

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Radford Highlanders

Postgame Notes

Nov. 25, 2020

Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 77, Radford 62

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech improves to 1-0 on the year after defeating Radford 77-62 in its season debut.
- Tech is now 19-2 since 2000 in season openers and Mike Young is 2-0 in season openers as the Hokie head coach.
- Head coach Mike Young is now 16-3 in his overall career in home openers including last season 74-42 victory over Coppin State.
- The Hokies now lead the overall series 9-2.
- With the win, Tech has won 33 straight non-conference games at home.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will travel to Uncasville, Connecticut to take on Temple on Saturday at 8 p.m. ET for the first game in the Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. Tech will play its second game of the tournament on Sunday at 8 p.m. ET against USF.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech opened the season starting three regulars in the starting lineup with Wabissa Bede, Tyrece Radford & Nahiem Alleyne along with Hunter Cattoor and Keve Aluma. Aluma made his first career start while Cattoor made his fourth appearance in the starting lineup.
- Tech forced the Highlanders to commit 15 turnovers and the Hokies recorded four steals and four blocks on the defensive end. Tech scored 16 points off those turnovers.
- Tech hit 11 3-pointers against Radford and shot 42 percent from behind the arc.
- The Hokies outscored the Highlanders 20-18 in paint points.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** The Hokies kicked off their season with a 3-pointer from guard Tyrece Radford followed by a slam dunk from forward Keve Aluma tying the contest at 5-5. To start his Tech career, graduate student Cartier Diarra came off the bench and gave the Hokies six straight points to give the Hokies the 11-10 advantage. Late in the half, sophomore Alleyne went on a solo 7-0 run to give Tech a 35-27 lead. The Hokies would enter the break with a 37-31 advantage.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** Early in the second forward Aluma finished off a layup followed a three from deep to give Tech the 53-42 lead. With just under 10 minutes to go in the game the Hokies lead by just six points when guard Cattoor caught fire and hit three straight 3-pointers giving Tech a 64-52 edge.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Keve Aluma

- Aluma notched his career high in points with 19 points and recorded his career high in 3-pointers made with four.

Nahiem Alleyne

- Alleyne tallied 14 points and has now scored in double figures in 13 outings in his career.

Hunter Cattoor

- Cattoor had 12 points on four 3's made which is the fifth time in his career that he has hit 4 or more 3-pointers in a game.

Cartier Diarra

- Diarra scored eight points in his hokie debut off the bench.