

**Virginia Tech Football**  
**Postgame Media Press Conference**  
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**William & Mary Head Coach Jimmye Laycock Q&A Highlights**

***On if the touchdown to DeVonte Dedmon was the same as his touchdown last week against Bucknell:***

“Yes, I think it was the same formation. I’m pretty sure it was the same play.”

***On what his team gets out of this game:***

“They get a feeling of what it takes to play at a high level. Whether they can realistically achieve that high level of play at least they will see that. Your mistakes also get magnified. They can see what can happen if your body position is not correct to make a tackle. You also get a feeling of accomplishment when you do things right like making a tackle. If you can do things really well against one of the best teams in the country then you can against anybody. So you get a sense of confidence coming out of that.”

***On the tactics of the run game that Virginia Tech did well:***

“They were using the run-pass-option in a different type of action during plays. I thought their QB really did a nice job executing.”

***On why the run game struggled and what they could do going forward to improve the run game:***

“Well, Virginia Tech probably has one of the best defensive lines in the country and they have depth too. Then they can bring their safeties down and get them involved as well. In order to counteract that you need some time to make some throws. It’s hard to have the time to make the throws and take advantage of the safeties being down. We also have a freshman offensive tackle in there and it’s only his second game that he has started in college.”

***On if he expected his defense to hang in there a little more:***

“I wish that we had tackled better. We got rocked back early and it took us a while to get moving. We really missed some tackles.”

***On what Shon Mitchell did well against Tech:***

“He didn’t panic or get jittery even when things weren’t quite right. He did a good job of hanging in there and making throws the best he could. He did a good job of running the offense and calling plays. I just thought his overall play was impactful.”

***On if there is any nostalgia playing Virginia Tech for the last time:***

“None. No, we played them my first year here. We got an offensive pass interference called against us and I think they ended up beating us 7-3.”

***On his and Frank Beamer's friendship:***

"I think Frank Beamer and I came from very similar backgrounds. We both came from working-class parents. We both worked our way up and never had anything given to us. We had to work for everything we got. I think both of us profited a great deal from being with Bobby Ross as far as coaching and how we coach. We just hit it off with our personalities. Frank is a good friend and we have been friends for a long time."

***On what impressed him the most about Virginia Tech:***

"I think they have tremendous balance on offense. I think they can make you play the entire field. Defensively, they play with such speed and aggressiveness. They are very fast and very quick. Bud Foster has a good scheme and puts them in the right spots and even if they are in the wrong spot you don't have time to take advantage of it. They also have a great kicking game."