

Boston College 26, UMass 7
Gillette Stadium | Foxborough, Mass.
Sat., Sept. 10, 2016
Postgame Quotes

UMass Head Coach Mark Whipple

Opening Statement:

"I give BC credit, especially their defensive line. We had a couple of good chances in the first half we didn't capitalize on. I thought the big play was Shane's (Huber) interception. We had a little momentum and Ross (Comis) turned the ball over on the third down. To come out of there with no points; two times we've gotten good field position this year, we've turned them over. Our guys were nervous coming out. They jumped off sides but we didn't do that in Florida where you would expect it. It looked like a first game, we had to kind of settle down but we never could get the run game going. Our defense played hard, we had a little bit of the field possession game. We got beat on one-on-ones on the deep throws. Coverage there, credit BC. They made a good throw, made the catch. When they got the lead we just didn't do anything with it. The first drive of the second half we had a chance. They were just better today."

On the lack of interior control:

"I think their whole defensive line was better than ours. (Patrick Towles) had all day to throw and we didn't. We couldn't run the ball. That was disappointing but we just get back to work for next week."

On Ross Comis' performance:

"The one before the half was the same thing, we were third down and four. You try to go for the deep ball, that's not the time to do it. That was disappointing and certainly the one before the half. We talked about it, the third down play. We go in with a little bit of momentum and he just loses his mind a little bit on the third interception. We lose the turnover game by two. But I thought our kids battled hard and [Ross Comis] competed."

"He lost the game and, as a quarterback, you don't like to lose. He only has two touchdowns in two games. A lot has to do with the people we're playing; their numbers speak for themselves. They got better as the game went on. That was what was disappointing. I'm disappointed in today but I'm not disappointed in what we have for the rest of the year. He's a sophomore, he's the best guy we've got. He competes, the other guys have to help him around. We have to run the ball better."

On practice:

"This week finally felt like I was back at UMass practicing football, the way we used to be able to practice. We were much more competitive (this week) than we have ever been. We have more players and young guys are given good looks. Our special teams and the punting were much better. There's no question that we want to win a game but there's a process. I think (this week) was the best week we've had physically, mentally, emotionally. I think practice carried over into the game. Now we've just got to eliminate our mistakes and be smarter, and that comes with experience."

UMass redshirt junior linebacker Shane Huber

"We went out there as a defense today and tried to make as many plays as possible to put our offense in a good position. Unfortunately, it didn't always work out but we just continued to play hard and we have to rebound."

On the defense holding until the fourth quarter:

"I think it just comes down to playing hard and executing. Unfortunately, like you said, this is the second game in a row we get them into the fourth quarter but we haven't finished, so that's going to be our emphasis going forward is finishing and continue to execute and fly around and play with passion."

UMass redshirt senior fullback John Robinson-Woodgett

On how the team uses this game moving forward:

"We're going to look at the film and we've got to correct our mistakes. We can't leave our ball on the ground as an offense. I give credit to the BC defense. They have a good defense, a good scheme. As an offense we just need to keep on our blocks, catch balls when we have the opportunity and make plays, bottom line."

On his frustration during the game:

"You have to let go of the past; you have to play play-to-play. You can't think about the last play, only the next play and just keep playing the game. You have 60 minutes to get it done."