Davis Faces Gobblers With 25-Point Tilt
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The Gobblers’ performance, according to Coach Don DeVoe, “Epitomized what we did throughout the season — we had our peaks and valleys. We’d get a spark for two-three minutes, then we’d be frustrating three-fourths of the game.”

“Overall, we didn’t play well, but we won,” then DeVoe added, in reference to WVU’s play, “they had one of those nights where things didn’t go too well.”

Though he didn’t say it, the low minute for the Mountaineers was their 26 per cent shooting average in the last 20 minutes.

The Techmen, making 34 of 76 field-goal attempts, shot 44.7 for the contest in which they used 53 turnovers, 26 by WVU and 24 for Tech. West Virginia finished with a 39.1 shooting mark.

With 56 berths with the NCAA’s championship and runnerup tournaments and in New York’s National Invitational (NIT), Tech still has “outside chances” to gain a bid, but not on the inconsistency evident Wednesday and which DeVoe admits “plagued us all season.”

Neither team could gain much of an edge early in this game, which gives DeVoe a 6-2 record against the Mountaineers (WVU enjoys an overall 26-11 edge in the series.)

West Virginia’s only leads were mounted in the first half and never went beyond three points. The last time that occurred (20-17), the Techmen outscored their long-time rivals by 10-2 and moved on top by 27-22.

Over the visitors reeled off 10 successive points to jump from the five-point deficit to another three-point advantage at 34-31.

West Virginia High School product, Duke Thorpe regained the lead for the Techmen on three straight goals for an intermission advantage of 50-36.

Early in the second half, Davis and Cooke pumped in four points apiece to get Tech ahead by eight, 46-38, and it wasn’t close again.