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Iowa 10, Minnesota 12 Opposing Head Coach Quotes

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P.J. Fleck

Minnesota Head Coach

On the punt-return touchdown overturned late:

“You know, I thought it was a fair catch signal. I mean, I'm not an official, right? We have been called for that before where we have made any type of movement prior to the catch. The ball was dead right there. But if it wasn't, that was a heck of a play by the kid.”

On his reaction to the reversed call:

“Two minutes. That was my reaction. The reaction and response. Reaction is based on circumstances that just happen. I can't do anything about that. That happened. It's over. It's done. There is a reaction to flip out. Do somersaults and cartwheels and backflips... We were already on a two-minute. Flipped over to our two-minute plan, ready to go.”

On the Minnesota defense:

“I don't think they move the ball very well. When you look at how we settled down in the second half, I think that was a direct byproduct of being very transparent with them at halftime about exactly what we needed to do from a technical, fundamental standpoint. Then, a philosophical gameplan standpoint. I thought both adjustments were made by the team, and that takes a lot of poise, because they can come in there and fold up the tents from there. Most teams do this. Not this team. I mean, they listened. It was a hard talk. It was hard to be transparent, honest, but it was what they needed to be able to hear. Same with coaches, as well as me. I mean that next to the team, I needed to coach way better.”



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