
2010 AutoZone Liberty Bowl Postgame Quotes

UCF Head Coach George O'Leary

Opening comments on the Liberty Bowl

First of all I want to thank the Liberty Bowl for great hospitality and for a great week. I've been to a lot of bowls in my career, and I think you do it with class and you always have good competition.

This game today could have gone either way. I think it showed two class programs that fought each other very hard out there. Again, a great Liberty Bowl, a great TV game and I'm very happy for you guys and obviously for our whole program.

On defending Georgia's last drive

I thought they finished it off very well. I only thought there was one second on the clock not two at the end, but it really didn't make any difference. They had a couple opportunities where a couple of those turnovers really helped, and I thought Georgia was driving the ball when they occurred. I think it was a well-played college football game, and I think both teams deserve recognition and credit for a lot of good things done out there. I was happy to see that ball hit the end zone, and finally the fat lady sang at the end of the game, and it's a great win for our program. Since I got here, this is the fourth bowl we've been in, and this is the first bowl win, so I'm happy for our senior class. I'm happy to see them go out with a bowl win.

On Latavious Murray

Latavious is a big guy. He's like 6-3, about 224. He runs hard. He gets north and south pretty quickly. I thought today that touchdown that he hit was blocked well. We had some good angles on the block. I thought Georgia gave us a hard time all day in the run game. They were stout up front, and I think he made some big yards on some good cuts, and that's what good running backs do. I'm happy for him. He's a young guy, and he has a great future for himself. He just needs to continue to get better and stronger, and he'll have a bright future.

On the 2010 Season

I got here seven years ago, and we've come a long way in eight years. It takes time to get a program going, but I think the depth is there now. I think we'll be a solid football program again next year. I think we are losing some good players, but I think some good players are still in the program and coming up in the depth charts. Again, it doesn't happen unless the school makes a commitment, and I think that Dr. Hitt has done what he talked to me about when I came here, and that's important. So again, this is a good win for the UCF program, but also for our conference. We haven't won up here against an SEC opponent, so it's great for Conference USA, and it's great for our program heading into next year.

UCF Junior Linebacker Josh Linam

Talk about the last series and what the defense thought when there was two seconds added to the clock.

The defense was thinking the whole time just get four stops and get out of there. All of the seniors just stuck together and did our part to get the victory.

Talk about what you were thinking when you got the interception

I was thinking just catch it and not fumble it so coach wouldn't get mad.

Did you think the defense would only give up six points tonight?

We thought we would give up zero. We knew it was going to be a tight ball game, and we prepared for that. We just came out and did our job.

UCF Freshman Quarterback Jeff Godfrey

Did you think your first season would go as well as it has?

This first season has gone better than I pictured it. It's great to win the conference championship and the bowl game for the program, the players, the coaches and the fans. It feels great to be a part of that.

UCF r-Sophomore Halfback Latavius Murray

How big a relief was the touchdown run you had?

It was a big relief because we had been running the ball early in the game and wanted to punch one in. I was running with a 40 yard attitude, and that's what we were coached to do. I think the touchdown was a big relief for the team.