BLACKSBURG — There was little action, Charlie Moore could say, as his Gobblers just outdistanced Birmingham Southern, 122-70, and he had trouble必须 something to say about the game.

"I don't know about the players, but I certainly needed one like that," the first-year Virginia Tech coach said. "As a coach, I need something good, especially when you have a game for a championship.

Moore could have started轻松 about five minutes into the game. He also could have relaxed when the Gobblers, with 23 men in the bench, 12 minutes into the game, led by 19-7 on the only man that shot out. He played for four minutes but played only one deal.

Six men scored in double figures for the Hokies. In 19 minutes, Dare Thorpe had 26 points and 11 rebounds. Reserve center Ben Folden was the next Hokie to score 11, and he did that in six of eight from the floor on 15 points.

But Folden was just typical of Tech's scoring punch. According to Moore, "We scored and we shot well, and the game. The only player who wasn't playing well was Eddie Womack (at 12), but even he was four of four at the foul line.

A game like this will definitely give us more time to work on Tech, because you don't shoot like you should," said Tech forward Les Hermer. "But every- one was good today. It helps to know you don't lose anything when you can score around them, but everyone was shooting."

The Gobblers have won seven of their last eight games, and they're 2-1 in the ACC. "You know, a game like this can help a lot when you're in a tough stretch like we're," said Birmingham coach Bert Lewis. "You have the three or four tough ones on the road, we're go against Carolina, Georgia Tech and Florida State. But having a game like this today, they might be encouraged. But we don't think they can do it.

According to Aslund, "The game was under as much pressure as anyone. We put this game all together tonight and we needed that. We played very well together."

Tech controlled the boards, 59-32. The Panthers hit only 35 percent from the floor and had 24 turnovers. There aren't much that didn't go wrong for Birmingham Southern.

"I expected them to give us a better battle that battle," Moore said. "We really got it out of them tonight. I don't think they thought they would be stronger on the boards."

But Moore is not boasting about the exultation of this impressive win and the No. 1 ranking or more than.

"It's hard to say we're playing better. We're still playing better, but we've been doing that since our first half against Memphis State was fascinatingly well-coached. But we did play well tonight."

Virginia Tech

In the game, Virginia Tech's guard didn't have time to quite get away from all the other teams.

Gobblers 70: Highs: 26 points and 11 rebounds, 11 points.

Birmingham Southern: Highs: 19 points and 12 rebounds, 11 points.

Head coach: Les Hermer

Assistant coach: Charles Moore