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An interview with:

**COACH DABO SWINNEY
CLEMSON**

COACH SWINNEY: We're excited about having a little not really open date for us, because we play on Thursday night. We have to practice this weekend. But it is good to have a little extra time to get some of these guys healed. Recovering from a tough camp and a very, very difficult opener with Georgia.

We're really happy to be 2-0 right now. But got our biggest challenge coming up here against NC State. Huge, huge game conference-wise, division-wise. They've obviously got a new staff up there. Presents some challenges from an unknown standpoint.

But their offense, they're very dynamic. Do a lot of similar things that we do. Been impressed with what I've seen so far with them on film, how they're using their personnel.

Very, very big up front. Defensively probably the best defensive line we've played. Very active, very fast off the ball. They play incredibly hard.

We're going to have to have our A game when we go on the road. That's always a challenge. But looking forward to going up to Raleigh next Thursday.

With that I'll take questions.

Q. Dabo, Jordan Leggett seems timid about his knee, he's unsure about his place with the tight ends. How do you see his role developing as the season goes on?

COACH SWINNEY: Like any other freshman, just growing and maturing in his position. He's going to be a great tight end. He's still working his way back. When you miss the amount of time he missed, you're coming back from an injury, there's always going to be a little

period there where you're trying to get back to where you were prior to being hurt.

He's doing good. I think, again, he's not quite back where he is, but he's working every single day, getting a little bit better each day.

He's still a true freshman. I mean, this guy's got a lot to learn. Boy, he has a great upside. I think he's going to be a great, great tight end for many, many years.

This is a big year for him from just a developmental standpoint. I don't have any doubts by the time this year's over, Jordan Leggett is going to have made some plays and helped us win a lot of games.

Q. We talk about the clichés, motivation, previous games. I'm curious, do you bring out Florida State's visit to NC State's last year, because that was also a Thursday night?

COACH SWINNEY: Shoot, we got our own problems. We went up there last time and got our tails handed to us. We don't have to look any further than ourselves.

It's a very difficult place to play. Our last experience up there was not good. We played one of our worst games of the year that year, and we won the league. It was a very disappointing night. I think we had about five turnovers, I believe, three of them inside our own 20. That's a recipe for disaster. That's what it was.

We'll have to play much, much better to have a chance to win this game.

Q. There's a report on Twitter that after Miami defeated Florida you threw up a U. That will endear you to Miami fans. But my question is, do you feel now that the profile of the ACC is good enough, if there were, say, three undefeated teams all from major BCS programs, the ACC would get the benefit of the doubt over, say, the Big Ten?

COACH SWINNEY: There's no question. I mean, listen, the only problem that the ACC has

is we have not produced a dominant team, period, as of late. Historically the teams that are in this conference have been outstanding. I mean, heck, Miami, just in itself, they won a bunch of national championships.

We've got the tradition and the history from a team standpoint, the teams that are within this conference. But we just haven't produced that 13-0, 12-1 team. Part of that is because this league is incredibly competitive and we haven't had that dominant team like the SEC has. The SEC, they've had three, four, five teams, that between them, they've produced that one team. This league hasn't done it.

It is what it is. Until you win games, big games like this conference has done as of late, you have to put up with people saying this and saying that. Until you win those games, at least your fair share of those games, you deal with that stuff.

I think as we continue to win those games, then those perceptions change. The bottom line is, though, if this league produces a 13-0 or 12-1 team, they're going to be in the mix. This conference is a tough conference and we played a tough schedule outside of conference, and I think that factors in.

Q. Having had your indoor facility now for several months going almost on a year, has it had the tangible and intangible benefits that you envisioned?

COACH SWINNEY: Oh, my gosh, it's paid for itself three times over. It really has. You talk about picking a year, a perfect year, to build an indoor facility, we picked it. We were able to practice in it about five times before our bowl game last year, which was huge for us, because the weather was terrible. To be able to continue to practice full speed, especially when you're trying to prepare for a physical team like LSU was, it was huge.

Then this spring and this summer, we've had a world record of rain around here. We've never missed a day. We don't even have to think about it. Prior to having the indoor, we didn't have anywhere to go where we could practice full speed.

You can go inside somewhere and walk through, but you don't get better at this game walking through, you got to practice full speed to really improve in the game of football. So it has been tremendous.

Then you get into your summer when the skills and drills are going on with your players.



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What people don't realize, it's not like you can say, Okay, let's come back in three hours. These guys' schedules are so structured, there's very little flexibility, so you have a window of time when you can practice or they can do their skills and drills in the summer. All of a sudden you have lightning or whatever, you can miss it.

I think we were averaging 14 days a year we were missing training or whatever. We don't worry about that anymore. We don't worry about any of that. We have great flexibility.

I'll tell you another effect of it is, we take them out of the heat sometimes. Sometimes on Thursdays, you're trying to bring their legs back. So to be able to take them out of that direct sun, be able to help them with that recovery process to get them ready for that game, it's been a real blessing. Really, really, we have gotten a ton of use.

Also for our fields. We do our walk-throughs, we do our flex every single day. To take that off of our grass fields helps us maintain those surfaces. Towards the end of the season, we've got great practice surfaces still.

So it's just been a great, great blessing for us. I don't have any doubt it's impacted our program.

Q. From the intangible side, does the message of commitment by the administration and the athletic department, does that resonate with prospects as you tour them around the facility?

COACH SWINNEY: Oh, absolutely. There's no question about that. It's a huge commitment from our administration. We talk about being the best that we can be. It just kind of furthers that commitment that we want to provide them with the best resources from a facility standpoint that you can possibly have in college football. So absolutely.

When you're at our level and you're competing with the upper-tier BCS programs from a recruiting standpoint, those things matter. You're trying to level the playing field as much as possible. Facilities is a big part of that.

Q. Just from the games you've seen, do you think the targeting penalty instituted this year has reached its desired effect?

COACH SWINNEY: I don't know. Obviously, I haven't seen a lot of games other than

our games, just film study. I think it's still to be determined. I think it's too early.

I know there's been a few, but I haven't really seen them. I really can't answer that at this point.

Q. Do you think there's a general mentality that's been changed about it?

COACH SWINNEY: From my standpoint, because we've only had two games, it really hasn't been an issue. We don't coach anything different here. As I said earlier, my biggest concern is those unintentional collisions and guys getting thrown out, where it's bang, bang, obviously no intent, guys getting ejected. That's the biggest thing to me.

The obvious ones, I'm glad to see they're enforcing those. That's the biggest change. The rule hasn't changed; it's just how they're enforcing the rule. I think we'll see more as we go.

From our standpoint, it hasn't been a factor these first couple games. We'll see as we keep moving forward.

MIKE FINN: Coach, we're out of time. Enjoy the bye week and we'll talk to you next Wednesday.

COACH SWINNEY: Good to be with you. Thank you.

COACH JIMBO FISHER FLORIDA STATE

COACH FISHER: Very excited to play this Saturday. Took the off week, got some things done, accomplished in our program, that I thought was needed at the time. You don't like off weeks this early, but playing a Monday game, not coming back on Saturday, coming out of camp being physically banged up, I thought it came at a good time.

Good week and a half of preparation here. Nevada is an outstanding football team. Look forward to them coming in. They have a great tradition, great history. Excellent players, very dynamic offense, run the pistol set. Do some really good things.

Quarterback is a very dynamic player. Big receivers. Had a back go for over a hundred last week. Starter back this week, do a good job of mixing coverages and fronts. Do a solid job.

Coach does a great job of coaching them all around.

We have a great challenge on our hands, home opener, should be a great challenge watching how our kids respond.

Questions.

Q. Do you think in the games you've seen so far the season that the implementation of targeting rule has had its desired effect?

COACH FISHER: The games I've watched, I haven't seen anything called. From that standpoint, obviously it must have because I think that's the object. It's not to catch guys; just to prevent guys from doing things.

I haven't seen any instances myself where guys have been ejected. People have told me about them. I haven't had a chance to see them.

They seem to be down. I hope we can do it without ejecting young men and teams losing players.

Q. Do you think there's a general mindset against players knowing there's a severe penalty if you do?

COACH FISHER: I don't think there's any doubt. Any time there's a penalty for something you do wrong, a major penalty, what kids like the most of anything is playing time. I think that has had an effect. I don't have any doubt it's definitely in their mind.

Q. How was the bye week?

COACH FISHER: We spent some time on Nevada. First couple days we cleaned up some fundamental things, Wednesday and Thursday of the week before, worked on ourselves, base fundamentals. Started last Saturday getting ready. They're going to be a very dynamic team. Offensively the cause a lot of problems with the things they do. Fast pace, no-huddle, pistol set, blitzes, things they've done in the past. We prepare for them like we do for any other team, but they create some unique situations.

Q. Watching the Pittsburgh game. Run and pass is a mix. Is that what you're going to do against Nevada?

COACH FISHER: That's always been my offensive philosophy. I think you have to be balanced. I don't ever want to be one-sided because you have to be able to do both to be a

good football team and cause the teams two problems instead of one. You don't want to become a one-dimensional team. We love to have balance.

Q. I know you had a week off. Did you get a chance to watch the battle of Florida and Miami?

COACH FISHER: I caught the end of it. We had practice on Saturday. Caught the very end of it. Competitive football team. A lot of great players on both sides.

Q. What did you see from those games?

COACH FISHER: Two very good football teams. Miami, play-makers on offense, good offensive line, backs, quarterback. Defensively they made tremendous strides, very physical, cause a lot of turnovers. Kicking game was very good.

