Tech Travels to Marshall

Earlier this month, someone casually mentioned to Virginia Tech Coach Charlie Moir that Marshall looked like a sure win for the Hokies.

At that time, the Thundering Herd was playing poorly and Tech’s basketball program was prospering.

“However,” warned Moir, “they’re going to get some help.”

Moir was talking about 6-11 Danny Hall, a transfer from Kentucky who became eligible for the Herd Jan. 12.

Tech meets Marshall at Huntington, W.Va., tonight. The Hokies carry a 10-6 record into the game while Marshall, with Hall, has an undistinguished 6-9 mark.

While Tech is playing for respectability at Marshall, the stakes will be considerably higher at Chapel Hill, N.C.

North Carolina takes on Wake Forest in a battle of Atlantic Coast Conference leaders. The Tar Heels are ranked fourth nationally while the Deacs are rated ninth.

In two previous meetings, the teams have split. And the club winning tonight’s game will be a heavy favorite to capture the ACC’s regular season crown.

The only other ACC team in action will be 19th-ranked Clemson. The Tigers are home to Southern Conference toughie Furman in a state rivalry.

Four other state university division teams have big games tonight.

Richmond and William and Mary put the state’s reputation on the line against two of the top Ivy League clubs.

Richmond is at home to Pennsylvania, a club that beat Virginia earlier this year in Philadelphia. The Quakers are atop the Ivy standings and have won six straight.