



**Florida State vs. Boise State
Saturday, Aug. 31, 2019
FSU Player Quotes**

Sophomore Wide Receiver Keyshawn Helton:

On the mood in the locker room after the loss:

"We are not going to let one game define us. This was the first game of the season and we still have 11 more to go. Again, this game is not going to define us."

On practice this upcoming week to get back on track:

"We just need to keep doing what we have been doing. Just making sure we are executing our plays in practice, starting Sunday through the whole week. We just need to put our heads down and keep working. Like I said we are not going to let one game define us."

On getting too relaxed during the halftime with the lead:

"I do feel like we got comfortable with the big lead. We were executing a lot of plays in the first half and were executing what coach was calling. Us getting comfortable is something we can't do in the future. We now know that we cannot let that happen."

On Boise State's halftime adjustments:

"I feel like they are a good team that made changes and we missed our chance to adjust. I would not say everything was different in the second half, but they definitely made some adjustments to what we were doing in the first half."

On how the weather and heat affected the team during the game:

"We have been practicing in it all summer and fall camp so I don't think it was really a factor."

Senior Defensive Back Levonta Taylor:

On the defense's missed tackles during the game:

"The crazy thing about it was we actually had a discussion on not having missed tackles during games. During the game, it just kind of happened. We will get better at that."

On blocking out the outside noise from fans and media:

"First thing is obviously staying off the social media and just keeping your talk to football. Go back, watch film, make some plays, and get better. Winning the game is always the goal."

On dealing with adversity and learning how to get wins:

"With that, there are a lot of guys on our team that have learned how to win before, we obviously have to find a way to just keep playing and ignore the scoreboard. We just have to keep fighting and pushing because we worked so hard during the summer time to get to this point."

Sophomore Defensive Back Jaiden Lars-Woodbey:

On struggling to defend Boise State's runs:

"The biggest thing was that they were executing better than us. We didn't execute the way that we were supposed to, and Boise State took advantage of it."

On Coach Taggart being surprised of the amount of missed tackles:

"I'll have to see when we look back at the film, going through the game and seeing the execution that I saw from myself and the defense in general. I feel like, honestly, that is something we are going to get better on and we just have to have that next play mentality. That is in the past, we need to look at the film, see what we can get better on, and move onto the next game."

On the inches in the game:

"Yes, but when you focus on the past you're not going to be able to focus on the present. That is one thing that us, as a team, have been focusing on. We can't worry about what happened last year, or what happened last play, or what happened a couple minutes ago. We have to focus on now and be able to move forward as a football team."

On the difference in emotion from the loss last year's opener against Virginia Tech:

"Honestly, I feel we have matured a lot as a football team compared to last year. But last year is in the past, we're focusing on this year, we have a lot of work to do. We can execute better as a football team and if we all execute we will be successful, and today just wasn't a day that we executed on every play."

On if there was anything surprising about Boise State's quarterback:

"No, not really. We just had to execute. I feel like we executed in the first half and there was a lot of lack of execution in the second half. We have to move on now and we have to learn from this. We can't harp on this too much, but we do have to learn from this."

Sophomore Quarterback James Blackman:**On how, as a leader he keeps this loss from lingering:**

"It is not going to linger. We are different, for sure different. We are going to hit the ground running tomorrow morning because we are not trying to feel this feeling again. We spoke about it before the game, something happened. Now we have to get right, set a change. Now we have to make up our minds and let each one of us know who we want to be, and that's a national championship team. This one game can't define us."

On if the defense able to figure out their offense by halftime:

"No, because we had drives going in the second half. It's just the small mistakes, we have to focus on the details, lock in and keep going. In this offense once you make that small mistake a lot can go wrong."

On how much positivity the team is going to take away from this:

"As you can see when we're rolling, we're rolling. It's hard to stop us. We have to keep that same momentum, and keep finding, keep pushing through the whole game. We have to play the whole 60 minutes. You can't just come put on a show for 30 minutes. The other team on the other side, they have faith too."

On Coach Taggart being surprised by the number of mistakes:

"Things happen, now you just have to go find how you're going to fix it. That's coming out tomorrow, practicing hard and giving 110 percent."