Hokies Split Games
In Light Week

It was an unusual occurrence for the Virginia Tech baseball team, the Hokies, had nearly a whole week off. But when Tech got back into action over the weekend, the best it could do was a split of a two-game trip to Western Carolina.

The Gobblers had last played on May 3 when they defeated Milligan, 5-3 at home. Then Tech was rained out of a doubleheader the next day at Morris Harvey and was not scheduled until its Saturday meeting at Western Carolina.

In the opener of the two-game set which Tech lost, 7-4, the Hokies jumped out front quickly as Gene Fornash led off with a single and scored on Tony Varboncoeur’s base hit.

But the Catamounts surged in front in the second on a two-run triple by Jerry Gaines who later scored on a sacrifice fly by Dale Fox.

A pair of unearned runs in the fourth gave Western Carolina a 5-1 lead that Tech could not overcome despite banging out 13 hits led by Fornash and Paul Adams with three each.

On Sunday, Tech again jumped out in front with three in the first, but the Catamounts chipped away at the lead and had command, 5-4 going into the ninth inning. Part of that rally was ignited by a two-run home run by Wayne Tolleson in the fourth.

But in the top of the ninth, Varboncoeur led off with a single and Tom Acree followed with another. Acree was forced at second by Scott Atkins, but then Fornash singled scoring Varboncoeur and when the ball got past centerfielder Gaines, Atkins scored what