

Virginia Tech Men's Basketball
Mike Young Q&A Highlights
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On the team's efforts heading into ACC play:

“This has not been murderer's row, but we have played some good programs. Sometimes games are scheduled while projecting where teams might be the next year, and they're not as good as they're supposed to be. But for this team to get here with our losses against BYU, Dayton and Duke, I feel pretty good. We've got 18 bloodbaths, if you will, in league play and it starts down there on Saturday in Charlottesville.”

On whether or not he has been in a game with his team committing only two turnovers:

“I don't think I have been, and I don't care who you're playing, that's an impressive statistic. There are a lot of moving parts, and in how we want to play with that ball moving from side to side, with five guys touching it, and with those Maryland Eastern Shore kids being tough kids, physical kids, scrappy kids, and to take care of it like that. [Wabissa] Bede was 6-0 [assists-turnovers] again. Twenty assists and two turnovers are quite impressive. I think in our last four or five games we are averaging about eight turnovers, and I feel good about that. It will need to carry into the coming months.”

On Virginia Tech's defensive play:

“Still, we have a long way to go. We still look so young in some regards, just in terms of our readiness, just in terms of our level of engagement and communication. They talk like chatterboxes in the locker room and in the halls, but then they go on the floor and they draw inside of themselves a little bit, and I don't like that, but they're trying. They want to communicate better and more effectively, but it is a sign of our youth that we are continually trying to work on.”

On Virginia Tech's first half dominance and seizing control of the game:

“I thought that they all played pretty well. We had some guys who played well that hadn't been very good against VMI, that hadn't been very good against Gardner-Webb. I thought the ball moved well, and we had a good look about us. We brought them back on the [Dec.] 26th and had a terrific practice. It's a tricky time of year with the holidays and league play on the horizon. You can shoot yourself in the foot and not play particularly well and slop around this time of year, and our team didn't do that. I was impressed by that and proud of their efforts.”

LANDERS NOLLEY

On what helped him to lead the team in rebounds tonight:

“Just being in the right position, boxing out and going after the ball.”

On his thoughts about the team’s defense:

“I feel like we play good defense every game. We just have to keep it up and hopefully next game we don’t have any turnovers.”

On was he motivated to have a good performance after the previous game:

“After a game is over, it’s on to the next game. I don’t dwell on old things. Just move forward, play your game and everything will work out.”

TYRECE RADFORD

On his confidence in this team:

“Very confident. Always have been and always will be. I think every player and coach is locked in, in every game. I know my team will come out to fight.”

On what does the team need to carry over into January:

“We need to start January off the same way. We can play even better. We haven’t played our best ball yet.”

On what he liked about the team’s defense:

“I think we did pretty good on defense. It was good.”

HUNTER CATTOOR

On what he liked about the team’s defense:

“We were just in our gaps, playing our principals and guarding our man. I think we held them to five points until the first media [timeout]. It was just really big in a game like this, especially when your scoring because it gets your confidence going and the team going.”

On why was the offense clicking in the first half:

“We were just moving the ball. The ball wasn’t sticking to one person. Nobody really cared who was getting the shots up and we were just executing the offense.”

On what helped him to play well on the day:

“I just came in and I was focused. Trying to get the job done, trying to create a spark off the bench. I saw a couple shots go through and just got that good feeling going and kept playing.”