

Florida State vs. Miami Saturday, Nov. 2 FSU Player Quotes

# **Redshirt senior quarterback Alex Hornibrook:**

#### On Miami's Defensive line and their pass rush:

"I thought Miami's defense did a good job of mixing it up a little bit. I can't tell you the specifics because that is not what I am looking at every play, but we will see it on the film. What I think it comes down to after a game like this, everybody just needs looks at themselves. I have to look at myself, and the entire offense does, too and see what we can do to be better. There is no point of hanging our heads and thinking negative. It is just, 'What we can do better' and everybody focus on themselves."

#### On catching some passes from Cam Akers (Junior Running Back):

"I think coach Briles does a good job of mixing it up and using that personnel. Some of the stuff we did, we did not even have him (Cam Akers) do in practice this week, but we saw some things on the field and started doing it. Cam did a good job when he was back there. I thought that it was a good change-up from what we were doing."

## On the amount of pre-snap penalties for FSU in the game:

"Those are the ones that are controllable that we have to eliminate. It is something we have been harping on all season to eliminate those penalties. We have to all take ownership of it and do a better job because it is all preventable. Each penalty is different, but at the end of the day I have to make sure everyone is set and not move before we snap the ball. It's simple and that's how it is. It is not just one person that is going offsides, it is everybody and we all have to fix it."

#### Redshirt Junior Linebacker Emmett Rice:

# On how hard it was to play defense with short field:

"It wasn't that tough because on defense we look at it as a challenge or opportunity. It's always an opportunity for us."

## On if he thought they capitalized on those opportunities:

"For the most part we did, but we still have a lot of work to do."

## On how do you rally back with three games left:

"We have an opportunity, and every opportunity is a positive for us. We have to get the (two) wins so we can make a bowl."

#### On if he sees that the team still believing:

"No doubt. We still have a lot of faith. We have a lot to play for. It's not over just because we lost to Miami."

# On how the team stays together as a team:

"We have to stand tall and lean on our leaders like Cam (Akers), (James) Blackman, (Alex) Hornibrook and just look to them for motivation. As a team we are still together, we are still strong."

## On what Coach Taggart said in the locker room:

"He said we still have a lot to play for. Keep your head up, we are going to continue to do good, but we can't do good unless we execute."

## On what happened with the big plays from Miami:

"It's on us. Coach put us in the right situations to make the plays, it was on us not executing."

On mood after the game.
"Yes we lost, now it's onto the next week, ready to work tomorrow."