Gobblers Pummel Spiders

Thorpe Powers VPI's Triumph
In 63-69 Battle

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RICHMOND—Virginia Tech crushed its Bobcats counterpart 63-69 in convincing fashion Saturday night.

With Duke Thorpe continuing his sensational homecoming, the Gobblers rolled to an 63-69 triumph over the Richmond Spiders.

In a battle of two teams vying for ventures into the palatial Richmond Center, the Gobblers finished second in the ACC two years ago in double overtime and last year by 90-86.

Thorpe, who hails from nearby Highland Springs and considered playing for the Richmond, spearheaded the Gobblers' offense with 22.

The West Point product also emerged the game's leading rebounder with 10.

The Gobblers took a 56-40 halftime lead and led 9-2 to 62-46 with 13 minutes to play and cruised in for their 11th victory against five defenses.

Before a sellout crowd of 10,000, the Gobblers were the焦点 of a sporting event.

"I was happy we won, but I was just a little disappointed with the margin we had," said coach Don DeVoe.

"I was a little bit disappointed in the locker room laughter.

For the Spiders, it was simply a case of too many points, too many baskets, even though the all-out efforts by VPI to contain them were considerable.

"That McCardy is some offensive player," pointed out Coach James McCardy, the nation's third-ranked scorer, who had 38 points on 24-of-32 shots, despite the all-out efforts by VPI to contain him.

"McCardy had to shoot with a range of 10 points against the Spiders and junior forward Larry Cole (all 6-7, 210)," he added.

Ventures of Virginia Tech-Richmond

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