

# University of Florida Football Media Conference

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Gainesville, Florida, USA

## Devin Moore

### Press Conference



Florida 48, Kentucky 20

**Q. So what happened earlier in the game when you had to check out for a little bit? Were you a little concerned this was going to be, oh, here we go again, another injury?**

DEVIN MOORE: Nah, because me and the strength staff, they do a great job just helping me. All the little nuances and nicks and crannies that you got to work on, the imbalances. So I put 100% trust in them. I just trust to the work that I put in in the off-season and I work I do on the daily, and just been able to go out there and still play.

So it's definitely a blessing, too, and got to give credit to God.

**Q. What has been the key for the secondary making improvements recently, the steps you guys have taken over the past month especially? Is it the bye week or something else in there you can credit it to?**

DEVIN MOORE: I think it started the bye week. There was a whole different approach to practice. As we say, we're not trying to let nobody catch a ball each practice. Straight like that.

You going to get coached up, even if you do let somebody catch a ball, by everybody, not just the coaches. We got guys out there, freshmen holding seniors accountable, so when you have something like that, chemistry like that, everybody want to see everybody eat, it just makes it all so much more better.

**Q. You almost had a pick six. Cormani did. Curious about the ball hawking. What's been different this season in terms of your guy's ability to create turnovers? I think you've probably already created more than you did all last year.**

DEVIN MOORE: 100% credit to the coaching staff. You know, after last season they season we was kind of lacking in that area, so every day we turnover circuit, takeaway

circuit; that stuff translates to the field.

When you're constantly practicing that every day, you'll get a result on Saturday.

**Q. What kind of confidence does this give the defense? Another open week and another tough stretch after that. What confidence do you think you're playing with right now compared to earlier in the season?**

DEVIN MOORE: 200% confidence. You look out there, whoever is out there, guys are having fun. When you go out there, everybody eating, having fun, just makes it so much better.

And especially we get to go to another bye week with the same mindset we had in the first one. It's going to be very scary.

**Q. Three picks tonight. Matched your entire season total for last year. Just back to that point, how gratifying is it to see the results?**

DEVIN MOORE: It could bring you to tears sometimes, you feel what I'm saying? Nah, you know what I'm saying, it's priceless. Just being able to see all the hard work we put in as well as the coaches. They up there day in, day out making plans for us to get more picks and takeaways. You know, it's priceless for sure.

**Q. You played a lot as a freshman, or played seven games or whatever, a good bit. When you see a guy like Jadan Baugh who just turned 19 last week I think, and DJ this summer, to see them produce the way they are at such a young age, what does that say about them, their work ethic, talent level?**

DEVIN MOORE: Nah, that's no surprise to me. I'm in the building with those guys every day. I see the hard countless extra meetings, extra practices, extra hours, working on their craft every day.

They're already real professionals at the age they're at being a freshman. So just seeing that, seeing all the hard



work they put in, there is no other choice but for it to translate on the field.

That's credit to them.

**Q. ...amazing on some level to see five touchdowns from 19 year old, DJ doing what he's doing?**

DEVIN MOORE: No, I think it's amazing. It is amazing. Very proud of them boys.

**Q. The defense as a whole seemed to be flying around a little bit more over the past few weeks, specifically when it comes to wrapping up on tackles. How much has tackling been an emphasis, bring the guy down on the first try?**

DEVIN MOORE: I wish I could tell you, you feel me? Like I said, kind of with the takeaway circuit. It's translating to the game because we work it every day in practice.

It's one thing to work it every day in practice, but when everybody is holding you accountable for it, you don't want to let your brothers down, even in practice. That's the type of atmosphere we create in practice.

So just going out there and playing for your brothers and making sure, okay, I got this job to do. I got to get them down by any means.

**Q. I don't think a lot of people maybe realize everything that Cam Carroll has been through over the past year. Just being around him and seeing him be a leader, seeing him get out there for the end of the game, how gratifying and great of a moment was that to see?**

DEVIN MOORE: So when he first got here he was my roommate when he was a transfer. We chopped it up, had deep conversations. I just learned everything he been through and things like that; what he went through being here, too.

So just seeing that 2-7 out there, it's crazy. So excited for him. Everything he been through, just being able to fight through all that and keep his head down, keep working, and the leadership he does behind the scenes, you know, he's one of our best leaders.

Not scared to speak up. Hold everybody accountable. Walk in the building every day with the same attitude.

**Q. And as important as it is to get healthy in the bye week for a lot of the guys, how also important is it to do what you guys did at the last bye week and keep**

**getting better and improving from here on out?**

DEVIN MOORE: Yeah, it's really two things: get healthy and compete. Replicate what we did the first bye week and take it to another level, to be honest.

FastScripts by ASAP Sports

