

September 4, 2021

Virginia vs. William & Mary

Scott Stadium (Charlottesville, Va.)

William and Mary Head Coach Mike London

On William Mary's defense and the opening of the game

"I thought defense for the first half did a good job. Our issue was the field position, where we started, their average field position, but defensively I feel that we did a good job. We had a fourth down stop and some third down stops and so you know we played tough against the run early on. A battle of attrition just takes over sometimes, but we've got a long way to go. It's a great opportunity to start to see what you need to get fixed, how you can fix it. We've got another game scheduled to play and it's a home game so make the corrections here and get ready for our next opponent."

On Darius Wilson starting at QB

"It was Darius' first start against an FBS team, but you got to give him credit; he didn't flinch. Obviously, you can all see particular things he's got to get better at. We got to help him with some of the things that we could do to make sure to make sure he uses his arm and his legs. And so I thought he can help, he's a good player. You saw what he can do with his legs. And now we know we just got to make sure we give him an opportunity to grow with his completions and continue to improve as a ball player. He's going to be a good football player, and that's the thing, to start your first college game against an FBS opponent on the road in a packed house. You got to love the football IQ. We think he's gonna be good for us. He did a great job today."

On player who were out or injured for the game

"Obviously injuries and things like that are pretty much part of what a football game is. We missed a few of our players and that's up to the doctors and where they are and how things will play out that morning. So I won't know until perhaps tomorrow, and then we will know what the status is as we start preparing for the week. A lot of cramps, a lot of pulls, a lot of hydration issues going on for both sides, particularly for us but, you know, whoever is healthy enough to play next week, they will play, and that's the whole goal."

Closing statement/ looking forwards

"Like I said, I thought we did a good job defensively in the first half. So that's something to be proud of but it's not good enough when you don't win the game. So there's a lot of things that we could get better at. The goal is always to win a game no matter who you're playing. Our goal is, make these corrections and get ready for our next opponent and win a game is so there's a lot of good things, but obviously there's a lot of things that we can work on as well."