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Virginia vs. Old Dominion

Charlottesville, Va. (Scott Stadium)

VIRGINIA OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR DEZ KITCHINGS

On Brennan (Armstrong) “winging it” as his passing strategy:

“I am [comfortable with that]. Brennan here, he’s trying to impress, play at a high level. And we just told him ‘Hey, buddy, just be open, just be Brennan. Don’t try to be anybody else. Play your ball. We will call the game, we’ll try to protect you and let you take some shots down the field early in the game.’ You know, when you do that you may miss some shots, that’s fine. We just got to continue to build on that, but obviously we have to eliminate the turnovers.”

On if drops are becoming a “bigger concern”:

“Mentally, we’ve got to fight through it. The turnovers are obviously a concern. We’re up to seven now in three games. That’s not good winning football, especially when we’re trying to go on the road for an ACC opponent. So, we gotta clean that up. When you have three turnovers particularly down to the red end, that’s hard, that’s tough, that puts the team in a big bind out there.”

On Xavier Brown:

“We got a good glimpse of Xavier Brown out there. I’m glad we had him today. He made a couple of explosive plays for us. The kid is just totally committed. He’s tough, he’s smart, he’s soaking in information. He’s got some ability, right? So, he’s got to continue to build on that with him.”

On the way the ending of the game unfolded strategy wise:

“The turnovers down in the red zone there, two touchdowns, and a field goal is at least another 17 points, but I’d like to think we could score three touchdowns and put that game away. But, this team, this staff, you know, maybe it’s necessary for us to figure out how to win a game this way.”

On wanting a balance and also wanting to win:

“We’re trying to win a game. Call it an optional third down at 10, and [Brennan] kept the guys at first down. You know, so we try to limit [the hits]. But again, if we could spread the field and do different things, try to keep defense off balance. That’s what we got to do to win a game.”

On next week’s strategy:

“We’re going to come back to work tomorrow. We get the guys back with normally Sunday their day off. So, we got to get them recovered, short week, but being smart during the course of the week and we don’t overload them in practice. We got to prepare them for Syracuse, but don’t overload them so they’re fresh on Friday.”