

**September 24, 2021**

**Virginia vs Wake Forest**

**Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)**

## **Wake Forest Player Quotes**

**LB, Luke Masterson:**

### ***On what led them to believe they'd be able to get pressure on the quarterback***

"We've been working these pressures all camp and all season. The coaches have done a great job every week in dialing stuff up. It was just kind of a matter of time before we brought it home and I'm really glad it worked out today."

### ***On the impact of the fourth down stop early in the game***

"I mean it's electric. I love this team, it's really fun. These guys are awesome to play with, and we just we have fun out there. When we got that stop out there, that was obviously a highlight of the game and it's a great feeling."

### ***On making sure to keep Virginia's offense one dimensional***

"Yeah, they do a ton of stuff on offense and we knew that going in. The coaches did a great job preparing us throughout the week, giving us different looks in practice that we'd see. So when we got here, it wasn't anything out of the ordinary that we hadn't seen yet. That really helps the defense for being comfortable and getting settled. So, you know, we knew we had to stop the trick stuff, we saw a couple of double passes and stuff like that. We felt pretty comfortable that we had a we had a good game plan to stop the run so it really did come down to stop the air attack and we held up."

**QB Sam Hartmann**

### ***On the effect of crowd noise***

"We had a couple of times where the cadence was a little off, you know, we were yelling all night while music was playing and we were trying to get calls out. We kind of knew coming into it, we had the capability to, you know, handle the noise but I mean there were times, especially in the red zone for sure that we had a false start or two but yeah it got a little loud in here."

### ***On a sense of pride following a 4-0 start***

"Yeah I mean you win an ACC football game on the road it's a big win. I've been here for a while, you know, I've been through the losses and the wins all throughout my career. Road wins are huge. ACC wins are huge you know we got to take our 24 [hours] and celebrate. We were happy in the locker room but I think there's a veteran side of this team that knows that this was not it. You know we have Louisville next week and it's gonna be a big one and next week after that something even bigger. So, we just take our 24 [hours], take the bus ride, take a little bit after that, enjoy the day off and get right back to it."

**RB Quinton Cooley**

### ***On what led to back-to-back scoring plays in the third quarter***

"Coming into half, we knew where the weaknesses were in the defense. We really just set normal plays that we already had a game plan to run, and it just opened up in the third quarter. There was one that opened up for me in the middle. But it was just you know being able to find those open spots in the defense."

**DE Jacorey Johns:**

### ***On the defense's role in team momentum***

"Most definitely. We're looking to make big plays. Every single game, every week, you know, just come out physical, fast, always on our game."

### ***On the game plan to eliminate the run***

"That was a big part of our defense. We know they like to do a lot of different things on offense. We decided to take a lot of that away."