

September 24, 2021
Virginia vs Wake Forest
Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

Wake Forest Head Coach Dave Clawson Quotes

Opening Statement:

“(It was) just a really good team win. I credit our players and our coaches, especially for coming back on a short week. We had a good week of preparation I thought our focus was good. I certainly want to give Virginia credit. I think they have a great program and Bronco is one of the coaches that I have the utmost respect for and to their credit, they never quit. They're a dangerous football team. It was great to see our crowd, our parents and fans who made the trip. And anytime you can get a win on the road in the ACC it's a good win. I thought we executed really well in the second half. They came back and scored and had a chance to get back into it and we responded. I thought we got good pressure on the quarterback when we needed it. We were a little bit bend but don't break. We gave up some plays and some yards but for the most part we kept them out of the end zone and our offense was incredibly efficient. Obviously, we'd like to make some first downs at the end, but again, just a really good win.”

On stopping Virginia on fourth and goal in the first quarter:

“Well, you know then we came back and scored again so that was. You know, again, we gave up yards, we gave up first downs, they're a really talented football team but that was a huge stop. You know, again, early in the game, how much does it mean I don't know, but you certainly like to play with a lead. Then the rest of the game, it became a two-score lead because we went down kicked the field goal, and the rest of the game we were up at least two scores. And I think whenever you're behind by two scores you've got to change your thought process, offensively a little bit. So again, there was no question, it was one of the key plays of the game”

On the absence of Miles Fox and Nasir Greer :

“I'm confident that we'll have Miles [Fox] back next week. We'll see with Nasir [Greer]; those guys both have muscle pulls. You know, again, and I've said this before, if today's game was for the ACC championship, I think both those guys would've played. But if we played them there was a chance that you're going to miss them for the next two or three weeks, and with where we are, we have other big players rather than risk injury with them. We've got Tyler Williams back today which was a great addition. And so, we've got other guys we can put in there and let Miles get healthy and hopefully he'll be good to go next week.”

On how the win affects the team's confidence moving forward :

“You know every week is a new season; it has a new challenge. I think right now we are a confident football team. We get to enjoy this one for an extra day, but, hey, Louisville is coming to town, and that's always a tough game for us. Good teams, they flip the page. So, we will float back to Winston-Salem tonight, because that's what you do after a road win, you don't drive back or fly back, you float back. We will float back and we will enjoy it. We'll have big smiles on our face, tomorrow we'll relax and watch TV, and then Sunday we're ready for the next challenge.”