By Ray Filegar

The University of Richmond found an appealing way to end its baseball season yesterday afternoon on the UR diamond, benefitting from two runs that weren’t and one that was for a 16-inning win over Virginia Tech.

The 1-0 decision, built around the three-hit pitching of right-hander David Broth, freshman Kevin Harvey’s two-out RBI single and an appeal play that denied the Hokies to runs in the eighth, boosted the Spiders record to 17-16 and gave UR the so-called Big Three baseball title with a 7-1 mark.

Harvey’s game-winner, sent third baseman Rob Venne across the plate, the latter having drawn a walk and stolen second. The sharply hit ball ended up in centerfield and the throw was far enough off the intended mark to allow Venne to score easily.

The climax spoiled a strong seven-hit performance by Tech ace Mike Arrington, who duel ed Brooks through cool and somewhat damp weather, a light rain falling through the middle innings.

“Brooks pitched one heckuva ball game,” lauded UR coach Chuck Boone, recalling that the junior hurler had problems with the Hokies last week in Blacksburg. UR won that game, 15-14.

Tech (21-9) seemed to be close to averting that loss in the eighth, when infielder Gene Fornash singled sharply up the middle and the ball got by UR outiselder Pat Waggener. Tom Acree, on ahead of Fornash with one of five walks issued by Brooks, scored from first, and before the ball could be returned, Fornash also had crossed the plate.

The Spiders appealed, however, and neither run was allowed.

“The first runner,” recounted Boone, “stepped on the bag with the inside of his foot. It looked to me like there might have been a little bit of space in there.”

When Boone appealed, plate umpire Bill Chambers asked, “which runner?”

“The first one,” answered Boone and the umpire signalled the out.

The Hokies had another shot at scoring in the ninth, when they loaded the bases with one out, but a ground ball by catcher Wayne Shetton was fielded by Vernon, who stepped on the bag for a forceout and completed the double play with a throw to first.

Brooks struck out four, as he boosted his record to 2-1.

Junior infielder Bob Mitchell collected one of the hits off Arrington, a line drive in the first inning that tied the Richmond record for hits in a season, 43. The record was established in 1941 by Sonny Whaley.

Sandy Hill collected two hits off Brooks, while Harvey was the only man for the Spiders to get two off Arrington.

The win was the sixth in a row over three seasons for UR at the expense of Tech.

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