

FSU Coach Willie Taggart

Opening Statement

"Tough loss. Our guys balled hard but we didn't finish in the fourth quarter, made too many mistakes, didn't make enough plays against a tough, good football team. But I thought our guys fought hard and we'll get back to work and see if we can rectify this next week."

On the last play of the game

"We didn't get what we wanted, we wanted a touchdown. We called a play and there were four seconds left and we didn't have any timeouts so we called a play and it didn't work."

On when that final play was called

"I didn't call the play, Kendal called the play. He had the play called and we just didn't get it done."

On the clock running at the end of the game

"The clock stopped and as soon as the ref spotted the ball and blew the whistle the clock started."

On the effect of the clock running from 6 seconds to 4 seconds

"I wouldn't necessarily say it would have changed the decision. We were trying to get the play call in and trying to get lined up with what was up on the clock so like I said, it just didn't work."

On whether he is proud of his team

"I thought our guys played hard but we still didn't play enough winning football to get the win. I thought they played hard and it was good to see out of our guys but we didn't make some plays in the 4th quarter that we have to make in order to win the ballgame. But I thought they played hard and gave ourselves the chance to win the ballgame and we just didn't get it done."

On his team's defense at the end of the game

"I wouldn't say they wore down but there were some mistakes there and I know that one drive where they missed a field goal, 2 penalties extended that drive. Those are things we can't do. That's losing football. We need to play winning football in the 4th quarter. We can't have those. We need to get better at it."

On his team's mental mistakes down the stretch

"I don't know if they got tight, it could be. The game was close but again when it comes to those selfish penalties that can't happen. We just can't have those things that are killing this football team. We got to do more in practice and do more from a punishment standpoint on the ones who do those selfish things because it's killing this football team and if we get better at those things I think you'll see a better football team."

On his defense's better play in the first 3 quarters vs the first 2 games

"We did a better job stopping the run and I think whenever you can slow them down running the ball it gives you a chance. We didn't do a good job in the passing game like we should have in this game. They played better but we still can get better than where we're at."

On the big sacks in the final drive

"It's more protection. There were guys coming in and we didn't block them. It was more that than anything. [UVA] is a good football team."

On moving forward from this kind of loss

"We have nine more ballgames. This one hurts but everything we want to accomplish is still in front of us. We got to be so much better if we want to accomplish these things but it's still right there and we're 1-[2] but like I said we got nine ballgames and we know we got to play much better if we're going to have the chance to win those ballgames but they're there in front of us so to fall apart and everything, there's no need for that. We still got nine ballgames, it's the early season and again we need to play better. We got a game next week at home. We got to go in and take care of business."

On Junior DE Joshua Kaindoh's injury

"I know he hurt his ankle. I haven't talked to the doctor after the game yet to know the extent of it but I know it's his ankle."