The party’s over

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"It is a tough bracket," agreed Moir, "but I feel you have to beat them all."

Moir is also aware that Alabama only beat Georgetown by two points in a game played right after the Crimson Tide handled Tech with ease in the Dayton Invitational.

Moir isn't certain who will start for the Hoyas. Georgetown has a big lineup that includes 6'1 Derrick Jackson and 6'3 John Duren at guards, 6'11 Tom Scates at center, and 6'4 Grant Hopkins and 6'7 Al Dugger at forwards.

If Georgetown goes with a smaller alignment, Hopkins goes to center and 6'7 Larry Long is at forward.

Georgetown also has freshman Craig Shelton, a 6-7 forward, playing more now. Moir knows him well since Shelton was one of his prime recruits when he took the Tech job last spring. Shelton, ranked as one of the nation's top prospects, sat out most of the year until recently with an injury.

"It's a real big club. They like to pound it inside plus letting Jackson (the team's leading scorer with a 16.5 average) shoot from the outside," said Moir.

Georgetown comes into the tournament amongst a swirl of controversy. The Hoyas replaced Maryland in the field when the Terps tried to dictate that their first round opponent not be Old Dominion in Norfolk.

If Georgetown is less than happy about traveling to Tech, Hoya Coach John Thompson is keeping it secret.

"All I said to the team was we got the invitation was it's Virginia Tech at Virginia Tech and let's start practicing," said Thompson.

"They know what it means to play a tournament on the road. I can't be concerned with the circumstances of the tournament. The only way you win a tournament is to participate."

While the players are going for a trip to New York, the coaches can see a win enhancing their program. But a week ago these two teams weren't thinking that much about a tournament.