ACC Myth Pure Hogwash
When U.Va.-Tech Playing

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There is a myth, perpetrated to some degree by all concerned, that teams in the ACC have a hard time "getting up" for anyone other than a family member.

This covers a lot of sins, sometimes.

It covers a lot of hogwash, most times; Especially if the team happens to be Virginia Tech and the ACC member is Virginia, as it was Monday night in the Cavalier snakepit known as University Hall. No hypo was needed.

"The team," said U. Va. coach Bill Gibson, "was definitely up for this game."

His phraseology was correct in the use of "team" since 11 members, everyone in shorts, played — effectively — in wearing down the Gobblers and then running away from them in the last five minutes (107-85 for win No. 16 in 17 tries).

Just how effectively, is shown by the final statistics. The team hit 44 of 89 shots (49.4 per cent). Al Drummond, a 6-2 sophomore guard averaging 2.7 points, 0.3 rebounds and 0.38 assists, had 14 points (12 the last half), three rebounds and three assists—the last two half his totals for the first 16 games. Larry Gerry, a junior who had 23 points for 10 games, got five during the last two minutes.

But most effective were Barry Parkhill, junior guard who is odds-on choice for ACC Player of the Year, has tied the ACC record for Player-of-the-Week honors (3) and is to be the Old Dominion’s next All-American, and Kim Hobgood at alternate times.

Both were "up" and mindful of what happened a year ago, when, as a 7-1 team headed for its first national recognition, the Cavaliers were ceremoniously wall-oped, 93-74, by the Gobblers.

"They beat us pretty badly," said Hobgood, a 6-4 junior who had 16 of his 25 points the first half. "We wanted to make sure we played well this time."

"It was a big game—an in-state game. It's a big one for the alumni of both schools."

In addition to getting 25 points (11 of 16 from the floor) and six rebounds, Hobgood gave aid and comfort to mate Frank DeWitt in the defense of Allan Bristow, the Gobblers' big scorer who got 18 and ran his two-year total to 1,010 points. He was averaging 25.4

"We put the pressure on outside," Hobgood explained, "to make it hard to get the ball to him. "He's good. You have to keep the ball away from him."

Parkhill, leading the ACC with a 22.8 average was the object of some added pressure—what amounted to double teaming—until some foul trouble developed on the part of the Gobblers. Then Tech attempted to cover the 6-4 high leaper with 6-1 Randy Minix, who proved almost like trying to cover Ringling Bros. with a pup tent.

Under the scrutiny of Virginia Squires official John Kerr and Baltimore Bullets Grass, Parkhill kept carrying Minix to the baseline and then going over or around him.

Was the Wahoos' "Mr BP" up for Tech? Did he think of last year?

"Yes," he said, "plus they're a state school."

"Every game you have to be up. You gotta keep winning. We have several games that are as big as conference games."

"And the way we're going, we gotta keep winning."

"No. 6," mused Gibson. "I heard (about) that. That's up there pretty high."

No matter whom you're playing.