Watkins, Tech Beat GW, 18-1

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BLACKSBURG — Jerry Watkins threw a one-hitter and his Virginia Tech teammates backed him with a total of 20 hits Saturday as the Gobblers routed George Washington, 18-1, for their eighth win of the season in 15 games.

Watkins, winning his third game in four decisions, struck out six and had a no-hitter going until the seventh when the Colonials’ Larry Cushman singled cleanly through the left side of the infield.

David Halstead, who went four-for-four including a double and drove in three runs, paced the Tech attack. Catcher Jim Wright added two doubles and a single and accounted for four RBI.

The loss was GW’s 12th in 29 games.

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Cusman, Reid (4), Albert (8) and Cushman; Waltkins and Wright.