MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—“There’s no way we can beat Illinois making those kinds of mistakes,” says West Virginia Coach Bobby Bowden of his Mountaineers’ next opponent.

“We made enough mistakes against Virginia Tech to lose our next two ball games.”

The Mountaineers, 2-0 thanks to a hint of offense and a whole lot of defense, staggered Tech, 24-10, with a second period punch Saturday but had to rely on an impressive defense for the knockout.

West Virginia spotted the Gobblers a 3-0 lead with 11 seconds gone in the second quarter before unleashing sophomore backs Dwayne Woods and Artie Owens, and brilliant junior flanker Danny Buggs, to pile up an insurmountable 24-3 halftime edge.

Woods ripped off 38 yards for the first WVU touchdown and Frank Nester booted a 36-yard field goal before Owens bounced in from five yards out with 1:51 remaining in the half.

A Tech fumble on the next series gave West Virginia a chance to spring Buggs down the right sideline and Ade Dillon lofted a perfect pass to produce a 59-yard scoring play just before intermission.

Charlie Miller’s interception led to a WVU touchdown, and the junior cornerback broke through to dump Tech’s Phil Rogers for a fourth-down loss that climaxed a