

SEPTEMBER 17, 2022
VIRGINIA VS. ODU
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (SCOTT STADIUM)

ODU HEAD COACH RICKY RAHNE

Opening Statement

“Obviously it was a good football game. Two teams really battling it out. And ultimately, we didn't do enough to win the game. That's what it's about. A lot of people talk about how the end of it should make the loss hurt more, whatever, and that's not the case. Losses hurt period and if they start hurting on levels and gradients, that's when we have a bigger problem.”

On the pressure the defense faced in the final drive

“I don't know if we ask too much of our defense. Our defense expects to be asked to go out there and stop them every time they're up. I don't think that we expected too much or asked too much of them. I just think that ultimately, we didn't score enough points on offense. At the end of the game on defense, their veteran quarterback made some plays and got them in a position to score. So, we have to come back on Sunday and reinvest and get ready to go.”

On points left on the table

“I thought that we had some situations where, whether it was good field position or moving the ball or whatever, we just didn't finish the drive. That, ultimately, ended up hurting us. So, we have to be able to finish drives and we have to be able to string together consistent first downs. I thought that, on offense, that was the story of the day.”

On his message to the team after this loss

“I told the truth: it should hurt. I'm not saying it shouldn't hurt. It should hurt, but all losses should hurt. If the loss doesn't hurt when you lose by a last second field goal or you lose by three touchdowns, you didn't invest enough, you didn't care enough, you gave up too early. So, I just told them it should.”

On Brennan Armstrong's mobility and ability to get yards

“We knew he had that in him. He made a couple of key first downs. I thought the speed option call was a good call by them. You know it's a good call when you got a guy who's going to execute like that.”