Marcarchuk Says

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BLACKSBURG—"Virginia Tech is a very fine basketball team. They’re very quick except in the middle. They are every bit as good as Providence," said Canisius College basketball coach Nic Marcarchuk after his Golden Griffins put up a strong, spirited fight before losing to Virginia Tech 85-70.

The coach went on, "Their defense was most impressive. They cause us to think about what we would do every time we got the ball. For one short stretch in the second half we played pretty good ball." (He referred to the point at which Canisius cut Tech’s leading margin to three points.

Marcarchuk continued, "There were times they caused havoc for us and we had a hard time even completing a pass." The coach admitted that the play of 6-6 junior forward Ron Peaks of Flint, Mich. was the highlight of the Griffins’ game. Peaks hit on 12 of 26 field goal attempts, was two for two at the line and took a game high 16 rebounds, seven more than anyone else.

He added, "Ronnie is not used to playing in this type of competition. He was fussing. He gets concerned and fusses if he is fouled, then starts playing ball. He’s a new kid in our program. He’s a transfer from Mott Community College in Michigan. He’s the 21st leading scorer in the nation according to the NCAA statistics.

"We have been a good rebounding team this year. Sometimes Tech shot quickly and couldn’t get a rebound. We passed it more. Two or three times (Tom) Krystofiat (sophomore guard from)

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Dunkirk, N. Y.) looked real good. We have played nine guys this year.

"It’s a most difficult situation. When I took the job this year, the thing I wanted most was to be competitive. We have lost ten games now but have only been blown out twice. Last year’s team was beaten by 50 on some occasions.

Marcarchuk had a compliment for one Tech player: "It’s a pleasure to watch someone like (Ron) Bell play. He loves to play and he understands the game very well."

The Canisius coach, in his first year at the Buffalo, N. Y. school, concluded of Tech, "I knew they were good when I came in here."