Tech Feasts on VMI

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BLACKSBURG—Right-hander Mike Arrington showed good speed and control and had batting support to burn as Virginia Tech feasted on VMI, 10-2 Tuesday, with a few new wrinkles added by coach Bob Humphreys.

Arrington had a shaky start, walking the first two Keydets to face him, but settled down to handcuff VMI until a late-inning outburst which he finally put down.

Halstead, shifted to right field as freshman Tom Acree (Continued On Page 8)

GOOD START—Freshman left fielder Tom Acree of Richmond, playing his first full game as a starter, scored a run in the Gobbler win over VMI as Keydet catcher Harry Barksdale (right) and Tech coach Bob Humphreys (background) watch a close play at third base.

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of Richmond took over left, made Tech come alive as he belted a home run with Sandy Hill and Vince Carbaugh on base in the first.

Tech’s next big inning was the fourth. Freshman first baseman Lewis Dillon of Roanoke singled to score Acree. Catcher Danny Shulier, who had another good defensive game, scored on a sacrifice fly by Vince Carbaugh. A wild pitch by Keydet pitcher Charlie Little brought Dillon home.

Acree doubled to score Tony Varboncoeur for another run in the fifth, as the Gobblers led by 7-0.

Dillon doubled and stole third in the sixth and designated hitter Paul, who replaced DH Billy Hardee, popped a hefty home run over the fence in right center. Sandy Hill singled, moved to third on the shortstop’s error and scored when Little hit Acree at the plate with the bases loaded.

VMI’s only threat came in the ninth. Pinch hitter Jeff Huckabee singled to score Phil Upton, who had singled earlier. The Keydets had first and third occupied and two out when things became more interesting as a fly ball dropped between sub third baseman Wayne Harris and shortstop Gene Fornash.