Florida moves the football up and down. Turnovers, but still moved the football for 290. Very powerful, very physical. Very good players on defense. Great front seven. Secondary guys. One heck of a defense.

You saw two very good teams. We're definitely going to have to play both of them down the road but we're definitely going to have to get a lot better before we play them.

Q. Your young quarterback got plenty of acclaim from his first game. What, if any, improvement are you looking from week one to game two?

COACH FISHER: More consistent. I think you can always get better in every phase. Sometimes it doesn't always show in stats or numbers, but I think just continue to grow in our offense and get us in and out of the right plays. We consistently play well around him and let him grow.

I think that was one of the things missed in that game. He played exceptionally well, but so did the guys around him. That all goes hand-in-hand.

There's always room for improvement if he gets the knowledge and keeps developing the consistency, which I think he will.

Q. Is he ahead of schedule?

COACH FISHER: I think he's practiced very well. I felt very good about his presence in

the spring and in the fall, his knowledge of our offense, the things he was doing.

To say it's ahead of schedule, I don't know if I want to say that, but he's playing very well for a young player.

Q. Jimbo, I notice y'all ran quite a bit of the pistol against Pitt. What do you like about the pistol formation? What do you call the set where you have the offset back there? Do you have a separate name for that?

COACH FISHER: It's still a pistol. Just add different formations to the pistol. I ran the pistol four, five years ago when I was here. You still get the I-formation, you still get the shotgun reaction quarterback off the ball. Can still do his zone reads, those kinds of things.

It brings some uniqueness along. We have two split-back gun runs and we have pistol runs. It gives you advantages on things we've used in the past. It's something we're doing now very well. We'll continue to mix it in.

Q. Have the benefits of your indoor facility been what you envisioned?

COACH FISHER: No doubt. Definitely has. Whether it's beating the heat or the rain, both scenarios, it's given us an advantage, allowed us to stay on schedule, have a consistent place to work out. I think in recruiting it's beginning to really help.

From a preparation standpoint, it really helped.

MIKE FINN: Coach, thanks for being with us. Good luck this weekend. We'll talk to you next Wednesday.

COACH FISHER: Thank you.

COACH RANDY EDSALL MARYLAND

COACH EDSALL: We're excited that we've got two wins under our belt, both home games. Now we've got the difficult task of going on the road and trying to secure that third win. So hopefully we can have a great week of preparation and go up there and give ourselves that opportunity to get the third win.

MIKE FINN: Questions for Coach Edsall.

Q. Mixed emotions as you go back to UConn? Looking forward to or rather not play this game?

COACH EDSALL: No, I've got fond memories of Connecticut, fond memories of Rentschler Field. Hopefully we can come away with a victory.

Connecticut was very, very good to me and my family. Had a great experience there. Again, what you got to do is you take everything and put it to the side and focus and concentrate on getting our team prepared and ready to go up there and play.

I know they're going to be fired up. I know it's a tough place to play, having coached there for nine years, ten years, in that stadium. It's going to be something we've got to be ready for. We have to make sure we do our job of staying focused, executing, getting better from week two to week three.

Q. As you look at your good 2-0 start here, anything you're ahead of schedule on, pleasant surprise that contributes to the 2-0 start?

COACH EDSALL: It's been guys that have worked very, very hard, have really mastered the techniques and the fundamentals and game plans that we've put together. Right now our kids are playing well.

What we want to do is just work to get better each and every week. The way you do that is by preparing. They've prepared well so far this year. We just want to keep that going.

Q. I wanted to talk about Brandon Ross. He's coming off an impressive game. He was your leading rusher last year, but not a big total or anything. Can you talk about his development, how much better he is this year.

COACH EDSALL: Well, I think Brandon is a young man who is very talented. I think just having experience under his belt, having some of the success that he had last year has really kind of carried over to this year.

In the first game we thought he was kind of dancing a little bit. Talked to him about that. He came back and had a really good game this past game.

I've had a lot of really good runningbacks in my tenure as a head coach, and I think Brandon is another guy that can be very, very good, have a very good career. He's got the size, the speed, the

athletic ability. He can catch the ball coming out of the backfield.

Just pleased with how he's developing. I know he's going to continue to get better.

Q. How much is it helping that you actually have a quarterback this year so you have a balanced attack? People don't always stack up against the run as they did a lot last year, late especially.

COACH EDSALL: I think that's one of the pluses that we have in terms of our offense. C.J. is playing very, very well. He's a dual threat throwing the ball, running the ball. When you have the receivers in Deon and Stefon, Nigel, Dave Stinebaugh in there, it gives us a lot of opportunities to spread the ball around, be able to run the ball, be able to throw the ball if they want to try to take that away.

That's what we want to be. We want to be multiple in terms of what we do, give a defense a lot to prepare for, let them try to figure out how they're going to match up with the skill people that we have.

Q. Talk about your last time coaching in the stadium up there at UConn.

COACH EDSALL: Again, as I stated just a little bit ago, I know it's a very tough venue. It gets loud there at Rentschler Field. I have a lot of great memories of things that went on there. We had a lot of great victories. Had a really good home record there. Fans were very supportive of what we were doing, how we made that transition.

Again, I think it's neat to be able to go back. Now what we've got to do is just understand that we got a game to play and all our focus and attention has to be on that.

Q. What did you see from UConn's game a couple weeks ago that might help you for Saturday?

COACH EDSALL: I see a UConn team that made a lot of good plays offensively and defensively. There's a lot of good talent there. What we've got to do is take our things that we do well and go out and execute.

What we have to do is execute at a high level to give ourselves an opportunity to win.

Q. When a player misses an entire season, as C.J. Brown did last year, I guess

you're never quite sure when he comes back how he's going to perform until you see him. After two games, what are your impressions? What has he done in particular? Are you gratified or surprised at all by the way he's been able to recover?

COACH EDSALL: Well, it doesn't surprise me that he came back the way he did from the standpoint of the injury. I mean, you had to be around the building here just to watch how hard he worked, the time and effort that he put in to getting himself back from a physical standpoint. So that doesn't surprise me. He was always a very talented athlete.

Again, he put in a lot of time studying film. He was sitting in on meetings all last year learning the offense, but not getting any reps.

I think he's done a really good job of working, getting himself to where he's shown that he can run the ball. He's throwing the ball with extreme accuracy. It's good to see.

Again, it makes our offense that much better. The leadership he brings to the table has been outstanding. I guess you could say it doesn't surprise me because knowing how C.J. is. He had something he wanted to prove to himself and to everybody else. He just wants to work and get better each and every time that he goes out there. Hopefully that will continue to happen.

Q. From a coaching standpoint, how much I don't want to see easier necessarily, but what's the difference in being able to know you have a healthy quarterback you can count on, not sort of having to patch it together each week?

COACH EDSALL: Well, I just hope he continues to stay healthy. When you have a guy like C.J., it's very comforting. Again, for what we want to do offensively with that position, he gives us everything we need, everything we're looking for. Then again, there's guys, the other 10 guys all believe and trust in him. He's a guy that has some experience. He had some starting experience from before.

I think all those factors contribute to our team having more confidence on offense. Plus all the other guys are a year older, as well.

COACH SCOTT SHAFER SYRACUSE

COACH SHAFER: Good to be back home with you folks.

The team and the coaches are extremely fired up to be back home and playing in the dome. We look forward to seeing the home crowd there.

We take on a team in Wagner that was a championship team last year in their conference. Explosive offense. They're averaging 35 points a game. They play extremely hard on defense. They got a couple kids offensively that we have to do a good job against.

Dominique Williams, their runningback, is averaging 220 yards a game. We're going to have to do a good job slowing him down. They have an athletic quarterback in Matt Misley that has done some real good things in their first two games.

MIKE FINN: Questions for Coach Shafer.

Q. I know you've been asked a lot about your quarterbacks. With Drew, the way he played in the first two games, have you been able to pinpoint in watching the tape why he's had some of the struggles he's had?

COACH SHAFER: With Drew, first thing is, we had two good opponents in Penn State and Northwestern. He got thrown to the wolves early, which is in the long run is going to be a good thing.

I was pleased with his increased completion rate. I think he was 66% in the Northwestern game. Biggest thing with Drew, he's got to eliminate the turnovers. Sometimes he'll get locked in on a target. He's just got to do a better job checking down. When things are muddy, he has to go down to the check-down, get the ball out of the backfield, not try to force things.

I've seen multiple occasions where he's trying to stick it in there when really he should go to the check-down. That's something he's working hard at this week.

Q. I'm wondering if going into this week there's anything you say to Drew so he doesn't play with any sort of feeling pressure?

COACH SHAFER: I think more than anything, it's just getting into the flow of the game, trust his eyes, go play, have fun, enjoy the process. I think any time you have a player at any position that is trying hard to continue to improve in his game, you want to make sure that his focus

isn't so tight and narrow that he's not playing with the flow of the game.

All good athletes kind of get into a zone. There were times Saturday where he was in a zone and did some nice things. He needs to control the things he can, push forward towards taking the coaching from Coach McDonald and Lester, manage the game plan, play nice and loose.

Q. Obviously you're off to a tough start. Given the opponents you played, people wouldn't expect you to be off to a much better start. Are you where you thought you would be at this point in the season?

COACH SHAFER: I have to look at all the different pieces and parts that make up the formula. We played poorly, especially coming out of the first half against Northwestern.

As a coach looking at it, critiquing it, disappointed at some things, but not discouraged. We have to do a good job with the teaching response, stay the course. We talk about staying steady as we go, correcting the pieces and parts of the formula that have had flaws in it, really focusing on direct targets.

