Tech Wins By One Point

DE KALB, I1L—Virginia Tech finally won a road game Monday night, but only because Northern Illinois freshman John Fisher failed at the foul line.

The Hokies, whose only previous road success had come in the seventh place game in the Oklahoma City tourney, edged Northern Illinois, 75-74.

Tech blew an 8-point second half lead and would have lost if Fisher could have made a one-and-one free throw with only three seconds left.

Tech, now 9-7 in a season filled with close games, took the lead with 1:12 left on Charlie Thomas' rebound goal after a couple of missed shots.

Northern, which lost for the 13th time in 17 games, held until 27 seconds remained and then took a timeout. The Huskies again waited for what they hoped would be a final winning shot, but with three seconds left, Bobby Stevens drew his fifth foul against Fisher.

The Hokies called time to let Fisher think. Only a 51.7 percent free throw shooter on the year, Fisher missed and Tech had the victory.

Earlier [it appeared that Tech, which trailed by as much as 10 points in the first half and never led until tying...