

**Virginia Tech Football  
Players Highlight's (Walker, Chung, Floyd, Hazelton, Willis)  
Post Game – Media Conference  
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***Ricky Walker:***

***On change in second half to first:***

“They just made more plays and executed better than we did. On that long run, they cracked us. We didn’t get to crack them so it’s pretty much execution.”

***On keeping the team motivated:***

“I wouldn’t say it’s hard. Those guys do it for the love of the game and compete. Them not being in that situation before they start to panic a bit, but it’s on to the next play. They (Notre Dame) scored off an offensive turnover. They didn’t score on us. It’s the first half. We try to preach that to them and let them know that.”

***On how what the offense is doing effects the defenses play:***

“It is a little frustrating, them getting field goals and not touchdowns, that’s huge. You got to score in these kinds of games against these great teams. Personally it was frustrating seeing referees go like this (incomplete pass sign) all night.”

***On if the first drive had a negative effect on the defense:***

“Not really. We just needed to get back and execute better, but I don’t think so.”

***Kyle Chung:***

***On how it was, coming up short after a big play:***

“It is pretty frustrating. When we get down to the end zone we expect to score every time. It gets under our skin a little bit and drives us to do better next time.”

***On penalties killing momentum:***

“I think that touchdown that got called back kind of wrecked our mojo a little bit and after that I feel we acted kind of uncharacteristic and kind of stalled that drive a little bit. It frustrated us.”

***On Willis “trying to be a hero”:***

“Not really. I could tell he was kind of jacked up before the game which can be a good thing and can be a bad thing. We were trying to tell him to just calm down, take a deep breath and get ready to go. He played well.”

***Reggie Floyd:***

***On what changed in the second half compared to the first half:***

“The small things, of us paying attention to our own assignments, and it kind of got out of hand in the second half. We just shot ourselves in the foot.”

***On watching team not score after the interception:***

“It is tough, but it happened. We just have to move on and try to make another play.”

***Damon Hazelton:***

***On what was working and what was not:***

“I think we could do a lot of things. We could run the ball at times; we could throw the ball at times. We just couldn’t do it well enough times altogether.”

***On chemistry between Willis:***

“We’ve always known we had good chemistry. I mean we worked the scout team together, so it’s not a new thing.”

***Ryan Willis:***

***On what was causing struggles to score in the first half:***

“It stinks. It felt like we were moving the ball pretty well we just couldn’t in the box. I’m not sure what happened, we’ll see on film tomorrow. Start looking forward to North Carolina.”

***On coach’s comments about not needing to be a hero:***

“No, I just have to play within myself and do what the coaches ask. I should have thrown the ball away. I look forward to our next game.”

***On relationship with Damon Hazelton:***

“Yeah, me and Damon built a lot of chemistry. He’s a really good player; it’s a privilege to play with him. We both have a lot of chemistry and I like playing with him. Damon’s a great guy...he makes me a better person. I consider him one of my closest friends.”

***On starting first home game:***

“It was exciting, proud to be a Hokie. They really showed up tonight. Wish we could have put a little bit of product on the field for them.”

***On inability to score from 1 yard-line:***

“We had a few inside zone runs where we didn’t get much push and could knock it in. We tried twice in a row. On third down, we tried a little play action and me and (Stephen) People’s ran into each other. It shouldn’t happen. We need to execute better. We will be better next week.”