Aggies Beat Tech, 66-62

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Arlington, Va. - A&M won a long afternoon
getting field goals to start each half, and an extra
minute Saturday night to silence Virginia Tech in the
Presidential Class Championship at Mt. Mary.

"When all the shooting had ended, neither team had
will, but the Aggies had better shooting shots and were
back to Texas with a 66-62 overtime decision and the big
trophy."

American University won the consolation game by
downing host George Wash-
ington, 76-68.

For Tech, it was the second
throughout disappointment in
as many weekends and
shooting charts will reveal
why in this one. The Aggies
just had a terrible time
finding the basket in the second half — even in the opening
round.

In that game, a 67-66 win
over Arc -Can University,
the Aggies got by with
hitting only nine field goals in
the half. They couldn't score
against the Aggies in the
championship.

For Tech, in fact, they could only hit
seven field goals the last half of
regulation play and this em-
abled the Aggies, who went
7-17 before getting a field
goal in the first half and 4-35
in the second, to come back
from a deficit that they had
reached 13 points (41-28)
at 13:44 of the second half.

From there, however, the
game became more of an Aggie
cutting, especially when tour-
rney outstanding Player Jeff
Overhouse put the clamps on
Tech's Allan Britow and held
the high-scoring junior
without a field goal the last
half and overtime.

With Overhouse doing that,
said Tech's Don Terrell, 17
rebounds, Wayne Howard
contributing 15 points and 14
rebounds and the Aggies pre-
sure defense turning the Gob-
bers to all-dumb, the game was
inevitable to begin with to
9:16 left.

That's when Bill McNeer
hit a jumper from 12 feet to
give Tech a 50-43 advantage.

That was also when the
Aggies had their last regul-
ration field goal — on their
free throws by Britow, who
finished with 19 points, were
registered the last 9:16 by
Tech.

In the meantime, A&M was
getting points, pressure and
defense from Overhouse and
Howard in pulling to the 54-54
tie at the end of regulation.

It was all A&M in the over-
time, as the Aggies (now 6-5)
got a first-half jump on the
Gobbers and stayed there
with foul shots when Tech
began fouling in an at
tempt to gain possession and regain
when the Aggies held right up
till Howard hit the tying
jumper at 2:05 of regulation.

No one scored — after one
shot hold — the last three
minutes.

The Gobblers had not trailed
since being down, 13-12, at
9:16 of the first half, when
they were hitting but 13 of 48
shots (.271 per cent) and
A&M 11 of 29 (37.9). At
the end, the percentages were
37.5 for the Aggies (54 of 64)
and 28.3 for Tech (24 of 85),
with A&M hitting 18 of 36
free throws (5 of 5 in the first
half) and Tech 14 of 22 (7 of
11).

Off the boards, it was A&M,
8-42.