



**Florida State vs. NC State  
Saturday, September 28, 2019  
NC State Coaches Quotes**

**Head Coach Dave Doeren**

**Opening Statement**

"Weird feeling after this game. I'm really proud of the way our defensive kids battled. We struggled offensively in a lot of ways. Bailey (Hockman) came in and competed. I thought Devin Leary came in and did some really good things at the end of the game. I think our run game is more than adequate; we've got to be able to throw the football better. That's what we've got to work on. Defensively, I thought there was a lot of improvement, they were just out there too much. The biggest negative for them is not being able to get a takeaway in the game. I thought they pressured the quarterback. They stopped the run. Offensively, we mounted a lot of drives and never ended up in touchdowns, except for the one touchdown pass. Unfortunately, we had a couple of players injured so that's taken its toll on us a little bit with Taiyon Palmer and Ricky Person. We'll see where that is when we get the report back tomorrow. Florida State did a nice job. It gives us a lot to work on in the bye week. We look forward to it. We look forward to getting back with these guys. I thought our guys battled and had good energy about them tonight. We just weren't able to score enough points."

**What's the biggest takeaway on why you had trouble getting the ball in the end zone?**

"I think whether its penalties, drops – it's just execution more than anything. The margin for error is ... you've got to make pays. That's what the game is all about. Whether it's a throw not being on target, or a guy dropping a pass or five yard penalties setting you back, it's what it is. We've got to operate cleaner."

**How encouraging was the downfield passing of Bailey Hockman?**

"Bailey and Devin give that to us. They do."

**What was your pregame plan for Bailey Hockman?**

"We put him (Bailey) in earlier than we had planned. Matt (McKay) was not doing what I thought Matt was going to do. It was obvious. He was off. At this point we don't have time to wait anymore. Love him to death. He's a great young man. It's one thing when you are not completing the ball down the field, it's another when you are not competing it underneath. He just didn't give us what we needed tonight and I thought Bailey came in, like I said, and competed. Devin did the same."

**You brought in Devin because Bailey got hurt?**

"Yep."

**Does that somewhat complicate the issue?**

"Possibly. I don't know."

**What was different in getting pressure on the quarterback this week?**

"They (Florida State) weren't throwing the ball immediately like some of the teams we were playing. Ball State just gets it out so fast. So, we had a little more time. Obviously at times, the coverage was closer to the receivers to where our D-Line and our pass rushers had a chance. The D-Line played well particularly in the first half – I thought they played really, really well. It's just hard once you are down by three possessions, at that point it was difficult because they were max protecting and coming off of the run game."