



**MEDIA ALERT:** An audio recording of this afternoon’s Camping World Bowl introductory teleconference with Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy and Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente can be found at the following link. This URL will also be the home for transcripts, quotes, B-roll and other media content related to the Citrus Bowl and Camping World Bowl throughout bowl season:

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Select quotes from today’s teleconference are available below.

**Oklahoma State head coach Mike Gundy**

*On being selected for the Camping World Bowl:*

"This will be new for our team. We haven’t been down to a bowl in Orlando, so we had a team meeting earlier, and the players were really excited. We’re looking forward to the competition, and we’ve got some friendly faces over there. Obviously (Justin) Fuente’s from this part of the country, and (Virginia Tech offensive coordinator) Brad Cornelsen, he worked here with me, and then (Virginia Tech offensive line coach) Vance Vice — Vance and I played together here at Oklahoma State. I think it’s a great setting, should be a great game and we’re looking forward to a week in Orlando."

*On having a chance to win 10 games for the third straight season:*

"I think every game is important. I know that it’s important that we take pride in every game we play and try to prepare the best that we can and the team go down for a week and enjoy being around each other and the environment and then play the very best possible game we can for all parties involved. And I’m thrilled that we have a great opponent in Virginia Tech. We would all like to win each and every game, so we’re looking forward to the game and hopefully we can win and say that we’ve accomplished a 10-win season again."

*On facing a new opponent:*

"The bowl games are fun because you get to play new teams and you get to do a little bit of scheming here and there. Not that we do a lot of that here — we just run the same plays for the most part — but it’s fun to play those teams. The one thing that’s happened in this league is there’s so much care with all the different people and all the different staff. Half the Kansas staff had worked for me, and West Virginia, TCU, OU and even Iowa State’s in the party now. We all know each other so well that there’s not a lot of differences. So it’s fun for us and for me to play some teams that are different."

**Virginia Tech head coach Justin Fuente**

*On Virginia Tech playing in a bowl game for the 25th consecutive season:*

"Well, it's nice to continue it I can tell you that much, as a guy that took over a job where Coach (Frank) Beamer had set such a fantastic precedent in terms of his record versus our biggest rival and consecutive bowl games. I'm not saying we dwell on it but it's nice to add to it. It's something we're really proud of, it's a model of consistency, it's a model of a program. ... Obviously Coach Beamer's had many more of those 25 years than I have but I think it's a true testament to him and his philosophy and his program that they were as consistent as they were for so many years."

*On the matchup:*

"I've seen them on television a couple times, (and they're) explosive offensively. Great quarterback, running game, and wide receivers, but obviously I haven't studied them in depth. They are incredibly explosive, offensively can score, and really, really push the pace. It'll be a great challenge for us as a team and I think it will be an interesting matchup."

*On having a common opponent with Oklahoma State in West Virginia:*

"I don't know, to be honest, because I'm not sure when they played West Virginia. I just haven't looked at it yet. I do think it's kind of nice so you have some frame of reference, but we played West Virginia so long ago, I just don't know if it's a huge help to either side. Usually I say it's nice to have some frame of reference with a team you've stood on the field with and competed against to try and measure those things out, but gosh darn, we played them so long ago I don't know if I can remember that far back."