



**Florida State vs. Louisville
Saturday, September 21, 2019
Louisville Coaches Quotes**

Head Coach Scott Satterfield

Opening Statement

"Hard fought game right there, all the way until the end. Way too many mistakes I think initially in this football game in the first quarter – getting down 21-0 there. I'm proud of our team. There are a lot of teams that could just have folded right there, and we continued to battle and fight. Coming into halftime – I thought we got a little momentum back in the second quarter – I thought our guys kind of forgot about the first half and started playing well. We ended up getting the lead. We've just got to learn how to finish. The bottom line for us is just way too many mistakes. You return a kickoff back, and you end up getting a guy in the back which you probably didn't need to do. Obviously, I think he would have scored anyway. All the way down until the last play when we run into the kicker and you give them another opportunity. If we did nothing, and they make the field goal it a seven-point game, and we've got an opportunity to go score and tie the game. Instead, we gave them a touchdown. Those plays – and there's several in between – it's all phases of the game. We've got to clean up a lot of different things because the rest of the seven games will be like this if we don't get it cleaned up."

On Potential Injury To Quarterback Malik Cunningham

"I think maybe he got his foot caught up underneath the defender on the last play and tweaked the lower half of his leg. I'm not sure exactly what it is. He'll get evaluated and probably get an x-ray before we leave and then we'll evaluate him tomorrow and see where we are at."

On Florida State's Go-Ahead Touchdown...

"The play before, we called the same blitz. We blitzed, and the guy that was supposed to blitz – we called the same play and another guy blitzed. He wasn't supposed to blitz and that's why he's wide open down the sideline. It's just a major bust; you are not even making them work for it. You are giving them an east touchdown. That's unacceptable and we're certainly going to have to look at that and see what communication went wrong there."

Did You Consider Playing Evan Conley In The First Half?

"Not really. I think it was more than just Malik (Cunningham). There were several things of why we were not moving the football. There were a lot of three and out. It takes all 11 guys to operate the offense and to make it go. It's just not the quarterback. There's a couple of plays that you would like to have with Malik in the first half back. But, overall he did okay. I thought he settled down by the end of the second quarter. In the third quarter, he had a really good quarter and threw some good ball and got us back in the game. Putting up 28 points right there making it a four-point game. We got back in the game and we get the ball back, drive it back down and end up throwing a back down there and throw a pick in their red zone which is a big play. You'd like to at least have some points right there. If you get at least three, if not the touchdown – that was big. Again, it's not just Malik. There's a lot of mistakes made by all three facets of the game. You're not going to win, I don't care who you play, if we make those kinds of mistakes. We've got to clean it up."

On The Roughing Kicker Penalty

"I've watched the replay. The ball's gone, he kind of just standing there and we kind of hit him in his leg. It's really a delayed reaction after he hit the ball. They called a personal foul. It gives them an automatic first down."

What Changed In The Offense From the First Half to The Second Half?

"I don't know. We just started executing better, really. We were calling a lot of the same plays. Florida State's defensive line is good. Maybe they wore down a little bit, I don't know. They are all big—300 pounds. Maybe now when that crease is not as big in the first quarter, all of a sudden it gets a little bit bigger and some of the running lanes opened up and some of the passing lanes, did, too. We were kind of really just running the same plays, but the guys just have to execute and make plays, that's the bottom line. The guys have to make the plays once they get called. I thought Florida State did a better job of stopping the run; we didn't run the ball as good as we would have liked. We ended up throwing the ball a little bit better. I thought we did some good things in the passing game. Really, it just comes down to mistakes. You can slice it any way you want to slice it. We can pick out a bunch of different things that happend throughout the game – there are mental errors and that just cost us the game, really."