Gobbler Skein Hits 17, W&M Road Foe Today

From Wire Dispatches

Virginia Tech extended its winning streak to 17 and raised its record to 20-7 by sweeping a doubleheader from host Richmond Tuesday, 3-2 and 3-0.

The frustrated Spiders twice left the bases loaded in the second game and were held to a total of six hits on the day — three in each game.

After beating William and Mary for their 19th win of the season in the opener of a twin bill Monday, the Spiders lost their last three games of the season in a futile attempt to win number 20.

In other State collegiate action, Hampden-Sydney swept a twin bill from Washington and Lee 10-1 and 3-2, Randolph-Macon downed Eastern Mennonite twice 6-0, 11-6, George Mason split with Catholic, winning 5-4 in eight innings and falling 7-1 in the nightcap and Virginia Wesleyan swept North Carolina Wesleyan 5-3 and 6-4.

Today's action finds Virginia Tech visiting William and Mary for a 3 p.m. struggle, George Washington at Liberty Baptist, Virginia State at Norfolk State and Emory and Henry at Ferrum in a twin bill.

The Techmen scored single runs in the third, fourth and sixth of the opener against Richmond. Rick Wade scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Wayne Shelton.

Richmond got two in the fourth on a single by Steve Messick.

Duke Dickerson claimed the win for Tech, with John Power picking up his second save in relief in the seventh. Dickerson is now 6-1.

Al Bowles went the distance for Richmond, giving up five hits, striking out four and walking two. Bowles is 5-3.

Former Warwick High star Tony Metts had a double, a single and one RBI for the victors.

In the nightcap, the Gobblers had seven hits and scored two in the fourth and one in the fifth.

Tech's Dean Powell went all the way, picking up his second win without a loss. Stuart Watson, now 2-4, was the loser as Richmond finished the season at 19-17.

Wade had two hits in four trips for the Gobblers who began the season by dropping six of their first seven games and seven of their first 10.

Since then, they've won them all. Randolph-Macon's Yellow Jackets boosted their record to 18-3 with the sweep of the Royals.

Larry McAlexander hurled a one-hitter in the opener to set his unbeaten record at 7-0.

The Yellow Jackets scored four of their six runs in the fifth inning — all coming after two outs and all of them unearned.

Wayne Elliott's grand slam in the second inning of the nightcap pushed Randolph-Macon to a 6-1 lead that the Royals couldn't come back from.

Hampden-Sydney's Mike Adkins pitched a two-hitter to lead the Tigers to their first-game victory and Dave Hardie's RBI single in the seventh inning broke a tie and gave the Tigers a sweep.

Adkins, a sophomore, had a no hitter going until the seventh inning when the Generals broke through with their first hit of the game.

Eleven batters went to the plate for the Tigers in a big seventh which produced six runs. Billy Niedermeyer belted a threr run triple and Frank Fulton hit a three run double.

Chip Childs suffered the mound loss.

In the second game, Hardie's single to left scored Niedermeyer to break a 2-2 tie, which gave the Tigers the win. Their record is now 9-14. The Generals dropped to 3-12.

Mike Morgan collected the win in the night game and Vic Shepherd, the loss.