

October 10, 2020
Virginia vs NC State
Scott Stadium (Charlottesville, Va.)

UVA Player Quotes

Senior QB Lindell Stone

On thoughts on how he played:

"I think I left a lot out there, put our defense in bad positions. I thought we moved the ball effectively at some points. But there was a lot more that could have been done and left on the field from my part and execution standpoint. So, coming into this next week I'm excited to kind of take ownership of that and improve."

On the team needing a big play:

"It could have been. I think, the fake punt was really kind of that spark. And I think at that point once we scored, I think it was to Tony (Poljan), I think we all felt like we were going to win the game and we're going to get back into it, but then obviously the tip interception returned for the touchdown that kind of put us into a more desperate situation. So, I feel like we had the big play. Our defense was coming up with a ton of stops. They were playing really well. The second half, especially, we just didn't capitalize."

On what he thought about getting called into the game:

"I mean, there wasn't a whole lot of time to think. You've just got to grab your helmet. I think I gave my script to Coach (Jason) Beck and ran onto the field. Not a whole lot to think about. You just got to go out and do your best."

On the result of the game:

"I would say, yeah, a little bit surprised but it wasn't an accident or a fluke. We didn't prepare well enough to win. We didn't have the right mindset coming into the stadium this morning. I wasn't prepared enough and you know as a whole, as an entire team that's something that has to improve for us to turn it around on Saturday."

Senior DE Richard Burney

On looking for a big defensive play:

"Yeah, I mean as a defense, I felt like we were trying our best to be able to make that big play. Just better execution and, you know, without the first half miscues I feel like we had a chance."

On slow starts:

"We just got to come out and execute better. It's as simple as that. There's nothing that other teams are doing, it's totally in our control. So, moving forward, we got to focus on starting fast as a team."

On confidence level in Lindell Stone:

"Yeah, we're completely confident in Lindell. He makes plays, that's what he does. So, you know as a team, we got to support him, come around him, and he's going to be able to make some plays for us."

On pass rush struggles in recent games

"We got to be more effective pass rushing. You know, as a d-line and as just a front seven we've got to be better."