Some of the things we need to continue to focus on is, first and foremost, the turnover ratio. We're sitting at minus three. You can't win a lot of games when you're at minus three. We need to get in the plus category. That's been a focus last week as well as this week.

Defensively you have to do a good job of eliminating the big plays, make them earn plays. It's one thing when a kid is in a position to make a play, then they make a play on us, you can swallow that one. We had too many instances in the Northwestern game where we gave them opportunities and windows that were far too big, especially in the passing game, as well in containing the quarterback, that hurt us. Those are opportunities we handed to them. We can't hand them anything. If they earn it, that's one thing, but we don't want to give them opportunities.

That's kind of the approach we're taking, staying steady as we move forward and staying the course.

Q. The thought process after the Northwestern game, how seriously did you consider starting Terrel and how did you get to the ultimate decision where you wanted to give Drew another shot to start against Wagner?

COACH SHAFER: We went through it. There were four interceptions there that Drew threw. Two of them were all on him. The other two were situations where we a tip pass interception and a great play by the safety at Northwestern down their sideline.

You never want to overreact to a situation. You want to look at it for what it is. I was pleased with his ability to come back after an interception and take the team down the field for a touchdown. I was pleased that his completion, moving up to 66%.

For me it was, Let's take a look at who we have playing, what areas we have to improve on. Are they areas we feel any player could improve upon? In his situation, I felt strongly that he could definitely do that.

But I also feel good about the fact that Terrel went in and did a good job, played well. I liked his approach and attitude. Both guys will be ready to play this weekend.

Q. If this was against Penn State and Northwestern in week three, the quarterbacks are where they are now, would you still be taking the same approach, Drew would start and Terrel would still play?

COACH SHAFER: It's one of those 'what if' questions that are hard to look at.

Q. Considering Wagner is an FCS team, does that factor into the decision at all?

COACH SHAFER: No. We have a team coming off a championship season and broke records. Regardless of where they're at, a championship team is a championship team. We need to approach it the same way we would any solid football team we're going against.

Q. Recap the last two games. What do you need to work on this Saturday against Wagner?

COACH SHAFER: I think it's more turning back the focus towards ourselves. As I mentioned a few minutes ago, I think first and foremost we need to work on direct targets of improvement. Some of the things we pushed for after Penn State would be offensively our first-down progress. We have a goal of trying to be 60% on first down. Our goal is to achieve four yards or more. Coming out of the Penn State game, we were poor on first

down. We were only 21% in reaching that goal.

Coming out of Northwestern, we just missed our goal at 57% of the team reaching four yards or more. What that does is it directly influences your play calling on second down and setting up third. We were in third-down situations in the Northwestern game. When we get to that down-and-distance offensively, we look at all third downs, we had to have a success rate of 45% or more. We reached that goal, as well, at 46%.

There are positives even in an ugly loss like Northwestern.

The other area was yards after contact offensively. Our goal there is to improve, and we did. We had 40 broken tackles for 179 yards, which was a huge improvement. Really we increased that by 60 some odd percent.

So focusing in on those things in practice paid off coming out of Penn State. Now as we move into the Wagner game, we have to look at turnover ratio, both offense and defense, and strive towards trying to get on the plus side. We're at minus three. I'd love to come out of the Wagner game and be at plus one or better and feel good about that offensively. Then defensively eliminating the big play.

It's one thing when you give up a play because their kid made the play, you're right where you needed to be. It's another thing where you didn't do a good job with your coverage, you gave them too big of a window or a missed assignment, and you handed them a play.

That's been our focus this week on both sides of the ball, and we're looking forward to reaching our objective against Wagner.

Q. What do you see in Wagner in the video? What type of team are they on the field?

COACH SHAFER: They're a team that plays extremely hard on both sides of the ball. They're a team that has some returning veterans that were part of a storied season, winning their conference championship in 2012. They put up 35 points a game on offense right now. They have a runningback that's averaging over 200 yards a game in Dominique Williams. They have a quarterback that is mobile, can both throw and run, and can create plays to be extended with his feet.

Those are the areas we're focused in on defending. We're looking forward to that challenge.

Q. Wales, is that a day-to-day thing or will he play Saturday?

COACH SHAFER: He'll practice today and we're looking forward to getting him back on the field.

COACH JIM GROBE WAKE FOREST

COACH GROBE: Thank you.

We were disappointed obviously in our performance this past week at Boston College. I think Boston College is a really good football team. I think they had a good plan for us. We lost the turnover battle, lost the penalty battle. We gave up too many big plays defensively, and offensively just didn't make enough plays.

I think we learned a lot. I think we got a lot of things we can improve on. We're looking forward to getting back on the field and playing again.

Q. Coach, I'm working on a story about turning around losing cultures and programs. I was wondering how you did that at Wake Forest, what steps you took.

COACH GROBE: Well, basically it was mostly the players more than the coaches. I think we did some good things with the players. But I think they're the ones that get most of the credit.

When we came in, we went to work, worked really, really hard. I think probably the thing that helped us the most is we didn't dwell on negatives. When we first got here, people said the school is too small, the academics are too tough, schedule is too tough. We didn't worry about those things because those aren't things we have any control over.

We treated it as we had no disadvantages with the players, worked hard, coached hard. The players responded and gave us some good wins early.

I think first couple years we were 6-5 our first year, didn't get a bowl game at that point. The ACC didn't have enough for us to get in. The second year we got in a bowl game. Probably having a little bit early success helped us build the program from then on.

Q. When you say it's things you don't control, is it eliminating the excuses?

COACH GROBE: I think so. I think that's it. So many times you don't have your eye on the target. The target is coaching, blocking, tackling better, finding a way to get out on the field Saturday and win. Sometimes you don't worry on the things you don't have, you focus on the things you do have.

Q. Evaluating the way Tanner played last week, do you feel he's completely comfortable with the option? Is that something you guys are going to continue to do as the season goes on?

COACH GROBE: Yeah, that's what we're going to do. I think if Tanner had struggled Friday night in the option game and had been spot on throwing the football, I would feel like maybe we're asking him to do too many things. But really as an offense, nobody played real, real well. We didn't block real well. I thought on the perimeter our receivers didn't block very well. We didn't get the blocks we needed, especially in red zone situations with the offensive line. Our backs didn't block very well out of the backfield. We didn't run the ball very well.

At the same time, when we needed to throw the football, at times Tanner wasn't real accurate. At times we dropped passes. At times we didn't have protection.

It was really not anything to do with the run game. I think the offense in general just didn't play very well. That's not really a slight on Tanner as much as it is on the offense. I think we got 11 guys that need to play better if we're going to move the football.

Q. When you went back and reviewed the tape, were you able to pinpoint why they didn't play as well as maybe you expected?

COACH GROBE: It starts with blocking more than anything else. That's not just in the run game, that's in the throw game also.

I thought Boston College had a nice scheme. They brought a lot of pressure on us. Although we worked on it all week, it's a little different when you get it in live fire. They brought so much pressure on us that we really needed to be able to throw the ball better.

We were disappointed we didn't run the ball better. In those situations, we're going to have to throw and catch better. There were times when we made the throw and dropped the football, there

were times we didn't make the throw. That going forward is going to be a real key for us.

If teams are really going to spend a lot of time trying to stop the run, we've got to be able to throw and catch better than we did the other night.

Q. What is the biggest concern you have about Louisiana Monroe as you look at them on film?

COACH GROBE: Probably as much as anything is their athleticism. They're a very athletic team. A lot of team speed. Their kids are very talented. Big, physical front guys that come and get you. Defensively they love to pressure you. They like to bring a lot of different blitzes.

On the offensive side of the ball, they're going to get you spread out and make you tackle, their skill guys.

I think a really good kicker.

They're just a good football team. They were in a bowl game last year. They opened the season at Oklahoma and really played Oklahoma great. Ended up down the stretch not making enough plays, but played Oklahoma really, really good.

I think probably their speed and athleticism has us as concerned as anything besides being a really well-coached team.

Q. I know you had to play the early part of last season without Nikita Whitlock. Obviously he's back and playing well, it looks like. Can you talk about the difference it makes having him in the rotation and how he is playing?

COACH GROBE: Well, I think you're right, Nikita is playing really well right now. I think last year we kind of went into the season feeling like the defense kind of revolved around Nikita. It was going to be so hard for people to control him that it would kind of free up some other people.

Things have changed a little bit now. We thought Justin Jackson, the outside backer, played really well Friday night. Zach Thompson, our other defensive end, played really well. We had the inside backers, probably can play better but we thought played pretty consistent. We had pretty good performances out of our secondary guys.

What's happened is we have some other play-makers on defense right now that are doing some good things. That's helping free up Nikita a little bit. I think last year people focused on him

and said, If we get him blocked, we have a shot. Now we have other guys that can make plays so it's helping Nikita a little bit, especially as far as his production, bonus points, tackles for loss, sacks, all that kind of stuff.

Q. Two sacks for the first time in his career the other day. Again, do you think that's a function of the more balance on defense?

COACH GROBE: I think so. I think he's really worked hard. He's always been a pretty hard worker. Last year he had a lot of injuries. He was banged up a lot most of the season.

He's healthy now. He had a really good winter and spring. He really has been just fantastic as far as staying healthy, his work ethic. He's kind of on a mission to have a great senior year.

Q. If things should continue to struggle on offense, is there a chance that you would just junk this option and go back to something that you did pretty well last year, which is more of an emphasis on the pass?

