

Nebraska vs. Ohio State (Oct. 8, 2011)

Ohio State Head Coach Luke Fickell Postgame Quotes

On if he had ever seen a game like that and on how the complexion of the season changed:

"I wouldn't go as far to say the season. I don't think I've seen a game that has changed like that that I have been involved with."

On how the team prepared this week and why they were so ready to go in the first half:

"They wanted it. They were focused. This was the best I had seen them on a Friday night. Just everything. They know what it is about. They didn't like how they played last week. They were ready to get out there in this great atmosphere. I couldn't ask them to prepare anymore."

On if this is a lesson in how to close a game:

"I'm sure there are a lot of lessons out there. We have to figure out what they are and grow from them. It's a part of life."

On if he attributes part of Nebraska's comeback to emotion or execution:

"It's a lot of both. A football game is a game of momentum. When it shifts the other way you have to make a play or have something good happen. We just didn't do it."

On how the team can come back after a loss like this:

"These guys are resilient. They have been through a lot and it will come down to their commitment of each other. That is what it really ultimately comes down to - pride. It's not easy and will be hard to get over. There is only one way to get over it - get out there and do it again."

On missing critical tackles:

"I'll have to see the tape but ultimately that's what it comes down to. I was asked what we had to do better in the second half and I said a lot. We needed to keep leverage and tackle."

On the deep pass that was intercepted and the thought behind the play call:

"We weren't real comfortable defensively anyway, so we knew we had to stay after them a bit. You have to have the ability to take some shots and make plays. Those are all things we will go back and look at and wish we did different. It is a one-on-one matchup and the guy (Stanley Jean-Baptiste) made a good catch."

On if there was a thought that the lead would force Taylor Martinez to pass and put him in a tough situation:

"Yeah. We felt good. We were playing well and doing what we planned on doing. We wanted them to run east and west. They picked up speed and you start to panic a little bit. We never quite got back on track."

On what a head coach can do to slow the game down when momentum is building:

"You have to rely on some guys. It is about leadership. I don't know. It is something we will have to look back at and see if there is something we can pull out of film. It all comes down to stopping the momentum."

On quarterback Braxton Miller's play up until his injury:

"That is what we know he can do. We put him in a good situation and he got to run the ball early. But it is a team game and with the young guys, especially, you have to have a good team around them and put him in a good situation."

On why he elected to not go for a field goal to go up 10 points in the fourth quarter:

"It was a little out of our range and weather wise, too, he (Drew Basil) is just a young guy. It was a decision before third down was even run."