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Virginia 55, Abilene Christian 15
Scott Stadium (Charlottesville, Va.)

LB Nick Jackson

On seeing teammates injured

“You definitely feel for the guys. They’re your brothers and you want to play for them, so then you just come back out and play for them, do what they would do for you.”

On seeing depth players get opportunities to play

“It’s awesome. It’s awesome to see those guys out there. I mean they work their butts off every single day in practice and just for them to get the opportunity, like D’Sean Perry today, that was awesome. It doesn’t get much better than that.”

On his consistency this fall

“I just want to do whatever I can to help this team win. Whatever I can do, whatever role I have to play consistent and just help the team win.”

On three-straight wins to get back to .500

“It’s been good. You want to come out every time you step on the field and win, especially at home. Just to come out and get back to .500 this week, we have a lot of momentum going and we’re excited to keep playing this game.”

On confidence and energy brought by Brennan Armstrong since return

“When number five has got the ball, good things happen. So, everyone’s really confident in Brennan and he’s just a playmaker – dynamic playmaker. Every time he has the ball, everybody’s excited because we know something good is going to happen.”

On play of Josh Ahern, Rob Snyder and Hunter Stewart

“Those guys look good. Josh had a PBU [pass break-up], Hunter was making plays, Rob with the sack, those guys were playing around. It’s always fun to see your boys just fly around. I feel like we’re a really, really tight group in the inside linebacker room, and those are my guys. So, just watching them play and seeing them play, they played hard, they played fast and they played physical. I’m excited to see them keep on progressing.”

On D’Sean Perry’s touchdown

“Watching D’Sean Perry score that touchdown made my whole day. That’s my guy. Last fall camp he was my roommate, so just the emotions of seeing him have that opportunity and that play was just awesome. You just feel for that guy and seeing him go all the way – he’s just a hard worker, comes in every day and he just works – and just to see that payoff for him is awesome.”

QB Brennan Armstrong

On the offense accomplishing what it wanted to today

"I would say so. The first drive was a little shaky, but we got up and going. I thought we threw the ball well. Credit to the team, we tried to share the ball today, or tonight. And we did that. 55. Happy for a change."

On passes going for long plays

"Those long passes are a huge, huge momentum shift. And the games, whenever they come up, tonight they were fun. We got a 30-second drive to get points going into half. Lavel [Davis Jr.]'s big play. And then Ra'Shaun [Henry]'s big play. And it's just fun for the team when those things happen."

On Lavel Davis Jr.'s breakaway speed

"I'm gonna be honest with you, I did. We saw it once in fall camp this year and we were like 'oh wow, he's got some speed.' And so when he caught it, I didn't know where the corner was to get him. I was like 'he might be gone.' He was."

On being first quarterback with three 50+ yard passes

"That means a lot. The whole team was on fire tonight. I'm just happy I was able to share the wealth. We got a bunch of receivers involved. I think that's what makes me happy the most, was getting all of my receivers involved. Seeing all those guys in the game, you know they're smiling. I just, that's my favorite part of the quarterback is sharing the ball with all of our receivers."

On getting team back to 4-4

"It means a lot. The start we had is not what we wanted or thought we were going to have. Just getting back to 4-and-4, we're ready for this homestretch of our ACC opponents. We're excited. It's in our control. I'm just happy that we're putting some wins together, keep the momentum rolling. Team's at a high. We had a high morale of the team and it's exciting for us."

On running game

"I'll be honest with you, once we got into the half we were like, 'oh shoot like they're, you know...' They were flat around on defense, I'll give them credit for that. They were moving quickly, bring blitzes, things like that. So we got to halftime, we were like our ground game wasn't as productive as we thought it was gonna be. Thank goodness our passing game, we started (taking) some big shots. But yeah, it caught me off guard. I thought we would be running the ball a little bit better, but you know we have to keep moving forward when it didn't click today."