COACH GROBE: Well, that's what we wanted to do Friday night, to be honest with you. We really haven't changed our passing game. We're pretty much the same. We have a few more play-actions right now maybe than we did last year. Our drop-back game is very, very similar. We didn't run the ball very well last year. That's not to say that there's really anything to junk right now because we weren't a good rushing team last year. We relied too much on the pass.

I think we have some feeling that we're not too far off. I think some of the times the other night that we got stalled, we pitched a couple balls on the ground and gave it to Boston College in bad field position that led to 14 points. At times we had some pretty good plays designed that we didn't block very well for.

I think our focus is really going to be more on improvement than changes. I think probably more than anything else, we need to consider whether we're asking our guys to do too many things. We got a lot of stuff in offensively right now. We didn't execute very well the other night. I think part of the issue may be that we need to actually not change anything but maybe cut some things out.

MIKE FINN: Coach, thanks for being with us. Good luck this weekend.

COACH GROBE: All right, appreciate it. Thank you.

COACH PAUL JOHNSON GEORGIA TECH

COACH JOHNSON: Good morning. I think that coming off a bye week, we're excited to get back out there and play. Certainly Duke has gotten off to a great start. When you watch the tape, they've been very impressive, especially defensively if you look at it.

I know it's a tough place to go play. David has done a good job building that program back up. I'm sure we'll have our hands full.

We're looking forward to getting back out on the field and playing again. Seems like it's been forever since we played the first week.

Q. Coach, how important is a win and a good performance in this one, specifically because it's the start of your coastal stretch there that will help determine your season?

COACH JOHNSON: Well, it's really important. As you said, it's a conference game, a division game, on the road as well. If we can get off to a good start... Last year we struggled early, lost a couple close division game, and we dug ourselves a hole that was hard to get out of.

Our goal is to try to get back to Charlotte. We need to win in Durham if we are going to do that.

Q. What was your initial reaction when the schedule came out as far as how it was set up?

COACH JOHNSON: You know, it's set up the way it is. There's not much to talk about. You just get ready to go play who you got to play.

We're going to start to get in a little bit of a routine now. We have two Saturday games, so that will be good.

Q. Coach, I could be wrong, but as I remember, Vad played one of his best games last year at North Carolina. Going back to his hometown, is there any peripheral stuff there? Is that an inspirational thing or nothing?

COACH JOHNSON: I'm sure there's some peripheral stuff going on. I'm sure he's trying to find tickets. I know he'll be excited to come back and play. I'm sure he'll have a lot of family and friends there. He's done a pretty good job of managing that thing. Hopefully he'll just have to

calm down and play.

He has some ability. When he focuses and dials in, he can do some things. We're excited he's our quarterback.

Q. Obviously Duke had to make the change when Anthony Boone got hurt. On film, how much does their offense change, how much does your task change with Brandon Connette being the guy you have to stop?

COACH JOHNSON: I don't think it changes a great deal. When you go back and look, he played half the first game. He's played a lot of quarterback. He played against us every year since '10 that I can remember.

Good athlete, big guy, hard to tackle. With what they're doing offensively, they might add a wrinkle or two, but I don't think they're going to change a whole lot.

Q. After that big win you had in the opener, what, if anything, are you hoping to learn about your team?

COACH JOHNSON: Clearly the competition level is going to ratchet up. I think you find out something every week. We'll have a much better indication of where we are after this game. We'll adjust from there and see.

Our big goal is to go up to Durham and play as well as we can play. There's a lot of things we need to clean up from the first game.

Q. Such as what?

COACH JOHNSON: A lot of special teams stuff. We had guys all over the place. Half the time they could have faked as many punts as they wanted. We didn't even force the guy to punt. All kinds of things like that that happened in the first game that happen sometimes that you've got to clean up.

Q. Paul, just from watching tape and everything, what are the biggest differences you see in the Duke defense from last year? It tended to be very porous last year. So far it's been very solid.

COACH JOHNSON: I think they're doing the same stuff. They're healthy. The defensive line is a little older, played longer. They seem to run a little better. Mike linebacker is a good player, 59, the Brown kid. Cockrell has always been a

pretty good player. The transfer from Ohio State is an impressive kid.

I think they're playing hard, running the ball, tackling better, doing all those things better, so...

Q. With the Duke quarterback situation having changed because of the injury last week, from what you saw on film from the Memphis game, how much of a difference is that going to be for your defensive preparation - or not?

COACH JOHNSON: We're not going to change our defensive preparation. We usually get ready for systems, not people.

I think the kid's a very good athlete. He played well in the second half at Memphis. We've seen him before. They've got some good weapons. Crowder kid is a really good player, explosive, really fast. The running backs are running hard. They have an offensive line that's played a lot of football.

I don't think they're going to change a whole lot from their system. I don't think they need to. I think the kid can do what they're asking him to do.

COACH LARRY FEDORA NORTH CAROLINA

COACH FEDORA: First of all, we're pleased to get our first win of the season this past week against Middle Tennessee in Kenan Stadium. It was good to get that done at home in front of our crowd. We're going into the open week this week working on the fundamentals, eventually hopefully getting more practices as we prepare for the triple option of Georgia Tech.

Q. Is it fortunate to get the open week to prepare for Georgia Tech with their offense, which is kind of unique? Does having the extra week prove to be an advantage?

COACH FEDORA: Well, I don't know if it's an advantage, but it's something that we definitely look forward to. I mean, obviously everybody knows their offense is very unique. It's not something you see any other time of the year.

Any extra time that you get to prepare for it

only helps you. I mean, you still got to do the job. It's still very difficult to defend. We know that. Obviously everybody in the country knows that.

But we welcome the extra practices against what they do offensively. Hopefully we can be a better team because of it.

Q. Your defense actually played pretty well against South Carolina. You seemed to control Middle Tennessee until very late in the game.

COACH FEDORA: We had a lot of guys playing at the end of the game, no doubt about that.

Q. I was going to ask you to give me an evaluation of what you've seen from your defense after the first two weeks.

COACH FEDORA: I mean, I have seen definite improvement over where we were last year, from where we ended the season last year. No doubt about it. Our guys are playing harder, faster, they're thinking less. You see them being better athletes. You see their athleticism come out because they're not having to think. They understand what we're trying to do.

But then you stop everything and you try to do some things that you don't normally do or don't normally see in a year. That's what makes it so difficult as you try to prepare for a Georgia Tech offense.

Q. I think last year you scored 50 points against them and lost. You have to avoid that kind of game again, don't you?

COACH FEDORA: There's no doubt about it. But also you go back and look in that game, but fumbled a kickoff return which gave them the ball in excellent field position. We threw a pick on a screen pass on about our own 25 yard line that gave them the ball on a short field. They returned a pass for a touchdown. We went for a fake punt on our end of the field, didn't get it. We gave them another short field.

I have to do a better job of making sure we manage that game and put our defense in as many good positions as possible.

Q. Larry, could you talk a little bit about the play of Otis.

COACH FEDORA: He really fits that hybrid position. A guy that can go get the passer, create quarterback hurries, all the problems there, but also a guy that can drop into coverage and

cover guys. You really don't know when he's coming or when he's not.

He really fits that position very well. Then he brings all his energy to the position. I mean, he just plays with his motor hot all the time. That's what we ask for. We want our guys to really play hard. He is really the epitome of what you're asking for when you say, Play hard each and every play like it's your last play. That's what he does. At the end of a practice or the end of a game, he is wore out. That's what you're looking for from your players, is to leave it all out there on the field.

Q. With the way he practiced in the spring and the fall, did you anticipate him being able to take that next step for you guys this year?

COACH FEDORA: Well, you anticipate it and you hope for it in the worst way because he totally bought in, was doing everything you asked. When I say he practiced hard, it was obvious. He was going at a different speed of other guys when everybody's tired, just because he's making sure he gives everything he has.

You not only want to see him be successful, you really hope he does so that the light comes on in a lot of guys' eyes.

Q. How has Bryn Renner in your eyes played so far in the two games this year?

COACH FEDORA: My expectations for Bryn are very high now, very high. I would say in the first game, he had a lot to work on. At the same time I knew it was going to be a difficult game for him because they were going to pressure us very good, we were not going to throw the ball down the field to get the ball out of our hands quicker. I think that took away a little bit of what Bryn was capable of doing.

You go back this week, Bryn was one of our players of the game offensively. He played really well. He threw the ball extremely well down the field and made plays for us.

Bryn is playing well. There's no doubt about it. The pieces of the puzzle around Bryn are a little different this year. We still have to come together as an offense. I don't think we're hitting on all cylinders yet offensively. We have to become more effective running the football to take some of that pressure off Bryn so he can be who he can be.

Q. How effective is he just as a leader? Is he more of a vocal kind of guy? Quarterback usually has to be.

COACH FEDORA: He's definitely a vocal guy. I mean, Bryn is very fiery, very competitive. We've worked really hard with him on controlling his emotions during a game. At that position you can't get too high or too low because if you do, it will drive you crazy and drive your teammates crazy throughout the game.

Trying to stay more on an even keel throughout the game is something we wanted him to work on to manage his emotions. I think he's doing a really good job of that.

COACH FEDORA: Thank you.

PITTSBURGH COACH PAUL CHRYST

COACH CHRYST: We're certainly looking forward to getting back and playing Saturday. I thought we took advantage and had a productive bye week and were able to go with the normal week of preparation, getting ready for New Mexico. So we're excited to get back on the field though. It seems like a while since we've played.

Q. Paul, on Monday, Matt Rotheram, one of your older offensive linemen kind of raved about the potential of the offensive line group. He seemed pretty excited about it. Do you share in a little bit of that excitement or optimism about the potential for that group and what they can become?

