Virginia Rips VPI, 107-85;

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — The University of Virginia celebrated its highest ranking ever in the national polls by trouncing Virginia Tech, 107-85, Monday night and also reached at least one of its season goals.

The Cavaliers ran their overall record to 16-1, which is one victory more than last year (15-11). “We were aiming to improve this year and tonight the heat’s off,” said Coach Bill Gibson.

“That doesn’t mean we won’t be trying to continue the improvement. Seventeen is better than sixteen.”

Gibson credited the bench support as the factor that “finally broke it open. It was tough breaking through. Virginia Tech is a good team and it wasn’t until halfway through the second half that we felt we had it.”

With at least four professional scouts looking on, Virginia’s attack was paced by Barry Parkhill(27) and Jim Hobgood (25). Hobgood’s total matched his season high which he set in the second game of the year at Duke.

Virginia Tech’s leader on the year, Allen Bristow, was checked for just seven points in the second half, finishing with 18, while guard Randy Minix was high with 19.

“Frank DeWitt is probably our best defensive player and that’s why we had him on Bristow,” the Virginia coach explained.

Virginia never trailed as Parkhill scored a field goal after the game was just 11 seconds old.

The Gobblers, now 11-9, pulled to within a point on several occasions in the first half, but after starting 10 points in arrears following the See Squires’, Page 16, Col. 1-