Tech Gives Coach Big Final Win

It couldn’t have been a more fitting finale for the long and colorful coaching career of Red Laird. The veteran baseball coach at Virginia Tech wrote the final chapter to his active career yesterday when he watched his Gobblers pull out a 7-4 victory over their arch rivals—the Virginia Cavaliers. And what made it all the more enjoyable was the fact the game was played on the Cavalier home grounds in Charlottesville.

The win gave Tech a 15-10 record and Laird a 30-year coaching career mark at Tech of 343-275-4. Tech was especially tough down the stretch this year. After dropping eight of their first 10 games, the Gobblers roared back to win 13 of their final 15.

Three Virginia errors in the eighth inning allowed Tech to score what proved to be the winning run.

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Cundiff, Watkins (7) and Shreves; Brindley and Bracht. HR’s—Sroba (Va.) 5th, none on. Watkins (VPI) 9th, none on.