

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. VMI Keydets

Postgame Notes

Dec. 21, 2019

Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 64, VMI 55

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech improves to 9-3 overall with the victory over the Keydets.
- Tech held VMI to no trips to the free-throw line, marking the first time the Hokies have held an opponent to zero free throw attempts since at least 2004 (ACC era).
- Tech leads the all-time series 93-43 following the victory on Saturday evening. The Hokies have won the last eight contests in a row, dating back to 2004.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will continue their home slate when they face Maryland Eastern Shore on Dec. 29 at Cassell Coliseum. It will be Tech's first RSN game this season.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech used the starting lineup of Wabissa Bede, Tyrece Radford, P.J. Horne, Landers Nolley II, and Nahiem Alleyne. This is the 10th straight game the Hokies have started these five, resulting in seven victories. These five are averaging 53.5 points per game combined. Tech's bench rotation is averaging 20.8 points per game.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** With just over eight minutes to go in the first half, Tech led 9-8 when freshman Jalen Cone drilled a 3-pointer, plus the foul, resulting in a four-point play. Cone then hit another triple on the next play to give the Hokies a 16-8 advantage. At the end of the half, forward P.J. Horne nailed a jumper and guard Tyrece Radford finished a layup to give Tech a 26-18 lead entering halftime.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** With 10 minutes of action left, freshman Hunter Cattoor sunk a triple from behind the arc followed by back-to-back lay ups from Radford and guard Wabissa Bede to give Tech a 47-39 advantage. With VMI mounting a comeback down just six with just over a minute to go, the Hokies garnered a key defense stop followed two made free throws from Wilkins, which would propel Tech to a 64-55 victory.
- Virginia Tech forced VMI to turn the rock over 23 times, the most since Nov. 9 versus Gardner-Webb (29).

- Tech received significant contributions off the bench for the second straight game, with Wilkins scoring 13 points and Cattoor adding 14. The Hokies' bench scored a combined 38 points, the second-most points from the bench this year.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Isaiah Wilkins

- Wilkins scored 13 points for the second straight game, tied for the second-most points this season (15, Delaware St., Nov. 20).

Hunter Cattoor

- Cattoor scored a career-high 14 points versus VMI. Cattoor has scored in double figures in five games this season.

Jalen Cone

- Cone scored nine points against VMI off the bench, which was the third-highest point total on the team along with his third-highest point total for the season.

Tyrece Radford

- Radford grabbed 10 rebounds for the second straight game. Radford now has 34 boards over the last four games, averaging 8.5 a game during that four-game stretch. Radford leads Tech in rebounds with 6.2 per game on the season.