

**Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights  
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***Opening Statement***

“We didn’t move very well, but to my team’s credit I thought they worked very hard and were very responsible. We didn’t trap the post very well tonight and that bothers me, we will figure that out on film. I thought Tyrece [Radford] did a great job on Matt Ryan coming in and averaging 15 and held him to two first-half points. This isn’t the NBA where we aren’t playing 82 games. We are playing 35, 36, 37 if we are fortunate enough to go to the post season. It is not always easy to load that gun and play your best night in and night out. We did not play our best game a lot of that is attributed to Chattanooga – they played a good ball game. I am proud of my men. They stuck it up there and got down the floor during the second half and made enough plays to get out. Wabissa [Bede] hit a huge 3. That’s another indication of what a tough guy he is, what a great player he is. Seventeen percent, that’s a critical shot. He has really worked on it here over the past couple of days. He shot it very well today and in our shoot around. For him to get that shot home, it was nice to see needless to say.”

***On the last five minutes of the game:***

“I told them at the timeout I was trying to trick them a little bit. I said, we need this, we need to find ways to win close games. We are going to have so many of them moving ahead. Chester Frazier had a great call on an action, run Landers [Nolley II] out of there and get Wabissa to the basket to cut it back to two or three. I thought we executed things better, obviously we got shots contested. We rebounded the ball and we were fortunate enough to get out of there.”

***On playing a short bench tonight:***

“We lost Hunter [Cattoor] yesterday to a little ankle. He could have played, we talked about it on the floor at the start of the game. You take arguably your best cutter, another shot maker, a kid that has played very well for us. We were mixing and matching a little bit with Jalen [Cone] at the two with Wabissa – which I thought he did a nice job. We played some guys a lot of minutes. Tyrece Radford played more minutes than he has probably played all year at 33. Each and every game calls for something different. I went with those lineups that I thought gave us the best opportunity to win.”

***On their defense effecting our shooting:***

“They grabbed a couple of actions that was accreted to their staff and their team. I just thought we looked like we were so slow and heavy. Not sure what to attribute to that to other than it is unrealistic to think that your team is going to play like gangbusters night in and night out. Chattanooga came in and played a good ball game but we came out with a win and last I checked that’s what matters most.”

***On making less 3s tonight:***

“We are not going to stop shooting them. We were 6 and 21. I thought we had good looks. We

took far too many contested twos. That's a bad shot for us. Not that they were bad shots but the selection was poor. It was where we shot them in that shot clock. You don't want to take a contested two with 20 on the shot clock. That's a bad shot. I thought we settled for some of those instead of moving the ball side to side. We weren't very crisp and I am frustrated by that but we will look forward to getting back on the practice floor and getting better. That was as poor as we have played. We didn't shoot very well. P.J. Horne has been giving us two to three every night and he didn't have his best night. He didn't feel well, he still played his tail off and gave us everything he had inside him. Nahiem [Alleyne] got some down. That part, we will be okay there."

### **Wabissa Bede**

#### ***On preparing for games during finals week:***

"Everybody is having a major headache. We're trying to study [for final exams], but also study scouting reports. There is so much going on right now. These two weeks are the hardest weeks. We just have to grind through it and keep playing hard."

#### ***On improvements still to make:***

"We can improve on everything. We have to be more vocal. We can't do point for point with every team — we're not good enough yet."

#### ***On rebounding from a three-game losing streak:***

"Every game from here on out is the Super Bowl for us. We come out playing as hard as we can."

### **Nahiem Alleyne**

#### ***On the message as they were down:***

"We just need to calm down. We've been in this situation before. Just box out your man and execute. We did that."

#### ***On ability to make big shots:***

"I was feeling it a little bit. I just want to execute the play, though. If I'm open I'll take it. If not, I'll find the open man."

#### ***On defensive pressure by Chattanooga:***

"We just weren't hitting the shots tonight. We were getting good, open looks, they just weren't falling."

#### ***On change of game plan in last five minutes:***

"We put a little bit more pressure on their offense. Rebounded more. Cutting, executing our plays, screening other men. Just finding open people."

#### ***On message from Coach Young during the game:***

"We weren't concerned. Coach always tells us to calm down, fight a little harder and execute the plays."