Faust Gets 30 As Mounties Defeat Tech Gobblers 94-83

West Virginia's two guards scored 51 points between them to give the Mountaineers an impressive 94-83 win over cold-shooting Virginia Tech, whose chances for a winning season became a little more remote.

WVU raced off to an early lead, and held a 10-point bulge through most of the first half until Tech narrowed it to 42-36 after having led for a short time.

Tech shot 36% from the field in the first half while West Virginia had 44.7% in the first half. The Gobblers had upped their average to a still unimpressive 40.2% by game's end and the Mountaineers come away with 52%. Tech hit on 37 out of 92 attempts.

Guards Eartha Faust, a transfer and senior Levi Phillips accounted for 51 points between them, with Faust getting 30. Warren Baker added 21.

Craig Lieder caught up with the scoring pace of Charlie Thomas in the second half and both finished with 21.

Tech staged a second half comeback mainly on the scoring of Ed Frazier and Lieder, with a timely bucket by Dave Sensibaugh and trailed by only 72-68 with 7:16 remaining.

West Virginia's top three got into gear in the fading minutes and with the help of a brief slowdown and some floor-length passes that paid off in scores, put it out of reach 87-77 with 2:18 to go.

Tech's record remained above water at 12-10 and.

West Virginia upped its mark to 9-11 before a crowd of about 3,400 at Morgantown.

25% of capacity at Mountaineer Coliseum.

Virginia Tech takes on nationally-ranked South Carolina at Columbia Wednesday (TOMORROW) night in its third televised game of the season (on Ch. 7, Roanoke) and returns to Blacksburg Saturday in its final home game of the season against Mercer.

Tech winds up its season with road games Feb. 27 against Virginia and Mar. 2 against George Washington.