Tech Wins 67-66, Gets Into Finale

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FT. MYER — Virginia Tech, which had no trouble getting leads it couldn’t hold, finally found one and hung on to it.

Fortunately, it was the last one and the Gobblers managed to eke out a 67-66 decision of American University Friday night in the opening game of the Presidential Classic.

The victory, Tech’s fifth in 10 tries, sets the Gobblers up in the championship game Saturday night (9 o’clock) against the winner of the George Washington — Texas A&M battle that closed the night’s proceedings.

It will be Tech’s second tournament championship game in as many Saturdays. Last week it was the Charlotte Invitational and a finale loss to Davidson.

Making this championship, however, proved harder than the 77-73 advance the Gobblers made over Rutgers in Charlotte.

Not that it was all that much difficult gaining the advantage on the Eagles. It was just that the Gobblers were not having that much success hollering what they got.

It wasn’t until the game was within 1:30 of conclusion that Tech took the lead that was to last, ironically on a one-and-one foul success by Allen Bristow, who had had little success from the foul line.

His two free throws — his sixth successive points in a 30-point night — gave Tech a 63-64 edge and put the pressure back on the Eagles.

This “burst” by Bristow, the 6-7 junior All-America candidate from Richmond, rescued the Gobblers.