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COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: I want to congratulate Coach Beamer and his Virginia Tech football team on winning the ACC Championship. He played a hell of a game. We had a chance at the end. It just didn't happen. I will take your questions.

Q. How frustrating was it with the way you moved the ball in the first half to come out of that tied?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: Frustrating. We just didn't get a chance to step out of anything in the back end. We got down in there, around the 30 a few times and couldn't get points. I think we had 49 snaps at half time. We moved the ball. We just didn't get points out of it.

Q. Was it something that you did different in the second half or was it their defense that changed the way you operated offensively the second half?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: No, we didn't change anything. We didn't change one thing. I thought we moved the ball well in the second half, too and we just didn't make enough plays.

Q. Now that you finally seen the two quarterbacks what did you think about the job they did today?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: I thought they did a nice job with the game plan, the kid made a play. We had the ball -- we flipped the field with a good punt. And Taylor made a good play with his legs. He made a scramble and the guy made a play and changed. They made plays when it counted.

Q. Coach, how much of a game altering mood change and momentum change was the blocked extra points?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: I'll tell you one thing we did, we lost our long snapper about two or three weeks ago and it caught up to us today. We had some operation problems from the center to the holder. You have to be flawless in that part of your game. I think that's what

happened.

Q. Coach, it seemed like you had trouble converting on third and fourth downs?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: Do you think?

(Laughter). Yes, we did.

Q. Would you attribute that more to your offense or their defense?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: We didn't make the plays when we needed to make them. It was third down and short, fourth down and short. We missed on a sneak. We have to get better push up front and they did a better job.

Q. Did their defense make adjustments the second half at all?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: No, no, none.

Q. How do you explain the difference with your offense?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: I thought we moved the ball pretty good. They stopped us on some third down conversions. That's what they did. They made plays and we didn't. I still thought we moved the ball down the field. We had a chance to tie the ball game at the end. We didn't get it done. One of the plays we had, we told Matt Ryan to throw it to the back versus man coverage. We split the coverage and had someone in the back of the end zone, Rich Gunnell, and we didn't make that play. They made plays and we didn't make enough of them.

Q. Did the issues you were having with a long snapper, did that play a part in your decisions not to kick the field goal and go for it on fourth down a couple of times?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: Well, usually our range is from about the 25 yard line, so we could kick about a 42 yard field goal. Any time we were outside of that, I was using it as a four down territory. We started doing that the last four or five games of the season.. I thought we had a better chance to make a play on fourth than be able to kick one.

Q. The next to is the last possession you started moving the ball down the field, fans were probably thinking, here we go again, more of that Matt Ryan magic at the end of the game; were you surprised that that didn't end up with a BC touchdown on that drive there?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: No, the fourth down we didn't get converted. Any time you have a quarterback the caliber of Matt Ryan I think you always got a chance with a ball in his hands. We didn't make enough plays and give credit to Virginia Tech, they made the plays when the plays counted.

Q. Callender seemed to have a heck of a game to you guys, what do you think contributed most to that part of the game plan?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: It was. We had the same thing. We looked at that game from the first time we played them and we thought we could use Callender a lot. I don't know how much catches that he ended up with. Does anybody know what he had?

Q. 12, or 13.

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: That was the plan, hit one-on-one with the linebackers, and we did. And they started to blitz off the weak side. We hit him on a hot a few times. That's what we did with him.

Q. Is it too soon to ask you to summarize the season so far?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: 10 win season. I'll take a 10 win season. Any time you get

double digit wins in football, I don't care what level you are playing, I think that's a good year. I'll tell you I'm proud as I can be to be the football Coach at Boston College and proud of our kids the way they fought. We just came up a little bit short today, and we will just keep it going.

Q. Jeff, DB had a big stop on third and one in the third quarter, and a big stop in the fourth quarter, what challenge did he pose for you trying to block him today?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: He made some good plays.

Q. Was that because of anything?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: No, he is a good football player.

THE MODERATOR: Any other questions?

Q. It seemed like they so made it seem that Purvis was a non-factor, was that something frustrating to you guys?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: No, we kept throwing it to the back. We kept using him. The structure of the defense, we thought we could use Andre and we did. We used him about as much as we could today. He was productive. Every game we play it's always somebody. It will be a 10 catch guy. It happened to be Andre and that was by design today.

Q. Coach, I don't know if you addressed this, how much of a difference did 9 make in their defensive, he was not there the last time and was awful productive?

COACH JEFF JAGODZINSKI: He sure did. If you are playing your first team guy as opposed to your second team guy, you would expect him to make more plays and he sure did today. He is a heck of football player.

THE MODERATOR: Anyone else? Thank you.

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