

# Postgame Quotes

## Duke vs. Virginia Tech

January 12, 2020 // Cameron Indoor Stadium // Durham, N.C.

**Virginia Tech head coach Kenny Brooks**

***Opening Statement:***

“Obviously, we are very disappointed at the outcome. We have to play better basketball consistently, not just in waves. That’s been one of our issues this year. We all have to step up. I have to step up and do a better job of directing them. Everyone else has to step up and do a better job of being ready to play more consistently.”

**On whether the team’s focus was enough:**

“No. I thought Taja Cole was tremendous. She got a little tired at the end. She had to do too much on both ends of the floor. I thought she did a tremendous job on [Haley] Gorecki. She made her work for everything. She was scoring for us very early.... I was very pleased with Elizabeth Kitley, who’s been trying to find her way and understand how people were playing her. I thought she came out and had tremendous intensity and tremendous focus. Other than those two, I thought we didn’t have it consistently throughout the basketball game.”

**On the offense going deep into the shot clock and settling for bad shots in the fourth quarter:**

“I thought we were tentative. In the beginning, we were attacking. We had a couple instances where we moved the ball around and we got the ball to a decent position and the kid didn’t take the shot. When they pass up the shot, it put us deeper into the shot clock and forced us to take very bad shots. That’s where I put the onus on myself. I have to direct them a little bit better. This is a team that’s still coming together.”

**On Mikayla Boykin’s performance:**

“She was an all-American coming out of high school. You know what she’s capable of. It’s just a matter of time before she’s going to get in her stride. We knew she was playing limited minutes. She hit some big shots. Hindsight is 2020. Maybe you do something differently, but those were the shots that we expected and you contest them. Kudos to her. She stepped up and she knocked them down.”

**On whether Elizabeth Kitley is playing some of her best basketball now:**

“No. She’s not. That’s how much confidence I have in her. She’s going to be really good. You guys haven’t even seen everything she can do yet. She can shoot the three. It’s just a matter of her getting comfortable... I think she’s going to be one of the better players to ever play at Virginia Tech.”