Collins Gets 22
In U.Va. Loss

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Mike Collins should get a
medal (or at least a free
turkey next Thanksgiving).
His superb play was the
reason Virginia Tech was not
completely humiliated in

Charlottesville Wednesday
night as the Virginia Cavaliers
stomped the Gobblers 84-70.
Collins, a sophomore center,
scored 22 points, making him
the only Tech player to hit
double figures. Gus Gerard
led the Wahoos with 27
points.

For the first time this
season, Tech used a 2-3 zone
defense. What they needed
was a 3-4.

Virginia exploded to a
20-8 lead with less than nine
minutes gone in the first half.
The half ended with Tech
trailing 39-28. Collins
accounted for half of the
Hokie points.

In the second half, the
Gobblers managed to pull
within nine, 71-62, at 3:50,
but Virginia was never in any
danger as long as they could
connect on free throws and
avoid turnovers. They did just
that and even managed to
pull away in the final two
minutes, stretching their lead
to sixteen, 84-68, with :15 to
go. Kyle McKee scored at :09
to end the scoring at 84-70.

Virginia outshot Tech 55
to 45 percent and just plain
worked harder than the
Hokies at both ends of the
court.

Virginia Tech's record is
now 13-12. The Hokies play
their final game of the season
Saturday against George
Washington at Ft. Myers.

The Gobblers fared much
better against Mercer last
Saturday in the Coliseum,
defeating the Bears 75-65.
Craig Lieder's team leading 24
points gave him a career total
of 1001 points making him
only the eleventh player in
Virginia Tech history to cross
the 1,000 point barrier. Ed
Frazier contributed 15 points
to the Gobbler's effort.