

VIRGINIA TECH VS. ODU

Postgame news conference

Sept. 22, 2018

Head coach Justin Fuente highlights

(On his team's performance)

"We didn't play very well. That's the truth. I don't want to say that and take away from what they accomplished. We had plenty of things that we need to work on, and those are all my responsibility – and I understand that. But they played better."

(On his team's practices leading up to the game)

"It's easy to say that after you get embarrassed. But we had a couple of days in there when I'm trying to remind them ... as a staff, we're trying to remind, but we were preparing like a young football team. I told them, 'I liked you guys a lot better when everybody told you that you were terrible. Everybody told you that you didn't have a chance to win the first game, and all you did was work your tails off. And then now, we get to feeling all good about ourselves and we get brought back down to earth. We got what we deserved.'"

(On the adjustments made on defense)

"We tried several different coverages ... We threw the kitchen sink at them. We didn't always handle the adjustments very well. That's part of the deal, and that's part of the thing we talked about. We didn't adjust on the fly very well, and we didn't execute."

(On Josh Jackson's injury)

"I don't know for sure. I just don't know. He's in a boot. They'll take a look at it and see."

(On the four unsportsmanlike penalties)

"It's inexcusable. What happened was we got in the middle of a real game – a real competitive game and things weren't going our way, and that's how we responded. And that's inexcusable. It starts with me. We have to be a better disciplined football team. Our response was to go the wrong way instead of buckle down and try to make a play. This was the first time our football team had been tested. We all thought it was going to be the first week, and it wasn't. It was this week – and that's how we responded."