Va. Tech loses
Alabam rematch

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Richmond's Spiders and William and Mary's Indians, who until last Saturday night had been tied for the Southern Conference basketball lead, will battle tonight to break their deadlock for fifth place.

The Spiders and Indians were 1-0 in league play until Richmond's upset of the defending champion Paladins 77-75 and William and Mary was upset by The Citadel's Bulldogs 86-85.

At 1-1 in league play, they trail Furman, The Citadel, East Carolina and Virginia Military, all of whom are 1-0.

Both Richmond and William and Mary carry 1-3 over-all records into the game at Williamsburg, Va., one of two on tap tonight for conference teams.

The other is a nonleague affair in which Davidson's Wildcats, 2-1 after a 104-91 upset Saturday night by East Carolina, will be in New York to face Marquette.

Monday night's only action saw Appalachian State's Mountaineers take an 83-35 drubbing at the hands of Duke's Blue Devils of the Atlantic Coast Conference. It was the fourth straight defeat for the Mountaineers, the first three coming in league competition.

Appalachian took an early 14-8 lead over Duke, but the Blue Devils went ahead for good at 20-15 with eight minutes left in the half on a layup by Dave O'Connell. The Blue Devils were in front by 26-22 at intermission and never were in trouble again.

Junior forward Fleischer scored 20 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for the Blue Devils, now 5-1, and Kevin Billerman added 17 points. Stan Davis had 14 points and Dave Campbell 12 for Appalachian.

Virginia's Cavaliers, 2-1 after their 104-83 victory Saturday night over Duke, play host to Lobigny and Virginia Commonwealth and the rebounders as well as their fourth straight victory at Middle Tennessee in other action.

Washington and Jefferson and Marshall University are scheduled for a major college team tonight.

The only College Division game has Virginia Wesleyan's Blue Marlins, 6-1, playing host to Christopher Newport's Captains, 4-4 and now one of only two unbeaten teams in the state.

George Mason was knocked from the unbeaten ranks Monday night in a 76-67 Mason-Dixon Conference setback at Maryland-Baltimore County. George Mason had won its first three starts.

Another Monday night encounter saw Virginia Tech's National Invitation Tournament champion Gobbler drop a 75-64 decision at Alabama, the teams they whipped in the NIT semi-finals.

Lynchburg's Hornets posted a 102-89 victory over Hampton's Sydney's Tigers in an instate Classic. College Division clash, Hampton Institute's Pirates won for the first time in four starts, beating Johnson C. Smith 89-83, in a CIAA game, and Virginia State's Trojans ran their record to 6-0 with a 95-84 victory over Howard 83-60.

Other losers were Reo's Maroons, who dropped a 103-86 decision at NCAA College Division clash, Longwood and Emory's Wasps, beaten 88-68 by Milligan.

Freshman T. R. Dunn had 12 points, three assists, a blocked shot and nine rebounds as he helped Leon Douglas rally Alabama from a 29-23 halftime deficit. Tech had led by as much as 10 points. Douglas finished with 19 points and 13 rebounds.

The Gobbler were led by Craig Lieder with 19 points and Charlie Thomas with 14. Lieder stopped Doughs with six points in the first half.

Down by 43-36 at intermission, Hampton got its fast break going after intermission to whip Johnson C. Smith, 74-66, and made six of 14 three-pointers in 31acuracy for Kentucky Wesleyan.

Yvreva Ralston had 28 points and was one of six Panthers with double figures. Roanoke was led by Allen Jones with 20 points and Jay Piccola with 20.