

# VIRGINIA TECH

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

**Postgame Media Conference vs. Georgia Tech Quotes**  
**Feb. 23, 2021**

### **Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights**

#### ***Opening statement:***

"The last thing i'm going to do is blame anything on a tough stretch. We've all lived it, bottom line is we got beat by a better team tonight. I thought we lost our edge and got hit in the stomach and we stepped away from it and that is unlike our team. Win lose or draw we had to get back on the floor, we had to play, we had to compete. With limited practices (no excuse), a number of guys in that hotel for 10 days and they're going to come in and now we are going to play an ACC league game, good luck to you. They fought, but I take nothing away from Georgia Tech. They have a good basketball team (Alvarado, Moses Wright, Usher, Michael Devoe is really good, Bubba Parham) I applaud the Yellow Jackets. We'll get back to practice on Thursday and begin our preparations for Wake Forest, we'll play better on Saturday I can guarantee that."

#### **On Tyrece Radford returning:**

"We followed the process and procedures of the department and he was a champion throughout, he did exactly what he was supposed to do and here he is. I'm proud of him on how he's handled himself over the last month. It was good to have him back on the floor, he makes it a better basketball team. I thought he was really good tonight and has been on the shelf for a bit here. Good to have him back in a Hokie uniform."

#### **On struggles with zone defenses:**

"We have to do a better job of getting the ball through Aluma and actually move the ball. We did more with Syracuse than we did tonight. If we have the opportunity to play them again, we'll handle things better."

#### **On playing guys fewer minutes because of quarantine:**

"I just went with it, I always look back on nights like tonight and I don't like playing Keve (Aluma) 34 minutes and Pemsli is ready to play a little bit more. I have played in my career so many kids with two fouls: It's a minute, get them out, back for a minute. I walked Mutts (Justyn) into the third foul and that is such a bad move on my part. Joe Bamisille hit a big shot in the first half, starting him in the second half. I don't think he had a great look about him defensively, but he's going to gobble up some of those minutes from Tyrece (Radford), but we all know Tyrece is going to be on the floor for us a lot."

## Virginia Tech Player Q&A Highlights

### KEVE ALUMA

#### ***On his shooting rhythm:***

"I'm not really sure what my stats were in the first half, but I didn't have a lot. Just trying to get that confidence back and get the ball going. "

#### ***On how they are taking the lose:***

"Just looking to the next game. We will be getting ready these next few days getting ready for Wake."

#### ***On having Tyrece Radford back:***

"It was great to have him back and get him back in the flow of it."

### JUSTYN MUTTS

#### ***On things lost over Covid breaks:***

"I think in a way you lose that rhythm you have in games, but being able to be in practice still we were able to keep up our aggression, our competitive nature every single day and just go at each other even though we weren't able to compete in games. I feel like that kinda showed out there a little bit, but that rhythm you have against playing another team, that's something that you have to be in the flow of for it to really kick in. I am not blaming this loss at all, zero percent, on the fact that we just came back from that break."

#### ***On his offensive play:***

"I felt like it was tough the way they were guarding us, it was hard for our shooters to get the looks that they like. Playing in zones is always going to be a different dynamic than how your offense is flowing and they were able to come in here and disrupt us a little bit."

#### ***On having a game under the Hokies belt:***

"I always feel as though it's great in a way to drop a game, just because you can learn so much more from a loss than you ever can from a win. And I feel as though this loss came at a good time for us in a way. I feel there is always a positive way to look at something and we can learn so much from this especially before the real bullets come flying."