

**LSU vs. Ole Miss
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Opening Statement...

“It was a tough one. We weren’t finding ways to come out in the second half and put together all three facets of the game. There were breakdowns in all three. Obviously there were breakdowns defensively; we gave up some explosive plays and scores. That’s an excellent football team and they’re going to win a lot of games. They’re really good on the line of scrimmage, on both sides. We’ve got to really, really look at ourselves hard, coaches and players, and figure out why we’re not putting together complete games. Youth is no longer an answer in certain places, and neither are injuries. It’s time to grow and be able to play a complete game in this difficult conference. Congratulations to them, they really dominated this game in the second half.”

On LSU’s success running the ball...

“We saw a lot of great things for seven plays out of ten ... You’ve got to give them credit, sometimes they block you. But they shouldn’t be 70-yard runs. They’re very good at what they do, they had a good plan to check certain things and insert looks, and they’ve got talented running backs that make you pay when they get a crease. We fit some stuff wrong again, we missed some tackles again, and some of the credit goes to them too.”

On Leonard Fournette’s return from injury...

“I think that’s who he is. If he gets creases like he did tonight, I think he’s probably the best in the nation. He was fresh and very healthy. I admire him, I’ve been around him a few times at media day and he’s really a class guy.”

On what to learn from this game...

“It’s hard to say without watching the film what went wrong on every single play, but we’ve just got to keep working. Football is the best training ground for life, and we’re staring adversity right in the face. This will test all of us, and I saw some things tonight that I wasn’t crazy about with certain kids. But we’re a family and we’ve got to fight. There’s going to be difficult times. This is something that’s going to teach them a lot about themselves long after football is over. There was some good and some bad, but there’s a lot of fight in a lot of kids. When things didn’t go well for us, we didn’t respond. Whether it’s a coaching call or not making the right play or not having the right focus and mental toughness to push through the difficult times; a combination of all of those are the things we need to continue to work on. They fight, they battle and they will fight to the end for each other.”