STEVE ADDAZIO: Okay, obviously disappointing. I thought we battled right to the end, but can't give up big chunk plays. Too many missed tackles, and when you do that, they had an ability to rip off 21 points in a row at some point there in the second half.

You know, it's tough to win like that. I thought we played hard. I thought they competed hard. Got to go back, got to watch the tape, got to see where those issues are, got to correct them, move forward, get ready for the bye week, get some guys back, as well, and continue to improve.

Any questions?

Q. Just looking at it now, is there ever a point whether it's in this game or through the season like a reason you can't get the tackling sharp specifically?
STEVE ADDAZIO: Yeah, I mean, you've got to tackle. We're doing everything we can right now tackling. It's been up, it's been down, it's been better, it's been -- it's a roller coaster ride with the tackling. It's not good enough. We've got to continue to get better. We've got to work at it.

Obviously add into the fact we lost our two starting safeties last week, that doesn't help matters. We've just got to retool with the guys we have and get better at the tackling. That's one of the things we thought we were starting to get on top of, but then we lose those guys and we're back into this with this again now, so we're going to have to go back and work at it.

Q. You mentioned the bye week. Obviously, a couple weeks ago before the NC State game you talked a little bit about fundamentals and getting back to the basics. With two weeks left in the regular season, is that back where you're at again, getting back to the fundamentals, improving the tackling, pursuit angles, all that stuff?
STEVE ADDAZIO: Yes. It's going to be an ongoing deal. We're never going to stop that. We've got to get better at tackling and continue to work at, like you said, our angles on our tackles, and we've got to continue to grow these guys. I mean, you're playing with a lot of guys back there that have a lot of youth, and it's up and down right now and that's frustrating, but at the end of the day they'll improve and we'll gain with that.

So that's what we'll do in the bye week, but quite frankly we're going to have to get some rest in the bye week and see who we can get back. Obviously, we believe we can get Mike Palmer back, and Connor Grieco is not going to be able to be back. We'll just keep rolling from there. This time of year in the season, that's where you're at. You know, Benny Glines wasn't able to go today, Hunter Long wasn't really able to go much at all today, Mike Palmer wasn't able to go today. So hopefully over the next two weeks we'll be able to gather them back.

Q. Jordan Travis came in a couple times for them and he broke out those two scores on those option runs. Was that a wrinkle in their offense or was that something you guys had prepared for?
STEVE ADDAZIO: We've seen that on tape. I mean, that's not -- it's not like a lot of it, but it's there. You know, we prepared for that. That's not something that we didn't see or prepare for.
Q. Seemed like that fourth quarter was a microcosm of the way this team has gone the second half of the season with inconsistency. You guys did battle back and tie the game at 24. What's going through your mind at that point, expending all of that energy to tie the game, and how do you look for consistency in the last two regular season games?

STEVE ADDAZIO: Well, I mean, I felt during that game that we were going to have to score over 30. What happens sometimes in the course of the game is when it comes in bunches like that, it can be a little deflating, and we have to continue to bounce back from that. But you know, I think during the game, I felt good, to be honest with you. At a point I just felt we're going to be right in this thing right at the end with a great opportunity to win the game. That last quick gain they threw a three-step drop, quick-gain slant route that went for 60, that was a back breaker right there to me. I mean, it was just quick gain, and goes for 60. That can't happen. You knock them down at that point, get the ball back, you're in great shape. But we didn't. And the momentum flipped again.

But we kept battling. You know, we had over 500 yards of offense here against a very good defense. You know, I think we had 508 yards or something like that. I don't know. We had over 250 rushing, 300 throwing. I mean, starts with you've got to play great defense, and you've got to get rid of the chunk plays and you've got to get rid of the missed tackles in order to stop the chunk plays, and that's something that we've been extremely inconsistent with.

Q. (Indiscernible).

STEVE ADDAZIO: Yeah, I mean, just got to make a play. We didn't make a play. He caught it and he went down the field and he was sticking his foot in the ground and juking guys along the way down the field. I mean, listen, make no mistake about that, either. Their running back is going to be a top draft pick. He's got great speed, and the two receivers are dynamic players. Don't get fooled by that now. That's real. That's not something -- we knew that. That's not a mystery.

You know, I thought their quarterback played quite well today to tell you the truth. We had him corralled what appeared to be a couple times in the backfield and we had some missed tackles and they turned into big plays. Those can't happen. That's not necessary. Ball's on the ground, fumbling around, picks it up, breaks the tackle. Those are the things that we've got to eradicate. Those are very makeable plays, and we've got to make those plays. And we had a great opportunity in the course of that game, too; the kickoff return, ball was spit out, it was in our hands, then we lost it and it was right after we scored. We would have had the ball on the 15-, 20-yard line, but we didn't get that ball.

