

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Virginia Tech Hokies vs. Louisville Cardinals

Postgame Notes

Jan. 6, 2021

KFC Yum! Center | Louisville, Ky.

FINAL SCORE: No. 19/20 Virginia Tech 71, RV/No. 25 Louisville 73

RECORDS AND NOTABLES

- Virginia Tech falls 8-2 on the season and Louisville improves 8-1.
- The Hokies are now 36-8 against the Cardinals in the all-time series. The last time Tech beat Louisville was in 1991.
- Virginia Tech head coach Mike Young now falls 1-3 in his all-time versus Louisville's Chris Mark.
- The Hokies meet their first defeat in the ACC now, tallying a 2-1 record.
- Attendance was 250.
- **UP NEXT:** The Hokies will play Notre Dame (3-6, 0-3 ACC), at Cassell Coliseum taking on the Fighting Irish at 6 p.m. ET on Saturday on ACC Network.

TEAM NOTES

- Virginia Tech used the starting lineup of Nahiem Alleyne, Keve Aluma, Wabissa Bede, Justyn Mutts and Tyrece Radford. It marked the seventh straight game Tech has used that starting lineup and is 6-2 in those games when doing so.
- **KEY FIRST HALF RUN:** The Hokies started the first half with a strong 11-point run behind Mutts's two 3-pointers. Louisville attempted to break the run with a timeout at the 17:34 mark and responded with a 9-point run. The Cardinals took over the Hokies in a 3-21 run from the 12:20 - 4:18, which pushed Louisville to gain control of the first half. Louisville managed to maintain its lead over the Hokies for the remainder of the half.
- **KEY SECOND HALF RUN:** The Hokies battled head-to-head in the second half, both having multiple runs. Louisville was able to gain a 14-point advantage over tech in a 2-11 run at the very beginning of the second half. The Hokies responded quickly with a 13-5 behind Alleyne's 9-point contribution, but this lead still left them trailing behind the Cardinals at the 10:30 mark. Louisville and Tech went on a shoot off in free throws at the 6:56 mark. Louisville was able to

maintain its lead over the Hokies through the entirety of the second half, but only left room for a two-point lead at the very end.

- Tech shot 42.6 percent for the game (23-for-54), 30.0 percent from 3-point range (9-for-30) and 80.0 percent from the free-throw line (16-for-20).
- The Hokies have made a 3-pointer in 575 straight games. The last time they didn't hit a 3 in a game was on Feb. 1, 2003 versus Providence.
- The Hokies obtained 30 points off the bench, leading over the Cardinal's 17 points off the bench.
- Tech outscored Louisville in points off turnovers 13-12
- Louisville was able to out play the Hokies in points in the paint (20-30), fastbreak points (2-8), and second chance points (5-15)
- The Hokies were able to secure more 3-point field goals (9-6), but the Cardinals were able to make up for in field goals (23-26)
- Tech collected 30 rebounds, right above its season low of 28 (USF and Miami Fla.)
- The Hokies shot 80.0 percent in free throw, right behind their season high of 81.0 percent (USF.
- Tech collected its season low for blocks (1).

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

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- Cone was the leading scorer for the game and tallied a career-high of 23 points, topping his previous best of 20 (Miami).

JUSTIN MUTTS

- Mutts led the game in rebounds, he collected right below his career high (nine, Miami) tallying eight rebounds for the game. He almost collected a double-double with 10-points