GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) - Guard Larry Cooke pulled in an offensive rebound and scored a goal in the final two seconds to give Virginia Tech an 86-85 basketball victory Monday night over the University of Florida.

With VPI down by two, 85-83, forward Kyle McKeel stepped to the foul line and connected on his first attempt, but missed the second. Cooke grabbed the rebound and put VPI ahead.

The Gators regrouped during a timeout, but a final desperation hook-shot by guard Norman "Bruno" Caldwell failed.

The frantic final-second action came after the score was tied 83-83 with 1:22 remaining. The Gators brought the ball upcourt, stalling for the final shot.

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With five seconds left, Caldwell drove for a successful layup, but fouled McKeel. The goal put Florida ahead by two, but the unusual three-point play by McKeel and Cooke wrapped it up.

With just over four minutes left in the first half, VPI led 41-30, but Florida came back to trail by five points at halftime, 47-42.

Cooke led VPI with 22 points, and Florida guard Mike Lederman captured game high honors with 24.