

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 16/16 Virginia Tech Hokies at Miami (Fla.) Hurricanes

Postgame Notes

Feb. 6, 2021

Watsco Center | Coral Gables, Fla.

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 80, Miami (Fla.) 76

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech moves to 14-4 overall while Pitt falls to 7-11 overall on the season.
- This victory marks the Hokies second overtime win this year (81-73 vs. Villanova).
- Mike Young is now 2-2 against Miami (Fla.) and 3-3 against Jim Larrañaga.
- Tech is 6-0 against the Hurricanes when ranked and is now 2-0 against Miami in the season series.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will return to Blacksburg for an outing with Louisville (11-4) on Saturday, Feb. 13 at noon inside Cassell Coliseum.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech went with the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Jalen Cone. It marked the fourth time Tech has used this starting lineup.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** With just under three minutes to go in the half, Mutts finished off the euro-step and Aluma hit a jumper to put Tech up 27-22. The Hurricanes hit back-to-back 3-pointers to get within one possession. With just seconds left in the first, Mutts was fouled and made both from the line to send Tech into the break with the 31-28 lead.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** With just over 10 minutes left in the game, guard Wabissa Bede hit the triple from behind the arc and then Bamisile came up with the steal and finished the tough layup to put Tech up 55-48. Mutts scored back-to-back buckets to give the Hokies their largest lead at 59-48. Miami went on a 10-0 to get back in the game just after and even took a late 74-71 lead after a late 3-pointer. Cattoor then drilled a buzzer beating triple to send the game to overtime at 74-74.
- **OVERTIME RUN:** Tied at 76-76, Alleyne nailed a floater with 25 seconds left to put Tech up 78-76. After a stop on the defensive end, Cattoor then made two clutch free throws to bring Tech up 80-76 and lift the Hokies to victory.
- The Hokies dished out 25 assists which is the most they have recorded in a single game all season.
- Tech had 27 points off its bench which marks the ninth time this season the Hokies have had 25 or more points off the bench.
- The Hokies outscored the Hurricanes 34-32 in paint points.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Justyn Mutts

- Mutts recorded a season-high 22 points and dished out a career-high seven assists.
- Mutts also grabbed nine boards giving him a total of 42 rebounds over his last five outings.

Keve Aluma

- Aluma had 16 points which marks his 15th game this season scoring in double-figures.
- Aluma also tied his career high in assists with five for the second straight game.

Joe Bamisile

- Bamisile recorded his career high in points with 11 on 50% shooting from the field.
- Bamisile also dished out a career high in assists with three on the day.