BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP)—Virginia Tech’s Gobblers built up a 22-point lead then held off Toledo Wednesday night for an 80-69 basketball victory.

The Gobblers raced to a 35-24 halftime margin and then built it to 52-30 with 14:24 to go. The Rockets chipped it to 60-53 with 8:28 remaining but were unable to get any closer.

Freshman Duke Thorpe paced the balanced Tech attack with 16 points followed by Bobby Stevens with 14, Mike Collins with 13, Charlie Thomas with 12 and Ed Frazier with 11.

Mike Parker led Toledo with 18 points followed by Jim Kindle with 14.

The victory upped the Gobblers record to 11-8 while the Rockets slipped to 14-5.

TOLEDO (69) — Parker 8 2-3 18, Larsen 5 0-0 10, Brown 4 3-3 11, Cole 5 0-0 10, Kindle 6 2-3 14, Conroy 2 0-0 4, Frost 0 0-0 0, Repp 1 0-0 2. Totals 31 7-9 71.

VIRGINIA TECH (80) — Thomas 5 2-2 12, Stevens 4 6-8 14, Thorpe 6 4-4 16, Frazier 5 1-1 11, McKee 4 0-0 8, Wade 1 0-0 2, Collins 6 1-2 13, Sensibaugh 2 0-1 4, 3-3 14-18.