

LSU vs. Syracuse
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LSU HEAD COACH ED ORGERON

Opening statement...

"I'm awfully glad that we won that game, obviously. I give Syracuse credit, they battled the whole time. We wanted to give Myles Brennan some reps with the game on the line to see what he could do. Obviously he did well in some situations. He needs to improve in others. Danny (Etling) is our starting quarterback. We just wanted to give Myles a chance with the game on the line. I thought we battled today. Obviously we got ahead. Then on defense they started making some big plays. We weren't good on third down with our pass rush, containment and our coverage. I thought our special teams did a good job today. The kickoffs were going in the end zone. We could have done better on returning and fielding the ball. We gave up too many hidden yards. It's a good win for our team. I know it wasn't pretty and it wasn't exciting, but I'm glad that we won."

On the offense's performance tonight...

"We allowed too much penetration. Danny was under duress the whole night. Without watching the film I'd say that the Syracuse defensive line won."

On last tonight's game compared to last week's vs. Mississippi State...

"Number one we wanted to go against a strong opponent like Mississippi State. I think they're a pretty strong opponent. We had only three penalties tonight, zero in the first half and for that I'm proud. We don't want to have three penalties at all, but we improved on that. We worked very hard on that this week. Other than that, I think that we played an okay game."

On the offensive adjustments at halftime...

"We wanted to improve our protection. We hit that deep ball. We want to continue to hit the deep ball. I think the long balls saved us tonight. We couldn't get much going in the run game tonight. Syracuse was bringing their safeties in so we had a lot of one-on-ones, but it was about protection first."

On the secondary's performance tonight...

"Busts. We had some man-to-man coverages where we let our man go. Sometimes we missed some tackles and we missed some assignments. Nothing that we can't fix."

On the interception by Andraez (Greedy) Williams on the first play from scrimmage...

"I like the interception and the ensuing touchdown. Obviously we will have to watch the film. I didn't see anything crucial out there."

On the performance through the run game tonight...

"Their defensive line was penetrating and stunting, getting in the backfield. We weren't able to pick it up."

On tonight's punt returning...

"We need to field the ball. There are some hidden yards there. We stand at the 10-yard line. If the ball is behind, we won't touch it. If the ball is in front of us, we've got to go get it. We haven't done that. You can't blame D.J. (Chark) since he doesn't have a lot of experience back there. We just need to coach him better. We played a lot of punts safe tonight so we weren't holding up a lot of guys. We thought they might fake it. There were a lot of situations where we went punt safe and we didn't have a big hold up for the return. That was the situation tonight."

On whether or not teams will use Syracuse's approach as a blueprint for playing LSU...

"They had a good plan. Those are the things we'll see coming up. A lot of these offenses are very high tempo. They're tough with good quarterbacks that make plays in space. We've got to get used to that."