LEXINGTON — Virginia Tech extended its baseball winning streak to 12 games Tuesday afternoon with an easy 8-4 victory over VMI here.

The Gobblers, 15-7, scored four runs in the first inning and led 6-0 before the Keydets dented the scoreboard with three fifth-inning runs.

VMI starter Don Briggs walked four Hokies in the big first-inning outburst. Tech's Dan Griel led off with a double then Vic Wade, Tony Metz and Wayne Shelton walked for one run before Dennis Duff struck out. Sandy Hill followed with another base-on-balls to score the second run.

In came Keydet reliever Robert Sanford, who surrendered a two-run single to Steve Dodd.

In the fourth, Tech scored when Harold Williams hit one of two doubles for the day and scored on Griel's triple. Metz then doubled in Griel.

VMI's Billy Hardy contributed two of the three runs in its fifth inning with a single with two out.

Bobby Fisher, former pitcher at Patrick Henry of Roanoke, Tech's next game is Thursday at home to High Point while VMI, 3-8, ventures to Richmond for a doubleheader.

Virginia Tech 8, VMI 4

Fisher and Shelton; Briggs, Sanford (1), Young (7) and Lombard.