Mason On Sports

What is in spring sports as hot as Virginia Tech's baseball team? Try the track team. In its third year, the Hokies have been more than a match for a team measured up against the William and Mary Indians, a traditional power. The Hokies thumped the Indians 45-15 and set a school attendance and VMI and Keith Neff set a meet record for the pole vault that still was five inches short of his state record 17 feet. Hokies are third in the region and third in a flock of first place finishes.

Coach Russ Whittacker and the track squad deserve congratulations on their accomplishment of being the best in Virginia.

Humphries' Hokies, in need of a zipping finish to make it to the post-season, still had one. In the season prep, had a doubleheader Saturday at Tech Park.

Tech proceeded to win both games to stretch their consecutive win streak to 15. The Hokies have no fewer than seven games scheduled this week, the first five, starting tomorrow afternoon, at Richmond. The Hokies must win most or all of these to keep open the road to the post season prep.

Brett Duff has five hits for six games at bat against the Monarchs. Duff's hitting and improved mound performances like Mike 'Wholed' two latter in the first game are part of what keeps the big Maroon and Orange Machine going.

Hall of Fame

W. L. "Mons" Younger of Dunville, who had a career of more than 40 years, died recently. Much of it at Virginia Tech, deserves the recognition accorded him by being named to the Virginia Sport Hall of Fame.

Younger coached basketball, football and baseball and stepped down in 1930 as athletic director as current AD Frank Monroy took over that task along with the football head coaching from 1931 to 1945.

Only three teams have exceeded the 19 wins racked up by the Younger-coached 1921-22 basketball squad.

Year of Unknown

1972 already is the year of the unknowns on the pro golf tour-the new wave of young golfers to whom winning a tournament, means instant recognition and more incentive to keep winning the Little white ball.

Bruce Liebreich who won at Tucson and Hawaii was an unknown yesterday of the tour and a seasoned pro of Tom Potterman before he won at Los Angeles, Gary Knox before the win at Atlanta, and Peter Senior in Miami. It also meant American recognition for Graham Marsh when he won at Hilton Head although he previously had won almost every international event and the Australian Open that's in another sport.

And Tom Watson, winner of the Masters over Jack Nicklaus, is an old established name alongside Danny Edmonds who shed the unknown label when he won the Greater Greensboro Open.

Edmonds is from Edmond, Oklahoma, not golf's capital of the world. He shot a 63 on his third round, has never exceeded 87 on any round of 18 holes and didn't take up golf until the advanced age of 14. Golf publications estimate he must go 20 years until he makes his million when they need to use out-card players.

How long will the new sensation last as a winner? Tom will next year. Yesterday's semifinalist, Johnny Miller, still searching for his temporarily misplaced gold edge, finished far back in the pack at the Masters, running about for enough for the round trip fare to Augusta but not nourishing masts while there, but no tip for the airport cab driver when he returned.

Pittsburgh: Speech

Sports literature, it seems, is a thing, has all the dull comments "Well, we won" or "Well, we lost" variety, that it needs. When an unusual turn of phrase occurs, it deserves reporting.

A comment that was a departure from the ho-hum utterance of the Tallahassee open golf tournament over the weekend.

Jack Ewing, Friday's leader, said he would have to stop second-guessing himself in Sunday's final round and "I've got to let it go and not pushy-foot around on Sunday like I'd better get mine."--Ewing.

Now that's positive thinking.

Keeping The Steak Going

What do you do when your tennis team is winning but the seniors tip it coming up and your number one singles is senior Neil Gallimore, the winner of the state.

If you can, you schedule around the trip. That's what Christopher tennis team of Tony Mullins did, adding, "We can't win without Gallimore.

Neil plans to attend Madison College next fall and is expected to be a strong asset to a promising tennis squad. The Dukes offer some scholarship aid after the first year according to Madison coach.

In the nearer future when the senior returns from his trip; it will be business as usual on the Demon courts.

Good Show, Highlanders

One of the top tennis teams in southeast Radford College's tennis team which wound up an outstanding season with state tournament play in Charlottesville when they made it to the third round, according to the coach.

Congratulations, Highlanders.