Hokies Win Three Of Four; Shelton And Williams Star

By Edmund Greene

Tech had a busy week in baseball as the Hokie hitters have finally seemed to have fallen in the groove. Wayne Shelton continued his hot hitting streak by leading Tech to victories in three out of four games.

Last Wednesday Tech played at High Point, falling to the Pioneers 6-4. Shelton homered in the second to put the Hokies ahead 1-0. Joel Swope tied the game for the Pioneers by matching Shelton’s homer in the fourth.

High Point scored two runs in the 5th and went ahead for good on back to back doubles, an error, and a single.

Dennis Duff hit his first homerrun of the year, but it was not enough as High Point broke Tech’s modest two game winning streak.

Tech got back on the winning track Thursday night at Cavanaugh by defeating VMI 12-7.

The Hokies scored first and never trailed as they collected runs in all but one inning. Wayne Shelton had three hits, including his sixth home run of the year, and two rbi’s. Harold Williams collected his second home run of the year and drove in two runs. But the big hit of the night belonged to right fielder Steve Dodd, who hit a grand slam homerun in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach.

Mike Rhodes went seven innings for the Hokies, coming in relief of starter Tim Puglisi who ran into control problems in the second inning. Rhodes evened his record at 1-1 as Tech won their fourth game against seven losses.

Sunday afternoon the Hokies returned home for a double header against the Toledo Rockets. Tech swept two games from the Rockets, winning the opener 7-5 and the second game 6-1.

Freshman Harold Williams provided the margin of victory in the first game by slamming a two run homer in the second inning, his third of the year.

Sandy Hill collected three of the Hokies eight hits, including two doubles.

Bobby Fisher went the distance for Tech, collecting his first victory of the season.

Wayne Shelton, Tony Metts, Steve Dodd, and Sandy Hill each collected a home run apiece in the second game as the Hokies breezed past the Rockets 6-1. All were solo blasts with the exception of Metts’ whose was a two run shot.

Duke Dickerson went the distance for the Hokies, who stretched their winning streak to three games. Dickerson scattered eight hits while striking out four. Dickerson is now 2-1 as the Hokies raised their record to 6-7.

Tech next travels to the University of Virginia for a game on Tuesday and to Howard on Friday before returning home next Sunday for the opener of a seven game homestand with a doubleheader against Richmond.

Hokie first baseman Harold Williams had homers against VMI and Toledo this week.