

**Marshall's Postgame Quotes at Louisiana Tech**  
*Thundering Herd 35, Bulldogs 17*

**Marshall Head Coach Doc Holliday**

*On the game:*

Anytime you hold somebody to seven yards rushing, you've played great defense. Offensively, I thought we had some guys who stepped up, who probably didn't think they were going to play tonight.

*On the goalline stand:*

That was a huge play. What a great job that defense did. Again, to hold that team to seven yards rushing and get that goalline stand there was huge.

*On third down conversions:*

Anytime you can do that, you have a chance. The defense held (Tech) to 1 out of 10. That's one of your goals, to stop them on third down, defensively, and to convert offensively. We did both.

*On the season:*

One of the things we've been able to do is make teams one-dimensional ... and stopping the run. Obviously, we got pressure on (Tech's) quarterback without blitzing at times and that's always a good thing.

*On Marshall's defensive front:*

I saw all of those guys, (Darius) Hodge, Koby (Cumberlander), Jamare (Edwards) get in there. (Tech) had a hard time blocking that front seven and that was good.

*On Marshall's conditioning:*

I'm just so happy to have Luke Day back in our weight room. That's made a difference in just about every game we've played. He's done a great job and we work as a team to get stronger as the season goes along. Especially that offensive line ... you just look at the way they finish games when you see that (Brenden) Knox has 125 yards again.

*On the fourth down call in the first quarter:*

I'm kicking myself in the butt for not kicking that field goal in the first quarter, considering the way our defense is playing. I should've kicked the field goal and that's on me.

*On playing Florida Atlantic and FIU the next two weeks, given present-day COVID-19 concerns:*

We just have to pray that we don't have issues. Everybody is dealing with a lot of things. We just tell our kids all the time to take care of yourselves, wear your masks and do all of those things.

**Marshall running back Brenden Knox**

*On Marshall's defense:*

It's a plus for us being able to go against a defense like that (in practice), because a lot of times, you aren't going to see anyone better than them. That's just how I feel. And those guys are pretty much the same people in games that you see in the practices.

*On Marshall's third down success:*

It's just about getting into that groove and having that mindset that you aren't going to be stopped. It's all about getting that "snowball effect", in terms of momentum.

**Marshall linebacker Eli Neal**

*On what went through his mind as he saw the ball floating down toward him in the first quarter:*

Don't drop it.

*On the goalline stand before the half:*

That was a big momentum shift and it was what we needed. We talked about it all week, especially today before the game. We call momentum "OI' Mo" and he goes from sideline to sideline. We wanted to keep him on our side. It definitely helped with all of the timeouts being called (on the play at the end of the half) and we just had it in our minds that we weren't going to let them score.

*On what makes this defense so special:*

Everybody on this defense really wants to play and it shows, on the field, how badly we want it. It's not so much a fight to beat the offense. It's a fight amongst all of our players to make the tackle. We lift each other up.