

GREENWOOD, S.C. – The Erskine Flying Fleet lost to Fort Valley State University, 45-21 on Saturday at J.W. Babb Stadium.

Here's everything coach Shap Boyd had to say.

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J.W. BABB STADIUM – GREENWOOD, S.C.**

Erskine Head Coach – Shap Boyd

Opening statement

Boyd: “Part of me wants to hug them and part of me wants to choke them. There's a period of time in each of these last three games where we self-destruct and there's like 21 points boom and we cannot overcome. We're just not at that level. We kind of shoot ourselves in the foot, in the meantime I think we do some good things. We were getting beat defensively in the first half, with those 50-50 balls that they kept throwing up there to #17. 17 was a beast, 6-foot-5 and he made the plays and our guys didn't make the plays. That's really the difference in the game in the first half and in the second half they came out and got a little physical with us and we didn't respond very well to that. That one drive that happened around the time we went into the rain delay, they more or less just punched us in the mouth and we didn't respond very well. That was not good to see. Then we ended up turning the ball over and right after that in two and a half minutes they scored those 21 points. That's putting yourself behind the eight ball because we had gotten to within 10 points at the half. If we can get another touchdown before we give up any more points I think the game has a chance to be different. Ultimately, we are not good and then we just do some bad stuff that makes it worse than what it really has to be. If we don't ever turn the ball over and if we are making some of the plays we should be making then I think we keep the scores closer, but we're not ready to do that right now.”

Going into halftime with a 10-point deficit, how much of a factor do you think that weather delay had on momentum?

Boyd: “I don't know. I don't know if the weather affected us. It was 30 minutes, if it goes into multiple weather delays than that's an issue, but 30 minutes that wasn't a big deal. It probably ends up being about 45 (minutes) when you take care of everything. I just think they came out and punched us in the mouth and we let them do it. That was the first drive prior to the rain delay. In their minds they had something to prove and they did to a certain degree and we didn't respond like we needed to. We just didn't get it done. It is what it is. We have to keep coaching the same kids because that's what we've got right now and they've got to continue try and get better. The thing I'm not seeing is I'm not seeing them give up. I thought they played for 60 minutes today. I think the offense scoring, gave the defense a little bit of pep, gave them some juice and I think that they were able to start doing some better things in the second half. It was good to see the offense get things going. It's kind of hard to run the hurry up when they keep

taking dives which is what they were doing. It is what it is. That's what people are going to do, but at some point, the officials probably have to try and figure out what's fake and what's real. When they go three plays in a row and they keep doing it, their either the worst conditioned team in America or they are full of it."