



POSTGAME QUOTES

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES 23 (3-8)
AT
LIBERTY FLAMES 22 (8-3)
WILLIAMS STADIUM | SATURDAY, NOV. 19, 2022

Liberty Head Coach Hugh Freeze

Overall thoughts on the game...

"I'm just disappointed. Obviously, yards looked about the same. You go down to the turnover column, that tells the story. It was a pretty evenly-matched game. You can't turn it over and then them not turn it over and expect to win. We had way too many plays that resulted in us getting behind the chains. Defensively, we didn't play great the first half. They had a good plan. I thought we played good enough defense in the second half to win the game if we just could convert some drives. Offensively, we didn't. That's the story of the game. We've dropped the last two. We still have had a great year, but we need to find a way to bounce back and play better to end our regular season.

On the turnovers from the quarterbacks and the quarterback position as a whole...

"We're driving, and it's unfortunate for sure. We were really struggling to block them up front. They've been good all year on defense. I know it doesn't show up in the win column, but I think that's the best defense we played all year up front. They put a lot of pressure on us, and we were just trying to find a spark, maybe somebody that could avoid the first rusher and create some explosive plays. I think the turnovers are certainly a huge factor in the outcome. I knew I was going to play them both. We weren't protecting extremely well, and you're trying to play it more mobile. It didn't work."

On RB Shedro Louis' play...

"I thought Shedro played really well today. I'm proud of him. We had to stay balanced. You're not going to run it on them if you're not somewhat balanced. We could never find that rhythm."

Thoughts moving forward...

"We've got to get better play at quarterback and O-line. We've got to get more consistent play at quarterback, and I've got to settle in, probably, to just one (quarterback). You can't give some credit to them. Their D-line is pretty dang good."

More thoughts on the team...

"I love our group. They've shown an enormous amount of grit and fight and toughness. We're all hurting right now, disappointed in the way the season seems to be unfolding so far for the finish. We have another opportunity next week. To get nine wins on the season, I'd take that almost any season anywhere you're at."

Virginia Tech Head Coach Brent Pry

Overall thoughts on the game...

“First, I want to open by saying that I appreciate the investment from our football program this fall. Everybody has held their head high through a tough period and remained invested and together. I could not be more proud and thankful for the group of men, women and the captains who are leading this team. They persevered, handled the adversity and learned to get better through it. It was a good football team we beat today. I thought they played well. They are a team that beat Arkansas, had every opportunity to beat Wake Forest and put it on BYU pretty good. We played a good team at their place. I am appreciative of the fans that made the trip. Our fan base is just phenomenal. I have been around some good fan bases, but the loyalty and commitment from this one is special. I am very thankful for them, and I am so happy and proud for our football team. They have a chance to celebrate all the work and investment they have made.”

About running out the clock at the end...

“They were in what is called “surrender”. Their best opportunity to win the game was to let us score. From the get-go, we let our kids know that we would not be scoring on that drive. We wanted to get the first down and go down after the first down so we can run the clock out. Our staff did a great job managing that situation.”

About the veteran players stepping up...

“They have been impressive. Some of them are in their last hurrah. The way that they stayed with it and wanted to win like they did was impressive. I look for signs all week of guys coming off the gas and not pouring it into practice. Those signs were not there this week. We were not going to beat this bunch if we did not have a good week of practice. I thought the coaches brought a ton of energy this week. The players stayed focused on improvement. They did all the things necessary to have the chance to go play well.”