

NOVEMBER 12, 2022
VIRGINIA VS. PITTSBURGH
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (SCOTT STADIUM)

PITTSBURGH HEAD COACH PAT NARDUZZI

Opening Statement

“Nice team win today again. I thought our defense played outstanding again. I thought our offense moved the ball well. We missed a couple shots today, just underthrowing a couple of them that were probably touchdowns. We got to make those. We ran the ball well on offense, missed a couple shots but running it like we are we're going to have those shots when those safeties are getting down in the box. We got to find a way to hit those. And then just way too many penalties on offense today. Just drive killers. We continued in the second half with some nitpicking holding calls for whatever it's worth. We'll look at the tape. We got to be better, we just can't kill the drives with penalties. But I'm happy for our kids and getting another win in November.”

On how the opening two interceptions changed the look of the game:

“I would imagine if we were on the other side, it wouldn't change us too much. We'd just kind of stick with the game plan. I mean, it's not a great way to start for anybody, I guarantee you that. But it's great execution by our defense. Two zone pressures, two slightly different zone pressures that we did. We thought they might possibly come out and do what they did on that first play. We had a great defensive call. Coach [Randy] Bates did a great job and called a pressure that we normally call all the time and it was executed properly. I think it made [Brennan] Armstrong think a little bit, at least for the first half and maybe even the third quarter. Then he started to get hot and throwing some good balls. But again, great performance and that's how you start fast on defense.”

On the performance of Pitts' pass rush:

“It was kind of a follow up from last week. Coach [Charlie] Partridge yelled at his guys and said, ‘You guys play better when I scream at you and yell at you.’ So great job by the D-line. I think they probably had six of the eight [sacks]. And we're getting four-man pressure. It's like I tell the officials all day and even on one of their scrambles late in the fourth quarter, there's two holding calls that don't get called. Guys are getting tackled. I tell the officials everyday they can't block eight [Calijah Kancey] and they can't block eighty-seven [Habakkuk Baldonado]. They can't block them. Kancey was unbelievable.”

On the mutual ejection of Pittsburg DL John Morgan III and UVA C Ty Furnish in the third Quarter :

“I saw that they threw a flag on number 51 (Furnish). I think there was some different language used out there that John [Morgan III] didn't take very well. He's got to keep his composure and let the officials take care of it. He threw a punch and he deserved to be ejected, period. You can't retaliate. I say it all the time, players play, coaches coach, and officials officiate. They made the right call calling a flag on 51, their starting center, and then we retaliated, which again is just not very smart. It'll cost you, it can cost you.”