

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Postgame Notes

Jan. 10, 2021

Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

FINAL SCORE: No. 19/20 Virginia Tech 77, Notre Dame 63

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech improves to 9-2 on the season and Notre Dame falls to 3-7.
- The Hokies are now 9-5 in the all time series against the Fighting Irish, with Tech now winning four of the last six games.
- Tech now leads 3-0 versus Notre Dame when it is ranked.
- The 16 offensive rebounds were the most in the Mike Young era versus an ACC team, topping the previous high of 13 against Miami (Fla.) on Feb. 19, 2020.
- Attendance was 250.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will play Duke (5-2, 3-0 ACC) at Cassell Coliseum taking on the Blue Devils at 7 p.m. ET on Tuesday on ACC Network.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech used the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Tyrece Radford. It marked the eighth straight game Tech has used that starting lineup and is 7-2 in those games when doing so.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Notre Dame started off the half and was able to hold a steady lead over the Hokies. Tech was able to restore the lead behind a 15-5 run at the 5:49 mark, but the Fighting Irish quickly responded taking it back, behind their second leading scorer Goodwin. Notre Dame was able to maintain its lead the rest of the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hokies started the second half strong with a 12-2 run over the Irish, which helped them regain the lead from the tight first half. Notre Dame broke Tech's run after calling a time out at the 14:40 mark. The Hokies were able to restore momentum and continued to battle in small free throw runs with the Irish. At the 4:04 mark Tech took a 9-1 run to finalize the 14-point win over Notre Dame.

- Tech shot 45.3 percent for the game (29-for-64), 30.4 percent from 3-point range (7-for-23) and 75.0 percent from the free-throw line (12-for-16).
- The Hokies have made a 3-pointer in 576 straight games. The last time they didn't hit a 3 in a game was on Feb. 1, 2003 versus Providence.
- The Hokies secured their first double-double this season in ACC play, led behind Aluma.
- Tech collected its most offensive rebounds in the Mike Young era versus an ACC team, and the second most overall (19 vs. Maryland Eastern Shore, Dec. 29, 2019).
- The Hokies collected 34 points off points in the paint, right below their season-high 42 vs. USF, which allowed Tech to outscore the Irish in by a 14-point margin in the paint.
- Tech only let up two field goals in the second half, tallying its season low allowed.
- The Hokies more than doubled the Irish in points off the bench (17), collecting 35 points.
- The Hokies secured 41 rebounds, right behind their season high 48 vs. VMI on Dec. 3.
- Notre Dame outplayed Tech in blocks (4-2), but the Hokies made up for it offensively with committing less turnovers (12-10).
- Tech obtained 15 second-chance points, which was its third most of the season, and outscored Notre Dame by nine points in that category.
- Tech tied its season low for the second game in a row in points off fast breaks with just two.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

KEVE ALUMA

- Aluma tallied his second double-double and for the season, and the Hokies first double-double in ACC play, collecting 15 points and 12 rebounds. Aluma was the leading rebounder for the game and tied his season high.

HUNTER CATTOOR

- Cattoor tied with Aluma as the second-leading scorer for the Hokies, securing 15 points followed behind three 3-pointers. He was able to obtain two steals, tying the game high.

JALEN CONE

- Cone was the leading scorer of the game for the second game in a row, tallying 18 points led behind four 3-pointers. This tallied Cone's fourth time as leading scorer for the Hokies this season.

JUSTIN MUTTS

- Mutts collected 14 points and seven rebounds, following behind the leading scorers.