

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 16/15 Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Wake Forest

Postgame Notes

Feb. 27, 2021

Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 84, Wake Forest 46

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech improves to 15-5 overall and 9-4 in the ACC, while Wake Forest falls to 6-13 overall and 3-13 in the league on the season.
- Mike Young is now 8-3 against Wake Forest and Steve Forbes and has beaten Forbes five games in a row.
- The 38-point win marks the largest margin of victory in an ACC game for Tech, topping the previous high of 29 points (Wake Forest; Jan. 15, 2011).
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will play to host Louisville (12-5, 7-4 ACC) on Wednesday at 7 p.m. ET inside Cassell Coliseum on ESPN2.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech went with the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Tyrece Radford for the 15th time this season, and the second since Jan 23. against Syracuse. The Hokies are now 10-3 with this lineup.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUNS:** From the start the Hokies asserted their dominance on the court with a 19-6 run on the Demon Deacons until the 10:25 mark. Wake Forest took a time out at the 8:56 in an attempt to bring the Hokies 14-point lead to a stop and were successful, but Tech quickly responded with a 9-2 run at the 8:17. The Hokies took a 14-point run at the 4:18 mark and held it through the remainder of the half. Tech sealed its 27-point lead over Wake Forest with a buzzer beater dunk by Joe Bamisile.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUNS:** With the Hokies at such an advantage to the start of the second half, they did not let up. The Hokies continued to outplay the Deacons and continued their run going into the second half. Tech maintained over a 29-point lead for the entirety of the second half. For every point the Deacons scored, the Hokies responded with double the power, which led them to another dominating half. The Hokies took an 11-2 run at the 7:11 mark, which left the Hokies at a 43-point advantage.
- Tech shot 53.4 percent for the game (31-for-58), 54.2 percent from 3-point range (13-for-24) and 56.3 percent from the free-throw line (9-for-16).
- The Hokies collected their most points by halftime (49) since Dec. 28, 2018, when they had 50 points against Maryland Eastern Shore.
- The Hokies recorded out 26 points off turnovers, coming right under their season high (30 points vs Coppin State).
- Tech dominated Wake Forest on defense, collecting nine steals and a season-high 10 blocks.

- The Hokies forced 18 turnovers compared to just their own nine miscues.
- The Hokies dominated in the paint, obtaining 34 points, more than quadrupling the Deacons (8).
- Tech was able to secure a 26-3 point advantage in points off turnovers.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Keve Aluma

- Aluma was the leading scorer for the Hokies for the seventh time this season, tallying 23 points.
- Aluma went 5 of 5 behind the arc.
- Aluma was the game leader for rebounds, collecting eight.

Tyrece Radford

- Radford was the second-leading scorer of the game collecting 15 points.
- Radford went 3 of 5 behind the free-throw line and was a perfect 2 for 2 from downtown.

Nahiem Alleyne

- Alleyne had 13 points, marking his 11th double-digit scoring game.
- Alleyne tied the game high for assists (5).