

# VIRGINIA TECH

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Penn State Nittany Lions

#### Postgame Notes

Dec. 8, 2020

Cassell Coliseum | Blacksburg, Va.

**FINAL SCORE: Virginia Tech 55, Penn State 75**

#### RECORDS AND NOTABLES

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- Virginia Tech falls to 4-1 on the season and Penn State improves to 3-1.
- Tech still leads the all-time series against Penn State 6-4, but falls 2-1 at home.
- The Hokies fall to 5-9 all-time in the ACC/B1G Challenge.
- Virginia Tech head coach Mike Young is now 0-1 versus Penn State's Jim Ferry and is 0-1 versus the Nittany Lions as well.
- Attendance was 250.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will play in their first ACC game of the season against Clemson, just like last year, but will be at home this time, taking on the Tigers (3-0) at 6:30 p.m. ET on Tuesday, Dec. 15 on ACC Network.

#### TEAM NOTES

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- Virginia Tech used the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Tyrece Radford. It marked the fourth straight game Tech has used that starting lineup and is now 3-1 in those games when doing so.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** The Nittany Lions started with a strong 17-point run, gaining a 14-point lead at the 13:21. Tech broke Penn State's streak with a few 3-pointers, thanks to Jalen Cone's two 3-pointers. The Nittany Lions controlled the rest of the half, entering the break 42-23.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hokies started the second half with scoring the first two points, but Penn State answered and would go on a 14-4 run from the 18-minute mark to the 15-minute mark to go up 27 points, after Tech trimmed it to its smallest deficit it faced (17 points).
- Tech shot 37 percent for the game (20-for-54), 27.3 percent from 3-point range (6-for-22) and 50 percent from the free-throw line (9-for-18).
- The Hokies have made a 3-pointer in 571 straight games. The last time they didn't hit a 3 in a game was on Feb. 1, 2003 versus Providence.
- Tech had a season low of six second chance points.

- Tech out-rebounded Penn State, obtaining 39 rebounds.
- The Hokies scored 26 points off the bench, the second highest this season.
- Tech and Penn States tied for points in the paint (22).

## **INDIVIDUAL NOTES**

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### **JALEN CONE**

- Jalen scored a season high of 11 point and was the leading scorer for the game for Tech. He scored 8 out of 13 first points for the Hokies, coming off the bench and providing a spark.

### **KEVE ALUMA**

- Aluma recorded 12 rebounds, tying his season high.

### **DAVID N'GUESSAN**

- N'Guessan scored his season high of five points.