

**FIU-Louisiana Tech Post Game Quotes**  
**Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016, 7 p.m.**  
**Ocean Bank Field at FIU Stadium | Miami, Fla.**

**FIU INTERIM HEAD COACH RON COOPER**

**On tonight's loss ...**

"I think we lost to a pretty good football team. You can't give them different opportunities. In the first half, we busted a coverage and allowed them to score and we should have been able to hold them. Then the dropped interception when they had first and goal and then the kick return, that's 21 points. We can't allow those big plays. We knew Taylor and Henderson were the big playmakers. We contained them a couple of times on most of the kickoffs, but then they got loose on a couple and put a dent in everything."

"We could have laid down, but the guys kept fighting and all we can do now start all over next week and go at it and keep moving on. We kept telling them in the game 'don't flinch and keep fighting.'"

"They got it to their playmakers and their playmakers made plays. We didn't want to give it to them in chunks so they could score easy points. Those things can't happen. They are a really good football team with a very explosive offense."

**FIU TE JONNU SMITH**

**What his perspective was from the offensive side and what they weren't able to do ...**

"We weren't consistent and that's what set us back. We got into a rhythm and started moving the ball."

**How do you put this game behind and look forward ...**

"Win or lose, we put every game behind us. We can't dwell on the past. We've got to get ready for Middle Tennessee starting tomorrow. Start running, get our bodies back for the next game. We have to start looking ahead of us not what's behind us. We got a great opponent this week and we got to bring it, practice, prepare."

**LOUISIANA TECH HEAD COACH SKIP HOTZ**

**Both teams had over 300 yards offensively, what was the difference between FIU and your team coming out with the win tonight ...**

"Special teams definitely played a huge role tonight for sure. The difference came defensively, we played pretty well except for on third down, we had a hard time getting off the field."

**Assess Carlos Henderson's play**

"I think Carlos is very explosive. All-purpose yards-wise, he is the guy that you got to get the ball into his hands."

**How well do you think the defense set up the offense in this game?**

"Well, we made them punt a couple of times. At the end of the first quarter and beginning of the second, I thought the defense played very well. The only thing negative that I can say is that I wish we would've played better on third down. They were able to control the ball on us on third and fourth downs."