Gobblers Show Muscle, Meet Florida; W&M, VCU In Home Clashes Tonight

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Keep your eyes on Virginia Tech in basketball this year.
That's what many coaches are saying about Don DeVo's Gobblers, who demolished rival Virginia Military Institute 96-64 Saturday night... and the game was in Lexington.

'I've heard a lot of people say this is the best VPI team in a long, long time, and to beat the Keydets that bad in their place is unbelievable,' points out William and Mary Coach George Balanis.

The Gobblers, led by junior college hotshot Russell Davis with 29 points, got off to a running start (8-0) and were never headed.

'Tech looked awfully good and they came in burning,' noted VMI Coach Bill Blair. 'They just jumped on top of us and the game was over before we got started.'

DeVoe would also like to believe this is his best team in years, and he'll get a good indication of that tonight when the Techmen collide with the University of Florida in Gainesville.

'Florida is very quick and one of the best teams in the Southeastern Conference,' pointed out DeVoe after the surprisingly easy conquest of VMI.

Elsewhere tonight, the Indians host Haverford, Virginia Commonwealth en-