

FIU @ Marshall Quotes – 11/30/2019

FIU head coach Butch Davis

Opening statement: It is (a tough one). Obviously with the overtime deal, it's been the first time in three years since we've been in an overtime situation. We practice those things in training camp and all season long. Basically it's high redzone (situations). Obviously we would have liked to drive down on the first possession and put a touchdown on the board, but we didn't. We kicked a field goal. Jose Borregales the last two weeks has been spectacular. He was in the Miami game and today on a slippery day. The ball was difficult for the snapper and the holder (to handle). I thought he did a phenomenal job. He made a field goal and gave us a chance to try and make them kick a field goal. During the course of the game, there were opportunities and sometimes you don't get those. We had one turnover we got a chance on. We had an interception one time. We had a couple other chances for interceptions. When you get turnovers, those create enormous swings. Not only in the score, but also in field position and momentum. Marshall is a good football team. Doc Holliday is a good coach. They do a good job. It was a hard fought game. Obviously our kids and seniors would have liked a different outcome.

Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday

Opening statement: I'm really proud of our players and team. We knew that it was going to be a fight. FIU has some players, as we all know. I thought our guys kept fighting. In a game like that, you win it, you lose it ... you just hope, at the end of the day, that you step up and find a way to win. I'm so proud of our seniors. We have a great group. I love this team. Our seniors are special. I thought (the statue of liberty touchdown handoff to Xavier Gaines) was a well-executed play and how about Brenden Knox? He's such a workhorse for us ... over 30 carries and about 50 yards. He's our MVP, I know that.

Marshall Redshirt Sophomore Isaiah Green

On finding a way to win: We knew if we lost this game we had no shot to accomplish our goals (get to the Conference championship game/win the east division), the whole focus was to find a way to win by any means necessary. We had a lot of different guys step up and make plays in big situations to pull this one out.

Marshall Redshirt Senior Tyler Brown

On the team's effort on third down: Every week we put a big emphasis on third down. We call it money down, every time we're taking a practice rep of third down, everyone is screaming money down, and it's a huge emphasis every day. So today we did our job.

On finding a way to win: I feel like we've been in this situation quite a few times. We just always find a way to come together as a team, offense, defense, special teams, and come out on top. I don't know how many times we've been in this situation this season and the majority of the time we found a way to come out and find a way to win. I think it's a testament to the way our coaches and strength staff trains us. They put us in tough situations and tell us to figure it out, and we do.