Ohio Quotes vs. Marshall 9/14

Ohio Head Coach Frank Solich

On the defense: In the first half, we didn't tackle very well at all. Marshall is a good offensive football team. They're big up front. They have big backs. They have a downhill-type running attack. We just didn't muscle up early in the game. The second half I thought we played much better, but there were crucial times in the second half too where they were able to gash us.

On the defense three weeks in: We have to get better. That's obvious. Missed too many tackles. That's two weeks in a row where that appeared to be a problem for us. But again, we had a better second half and we'll build off that.

On what happened with the long touchdown pass in the fourth quarter: The defensive back fell down. I don't know (exactly what happened). I'll have to look at it on film, but he fell down.

On seeing the offense get control and losing the game late: That's football. You have to play four quarters, generally, in football to win football games. We did not do that today. From the defensive side of it, I thought it was a poor first half for us in a lot of ways. Second half, I thought we played better. Offensively we showed flashes of being able to do some things in both halves.

Progress of the offense: I think today showed that we are improving. We're not there yet. We have to continue to improve, but we were without our starting center. We were without Julian Ross, arguably a starting running back for us, and we were without a pair of starting wide receivers in Cameron Odom and Tyler Tupa. The injuries hit us hard this week, but we have depth at a few of those spots. Some of that showed today, but we didn't play well enough as a unit. It didn't come down to a few individuals. I think it came down to not playing well enough as a unit.