

LSU vs. Chattanooga
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Opening Statement...

“I think there was a lot of improvement from week one to week two. What we talked about with the team was just understanding that we’re a very good football team when we execute. We’re a very good football team when we know our job and we do our job, but we also learned that we’re not a very good football team when we don’t. That’s going to be the most important thing for us. We need to improve our consistency and how we execute. We have to do that every single day. We’ve got to do it Sunday when we’re back in Chattanooga, we’ve got to do it Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Every single day we’ve got to put ourselves in those game-like situations so that we’re challenging ourselves to be our best every single day. I think if we do that and take the right approach with practice, we’re going to see even more improvement coming in week three.”

On the emphasis on improving the running game...

“I thought Darrell (Bridges) ran really well. Our offensive line and our tight ends did an outstanding job in the run game for the most part. We didn’t have very many negative runs. Some runs were two-yard gains, but that’s good. That’s positive yards. As long as we’re staying in phase and going second-and-eight, then third-and-six we feel really good about our opportunity to convert. I was pleased about our run game and that’s definitely something we can build on in the future.”

On giving up a lot of big plays in the passing attack...

“I think that was the story of the game early on. There were just a number of big plays. I thought we were in position on a couple of them. We just have to trust ourselves a little more to make the play and go find the ball. There were a couple opportunities to make some break-ups and potentially some interceptions. I thought we had about three shots to get some takeaways that we didn’t capitalize on because we didn’t quite trust our technique the way we should. But we were in position to make those plays and that’s a real positive.”

On facing Derrius Guice...

“He’s an outstanding player. I think he definitely was a major factor in the game. He had some great runs and that’s an area we can do a little bit better, defending the run. He had a fantastic game.”