COACH CHRYST: Yes, I like that he feels good about it. I do think that we've got a chance to be good, but we've got to put that on tape. But, yeah, I feel, like you said, I think I like hearing most that Matt's excited about it, but we've got to go do it. But, yeah, I think we've got a chance to certainly be better than we were last year.

Q. When your younger players or inexperienced linemen looked at the tape from the Florida State game, do you get a sense that they kind of absorbed what they did wrong and what they can improve on?

COACH CHRYST: Yes, I do. I think certainly the younger guys, but I think everyone truly did take the right approach to looking at the tape. Everyone said this before, but I do believe it.

I believe everyone's taken ownership of their role in it and the challenge for us and the opportunity is to go out and play better.

Q. I know it's based on one game, but can you tell me about how you evaluate what Devin Street did in the opener against Florida State?

COACH CHRYST: Yes, certainly, like you said in the question, it is one game, but I thought Devin did some really good things. We felt this all along that he's had a really good fall camp, and certainly for us if we're going to be successful, Devin's going to have to be a big part of that. But I thought that he did some good things and competed. I liked that as a starting point.

I still think, and I think Devin would agree with me that he can still be better. There are some things that he can clean up. He's no different than anyone else.

But I liked the way that he approached it and that he played and competed in the game. It's a good starting point and one that he can build on, but I thought it was a good starting point.

Q. He had almost more than two-thirds of your receiving yards. Can you talk about finding a second or third receiver to compliment him?

COACH CHRYST: Absolutely. And I think we've got guys that are more than capable. Part of it was kind of where the ball was going and certainly not afraid to go to. Tyler Boyd played his first game, but we think that he's going to be -- he is a good receiver and can be really special. I think we have a group of tight ends that we can get involved in the throwing game as well as a couple backs. But certainly, you know, you'd like to be a little bit more balanced.

I liked our third receiver Kevin Witherspoon. He did some good things. He didn't get a catch, but he gave himself an opportunity for a throw should it come his way. So we certainly need and are going to lean on Devin, but we're going to need the rest of the group for sure.

Q. What is the biggest area of you're hoping to improve as you go from game one to game two here?

COACH CHRYST: Well, I think overall I think we've got to play more consistent. I thought we did some things against a very good team. Made it hard to give yourself a chance. So I think if

you say just overall team, we've got to give ourselves a chance to have a chance better. I think certainly you look at either side of the ball. We've got to do a better job, you know, in situational football. Third down we didn't get off the field on defense and on offense we weren't nearly efficient enough, so we didn't keep drives alive. I think then can you go to each -- I mean, there is a lot. Then you go to each individual. We've got a number of guys that have to tackle better on defense and make sure they're playing assignment football and everybody's got to do their job.

There is enough stuff that we've been busy in practice. But at the same time, each guy just has to play within themselves. I think we've got enough talent that we can compete and win games. But we can't do it if we're getting in our own way. So we've all got to get better.

Q. Paul, have you noticed your defense in its approach and its preparation this week maybe practicing with a little bit of a chip on his shoulder after giving up a bunch of points against Florida State?

COACH CHRYST: I've liked the way they've practiced. You know this group, there are some guys that have played enough games that you could say they're truly veterans. No one was pleased with the way it went. But also I think that's the way they'd approach it anyways.

But at the same time, I've kind of liked their approach the whole time. Everyone saw where they can -- you know, things they can each do individually that make us collectively better. I've liked the way they approached it this week. But I didn't feel like it was a relaxed and overconfident group and boy that happened and now we have to change who we are.

Q. Where do you think that approach has come from? Is it something that's developed over the past several months?

COACH CHRYST: You hope and I hope I'm seeing it right. But I think you look at probably is our best player on defense, Aaron Donald, and that is the way he approaches it. I think that's the way, certainly since I've been here, that's how he's approached it. I think that is the make-up. I thought Shane Gordon and Anthony Gonzalez, two guys that have been around for a little bit and certainly Shane has more experience. But I've never felt like they ever came out of the practice field and didn't attack the day in the back end. You

could say the same for Jason and Ray and our corners work. I don't know.

I think I've seen it the right way. I don't know. You'd have to ask them where they've drawn on that, but I liked it.

Q. Coach, you had a quarterback that hadn't been in a game situation for two years, Tom Savage. I just wonder after you've broken down the tape and everything, how you evaluated his performance and where he needs to go from here?

COACH CHRYST: I thought Tom did some good things, and certainly some throws that he'd want back or decisions in the reads that he'd probably do differently. But at the same time I loved his demeanor, his approach on game day. When you look at the film, I loved a lot of the things he did. So there is plenty to build on. Yet, you could say the same thing. There was plenty for him to have a reason to come out to practice.

So probably very similar to a lot of our guys. You could make this statement with a lot of our guys, some good stuff in that first game that we can build on, and you want that to be who they are and plenty of areas where we can get better that's kind of how I felt after the game, and I think the tape reinforced that, and I think that Tommy would be in complete agreement there. He's probably no different than the rest of our team.

Q. The other guy I wanted to ask about, your punter Matt. Is it Yoklic?

COACH CHRYST: Yoklic, yeah.

Q. 54.3 yards on three punts. I mean, is that typical for him?

COACH CHRYST: Well, that's a pretty good day for any punter, but he is capable of that. I thought he was a good force last year, and I think he can be a very good punter, and he is and can be. Obviously, you've got to do it. That is the great thing about sports is you've got to do it each and every time, but, yeah. I don't think that was some outer-body experience. I think that he's capable of being very good.

VIRGINIA TECH COACH FRANK BEAMER

COACH BEAMER: Yeah, we've got a very difficult game this weekend against a very good football team, very talented, very efficient quarterback who is finding his receivers on a regular basis. Just a really good team in every area. Defense, special teams, offense. So certainly going to be a challenge for us, and we've got to get ready to play a really good football game.

Q. You talked about the challenge about facing their offense. How difficult is it to go against this high-paced offense, and do you think just adding pressure against their offense will try to stop that?

COACH BEAMER: Well, you've just got to be efficient yourself. You've got to be sound. You've got to be efficient. You've got to tackle well. They get the ball out in the open areas quickly, and you can't let a five-yard gain turn into a 25-yard gain. But I think very fundamentally sound. They challenge you in that area. So we'll see how we respond.

Q. Coles just had the one ball thrown his way. I think he was only in for five or six plays in the last game. Was that because of his knee? Are you trying to kind of limit his workload?

COACH BEAMER: Well, one kind of leads to the other. I think keeping him in there and each play, each rep he gets he'll be able to go full tilt is important.

Our stress is that every rep that you're in there, every play that you're in there, you're full tilt. If he is, when he's like that, he's a factor and can really help his football team.

Q. Aaron and Logan mentioned that he seemed to practice even harder this week after not getting those opportunities. How has he responded to maybe a lesser role?

COACH BEAMER: Yeah, I think good. Again, I think physically you've got to understand that part of it with him because he does. He's got a bad knee, and with that it's been hard for him to lose the weight that you'd like to see off there. You go back on the other side, and if you're not going to ever play, there is no reason you can't go full

speed on a couple plays. So that's kind of where we are. He wants to.

There is no question about his desire, care for the football team, wanting to help this football team. There is no question about that. We've just got to be smart in how we use him.

Q. Coach, what did you see with East Carolina the last couple weeks? They look like a very good offense racking up points. What did you see in video?

COACH BEAMER: Just that. Going up-and-down the field, being very efficient. I told our writers around here we can't complete 80% of our passes, and they do it in the game. It's very efficient, very good quarterback, very accurate, know what they're doing. Just very impressed with them.

Q. How would you like traveling up to Greensboro and playing in that stadium? It looks like the final season there before they remodel it, or what is the deal with that?

COACH BEAMER: You talking about Greenville?

Q. Yeah. Yeah, the Greenville stadium where East Carolina plays. I guess it's their final season up there. I heard coach talking about it.

COACH BEAMER: I'm not sure myself. I'm just worried about the team. I started worrying about the stadium here, I'm not sure about that.

Q. Well, I mean playing there. What's it like playing in Greensboro?

COACH BEAMER: They've got a great atmosphere. They've got great fans. They follow them. They care about their team. I've always been impressed with the atmosphere they have in their stadium, always.

Q. Wanted to ask you, you got Corey Marshall back yesterday, after seeing him in practice yesterday, how far away is he from game shape? Have you decided he's going to make the trip to East Carolina?

COACH BEAMER: No, we'll see how practice goes today. I'll say this. He came out, he's over on the scout team field, and really did a great job. He helped our offense get better yesterday by being very aggressive, active, as a

defensive scout team member, and that's all we need. Everybody over there kind of did the same thing.

I'm going to talk about it to our team today, how Corey came out there and helped make the offense better. So we'll see. With our situation, we've got a couple guys there, the second-team guys, Baron and Williams, and they've done well so we're taking it day by day.

We had a discussion this morning on how we want to do that. I tell you, the guy that I was really impressed with was Alston Smith. He went over and worked as an offensive lineman and has great feet for an offensive linemen. For a first day, he picked up things well. He's a smart kid. I was really impressed with how he -- I think he's a guy that can really help this football team in an offensive guard position.

Q. I wanted to touch on Smith. The offensive line, you seem to have found your five starters. But are you lacking that much in depth where you have to move Smith or where are you behind those five guys?

