Cooke Scores 32, Gobblers Snap Colonels’ Home String

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name was mentioned. “I wouldn’t be surprised if we got credit for 10 blocked shots.”

The Gobblers appeared on the verge of blowing out Eastern on several occasions, but each time the Colonels came back.

The hosts, who have won all seven times at home, led 14-12 before Cooke hit from 10 and eight feet, Davis made a pair of foul shots and Cooke scored a layup on an inbounds play.

The 20-14 edge grew to eight points, but the Colonels caught up with 5:24 to play, 32-32, and the Gobblers were forced to re-establish the advantage.

Tech got up by 10 (46-36) before Eastern’s Darryl Davis’ three-point play and an 18-foot jump shot by Tyrone “Too Small” Jones cut into the lead. Dave Sensibaugh’s field goal and foul shot with six seconds before intermission put the lead back to eight.

The Gobblers fought off repeated comebacks led by Jimmy Segar and Mike Oliver before the Colonels tied the contest for the seventh and last time at 72.

Substitute Dennis Shrewsbury, hitting his only field goal of the game, put Tech ahead for good with 6:29 to play on a long shot and Davis’ followup layup made it a four-point edge.