VPI Wins Pair, Ups Skein To 24

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Virginia Tech ran its baseball victory streak to 24 Thursday with a 3-1 decision over West Virginia in the first game of a doubleheader and a 9-0 forfeit in the nightcap.


At Blacksburg, the Gobblers took the nightcap when the Mountaineers quit after several players were ejected during a free-for-all.

Virginia Tech, 27-7, had scored five runs in the first inning of the second game when a Gobbler runner was tagged out sliding into second. A fight, emptying both benches, ensued and the umpires ejected two Techmen.

While the exact number of Mountaineers ejected could not be learned, West Virginia Coach Dale Ramsburg said he hadn't brought enough players to continue with the Gobblers receiving a forfeit.

Jim Puglisi pitched a four-hitter for the Gobblers in the opener and limited the Mountaineers to two singles by Mike Stone in the last six innings after West Virginia got a run in the first.

Dennis Duff's solo homer tied it in the second and the Techmen scored twice in the sixth. Ex-Warwick star Tony Metts got a bunt single in the sixth-inning uprising, while Duff and Steve Dodd also singled and Danny Griel doubled.

Ex-Tabb standout Mike Foard helped pitch Lynchburg to its victory. He and DeWayne Kitts limited VMI to six hits.

Wayne Robertson's seventh-inning triple sent home the tie-breaking run after the Keydets had tied the score at 3-3 in the top of the seventh on Billy Young's three-run homer.

Steve Woodruff's double and Tony Spinner's single gave the Hornets a run in the fifth and Barry Gordon doubled home two teammates in the sixth.

Lynchburg got its final run in the eighth for a 20-6 record. The Keydets are 5-17.

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Young: Andrews (6) and Lombard; Foard, Kitts (9) and Bailey. W — Foard. L — Andrews.
Home run — Young, VMI,(7th, two on).

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Gallagher and Gilbert; J. Puglisi and Shelton.
Home run — Duff, VPI, 2nd, none on.
Second Game forfeited by West Virginia.