Davis' Shots Lead Tech To Victory in Overtime

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Like an instant replay, Russell Davis was at the foul line with a chance to win the game. And again, like an instant replay, Davis made his two foul shots and Virginia Tech won by a point.

The Gobblers won their fifth game by a point Wednesday night, beating West Virginia, 87-86 in overtime. It was the third time that Davis has won a game for the Hokies with his foul shooting in the last seconds.

"I've never been associated with anyone to make foul shots in this situation like Davis does. He's unbelievable," said Tech coach Don DeVoe.

Davis made the two free throws with .09 left in overtime and they gave Tech a three-point lead. The Gobblers stood back and let the Mountaineers score a meaningless basket as time ran out.

"This is the win we've been looking for," explained DeVoe whose team has been playing poorly lately. "This is a super win on the road for us. This should get us going."

It was almost a big loss for the Hokies who are now 9-5. They had as much as a 14-point lead in the first half but couldn't hold it. With two new starters, Sam Foggin and Duke Thorpe, the Gobblers controlled the rebounding and the game for the first 10 minutes.

The Mountaineers managed to come back before halftime. WVU tied the game, 39-39, with 28 seconds left in the half.

Tech's Kyle McKee Tied Up by WVU's Bob Huggins

Foggin hit one of seven and Thorpe only one of four from the floor for Tech in the first half.

In the early minutes of the second half, West Virginia took the lead and was up by as much as five; 50-45, but the Gobblers hit nine straight points to regain the lead.

"I was real pleased with the way we came back in the second half," DeVoe commented. "We did a fine job on the defensive boards."

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