

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 16/16 Virginia Tech Hokies at Pitt Panthers

Postgame Notes

Feb. 3, 2021

Petersen Events Center | Pittsburgh, Pa.

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 72 , Pitt 83

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech falls to 13-4 overall while Pitt improves to 9-5 on the season.
- The Panthers snap their five-game losing streak to the Hokies.
- Pitt defeats Tech for the first time at home since 2016 (90-71, Jan. 31, 2016).
- Jeff Capel is now 1-1 against Mike Young. Young is now 1-3 all-time against the Panthers.
- Xavier Johnson's 32 points are the most points allowed by an opposing player in the Mike Young era.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will stay on the road for a contest at Miami (7-10, 3-9 ACC) on Saturday at noon inside the Watsco Center on RSN.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech went with the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Jalen Cone. It marked the third time Tech has used this starting lineup.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Trailing 13-8 in the first, forward Justyn Mutts went on a 6-0 run on his own to bring the Hokies within one possession at 16-14. Later in the half, Aluma and Cone each drilled 3s to give Tech the lead at 25-23. Mutts tied the outing at 29-29 with a dunk and then did it again with a putback tip at the buzzer to even the contest at 31-31.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Coming out of the first media timeout, Aluma nailed a triple and then Alleyne got on the board with an and-one to give Tech its largest lead at 43-37. With just under eight minutes left in the game, Pitt rattled off a 15-2 run which put them up 70-55. It was all Pitt from that point as they went on to win 83-72.
- Pitt outscored the Hokies in bench points by a margin of 47-12.
- The Panthers outrebounded Tech 33-31 overall and 28-21 for defensive boards.
- Pitt shot 50% from the field which is tied for the second-best field goal percentage an opponent has recorded against Tech this season.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Keve Aluma

- Aluma notched his career-high in point yet again with 30 against Pitt. Aluma topped his previous career-high 29 points in the last outing against Virginia.
- Aluma also recorded his fifth double-double of the season as he grabbed 10 boards along with the 30 points.
- Aluma also dished out a career-high five assists and hit a career-high four 3-pointers.
- He became the first Tech played since 2013 (Erick Green) to post back-to-back games of scoring 28 or more points.
- He also became the first Hokie to have three consecutive double-doubles in ACC play since 2019 when Kerry Blackshear Jr. did so.

Justyn Mutts

- Mutts recorded a season-high 17 points in the loss at Pitt and also grabbed six boards.