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Virginia vs. Georgia Tech

Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

Georgia Tech Player Quotes

DB Juanyeh Thomas:

On lack of defensive execution:

"That's what it was really. You can work so hard to try to stop a team, but sometimes they get the best of you. I'm proud of the guys in the locker room. We fought."

On the game plan to counter the offense:

"Their offense runs a whole lot of different stuff, so as a defense we just tried to match that by switching things up to the match what they were doing."

On guarding Keytaon Thompson:

"He's a good player. He's an athlete. Put the ball in his hand and he makes plays and he made a lot of plays tonight. He's a good player and we've got to get better at tackling as a unit."

QB Jeff Sims:

On Offensive effectiveness:

"The o-line played a great game and it all starts with them; them doing their job and going out there and playing hard pushing people out the ball. It opened up gaps in our running game and gave me time to throw the ball and there were times where I didn't capitalize on their great blocking and that can't happen."

On the mindset down 14 with 3 minutes to play:

"In my head I was just thinking the game's not over. It's never over until the clock hits 0:00. I just went out there and told God to lead me and I went out there and completed passes and managed the game."

On whether the team can build off of the offensive performance:

"Most definitely. We made a lot of mistakes tonight. We should be should have had way more points than that. I made a lot of mistakes. There was a lot of penalties and we just shot ourselves in the foot. We can't do that. We just got to go out there and execute, not shoot ourselves in the foot and just go out there and finish drives."

WR Kyric McGowan:

On where the team is coming off of a bye week:

"I think the bye week was very helpful in helping us get our bodies back and helping us mentally reset. Even though we lost, we fought back hard in the second half. You want to take that momentum from the second half moving forward into next week playing at home for homecoming. So that's the plan right now."

On the mindset during the onside kick recoveries:

"(It's) never giving up and fighting until the clock is literally all zeros. Big shout out to our kickers. I don't think that we recover that many kicks by luck. That's not really easy to do. Big shout out to them."

On how the offense has evolved from game one:

"A lot. When we go out there and play like we're supposed to, I feel like we're unstoppable. Jeff (Sims) is back there and it's like he's not really thinking, he's just letting it loose which looks really good and obviously just having the trust in myself and the rest of the receivers to make the play when our name is called. Also, with our running backs, they had a really good game tonight moving the ball in between the tackles up and down the field. Once you put it all together, I think it looks really good."