Tech Surprises Deacons

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WASHINGTON, D.C. - Charlie Moir thought the game should have never gone into overtime.

After watching his Virginian Tech squad stave seventh ranked Wake Forest 98-97 in an extra period Saturday night, the first-year Hokie coach was parched. Slipping on a cold drink Moir gasped, "I'm totally exhausted.

Taking the inbounds pass from teammate Frank Johnson, Brown drove to the basket, using a behind the back dribble to create a Tech defender, dribbled two more times and tossed up a 3-pointer that swished at the buzzer to tie in regulation. Wake's 12th second crowd of the season went into a frenzy.

Tech grabbed the early overtime lead on three free throws by junior Ron Bell for a 94-91 advantage, but the Deacons' first Tech's bid to tie the game failed. Brown scored a 3-pointer and Brown made the fouls shot to put the Deacons ahead 96-94. Wake's 12th second crowd of the season went into a frenzy.

Tech's Griffin then hit a pair of free throws after drawing Griffin's on the back, creating a 98-96 lead with only 38 seconds to go.

Wake came down the floor, looking to punch the ball inside. Griffin, who had already pumped in a career high 37 points, had thrown the ball into the middle, but the ball went off Griffin's foot.

Wake, trailing by one, fouled Foggia. The Hokies' reserve missed the front end of the one and one, with 7.4 seconds remaining.

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