Tech not desperate

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WASHINGTON—Virginia Tech Coach Don DeVoe is busy going around the country now looking for basketball players.

That's what happens when the season ends and Tech finished up a 13-13 year here Saturday by losing 88-81 in double overtime to George Washington. The game meant the end for four of the five Hokie starters along with several subs including Calvin Wade.

"I don't think our situation is desperate," said DeVoe who still hasn't attracted a super star in his three years at Tech.

"We'll have a new unit next year and the kids will have to go out and prove to people they are good players. We have to have people come in and bolster these fellows. They have to be able to challenge them for starting positions."

There has been a lot of advance work done for DeVoe. Assistants Sonny Smith and Jim Hallihan have been on the go more often this year and usually DeVoe has handled the team alone.

DeVoe at one time had a unit of returning players matched against GW when the Hokies were trying to overcome a big second half deficit. Dave Sensibaugh and Mark Cartwright were at guards, Dennis Shrewsberry and Mike Collins were the forwards and Kyle McKee was at center.

But Tech finally had to rely on the opening unit, plus Collins, to overcome a nine-point deficit with less than five minutes left to force an overtime.

Collins showed a lot of promise by scoring 22 points—second to senior Craig Lieder who had 25. McKee added 12 points and picked up nine rebounds. He also did a respectable job on GW's 6-10 Clyde Burwell who finally wound up with 17 points.

"What a season," sighed DeVoe. "We went 2-10 on the road this year. I'll be really busy for the next 1½ months. We do need to have a good year in recruiting."

That about sums up just where Tech basketball stands now that DeVoe's third season is over.