COACH BEAMER: No, we're looking for players. In my mind, Alston Smith is a player. For the first day offensive line, I thought he was exceptional. We were watching film on the offensive line last night, and we as a group were very encouraged by what he can do. He's athletic, has good feet. He's kind of a natural guy in there, so I was really encouraged by watching that.

Q. Just real quick on Corey. Charley Wiles said it was a disciplinary action. Why was Corey away from the team?

COACH BEAMER: The thing I would say is he's back now and that's the important thing. To me, that is the only story right now is that he's back. I like the way he practiced yesterday, and our main goal here is to help people be the best they can be and get a great degree from the University and help us win championships. So Corey has the ability to do all those things.

VIRGINIA COACH MIKE LONDON

Q. You haven't had the Welsh facility for long, but just wondering if the benefits had been as you envisioned for it?

COACH LONDON: I would say yes. It's been an opportunity for us. And the weather sometimes during the course of August, there were some inclement parts where there were thunderstorms. And the ability to go inside and not just go in and do meetings and things like that has been significant for us. We used to go inside a smaller place, a smaller area where a bunch of bodies were in there and you really couldn't get things done. It was basically a walk through.

But the ability to still practice and do your fundamental work and team work and all the things that you want provides an opportunity for development, and that is the key. So all those who are the benefactors and have people that contribute to the project, obviously, I believe will pay big dividends as we start progressing and have opportunities to go in it.

But it is a first-class facility, and it's really been a huge benefit for us.

Q. Just wondering after two games with your starter, what is your evaluation of the way David Watford has played for you guys?

COACH LONDON: David's done a really nice job of understanding the fact that he knows that he has to protect the football. We have to protect the football and that as he plays, so goes the team as I said before, he came out and said he took the blame for the loss, but it's not just on him. There are a lot of things we can look at, lot of things we can improve upon.

Looking back on both teams, the one we just played in Oregon, an exceptional team, an exceptional talent, very good defense. They led the country in scoring and turnover margin, and the week before that, playing against BYU, the team that the previous year was one of the top defenses in the country, and they go out and play Texas and put points on them and things like that.

So I think you could look at the glass is half full. It's not half empty for David. The great thing about him, that's two college football starts with two good, good football teams. I just think his upside and what he continues to learn and how he continues to improve is ahead of him, particularly

with the schedule as it's laid out. There are good teams that are still left to be played, but I think we played two really good teams, and I think David's best football is definitely ahead of him.

Q. What else have you liked about the way he's led the team?

COACH LONDON: You know, he's an even-keel guy. He doesn't let the highs get him too high or the lows get him too low. I think what he knows is when everything's going on in the game, the crowd, the situation, and all players are looking at him. It's important that he shows there is a level of maturity, and a level of poise that he has. I think that that's critical for any quarterback that's in a leadership position, because he is, although he's not a captain.

I think when you have those things like that, his confidence, and the poise that he already possesses will continue to make him a better player and our players will continue to look to him and lean upon him. He's done a great job as being a college quarterback for us after two starts. Guys look to him. As I said, his best football is ahead of him.

Q. Do you spend much time during the bye week on preparation for the Pitt game? How do you delegate the time during the bye week?

COACH LONDON: No, we want to take the time necessary to get us straight, to get us together. To get us to improve our team for what we do and how we do it. We want to take the time to make sure that we are examining and exploring all of the opportunities for those guys that can run the ball, whether it's including our quarterback more or whether it's doing some other things with personnel groupings.

The time spent is more towards us, and not out of disrespect to any team, it's about us right now. I think that when we go into the regular game week next week, then we'll be more geared towards what VMI does.

But I would say right now, we practiced today. We had a Tuesday practice where we just lift and we ran. We practiced today, we'll practice tomorrow and then Friday we'll scrimmage with our younger players to make sure we're continuing to develop them, because sometimes they go on scout team and you forget all about them, so we've got to continue to coach them and develop them. We'll take care of ourselves this week, but then we'll get into game mode with VMI.



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Q. You gave up 187 yards rushing to BYU in your opener. They go out the next week and rush for 560 yards at Texas. Does that say something about your defense? Does that 187 look a lot better to you now?

COACH LONDON: I don't know about that. But you have to put things in perspective, and, obviously, you always want to play good defense. You always want to have gap integrity and be sound in what you do. If you're going to play 8th man in the box with the safety down, that guy has to be lined up in the correct position. So what you do is you want to make sure you limit those explosive plays.

Teams are going to get some yardage every once in a while running, but I do think when you look back that we've done a nice job thus far finding the identity of what we are defensively. And then when you look at a team like BYU that goes out and gets that amount of yardage on a ranked team nationally year-in and year-out, a team that all-time has the top five, six, ten recruiting classes, then you know our system is what we are, what we have, and we just need to improve that.

That is one of the things that the previous questioner just asked about what we're going to do. We've got to take care of ourselves. Make sure our hats are in the gap, the coverage is correct, the fits are right. Same thing on offense, and same thing on special teams. But it has been a positive point. We can't rest your Laurels on that, but you always look to try to improve from there. Good question, thank you.

Q. I hope you appreciate this one. But on the other side, the numbers were not very good against Oregon. Is some of that dismissive because they do that to everybody and it's such a unique system. Is it easier to discount some of the things that didn't work well last week, or can you actually find and correct a lot of things based on what happened?

COACH LONDON: You don't want to discount the fact that they put up yardage as well. But you also alluded to the fact that in the last three years, they're averaging over 45, close to 45 points a game. That's against any team. That is with anyone they play. The fact that their system is one that they've been doing for such a long time that they had been very successful at doing that. What it causes you to do is the pace of the game,

the defending not only the running backs but the quarterbacks and the wide receivers, that is something that they've done. That is why they're the second ranked team in the country.

So you want to be relative again. You want to make sure that that's not the last team that we'll play that has that type of offense, hurry-up, and try to stretch you horizontally and vertically. But it goes back to this week what we do is making sure that by taking care of ourselves, teams like that team that's will run the ball out of the fullback situation, just to get ourselves better.

BOSTON COLLEGE COACH STEVE ADDAZIO

COACH ADDAZIO: Okay, guys, well, listen, obviously in the beginning of the season it's so important that you grow and you get better and you improve in a lot of areas. I thought from week one to week two we improved. We improved on both sides of the ball, and I thought I saw good growth.

I think we have a ways to go on special teams right now. It's great to be 2-0, but the only thing that matters right now is a chance to be 3-0. And we're playing an outstanding USC team. It's as talented a team as I've seen in a long time. As I look at them across the board on film, you talk about on defense, I think it's one of the best defenses in the country, to tell you the truth. They've got six returning starters and a bunch of great players. Guys that can rush the quarterback. Guys that can sack the quarterback. Guys that can run you down. Aggressive in the secondary physical linebackers and they make interceptions.

Obviously, last week Washington State didn't score a touchdown on them, on offense. So we're going against a great defense. Marqise Lee is a punt returner for them. He's a very dynamic athlete. Obviously, on the offensive side of the ball, he's a difference maker.

They've got two quarterbacks, both are talented and capable guys. They've got a good running back, a really good offensive line. They've got great coaches. I just think we're playing a fantastic football team with a lot of talented athletes and our football program has a lot of respect.

So we know we have our work cut out for us. This is going to be a really, really tough game. We're looking for an opportunity just to go out there

and compete, and our guys have worked hard this week.

Q. Good morning, Steve. You're off to a 2-0 start. What, if anything, are you ahead of schedule on or pleasantly surprised by that's helped contribute to this 2-0 start?

COACH ADDAZIO: I just think we're scrapping. We're scrapping, we're playing physical. We're trying to be true to the core values that we want within our program. Play great defense and be physically tough. But two games makes no season. It's just nice to be 2-0; it's nice to get that start. But certainly totally understand that we are very much a work in progress.

I would say the thing that I'm most pleased with is just our guys have worked really hard with great effort in practice to have that kind of identity. But here we are in week three, and we're traveling to California and playing an extremely talented football team. This will be a large task for us.

Q. TCU's coming off a 10-7 loss to Washington State at home. Do you look at this and say I think our defense can keep us in this game?

COACH ADDAZIO: I think our defense has to keep us in this game. That's just the nature of who we are. We want to play great defense. Honestly, when I watch the film, I see a super talented football team. Every day I'm just following this football team, and they have a lot of really good football players, man. I mean, I've seen it before where I've been. This is a talented outfit that has a bunch of number one recruiting classes and you can see why.

So what we are doing is going in to play probably a ticked off football team who is going to come out swinging.

Q. Did Washington State expose things that you can take advantage of there?

COACH ADDAZIO: Well, Washington State did a good job on defense, and Washington State intercepted a ball for a touchdown, and they kicked a field goal and more power to them. It's tough to go on the road and beat a top-tier team. So, I mean, I just think that right now when I watch the tape, I'm just trying to figure out what BC can do. What we've got to do is really take care of the football. We've got to be really aggressive on defense, and we've got to get this game into the

fourth quarter and just keep swinging away with them. That's what we need to do. That is all my focus is on.

Q. I know you talked about being a more physical team, and that is something that BC wasn't last year. How do you as a coach go about changing that mindset and making a team more physical? Obviously, you've gotten the results out of that the first two weeks.

COACH ADDAZIO: I just think you get here, and you start it in your off-season program. You set a standard and you hold everybody to that standard. And I think to the credit of our kids we've got a bunch of kids that want to be that. They realize here we have to be a physical team, a tough team, not a high-turnover, a low-mistake team.

