

Virginia Tech Women's Basketball
Head Coach Kenny Brooks Q&A Highlights
North Carolina Game Postgame Radio Appearance
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On setting a program record for ACC wins, recording the seventh of the season:

"It's all a part of the process and where we want to go and where we want to be. Obviously, those goals in mind, we're going to break records like this. You know, I'm very happy, it's not something that was the goal. We didn't even mention it in the locker room, we just talked about how we were today and how we can be tomorrow and how we can be the next day. I'm very proud of these kids, it's a tremendous win for us. It's a real good win for us on the road, bounce back win after a disappointing performance on Thursday night. These kids are special, so hopefully we can continue this journey and get better and better."

On bouncing back so quickly after a close loss against a top five team during the week:

"They are a tough team and you have to be a realist. You have to understand that NC State is a top 10 team for a reason and even though we didn't play well, we turned the page very quickly. We knew we had to just focus. One of the things I think really opened their eyes is that where we are in the standings, we control our own destiny. We don't need help from anyone else to get to where we want to be as long as we go out game by game and perform and win them one at a time. If we can do that we will be exactly where we want to be. We're not trying to say, 'Hey I hope this team beats this team and we can do this.' If we just go out and play and win games like this, win games that are in front of us, we'll be in the position that we want to be."

On sophomore guard guard Dara Mabrey going 12 for 12 from the free throw line in the game:

"Dara is a really good free throw shooter and we want to get the ball in her hand and we did so. We executed that, we got the ball to her and she sealed the deal. There was a lot that went into it. We weren't as fluid as we would have liked to have been but we rallied and we had some big shots. We probably had opportunities to really extend the lead and push it out earlier. We missed a couple of those opportunities, but what we did was we established ourselves down low in the second half. Elizabeth Kitley was unbelievable. She and I had a little workout session, Saturday morning and we just talked about simplifying some of the things, catching the basketball and getting to her sweet spot and she did it tonight. She did a really good job, I was really proud of her. We really went to her in that second half. But it was a collective effort and everyone stepped up and did their job and I was very proud of them."

On Liz Kitley's play and her potential as a freshman:

“Well I’ll tell you, their future is very bright, not only that young lady but for us. We have a few kids like that, they just continue to excel and want to get better. This freshman group, you add Dara into this mix who’s only a sophomore. We’ve got a couple kids sitting out that we are very excited about. The future is extremely bright, I love where we are, you know it has taken us a little while to get to this point with the culture, with the chemistry, but these kids really love working together and they won this game collectively together and that’s how they’ll celebrate it.”

On sweeping North Carolina and the defensive effort of the team:

“You give a lot of credit where credit is due, the kids are executing it but the coaching staff did a really good job. My assistants, they continue to get better and better and understanding our personnel and what we’re good at and what we can do and what we should stay away from. The kids are starting to execute those game plans, you know not to perfect but to a higher level than they have been in the past. Everyone, they’re just growing and we’re a much different team now than we were earlier on in the year and they’re just getting more comfortable. They’re getting older, they understand their roles and what they need to do and how to do it. It’s just fun being around them, what you see is what you get. Their celebrations, their attitudes on the bench throughout the game, that’s who they are and it’s a lot of fun being around them.”