

MISSOURI (3-2, 0-2 SEC) VS. SOUTH CAROLINA (3-2, 2-2 SEC)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2018 | WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM | COLUMBIA, S.C.

>>> SOUTH CAROLINA PLAYER QUOTES

Michael Scarnecchia • Quarterback • RS Senior

On whether he was nervous to start today...

“I was not nervous. I felt confident in my abilities and how the coaches prepared me and the rest of the team, so I felt good with my game plan and everything. Knowing when to play, game time. Jake [Bentley] was getting reps this week and I was getting reps this week. It was just being ready, because you never know what is going to happen. When it came to the decision, I was ready.”

On Jake Bentley's message to him...

“Jake [Bentley] just said he's going to be there for me and help me in any way he can and be the best teammate he can. He did that exact thing. He was helping me out with seeing reads that I might have missed on the field, and stuff that was going on. He was just helping me stay calm through it all. Jake really helped me through that, and he was a great teammate through it all.”

On the drive that set up the game-winning field goal...

“Our defense did a great job with stopping them, having Missouri have a long field goal that they made. We got in good position, I think it was the 30-yard line and the plays we had, I just knew I had to get at least to the 35 to give Parker [White] a chance and we went down there. Stuff happened -- stuff happened right. We were lucky enough to give Parker [White] a chance and he hit it.”

Parker White • Place kicker • RS Sophomore

On what he did during the lightning delays...

“During the break, I took my cleats off because they were soaking wet and hung them up on the dryers. I got a new pair of socks because mine were about 10 pounds each. I kind of just sat there, stretched a bit, didn't really eat or drink much, wasn't really too hungry. Just kind of hung out.”

On how he feels after kicking the game-winning field goal...

“Feels good. To be in that situation before against Louisiana Tech last year definitely kind of helped me through that and just kind of realized that every kick is the same and it could be for the win and it could be in a blowout. No matter how far it is, every kick's the same. Just got to keep it consistent.”

On how he dealt with waiting to kick the game-winning field goal...

“I would say my mind is pretty clear. Wasn't really thinking about too much. I just kind of drank some water, did some practice swings. Just didn't want to overthink it. That's the last thing you want to do in that situation. Just kind of let your thoughts take over. Just kind of have to pretend like it's any other kick. Even though it's for the win, you want it to seem as smooth and natural as possible. Just keeping it simple, I guess.”

Bryan Edwards • Wide receiver • Junior

On playing on a sore ankle...

“It's just one of those things. You've got to have that mentality. I feel like I helped my teammates. Even if it was hurting, in my mind, I was going to go. When you're out there, you've got to make plays and you've got to go. That's about it.”

On his chemistry with Michael Scarnecchia today...

“I felt like we had some pretty good chemistry today. We completed passes and whoever is in at quarterback, in the receiver room, we expect to make plays and make the catch no matter where he puts it. Just give us the opportunity. That's what we say. We went out and I think we did a good job of that today.”

Donell Stanley • Offensive lineman • RS Junior

On his message to Michael Scarnecchia before starting today...

“Well, I’m pretty close with Mike [Scarnecchia], and he was getting a lot of first-team reps early in the week, and I was just telling him to calm down. We brought you here for a reason, so when the big moment comes, just be prepared for it.”

On Michael Scarnecchia’s performance today...

“He played well. We had all the faith in him and we just knew he would get the job for us.”

On the moment he knew Michael Scarnecchia could have a big moment...

“I knew Mike [Scarnecchia] had it in him from the first time I met him. He’s a big guy off the field and on the field, he works hard. It was just the time for him to step up and he did that today.”

Sherrod Greene • LB • SO

On what he was feeling during the interception...

I had read the play from the jump, because I knew it was a third down situation. I knew they needed a big play and I was expecting the screen so when I saw the guards and the tackle screen out, I just went on ahead and did my thing. I was just there to make the play.

On what the fan support meant to him today...

It was good support. It was a game changer. We need the fans behind us to keep us pushing.

On what he thought of Scarnecchia’s play today...

We expected that.

Steven Montac • DB • SR

On what he saw from the younger DB’s on the team today...

Everybody saw in fall camp, that we always knew they could play. Israel (Mukuamu) was just waiting on his opportunity. He had his number called and played really well. He has been playing good on special teams too thought the season but nobody sees. They were ready to play.

On if he sees this matchup as a real rivalry...

They were talking crazy. All I know is that we are the real Columbia.

Bryson Allen-Williams • LB • SR

On how crazy this game was for him...

I was just telling Kier (Thomas) that this is probably one of the craziest games I have ever been a part of, even back to little league ball. You never really have a rain game, and then have an hour delay. The way it looked at the beginning of the game, you wouldn’t of thought it would rain at all. It was crazy, but Coach Muschamp always talks to us about doing and controlling what we can control. So when we stepped back into the locker room for the lightning delay, he made sure to say “control what you can control.” We knew the situation, we knew we had four plays, they were on the 48, and we knew we had to go out there and make a stop to give our offense the ball back.

