



Florida State vs. Alabama State

Saturday, Nov. 16

FSU Player Quotes

Redshirt sophomore quarterback James Blackman:

On why the team likes Odell Haggins:

"Coach Odell is Florida State. You can't speak about Florida State without Coach Odell. He's been here a long time; he's spent a lot of hours making sure this program gets where we want. I feel like he's a hard worker and he deserves the love that we're showing him right now because he earned it. He's put in a lot of work, earned a lot of people's respect, especially around this school. And we love him for that."

On what getting back to bowl eligibility means to the team:

"It's a blessing. When we speak about Florida State we never would have this conversation of being bowl eligible. But, it is a blessing that we are bowl eligible right now. We're going to keep striving, like I said we want to win out. We're going to keep going to work and putting our best foot forward."

On his own performance:

"Threw an interception, I don't like that at all. Overall I helped the team win, put the team in a good position to win the game. Very satisfied we got the win."

Junior defensive back Hamsah Nasirildeen:

On if he remembers his first pick six:

"That's my first one. Not even high school."

On what he saw on the return:

"I looked back, saw Amari (Gainer) and Levonta (Taylor) behind me and I knew I was good."

On how the mood has been different with Coach Haggins:

"Coach Odell has been here for almost 30 years. Everyone in Tallahassee knows who he is. He's straightforward, consistent, loving – he's that guy all the time. He's going to bring a lot out of you in practice, in class, every aspect of your life. He's going to challenge you to be the best man you can be."

On the program being back to bowl eligible:

"It means everything coming off of last season. It hurt to lose something that's been so consistent in Tallahassee. So coming back this year, getting our bowl game back, it feels good."

On the possibility of getting 100 tackles this season:

"Anything I can do here; it means a lot to me. Because of the place where I am and the people I'm around. I'm happy to be a starter, so every good thing that comes with being here at Florida State is good."

Redshirt senior right guard Cole Minschew:**On what he'll miss about playing for FSU:**

"The team. I love my guys and I'm always trying to be around them, and we always get along really well. Going through all the hardships and the good things, it seems like we're always together. We're always on the same page and have a sense of comradery which is one of the biggest things I'm going to miss. And of course, playing at Doak (Campbell Stadium). I'm going to miss everything honestly."

On offense performance today:

"I think we started out really well, but then there were a couple of missed things here and there. There's some stuff that we definitely need to clean up, but I thought we did decent."

On Odell Haggins' coaching style:

"Motivator. He's a really good motivator."

Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Tamorrion Terry:**On practices over the past few weeks:**

"Everybody comes to work to go to work. I can say everybody comes out there with a chip on their shoulder and ready to play. I know every time we go out there to practice, everybody gives 110% and we just come out there ready to work. Coach Odell is on us a lot and he makes sure everybody is doing the right thing and is staying focused."

Redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Cory Durden:**On Coach Odell as head coach:**

"I think it would be great. The only bad thing is that he wouldn't be my position coach anymore and he's an amazing position coach. It would be different; it would definitely be different. Coach Odell has a legacy. Everybody knows about his legacy. I feel like that's the biggest thing for the team is that we want to keep his legacy going. He is Florida State and we want to do whatever we can for him to just make him happy."

On his style:

"He's definitely a tough coach. He's the type of coach that you have to earn things like the swag surf. You have to win games, you have to practice good, and if you produce, he'll give you whatever you want. He's definitely a tough coach, but you have a locker room full of grown men – sometimes that's what you need."