Tech Hokies Beat Milligan For 22nd Win In A Row

BLACKSBURG, Apr. 26—Virginia Tech lefty Dean Powell, pitching literally and figuratively between raindrops, lost his chance at a shutout in the ninth, but the Gobblers chalked up their 22nd win in a row, 6-3 over Milligan here Tuesday.

Slated to be redshirted until about three weeks ago when Coach Bob Humphreys was virtually forced to use him, Powell, a transfer from Ferrum Junior College, recorded his third win, but he needed just a drop of help from reliever Harold Berkey to get the final out. Powell struck out 10,

including six of the first 10 men he faced, but he also walked 10 which kept him in trouble.

With two out and nobody on in the ninth, Milligan, now 22-7, parlayed three walks and a pair of singles into three runs before Berkey came on and nailed down the last out.

Tech scored all the runs it needed in the third on a pair of walks, singles by Dauny Ciel and Wayne Shelton and three Milligan errors.

Shelton hit a solo homer in the ninth, leading off the sixth inning for Tech's other run.

The Gobblers, now 25-7, have a doubleheader here with West Virginia today. Starting time is 12:35 p.m.

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HIGH THROW, HOKIE SCORE—A throw takes Milligan catcher Mark Fox off his feet and away from the plate as Tech's center fielder Sandy Hill races in to score a run in the big fifth inning. It was Tech's 22nd win in a row and 25th of the season.

WINNING FORM—Lefthander Dean Powell of the Hokies displays his winning form as a pitcher as he releases a pitch to a Milligan batter with Shelton behind the plate.