Gobblers lose to S. Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)—South Carolina’s 14th ranked basketball team overpowered Virginia Tech Wednesday night, 82-71, on the strong rebounding of Nate Davis and Alexander English.

South Carolina got off to an early lead, had a 12-point margin at halftime, and stretched the gap to as much as 19 points in the second stanza.

Mark Cartwright, 6-4 sophomore forward, paced the unranked Virginia Tech team with 14 points, while Charlie Thomas was the best rebounder for the visitors with seven.

Virginia Tech managed to close the margin in the waning minutes of the second half by going to a full-court press, causing South Carolina to turn the ball over four times in a two-minute span.

Brian Winters led South Carolina’s scoring with 21, including nine consecutive shots in the first half, while Davis and English each had 19.

Winters and his teammates made 52 per cent of their floor shots, while Virginia Tech shot at a 47 per cent pace.

The game brings South Carolina’s record to 18-4, while Virginia tech is 12-11.