

2012 AdvoCare V100 Independence Bowl

Post-Game Press Conference Quotes | ULM

Coach Todd Berry

Opening statement:

“Congratulations to Coach Solich and his program. They were, as I knew, unbelievably impressive; very, very disciplined. They did everything they needed to do in order to win. It’s hard on me right now. We had a really, really fun season and I appreciate the work of all these guys and I don’t want a poor game to reflect on that. Obviously I don’t want to take anything away from Ohio, but we didn’t play very well. We practiced great, but I thought we were ready. We’ve got to play better and that’s my responsibility. I’ve got to go back and look. I thought we prepared well. Defensively we didn’t play very well at all in terms of tackling. I thought we played hard, but we played too hard. This has been a little bit of a problem for us over the last few ball games. Guys were trying to make something happen and everybody was trying to make a play instead of playing their responsibilities. There were a lot of busts, not in terms of not knowing how to do something, but in terms of turning a guy loose and obviously that showed. Very uncharacteristic of us in terms of the turnovers. We had a lot of turnovers today. We’ve got to take care of the football. Obviously that makes it difficult to win.”

On the team:

“I am very, very proud of this team, regardless of the outcome. I’m going to look back at this season and know that in every ballgame we always played our hardest. And we improved over that period of time because we always played our hardest. I wouldn’t trade this group for anybody or anything.”

On if the offense stalling surprised him:

“I was surprised. Give them a lot of credit on defense. They did a couple things, but nothing we really hadn’t seen. I just don’t think we executed plays well and I think that we’ve been really explosive, our offense, against some very good football teams and we weren’t today.”

On his bowl experience:

“I think that the Independence Bowl people were just totally impressive. I want to tip my hat to them because they’ve got a great group of people that are working really, really hard to make this a very, very special event. While we don’t necessarily feel special right now – that’s our fault, it’s not their fault – they’ve done everything they could throughout the week to make us feel special and this has been a great experience for our players.”

Kolton Browning | Junior | Quarterback | #15

On scrambling a lot in the game:

“It’s something we’ve done all season. When pressure comes and some holes open up, it allows me to scramble around. It also allows my receivers to get open if they may be covered. Today they did a pretty decent job of keeping me contained.”

Brent Leonard | Senior | Receiver | #18

On the senior class:

“Coach Berry said in the locker room that it’s been a great season and the leaders on this team have stepped up every way possible – the seniors have stepped up. Next thing is some of the young guys stepping up. There’s some tremendous athletes on this team. They’re going to work hard in the off-season and they’re going to get prepared and they’re going to build on what we’ve done this year.”

R.J. Young | Senior | Linebacker | #51

On Ohio:

“Right out the gate they jumped on us and it seemed like we were kind of shell-shocked. It threw us off our game. I kind of thought it was pre-game jitters; just getting started. We didn’t play our game. We didn’t play our defense and they capitalized on our mistakes.”