

Virginia Tech vs. Mount St. Mary's, November 18, 2005, 6:00 pm (Comcast SportsNet)

VIRGINIA TECH STATISTICS																							
##	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	GP	GS	Min	FG	FGA	Pct	3FG	FGA	Pct	FT	FTA	Pct	TO	Blk	Stl	Reb.	Ast	PPG
33	Coleman Collins	F	6-9	235	Jr.	3	3	31.3	15	25	.600	0	0	.000	16	21	.762	4	9	1	4.3	4	15.3
1	Zabian Dowdell	G	6-2	200	Jr.	3	3	37.3	14	31	.452	4	12	.333	7	12	.583	7	0	9	2.3	11	13.0
22	Jamon Gordon	G	6-3	200	Jr.	3	3	38.3	10	25	.400	5	9	.556	11	17	.647	6	5	4	7.7	16	12.0
13	Deron Washington	G/F	6-7	195	So.	3	3	28.7	10	24	.417	0	1	.000	14	19	.737	5	2	6	4.3	2	11.3
24	Markus Sailes	G	6-5	210	r-Jr.	3	1	27.0	9	12	.750	2	3	.667	9	12	.750	6	0	8	3.7	5	9.7
40	A.D. Vassallo	F/G	6-6	213	Fr.	3	2	15.7	4	11	.364	1	4	.250	4	6	.667	6	1	0	1.7	3	4.3
25	Bob Ritchie	G	6-5	190	Sr.	1	0	2.0	1	1	1.00	0	0	.000	2	3	.667	1	0	0	0.0	0	4.0
23	Marcus Travis	G	6-3	210	Jr.	1	0	3.0	1	1	1.00	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	2.0
42	Chris Tucker	F	6-7	220	Jr.	3	0	10.0	1	5	.200	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	1	1	0	1.3	1	0.7
15	Terrance Vinson	F	6-8	210	Fr.	3	0	2.3	0	1	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0.3	0	0.0
21	Allen Calloway	F	6-8	215	Sr.	1	0	3.0	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1.0	0	0.0
34	Cheick Diakite	F	6-8	230	Fr.	3	0	6.7	0	3	.000	0	0	.000	0	0	.000	2	0	0	2.0	0	0.0

Virginia Tech Notes:

Center Robert Krabbendam (#14) and wing player Wynton Witherspoon (#11) are out with injuries. Guard Shawn Harris (#3) has not played yet this season due to injury, and his status for this game is unknown.

Mount St. Mary's Notes:

This game is the season opener for Mount St. Mary's. The Mountaineers are coming off a tough season that saw them finish 7-20 overall, including just one win after the month of January. Six seniors are gone from last year's team.

6-1 senior guard Landy Thompson led the Mountaineers in scoring last season, and he returns as the lone senior starter in 2005-06. Thompson averaged 14.2 points and 3.3 rebounds per game last season. He also had 97 assists. Despite his scoring proficiency, Thompson hit just 36.8% of his shots from the field last year. He was 33.5% from three-point range and 67% from the free throw line.

The other returning starter is 6-4 junior guard Mychal Kears. Kears was the third leading scorer for Mount St. Mary's last season, averaging nine points per game. He is a good rebounder for his size, leading the team last year with 6.5 boards per game. He also had 29 steals, 57 assists and shot 47.4% from the field.

True freshman Sam Atupem and r-freshman Markus Mitchell will start at forward for Mount St. Mary's, which runs a three guard lineup. Both players are 6-7 and have good size. Atupem weighs in at 230, while Mitchell takes up a lot of space on the inside at 255. Both players are Virginia natives. Atupem played his high school basketball at Woodside in Newport News. Mitchell played for Salem High School in Virginia Beach.

Mount St. Mary's will also start r-freshman Joey Butler in the backcourt alongside Landy Thompson. Butler is from Fort Washington, MD and played basketball at Massanutten Academy in Virginia, where he averaged six points, six rebounds and six assists per game.