We've got to play like a team. You've heard me say that. They've bought into that, and that's a good starting point. But also realize, too, that we're playing now a highly, highly talented team full of play makers and we have a hard time giving ourselves that type of look because we're not overstocked with play makers. We have to go in there and just be true to ourselves. We have to be a more balanced football team because we're not going to be able to go in and impose our will. We've been able to do that a little bit. So we need to be conscious of that.

But I think the most important thing as I told our team is let's go out, compete really hard, and get this thing in the fourth quarter and swing away.

So to answer your question, I think our team has enjoyed taking on that kind of identity, but we realize every week, every week it's fragile, and every week it's coming right at you. Now we've got to take this team on the road and play a very talented team. Maybe one of the more talented teams in the country, so it's a huge task for us.

Q. Last Saturday night Southern Cal played two quarterbacks each for a half. Does it matter which one is in? Are you prepared for both of them? Are they different? Are they similar?

COACH ADDAZIO: In our opinion, neither one of them changed their scheme. They are who they are. They're both talented guys obviously they're trying to figure out who is the right guy from whatever standpoint, chemistry or whatever it is. But, no affect our preparation, no. They're both

guys that have ability and are capable to strike us deep, and they're going to try to run the ball.

So that doesn't really -- I don't waste a lot of energy on that right now. I tell you what I waste a lot of energy on is the talent of the playmakers on both sides of the ball. They've got an abundance of them, and they're good. So that's got my attention in every way you can imagine.

Q. Marqise Lee is the returning Biletnikoff winner, best wide receiver in the country. Has not been really effective yet this year. Can you see anything on film what is holding him back a little bit?

COACH ADDAZIO: You know, receiver-quarterback chemistry is critically important. I'm guessing just listening and watching that right now they're trying to find that but you're not going to hold down a receiver like Lee. He's so talented and he really is that talented. He's going to get his hands on that football, and when he does, that's going to keep you up at night now, because I think he is legit.

I'm sure these are really good football coaches out there. They're very good at what they do, and they're going to get that ball to him, and he's a real threat. You've got your eyes on the right guy there. That guy is a next level player.

Q. Have you detected any kind of smoldering intensity on his part knowing that he's going back to Southern California to play a team that he grew up watching, or has he kind of been low key the whole week in practice? What's been your take on that?

COACH ADDAZIO: There's no doubt that kid has a burn inside. Who wouldn't? You're going home to play. I think any competitor has that feeling. So I know he does, and, yes, I can see it in his eyes. He's still going to keep his personality, but he's not over the top. But I can't imagine there is a more excited guy getting on that plane tomorrow.

Q. In terms of just what he brings to this offense now? He's leading a team that is 2-0. How much more pressure is on him to be good in this offense?

COACH ADDAZIO: Obviously he has to play a great game on Saturday. He knows it. Your quarterback is the guy. He's got to play a great game. He's got to get the ball out of his hands and

be efficient, and on top of what he's doing and be a leader. I think he'll be all of those things. He doesn't need to do more than he needs to do, but he needs to be good at what he has to do. He doesn't need to press, but he needs to be sharp and play a great game, and I believe he will.

Q. You got great complimentary play against Wake on both sides of the ball, but obviously, running and passing the ball as well. What kind of added dimension does Andre Williams give you going into this game?

COACH ADDAZIO: He's a legitimate, powerful, fast running back. He's got great speed now. So that puts a lot of pressure to defend the run. But then, we need to have balance and we need to find a way to get the throw game going and be able to get open against really good man coverage players.

So the challenge for us will be to strike some balance. In order to do that, our receivers are going to have to get open and we're going to have to throw and catch well. The power run game is going to be our power run game. So I think it's the balance of it that we're really, really going to need against this outstanding defense. But people don't move the ball real well against this defense now. They're a very stingy defense, so you have to play great defense. You have to play the field position game, and you have to be able to when you have a chance to get the shot, you have to take it.

DUKE COACH DAVID CUTCLIFFE

COACH CUTCLIFFE: Yes, we've got a big challenge in front of us. Georgia Tech is a lot of things. Certainly everybody talks about stopping the option offense. But I think what gets lost in that sometimes is they're an extremely well-coached, extremely talented, a bunch of athletes on both sides of the ball and an experienced football team. Well, your problems are big enough and then added to it is playing an offense that's different than what you see week to week.

But I think the first issue there, as I said, they're an extremely well-coached, talented team, and they're just difficult to beat, difficult to beat for a lot of people. And the last games they've played in, including the championship game, they played

extremely well. In November of last year through the bowl game, through a 70-0 win this year. I think they're performing at as high a level as anybody we've seen on tape. So with that, I'll take your question.

Q. With your changing quarterbacks, how does that change your offensive philosophy or offensive approach because now you have a different signal caller as the starter?

COACH CUTCLIFFE: It's really not going to change our offense. Both Brandon and Anthony prior to his injury worked in the same offense, practiced the same offense. They've been back-ups before and assess what's best. I think Kurt Roper has done a good job of that, and he knows Brandon Connette very well. There will be no significant change, hopefully, other than our execution is better than it was last week overall.

Q. Yesterday you told us the decision on whether or not to give Parker some time as a backup and burn his red-shirt might depend on how he played in practice today. Can you follow-up on that?

COACH CUTCLIFFE: Yeah, he practiced well. There are going to be things that he's got to work on. He just hasn't had much experience with it. But I told Kurt this morning early, I said, this is a good test for him, but we're going to reach a point where we're going to have to get his feet wet, and we're still looking at that and what is the best way to do it.

Right now, the intention would be to try to find a way to play him, and that's not easy to do. When do you take a guy out or what the circumstances are. But I can tell you this, if something were to happen and Brandon is out for a few plays or whatever, I wouldn't be afraid to play Parker. I think he'd play well.

Q. Georgia Tech presents a problem different from most teams that you'll see this year. First, what do you attribute your strides in defense to this point? Second, what are they going to have to do against the kind of offense that Tech throws out there?

COACH CUTCLIFFE: Well, the first thing is just attributing a few of the factors that are involved. First of all, our defensive staff has done a tremendous job of revamping a lot of things. Things that have helped us. Secondly, our players

bought into this way back in spring practice. Ross Cockrell has been an incredible leader, Justin Foxx, Kenny Anunike, Sydney Sarmiento. We've got a lot of guys that have played a lot of football that have taken on a leadership role, so we've grown up on defense.

Then our young people, where they've had to get back and play in the secondary and get involved with some young people, they've played well. The last thing I'd say is Kelby Brown is a great leader and his impact at linebacker. So there are a lot of factors involved in it.

So when you play Georgia Tech, maybe the most important factor is experience. The reason I say that is they're going to move the football and make first downs. I don't see anybody, anybody stopping them. They're going to get their rushing yards, but the game is about points per game. You have to be resilient, keep playing, and play to be opportunistic and optimistic. You can't let it beat you up, and more experienced players are more inclined to handle that. So I think that's what you have to do to play well against Georgia Tech on defense.

Q. Does an element of playing well against him having your offense play possession football or cueing up some time off the clock with some good drives and keeping their offense off the field as much as you can?

COACH CUTCLIFFE: Well, that's absolutely right. There are different ways to go about that. We play offense, and we're going to play it fast and we're going to play it aggressively. It doesn't mean you can't have 10, 12-play drives going down the field. We have to convert on third and fourth downs when needed. That is really against any football team.

But when you're playing against a ground game like Georgia Tech that shortens it to maybe a ten-series game, then all of those series knows third and fourth down conversions become even more important than a 15, 16 series game.

So it's an interesting opportunity for your team to kind of process all of this. They have to understand the importance of it. But certainly you have to beat them.

They make everybody play, kicking game, offense, and defense, by their style of offense. So what it takes to win is to play exceptionally well as a team. Not just any one unit, so it demands a lot from your entire squad.

Q. From what you've seen from him so far this year and last year, how ready do you feel he is for this new opportunity and how different is he or not from Anthony?

COACH CUTCLIFFE: Brandon Connette's a winner in every aspect of the word. He is in his fourth year here. I know him well. He was an early arrival here, and he's played well every time we've asked him to play. He throws the ball a lot better than people realize because he's played so situationally in the past because Sean Renfree being a three-year starter and Brandon Connette's had shoulder issues, and yet, shoulder surgery in the spring that was very successful. He's a different player than he was, so I feel very good.

You can't feel any better about playing a back-up quarterback in my opinion than you would be playing Brandon Connette. That's how strongly I would say.

MIAMI COACH AL GOLDEN

COACH GOLDEN: Obviously, we're just trying to improve on the things that we didn't do well in the Florida game, and most particularly pay attention to a lot of our younger guys and get them to compete for starting jobs or get them to the point where they can make an impact for us. So the focus this week, yesterday and today and tomorrow, those will be our three practice days. We're really just trying to push the team forward with an emphasis on the young guys.

Q. Watching you guys from afar early in the season, I see some parallels how the University of Miami men's basketball team's season unfolded, specifically after getting a big win, there was a lot more exposure on the national level. How is your staff and your players adjusting to getting a little more exposure after the win over Florida?

COACH GOLDEN: Yeah, we have no idea what's being said outside these doors. We're just going back to work. We were in here Sunday. So whatever celebration was short lived at best. I kicked it off. I was here at 6 a.m. when the trainers came in, Randy Johnson was the first player in. Everybody else got in. We got a good lift in on Sunday, watched the tape, and we're moving

forward. We have a lot of things that we have to fix.

And I don't mean any disrespect to the parallels that you're trying to make, I just can't make them. You can make them, and I have no idea what transpired with Jim and with basketball. But relative to us, we're not talking about anything on the outside. Just as we did not talk about Florida going into the Florida game.

