

Quotes from Charlotte head coach Brad Lambert

Opening statement

"We didn't perform good enough as a team, especially offensively in the second half. We couldn't get anything going. They (The Herd) were pretty good upfront. We couldn't throw the ball. We ran the ball in spots pretty good. They ran the ball good on us. Their running back and offensive line played well. We couldn't get the field position in the third quarter. We get the turnover right out of the half and tie it. But from then on we just couldn't get anything going offensively."

On what went wrong

"We got the turnover out of the locker room in the third quarter. But once again we gave up a touchdown on our punt team. We got a punt blocked on our shield. We had to get that corrected. The third quarter was the tell in this game. We couldn't get off the field defensively. They were better on third down than we were and we couldn't get anything going offensively."

On where the offense can improve

"We didn't see some routes that were open. They got after us pretty good up front. We didn't protect great. We held onto the ball a little too much. We have to sit down and look at our throwing game and see how we are going to get the ball out of our quarterback's hand."

On the defense

"Defensively we did some good things. We needed to tighten up on the run in the third. They hit some third downs. We have to go back and look at third down and make sure we are putting them in the right position to get off the field."

On looking ahead to FIU

"The biggest thing I just told our team is that the mission we set out on last February is still in front of us. We know what we have to do. We have to go back and start preparing tomorrow and win a game on Saturday."