Virginia Tech vs. Oklahoma State
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Virginia Tech defensive coordinator Bud Foster Q&A Highlights
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(On holding Oklahoma State to less than 500 yards and 30 points)
“Well, there is no consolation prize. Our kids played hard. I’d like to have a couple of plays back. We played for 60 minutes, and I’m really proud of the kids. You saw that there are some dynamic players on that side of the ball, and give them credit. I liked our plan. We just didn’t capitalize on some opportunities on both sides of the ball. Turnovers, at the end of the day, were probably the difference in the football game. You know, our kids played hard, but there is no consolation prize in doing what we do. It’s a dynamic offense. We had some opportunities to make some stops, and we didn’t. They hit us on a couple of big plays, and those were key plays. Then the big play in the game, I felt like, was the long third-down play at the end when we had a chance to make a stop and we didn’t. We didn’t do some things that, when it’s said and done, to give ourselves a better chance.”

(On holding James Washington in check and then giving up the long TD to him)
“Well, that was one play I’d like to have back. We were scrambling a little bit. They went up tempo and just caught it. It was a good call on their part, when it’s all said and done. Good execution. That guy’s been going to get his catches, or a catch or two. We gave up two big plays, when it’s all said and done, on defense that were costly.”

(On having a number in mind to hold OSU to)
“No, I didn’t. I knew what they did. You know, I didn’t. If we could have held them under 30, I felt like we could have won the football game. We didn’t hold them under 30. They had 30. I think we might have held them to the second-least points they’ve had all year, but we didn’t capitalize on a couple of opportunities and gave up a couple of plays and that was the difference in the game.”

(On the third-and-11 play at the end of the game)
“I’ll have to go look at it. We were in a 30 package, and we should be fine in our run lanes and our fits, so I’m going to have to go see our fits. We should have been in great shape.”

(On doing some things that confused OSU early)
“Our game plan was good. We just ... you take away a couple of big plays, and each week, that’s what creates big yardage for you when you start looking at the stat sheet. But at the end of day, when those are touchdowns, those are costly. I’m proud of how our kids played, but I’m not happy, without a doubt. I’m disappointed for our seniors who have been a great group of leaders for us and done a great job with the transition to the new staff. They’ve really risen to change this program back to what Virginia Tech fans like to see and what we’ve done, and you see where the future is going. But these guys were great examples to their teammates. They’re great representatives of this program and the institution, and I couldn’t be more proud of them.”