Q. (Indiscernible).

STEVE ADDAZIO: Listen, you know, this isn't complicated. You know, we lost a fair number of players on defense, and we've got some very talented young players that we're trying to plug in on defense right now, and they're young. And we've got to continue to grow and develop with those guys.

You're replacing eight guys, two guys that you thought you'd have back. The good news was one of them, obviously a corner left early and then of course Duff was out this season. We thought we'd have him back, but he came back today, which was really great to see him on the field. I don't know how many snaps he got on the field today, but this was his first game to get back on the field and try to make his way back.

So that's encouraging. But we've got to keep developing our guys on defense, and that's where we are, and I knew that going in, I know it now, and it's just not shocking, it's just we've got to -- we're in a footrace to develop there to the best that we can develop there. But we're essentially playing with almost
a complete new secondary and almost a whole new front. You know, along the way, we're going to keep getting these guys in there, these younger guys and keep playing and keep growing, and that's a good thing. We're sky high on some of them, and it's unfortunate that Connor Grieco broke his arm last week. That's unfortunate. He was off and running to what was to me to be a very promising close of his freshman year. So that's it.

Q. (Indiscernible).
STEVE ADDAZIO: Well, I'm not -- it's really -- I can't really comment on injuries, especially ones that I don't have great clarity on. But Connor is gone for the year, and I just said that. Chris Garrison is gone for the year. We said that. Mike Palmer is out with a lower leg injury. Hopefully we'll get him back in the next two weeks. Ben Glines had a lower leg injury. We will absolutely get him back over the next two weeks. Hunter Long had a lower leg injury. We will absolutely get him back over the next two weeks. Mehdi made his way back for this game. Hunter did partially. I don't know who I'm missing. David, I don't have the information right now to the extent of exactly what that issue is. So I'm not -- you know, the head coaches aren't injury report givers, but I think I gave you a fair amount of information about as much as I can do. I don't think there's much mystery there.

Q. Obviously tough game to lose, but you can always draw positives from games like this, as well, and you just listed a whole litany of injuries, but talk about your consistency on offense and the job that offensive coordinator Mike Bajakian has done this season.
STEVE ADDAZIO: Yeah, fabulous. I love where we are on offense right now. I think we've got a lot of experience over there right now. We've got a bunch of those guys are all going to be back, which is exciting. We have talent. You saw Ethon Williams out there today make a couple of big catches. That's exciting. Kobay and Ethon and Zay and CJ Lewis is redshirting this year because of a preseason injury. So that's exciting. It's duly documented with the tight ends, Hunter and Danny Dalton -- Danny Dalton has been out, too. We're hoping to get him back here. But we're very excited about our tight ends and our offensive line is going to really -- I think it's going to be special as we move forward.

And I think obviously Anthony will be back, and I just think Dennis -- Dennis really in the last two weeks has taken some really good steps. He threw the ball with confidence, he's running the ball, he's running the offense. He's doing a hell of a job. Those backs speak for themselves, and we have one that we haven't even really unleashed yet. So that's very, very exciting on the offense, and Mike is doing a great job, our offensive staff is doing a great job, and we've just to continue to -- we're putting up nationally big numbers, and that's why we've got a footrace to keep developing on the other side, because it starts with playing great defense, the ability to run the football, score in the red zone, which we got hampered today because we missed two field goals, and we shouldn't have to miss those. No turnovers, we were leading -- we were in the top 15 in the country, fewest turnovers. So those categories, the obvious category is we've got to continue to improve. We've got to get better back-end play, and we've got to get better pass rush. Simple as that.

**Boston College QB Dennis Grosel**

**Q. As far as positives go today, can you talk about what you learned in that fourth quarter comeback, leading the team to get back to 24-all?**
DENNIS GROSEL: I think the one positive is just that you're never really out of it. As demoralizing as some drives may feel or some games may feel, you're one drive away from being back into it, an onside
takeaway from having the ball back. So I think one positive is keeping the faith, keep driving, and if one or two plays fall our way in the last couple minutes, it could have been a completely different ballgame.

Q. Kind of describe (indiscernible).
DENNIS GROSEL: Yeah, I mean, obviously the goal prior to was to tie the game. I didn't really have the opportunity to watch that last drive. We were getting the offense ready for that game plan and go in the game. Obviously we'll go watch the film and see what happened, what went wrong. As an offense we're trusting the defense to stop them when we're on the bench making our game plan to go in the game, and we were ready to do that, given the opportunity.

