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CHARLOTTESVILLE—Barry Parkhill you know about. Jim Holgado has had his moments in the spotlight. But Al Drummond? It was sophomore Drummond, sparkling on offense and defense, who enabled Virginia to put Virginia Tech down to the count Monday night after Parkhill and Holgado had rocked the Hokies with their right-left tandem.

After Drummond scored eight quick points late in the second half, it was all over. Virginia celebrated its rise to No. 6 in the nation by demolishing Tech, 108-65, and running its record to 9-4.

UVA was always in command before the usual screaming sellout crowd of 9,326, Madison University Hall, but there were a few shaky moments until Parkhill, Holgado and Drummond finally had the Hokies beaten under.

Tech never led, never tied, and although it got close in the last half as its four-game win streak came to an end with the ninth loss in 20 games.

Parkhill determined UVA had had first half, started the winning surge. He scored 12 of the first 15 points of the second half and passed to Frank DeWitt for a three-pointer.

"I was determined to do better," said the junior superstar. "I found I could get the baseline right at the end of the half, so I took it. Parkhill simply operated on 6-1 Randy Minick, who was helpless defensively.

For that matter, the whole Tech team was pretty helpless on defense as UVA ran up the highest point total yet on rookie coach Don DeVoe.

Parkhill’s start was a birth of Virginia to pull from a 50-40 halftime lead to 67-62. Holgado, whose 23 points trailed Parkhill by two, had kept the Cavs on top early with 16 first-half points.

"He’s a hot shot," said Parkhill. "He’s the best shooter in the conference. He was really burning them."

Did Tech’s 87-74 win over UVA’s last year in Blacksburg add any incentive to the game? "It was one of the main things," Parkhill said. "But the way we’re going, every game is a big one. The non-conference games mean just as much now."

Holgado, who matched his career high set against Duke earlier in the year, said: "We didn’t talk much about last year’s game, but we thought about it. We wanted to make sure tonight we played better than that."

Holgado said it was a big game for us, but I guess it was even bigger for the alumni. They’ll love this."

Drummond, who has played sparingly this year because of an injured ankle and a knee that has bothered him since high school football, had his finest night. He scored 14 points, 12 in the last half, and six of them came in a row after Tech had made its final push to get within 10 at 81-71.

The only black on the Virginia squad, Drummond said he picked UVA over Notre Dame and Ohio State because of Coach Bill Gibson. "I knew Coach Gibson from basketball camp at Gettysburg," he said. "I chose Coach DeVoe (Rick, one-time UVA assistant now at Notre Dame) was there every year. We became good friends."

Drummond said he always knew he’d get his chance. "Everything on this floor gets to play. Nobody cares who scores if you win. We’re 16-1, that’s all there is about it."

Gibson praised the play of Drummond and the rest of the reserves, who forced Tech into mistakes and into a running game the Hokies couldn’t handle.

"The bench did it," Gibson said. "The game was rocking here, about six points ahead, but we never could break them. But we got some fresh blood in there and they did their thing."

Virginia got 27 points from Tom Cheek with Charlie and crowd favorite Lanny Stainton also making good contributions.

Gibson said the pressure was off his team, although nobody really believed him. "My goal was to win," he said. "We won last year, so this is progress."

With eight games left and a chance at the ACC regular title, Herrin said his son’s players don’t take things for granted.

"This is just one more we have to play over," said Holgado. "Now we’re Virginia. UVA plays the Mountain-taizers in Charleston Wednesday."