OCTOBER 29, 2022 VIRGINIA VS. MIAMI CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (SCOTT STADIUM) VIRGINIA PLAYER QUOTES

#### First Year Place Kicker Will Bettridge

#### On improvement since the last game:

"I kind of put that game beside me. I didn't want that to be what people thought of me. I worked hard. The whole team worked hard this week. You know, we had just won the game against Georgia Tech, but that wasn't how I wanted to play this whole week. We worked hard and we just grinded. We didn't get the outcome we wanted today but you have to put that behind you."

#### On overtime scenario:

"Yeah, so we do it on Thursdays. Kind of like during a walkthrough, in a last-minute scenario. Either we have to run on the field quick and hit one, or just being ready in a one-minute drill and you have to gunny a touchdown. So pretty much like the same scenario."

#### On team morale and the game next week:

"We talked about heart. We played with heart, and we wanted to win or lose with heart. We need to put this week behind us and relax. We will look at the game film on Monday and see our mistakes. We have to focus on North Carolina. They're good opponents. I mean, they are home games for us."

#### **Fourth Year Defensive Back Coen King**

#### On team frustration:

"It's more so I think it's just wishing that we had a few plays back. Like they say, every play comes down to someone doing their job and coaching. They beat us, and I think that we beat ourselves. The plays that they made, the plays that we didn't make, we also beat ourselves. And I think it just comes down to taking it one step at a time, really focusing on what your job is and executing at the highest level possible in every play."

## On defensive pressure with few points scored

"Coach [Curome] Cox really put a lot of pressure on us in practice. So, you know, we're built for these moments, I think we had that mindset. I'm just proud to have guys around me like Nick [Jackson], AJ [Anthony Johnson], Jahmeer [Carter], Antonio [Clary], all these guys that bring that same mindset of it's one play at a time. I'm not sure how many plays there were, but the last play is the same as the first play, the second play. It's all the same."

#### **Senior Safety Antonio Clary**

## On the team's overall frustration

"It's just ending with a victory. The biggest frustration right now is finding a way to win those games right there. Those hurt. It comes down to three or four plays that determine the game, so when you let one slip like that, it hurts bad."

## On preparing for four overtime segments

"It's just competition. Coach [Tony Elliott] puts us in lots of situations throughout practice to have us ready. This was my first time in a four overtime so it's a new experience for me, but it was fun."

# **Junior Running Back Mike Hollins**

#### On his feelings around not scoring on his breakaway catch

"Honestly, I didn't really get frustrated. It is a knee slapper, but a big play is a big play. And I expected to push it in, but obviously we didn't. We have some things to work on. Executing in the redzone is going to be maybe high on our practice sheet this week. But it's good to know what we can do. We know we're an explosive offense. We can make a big play just like that. We just have to execute and punch it in at the end."

#### On the cause of the team's struggles inside the redzone

"I'm not even sure. We've got to get in on Monday morning. We're going to figure it out. But it's there. We have the players, we have the talent, we have the coaching. It's just the execution and the clicking. Like I said, we have to get comfortable with everything new; new coaching style, new play calling and new everything. So once we start clicking, I'm confident in my teammates, I'm confident in my coaches and I know what's coming. I know what we're capable of." \_