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Booyed by an easy 3-point opening win over "naughty" Marietta Saturday night, Virginia Tech's basketball team begins a testing week tonight against a second taste-cake, Charleston Baptist.

Later on in the week, at West Virginia on Wednesday and at home against Ohio State on Saturday, the Hokies will find out exactly to what extent of Coach Charlie Moir's first team.

Against the Baptists—technically it is Baptist College of Charleston, S.C.—the Hokies surely will get another opportunity to test various combinations. Tech used 13 players against Marietta, and it is likely the same score in the Charleston game. The well-timed loop that signaled the return of Moir, a one-time Tech assistant coach, to the frontcourt, was balanced was the Gobbler scoring column. Wayne Robinson tied old reliable Duke Thorpe for scoring honors with 10 points.

The Baptists are interesting only that their coach is Denny Monk, a former Roanoke College player and long-time area resident, and one of their freshman players is Glennar Van Dus Burton.

Mond had a rough first year at Charleston, finally winding up with a 24-4 record. For some reason, Baptist is a Division I school, proving that the difference between the top and the bottom in the highest NCAA grouping is about 14 points.

Faced with a lengthy bus trip to Morgantown on Tuesday for the game with the Mountaineers, Van Dus Burton has the chance to play everybody again. After the Baptists, the schedule gets a lot tougher for the remainder of the regular season.

West Virginia won the Hall of Fame tournament over the weekend, defeating two good teams, Massachusetts and Syracuse. The Hokies have done well against the Mountaineers in recent years, a fact that surely will not be overlooked by Coach Joedy Gardiner.

Meanwhile, Virginia, VMI and Roanoke College will take it easy until Saturday. The Cavaliers, who will be playing in their own tournament by beating VMI 55-50, play then at Pittsburgh and go on to meet tough Penn in Philadelphia.

VMI opens defense of its Southern Conference title on Tuesday at home against Roanoke plays at home against Division III power Lynchburg.

The game at Charlotteville today will be the orthodox test of center Ous Fulton's knee. The 6-10 sophomore missed the Invitational trip to St. Louis after hurting the knee Friday night against Roanoke.

"Ous doesn't have a lot of swelling, which is a good sign," said UVA Coach Terry Holland. "But he had a lot of fluid drained off the knee."

Without Fulton, UVa switched Capt. Billy Langholtz to forward against VMI and went in 5-10 Booby Bosley in the starting guard. The Cavs are two points behind the Southern Conference leaders, with the loss of a foot in height against smallish VMI but will need Fulton against Pitt and Penn.

VMI had an injury of its own. Senior guard John Krovic took a shot on his left knee in the closing seconds against the Cavaliers while committing an intentional foul. Coach Charlie Schuman hopes that Krovic will be back at full speed in time for the trip to ECU. "That's a big game for early in the year," said Schuman, who saw his normally deadly shooting squad go 3-for-37 from the field into a 37 to per cent evening by Virginia's harassing defense.

Without Krovic, VMI would be in trouble, since the only backcourt sub appears to be soph Malcolm Grimes, a truckman who hasn't played basketball since high school.

All ACC schools will be resting tonight, with Wake Forest salvaging its third straight East Coast title, Duke and Clemson holding its IPTAY title by scoring 31 points in two games.

Several Southern Conference schools open their season tonight. William & Mary is home to Christopher Newport, UNCA-Ashville at East Carolina, Wofford at The Citadel, Tennessee-Chattanooga at Michigan State and Mars Hill at Western Carolina and Appalachian State at strong Auburn.