Over William And Mary 15-5

Shelton’s Three Homers Boost Hokies Win

BLACKSBURG—Catcher Wayne Shelton blasted three home runs to power Virginia Tech to its third win of the season, 15-5 over William and Mary on a chilly, windblown Sunday afternoon at Tech Park.

Shelton and third baseman Rick Wade each batted in four runs and outfielder Tony Metts, a sophomore from Newport News, collected two singles and a double in the Hokies’ 14-hit attack.

Sophomore Duke Dickerson worked eight innings to notch his first win of the season. Ken Smith of the Indians went just over one inning but was tagged with the loss.

William and Mary jumped off to a one-run lead in their half of the first inning. Tech retaliated with three runs in the bottom of the first, two coming on Shelton’s home run with a man on base.

The Hokies’ biggest inning was the second with five runs crossing the plate. Tech led 8-1 and was never in danger the rest of the way.

With the handwriting n the wall and a flock of runs in the scorebook, Smith was relieved by tiny Henry Verlander who went the rest of the way on what turned out to be a field day for Tech hitters.

The Indians scored one in the fourth and three more in the sixth but couldn’t make it close. Tech picked up six runs in the three middle innings and added one more in the eighth.

Shelton’s other home runs came in the fourth and sixth innings, with nobody on base either time.

Tech frolicked through its batters holiday, scoring runs almost at will and getting help from three Indians errors.

The Hokies play at High Point, N.C., today and travel to Covington to face the VMI Keydets on Thursday.

START OF BIG DAY—Catcher Wayne Shelton crosses the plate after hitting a home run in the first inning. Shelton had a big day, getting two more four base hits against W&M pitching. Skip Dufflemeyer offers a hand.

GRIEL ROUNDS THIRD—Rounding third base after a teammate got one of Tech’s 14 hits off William and Mary pitching is Danny Griel, Tech third baseman, in scoring position.