has been a big focus. Doing your job and not trying to do too much or someone else's job. If you do someone else's job and get out of position, now someone else is doing your job."

On importance of confidence:

"It's huge...What this confidence has done has turned negative comments into positive comments. It's a chance to put the fire out. It's helped us be a more productive and more focused team."

Sophomore Defensive Tackle Cory Durden:

On defense's performance...

"We've really been emphasizing stuff in practice. This is the second week that we've played a zone offense, so we were just rolling over from last week in staying disciplined. The biggest thing for us was Coach Odell preaching staying in the gap this week and that's what we did. We pretty much stopped the run the whole game."

On defense evolution over the past few weeks...

"The Virginia game really showed us the type of defense that we could be. Everybody's been playing with confidence and playing together. No one is being a selfish player, and no one is getting mad when other teammates make plays."

On making tackles without penalties...

"Football is an aggressive game. You have to play aggressive and at the end of the day, the refs' job is to call us on it. So, you can't really question it."

On coaches' reactions to penalty...

"It was an aggressive penalty. Nobody wants a 15-yard penalty, so I got chewed out about it but I'm a football player and it happens. I could see if it was a selfish penalty, but it was just an aggressive one."

Sophomore Wide Receiver Ontaria Wilson:

On the feeling after tonight's victory...

"It feels so much better to come out with a win. It just feels good to be here."

On first touchdown of the game...

"It was a double move so after I hit him on the slant and ran, it was over with. The touchdown was easy at that point. The crowd went crazy and I think my teammates were more excited than me because honestly, I was froze."

On Alex Hornibrook's success at quarterback...

"Alex doesn't ever pout when him and Blackman are going back and forth. He's always just back there working hard. Everyone really respects him and Blackman."

On moving from defensive back to wide receiver...

"The switch was kind of hard at first, but I'm glad I made it. Now I'm making big plays. The touchdown was definitely a reminder that the switch was the right move. I was just like, "Yeah, I'm glad I made the switch."

On standing out as a wide receiver...

"You just have to keep working hard and wait your turn. I was younger when I made the switch, so I've been able to develop."

Redshirt Freshman Linebacker Amari Gainer:**On the forced fumble...**

"I was just running to the ball. You just give effort and make the play."

On defenses improved efforts...

"We've been emphasizing running to the ball in practice, so that's what I did."

On getting sacks...

"It felt good to be back in my element. To be able to get snaps and just be out there to help my team."

On being from Tallahassee and making an impact tonight...

"It was great! Just getting in and doing my job and anything to help my team win felt good."

On defense evolution...

"Defense has definitely been turning around over the past few weeks. When you have people that you trust around you, it's easier to do your job. I improve every day in practice. I focus on running to the ball and executing and I feel like we're all starting to do that which is starting to carry over into the game."

On defense mindset...

"We're just focused on finishing and being dominant. We know we have the talent so it's just a matter of doing your job and you'll get good results."