



## 2017 Florida Football Postgame Quotes

Jimbo Fisher, Florida State Head Coach

Florida 22, Florida State 38

November 25, 2017

### *Opening Statement:*

"First of all, I would like to say it is a great honor to be a part of this rivalry. Though the records aren't what they have been before, Florida State vs. Florida means a lot. I'm very proud of our kids for competing in the game. Our offense played well and our defense played outstanding today creating opportunities for our team to score points. They created turnovers and gave us good field position. The offense was very opportunistic scoring touchdowns when we got down there and finished drives. We did leave some things on the table. We dropped some balls and missed opportunities that we should have made better. At the same time, I am really proud of James Blackman. He played awesome for a freshman in this environment. I thought he handled it well. Even the turnover wasn't on him as it hit the receiver in the hands and they came up with the interception. I thought Logan Tyler was outstanding today punting the football. He let us control field position and got us out of tough situations when we were backed up. We still have one more game. The season isn't over. We put ourselves in position to keep our 35-year bowl streak alive which is extremely important for all those kids who have played here and will play here. I thought Jacques Patrick made some big plays. We battled really hard and made some big plays and I'm extremely proud of them."

### *On having the longest winning streak against Florida:*

"It means a lot. In a year that people have been calling a washed year, we were able to go out and accomplish something that has never been done before. These kids believe in what they do and fight for it and we went out and won five in a row against Florida. That's a tremendous accomplishment and a sign of our player's character that rivalry games matter no matter what your record is."

### *On what has changed in your team at the end of the season:*

"They aren't any different. They are just learning to find ways to pull games out even when you're not playing well. These young guys are developing and we are showing heart and character in order to pull these games out."



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### Senior LB Joseph Pugh

*On ending the season strong:*

"We are having fun and playing through adversity. Our locker room is determined not to lose."

*On creating turnovers:*

"That's big. When the defense can create turnovers and help the offense out, it puts us in a great situation to win."

*On what it means to beat Florida:*

"It's big because they are right down the road from us. They are our rivals and I hadn't planned on losing to them at all while I was at Florida State."

### Redshirt Junior OL Alec Eberle

*On the game:*

"Any time you have a season where you go through a lot and it comes down to the wire, every game matters. These past couple of games mean the most to our team because we are trying to keep the bowl streak alive."

"Florida had a good defense and they came hard. We took advantage of opportunities we were blessed with. To come in here and have the guys finish and take advantage and capitalize, it was huge. I am really proud of my teammates."

*On being a member of an FSU team that has beaten Florida five times in a row:*

"It is huge. There is still so much to play for this season; there is still an opportunity to make history. The season is never over; you just have to continue to play hard."