Tech Wins Golf Title

HOT SPRING (AP)—Virginia Tech withstood both a heavy afternoon rain and a five-shot deficit at the end of the first 18 holes on the Lower Cascades course Monday and won the 25th Virginia intercollegiate golf championship by four shots over Richmond’s Spiders.

The Gobblers, who now have won the title 14 times, trailed Richmond by five shots, 309-314, at the halfway point, but while the other teams faltered in the heavy afternoon showers, Tech trimmed eight shots, closing with a 306 and a 620 for the 36 holes.

After Richmond’s 624 came Roanoke’s surprising Maroons, whose 631 gave them the College Division crown. Madison was fourth at 633, while Virginia’s defending champion Cavaliers toppled to fifth place with a 634 score.

The Tech triumph was led by Nelson Long Jr. of Hot Springs, the 1972 Virginia PGA Open champion who won medal honors with consistent 18-hole rounds of 76-76—152, eight over par.

Others who figured in the Tech comeback were Johnny Reynolds and John Bruce, each with 155s, and Greg Osborne, who posted a 158.

Long received a solid chase for low individual honors from Richmond’s Scott Creggar and Roanoke’s Bill Dardini, both of whom finished one stroke behind at 153.