



GEORGIA QUOTES

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Post-game

GEORGIA HEAD COACH MARK RICHT

Opening Statement: "Everything started with the respect that we had for Coach June Jones and his Hawaii team. We felt like we were going to have to play with all of our heart and all of our sprit if we were going to win this game. We were very healthy and were able to use a lot of defenders to keep rushing the passer. The guys just played great."

How important was it to get Hawaii's offense out of rhythm in the first half? "We wanted to force Colt Brennan to throw it faster than he wanted to. We really didn't think we would get that many sacks, but we thought we could make him have to throw the ball quickly. We had to limit their receivers after the catch also. Our guys tackled extremely well today."

How were you able to limit Hawaii from making a comeback? "We had a lot of defensive personnel that we played this whole game. We kept everyone fresh. One our goals is to play hard every down and we had enough guys that were fresh to do that. It is a credit to the coaching staff and all of the players to how hard they played."

GEORGIA DEFENSIVE END MARCUS HOWARD

How does it feel to be named MVP of the Sugar Bowl? "Wow. I don't know. It feels great. I didn't do it by myself though. I had a lot of help from my teammates, my position coach (Jon Fabris), and the man upstairs"

How did you guys hold down one of the best offenses in NCAA history tonite? "We came out with a winning attitude and the goal was to put pressure on him (Colt Brennan) and our coaches said if we could do that we would have a good chance to win this game. We just came to play."

With the starters out in the fourth quarter you guys were still able to hold down their offense? "That just shows the type of athletes we have at UGA. We just reload and we have some young guys who are going to be players next year. I think tonite definitely sets us up for a top five ranking next year. I feel we should have been in the national championship this year."

GEORGIA QUARTERBACK MATT STAFFORD

Did you expect this easy of a victory tonight? "No way. Our defense did a great job of putting pressure on their offense and getting us the ball in some short fields and we were able to capitalize on the good field position."

Did you expect to be watching this game from the bench in the fourth quarter with a big lead? Not at all. They are a great team and they played hard all the way to the end."

What sticks out in your mind as a play of the game? *“Early on I just felt we had control of the line of scrimmage on offense. Our line did a great job and Thomas (Brown) and Knowshon (Moreno) were able to run the ball. We just executed the game plan.”*