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Virginia vs Wake Forest

Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

UVA Player Quotes

OLB Noah Taylor

On the frustrations the team is feeling

"It's definitely frustrating, but, you know, you just got to put it behind you. We got a great opportunity, we have only lost two games, we have a big season ahead of us. We got to get up on Miami this week so the best thing we could do is just put that behind us and just focus on this Thursday night game we got coming up"

On how the defense is feeling after tonight

"I don't think effort is the problem, I just think guys need to lock in on their assignments more and that's the good thing about it is that we got a lot of time to practice and a lot of time to watch film and get better from it."

RB Mike Hollins

On the disappointment in the locker room

"Right now, we're just trying to figure out what we can do better next week and execute. We are disappointed but we're focusing on staying together as a team, we know we can play better on both sides of the ball - offense, defense, and special teams. We're going to be ready next week. We're just focusing on that."

On the team's outlook after a 2-2 start to the season

"Right now, no hope is lost. It's early, only a third of the way through the season. We're still figuring each other out and figuring our team out. Once we get there, I don't see anyone stopping us. Like I said, once we begin to play complementary football on all sides of the ball, we're going to be good. So, the Coastal Championship is still our end goal, no doubt about that."

On his mindset knowing Wayne Taulapapa was unavailable

"Wayne's my brother and I'm out there playing for him. If he's out, I'm up. You know it's my time, there's no drop off. I practice all week to come out and execute, do my job like I do every week, and with Wayne being out is just an extra chip on our shoulder. Like I said, he's in my room, I'm in every workout with him, every day with him watching film, so that's my brother. I'm gonna go ahead and play for him."

TE Jelani Woods

On the frustration level after loss

"We really started off slow. We gotta learn how to, as a team, just figure out a way to start off fast and get going. Getting started off slow, especially against a team like that, just hurts us off the get go. You never want to be in that position as a team."

On possibility of the team goal of winning the Coastal Division

"Most definitely, [that is still our goal]. We never give up no matter what. Like I said, as a team, we are still gonna push for it no matter the outcome."

On feelings of 0-2 in ACC

"It hurts a lot, but I feel like as a team we are going to bounce back. We'll get down to the details of what is going on and what we need to do. We need to hammer that out and just start fresh and put it behind us a little bit."

On the short week before next opponent

"It's just putting this game behind us and being able to focus on our next opponent with just a little amount of time and find out what their tendencies are."