Tech Squeezes Out Vital 68-67 Win Over Ohio State

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BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech needed badly and finally got its hardest-earned victory of the young season, a cliff-hanging 68-67 victory over the well disciplined accurate shooting Buckeyes of Ohio State, playing the kind of ball in he last three minutes that could put them on he road to a season as good as last year's NIT adventure.

For one frantic moment at Tech Coliseum that sound was not the roar of the crowd—it was the rattle of the subway.

Ohio State, showing exceptional accuracy on shots from beyond the foul line, proceeded to start on a respectable lead before keyed-up fumbling Tech could get under way. The Hokies fought back often just to stay alive against the taller visitors whose flurry of arms and legs under the basket looked like a red-uniformed karate exhibition all evening and kept Tech away from the good percentage shot.

With guard Bobby Stevens not coming through with the points expected, Coach Don DeVoe lifted him for a sub and told Stevens at halftime that he would have to establish himself as "a point shooter." Stevens understood.

In the second half, Stevens burned up the nets to wind up as top scorer of the evening with 18 and lent confidence to a team that has been shooting cold since the start of the season and could put its 34 percent average by only three points in the first half.

DeVoe said after the game, "Stevens' confidence in what he had to do." He added, "Offensively, we played in...

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