

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights Postgame Media Conference at Miami (Fla.) Jan. 28, 2020

On Miami using its height advantage in the first half to gain a big lead:

"Everybody we play is going to have a height advantage, nothing we haven't seen. I just thought they were a lot quicker than we were. You give up 44 points [in the first half] ... my team's been pretty darn good throughout defensively and you give up 44 points. They just drove us and came off dribble handoffs hot and we were to it and flying. Our connectivity was poor, certainly, even without [Chris] Lykes, they have some kids that can score the ball. It was disappointing and they clearly outplayed us the first [20 minutes]."

On Tyrece Radford's career-high point total and how he gets so many boards:

"He's an amazing person and really an aggressive kid offensively and defensively. I've never been opposed to playing kids with two fouls in the first half, but I am with him a little bit because he is so aggressive. Was able to get him at the half with just the two [fouls]. He's a difference maker because of his energy and his effort plays and he's doing it rather consistently. He was a special player out there tonight."

On if the ball movement on offense was better than on Saturday at Boston College:

"Well, it couldn't have been much worse than it was on Saturday, with us being like seven assists to 14 turnovers. We led the country in assist-turnover ratio for an extended time. I'm not sure what we were tonight, but I know that we weren't good enough, looks like we were 13 [assists] and 12 [turnovers]. Those aren't our numbers; our numbers are typically seven turnovers down around there. So, we were a little better [with ball movement], but we are not quite right here. We are in a bit of a rut on both ends of the floor to be honest. But we'll get back home and figure it out."

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TYRECE RADFORD

On falling behind in the first half:

"I just think we should have played the first half like we finished the second half. If we would have done that, the game would have been a lot different. But with us not doing that, it kicked us in the butt at the end."

On cutting the 22-point deficit to four points in the final minutes:

“What was going through my mind was basically let’s go win it and keep fighting because the game isn’t over until it’s triple zero. So, just to keep fighting was all on my mind.”

On him turning in a career high in points:

“It’s a blessing. But we still got the L. So, I can’t just look at the points. It’s about the team and everything like that.”