

# ULM WARHAWK FOOTBALL



## POST-GAME QUOTES: ULM 35, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 14

### **ULM Head Coach Todd Berry**

#### *Overall Game...*

Obviously a little disjointed, but Florida Atlantic gets a lot of the credit. They changed their entire defensive approach, like we were expecting them too. They kept rolling through enough things that we had a difficult time getting a hand on it. At halftime, we made some good adjustments.

We got to play cleaner. We missed some deep throws, we missed some opportunities. We got some good things out of tonight though. Guys getting a chance to play and getting ready for this next one.

#### *What FAU Changed from Previous Game...*

A lot more option stuff on offensive. They went to a man free shell with an odd front on defense, and that's pretty unique. We haven't seen an odd front like that since Utah State in 2004. It was unique- I don't know if it something they will continue to do down the road, but there was some unique things and it created some problems. Based on what we had seen we came in planning to take these wide splits, but suddenly, with that look, you want to run close splits and get off the ball. It took a while to get everything back in gear. Too many flags too. In our conference, we have to play perfect.

#### *FAU's New Defensive Look...*

They were playing an extra thief in the underneath whole. Sometimes he was working over the top, sometimes mirroring the quarterback and there were times where we were getting a man free deep in press coverage and two guys underneath free. Tulane ran something similar, but there was some real uniqueness in this.

I was concerned about this coming in. Any time you are a first year head coach, especially if you have an off week, you are going to change things a little bit.

#### *New Offensive Wrinkles...*

We came out with the tight end flexed, which we hadn't shown. So he was detached, and off the ball, so that was a little bit of a new look.

#### *Defense giving up yards...*

We have to stop laying off so much. Our guys are a little bit gun shy after Arkansas, Auburn, Baylor throwing the ball over the top of our heads and they're scared to death to go make a play now and we can't be that way. We need to compete. It's third and twelve and they are throwing an out route and we don't have anybody within 8 yards of the guy. At that point, you'd like to think you should be right up there in the middle of them. So that's something we have to work on.

#### *2-0 Start in Conference, Next Game vs. WKU...*

You focus on being 1-0 at the end of this week. Obviously, we have a big game. I think we were frustrated with how the game ended last week, and I think we will go out and be focused. We'll have a good game plan and go out and play well. We will see if our best is good enough.

#### *Not Connecting on Long Passes...*

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We didn't just quite connect. It wasn't quite in sync. You are going to be a little bit disjointed against that style of defense because they are taking some gambles. We didn't have one of our better offensive outings obviously.

### **ULM QB Kolton Browning**

*On FAU Defense...*

They came out and threw some stuff at us. It took us a little while to get adjusted, but everyone did a good job gripping on to what the coaches were telling us. Defense did a heck of a job all night getting us field position. We need to put some more points up.

*On Better 2nd Half...*

As the game progressed, it got a lot clearer. I started recognizing what they were doing and we started moving the ball a lot more efficiently in the second half. We only had 19 yards passing at halftime. We didn't get where we wanted, but we moved it a lot better after the half.

*On 2-0 Start in Conference...*

It is a big game next week for us. They are undefeated in conference too. We got to clean up the mistakes we made tonight and fix them with a great week of practice. Then we need to execute the game plan that the coaches give us and just be ourselves and we'll be fine.

### **Florida Atlantic Coach Carl Pelini**

*Opening Statement...*

"Our lack of execution coming out of the gate was bad: the motion penalties, the mistakes. We're not a good enough football team to make those mistakes and have that lack of focus and be able to overcome that. I was disappointed with how we started to put ourselves in that position on both sides of the ball really."

*On his game plan...*

"We schemed more against plays than (ULM quarterback Kolton Browning) specifically. They showed that route to the tight end side that we saw against Georgia and Alabama, but we hadn't seen it from ULM. We have to carry over things week to week or we're never going to progress.

"We were able to take out Browning's legs from under him a little bit and we played pretty well in coverage. It was the two-man running game. I thought we had made great strides against North Texas, but I was disappointed with how we played."

"Against a team that likes to pressure and crowd the box, when you start out 1st-and-15 or 1st-and-20, and just let them tee off on you, you don't have a chance."

"I was happy with our response to the ULM no huddle offense. ULM threw three different personnel packages at us and we didn't respond well. We handled the calls and the execution parts of it for the most part, but the execution part is where we lost our focus a few times. We have to do a better job as coaches and as players to understand what personnel need to be in the game."