



2016 Capital One Orange Bowl

No. 6 University of Michigan Arrival Quotes

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The University of Michigan Wolverines arrived at Signature Flight Support at Miami International Airport this evening for their December 30th matchup against No. 11 Florida State in the 2016 Capital One Orange Bowl at Hard Rock Stadium. **For photos of tonight's arrival, click [here](#). For video footage, click [here](#). Please credit Orange Bowl Committee if using photos/video.**

Both teams will practice tomorrow (Dec. 26), and be open for the first 15 minutes of practice for video and still photographs only. FSU's practice will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Nova Southeastern University soccer fields in Davie; Michigan's practice will begin at 2 p.m. at Barry University soccer fields in Miami.

Jim Harbaugh – Head Coach

On arriving in South Florida:

"Very nice. Very nice. Good flight, happy to be here."

On if stepping off the plane brought back any memories:

"Yes. I've been to Florida many times. [I] love Florida. It's great to be here."

On if there were any special preparations for the Florida weather:

"Mainly, just, preparations for how good Florida State is. Pretty simple, we'll have to play well to have a chance to win."

On how the noise level of the Florida State fans will factor into the game:

"I think Florida State's team is going to be the biggest factor, our team's the biggest factor. If we play well we'll be darn tough to beat, if we don't then it will be tough to win."

On how much of the game plan is in now:

"It's mostly in now. We'll be striving to get our execution to the highest level."

On bowl preparation:

"Preparation has been good. [I] feel good about where it's at. I mean, we're not there yet, we're going to need good work down here."

On practice for the game:

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Practice has been good, been sharp. We need to get sharper and we need to get as dialed-in as we possibly can. Focus has to be great and go out and play the best game we can.”

Jake Butt – Tight End

On if this is treated like a normal game week:

“I assume it’ll be a normal game week. You never know what Coach (Jim) Harbaugh has in store, but we’re just going to follow his lead. It probably will be a lot like a normal game week. We have to use all the preparation time that we have to get ready for these guys, they’re a very good team.”

On what stands out about Florida State’s defense:

“They can get to the passer, create havoc and that’s something you have to be aware of. They have some really good, fast, long players that we have to be aware of too.”

On if that increases his awareness as a blocker: “Yes. Not just on me, but for everybody. They have a good, strong D-line. They do a couple different things with their offense, play some even-front too. We just have to be ready for it.”

Jourdan Lewis – Cornerback

On where the Capital One Orange Bowl experience ranks:

“It’s up there. The [Capital One] Orange Bowl is extremely historic and has a great tradition. I’m excited to be in a great bowl game.”

On preparation for Florida State:

“Just have to keep preparing. We have our game plan in already so we’ve just got to come down here, stay prepared, and have an intense week of practice.”

On Florida State and what they do well:

“They’re athletic, they’re fast – they have some great skill out there. I know they’ve got to get their guys out in space and we’ve got to go out there and defend that.”

On the South Florida heat and how to prepare for it:

“It feels amazing. We came from, I think it was like 23 degree weather, so this feels good. Coach already had his little tweaks in practice and he made our practice facilities a little warm. We’ll be ready for the heat.”

On Florida State QB Deondre Francois:

“He can throw the ball. He’s an amazing passer. He has poise, especially for a freshman. He is a great quarterback and we have to prepare for him.”

Chris Wormley – Defensive End

On what he’s seen out of the Florida State offense:

“They have a big, physical offensive line. Probably the biggest we’ve seen as a unit. They have a great running back in [Dalvin] Cook, and they also have a pretty good quarterback [Deondre Francois]. He

[Francois] is a young guy but he's played a lot of snaps as a freshman so far. So those are some of the things we've seen so far."

On Florida State QB Deondre Francois:

"He's a dual-threat quarterback, moves pretty well for himself. Maybe a little similar to J.T. Barrett in that aspect. But he's a quarterback on his own so he has some things that he does pretty well on his own and we're looking to stop that.

On any special tricks for Orange Bowl:

"Oh, you never know what Coach Harbaugh has up his sleeves. He's always working to get better and doing things a little different than everyone else, so I'm sure there's something up his sleeves.