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LEXINGTON — "Bill Blair, meet Ara Parseghian."

It took a full half before the roof fell in on Notre Dame's football team Saturday in the California sunshine. VMI's basketball evening ended a lot quicker as the snow drifted down in chilly Lexington.

The hottest thing in town was the Virginia Tech offense in the first seven minutes of the season-opening basketball game. The Gobblers streaked to an 8-0 lead before VMI got a shot, quickly hiked that to 20-6 and coasted to a 96-64 victory.

It was suggested to VMI Coach Blair that he knew how Notre Dame's Parseghian must feel. He just shook his head:

"I feel like we came in second in a butt-kicking contest," Blair said.

The game simply ended in a hurry. The Keydets threw the ball away time and again. At one time, they had nine turnovers and Tech had none. When you throw the ball away, you can never score. That was the VMI offense.

Meanwhile, the rebuilt Hokies were doing everything right at the other end of the court. Junior college transfer Russell Davis was devastating in close and junior guard Dave Sensabaugh ran the club nicely.

VMI started in a zone and Tech picked it like a starving man grabbing the remains of the Thanksgiving turkey. Every shot the Hokies got was a good one. It mattered little that VMI was doing a good job on the boards, because most of Tech's shots were going in.

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