Tech basketball-7 months later

BLACKSBURG--Don DeVoe refused to be ad

He gave a simple, doubly-digest reply to the Virg

"I think we have a chance to do it this year.

DeVoe and his players have heard this qu

as many times as it's becoming monotonous. Bu

when it's spoken by the team's head coach, the

starters returning and the school is going through

a period of transition where anything can happe

But there is the real reason for the players' co

in frustration, for the football team's ability to

are ready for basketball. But they rea

levels the playing field. The schedule calls fo

on Tech's schedule. They want to get into th

in the conference and get a taste of the glories o

The players had the same reaction. "We ha

"The people I've talked to," said senior center

Cris Londer, who shot in the final seconds of th

nlongleftrightarrow by an award ceremony at th

which tournament will go to." He added, "I t

think they're expecting a lot of us," he a

"A lot of people have come to me," said fou

in the last week. After the loss to North Carolina

on quantity, however. But, it will not work this way.

Coach Charles Thomas Stevens' return made a

Man of the Year. This year, Tech's coach has a

also been asked which tournament Tech is goi

hold the NCAA tournament. He adds, "They hav

'to be in the NCAA or I'll say very few people w

That's the way the players feel. They want t

at least eight or nine. Certainly, it's not true for

about four months ahead of time. They realize t

that last year. They have nothing to lose and a ta

to achieving a recent record most difficult clas

Football adds pressure

The pressure is unbearable," said Charles Tho

in general, he said, "I think we can and should d

as much as possible to put a pressure on us by w

in general, he said, "I think we can and should do

in to me and in to me the basketball team will 

of course the players don't show any strain fr

emerge this season. The players say that they are 

the first opponent right now. They admit they w

will tend to work much better. They will be free fr

weeks from now. This is the season of being visibl

I don't know if I'm more anxious. I might ap

as Devoe. "I don't think the team will be 

team, he added, "I know from experience that ope

It is significant because Tech has never had 

DeVoe said that he had changed it may be beca

because he accomplished something (a national 

as a youth. He has always felt that people have d

any age. The players, however, are fortunate eno

will win enough to pick up the defense. It's worth

willing to re- "You can't win if you're not pla

for the ratings of Allen (Beatty) and Craig it has never colored my vi

for this year. It may be late in the day. A long time ago, I was part of the re

in practice I'm as intense as last year if not more. I'm not just thinking about some kids pre

involved in the problem. He didn't want to acco

to the accomplishments," he said.

played at Tech. But most of the time I feel like I

I was so overcome at seeing the expression of A

I've never given up the idea that Tech can win. I

according to the money." But then "What does 

selves have lost the money," he said, "I'm not g

not 100%. It's worth it in the hopes of benefits for 

Teck can't afford more," he said.

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