

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights Postgame Media Conference at Notre Dame March 7, 2020

Opening Statement:

"I'm going to applaud Notre Dame's seniors. I've enjoyed watching them through their years here. [John] Mooney has some connections to a few of my players in Orlando and what a special career he's had. And really, all three of them have had great careers. They're good basketball players and certainly represent Notre Dame in great fashion.

On shooting woes:

"Yeah, we didn't shoot it very well and I've got a really good shooting team. I think Mike's [Brey] bunch did some things that disrupted us and had us back on our heels a little bit. Certainly in the first 10 minutes, we took some shots that were head-scratchers because we get those shots down. But we didn't today and that put a lot of pressure on our defense. I was blown away. I thought we fought like crazy in the first half to limit Notre Dame to 33 percent from the field and they had nine turnovers. They never turn the ball over. We had great numbers there but, unfortunately, we couldn't make one on our end either. So, you go [into halftime] down 11 [points], which was disappointing. We had to hit a shot at the buzzer to get it to 11. So, better days ahead for the Hokies."

On how he feels about his team heading into the ACC Tournament next week:

"Well, I felt great after Wednesday, but I don't feel so good about them today. We very well could play Notre Dame again if Syracuse beats Miami (Fla.) tonight. You know, it's one of the great postseason conference tournaments, the best. To take this bunch in there with that experience and that environment in Greensboro Coliseum will be a lot of fun. We'll certainly need to play better than we did in here today. But as we all know, it's a new season and you got a chance to fight again and a chance to get better with a lot on the line as well."