Georgia Head Coach Kirby Smart

Opening Statement

“For tonight, our guys really came in and focused. We talked about being on the line, being impressed with the company from the start. The defense coaches had a great plan. The defense coaches did a great job of staying aggressive. We wanted to hold the line of scrimmage, and I thought we did that. On the next one now. They just get bigger from here. To say that wasn't a big win, it was a tough place to play. A quarterback that I have tremendous respect for. Coach Pete [Golding] is a great coach. Tonight wasn't their night, it was ours, and our guys played hard.”

On the preparation for this game….

“I was really proud of the whole defense staff. Glenn [Schumann] does a great job. Played them twice last year. We left a lot of plays out there, and it was really to get those right. We gave them a lot of time, and it was an issue. When you give him [Chambliss] less time, and try to get in, he still may get you. He [Schumann] did a good job, called the game, and our kids stuck to the plan. The plan was to possess the ball offensively, own the line scrimmage, they did that in the first half. Stay aggressive on the defense. The kids bought into that. There were a lot of things that they did in that game.”

On the physicality of the team…

“That makes the game what it is. If you run the ball, that makes a lot of the play action easier. Physicality is our brand of football. It allows Gunner to take shots and do things he is capable of. A combination of that really helps. We couldn't do it without leaning on the offensive line and some good backs. A great staff, a good offensive staff. They still believe in the hat on the hat and running things. A lot of people don't do that. We still do what we do in the running game, and we showed it tonight.”

On getting off to a fast start offensively…

“It was a big factor because they lasted the whole game and it was impactful last time We felt like we could take them out of the game. We could run the ball well. We got to be multi-dimensional. I thought we were tonight.”

On the message after this game…

“It's a week away from the humility. We sat on the road last night. It came at night. It's a really good team too. We didn't take care of business the next week. How do you handle success? Our guys have started kind of leading each other. I don't know about the new players. That was about the culture on our team and kind of leadership. Did they go about work the right way? It’s not going to be any different next week. We’ve got a good team coming to Athens next week. We’re beat up. We’re banged up. So is everybody else in the league.”

#14 Gunner Stockton | 5th | QB

On facing Ole Mis QB Trinidad Chambliss…

“It's just one of our games. I have a lot of respect for Trinidad. I got to play with them last year for the Manning camp. I got to spend a lot of time with them. I think they're one of the best teams out there. I have a lot of respect for them.”

On RB Nate Frazier….
“The first play, being explosive. He runs the ball hard. He runs the ball hard on the team. It definitely shows that way.”

On having OL Drew Bobo in this game…
“I think he was happy to be able to stop him last year, but he's always bringing his best every game. You're going to get the best out of Drew.”

On the win compared to last season’s matchups with Ole Miss….
“It's two ends of the spectrum but definitely, now it's a great win. We're going to enjoy it. We've got a game next week. It's got to get better each week.”

On preparing for Missouri next week…
“I think definitely. You don't want to repeat. I thought we had a good week ahead of Auburn. Definitely don’t want to hit a the wall or anything like that. Just attack it like we did this week.”

#5 Raylen Wilson | Sr. | ILB
On the environment…
“It was definitely a tough place to play. We showed out how we could. We did everything we could and that was enough.”

On what this game shows…
“This just shows us that if we execute, we can beat anybody. Ole Miss is a great team. They have a great offense and great defense.”

On what worked well for the defense…
“I'd say we were coming out on more because we were dialing it up. We didn't miss our layups. We got them down where we needed to.”

#4 KJ Bolden | Jr. | DB
On the meaning of this win…
“We're on the hunt. Last year was heartbreaking for sure. Losing a whole season like that, a long field goal like that. They had a great team last year. They have a great team this year, but we're just on the hunt. It didn't mean more to us this year.”

On containing Ole Miss QB Trinidad Chambliss…
“You can't be selfish, can't try to beat your guy and run all the way around. He steps up and scramble. You can't do that. You have to rush as a unit, keep him in the trap, keep him in the pocket.”

On his interception…
“I really thought he went for the ball out of bounds. I thought he went for the ball out of bounds. We sent a bus at him, like six, I think. We sent the six of them. They got home and he kind of scrambled out. I was just kind of moving over with him a little bit, and then I just kind of saw the ball and play. I was like, ‘This is great.’ This is going to go right to me.”