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Virginia vs. Duke
Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

Duke Player Quotes

QB Gunnar Holmberg

On what went wrong offensively:

"I think a lot of it starts off with not having penalties when we're in the middle of a good drive. I was thinking that first first down whenever you're on the field goes a long way. When you have three and outs it's tough on the defense and tough on us to really get any type of rhythm for the game. I don't think we were great at that. Being good on first and second down to kind of get going was something that I don't really think we did a great job of and we put ourselves in tough third down situations. Taking care of the football, I had two interceptions and those are things where you always want to keep the ball in your hands especially against another team that has a talented offense. I think that's really what it comes down to."

On responding poorly to adversity of the first possession:

"Yeah, I mean I think we walked away from that possession knowing we have to finish but, I think just knowing if we don't hurt ourselves that we're able to move the ball. It's something that we knew coming into this game that we, as an offense, can do against anybody but no, I wouldn't say that as a team we just hung our hats after that or felt defeated. I mean, just knowing that we've got to put it in next time. Unfortunately, I don't think we really had another drive that was that long, but I think guys continue to compete we've just got to put it together better and more consistently on offense."

On pressure as the score gap increases:

"I think you've got to just continue to take it one play at a time and then one drive at a time. You can't score twenty points in one possession, so you've just got to kind of stick to what you do. Like I said, just take it one play at a time because if you start thinking about it too much that's kind of when you try to force things and then the game kind of starts really slipping from your fingers."

On how to get things turned around heading into a bye week:

"I think I think it'll be good for guys to kind of just like let their bodies rest. We kind of get back to 100% throughout the week. When you're in the middle of a three-game losing streak, I think it's kind of good to let your mind reset a little bit. Throughout the bye week, you try and focus on the little things that you do to make yourself just a little bit better of a football player. It kind of lets you focus on the basics again, and to slow down and look at what we're doing and things we need to do better. Whether that's, you know, schematically, or just kind of how we're going about practice. It gives us time to do that and not you know, be in full press mode trying to be fully prepared by Saturday. I think guys are going to take the bye week seriously. We know the coaches are going to put us in a good position and we're going to try and learn as much as we possibly can from it and I think that's what it's going to come down to."