“Tempo, Shooting Killed Us” — DeVoe

BLACKSBURG—“It was a simple matter of Wake Forest coming in here and playing like the home team. They controlled the tempo from the beginning. We never got it inside enough to keep ourselves in the game.”

Those were the words found by Virginia Tech head coach Don DeVoe after a brief search, emerging from the wringer of Tech’s second home loss this season and only the 16th loss at Tech Coliseum in what soon will be 13 years.

DeVoe said, “We got too far out of it and had trouble pulling ourselves back with the big plays. (Jerry) Schellenberg killed us on the shots he had. Defensively we weren’t getting through. They ran some of the plays they wanted to. Skip Brown did some tremendous things for them.”

The coach concluded, “They made their free throws at the end and held the ball on us entirely too long. They played like they should have won. We let them deliver the ball to their players in scoring position. They took charge.”

Asked about the physical condition of team captain Craig Lieder, who had a minor injury in the William and Mary game, he said Lieder told him he felt that he could play and give one hundred percent.

Wake Forest last beat Tech at home in the 1964-65 season, 63-62, and joins West Virginia as the only two teams to have handed Tech two Coliseum defeats.