



NORTH ALABAMA LIONS 7 (0-1)
AT
LIBERTY FLAMES 28 (3-0)
WILLIAMS STADIUM | SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 2020

Liberty Head Coach Hugh Freeze

On the team's performance on offense with 21 points in the second half...

"We just challenged the offensive line to take the game over and win it. We certainly did not play well offensively. We did not execute very well. We were not very balanced at all. Fortunately, the offensive line and running backs were able to get it done in rushing the football in the second half."

On the defense's performance...

"It was really good to see our defense get some turnovers. We hadn't turned the ball over until today offensively, but we hadn't turned them over either. It was good to see them (the defense) get three today. Those were big to see. I thought our defense played pretty sound, and we played a lot of kids over there."

More on the defense and guys who had to step in today...

"Stephen Sings I thought had a really good game. Kendy (Charles), (Karsen) Perkins, William Green, we played a lot of kids defensively that typically hadn't been getting a lot of snaps. We certainly have got to get some kids healthy and continue to be prayerful and hopeful that we stay in good shape with COVID."

On being 3-0 and what positions groups he is pleased with...

"We're happy to be 3-0. This one means as much as last week's. Two weeks in a row, I don't feel like we've played great football. I've got to figure out how to get us ready for next week to play a good game. I think we've done well up front on the O-line and D-line. I think those are the two strongest points we have. I think our running back room would be next. They've taken care of the ball, and they're getting dirty yards when we need them and keeping us on schedule. In the trenches, we've held up pretty well in the games we've played."

On the quarterbacks' performance today...

"We'll look at the film and talk as a staff and evaluate their play. It was definitely inconsistent at times. They made some good plays and some good touchdown throws when we needed them. Other times they didn't make plays we expect both of them to make. Physically, they can for sure. We're blessed. I think all three can do some things for us."

On Stephen Sings V's play today (four total tackles (two solo, two assisted), 1.5 tackles for a loss)...

"We've said from day one we think he's going to be a special player. It's exciting to see us start developing some depth with those kids. He's explosive in practice. We've got some talent there with our defensive ends. We're going to need him. It's a long season. We needed him desperately today. He probably played too many snaps for what he was prepared for. I'm really proud of the effort he gave today."

On Juawan Treadwell's play today (six total tackles (five solo, one assisted) and one tackle for loss)...

"I thought he had a really solid game. We decided to give him the start today at the nickel, and we moved (Javon) Scruggs back to one of the safety positions. He had to play a lot of snaps."

Liberty Head Coach Hugh Freeze (Cont.)

On Joshua Mack's performance (16 carries for 130 yards) and his three straight 100-yard rushing games...

"He's our go-to guy in critical situations and critical drives. He's proven that he's worthy of that. Today, he did the same."

North Alabama Head Coach Chris Willis

Overall thoughts on the game...

"They came out in the second half and got after us a little bit. There were about five glaring plays, with turnovers and some crucial penalties, that really hurt us. They wouldn't have changed the outcome of the game, but it would have kept us in it. The main thing is we have our first game under our belts, and we can go back and break it down on film and go from there. I was pleased in a lot of areas, but we've got to be able to put the ball in the end zone. I liked our team's attitude, even in the fourth quarter. They were wanting to go down and get a touchdown, and they were able to do it."

On his team's three turnovers today...

"We also have to eliminate mistakes. You can't play an FBS team, especially one of this quality, and help them with turnovers and have a chance."

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