It was 12 years ago but it will seem like just yesterday when Bob Tallent reviewed an old acquaintance with Charlie Moir at George Washington's Smith Center tonight.

"Coach Moir recruited me when I was in high school," recalled Tallent, the 29-year-old coach of the Colonials. "I will always remember him as the first scout who came to see me play.

Moir, no doubt, remembers Tallent as the high-school prodigy from Maytown, Ky., who visited Virginia Tech (Moir was then an assistant), signed and played with Kentucky for two years, and then transferred to George Washington after a disagreement with Adolph Rupp.

Their paths have crossed several times since then, especially on last year's recruiting trail. Tallent snared a couple of prospects who visited Blacksburg—Fork Union's Tom Glenn and Springfield's Bucky Roman—while Moir was able to grab Les Henson away from the clutches of the Colonials.

There are a lot of similarities in the two programs, as many as there can be between a city school and a country school," Tallent remarked. "The greatest thing we have in common is that we're both good teams.

The records are nearly identical—Tech is 12-7 while GW is 11-6—and there isn't much difference in the personnel. "For instance," said Tallent, "Duke Thorpe (VPI's leading scorer) is a lot like our Les Anderson.

The Hokies probably don't have anybody to compare with GW's John Holloran, who scored 38 points to lead the Colonials to their first victory over Maryland in 16 years, 86-76, last week.

There does seem to be one way of defending Holloran, though, as practiced by William and Mary. In their 83-70 win over GW Wednesday night, the Indians lost Mike Enoch to a fight four minutes into the game but, more importantly, Enoch took Holloran with him.

Ironically, when W&M defeated Navy last week, the Middies' top scorer—Kevin Sinnett—was eliminated the same way. "At the time I thought he (Holloran) may have been sucker," said Tallent, "but I know George Balnis too well to accuse him of doing something like that.

"What upsets me now is the way the referees mishandled the situation. All it involved was a couple of little slaps."

There is no doubt that Holloran, who saw his average slip from 21.2 to 19.9 points per game, will be ready for the Hokies. "Hell, he ought to be in great shape, as much rest as he's had," said Tallent.

Not as glitzy as Tallent was UVA's Terry Holland, whose club is still looking for its first win in the ACC after seven straight losses. Tonight's opponent at University Hall is only Wake Forest, the fifth-ranked team in the country, possessor of a 13-2 record.

"When you consider the difference in our team between our first game with Wake Forest (the Deacons won at home, 67-63) and now, it's unbelievable," said Holland.

"At the start of each season, I say that everybody starts out at 6-6 and that some teams will go good and some teams will go bad. Well, I guess, there's no doubt that we're the team that's gone bad."

Injuries have played a big part in the Cavaliers' collapse, although captain Billy Langloh will dress tonight. "He can't run," said Holland, "so I don't see how we can use him. Billy and Mike Owens should be ready by next week, though."

Seriously weakened by the loss of Langloh, UVA's backcourt should be sorely tested by Wake's ultra-quick pair of Skip Brown and Frank Johnson. "Brown," according to UVA guard Dave Koesters, "is the best guard in the league."

There will be only one other conference game today, as Maryland plays Duke before a TV audience at 2 p.m. North Carolina will take on Furman and N.C. State will face Georgia Tech in the North-South Doubleheader in Charlotte.

Southern Conference-leading VMI will be idle, with other games of local interest involving Roanoke College at George Mason, Jacksonville at Richmond, Maryland (Baltimore County) at Madison and Virginia Wesleyan at W&L.

Perhaps the biggest game in the state will send Old Dominion to William and Mary, where the Indians have already sold 9,000 tickets. It should be a real "battle" if recent history is any indication.

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