

Virginia Tech vs. Notre Dame
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Postgame news conference
Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster quotes

(On bouncing back after this loss)

“We’ve got to get ready to dive into the conference schedule, the meat of it, and we’re getting ready to play a big-time Wake Forest team. We can’t let this game affect the next one. We can learn from it and grow from it. I think it gives us an indicator, particularly these last few weeks of when lock in and we believe and we trust and we put the effort in, then we have the result that we want.”

(On the roughing the passer call on Eli Adams)

“I looked at it. I’m not going to say anything because I’ve been reprimanded before, and I’m not going to say anything now. The hard part is that you’ve got quarterbacks that are athletic and can run, and he scrambled numerous times tonight. We put a lot of pressure on him. They’re going to protect the quarterback, and that’s the bottom line. That particularly was a big play. We dropped eight on that particular play because I felt like they were going to attack Armani. Armani came in for Waller, and we were dropping a guy beneath him, so he could play a little softer in his coverage. It turned out to be a good play for us but then turned out to be a bad play for us, too. I think that’s a drive they did not score, but at the same time, we would have gotten a new possession and we would have had momentum going, and who knows what would have happened?”

(On the targeting call on Jermaine Waller)

“We don’t coach that or teach that. The play looked like Waller was going for a big hit, and the back kind of fell into him. That’s part of it, too. That’s why they looked at it. It’s unfortunate. It did look like he did lower his head, but I don’t think that was what his intent was at all. That’s the tough part. He’s been such a good player for us. To lose a guy in that situation ... then [Armani] Chatman came in and did a good job and then he got nicked up a little bit, and then we were scrambling around on the back end.”

(On the momentum change before the first half)

“That was a big play obviously ... Rook was the one that made the stick on the goal line. That’s the one thing we’ve done since the Duke game. We’ve talked about that, and I think we’ve handled the ebbs and flows of a game and been able to go to the next play, and it showed with that. That was obviously a big change in the game. I just wish we could have held on in the end. That would have been one of the all-time great plays in Virginia Tech history probably.”

(On the play of Deablo)

“I love Divine Deablo. Let me say that. The guy is what you see is what you get. Every day, he’s got a smile on his face. He enjoys coming to work and competing. He’s one of those guys that, off the field, he takes care of business. He’s had his ups and downs with his physical issues,

which are well documented, and to see him have the success that he's plenty capable of, that he has come back and earned that play because it hasn't been an easy road. Just extremely proud of him and for him, and he's obviously turned into one of our outstanding leaders on this football team. He's not the most vocal guy, but at the same time, he's a leader by how he competes and how he goes about his day-to-day business, and the kids really respect him because of it."

(On Ian Book's touchdown run)

"That was always a big concern. We were in our "30" package [three defensive linemen], and there's always a concern about that. I thought they were a little farther out where the time was going to restrict them with no timeouts. That's a big call. If it works, it's a great call. If it doesn't, it's fourth down with the clock running and panic mode – for both sides. But you always have that concern in that situation. With that personnel, there's always a thought behind that, but it was a well-executed play on their part."