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BLACKSBURG — "You see, Doc," Don DeVoe would say from the psychiatrist's couch, "I keep having these recurring nightmares. We've got a 15 or 20 point lead and in the last five minutes—instant choke!"

That wasn't quite the way it went here Saturday as Virginia Tech decked Wake Forest 43-40, but DeVoe must have felt the ghost of the finals of the Presidential Classic breathing down his neck.

The Hokies had stacked up a 13-point lead with five minutes left and saw it dwindle to nine before the final whistle blew.

"If it would have gone a few minutes longer we would have lost it," DeVoe said. "We just can't handle the full-court pressure."

"This team can't just have one man going into a slump, the entire team goes into a lapse at once."

In the final tally, though, it was Allan Bristol and ex-cripple Lipscomb who bailed the Hokies out. Lipscomb patrolled the boards with deadly efficiency and Bristol found the lost touch on the 10-15 foot jumpers.

Bristol netted 29 points, Lipscomb tucked in 15 and pulled in 15 rebounds. Lipscomb also hit from 10 to 15 feet, something that had been lacking from his repertoire thus far this season.

Despite the victory over a weak Wake Forest team, the Hokies still have some serious problems. They repeated missed layups and turned the ball over numerous times, particularly in the closing minutes against the press.

"I think we've just played against so many big men the See Page D-7, Col. 2

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Gray 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
German 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
Brendan 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
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VIRGINIA TECH

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Allen 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
McNair 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
Bristol 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
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Pappas 2-1 1-1 2 2 2 2
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VPI goes back into action against Georgia Southern at home Monday.

Tech Turns Back Wake

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first part of the season the boys are gun shy going in for layups," DeVoe said. "We got a little shell shocked against North Carolina and haven't shaken it off."

"I think we controlled the tempo the way we wanted to for 35 minutes, we can just forget the last five."

"I could feel another Texas A&M coming on. I honestly think we should have been 74 going into this game, we should have beaten A&M and VMI but our consistency got us."

The Hokies had the Aggies by 13 points in the finals of the Presidential and lost it in overtime—losing their lead in the closing minutes.

Bristol and Lipscomb especially drew praise from DeVoe. He said he saw them doing things on defense that surprised even he.

"I just decided to relax and forget everything," Lipscomb said. "I felt pretty good to-night and set my mind on the defense. The new defensive style isn't so hard but you have to work at it."

Lipscomb went into the game shooting a paltry 27 percent from the field. He hit 6 of 11 Saturday.

Bristol has also been having his problems, but is averaging 46 percent. Saturday he connected on 10 of 17.

"I was really pleased," he said. "I haven't had a good game in a long time. I needed one."

Willie Griffin and Eddie Payne led the Demons Beacons with 19 and 10 points, respectively in Wake's ninth-loss in 12 games.