Virginia Tech Gobblers Keep On Winning
As They Bomb Concord College 9-1 Sun.

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BLACKSBURG—A big first inning, sprinkled liberally with Concord mistakes gave Virginia Tech the momentum to romp to a 9-1 victory over the college division team to rack up their 24th win of the season and 21st in a row Sunday.

Strong pitching performances by Duke Dickerson and Bob Fisher in relief and dependable hitting by second baseman Danny Griel and left fielder Demmie Duff contributed to the win. Concord lost leadoff hitter Bud Alderman cracked a sharp single to left on the game’s pitch but that was the only hit the visitors got off Dickerson who struck out seven and walked no one in his six innings of pitching.

Concord tagged Fisher for two hits and its only run.

Third baseman Mike Preiser singled after a teammate grounded out to open the first inning. Center fielder Sandy Hill reached base when he was hit by a pitched ball. Catcher Wayne Shelton reached first on an error on third baseman Steve McNeer to load the bases.

Duff singled to score both Preiser and Hill. Right fielder Tony Metts drew a walk. Catcher Wayne Shelton scored on a passed ball by catcher Steve Ballenger and Duff moved to third. Duff scored an error on an error on Concord pitcher Bill McCord as Metts moved to third.

Outfielder Steve Dodd struck out and first baseman Harold Williams was walked, putting runners at first and third. Shortstop Skip Dofflemeyer singled to score Metts. Second baseman Griel, up for the second time in the inning, walked and Preiser grounded out, with the bases loaded. Tech had scored five runs on three hits and three errors.

The Hokies took on three more in the seventh and one in the eighth. Dodd singled to start the seventh, stole second and moved to third on an error by the catcher. Metts singled to score Dodd. Dodd hit into a fielder’s choice that resulted in Metts being caught at second as Dodd went safe at first. Dodd later stole second, then third and Williams was walked. Williams stole second and Dofflemeyer struck out. Griel singled to score Dodd and Williams. Preiser, playing in place of regular third baseman Rick Wade, who has an injured shoulder, grounded out to end the inning.

In the eighth, Hill singled and went to second on a wild pitch by reliever David Shaw, who had pitched in Concord’s doubleheader the previous day. Shelton lined out to Steve McPeek at shortstop. Larry Smoot, a junior from Edinburg, singled to score Hill, and the Tech victory was assured.

Concord’s solo score came in the ninth inning after two hits off Fisher. Griel got two hits in the third and later, and Dodd went two for four. Tech’s reserves took over at seven of the nine positions before the end of the doubleheader.

Tech’s big lead and the threat of rain caused an exodus of the crowd at the end of three innings. Tech has a game scheduled for today against Milligan and a doubleheader against West Virginia Thursday, at home. The Hokies meet Milligan under the lights Saturday at Elizabethan, Tenn. and return for a doubleheader the next day against Morris-Harvey.

Dodd was the winner and has a 7-1 record. McCord, an outfielder/pitcher who started for Concord, was the loser. The Concord meeting originally had been scheduled as a doubleheader but was reduced to a single game.