

October 23, 2021

Virginia vs. Georgia Tech

Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

Georgia Tech Head Coach Geoff Collins Quotes

Opening Statement:

"I'm proud of how the team battled. I told them at halftime that we're gonna tell a lot about who we are as a program and who we are as a team through how we come out and play the second half. They battled, they fought, they played till the very end, and we're throwing at the very end of the game to win the game. I'm just proud of the effort. Hats off to Virginia. You watch the tape, and you watch what they've done on offense all year, and you know they're dangerous. They've got a lot of weapons, you know how multiple and how unorthodox some of the stuff that they do is. Then you see it live and in-person. Hats off to them for the players they have and the things that they do offensively that are really effective. But just the way that team battled and fought on the road. We just got to put the ball down and get ready for a game at home in seven days."

On a potentially disappointing defensive showing:

"I think that there have been a lot of times this season that our defense has played the lights out. So, let's please not forget that. You go on a stretch run of playing a lot of elite offenses that have really good players, you're thin in a couple of spots and some bad things happen that you don't want to happen. But there has been really good defense played, there was some really good defense at times played tonight. We just got to continue to improve, get better, and get ready for next Saturday."

On Georgia Tech's defensive mistakes:

"Yeah, I mean it's different things and different issues. But, first and foremost, you have to give [Virginia] credit. They put up numbers against everybody, they put points up against everybody. They're really, really, good. But we've got to do better on the back end. There's some things when they were flooding zones that were high-low, and listen [Brennan Armstrong] can make the throws, and they were able to expose us in those situations. We got beat a couple of times, off of the leverage. We had leverage on the receiver, lost leverage on the receiver and [Armstrong] can make you pay when you do that. Maintaining leverage, knowing where new help is, and you cannot lose leverage when you have leverage - those are some of the biggest issues that we will get cleaned up and corrected."

On slowing down Virginia's offense:

"The biggest thing was trying to show [Armstrong] different looks throughout the game. We did do that, but the kid is really good. He was finding the holes, the soft spots in certain coverages. We kept trying to change it up and kept trying to change the pressures, and he just kept seeing and finding it. He just has a knack for finding a way to keep plays alive and find his receivers and he keeps his eyes downfield and he makes plays. The multiplicity of what we were doing, the multiplicity of what they do. That was the part we were trying to do, and he found us and exposed us."

On finding a positive take-away:

"I mean the positive is how we were in a situation at halftime that we could have gone a couple of different directions. I've talked about the leadership on this team. I've talked about how close this team is and how far we've come as a program. To their credit, they kept battling, they kept fighting, they kept staying together under adverse circumstances, and we're gonna have to continue to do that. We've talked about a story of three game racks of things as the season unfolds, and we lost the first of the three-game rack for the second half of the season. We've got to come back, find a way to get a win next Saturday at home."