

OCTOBER 8, 2022
VIRGINIA VS. LOUISVILLE
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (SCOTT STADIUM)

LOUISVILLE HEAD COACH SCOTT SATTERFIELD

Opening Statement

"First of all, really proud of our guys. You know after a tough week last week, coming off a tough loss up at [Boston College], really disappointed in that loss obviously. Credit to our guys and our staff who continued to battle and continue to not listen to naysayers. Everybody's gonna put you down when you don't do good. I don't care who you are. I don't care what position you're in, they're always gonna put you down and talk negative about you. So, you can either listen to it or you can just keep doing what you're doing and hope some good stuff will happen.

The good stuff didn't start happening until the second quarter for us. The first quarter was not very good at all, offensively and defensively. But our guys settled down in the second quarter. We started making some plays. We battled back in it and they did a great job to get the ball back and to kick the field goal. I thought that was huge right before half to go up 13-10, to get that momentum knowing that they're gonna get the ball back when we come back out in the second half. Our defense did a great job of stopping and holding and then our offense goes down and scores, next thing you know we're up 10. All with only four and a half minutes off the clock. So that's great momentum for us. And then we just kind of battled a little bit and then in the fourth quarter we kind of took over but you know really proud of our guys. We had a great offensive drive there in the second half. Eight and a half minutes that took off the clock and ended in a touchdown. That's huge for our guys. We had some new starters today. Obviously, everybody knows the quarterback Brock [Domann], he came out and man what a great effort he gave us today. He settled down after the first quarter and really played well. Huge play on the fourth down when he pulls it and goes for a touchdown, about a 50-yard touchdown, and that was a great play by him. I thought he started settling down and started making some great throws against their defense.

We had a lot of respect for their defense and to go out and to play the way that they did. [M.J.] Griffin started at safety. I thought that Griffin had a great game, he did some really good things for us. Guys stepped up when they needed to. Our backs were against the wall today. We're zero for whatever in ACC play, we're going on the road, all the negativity and we've got all these backups and they came out and played a great game. Defensively, we held them to single digit rushing yards. Offensively, we put up 470 yards against a really good defense. I just think you can't say enough about the resiliency of our guys and I'm really proud of them in the way they came out and finished this game."

On whether the team was motivated to play in order to support their coach:

"Well, I don't know about [playing for] me. I do know they showed up and supported Brock [Domann]. There were a lot of guys on the field that'll come up to you and tell you, 'Hey, great job coach. We love you,' and that happens, and I love them too. I tell them it's people over the player. No matter what happens to me anytime this year or five years from now, the relationship we establish with the players as people is what's most important. I think when you coach that way, I've been coaching that way my whole career, then they can never take that away from you. That's why I told them you face adversity, we have faced a ton, but be who you are. Your character is going to get revealed whenever you get this negativity on you. I just want them to know I still care about them no matter what. I think that they came out and played today. I thought our offensive line played outstanding today because they're a really good sack team. They have been generating a lot of sacks throughout the season. They stayed clean. He had a clean pocket today and was able to sit there and make some of those throws. They rallied behind him which I thought was awesome. Brock is a selfless guy. He cares about the teammates, even when he's not playing, he's always pumping them up and so they obviously wanted to come out and play great for him today."

On blocking out the negativity coming into the game:

"I don't turn my phone on, that's number one. If you want to feel bad about yourself, turn your phone on if there's some bad going on. I don't listen to any of that stuff. I've got a job to do. I just do my job to the best of my ability. And that's kind of what we did this week- we went to work. I don't know how to do anything else, I'm not smart enough to know how to do anything else. I just go to work. And do the best we can. This week I think it was just a hyperfocus with our staff: offense, defense, kicking. I really believe everybody rallied. Everybody just kind of rallied and said, 'Listen, let's go do this. Let's get this done. Let's play good offense, defense, special teams as a unit.' And we did that in the second half today. It doesn't matter who you play, you still gotta go out and make plays. The guys have to go out and make plays because the coaches, we can't go out and make [plays] for them. I saw a lot of playmakers out there today making plays."

LOUISVILLE PLAYER QUOTES

SOPHOMORE DEFENSIVE BACK M.J. GRIFFIN

On the First Conference Win:

"It changes everything. Now, we have that motor. In this half of the season, we have schools like Wake Forest, Clemson, and other big schools and now we must come together so we can beat those teams like we did today with Virginia."

JUNIOR QUARTERBACK BROCK DOMANN

On starting:

"I found out I was starting on Sunday and instantly started preparing. There is a big weight of responsibility and the main thing I wanted to do was my job. My job dictates a lot of things in the game and my goal is to put the ball in the best position for my teammates. These guys work hard year-round for twelve games. When it's bigger than yourself and you're the point guard, the goal is to put the ball in their hand and let them succeed."

On the game:

"I was in my own way in the first quarter. As much as you want to prepare for your first start, you need to get out of your own way. Once I did that, this team was amazing. Our defense got five turnovers. Our offensive line made some amazing pushes on the goal line and key downs to get first downs. I feel I got so much help from my team, and it was amazing. I did my job and there is a lot I need to clean up and to learn from, but I am grateful we won. I just want to help this team win."