Virginia Tech embarks on its spring baseball trip this weekend, helped to some degree by the exhibition game series arranged at the last moment with Washington and Lee.

True, the Generals probably would lose to every team on Tech's Southern swing, but just the experience of having played a few games before taking on the likes of Georgia Southern, already well into its season and likely to finish among the top five teams in the nation, should help.

Baseball teams play tag with the weather every spring, especially in this part of the country and Tech had less than a half dozen lengthy outdoor workouts before the exhibition games.

Notes on the exhibition doubleheader last Saturday at Tech Field.

Glenvar's Sandy Hill, if he keeps the momentum he has now, will contribute plenty to coach Bob Humphries' first college team. Hill showed speed in the outfield, a rifle arm on throws from that region, and a good hitting eye.

Paul Adams, slowed by injured legs taped up, could give Tech some long ball strength. His home run in the first game cleared the center field fence easily.

Gary Zetts, keeping a good curve and control most of the time, pitched the first exhibition win, aided considerably by Tech hitting, which produced 18 runs.

Freshman Dave Tinsley was impressive in the second game, but had minor control problems (the Tech lead was in no danger) and was replaced by another freshman, hard-throwing John Nielson, who had more. Momentarily.

Nielson settled down after giving up a few walks and Tech preserved an 8-1 win.

Tech begins the home portion of its season in two weeks, by which time the bleachers will be in place.

The team showed plenty of hustle and should provide some exciting games, with possibly better hitting and base stealing than last season. As for the pitching, the Southern trip will provide a clue.

Billy Hardee, who played right field in the opener but may also be used when needed at other positions, says he’s hitting better than he did during his last baseball season—two years ago when he was a senior in Mulberry, Fla. Hardeen, Adams and Zetts will also be football candidates again.

Tech also won the Sunday doubleheader exhibition at W & L.

David Halstead, still not completely recovered from a broken ankle suffered in a sliding drill in the Field House, has been jogging recently and could be ready for action before the end of the road trip.

Marty Pushkin, now in his last track season as coach, will remain at Virginia Tech as a health, phys. ed., and recreation instructor.