

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Villanova Wildcats

Postgame Notes

Nov. 28, 2020

Mohegan Sun (Bubbleville) | Uncasville, Connecticut

FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 81, Villanova 73

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech moves to 2-0 on the season after defeating the Wildcats 81-73.
- The Hokies (2-0) upset win marks the second straight season Tech has defeated the AP's third-ranked team in the nation (No. 3 Michigan State in the Maui Invitational).
- Mike Young is now 2-0 against the AP's third-ranked team in the nation (No. 3 Michigan State in the Maui Invitational).
- Tech is now 2-10 in the overall series against the Wildcats.
- Mike Young is now 1-0 against Jay Wright after claiming their first-ever meeting.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will stay in Uncasville, Connecticut to take on USF on Sunday at 8 p.m. ET in the Air Force Reserve Basketball Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament. Coverage will be available on ESPN2.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech went with a similar starting lineup with one adjustment as they started Wabissa Bede, Tyrece Radford, Hunter Cattoor, Keve Aluma and Justyn Mutts. Aluma made his second appearance in the starting lineup as Mutts made his debut as a Hokie starter.
- In the paint, Tech outscored the Wildcats 32-22 and outrebounded Villanova 40-31.
- The Hokies had strong performances off the bench and outscored the Wildcats 25-8.
- As a team, the Hokies shot 47% from the field and 50% from downtown.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** With 11:10 to go in the first the Hokies led 12-11 when guards Radford, Nahiem Alleyne and Bede each scored and put Tech up 18-11. The Wildcats would cut into the lead throughout the rest of the half and went into the break tied with the Hokies at 29-29.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hokies would storm back and down 60-56 Bede would drill a 3-pointer followed by Aluma's three-point-play to put Tech up 64-62. The Wildcats would hit two free throws to send the contest to overtime. It was all Hokies from that point on controlled overtime and went on to win 81-73.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

Keve Aluma

- Aluma notched his career high in points with 23 and also added eight rebounds.

Nahiem Alleyne

- Alleyne hit his season high in triples made with four 3-pointers on the night.

Justyn Mutts

- Mutts registered his career high in points at Tech with 12 in his debut in the starting lineup.
Mutts added six rebounds which are also his career high at Tech

Tyrece Radford

- Radford tied his career-high in rebounds with 13 against the Wildcats.