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## *2010 AutoZone Liberty Bowl Postgame Quotes*

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### **Georgia Head Coach Mark Richt**

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#### Opening Statement

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The only thing you can do at this point is congratulate Coach (George) O'Leary and UCF, and they've certainly earned that (win) tonight. They did a great job; they certainly played great defense. They made plays offensively and on special teams. It was outstanding; a really hard fought football game if you like defense. I think the turnovers were pretty much a wash. Both teams had a couple. I don't think either team had one in the second half. They just did what they had to do when they needed it most. It wasn't a lack of energy or effort on our guys' part. That's all I can say again--is to congratulate them.

Q: Talk about the performance of quarterback Aaron Murray and his decision to wear the gloves today.

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A: Well, the decision about the gloves--he's been practicing in them when it's been wet. He's been throwing the ball really well with the gloves on actually, so I don't think that was a factor. It was really more windy than wet, of course. It didn't get wet until right about now, but I don't even think the wind was a big factor. He just misfired. A lot of it had to do with the outstanding defense that was being played. They did a good job of containing Aaron (Murray) in the pocket and squeezing him to make him uncomfortable. A couple just got away from him.

Q: Do you regret not going for it on 4th-and-1 from the three yard-line early in the game?

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A: If I had known what the final score was going to be, yes. (Laughs) I think it was the right thing to do at the time. We started at what, the two-yard line? And then we drove the field. I think a couple players were upset about it, but I was like, if you want to go for it, just make it on 3rd-and-1. I felt like it was important to put points on the board at that time. I don't think it was a bad decision.

Q: What is your opinion on the state of the Georgia program after a 6-7 season?

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A: Well, we're all disappointed. We're all disappointed. We didn't want to finish with a loss; we didn't want to finish with a losing record. No one probably would have predicted that. It is what it is, though, as they say. There's reason for why we ended up the way we did. We have to make some changes. We have to make sure that doesn't happen in the future. Now when I say change I don't necessarily mean personnel or anything like that. I don't want to light a fire. But we need to improve, and we're going to improve. We're going to get Georgia where it belongs.

### **Georgia Junior Flanker A.J. Green**

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On how the UCF defense kept him under wraps all day:

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You have to give UCF's defense a great deal of credit. They're a hell of a defense, and they came up with some great schemes to keep me under control. They had a really good game plan to keep themselves in front of me and to keep me in front of them. Their containment was very good.

On returning punts:

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Coach (Mark) Richt told me about it a couple of weeks ago, but I didn't believe him (*Laughs*). It's fun for me back there. I love having the ball in my hands and having a chance to make a play anytime. Anything (I can do) to help my team out I want to do it.

On the last drive:

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When I made the first fourth-down catch, I thought, "We got it." We ran that pattern again and I thought, "Oh my God, we're about to win." But sometimes things happen that way. We just have to take things away and build on it.

### **Georgia Junior Cornerback Brandon Boykin**

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On how disappointing the season was for Georgia:

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I'll start by saying this game wasn't what we expected. At the same time, while everybody is disappointed right now, I think we showed a lot of resiliency throughout the year. Starting the year 1-4, not many people expected us to get to .500 or 6-6. So for us to even have a chance to be in a bowl was a blessing, and it showed that we never stopped fighting.

This senior class we had was awesome, and we wanted them to go out with a win. Unfortunately, it didn't happen. UCF is a great team, and like Coach and A.J. (Green) said, we have to give them a lot of credit.