Gobblers Whip Marietta
92-62 In Cage Opener

BLACKSBURG (Special to Daily Press) — Virginia Tech opened its sea-
son by overpowering Marietta, 92-62, here Saturday night.

Tech's new head coach, Charlie Moir, substituted liberally throughout
the contest against the Ohioans, using
his starters half the game. Duke Thorpe
played longest — 21 minutes — and tied
for scoring honors with 14 points.

The Gobblers, who never trailed,
pulled away to a 21-4 lead in the first
eight minutes, and the Pioneers never
could close the gap.

Sharing scoring honors for Tech was
6-8 freshman Wayne Robinson, of
Greensboro (N.C.), who also pulled
down eight rebounds, one less than
game-leader Ernest Wansley.

“We had them outmanned,” Moir
said, “but I was pleased with our effort,
particularly in the first half.”

The Gobblers swept the boards,
50-32, and put five players in double
scoring figures. In addition to Thorpe,
who was six-for-nine from the floor, and
Robinson, Ron Bell, a 6-1 junior college
transfer guard, and 6-5½ freshman Les
Henson each had 11 and sophomore

Tech shot 52 per cent on its field goal
attempts, including a hot 60.6 in the
second half.

“We’re a young club, and I’m confi-
dent we’ll get better,” Moir said. “I
was particularly pleased with Rob-
inson. He got on the boards and shot
well.”

The Gobblers are slated to take on
Charleston (S.C.) Baptist here Monday
night before playing their first road
game of the season at West Virginia on
Wednesday.

MARIETTA (62)
Edwarda 1 2-2 4, Hursey 4 2-2 10, Falbopa 6 0-2 12,
Miracle 3 0-1 6, Sowers 1 0-0-2, Morrison 4 0-1 8, Stevens
2 0-0-4, Marcantoniio 3 0-1 6, Seibert 2 2-2 2, Nibert 1 2-3
4, Tracy 0 0-0 0, Willett 0 0-0 0, Dupler 2 0-0 4. Totals
27 9-14.

VIRGINIA TECH (92)
Thorne 6 2-2 14, Thiemanman 1 4-4 6, Wansley 2 0-0
4, Ashford 5 0-0 10, Bell 4 3-4 11, Edwards 3 2-3 8, Henson
5 1-2 11, Foggino 1 0-0 2, Scott 3 0-0 6, Robinson 7 0-0 14,
Greene 1 0-1 2, Byers 0 2-3 2, Merlweather 0 0-0, Helgeson
1 0-0 2. Totals 39 14-18.

Halftime — Virginia Tech 46, Marietta 19. Total
fouls — Marietta 19, Virginia Tech 21. Technical foul
— Marietta bench. A — 4,500.