Q. Talk about the balance you were able to provide the offense today, a little more passing.
DENNIS GROSEL: Yeah, we knew heading in that we were going to need a little more balance than we've had the past couple weeks. I was pretty happy with the way our pass and run game married up this week. I think they did a pretty good job of stopping the run. But as an offense we need to be more balanced, and I think we brought that a little more today. Unfortunately it wasn't enough.

Q. What will be the key to consistency in your final two regular season games as you guys obviously try to become bowl eligible?
DENNIS GROSEL: I think the biggest thing is owning our scheme and keep pushing forward. You know, whether that be -- obviously we have two really talented backs and a really talented offensive line that we're looking to run the ball. I think developing maybe a complement to that; I think we have a pretty good one. But when teams come in here, they're going to load the box, and we're going to need to make some plays on the outside, which I thought we did pretty well today. But just moving forward, owning our scheme, doing our thing and making a more complete offense.

Boston College LB John Lamot

Q. It seemed a lot of what Florida State accomplished today was on five or six plays. Is that something that you have to eliminate those chunk plays and this would have been a different outcome?
JOHN LAMOT: Definitely. I mean, I feel like we played a good game defensively in the first half other than letting up the one big touchdown play. Second half, we tried to hone in on limiting the big plays, and I feel like we did so. I feel like they sustained a little more drives down the field, and then of course like you said, the big plays. And that's I feel like something as a defense, that's one of our goals is to limit big plays in order to win, and we didn't do so today.

Q. John, it seemed there were a lot of missed tackles. Was that more BC or was that something about Florida State that they were hard to tackle?
JOHN LAMOT: I feel like it was a mixture of both, but I feel like those are some tackles, different angles, I guess. You can't really tell, but at the end of the day, we have to still stick to our fundamentals and wrap up and come up with a body part if you want to go into the tackle like that.

Q. All season long you guys have been called a young defense, and I'm sure you're sick of hearing that. Is it still fair to call you young or do you feel like this shouldn't be happening as consistently as it is?
JOHN LAMOT: Yeah, I mean, we've got guys that haven't started previously, but they've had enough playing time and experience to limit, I guess, that excuse, so I feel like that shouldn't be an excuse anymore. It's not really an excuse in the first place. So yeah, I feel like we've just got to play better.

Q. What's the attitude after a bye week next week? You've got two road games, Notre Dame and Pittsburgh. What's the attitude in terms of achieving some consistency and becoming bowl eligible?
JOHN LAMOT: We've just got to finish. I feel like we play with a lot of effort, and we've got the heart and the passion but I feel like we have a problem with finishing at times. I feel like we get to the moment and we falter. I feel like we've just got to stay positive and keep encouraging each other and just stick to the game plan and just believe and finish.

Q. As far as the missed tackles go, is there a quick fix, a way for you guys to get more consistent heading into the last couple games of the year?
JOHN LAMOT: Just practice. We practice it every day. Yeah, every day, every week. We've just got to keep doing it and it's about confidence. We've just got to keep our confidence up and just keep going at it every day.

Q. What's it been like in terms of difficulty or just kind of navigating some of the injuries you've had to deal with in the last couple weeks?
JOHN LAMOT: I feel like injuries are a part of the game, so the next-man-up mentality has come into play, so I mean, when your number is called, you just have to be ready. It's not really an excuse that we have injuries. Everybody has injuries, so I don't think we can use that as a reason why we lost or going forward use it as a reason of anything, yeah.

Q. (Indiscernible).
JOHN LAMOT: Right there, yeah. Yeah, I thought I hit his arm, but he made a great play and they scored, so you've got to live with it, yeah.

Florida State Interim Head Coach Odell Haggins

ODELL HAGGINS: Well, I tell be this: I'm so proud of these young men. They were very resilient. Very resilient. They didn't flinch. Came out when everything happened this past weekend, went to practice on Sunday, and ran the hardest they possibly could on Sunday.

They wanted to show, we are Florida State. We are unconquered. Coach, we got your back, man. That's what they showed me. A lot of them came up to me and said, Coach, we got your back, and they showed me by going out, running hard, and practicing hard on Sunday.

