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UVA HEAD COACH TONY ELLIOTT QUOTES**

ON PENALTIES AT THE END OF THE GAME

“It's hard to see. I was told that one of our guys retaliated and they're always gonna see the second guy, and then the helmet came off, and to them it looked like the player took the helmet off on the field. And then we hit the snapper. And the rule in college football is you can't jump over the snapper. You can't touch the snapper. And they got to throw the flag. I don't fault the officials at all. We got to, as I tell them, we got to win and lose with class. We're in the final moments of the game, that's when we got to be at our sharpest. And we just didn't have the discipline down the stretch to win the football game.”

ON QUARTERBACK ANTHONY COLANDREA'S LEARNING CURVE

“He's a competitor. I think we all know that he's gonna compete, and he's still a young guy and believes he can make every single play. He's gonna have to grow through that and hopefully the learning curve happens fast. But the kid is just trying to make a play, and it's our job as coaches to teach him and coach him not to, in critical situations, not to put the ball in jeopardy. Because you put the ball in jeopardy versus a good football team, they're gonna take it away from you.”

ON THE NEXT MAN UP MENTALITY

“(I'm) Just proud of those guys for stepping up. This is a game of next man up. Nobody cares if you don't have depth. I know that. They had some players down and you got to go play and you got to go do your job. And that's why, when you practice, you got to have the mindset that there is no first team, second team, third team. Everybody's first team, ready to play. We're really proud of Bryce Carter for stepping in there. I saw TT Jones in there. You know, Micah is a guy that's played mostly on special teams. He comes up with a big pick there to take away a scoring opportunity right there. They're driving and they got good field position and he comes up with a pick. Overall, we're really proud of how the guys competed. Trust me, it's tough and it hurts to lose this way. But we're gonna go back to work, we're going to build upon the positive, correct the things where we got to improve, and try to figure out how to go 1-0 next week up at Boston College.”

ON COACHING COLANDREA THROUGH LATE-GAME MISTAKES

“It's just gonna be take care of the ball. Take care of the ball, be aggressive, but be smart. Learn from your mistakes. And in the first one, the guy made a competitive play. Malachi's behind him. So, I'm not gonna sit there and nitpick at that, he's just got to get the ball a little bit further. The guy made a play and tips are picks. The second one is a situation where you kind of learn from last week and hopefully this is the last time that he has to experience that. Just run the ball, protect the opportunity to score. And again, he's a competitor. I think that's what makes him special, is he believes that he can make every throw in every situation. But he'll learn, and I'll tell you what, there's nobody in that locker room that's more hurt than number 10 because he wanted to lead his team to victory today.”

ON DEFENSE APPLYING PRESSURE ON THIRD-DOWN

“They were there. They did. They found a way to get off the field. And, we gave up a couple of long ones that you'd like to see us really take advantage of, but the last couple of weeks coach Rud's done a good job of mixing things up, trying to get pressure on their quarterback, and I feel like we've improved just disrupting the timing of the quarterback and not letting them get settled on some of these third down situations. Overall, man, these kids, they played really hard, and as frustrating and disappointing as I am, that's a football team in there that that has not lost belief. They keep showing up every single day. They're battling adversity, and they're learning you know how to win. So now we got it to the fourth quarter. Now we're in there at the end of the game. We've got to learn from this because you got to win close games. That's ACC football. You've got to win close games in the in the fourth quarter. If I know anything about that bunch in there, they're resilient and they'll keep scrapping. They'll keep fighting.”

ON TWO-POINT CONVERSION

“That was an improvisation and trust me, we don't have any two-point plays on the 17-yard line. I'm glad that we can smile a little bit because you just don't have any, as a coordinator, when you're talking about like 4th-and-17 from the 17 to score to win the game or 3rd-and-17, you just don't have plays. The field zone is condensed and I think Colandrea bought enough time, and put one up, and Malachi went up and made a play, and that's really what that was. And you know, hopefully our guys will learn from the significance where you get caught up in a personal battle in the moment, and now it puts you in a situation where, let's be honest, typically you don't overcome a situation like that. It was just a heck of a play by two guys playing backyard football.”

ON THE RUN GAME

“I think it's tough sledding versus their defense. If you watch them, that structure is built to have seven, eight guys around the box. They work versus the wide zone. So, they were able to make some adjustments. I felt like we had a couple of runs there that we might have cut back a little bit too early. Disappointed in the short yardage. We got to convert those situations. Took a chance and the guys bailed me out. Took a chance there early in the game on 4th-and-one. It was really 4th-and-inches. I felt like we should be able to get that. We'll go back to work and look at it. Obviously, we weren't able to run it there in the middle of the game, but we found some run game. I thought the guys pass protected relatively well, gave him a chance in the pocket. So, we'll go back to work and we'll get better at that.”

ON FOURTH DOWN RUN PLAY BY MIKE HOLLINS IN THE FIRST QUARTER

“It was six inches. Six inches. And mindset, mentality, being aggressive. I told the guys we don't have anything to lose. I probably should have called a timeout, and really talked about it, and got the best possible play call. But man, defense is playing well at that time. And it's six inches, we've got to be able to go get that. I don't care what we run you've got to be able to get six inches.”

