



ARKANSAS



FOOTBALL

VANDERBILT COMMODORES vs ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018

POSTGAME QUOTES: ARKANSAS HEAD COACH CHAD MORRIS

Opening Statement

"First of all I want to credit Vandy. Coach Mason had their guys ready to go. They wanted to run the football, and they executed very well. They had an experienced quarterback. Obviously getting Ke'Shawn Vaughn back, he's as dynamic a back as we've seen. We didn't play well enough. Bottom line we didn't play well enough. We couldn't stop the run, and we didn't play well enough defensively to win. Offensively, two turnovers lead to 14 points. We have to protect the football. That's been the message all year long. When we needed to have drives and put drives together, we couldn't get it done. It's very disappointing, but we didn't play well enough to win. You get what you deserve, and we didn't deserve to win. It's on me. We're going to continue to go back to work."

On Dre Greenlaw not starting ...

"Some team rules."

On being 2-7 ...

"We can reference back only so many times. At some point we have to make a step. We've got to do something to get us out of that rut. There's a lot of similarities that I've shared this year, but that's no excuse. We talk about playing our best, the best is our standard. We didn't play our best. Make no bones about it, we didn't play our best. In front of our home crowd, we didn't play our best. We have to play our best to have a chance."

On Dre Greenlaw's injury impacting the game ...

"I think any time you lose a player of that caliber it impacts your entire team and your entire defense. It was his ankle and his inability to finish the game didn't help matters."

On Vanderbilt's screen passes ...

"They caught us in man coverage with motion across to out flank us and out leverage us. When you try and get to the edge, we couldn't turn it back inside."

On illegal formation penalties in first half ...

"Critical. Wide receivers not lined up on the line of scrimmage. We're right there and it's on our sidelines. It's a formation we had. He called it, we'll go back and look at it. Our guys went out there and stated that they were on and that's the way we communicate with the officials. We'll look at it and move forward from there."

On offensive gameplan ...

"We thought we could run the football. That's one thing, that when we went in we thought we could get to the edge. Team's that have played them have done a good job running the ball against them. That was our game plan coming in. We knew we were going to have to pass the football, but we're not a very good football team when we have to throw the ball 36 times. It's hard to get into that and a lot of the circumstances at the end dictated us throwing the ball more than we wanted to; but we've got to be more balanced than that."

On message to team heading into a bye ...

"We know that our goals of getting to a bowl game are not attainable. As I shared with our players, our culture is not going to change. I'm not changing. Our coaching staff's not going to change. We're going to continue to show up every day and coach hard. We're going to find out who's on board."

On Cole Kelley not participating ...

"I don't think we got into third and short."

On Chase Hayden's performance ...

"I thought he did some good things. I thought him and Rakeem (Boyd) did well. It was great to see him get into the endzone. We thought we'd throw the screen pass out to the right and we thought we had a chance to really create the play right there. I think he's done some really good things."

On production of Cheyenne O'Grady ...

"He's continued to progress. That's been his theme. He and Rakeem Boyd have went kind of along that same timeline of progressing each week. He continues to get better, obviously made some dynamic plays that kept us in the game and kept us in the game."

On Ty Storey's first game back ...

"I thought Ty did some good things. I wish we could've got the ball to Jordan Jones, I think that would've tied the game; or we were tied at that time. It would've been a momentum change. I thought he did some good things. Again, we have to hang onto the football, we can't turn the football over. That's kind of been our story right now. When we turn the ball over, and we turned it over twice on their end of the field, and it was 14 points."

On Tyson Morris' performance ...

"With Jared Cornelius being out, we've had to bring Tyson in. He's done some good things, and he'll continue to progress."

On punting on fourth and three in the first quarter ...

"I did, it was a momentum change right there. Looking back on it, sure; but we tried to see if we could punt it and pin them, and make them have a long field to work with."



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LB De'Jon Harris

On Vanderbilt's effective run game...

"First off, [Ke'Shawn Vaughn] is a pretty good running back. They have a lot of pretty good running backs as a rotation. They're very patient. They found some holes in our defense and they executed."

On if he felt less energy from the team before the game...

"No, it was pretty positive, especially since we were coming off a win from last week. We felt good coming into the week - the game plan, our coaches preparing us. We'll figure out what happened."

On what there is to play for now...

"Obviously, we can't go to a bowl game, so you try to stay positive. You make sure everybody is up and going. We still have three games to play. You try to build something off those for the future."

On not having Dre Greenlaw for most of the game...

"It impacted us a lot. Dre does a lot of things other guys can't do. He sets the tone. Some of the big plays they had, Dre [Greenlaw] might've stopped."

QB Ty Storey

On they have to play for the rest of the year...

"Yeah, I mean we still have to get better. We have to get some wins, get some positive things rolling. This sucks, losing sucks, and we have to get over that and try to get some wins."

On his productivity with TE Cheyenne O'Grady and lack of productivity with the deep ball...

"Yeah, CJ had another great game. He comes in every week; you know that guy is gonna play. Yeah, I missed Jordan [Jones] obviously that was a big one. I tried to put it on him and just over-shot him a little bit. That's on me, it starts with me. I've got to come out and play quicker and get through my routes quicker and just start off a little hotter than we did today."

On Coach Morris' message after the game...

"Losing is frustrating. I think we're all pretty frustrated and I can only imagine sitting in his shoes and we're feeling the same thing. We've got to get some wins."

RB Chase Hayden

On his mindset going into the game after a tough week....

"Yeah, I'll be going home after the game. It's just good to go out there and score a touchdown but, obviously we didn't win."

On what do they have to play for the rest of the year...

"Like Ty said, if you like to play football, we've got three opportunities to play the game of football and we have to come out and attack each week and try to get a win."

On Coach Morris' message after the game...

"We felt like we could win this game and we definitely had opportunities to win this game. We just didn't come through as a team, so I can see why he's frustrated."