

Georgia Postgame Quotes

Georgia vs. Marshall

Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025 | Dooley Field at Sanford Stadium

Head Coach Kirby Smart

On the environment and excitement of the first home game...

"I am happy for these kids. They work year-round. You only get so many games. I was really pleased with our guys coming out with a great attitude, great opening drive, converted some fourth downs. Really big drive to start the second half to kind of put it out of reach. I am proud of the way our team competed."

On Gunner Stockton's play...

"He's a warrior. He's tough. You see across the country right now, these quarterbacks that have legs and can do things and turn and run, and take off when they got a sack. It's frustrating for a defensive coach to have a sack and then all of a sudden it turns into a first down or have a lost yardage play and all the sudden it turns in to a touchdown run by the quarterback. I thought he did a really nice job and executed well."

On the defensive performance...

"They played hard and ran to the ball. I'll wait to reserve judgement until we get to the film but I did think we ran to the ball hard. I thought guys competed. I still think if we're going to be who we want to be we have to create more turnovers."

#14 Gunner Stockton | QB | R-Jr.

On starting as quarterback for the first time in Sanford. . .

"It's always a different feeling when you're starting for sure. This was a dream come true and I enjoyed it for sure. We won a ball game, so we had fun, but we have to get better each week."

On Georgia's offensive control. . .

"I [think we had good control] for the most part. Marshall's a good football team, and we started fast and we kept that pace, so we'll get stronger."

On his passing performance. . .

"I think everybody wants to complete every ball they throw. I think being able to throw the ball in any circumstance is a big thing."

#5 Raylen Wilson | ILB | Jr.

On facing an opponent for the first time this season...

"It was really satisfying for everybody. We were really tired of hitting each other and ready to hit somebody with other colors on."

On holding Marshall to minimal third downs...

"It shows that we care about every down. The biggest thing is just getting them a third down so we can turn, cut loose and put our rushers out there."

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Head Coach Tony Gibson

Opening Statement...

"First off, congratulations to Georgia. They are a top five team for a reason. We just couldn't get anything going on our end. We struggled on defense. We had some opportunities to get off the field. Unfortunately, we gave up two big runs at quarterback. That was disappointing. The blocked punt took a lot of air out of us. I will take this one on me. Our staff, we have to do a better job. We have to get our guys better prepared. That was the first one of many. I promise you, Herd Nation, we will be better next week."

On the quarterback rotation and performances against Georgia...

"I thought JacQai (Long), early on was a little nervous. He was going into his first start, and we did it to him at Georgia. He has been our best quarterback through camp, and I like where he is at. Carlos (Del Rio-Wilson), we just tried to get in and get some run game going with our quarterback to mix it up a little bit. We killed ourselves with a few penalties. Then Zion (Turner) came in the fourth quarter and brought a little energy to us. We finally crossed the 50-yard line to punch one in. He made a couple of good throws. I will have to go back and evaluate who our guy will be next week."

On the defensive performance in the fourth quarter...

"I think the speed of the game to start rattled us a little bit. Once we got dialed in, I thought our kids did a really good job. In the second quarter we played really well. Unfortunately, we gave up the field goal there. Our guys are resilient. They want to get better. They love football. They love this university. We are going to keep coaching them. We've got 11 more games left. We will continue to get better every week."

#0 Cam Smith | S | R-Sr.

On acclimating to Georgia's speed and size...

"We struggled in the first 15 plays, but once we got situated I feel like we started to play together. You could see we started slowing down a little bit. We started getting off the field on third down, that's what we struggled with in the first quarter."

On what Marshall learned about themselves...

"It took us a minute to come out, but we are a really good team. We've got to fix the little things, but once we fix those, we will be good."