

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights Postgame Media Conference vs. Boston College Feb. 8, 2020

On Landers Nolley's deep 3-point attempt in overtime:

"Same situation as North Carolina, I've got a timeout, and we got somebody to the rim. What was the score? 75-73. Same situation. You call timeout and something flips on you. That situation has worked out really well for me throughout my career. Has it worked out every time? No, but more often than not it has. [I'm] not exactly shocked, [Landers Nolley] had a great day and made a couple from distance. He didn't get that one home, but I don't fault my team for that."

On Nahiem Alleyne's performance:

"I thought [Nahiem Alleyne] had such a great look, and he's had such a good year here as a freshman. He's a basketball player, he can really floor it. He's going to get better and better, he's going to get bigger and stronger. He can certainly catch and shoot it. He's a really talented kid and [today] was another really good day for him."

On managing the current losing streak:

"It's athletics, it's the game. [Losing] is not comfortable, it's not ideal. But it's about big picture stuff. We've got a number of games left and we want to win as many of those as we can. I do have some perspective on who we're playing and the improvements our guys are making. I think the week off will be good for us – step away, decompress a little bit, take a couple of days off to get our legs under us a little bit, and come back have three really good days of preparation for Pittsburgh."

On overcoming five straight losses:

"I think we're fine. Again, it's not ideal. It's what you're faced with and how you deal with it. We're going to deal with it by continuing to compete, continuing to get better, and coming in here each and every day with that intention."

On Tech's ball movement:

"I thought [Boston College] had a really hard time guarding us defensively. The zone, managing some spots. Our guys are playing good basketball but aren't shooting particularly well. We're just trying to get all those pieces there. I thought our movement was less than ideal, needless to say too many shot-clock violations. We're down to five or four [seconds on the shot clock], and we didn't get the shot that we wanted. That's on Mike Young, that's not on the team."

Boston College Head Coach Jim Christian Q&A Highlights

On playing against Landers Nolley:

“He’s just a confident, offensive player. Anybody can score at all three levels, he can post you and score and shoot over if you play him with little guys. He can shoot deep when bigger guys are on. I think we have one of the better matchups for him in Steffon Mitchell, and he still obviously had his numbers. He’s a great player.”

On playing Virginia Tech earlier in the season and what Boston College expected this game:

“I knew they would play better offensively, I knew we had to score the ball to win the game. Again, I’m really proud of the courage our team showed, that’s a lot of guts. Those guys are out there playing to win a basketball game. Kamari Williams hasn’t played in an ACC game. He stepped up and made huge plays. Steffon Mitchell was unbelievable. Our guards had to play the whole game because Jared Hamilton got hurt in the first five minutes of the game. We didn’t have numbers, but we found a way to win the game. So, I’m proud of them.”

On being down at halftime and making defensive adjustments in the second half:

“What we tried to do is fix our zone a little bit because they had a couple of bad bumps in the zone and our guards were playing too high so they were getting the ball to [Landers] Nolley in the nail right there. So, we adjusted that a little bit. But it was going to be a gut-check game, and it was a gut-check game, that’s what it was.”

On Nolley’s rushed shot in overtime:

“He’s a great player, he got a great look, he missed it, and it happens.”

On sparking a scoring run:

“I think guys made shots. I think they feed off of each other sometimes. The ball was moving a bit and we just made some shots, got some stops. It was a good basketball game, there wasn’t anything that sparked it. They made a run, we made a run. It’s college basketball and a high level. Both teams wanted to win. They tried to protect their home court, we’re trying to get our third road win, that’s what happens when guys are playing at a high level.”

Virginia Tech Players Q&A Highlights

NAHIEM ALLEYNE

On the team's overall performance:

"I think we did better defensively the last time, and there's no frustration. We just have to get better every day, one game at a time, and I know we are going to bounce back. I know that we haven't been hitting our shots that we usually do, you know, knocking it down, the one more [pass], driving into the paint. I think we did that tonight, but at the end, we just couldn't hit no shots. We were getting stops defensively, but we fouled them and let them get to the line."

On Boston College switching to zone defense:

"We weren't really expecting them to play zone, and we just needed to move the ball around. We kept the ball in our hands a few times and had a few empty possessions."

LANDERS NOLLEY II

On applying what the team has learned from Boston College to Pittsburgh:

"I don't know too much about Pittsburgh, but I know that they're going to come out fighting, as every team that we have played in this league. Coming off of our fifth game lost in a row, it's going to be tough, but we just have to keep the energy up like we played today. I feel like we played great, but we had some turnovers. . . and a few mess-ups. But we are going to fix that next game."

TYRECE RADFORD

On what it will take to break through and snap the losing streak:

"We had this one, but we let it slip away, all of us. I mean, myself. . . missing free throws that could have helped us win. . . and there could have been another overtime if we hit our free throws. It's just a lot of stuff that we could have did. . . limit turnovers. . . It's just a lot of small things that could have helped us."