

**Virginia Tech Football**  
**Ryan Willis Q&A Highlights**  
**ODU Week Media Session**  
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***On what he remembers from last season's Old Dominion game:***

"Just to be ready. My number was called, and I was prepared, and I played to the best of my ability."

***On how much more comfortable he is in the huddle now compared to last season's ODU game:***

"More comfortable in the huddle. I've had more live snaps in the system. It's my third year here, and things flow a lot easier. I get in and out a lot easier, I take control easier, and it flows better."

***On WR Tayvion Robinson taking on substantial role as a freshman:***

"That's just who he is as a player. He is gifted, he's got the big-play ability, and he can make all the catches. He is a smart kid who picked up on the offense very quickly. That's a big thing for freshman is just knowing the plays and knowing what to do, he also has the ability, and he is able to do it. I'm proud of him, and we still have a long way to go."

***On how WR Kaleb Smith has progressed so quickly:***

"I love Kaleb. That's an awesome story. That kid has worked his tail off, and he deserves everything he is getting. He's just been going to work every day at practice and getting better. Not many guys can run like him. His stride length is kind of crazy. It doesn't look like he is moving fast then all of a sudden he gets on his toes, and he is gone, and he has run past them. I'm just proud of that kid, he has battled through a lot and has risen up the depth chart. That's all due to his work ethic."

***On what he could have done better on the plays that resulted in INTs at Boston College:***

"The first one was a seam route, and I got them in cover three, I caught them in it, and I actually went to the right place, but I underthrew it, and the guy made a good play. I should have got outside on the outside come back, and I just have to be better than that. I have to react quicker, and I have to bring it this week. I looked at myself in the mirror, and I said to myself, I have two choices 'I can either feel bad for myself, sulk and feel like the world is crashing down or my second choice is put it behind me and learn from it, grow from it and get ready for a team that is coming into our place that's trying to beat us.'"

***On if he worries about games with multiple INTs:***

"I just worry about one play at a time. Just doing my job and making the correct reads. Having a predictive outcome and just going where the ball needs to go."

***On what he has seen from RB Keshawn King:***

"He is an explosive kid. He is shifty, has good speed and explosiveness. He just needs to figure out what he is doing. He is a Freshman and like I said about Tayvion, 'some guys don't pick it up as fast as other guys.' Keshawn is doing a really good job, but he still has the next step to take. I know he is going to be working all week because he will get more touches this week."

***On the first time he noticed WR Kaleb Smith in practice:***

“When I first noticed him probably last fall camp on a post route. I actually remember it was on the outside of the field and I underthrew him. I didn’t think I underthrew him, but his stride length is deceptive. He gets like five yards in two steps. Not many people can do that.”

***On how he felt the pace of the offense went at Boston College:***

“The speed at which we operate is all situational. The issue teams run into when they are up-tempo all the time is the defense. Quick three and out they are right back on the field. Sometimes we kind of want to have a pre-snap process and get into a flow of things. Sometimes it's situational like before the half when we run a two-minute operation where we are around the ball and getting ready to snap it. It’s just all situational.”

***On his touchdown pass to WR Tayvion Robinson at BC:***

“All we can practice is working that route concept. All week he was the inside guy. Coach Cornelsen before the game said ‘be ready to hit number two on this play in the middle of the pocket.’ It was there, and Coach Cornelsen was right.”