Gobblers Face
UNC Thursday

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Coach Don DeVoe will get to see if his team has improved much Thursday night when Virginia Tech travels to Charlotte to face second-ranked North Carolina.

After dropping two losses to Auburn and Alabama, Tech, behind the shooting of N.I.T. hero Bobby Stevens, roared from behind to upset Ohio State Monday night. What lies ahead for the Hokies?

Well, where Tech has been buried mostly thus far has been inside. Craig Lieder can't play the middle without help. The help that is there is sophomore Kyle McKee, who's 6-9 and whose play is spotty. Also freshman Duke Thorpe.

Carolina's actual strength is inside with 6-10 Bobby Jones, 6-10 Mitch Kupchek and a host of other tall Tar Heels.

McKee played a much better game than usual Monday against Ohio State, pulling down 14 rebounds to be the game's top rebounder. He plucked eleven off the boards in the first half.

Yet, Coach DeVoe was not satisfied.

"I was impressed with his work on the boards," said DeVoe, "but, he has to do a hell of a lot more moving to be effective. He has to get the ball in the basket. He played 29 minutes but only scored four points and two of those came off a goal-tending charge," the Hokie chief pointed out.

Carolina is undefeated and is ranked second in the United Press International coaches' poll. The Tar Heels are regarded as one of the best shooting teams in the nation, play good defense and have one of the strongest benches in the country.

DeVoe said today that he felt that if there is a key to beating UNC, "it's to force them into long shooting situations. They do a great job about getting the ball inside to their big men. Carolina shoots well too, though..."