VIRGINIA TECH
MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Miami Hurricanes
Postgame Notes
Dec. 29, 2020
Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

FINAL SCORE: No. 24 Virginia Tech 80, Miami (Fla.) 78

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech improves 8-1 on the season and Miami falls to 4-3 .
- The Hokies are now 18-24 against the Hurricanes in the all-time series.
- Virginia Tech head coach Mike Young moves up to 2-3 in his all-time versus Miami's Jim Larrañaga.
- The Hokies maintain the lead over the Hurricanes in Cassell 10-8 and are now 5-0 when ranked.
- Attendance was 250.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will play at No. 23 Virginia (4-2, 0-0 ACC), taking on the Cavaliers at 4 p.m. ET on Saturday 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 sixth straight game Tech has used that starting lineup and is 6-1 in those games when doing so.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** Miami started off the half and maintained a lead over the Hokies until the 14:30 mark. Tech and Miami went head-to-head until the Hokies 15-2 run with the Hurricanes at the 4:56 mark. This led Tech into securing a nine-point lead over Miami at the end of the first half, 42-33.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hokies scored the first point of the second half. Tech battled with Miami in a nail-biting second half. The Hokies lost their double-digit lead over the Hurricanes by the 7:15 mark. Tech, in an attempt to stop Miami's run, called a timeout at the 5:43 mark and responded with a 3-pointer by Cattoor. The Hokies maintained their lead over the Hurricanes throughout the head-to-head second half.

- Tech shot 47.5 percent for the game (29-for-61), 39.1 percent from 3-point range (9-for-23) and 61.9 percent from the free-throw line (13-for-21).
- The Hokies have made a 3-pointer in 574 straight games. The last time they didn't hit a 3 in a game was on Feb. 1, 2003 versus Providence.
- The Hokies obtained 12 steals over the Hurricanes, which marked their season high, and gives them 21 steals in their last two games (nine vs. Longwood, Dec. 21).
- Miami tallied more field goals and 3-point field goals than Tech, but Tech was able to get to the line more than the Hurricanes, owning 21 free throws compared to the U's 10.
- Tech was able to outscore Miami 15-8 on fastbreak points, tying its second season high in fast break points (15, Coppin State and 16, Villanova).
- The Hokies outscored Miami in second-chance points 11-5.
- Tech forced 19 turnovers against Miami, which is the most forced vs. an ACC team in the Mike Young era, topping the previous high of 18 against Wake Forest on Jan. 14, 2020.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

KEVE ALUMA
- Aluma was the leading scorer of the game and tallied a career-high 26 points, topping his previous best of 23, which he set against then-No. 3 Villanova. Aluma was the game leader for blocks (3), tying his career high of three blocks (Samford '19).

TYRECE RADFORD
- Radford, scoring 13 points and tying the game high of nine rebounds, almost tallied his first double-double of the season.

JUSTIN MUTTS
- Mutts was the second-leading scorer for the Hokies while tallying his season high of 15 points (12, Villinova). He tied for the game high of nine rebounds and tied his season high in rebounds as well.