Virginia Tech Puts Home Win Sken on Line Against Clemson Foe Tonight

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Tate Locke's Clemson Tigers shouldn't be fooled by Virginia Tech's 9-8 record.

The Atlantic Coast Conference entry visits Tech Coliseum tonight, hoping to rebound from Monday's 62-58 home loss to seventh-ranked Virginia.

Clemson (9-6) defeated the Gobblers 85-73, some 10 days ago at Death Valley, but Don DeVoe's charges have yet to lose in five Blacksburg outings.

The 30-year-old Tech mentor feels his charges played one of their best games of the campaign in Saturday's 87-65 rout of Big Five rival William and Mary.

"We played very consistently and our defense was the best it has been."

Randy Minix and Ed Frazier drew praise from the first-year coach for doing "a good job in setting the tempo of the game."

Clemson must contend with Gobbler All-American candidate Allan Bristow. The 6-foot-7 Richmond native leads the Gobblers in both scoring and rebounding. Bristow boasts a 25.8 per game scoring mark and is averaging 12.5 rebounds.

Senior guard Bill McNeer is Tech's other double figure scorer with an 11.6 average. Pivotman Charlie Lipscomb is counted on for rebounding help against the taller Tigers.

Locke should counter with a frontline of center Dave Angel (6-11) and forwards Denny Cole (6-5) and Mike Browning (6-7). Terrell Suit and Bud Martin form the backcourt.

Angel leads four starters averaging double figures with a 16.7 mark. The Tigers have an impressive 8-2 record against non-conference opposition.

The Gobbler freshmen battle Hargrave Military in the preliminary contest.

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