

FIU Player Quotes
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Alex Gardner

On the difference offensively versus past two weeks:

I believe preparation. This whole week everybody was focused. We came in and we were determined to get this win this week because we didn't want to go 2-4.

On breaking a school record in points in the first half:

It's great, it's big. We feel like we're a special team and we wanted to show it on the field. That shows that we're a special team.

On being a versatile back today:

That's big because I wanted to come in and attack in the passing game...This year, I'm getting one-on-one situations and coach is putting me in position to make plays.

On if this was a statement win:

Oh, yeah. Oh, yeah. We got to come next week with the same intensity so that we can get another W.

Jephete Matilus

On the team's performance:

I think we played hard. We all executed. We had a lot of energy and fought hard and obviously came out with a W. Offense was able to get points on the board. Defense was able to limit the big plays.

On the last couple weeks:

The last couple weeks have been great...Everyone gets out there and gets on one guys play. Anytime I can get out there with those guys is great. There's a lot of energy and I feed off that energy.

On the team's focus coming into the game:

I think like the other guys and like myself we just play with a chip on our shoulders. We want people to believe we're the underdogs. We want people to understand we're going to fight until the end and give it all we got.

On stopping UTEP's running game:

We knew they were going to try to run the ball. We understood that all week and knew we needed to key in on it up to execute. They came out running and obviously we trust our defense.

On the team going up 35-0:

After we went up big we were able to just settle down a bit. We were able to go out there and have fun, having a good time, but still being disciplined.