ETSU Bucs Defeat Gobblers

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JOHNSON CITY, Tenn. — Dave Sims' two-run triple to the centerfield fence in the last of the eighth inning gave the East Tennessee State University Bucs a come-from-behind, 5-4 victory over Virginia Tech in a nonconference college baseball duel here Wednesday.

Sims' smash climaxed an up-and-down battle. Joe Stilpsey's Bucs, who fell behind 3-1 early, and salvaged an eight-hitter for ETSU pitcher Chopper Campbell.

Both pitchers went the distance with Mike Arrington taking the loss. He also tossed an eight-hitter.

ETSU now sports a 4-7 record while the Gobblers are 10-13.

CAMPBELL, a lanky right-hander, experienced trouble in the early going especially in Tech's three-run second inning explosion, but settled down to shut out Tech over the last five frames. He gave up seven of the eight hits in the first four frames.

JEFF BEDFORD, ex-Kingsport star, doubled for the Bucs in the sixth and scored on an error on a Doug Parham single.

Bedford also started the fireworks in the eighth by walking Parham, who reached base on an error and both scored on the booming triple by Sims.

HARDY LEWIS, who is hitting .333 for the Gobblers, had a drag bunt single for the Gobblers, while Pete Kissel and Jerry Adams, another Hobie from the Mountain Empire, went 0-2. Adams played with a heavily bandaged right hand and was struck by a pitch on the injured hand.

ETSU will play East Carolina today or Friday while Tech's next outing is at Blacksburg today, Thursday, against Appalachian State.

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