

Virginia Tech Men's Basketball
Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights
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On what turned things around when Tech was down nine with 12 minutes to go?

"We were so bad offensively – 27 first-half points. Could you tell I've never played against Coach (Boeheim) before? I knew that (Jalen) Cone, if we were going to win, was going to have to get a couple of shots down. I don't know that I expected him to get five of them down from long range, but that's what he does. He is a dynamic scorer. That was his rep coming out of high school where he was a really, really good player. Significant win for the Hokies. We are tickled to get out of here with a great one."

On if he thought Tech played better defense in the second half?

"Yes, we did. They shot 52 percent in the first half and 37 percent (in the second half). I thought we just fought. Syracuse's numbers – I know they are disappointed: six assists, nine turnovers – I just thought we fought like crazy to contest (Elijah) Hughes. And their numbers reflect that. They made four first-half three's and all four three's that they made were under duress. We guarded the heck out of them. Maybe it was a greater attention to detail."

On holding Syracuse to a season-low number of 3-point attempts and the key to that?

"It doesn't take you long to figure out the big three (Elijah Hughes, Buddy Boeheim, Joseph Girard III) have to ring the bell for them. My team fought through a number of screens and we were fortunate to contest most everything the Orange threw at us."

LANDERS NOLLEY

On his defensive pressure and if it's always that good at causing havoc:

"It's just what you have to do to be a good player and make adjustments on the court. But that's been my focus. Make sure everything is contested."

JALEN CONE

On the team being able to bounce back like this on the road after the Virginia loss:

"It's showed the potential that we have. The most important thing is to guard and rebound and that's something that we definitely have to do, especially come conference play. We are a younger and smaller team than everybody. So, I feel like this win tonight shows the potential that we have."

On what the happened offensively that was a better output than the last game:

"You could tell that everybody was more confident. At UVA after watching the film everybody came out a little flat, so things weren't going our way. Tonight, I felt like everybody came out and was ready to play."