Tech Hokies Thrash Morris-Harvey Twice: Winning Streak Is Extended To 27 Games

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BLACKSBURG—Virginia started fast but ended slow in the first game and all but blew Morris-Harvey out of Tech Park at the outset in the second contest to win a baseball doubleheader and run their consecutive win streak to an unheard-of 27 games. The scores were 7-5 and 9-0 and the season record is 30-7.

Center fielder Sandy Hill of Glenvar slammed his third home run of the season with third baseman Rick Wade on base to go things going for Tech in the first inning of the first game.

Morris-Harvey came up with four runs off starter Mike Rhodes in the top of the third to take the lead but not for long. The Hokies retaliated with four of their own in the bottom of the same frame and added another in the sixth to win. John Power relieved Rhodes in the seventh to slam the door on the West Virginians, who scored one run, left two men stranded on base and the potential tying run at the plate.

A home run by Carl Mertz was the highlight of Morris-Harvey's four-run third.

Sandy Hill started off Tech's third with a single which was followed by a double by catcher Wayne Shelton, followed in turn by a double by left fielder Dennis Duff, scoring Hill and Shelton. Mike Pressler flew out and right fielder Steve Dodd hit a sharp grounder through third base to score Duff with the go-ahead run. Dodd scored the fourth run of the inning when shortstop Skip Dofflemeyer singled off the glove of Marshall shortstop Paul Manley.

The wins were numbers 29 and 30 of the season and the consecutive win streak went to 28. The Hokies did a complete turnaround in the second game. Asked whether he had given the team a pep talk between games he replied, "I don't go in for that kind of thing, but I just pointed out to them some things they were doing wrong. They looked like they fell asleep in the seventh inning."

Humphreys said he realized that the team, which played a game Saturday night was tired.

Tech exploded for seven runs in the first inning as the Morris Harvey coach yanked his starting pitcher. The Hokies could have coasted for the rest of the way with the big run cushion but didn't, keeping the pressure on for the entire game.

Tech takes on the Thundering Herd of Marshall today at Huntington, facing its third West Virginia team in the last four outings. The road schedule ends tomorrow against the Volunteers of the University of Tennessee in a game played at Kingsport.

The home schedule and the regular season will end with single games against Howard University.

The nothing short of amazing Hokies, now 29-7, go after their 29th consecutive win on the banks of the Ohio today.

1st game:
Morris-Harvey, 004, 000, 1-5-7-1, Va. Tech: 204, 000, 1-7-7-1.

2nd game:
Chittum-Samms, Rhodes, Power 7th-Shelton, W-Rhodes (5-1), L-Chittum (3-4), Home runs: Hill (VT) 1st, one on, his third of season; Mertz (M) 3rd, two on.

2nd game:
Morris-Harvey: 004, 000, 0-0-6-2, Va. Tech: 700, 000, 0-0-9-9, W-Puglisi, Boggs 1st Bailey, Fisher-Shelton, Smith, 6th, W-Fisher, (3-1), L-M. Puglisi.