

**November 27, 2021**  
**Virginia vs. Virginia Tech**  
**Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)**

**Virginia Head Coach Bronco Mendenhall**

***On the difference in the game:***

“I think turnovers probably made the biggest difference. We battled back and we had a chance with four plays at the end of the game to win it. A lot of times that's what happens in a close game or a rivalry game and the team that makes the plays is the winner.”

***On his team defensively:***

“It's assignments. You've got to be more consistent to play assignment-sound football when it comes to these kinds of games. We were inconsistent.”

***On what disrupted offensive rhythm:***

“It's hard to say. It clearly wasn't the same as the first half where it was pretty much moving the ball at will and then you have three points in the second half, it is not enough to win.”

***On moving forward to the bowl game:***

“It takes time just like any anything, especially when you put a lot into it and you come up short. Bowl games matter, and playing them every year matters, and winning them matters and that'll be the next thing.”

***On Virginia Tech's rushing game:***

“[Tech's rushing yards are significant] especially in a close game because it allows clock to be eaten up and the game kind of moves with the team that can run it. They have more control of the game. We had four downs from the 12 to win it. I think it's significant, knowing that two of those were giant plays and the (Virginia Tech) run game.”