

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

Virginia Tech Head Coach J.C. Price

Opening Statement:

“What an incredible team win. Our offense carried us in the first half; defense stepped up in the second half. The kids just made plays, there was no special calls. Those kids, we just wanted it more than they did tonight, that's all.”

On how the team reacted to turning the ball over with three minutes remaining:

“As prolific as their offense is, our mind went immediately to the clock. Obviously, you're thinking that your defense is going to get a stop, but we still had to make sure that if they did end up scoring that we had enough time so that we could come back down the field and score on our own to finish the game. Down the stretch those kids kept battling. We called the one time out to try to stop the clock and try to let the defense catch their breath because we wanted our best players out there, and those guys stepped up and made a play and got off the field on fourth down.”

On a better defensive performance in the second half:

“The kids tightened their chin straps. There was no different calls, we didn't call anything different. The kids just played just a little bit harder. We talked about halftime there was no magical call that was gonna win this game. There's gonna be four quarters of grit which is what this program is about, and they did it.”

Reflecting on being able to secure a win:

“It may sound cliché, but these kids deserve this. We said all along that you know life's not always fair, with the hand we're dealt with some tough losses and things that down the stretch. What happened to our team is unprecedented. The way those kids just keep coming together, they never splintered. That's what Virginia Tech is about, it's about being a family and that's what those kids did. They rallied around each other. They just refused to give up. We did have some heartbreaks early in the season, but I tell them all the time that you can control what you can control, that's your attitude and your effort. You can't control what's over. This was the only thing that was on our plate. I told them last week, for the first time in my life I believed in a moral victory. Then I told them this week that there was no moral victory. We're either going to win or you're going to lose. And the kids found a way to win.”