Tech After 5th Straight Win

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech hopes it doesn't take as long as last time when the Gobblers test West Virginia here tonight.

The two teams battled each other earlier this winter in Morgantown, W.Va., and the Techmen came out ahead 105-101 after triple overtime. Tech will rate a heavy favorite this time because the game is in Blacksburg. But West Virginia, with an 11-11 record, has sharp shooting Wil Robinson who could make it a more than interesting night for the Hokies if he gets hot.

The triple overtime game is a record for longevity as far as Tech is concerned. It was for guard Randy Minix also because he played all 55 minutes.

However, the win is credited by Tech Coach Don DeVoe as being the spark to a sizzling finish by the Gobblers. Tech now has a 15-9 record with two games left and could finish with is best mark in several years by beating the Mounties here tonight and Eastern Kentucky on Monday.

The Hokies have won their last four straight and eight out of nine. The only blemish on the record was a loss at 12th ranked Virginia.

Allan Bristow leads the Tech scoring, but the junior forward has been getting help from Bill McNeer, Minix and Charlie Lipscomb to give the Hokies some balance.

A preliminary game matches the Virginia Tech freshmen against the Virginia first year men.