

# VIRGINIA TECH

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Virginia Tech Head Coach Mike Young Q&A Highlights Postgame Media Conference vs. No. 5/6 Florida State Feb. 1, 2020

#### ***On how the team overcomes those tough starts:***

“You go back and look at it, we’ve had better starts defensively. It’s just so new and this style is new to so many of those young kids. I don’t know when they locked into it that they did as good a job as anybody that I’ve seen Florida State play in the last six weeks, in terms of movement and putting the ball in the right spots. We couldn’t get a timely shot in the second half. Nahiem [Alleyne] had the dunk to cut it back to seven, and you need to put a stop together, two stops. We had other opportunities to cut into it and we couldn’t get that one big shot to go down and really get some wind under our sails. The start, I’ve looked at it as certainly my intention and we’re working at it.”

#### ***On what Florida State did defensively to make the Hokies shoot 7 of 30 from 3-point land:***

“Their length, there are gaps and opportunities. I’ll go back to it now and I see four that I scratch my head and say that, ‘I’m not sure about that one,’ there’s an extra pass down there and turning down a good shot for a great shot. Their length is disruptive. I thought we did a nice job of driving the ball. I thought we did a nice job of spraying the thing out back to the perimeter. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again, and it’s not a knock on my team, it’s not but we are who we are. I would love to throw the ball to a 6-foot-9 or 7-foot kid and have him turn and score. I can’t, I want to live my life shooting that thing 30 times for 3, I don’t. That’s what we’re kind of locked into that right now and we do have a number of kids who can shoot the basketball. We have won a number of games because of our ability to shoot. That is part of where we are as a program, we don’t have that facet and that hurts. One that we can sling the thing into and see how they are going to play it and throw it back out and drive along the post, and that is helpful. My team continues to do everything and give us everything in an attempt to win each time out and I admire them for that.”

#### ***On if the three-game losing streak is because of a young team hitting a wall:***

“I’m not one to make excuses. That’s a ready-made excuse with [Nahiem] Alleyne, [Hunter] Cattoor, [John] Ojiako and [Jalen] Cone being true freshmen and then Landers [Nolley] and Boots [Tyrece Radford] redshirt freshmen. You have to find ways to win, we are in a bit of a hole here. As I told them after the game, we control everything. I think NC State lost today, I think it’s too early to look at that stuff. Play better basketball, find ways to win and come back tomorrow and fight again. Get to Georgia Tech and play a little bit better.”