ON PLAYING AGAINST FORMER VIRGINIA QUARTERBACK BRENNAN ARMSTRONG

“We got to watch the tape. He made some plays. He made some plays in the game. I think about that that third-and-13 where he made some throws. When he when he wanted to run the ball, he was able to run the ball with a little bit of effectiveness at times. But overall, I thought the guys did a good job of managing a week. Yeah, great player man. And I'll say this, and I mean this with all sincerity, I'm a Brennan Armstrong fan. He did so much for this University. He did so much for me last year, and he really put his heart and soul into trying to help with the transition, and so really excited to see him get an opportunity to come back. It's kind of weird, and he'd probably even say it's a little bit different coming into the stadium as an opposing guy, but he handled it well. My message to the guys is we weren't going to make this personal because there's nothing to make it personal about. He did everything the right way while he was here. He did everything the right way when it was time for him to transition. And it was time for us to line up across from him and see can if we can put together a game plan to handle him and give ourselves a chance to win.”

ON FINISHING GAMES

“We took a step, right? Took a step tonight. And they had a chance to kind of melt and wither late in the game, and they found a way to keep fighting all the way to the end. And now we have to go, as I told them in the locker room, we got to go you know, 59 minutes and 20 something seconds. And that's how long we went. We gotta go 60. We've gotta finish it. We can't lose our composure. We gotta believe that we're supposed to be right there. And then, when we get there, we've got to act like we've been there. But I did see progress. Just overall from a mentality standpoint, first of all for these guys to come back to work and put themselves in position to get it to a fourth quarter game. So, I think they're starting to understand and believe what it takes to win consistently. You got to have the mindset that you're gonna play a four-quarter game every time you line up. Your objective is to get the game to the fourth. And then at that point, I lock in, I have more discipline, I have more focus right then my competitor and I finished the game. What we got to do is go back, and they did with the exception of three plays late in the game with 36 seconds left on the clock. We lost our cool, we got caught up in some personal battles. And unfortunately, as I told them, that earned us the wrong side of the of the game and didn't give us an opportunity to try and see if we can get it to overtime.”

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VIRGINIA PLAYER QUOTES**

ANTHONY COLANDREA

ON HIS MINDSET AFTER THROWING TWO INTERCEPTIONS:

"Just bounce back. Just bounce back, like, against Maryland, as soon as I threw a pick I just shut down. I can't do that this game so, I ended up just putting it under the seat, and then making the drive and go score."

ON MENTAL ERRORS DURING THE GAME:

"It's really frustrating because it's little mistakes that we do. If we don't do these little mistakes, we win this ball game. So, it's tough. It hurts. It does."

ON THE TEAM'S NEXT STEPS:

"We just need to be more disciplined on offense, not making penalties that are going to get us back on a two-point conversion. But, I think this week we're going to execute against Boston College."

MALIK WASHINGTON

ON THE NEXT STEP TO FINDING SUCCESS THIS SEASON:

"The next step is just to continue to have that confidence. Not just for 59 minutes of the game, not for 58 minutes of the game, but having that confidence and having that poise to execute the full game. And like you said, we're right there. So I just know it's coming."

ON HIS IMMEDIATE IMPACT AS A TRANSFER:

"I talked to Coach [Tony] Elliott and I said, 'Hey, I'm transferring here to make an impact. I'm coming to this place to be a game changer.' Whether that's being the best blocker I can be, going for 100 yards every game, or whatever I need to do, I just want to be a game changer. I expected to come here and do something."

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NC STATE HEAD COACH DAVE DOEREN

OPENING STATEMENT:

“All right, heck of a football game, I am very proud of our kicker. Making that kick you know, the psyche you have as a kicker when you have one block, even though it was a penalty, to be able to step back in there and knock that through for him, in the rain, I thought that was a great moment for Brayden (Narveson). I am proud of him. That was a really good kick return there to set that up. ACC wins are hard to come by. Winning on the road is not easy. You got to give Virginia credit, I thought they played a heck of a game. Their quarterback is going to be a very good football player in this league. He is an exciting guy for them and their two receivers, Malik Washington and Malachi Fields, are very good players. We’ve got to play better obviously in certain areas, but as a football team, we found a way to win on the road. I'm proud of our guys for that. I am looking forward to getting on the plane and going home.”

On the Last Drive:

“We felt like with our kicker, we needed to get the ball in the 35-yard line, because of the penalty and the return, we only needed 15 yards to do that. The first play got us in field goal range. After that, we were going to be pretty smart with the ball and not risk turning it over. Brayden (Narveson) made a 60 yarder in pregame going that direction, so we felt like we were in a pretty good spot right there. If you looked at what they were doing defensively, we thought we could get a few more yards up the middle there on that last play.”

On Defense:

“Yeah, they did (a good job). They found a way to get off the field. Third down defense for both teams was solid. They were only five of fourteen on third down and we were only six and 14. Our short yardage defense, I thought, was extremely exceptional tonight. Really, where we struggled was on third and long in the red zone, which is kind of weird. That's an area you would expect us to be really good on defense and that was where they got their points.”

On Kevin “KC” Concepcion:

“He's really hard to cover man to man. They had a guy on both times because the other touchdown was man to man as well. (There was a) little fake screen and go, and he ran, but KC (Concepcion) is playing fast and he's playing well. He's hard after the catch for people as well, as you saw tonight. That was a really good block on that play by Porter Rooks after the catch. There's a reason his numbers are what they are and he's targeted 10 times that 116 yards for a true freshman. He's very talented.”

On Brennan Armstrong:

“I think he settled in. The first quarter the wind was behind us and it was blowing pretty good. He had a lot of energy, which you expect playing in this stadium, and overthrew a few guys. I think as he settled in he started playing better. I thought the guys did a nice job of catching the ball for him tonight. It was one thing in the rain, kind of get worried about it, but our guys did a great job of that.”