Norfolk St. Beats Tech
Despite Late Comeback

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Norfolk State's Vivian Greene scored 27 points to lead the Spartans to a 58-55 victory over the Virginia Tech women's basketball team Saturday. This loss followed Wednesday's heartbreaking loss to Radford 62-60.

However, coach John Wetzel was not dissatisfied with the girls' performance. He praised the team "for never giving up and playing good defense throughout the game."

Tech's turnovers and Greene's shooting enabled the visiting Spartans to lead 31-27 at halftime. Greene, the leader of State's run and gun offense that would shoot from anywhere in Blacksburg, had 16 points at halftime. Tech's 19 turnovers were the only thing more shocking than State's shooting.

Had it been boxing instead of basketball, Tech would have been TKO'd early in the second half. The Spartans jumped off to a 43-29 lead after the first five minutes of the half and things were looking bad for the home team. Suddenly the Gobblers

let it be known that they were in no mood to throw in the towel, as the Spartans' poor shot selection began to show up on the scoreboard. The Hokies reeled off eleven unanswered points making the score 43-40 with nine minutes remaining.

The Gobblers closed the gap to one point, 53-52, but Karen Garbis' missed layup prevented the Hokies from going ahead. That did not end a chance for a Hokie victory but when the Gobblers had three inbound passes stolen in the last ninety seconds, and when Greene connected on three free throws their fate had been decided.

Kelley Bradley and Debbie Thomas led the Gobbler attack with 16 and 18 points respectively with Bradley hitting 78% of her shots. Karen Garbis scored 8 points while Cathy Hall and Barb Morris both scored six points in the losing effort.

Tonight, the women face Emory and Henry at 7:00 p.m. at Cassell Coliseum and on January 25, they face Longwood College before traveling to William and Mary on January 28.