Tech hitters dominate

COVINGTON — Virginia Tech continued its recent hitting spree with a dozen hits and Steve Dodd broke the baseball game wide open with a fifth-inning grand slam home run as the Hokies routed VMI, 12-7, here Thursday night.

VMI, playing the Gobblers in a benefit game as its opener, trailed only 5-4 going into the bottom of the fifth when starting pitcher Mike Vela walked Sandy Hill with one out. He also walked Wayne Shelton and a passed ball by catcher Billy Young moved advanced runners to second and third. Dennis Duff was given a free pass and Dodd, hitting .333 but with no homers, sent the next pitch over the fence for a 9-4 Tech advantage.

Virginia Tech 12, VMI 7

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Vela, Briggs (5) and Young, Lombard (6); J. Puglisi, Rhodes (2), Bercy (9) and Shelton. HR—Virginia Tech: Williams, 4th, one on; Dodd, 5th, three on; Shelton, 8th, none on.