

# VIRGINIA TECH

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights Postgame Media Conference vs. Miami (Fla.) Feb. 20, 2020

#### ***On stand out plays:***

"They give us everything in their tank every time they go on the floor, we just didn't have that pop in the first half. Miami is good, they are playing good basketball, it's hard to keep them out of the lane. Rodney Miller is a load in there and Keith Stone had a very nice game for them. We popped back in the second half to compete and I thought we were very good in a number of areas. I can't ask anymore, I just hate to lose it."

#### ***On Tyrece Radford:***

"He's turning into a terrific player, he is so aggressive. He is only going to get better too. He has become a good foul shooter, he has a nice stroke. He has gotten more comfortable with it and he is so dynamic driving it. His game is going to continue to expand as he moves along here. He is becoming a great player. "

#### ***On offensive rhythm:***

"Playing with a better pace, we tend to get a little flat footed. We become easy to guard so I want to see us getting downhill earlier in that shot clock. Not so much to shoot quicker but to be more difficult to guard and to find a favorable matchup. I thought we did a much better job in the second half."

## **Miami Head Coach Jim Larrañaga Q&A Highlights**

### ***Opening statement:***

“First triple overtime game in University of Miami basketball history. Very happy and grateful that we were able to pull it out.”

### ***On Miami’s defense making it a tough shooting game for Virginia Tech:***

“We’ve gotten healthier. We now have nine guys and we can rotate them and we’ve been switching a lot so that guys can play really hard. We can switch ball screens and keep the pressure on the ball and hopefully do a good job of contesting 3s. But basically, we’re healthier and able to sustain effort longer. So even in the triple overtime, we didn’t have anybody play 55 minutes, they didn’t either, though. They had somebody play fifty; that’s a lot of minutes.”

### ***On Tech making adjustments in the second half:***

“I thought our guys started to foul needlessly, trying to foul shots, trying to challenge shots. We ended up giving them a bunch of free throws, which just cut into our lead and eventually they took the lead. We ended up with Chris Lykes with four fouls and then we had to make a decision. We took Chris out and put Isaiah [Wong] at the point. He went on a roll and he got fouled and he was making all of his free throws and that’s what took us into the first overtime and the second overtime.”

## **ISAIAH WONG**

### ***On his mindset down the stretch:***

“It was just some playing within the system. Creating for players, trying to get other players to score and just trying to play defense as a team. Just trying to get everyone involved.”

## Virginia Tech Players Q&A Highlights

### LANDERS NOLLEY II

**On what it's like to play in a triple overtime game:**

"It was exhausting. A fun environment, but an exhausting game. We just got outworked in the end."

**On what helped spark a comeback in the second half:**

"Him [points to Tyrece Radford]. He did all the work. He played defense, got crucial points, got to the free-throw line and hit free throws. Our team did a lot and he sparked it, and kept it going."

### TYRECE RADFORD

**On last possession of regulation:**

"Of course [want to have a chance to replay the last possession]. At the end of the day we lost, but at the end of regulation, Wabissa [Bede] played tough defense. As a unit, we played tough defense. He just hit a tough shot to tie the game. I feel like it was lucky, but he hit it."

### JALEN CONE

**On importance of taking care of the ball:**

"Really those clutch moments when times get tough, you got to take care of the ball and I feel like we did a good job of that. Just on the defensive end and some of the shots weren't falling."

**On talent of Miami when healthy:**

"They have guys from the one to the five that can score the ball in a one-versus-one situation. [They have] guys that can shoot the ball and get to the hoop at will. And a guy like Chris Lykes, who is one of the toughest guys I've had to guard. We're not going to harp on it — we'll just get back to work. We came off a five-game losing streak and take the positives and move on."

**On playing Duke on Saturday:**

"Another big-time game. We have to bring our A-game, not just the first-half, but the second-half. Just focus on Duke now and prepare for them."