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Virginia Tech finally lived up to its reputation Saturday afternoon as the Gobblers demolished Southwestern Texas, 102-66, to claim seventh place in the 38th annual All-College basketball tournament at the Myriad.

The defending National Invitation Tournament champs came into the All-College and lost to Houston and then Weber State.

But the Gobblers did little wrong Saturday as they raced to a commanding 49-26 halftime advantage and owned 40-plus point margins on numerous occasions.

The loss was the third straight for Southwestern, an NAIA school chosen to substitute in the All-College when Southwest Louisiana was placed on probation by the NCAA.

Craig Lieder, who poured in 34 points for game scoring honors, paced the easy Tech win. The 6-5 senior produced 74 points in his three tourney appearances.

After Virginia Tech had zoomed out to a 12-2, Southwestern's Steve Allgoever found the range from outside to narrow the gap, 12-9.

But Lieder then hit five straight buckets and two more fielders pushed the Gobblers' advantage to 26-9 and the contest was over for all practical purposes.

Adding to the Pirates' woes in the first half was their coldest shooting performance of the tourney as only 10 of 40 field goal attempts found the mark, four of those by Allgoever, Southwestern's classy little floor leader.

Meanwhile, Virginia Tech was good on 22 of 46 attempts during the first half and got even better as the Gobblers finished with 46 fielders in 94 attempts. Lieder hit 14 of 25 and connected on six of eight from the free throw line.

Joining Lieder in double figures for the winners were guard Charlie Thomas with 14, and reserves Duke Thorpe (12) and Dennis Shrewsberry (10).

Allgoever, the 5-9 sophomore whiz who kept the crowd buzzing with his deft ball-handling and spectacular shooting throughout the tournament, finished with 24 points, giving him 67 for the tournament.

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Virginia Tech .......... 49 53-102
Southwestern Texas .... 26 40- 66
Virginia Tech — Lieder 34, Thomas 14, Thorpe 12, Shrewsberry 10, Wiggins 8, Sensibaugh 8, Stevens 6, McKee 4, Collins 4, Frazier 2.
SW Texas — Allgoever 24, Jackson 14, Sojourner 13, Lee 8, Johnson 5, Guillory 2.