

**VIRGINIA VS. VIRGINIA TECH
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. (JOHN PAUL JONES ARENA)
VIRGINIA HEAD COACH AMAKA AGUGUA-HAMILTON**

OPENING STATEMENT:

“I mean, that was one exciting game. Thank you to fans, especially our fans. Our fans got really loud, and they really helped us out. Virginia Tech's fans showing up, I think the game was great for women's basketball. It was packed in there. It was great atmosphere. I love to see how much the game is growing. I am very, very proud of our players and our fight today. We fought for 40 minutes. There were so many things that we had to play through, and different lineups in there, all kinds of stuff. We just we just wanted it. We knew that we were trying to play our way into postseason and have momentum going into the conference tournament. I am really proud of our fight. I have a lot of respect for Virginia Tech and Kenny (Brooks), and what they do and what he does. He's a friend of mine too. I just thought it was a good battle and I really hope (Elizabeth) Kitley is okay. I don't know, I didn't get an update on her, but you know, you never want to see anybody go down like that.”

On Senior Night:

“They mean a lot. They're the ones that started spearheading this turnaround and believed in building this program. Cam (Camryn Taylor), London (Clarkson), KD (Kadyn Lawson); all three of those made a choice to stay. They could have left and they made the choice to believe in what we're trying to do, believe in me, believe in the coaching staff, believe in the teammates and also the recruits who were trying to bring in. Like I said, Sam (Brunelle) was my first recruit and her staying home, opened people's eyes. Mo (Kymora Johnson) and some other hometown kids and like I said, it gave permission for others to believe. It's bittersweet. We played our last our last game home game here probably, but I feel like we have a lot left this year. We're just kind of hitting our stride. They put in a lot of work, and I just want them to benefit from that and get something out of that. So, I just I'm really proud of this one too (Camryn Taylor). Camryn (Taylor), like I said, out there, she's been through a lot. She's fought through a lot and just to see how much she's grown off the court one, but also on the court, her game on the court, she has a lot of basketball ahead, even after UVA. They mean a lot to this program and that's the legacy that you want to leave. That's what we talk about all the time. You're going to be forever remembered for it, turning this program back around.”

UVA PLAYER QUOTES

SENIOR FORWARD CAMRYN TAYLOR:

On the Atmosphere:

“I mean, obviously, it was great. That's great room women's basketball, especially in Virginia. I think that playing in front of big crowds is so fun. I remember Mo (Kymora Johnson) and I were like, 'Oh, we are going to have fun today,' because we saw the crowd and we're like, 'Yeah, let's get it.' At the same time, this was going to test our focus, test how we can communicate within

those four lines. We came out on top and I'm just proud of the whole entire team. To show out for senior day, to show out for our last home game, and to fight for the postseason. I think that's what we did. So, it was it was definitely great. I love playing in front of crowds; to shut them up or to get them wound up stuff like that, but yeah, it was."

FRESHMAN GUARD KYMORA JOHNSON

On the Atmosphere:

"Yeah, I agree. Like Coach Mox said, it's just amazing for women's basketball. That's what I came here to do, to get this place back on the map. So I'm so glad that me and my teammates can fill the seats and the other team as well. Like she said, it was a great matchup between us too. It was really exciting and really inspiring to play a game like that."