Also, I just want to thank David Colvin and the president believing in me. Again. They asked me. I didn't blink an eye. This is my school. I love it. School has done a lot for me. Has done a lot for Odell Haggins. Thank you very much Mr. Colvin and John Thrasher for believing in me again.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.
Q. Coach, what was the mood like after the game in the locker room? What did you say to the guys?
ODELL HAGGINS: The mood in the locker room was great. It was great. The kids had a feeling. They showed me. They didn't just say, Coach, we got your back. They showed me. The mood, it's hard to explain when you're a Seminole and you see kids fight for you that went through adversity, something like that happened last Sunday. It's so hard to explain.

But the mood was great. Each and every player in there, they showed Florida State, Hey, I love this school. We're going to fight for Florida State and fight for you, coach.

It was outstanding.

Q. Not just the adversity with the coaching situation, but you had a lot of players out. What do you see from this team in terms of the way they battled through the adversity?
ODELL HAGGINS: Like I said, Sunday they showed me when they came out to practice. These kids really care about their school. They love Florida State. Florida State is different. Different. Reason why I say that, look at me. I've had a lot of the opportunities, but you know what, though? I've stayed at my school and do the best for my school.

Prime example. Once you're a Seminole you're always a Seminole. You love this school and this school going to love you.

Q. At what point in the week did you know you were going to use Jordan Travis and what was the plan going in?
ODELL HAGGINS: Well, Kendall, he said something to me about it. I said, Kendall, run your offense. You make that decision. Let's go with it. I support you. Fist bump. Hey, you're a Seminole brother.

Our standards here are very high. You get in there, you make the plays, you do what you're supposed to do, and left it at that.

Q. Coach, we saw the team get in a situation where they had some early adversity and bounced back, and the other team punched pack. Sort of back and forth. That's something we haven't really seen from the team being able to come out on top this season. What does it say about the guys that this time they were able to rally and come out on top?
ODELL HAGGINS: Yeah. The young men -- I'll say this right here: We got some great kids on this football team. We have great kids. A lot of people want to count them out, but they want to show the nation, we are Florida State.

Like I told you, once you sign with Florida State University, it's different. People can say what they want to say about Florida State. You sign here, you're fighting for something.

Q. Odell, (indiscernible) finishes with I guess upwards of 20 tackles. His physicality against the running attack, what did he do so well for you guys today?
ODELL HAGGINS: You know what it he did? Made a commitment Sunday. He said, Coach, we're not going anywhere. Coach, this week of practice I'm going to have a great week of practice. I'm coming downhill. Don't worry, Coach. He said that. The guy said to me, It's only one way, the Nole way, N-o-l-e. They believe that. Only one way, the Nole way.
Made a commitment Sunday. He's one of the guys that came up to me and said that. So I appreciate him. Great guy. Hung in there with us. One of the leaders on this team.

**Florida State RB Cam Akers**

**Q. With the way this week started, to end this with a victory, what does this mean to you guys?**

CAM AKERS: Means a lot for this team. Just shows that we play for each other regardless of else is going on around us. As a team, as players, we go out and play for each other. I think you seen a lot of that today.

A lot of people want to play for their brother, for the man next to them. When we play like that, good things are destined to happen.

**Q. What kind of unifying presence is Odell?**

CAM AKERS: Great presence. Coach Odell, he wants to do everything the right way. He wants is to win more than anything. He wants is to be successful as a team and individually, each player individually.

So, you know, he pushes us in practice, he pushes us in the film room and the weight room just to be best you can be. Never take a day off. Never settle. Go out and be the best you can be.

**Q. You've been a leader for this team. How proud were you of this team showing the resolve that they had coming out and getting this win?**

CAM AKERS: Oh, I'm very proud of our team. We came out is showed a lot of resilience, a lot of fight. We were down at halftime; we came out and we dominated. We showed we can come back and play Florida State football through all the madness, the things we've been going through throughout this past week. We showed we can go out and keep playing football. We play for each other.

**Q. When did you guys have an idea Jordan might get some opportunities? And to see him flourish in his chance, what does that mean to you guys?**

CAM AKERS: We had an idea earlier in the week. He was working all week getting reps. Just to see him come out and dominate the run game like that, you know, that's just crazy. That's amazing to me. He came out and I think he rushed for 100 yards, three carries, two touchdowns. That just speaks for itself.

**Q. DJ's touchdown, what you did you see on the play and what it was like to see him make a critical play in that moment?**

CAM AKERS: I saw DJ being DJ. That's the type of stuff I've seen him do since high school. For him to go out and make the play -- you know, I think he's been feeling a little sick today, and he still came out and gave the team everything he had.

So for DJ to go do that, that just shows the character he has and the fight he has for our team. He came out and made plays for us and we couldn't be more appreciative.