

**Virginia Tech Women's Basketball**  
**Head Coach Kenny Brooks Q&A Highlights**  
**Maryland Eastern Shore Postgame Interview**  
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**Opening statement:**

"It was a good win. Obviously, it wasn't always pretty but sometimes you get so engulfed into the game and trying to execute and be really good on every possession and next thing you know, you're up 40. That's a pretty good luxury to have because not all teams are afforded that. I thought we did some good things tonight, but obviously we're looking at some of the small things that's going to help us be the team we want to be. We have a lot of lack of communication in some areas, and a lot of things to shore up. All in all, we got good production from a lot of the kids. Didn't shoot the ball particularly well from the three, but enough to keep them off balance and got a lot of balanced scoring from a lot of different people."

**On the balanced scoring with eight players scoring a field goal:**

"It's good, it's great. It also keeps me up at night because sometimes I don't really know where the point production is going to come from. Last year it was pretty much a staple you could put 20 points down for Taylor Emery and a few points for Regan [Magarity] and you knew things were going to come. This group, they are still trying to form their identity and their team identity. So, we don't necessarily know where we want to go in certain situations just because they're all playing in different roles. Aisha Sheppard is playing in a more predominant role than what she had last year. Trinity [Baptiste] steps up and needs to score in different ways, Dara [Mabrey] is in a different role. But I thought they did a really good job, they are sharing the basketball. We got spoiled the first night, we had 28 assists so you always think that you're supposed to have 28 assists. Twenty-two seems like nothing right now, but 22 assists are really good on 32 field goals. This group they care about each other, they have perfect intent, now we just have to try and execute as closely to that as we can."

**On forward Trinity Baptiste breaking out of a slump with 20 points:**

"No, I don't think she really did anything differently. She got into a groove. I think one of the games George Mason, she got into foul trouble so she didn't play the minutes she's normally playing. She didn't play the role that she is expected to play. So, it took her out of rhythm. She was pressing a little bit maybe last game, but the area that I was most disappointed - tonight was her first offensive rebound in the fourth game. So, we told her to really focus in on that end and little things like that and everything else will come. We're starting to figure ourselves out like I mentioned earlier. We just don't know our identity yet and we're playing and we're talented and we can score in a lot of different ways, she just hasn't been the recipient of some of those looks. We didn't change anything, we haven't put any focus anywhere she was just the recipient of some good passes, some good looks in the right place and she took advantage of it."

**On The Shore giving multiple looks on the defensive end:**

“I didn’t think that they would play probably 97% zone, I thought it would probably be more like 70-30 but they made us stand around a little bit and that’s what happens sometimes when you play against a zone for that long period of time. Sometimes we have to understand and this year, it’s more important than any, is that we don’t always have to stand out there and jack up threes. We have great 3-point shooters but we have a good inside presence too and so we have to have a good balance which is evident. Trinity obviously is a post player but she had 20 points, and Liz [Kitley] had 10. Then Alex [Obouh Fegue] had 12 so I’m very happy with the production that we got inside especially going against the zone so much because you can have the tendency to really step out and keep jacking up threes. I thought we had a good mixture and give them credit, they threw us off balance a little bit but we rebounded and came back. To score 86 points against a team that plays zone the whole time and they want to walk the ball up the floor, that’s a pretty impressive number.”

**On center Elizabeth Kitley taking a hard fall in the first half:**

“Oh yeah, not going to lie I was a little nervous. I was kind of keeping one eye on the game and one eye on the curtain to see when she was going to come back out. I think it scared her a little bit. She’s a presence for us and she’s going to continue to get better and understand where she is getting opportunities. I’m very happy she’s with us and I’m excited about her progress and what she’s going to be able to do.”

**On allowing six points in the paint and if that was the game plan:**

“No, I think it was just natural. They’re not a big team, they really rely on the 3-point shot a lot and we knew that was going to be a staple of what they were trying to do. We knew that was where [their offense] was going to come from. Even their post players were shooting 3’s, so for them not to score a lot of points in the paint, I would love to say it was because we were so dominant, but we’re just bigger so they went away from it.”