

VIRGINIA TECH

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Selection Sunday

Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young

On his reaction to seeing Virginia Tech's name on the bracket:

"To me, it's never been about the reaction to the seed, but rather enjoying the reaction of our kids when they see Virginia Tech pop up on the screen. This has been one most enjoyable groups I've had in my 30-plus years as a coach. These guys have always been about the team and they have improved over the long haul of the season. They have weathered every storm thrown at them and I expect them to continue to do the same as we get to Indianapolis."

On how proud of the team his is and to make it to the NCAA Tournament in Year 2:

"Couldn't be more thrilled about the opportunity to be a part of this year's NCAA Tournament. There are so many people outside of this team that have made sacrifices to make this possible. From our leadership here at Virginia Tech, the ACC, medical staff and so many others that made playing these games possible. We are very thankful."

On if he had watched Florida at all this year and what's his first impressions of the Gators?

"I have not seen Florida play much this year, other than peaking at a few games here and there. Their program was obviously in our thoughts earlier this year with Keyontae [Johnson], and I have a tremendous amount of respect for their program and the job Coach [Mike] White has done."

Virginia Tech Player Q&A Highlights

CORDELL PEMSL

On what was going through his head when Tech made the NCAA Tournament:

"This was my first time being able to participate in the [NCAA] Tournament, so I'm just happy and blessed. This is an opportunity for us in March to come out and make some noise. Everyone knows at this point that anything can happen. If we play hard and leave it all on the table, we will be able to go down and get some wins."

On if he has watched Florida this year:

"I haven't gotten to watch Florida much this year. Honestly, I've been focusing more on us and I've watched my boys back in Iowa. I haven't gotten the chance to watch Florida. I know Tre Mann is solid, that's their guy. We will obviously start watching film and start preparing for them this week and get ready for Friday."

DAVID N'GUESSAN

On how it felt to see the team in the bracket:

“Pretty exciting. It’s my first time playing in March Madness, after watching it on TV over the years. So, I’m pretty pumped to be in it this year and compete with the best in college basketball.”