Hokies Make It Three Wins In A Row

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It looked like another close game for the Hokies but, a super sub named Duke Thorpe changed it all around in a hurry as he led the scoring with 26 points and Tech went on to post a 80-61 win over William & Mary.

Once again the Hokies piddled around for twenty minutes trying to get their offense going and with the Indians controlling tempo of the game, Tech lead only 31-29.

A good sticky defense with Bobby Stevens doing the job of keeping us together and the fine inside play of Duke (Thorpe) really turned it around for us in the second half,” said Dave Price.

Thorpe is coming around and our boys have gained confidence in him when he turns to the basket with the ball. No, we are not about to start Duke against Wake because, we are working right now and I don’t want to make any changes.

Duke is playing like Wake and they are a real super-sub and besides Kyle McKee is smart and plays good defense for us even though he has turned towards the bucket more often.

With Duke jumping to start the second half, Indians Mike Arizin shot a short jumper to tie the contest at 31-31 but, great was the only time the game was tied as Lieder pumped in two baskets. Sophomore Matt Courage swung a long jumper but, Charlie Thomas, who had an off night, drove all the way to the basket and scored giving Tech a 37-33 lead.

After going up and down the court twice and neither team scoring, Tech caught fire and scored seven straight points. First a technical foul was called on Arizin and Lieder hit the free throw, then Thomas scored a basket, Lieder popped in one and Stevens snowballed sending Tech out in front and the 6600 fans started cheering Tech on to victory.

After an Indian timeout, Thomas passed to Stevens for a layup, before another W&M foul-American Dennis Vail, scored with 14:12 left to make it 46-35.

Thorpe and Thomas each scored buckets to give Tech a 15 point lead. Chuck & Mark Sokrat won't be missed, Mark Ritter, swished from the left corner but, Thorpe countered with a short jumper.

Down by 15, the Indians called time to talk things over. With action resuming Satterwhite hit two free throws and Courage’s right hand hook shot cut the margin to 13.

Lieder, who scored 17 in the game, hit a bucket but, Calvin Wade fouled Arizin to give the Indians the bonus with 9 minutes left.

With Arizin hitting his free throws, the Indians put on their full court press, but it didn’t bother Tech that much as both teams traded buckets for nearly three minutes.

After a Tech timeout, the Hokies play deliberate ball, going almost into a semi-freeze, until Ed Frazier spotted Thorpe open underneath for an easy layup and was fouled in the process.

Missing Tech’s only three throw of the night (16 of 15), Thorpe managed to get Courage to foul him, sending Thorpe back to the line and Courage to the bench with his fifth foul.

Hitting both free throws, Thorpe and the Techmen pressed the Indians. Gary Burg, however, in for the departed Courage, scored a layup to make it 64-51. But, Thorpe’s left hand hook shot and four free throw buckets put the Hokies out of reach at 70-55 with two minutes left.

Two quick bombs by Stevens, who hit 9 of 14 shots and scored 19 points and a fine feed to Dave Sensaibhag for two more points just before going to the cake.

It was a must win for the Hokies, who are now 10-7 and play ACC opponent Wake Forest Saturday while the Indians are saddled from the record drop to 4-11 and 1-7 on the road.

V. Tech

G F T. P.
Lieder 6-14 5-5 17
Thomas 3-11 0-0 6
Stevens 9-14 1-1 19
Frazier 1-4 0-0 2
McKee 2-4 0-0 4
Harvey 0-0 0-0 0
Sensaibhag 1-3 2-3 4
Collins 2-5 0-0 4
Duke 3-10 0-0 6
Shrewsbury 0-1 0-0 0
Totals 33-77 14-15 80

William & Mary

G F T. P.
Arizin 5-15 3-3 13
Course 5-8 2-2 12
Satterwhite 3-10 0-0 6
Musselman 3-10 0-0 6
Vaill 1-2 0-0 2
McDonough 2-8 1-2 5
Reichert 0-0 0-0 0
Richer 0-0 0-0 0
Byrd 2-4 0-0 4
Panzendeh 0-2 0-0 0
Totals 26-67 9-15 61