

**LSU vs. Syracuse**  
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***Opening Statement...***

"Honestly it was a well-played game. Playing a team like that in a venue like this is extremely difficult. I'm extremely proud of my young men, but by no means are we satisfied with coming here and getting a close loss. We felt like there were enough plays out there for us to make and if we made the plays we would have had the opportunity to win. We're disappointed that we didn't."

***On his team turning a corner or not...***

"We just lost a game. I don't know if you can turn a corners when you lose."

***On hanging in the game with LSU...***

"We shouldn't be satisfied. There are going to be people that say, 'Hey that was a good game.' We shouldn't be satisfied we could have won that football game. We didn't and they need to understand that hurts and we need to go out and find a way to go out and win the next one."

***On the biggest thing that went wrong tonight...***

"We didn't score enough points. I'm not trying to be short with you, but we didn't score enough points. If you're going to come out and beat a team like this on the road you better score in the 40s. If you're not in the 30s or 40s, it's going to be hard and we had plays out there to get us to those numbers. They're a good team. They're going to score points and we've got to score points too."

***On the defense having a coming out party...***

"I just think they played their you know what's off. The first play is seven the other way, then another seven to start the second half. I don't know how long that pass was, I want to say it was 55 yards in the air and he just couldn't run with the guy. He's faster than us so it's kind of hard to yell at someone for that. Take away those 14 points and it's a different game."

***On the resilience his team showed...***

"I'm not upset. I'm disappointed that those young men didn't get the opportunity to win a game like that in a venue like this that would effect them for the rest of their lives. It would have been something they could have told their kids about and their grandkids about. I've had those victories and it hurts me that they can't have one of those victories yet. Maybe one of those victories is going to come later on down the road. So I'm not upset I'm proud of those guys, I'm just disappointed they didn't realize how close they were and I'm disappointed that they didn't get it right now, but we'll keep working."