By 83-78 Score

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UNC Trims Va. Tech

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (AP)—Bobby Jones led fifth ranked North Carolina with 20 points and 13 rebounds as the Tar Heels took an 83-78 basketball victory over Virginia Tech Thursday night.

Jones got 18-point help from Darrell Elston as the Tar Heels marked their sixth victory against no losses in the young season. Virginia Tech, winner of last season's National Invitation Tournament, now is 2-3.

The Gobblers were led by Charlie Thomas with 19 points, followed by Ed Frazier with 14. Greg Lieder and Bobby Stevens got in early foul trouble, with Stevens finally fouling out after scoring 12 points. Lieder accounted for 10.

North Carolina, with liberal substituting in the first period, missed five straight times on one-and-one situations and the Gobblers held a 41-39 lead at intermission.

The Tar Heels tightened up at the foul line in the second period, winding up with 12 of 14 free throws after a 7 of 13 first half effort.

Each team was charged with 23 turnovers.

VIRGINIA TECH (78) — Lieder 10, Frazier 14, McKee 8, Stevens 12, Thomas 19, Collins 4, Wade 4, Sensabaugh 0, Fugate 5, Thorpe 2.

NORTH CAROLINA (83) — Davis 10, Kupchak 10, Jones 20, Elston 18, Harrison 5, Stahl 11, O'Donnell 6, Hite 3, Lagarde 0, Chambers 0, Hoffman 0, Kuester 0, Bell 0.