

**September 11, 2021**  
**Virginia vs. Illinois**  
**Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)**

**Illinois Player Quotes**

**Defensive lineman Jamal Woods**

***On emotions after the game:***

“You know, we’re kind of hurt right now. We put in a lot of work to come to this game and get a win. We prepared as hard as we could all week and to see the results, it’s kind of heartbreaking.”

***On the team’s slow start:***

“We know we have a good team. Once it all comes together, we’re going to go out and do some great things. As of right now, it’s been a slow start, and hopefully next week we all come together as one and do what we’ve got to do. I’ve been here for five years, you know, I can see the improvement from the younger guys to the older guys. We just have to lock in and do what we need to do.”

***On the impact of not getting pressure on the quarterback:***

“The DB’s have to cover, so when we aren’t getting to the quarterback fast enough, that’s all coverage for them. We have to play complimentary football.”

***On what needs to happen to turn the corner:***

“To be a successful team, you have to be a player led team. We’re the ones that are on the field so we have to trust the eleven guys on the field. Coaches can call the plays but its up to us to do the right things on the field. Tomorrow were going to go in and study film and learn from our mistakes, and then on the practice field we just have to go out and be a player led group and do what we know we can do.”

***On penalties being caused by frustration:***

“We’ve just got to be a little bit more disciplined on that. Towards the end of the game we were losing and there was a lot of frustration on the field which caused the penalties.”