ATHENS, Ohio—Virginia Tech Coach Charlie Moore says his team not only ran out of fight words for someone, but Wednesday night he had plenty of them.

Moore had just seen his Hokies lose to Ohio State Uni-
versity, 87-47, and he wasn’t a happy man.

"In the locker room, they outnumbered me for all the
dirty play there was in that game. That ACC official who
was calling the game (Dick Branch) in white should
not want him any more. They were using illegal calls
and playing a game that I didn’t see and that some of
us didn’t see." 

One of the big surprises of the game was that there
were no fights. Ohio was pushing and naming
calling and the Hokies were fighting mad, especially
Duke Thorpe.

"It was both rough and dirty," said Thorpe, who
ousted out with 7:30 left in the game. "They were pick-

fighting. It’s probably a good thing I fouled out be-
cause I probably would have elbowed someone in the
face. They were calling us names. I like to play rough,
but this was too personal." 

Twice, OU players shoved Tech players after the
whistle had been blown for a foul. The referees saw
both. Moore, but did nothing about them. "If someone
intentionally shoves a player like that, he should be
thrown out of the ball game," Moore said.

But while the officiating was a factor, Tech could
only blame the game on that. The Hokies lost a
gist 35-31 per cent from the floor in the first half.
Taller and quicker Tech outrebounded the Bob-
cats, but only by four (46-42). And the Bobcats cer-
tainly didn’t wear themselves out playing defense.

"I feel we should have outrebounded them by
more than that," said Moore. "That was one aspect we
won’t see.

"I didn’t like some of the calls and I think we let
that bother us too much," said forward Phil Thereme-
non. "The referees didn’t do too bad. We weren’t
allowed to do what we were doing. But that was just
one way of looking at the game." 

"We just never did get it going," said Moore.
"They couldn’t throw in the first half. Then when we
started shooting well in the second half, our defense
collapsed.

The Hokies had something to do with OU’s 50
per cent shooting performance. We were passive and
let them do the things they do well. They were getting
the shots they were capable of making.

Ohio Tech took a 1-0 lead in the first five minutes.
The Bobcats never led by more than four points and
Tech managed to keep the game close in the first half,
but was trailing 32-32 at halftime.

The Bobcats hit almost everything they put up to
start the second half and widened their lead. With 7:30
left in the game, OU had a 10-point lead, 67-57, and
was looking strong.

But the Bobcats weren’t done. They scored eight
unanswered points in a 3-0 run. Moore thought with
3:26 to go, the game was basically over.

But the Hokies hit a 10-4 run in the last four minutes
in the game and it looked like Tech had the momentum.

But in the last three minutes, the Hokies hit only
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two field goals and had to foul the Bobcats to try to
get the ball. OU hit seven of 12 foul shots in the final three
minutes to put the game out of reach.

The love leaves Tech with a 1-6 record and three
games left in the ACC. It also left Tech with a very sour
taste in its mouth.

"This loss had to be the dirtiest game we’ve had this
year," said guard John Bell who fouled out. "But that’s
the way it goes. You can get pushed when you’re on
the road, but if you start pushing yourself, they get the
call."

Moe agreed, saying that he would not make the ACC
officials knew, about a zero. "He shouldn’t be in the ACC.
He shouldn’t even be doing high school."