

Virginia Tech Football
RBs Coach Zohn Burden Q&A Highlights
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On his thoughts about RB Keshawn King:

“It’s pretty impressive to come in as a freshman and pick up the offense pretty quickly. He’s smart, practices hard and is doing a lot of things that you can’t coach, as far as effort and giving it his all whenever he’s out there. That’s the most impressive part and right now we’re just trying to keep that going and see where he fits in and what his role will be.”

On is he encouraged by what he has seen from RB Jalen Holston:

“I’m very excited about Jalen. We knew that this was going to be the first off-season where he would be able to lift, run and all of the other things that we do during the off season. We’re excited about that and you can see it in his play, confidence and he turned it up another notch in leadership on the offensive side of the ball and with the team. We’re excited about that and hopefully we can carry it out through the remainder of the season.”

On the similarities and differences between RBs Caleb Steward and Keshawn King:

“Well they’re both from Florida, but Caleb brings an explosiveness to the game like Keshawn. He’s also a very natural runner like Keshawn and has a natural body lean when he hits the hole. He’s coming along, being more consistent and he’s carrying what he did in the spring into fall. It’s exciting to see.”

On whether he prefers having one main rusher or a committee approach:

“With our offense, I we have a guy in there that is hot, you leave him in. We’re always hoping that someone gets hot and you leave them in there, let them roll and keep carrying the ball. That’s the goal, but besides that we’re going to put our guys in the best position to be successful in the offense.”

On whether there been separation between the running backs:

“Well the good thing about it is that they all have different skill sets. It all depends what we’re trying to accomplish in a game and the game plan. It also determines who’s going to get the most touches, or a guy gets hot and we just roll with him. It just depends on what our actual game plan is and the weaknesses we see from the defense.”

On where Terius Wheatley fits in among the group and his development:

“His role is improving. He’s continuing to run harder between the tackles, which is what we want to see out of him. I think he’s getting better in that regard and more physical. Those are the things we wanted to see out of him and his role is going to increase as a ball carrier out of the backfield.”