Miracle Play Gives Tech Stunning Victory

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GAINESVILLE, Fla.—Larry Cooke scored only four points in the second half against Florida,
but made two free throws in the last minute to seal the victory. Cooke was the second player to score only four points in the second half, after Tech's Kyle McKee.

Tech's Kyle McKee went to the line for a one and one. He made the first shot, but missed the second with Cooke putting the ball back in to win the game for Tech.

"I was really trying to make that second foul shot," explained McKee. "I was supposed to try to make it, but he missed and we had the ready, explained Davis.

The Gobblers didn't have to win on a last-second basket. They led by as much as 10 points in the first half with Cooke scoring 10 points in the first 20 minutes. Tech's Russell Davis, who scored 29 points in the Gobblers' victory, had 18 points in the first half.

But Florida looked like a different team in the second half. The Gators' defense in the second half stopped the Gobblers cold. A 42-42 halftime lead by Tech became a 65-65 lead for Florida with less than 10 minutes gone in the second half.

Cooke wasn't disappointed with his low-scoring performance in the second half. "In the first half, I took my own on in and shot more. But the tempo slowed down in the second half. They really played tough defense in the second half.

Mark Cartwright scored 10 points for the Gobblers with all of them coming in the second half when Tech couldn't buy a basket. Cartwright did a good job for us. We needed a spark in the second half, and give Cooke a breather, but he scored well," DeVoe said.

After it was his brother that Cooke scored the winning basket. "We had the first five players in there at the end until Mike Collins fouled out. They all had a chance to take a break and that helped," DeVoe.

Tech has a 2-0 record, but more important to DeVoe, both wins came on the road. "This is the first time since I've been here that we've won a Saturday-Monday road swing. That's a big boost for us."