On Michael Scarnecchia’s play today...

Mike was the first person to teach me how to play FIFA. I remember back when we used to stay in West Quad over the summer of 2014, us just talking about being able to make big time plays for South Carolina. And just to see that come true today, I’m so proud of Mike. We always talk about it, just being ready when the opportunity comes, and I can’t wait for you to show everybody what you can do. A lot of people never really counted Mike in, so I’m glad he got to go out and show the world today. He really helped us win this game.

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>>> MISSOURI HEAD COACH BARRY ODOM QUOTES

Opening Statement

“Obviously devastated with the outcome there of the game, and not being able to find a way to win a close game. Credit to Will [Muschamp], their staff and their kids on making enough plays down the stretch to go win a game that lasted forever... It’s a challenge to us and what we’re going to do to respond. It’s a challenge to our resolve and the willingness to continue to work and do more. I know what I’ve got in the locker room and I know they’re going to keep pounding away. I’m frustrated with not finding a way to win this one, and so is the locker room. We’ve got to look at the opportunities that are coming up on how can you bounce back, how can you continue to work, how can you do the things you need to in order to put yourself and your team in a position to win a game. We’ve got a long ways to go, and a lot of work to do, but I also think we can end up being a good football team.”

On going into next week’s big game after a loss like this...

“Tonight we get home and we make sure that staff wise we do exactly what we’re supposed to do. Tomorrow morning our guys wake up and we’ve got a lift, we’ll go out and run around a little bit to get some soreness out, we’ve got meetings, and then get into a little bit of practice tomorrow night, onto the next opponent, which obviously is the best team in the country. I know that our football team is what they put into this. The amount of time and the care for each other that they have, they’re hurt, there’s no doubt about it, but I don’t for one second think that we’re going to sit back and say ‘woe is me’ and waive the white flag. That’s not where we’re at. We’ve got a lot of ball to play. I’m frustrated, disappointed, you bet, but also use it as motivation to continue to find ways to put your team in position to go play fast and be in position to win a game. We’ve got a really good group of kids and a great locker room. We’ll have to make sure they get over this one, but they will.”

On putting Tucker out there for the long field goal...

“We wanted to get inside the 35, because consistently I’ve seen him do that. I was worried about the one we missed earlier, obviously, on where he was mentally. He said a couple of times he was good, and I believe him. I thought the snap was good, the hold was good, the protection was good, then he knocked it through there like it was what he was supposed to do. I was proud of him on giving us an opportunity to win a game. He did a heck of a job.”

On deciding that Nate Anderson and Emanuel Hall were not coming to South Carolina...

“Those guys, we need them, obviously. They’re great players and so important to what we’re going to do offensively down the stretch. They weren’t in a position that they could go play full speed. At receiver, that’s hard to do. For them, protecting that and making sure that they’ve got their opportunity to play ball down the stretch here, over the course of the season. I thought it was best for them not to go out, because they weren’t 100 percent and they didn’t feel like they could go do it at the level that they needed to.”

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Drew Lock • QB • SR

On relying on different teammates

“It’s a little bit different but we came in with the same game plan as we would have if we had Nate [Brown] and Emmanuel [Hall]. We trust the guys that we’re playing with and I do especially. As far as mindset goes, our mindset was the same.”

On if he’s confident in their ability to bounce back

“I’m really confident that we’ll bounce back quickly because we’ve done it before. We’ve done it 1,000 times. It sucks because we’re going to watch this game and it’s going to be gut wrenching watching it. I have four or five or six or seven plays in my head right now that obviously you want back but that’s football. Whoever prepares the best is going to win the game.”

On the last drive

“I was really confident going into it with the plays I had. We talked about it. Pretty much every scenario that you could possibly think of happening, we talked about it. I was very confident going out there running those scripted plays.”

Paul Adams • OL • R-SR

On the environment in Columbia, S.C.

“It’s very impressive. I love this place. The past two times that I’ve played here has been an incredible time. You have to come to every game ready for anything, as we saw.”

On the locker room mood after the game

“There wasn’t a lot of talking. We just have to learn from what we did wrong. We were up nine at halftime. When we have a lead like that we can’t let it get away. We have to keep it as long as we can. Obviously, that’s the name of the game. There were just points where we stalled out a little bit and we need to pick it up when we get to that.”

Terez Hall • LB • SR

On moving on from this game

“We feel like we should be a good team, to keep it real with you. I feel like we should have handled this team. But it didn’t go like we wanted it to go but we just have to roll with the punches. We can’t lose anymore regardless of who we’re playing. We have Alabama this week, so we’ll prepare for Alabama. Their team’s going to play hard so we’re going to have to strap up and play. From here on out, this is a promise, we’re going to play as hard as we possibly can.”

On if he expected the weather

“It’s the south. It can go either way anytime. Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, all that. It rains all the time down there. When we go down to Florida, it’s probably going to rain and we’re going to play them the same way. We just got to be ready to compete within the elements.”