It's been about our process this week as us versus complacency. We're really not calling it a bye week. We're calling it a process week. We're trying to get better. We're trying to compete every day, and we're trying to see if we can find some guys that can step up and compete for jobs.

Q. Listen, Clive Walford, 15 of his last 16 touches have either gone for first downs or touchdowns. How much higher are the expectations of what you want from him now than maybe this time even 12 months ago?

COACH GOLDEN: A lot higher. That number suggests that we should be getting him the ball more. Again, I think he's more mature now. We're going to keep pushing him. He's been one of the guys that we've been pushing the last two days. Really pushing to get his timing down, to run everything full speed so Steven knows exactly where he is. To really turn the corner, turn the corner and play faster.

So it's ironic that you mention him. I think you've got a good pulse on the team, and he's a guy that we've got to get involved more for sure, especially on third down, Tim. We've got to get him involved more.

Q. Have you seen enough in the first couple weeks out of Curtis Porter? I understand you guys want him to be a two-gap player so you guys can play that 3-4, but have you seen enough out of him that he is healthy, he is productive, that he can be that two-gap guy for you?

COACH GOLDEN: He's doing a great job. How can you underestimate the impact he's had on our defense right now? It's not just his size, it's everything. It's his approach right now. It's the way he's finishing plays. The arm violence. He's turning and running to the ball. He's in better condition. He's been fun to coach. He really has been. He's really matured, and he's staying healthy. He's made a great difference on our team. He's really being a great teammate right

now and doing all the little things right which is awesome.

Q. Your defensive rotation, how do those guys feel after playing a lot? It didn't seem the rotation is going to be thinner in a game with Florida as it would in a game with FAU. How did you feel they finished that game?

COACH GOLDEN: The irony there, other than Chickillo, who got up around 71 reps, because we didn't think Kamalu was ready for that. Now, this is a big Kamalu week as you can imagine. This is a big Hamilton week. Those guys got to step up and mature. But they weren't quite ready for that.

But the interesting thing there, Matt, is all the other guys didn't get out of the 40s. Renfrow and Porter, and Olsen Pierre, all of those guys did not get out, and Luther, all of those guys didn't get out of the 40s, which kept us fresh, and everybody had a role that they executed. That was a big difference in the game. We just refused to get worn down, and we rotated. Hopefully that rotation will get stronger here, not weaker, as we start to bring along Kamalu and Jelani Hamilton and Earl Moore and all those other guys that we're working this week. We really need those guys to grow up and step up this week. It's been quite a challenge. We have two good practices. We need to have a good one tomorrow.

Q. You're talking about Clive being a veteran, and I'm wondering about Phillip Dorsett. In the first two games there were times when it looked like he had his signals crossed with Stepehn, and when the ball was obviously intended for him and his back was to the play. Obviously, they're both successful players and veterans. Is this the product of a new offense or could you talk about that a little bit?

COACH GOLDEN: No, just disconnected a couple times and that's it. It's really not a function of any one thing. We all have to improve, starting with me. We're doing that here today. Today and yesterday we worked very hard on a lot of different things, most importantly on our third downs. I think Stephen's balance is excellent right now. He's throwing the ball really well. We had a lot of continuity with our receivers. We're pushing Stacy and Malcolm, and trying to get more

production out of the tight ends. So, again, it's been a very productive two days.

It's not a new offense. It's not Phillip. It is the totality of it and the way the game unfolded. Again, we would have all liked to have a better production on third down against FAU, but we did amass 500 yards total offense, and 300 yards rushing.

This past game, obviously, all the game plans went out the window. We did not protect -- excuse me. We did not run the ball as well as we wanted to, and we did not convert as well as we wanted to on third down, and we had some miscues that you spoke about.

That's it. It's over. Excellent opponent, glad we won. We won as a team, and now we've got to move forward.

Q. The other thing I wanted to ask you, I know it's a bye week. Is this a good opportunity to get out and do some recruiting especially after a victory. The other part of it, is the timing of recruiting important as much as the recruiting itself, or is it important at all?

COACH GOLDEN: Well, I don't know so much the timing because if this was decision time, then timing is important, if that makes sense to you. In other words, if a kid was going to make a decision, he and his family had said, okay, sometime after the Florida game we're going to make a decision, then, obviously, that would be favorable to us. But in terms of the timing of it, it's just a function of getting out.

We're in a bye week, and we've practiced really hard the last two days. We're going to practice hard tomorrow, then we're going to get our coaches on the road Thursday and Friday. We're going to go to farther places. Not places farther away because we don't have anything -- this weekend, we don't have a game. Then when we go to South Florida, we'll do the Tampa and Orlando area and maybe a little bit, you know Ft. Myers, west coast. Then when we're back home, we'll start hitting the local areas.

So it's just a little strategy involved because we have to go to the further away places this week just because of the way it falls on the calendar.

Q. You talked about the offensive line after the first game not bringing their training into the game in some instances. Just wondered how they graded out after game

number two against Florida and what are some of the areas they could improve in?

COACH GOLDEN: Yeah, again, it's like one of those deals that I don't know how to explain it. You practice as a southpaw all training camp, and you get in a game like that and you're just slugging away. You're a jab guy. It was just one of those deals. We were just fighting, and scratching and clawing and doing whatever we needed to do.

There are certainly things we needed to get fixed. We know that. We have to run the ball better than that. That's not just on the O-line. That's on everybody, starting with me. There are some things that we looked at that were exposed and we need to get corrected and we'll get that fixed. Then there are some other things that we can do moving forward that we'll do. Again, slugfest for sure.

I'm proud of the way the guys fought. It wasn't pretty, but certainly a lot of room to improve this week, and they know that.

Q. Did you think the pass blocking was better than the run blocking?

COACH GOLDEN: Yes. Correct.

NC STATE COACH DAVE DOEREN

COACH DOEREN: It works out that we're 2-0. Team had to overcome a lot of adversity from losing our starting quarterback in the opener and being down and turning the ball over. Not the way we want to start a game with the turnovers we had. Richmond played really well. The guys hung in there and fought and found a way to get the ball in the second half with two turnovers that we forced and gave our kicker a chance, and Nik Sade has really been strong for us in the first two games. So we gave him a chance to win the game, and he did.

Q. It's tough to say 444 yards total offense is not great, but it was kind of a step back from week one. Was that a function of their defense, the turnovers or something else at work there?

COACH DOEREN: I think we had a lot of drives that you look at the drive charts, and we had

a lot of long drives that ended up with not enough points. Whether it was having to settle for a field goal or a turnover or a penalty that killed a drive, we just didn't finish drives the way we did in the first game. So it's definitely, like I said, our hat is off to Richmond.

Their defense last year, they were number one in the nation at their level with turnover margin, they had 24 interceptions a year ago. So we knew they'd be opportunistic, and we couldn't make mistakes. Unfortunately, we played into how they played. They just lineup the right way. They play hard. They don't make any mistakes. We weren't as crisp. We, obviously, weren't as detailed as we need to be taking care of the football.

Q. Can you evaluate how Pete Thomas did in his first full game as quarterback?

COACH DOEREN: Yeah, he played really hard. He made a lot of plays with his feet on third down. He was very accurate with the football. He made a couple mistakes. He threw the ball late over the middle that should have been intercepted and a scramble late in the game. He had a guy open and he underthrew it for an interception.

I know it's a game Pete will learn from, but I was really impressed with how he made plays with his feet and kept the chains moving for us in some pretty key times of the football game.

Q. Coach, in your look at Clemson on film, how scary do those guys appear to be?

COACH DOEREN: They're very good. Obviously, not ranked in the Top 10 in the country without having great players and great coaches. We know we're up for a very, very good football team coming in here. I think they return more starters and lettermen than anyone in the league. So they've experience on top of talent. So we're going to have to play our best. I know our guys have excited about the challenge.

Q. Some of the weapons they have, Tajh Boyd, Sammy Watkins and so on, is it more of a matter of containment rather than -- because stopping them, I mean, they're going to move the ball most likely. But how do you contain an offense like that and maybe so that they don't convert on every possession.

COACH DOEREN: Yeah, well, first thing you've got to do is not give up big plays. You have to contend routes and tackle well in space. We've got to shed blocks and get more people to the ball. But they are going to make plays, like you said. To

win the football game, they can't be explosive plays that lead to points.

We've got to be able to keep lining up and play and make some plays. We've got to be opportunistic on defense this week and continue to force turnovers. That is one thing we've done well for two weeks and we've got to continue to do that.

Q. Just want to follow up, after two games, your top rusher is a freshman; your top receiver is a freshman. Is that an awkward situation or are those positions where freshmen where experience isn't as much a premium as say quarterback or linebacker or something?

COACH DOEREN: Well, I mean, when I was hired here there were only two running backs on scholarship and six receivers. We were just thin there. There were two quarterbacks. We had to recruit to fill those voids. Freshmen are playing well, they're bringing energy to the game plan, and they've made plays. It wasn't the plan to have them be in front of the other guys, it's just we're rotating a lot of people, and those guys for two weeks in a row have shown up and made plays for us. We just need them to keep coming on.

Unfortunately, two of our fumbles were freshmen. So you kind of have to take the good with the bad early on.

Q. Overall though, are you pretty pleased with Dave and Valdes-Scantling?

COACH DOEREN: Yeah. Like I said, I'm really excited about the plays they make, but any time you turn the ball over, and both those guys had turnovers in the game, it hurts you. So we've got to learn from those mistakes and they will. They'll be better in game three than they were in game two with ball security because of that.

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