Virginia Tech Hokies Sign Forward, Center To Grants

BLACKSBURG—Dave Bennett, MVP in Detroit’s Metro Suburban Conference and AAA all-state forward in Michigan, has signed a grant-in-aid with Virginia Tech.

Bennett, 6-6, 190 forward, from Bloomfield Hills, led Lahser High School in both scoring and rebounding in each of the last two seasons even though “he didn’t shoot enough,” according to his coach, Nick Conti. Bennett, however, holds several school records, including 59 percent shooting accuracy for a season.

“He’s a smooth shooter, with excellent range (15-20 feet) and unusual accuracy,” says Tech Coach Charles Moir.

In the last two years the Knights have a composite 42-6 record and Bennett averaged 15.4 and 17.7 points and 8.4 and 10.7 rebounds.

Tech won a recruiting battle with Arkansas, Iowa State and Stetson.

Bennett is a fine student (3.3) and plans to major in accounting at Tech.

Earlier in the week Tech had signed John Hillenbrand, 6-8½, 225, center from Jamestown Community College.

Hillenbrand, from Bemus Point, N.Y., had been all-star his last two years at Maple Grove High School, averaging 22 points a game, and set career scoring and field goal percentage marks.

He averaged 14 a game last season while playing in Coach Nick Creola’s two-platoon system at Jamestown.

Hillenbrand is a superior student (4.0 in high school and also 4.0 at JCC) who intends to major in chemical engineering.