Gobblers Edge WVU In Overtime 87-86

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MORGANTOWN, W. Va. - It was another typical Russell Davis performance — clutch.

Davis, who can claim credit for two other one-point Virginia Tech victories with free throws in the final 16 seconds, did it again Wednesday night when the Gobblers won a heart-stopper over West Virginia University 87-86 in overtime.

David made two foul shots to nip Auburn and did it once more against Ohio State in back-to-back December triumphs.

The Gobblers (9-5) took their fifth one-point win in as many decisions of that nature when David popped in two charity tosses with nine seconds to play in overtime to disappoint the Mountaineer, crowd of 8,846. The shots left the invaders three points ahead, but Stan Boskovich countered quickly with an 18-footer to make it a one-point victory.

After the Gobblers’ Kyle McKee made two good defensive plays to stop a last Mountaineer shot in regulation, the victors ran out to an 85-80 lead in the extra period on the lanky forward’s tip-in, a turn-around jump shot by Davis and Larry Cooke’s three-point play. West Virginia (7-4) had opened the overtime with a short, driving shot by Earnie Hall.

“We were able to get a five-point lead and we should be able to keep that,” VPI Coach Don DeVoe said afterward. “The key was that we moved the ball in the last minute.”

After Hall intercepted a Tech pass, Boskovich put up and in a short jump shot. Sid Bostick stole a pass and Boskovich tipped in a missed shot to close the gap to a point.

Jerome Anderson intercepted from Tech but Hall missed a pass. The Gobblers called time with 1:03 to play. McKee was forced out of bounds by WVU’s Warren Baker with 22 seconds left as VPI kept possession.

Working the ball around, Dave Sensabaugh found Davis alone under the basket and passed in. Baker fouled the 89.6 per cent-free

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Davis 9 7-9 25 Baker 7 5 8-14 27
Cook 13 3-4 79 Hall 5 2-3 9-9 13
Thorp 3 0-0 6 Anderson 6 4-5 16
Poplin 1 0-0 2 Brock-Vio 5 4-4 11
Sorboff 1 0-0 2 Hillgrom 1 0-0 2
McKee 4 0-0 4-4 0-0 4
Boskovich 1 0-0 1-1 0-0 1
Carter 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0
Appley 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0
Regan 0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0
Sims 1 1-1 2-2 0 3
Court 0 0-0 0-0 0 0
Bostick 0 0-0 0-0 0 0
Totals 36,53 37,69 87 Totals 36 18-38 84

Virginia Tech 39 29 3-8 7 West Virginia 39 29 3-8 7

Found Out: Collins. Team Fouls: VPI 22, WVU 22
Technical Fouls: VPI Bench.