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Virginia Tech's baseball team can draw even on the season with a win over Virginia in Cavalier Country today. Tech, which had a rocky opening this year, has shown major improvements in hitting and pitching.

Both righthanders Bobby Fisher and Duke Dickerson pitched the distance in Sunday's doubleheader against the Toledo Rockets and Tech erupted for five home runs.

The Hokies, who came close to losing the first game due to errors after building a 6-1 lead, tightened up in the second contest defensively and had only one error.

Baseball fans who like trivia: here is some. The Toledo Rockets' traveling roster included one member who sounded off at the umpire several times and got away with it, once even drawing a smile.

The Toledo traveler was Sun Dog, a canine mascot jet black in color. The dog either was misnamed or was named as a commentary on air pollution in that city.

Sunday's action had been planned as a single with another game following on Monday but was changed to a doubleheader to give Rockets' players additional time to return home to register for the next term.

Toledo, which was first in the nation defensively last season, lacked some of that sharpness at times, possibly due to the fact that late-season snow has kept them from working out as often as they would like to, according to one of their players.

Tech right fielder Harold Williams showed some hitting power of the type the Hokies will need in large measure.