

## **SOUTH CAROLINA (4-6) vs. APPALACHIAN STATE (8-1)**

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### **>>> SOUTH CAROLINA HEAD COACH WILL MUSCHAMP QUOTES**

#### *Opening statement...*

“I’m extremely disappointed for our football team and our fan base. Give Appalachian State credit, they did the things they had to do to win the game. Two kickoff returns to gain field position, the interception and pick six was a huge momentum boost for them. I’m disappointed for our seniors. When we don’t have the ability, where we are offensively, to run the ball, we’re going to struggle. We had a bunch of drops, one led to the pick-six touchdown. Ryan threw the ball well but it’s hard to rely on some things in the passing game right now. We’re just so inconsistent with personnel and different things that are obviously affecting our football team as far as those things are concerned. Give them credit, they made the plays they had to make and we didn’t. We weren’t efficient enough to have any production offensively until the end.”

#### *On the team’s offensive struggles tonight...*

“I think you’ve got to look at everything across the board. We have some inconsistencies as far as personnel, which is obvious, and we didn’t do a good enough job up front blocking in the run game to create for us. We need to go back and evaluate what we thought was going to be good going into the game because obviously it didn’t. We need to go back and figure out why we didn’t get as much movement up front. We got stalemated on the line of scrimmage by a smaller defensive line, those are the things we’ve got to evaluate.”

#### *On the limitations of the offensive personnel due to injuries and experience...*

“It’s been frustrating. When OrTre Smith, Chavis Dawkins and Shi Smith, guys that have been starters for us, they’re not in the lineup right now. Xavier is a true freshman and he’s doing a really good job. He’s playing a bunch of snaps, and Bryan obviously is playing extremely well. We’ve got to have some more guys step up. I think we get all three of them back next week, that’s what I’m hoping for. There was a chance they might’ve been back this week. We’ve got to get them back.”

#### *On the defensive effort tonight...*

“When you hold a team to 200 yards, they gain field position on kickoff return to start the game for the first field goal. Put themselves in position for the touchdown in the second half on the other kickoff return on our side of the 50, you give up a pick six and another field goal to a really efficient offense. I thought we played well.”

#### *On not letting tonight’s result snowball into next week preparation for Texas A&M...*

“Our guys will be fine. Our guys will be fighting. They’ve got a lot of resolve, they haven’t shown any of that [letting things roll into the following week] at all in my time here at South Carolina. We’ll be fine.”