Mountaineer Frosh Finds Eye At Line, Beats VPI By 74-73

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. (Special to Daily Press) — A free-throw shooter who couldn't hit field goals for West Virginia gave his Mountaineers a 74-73 win over a Virginia Tech team Wednesday night that hit field goals but had its troubles at the line.

Freshman guard Lowest Moore converted both ends of a one-and-one with 18 seconds left to play to lift WVU to its third straight victory. Ironically, Moore, who scored only eight points, had missed 11 of his 13 attempts from the floor.

"We should have won the game," said VPI Coach Charlie Moir, "but we missed too many free throws...made too many mistakes. However, our kids did a helluva job for the first time on the road."

It was, for the Gobblers, the first loss after two victories at their Blacksburg home base.

With Duke Thorpe (23 points) of West Point and Phil Thieman (21) leading the way, Tech was on top at halftime 32-27 and 56-55 with 8:13 remaining on a tip by Sam Foggins.

However, WVU, spearheaded by Bob Huggins who finished with a game-high 28 points, kept coming back and it was back and forth from there until the end.

The Techmen looked to be in good shape with 53 seconds remaining when Thorpe's follow-up basket gave Tech a 73-70 advantage. Then, Hudgins, who had been averaging only five points, cut the gap to one on a jumper with 31 seconds left to set up Moore's heroics.

VIRGINIA TECH (73)
Thorpe 11-1-5 23, Henson 2-0-0 4, Wamsley 2-0-2 4, Thieman 9-3-3 21, Ashford 3-0-0 6, Foggins 4-1-2 9, Edwards 1-0-0 2, W. Robinson 1 0-0 2, Bell 1-0-2 2, Scott 0-0-0 0. Totals 34-5-14 73.

WEST VIRGINIA (74)
Chapman 0-0-0 0, Bostick 3-3-4 9, M. Robinson 6-1-2 13, Robertson 8-0-0 16, Huggins 12-8-9 28, Moore 2-4-7 8, Totals 29 16-22 74.