

ACC Women's Basketball Championship  
Greensboro, NC  
#2 Duke 69, #7 Virginia Tech 56  
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## DUKE BLUE DEVILS

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: I'm just happy to come away with a win. I give Virginia Tech a lot of credit. I thought they played really hard, strong, physical. We knew that they never give up. We had a big lead on them, the first time we played, and they always fight back. So they showed a lot of character I thought. Obviously, I think we were very anxious to play. I can attribute some of that to the turnovers that we had which, you know, is unacceptable. We understand we can't allow that to happen anymore.

But it wasn't just one person, it was everybody. So we talked about it, and I think we were just really anxious to play, and a little overanxious.

We shot the ball well when we got shots off, but turning over 31 times is -- I don't think I've ever seen that from this team. So I'm a little disappointed with that.

I'm happy to move on, and we know we'll just continue to get better and better.

Q. Gail, the last couple of games you have had some turnover problems, do you see this as any kind of pattern at all or not?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: I hope not, but, obviously we've got to do a better job of taking care of the basketball. So I'm not quite sure why we're turning the ball more over now. I don't think we're seeing any greater pressure than we're seeing all year long. I just think we're not as focused as we need to be and not make great decisions with the basketball.

Q. For Monique, how did it seem that you just weren't able to get much into an offensive flow tonight, what seemed to be the reasons behind that, the whole team, not just you personally.

MONIQUE CURRIE: Well, I think we just weren't being very smart with the ball. Virginia Tech made us rush a lot, and we were falling into that. We were taking quick shot and not running through our offense, so we were kind of out of sorts throughout the game. I think everyone was. And like Coach G said, I think a lot of people were anxious in trying to do too much instead of letting their offense come to them.

Q. This is for Coach, you had nine players with 10 minutes or more, was that just how things went or were you doing that with the anticipation of hopefully playing three games in three days?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: Well, we feel we got a good bench, a deep bench. So I wanted to play our depth. When we got some players in foul trouble in the first half, most of our perimeter, I think

everybody had two fouls in the first half except Lindsey (Harding.) That caused us to go a little bit deeper than maybe I was planning. I think we got good minutes from Carrem Gay. I thought she did a nice job for us.

Q. Mistie, the anxiety level, how do you control that, does it surprise you that that's an issue with this team?

MISTIE WILLIAMS: I knew we were a little bit anxious. Coach said in the locker room that despite how anxious we are, that we need to focus that much more. I don't think we, you know, were successful at doing that. And so, I mean, we just kind of have to learn from this game and move on to the next one and just focus more than being so anxious and ready to play type of thing.

Q. Coach, you don't know who you are going to play yet, but could you say a little something about your games against Maryland and Georgia Tech this year and what you might expect from either one of those?

COACH GAIL GOESTENKORS: Well, we only played Georgia Tech once, it was long ago. It was at their place. It was a battle. They're such a scrappy team. They play match up zone and scramble all over the place. It's really hard to find a rhythm against them because they are so quick. They are very athletic, and they make all of the hustle plays. So they're unique. They probably play a little bit more different than anybody else in the conference. So it's a different style of play.

Maryland, we've had two great games with them. I think in both games, especially the second one, the score was maybe not indicative of the difficulty that we had with them.

So they're a team that scores from all five positions. They've got really a great inside/outside attack, and they just continue to get better and better.

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