Virginia Tech's chances of receiving an at-large bid to play in the NCAA baseball national championship playoffs, diminished when no bid was received after Monday's meeting of the College Baseball Committee. In fact, Tech probably would have a spark of life.

The committee meets again Monday. It already had all the facts about Virginia Tech's record and its schedule for the season. It has already taken note of Tech's record of 29-23-2 and will likely give Tech credit for its win over Howard, a team that was 31-31-1. If Tech is scheduled to play against Howard again on Monday, it will have a chance to clinch a berth in the post-season tournament. The committee has already decided that Tech's chances of getting a bid to the post-season tournament is very slim, but it will likely give Tech credit for its win over Howard.

In the meantime, the Hokies, with a nearly completed season record of 32-2, had every reason last Monday to expect a bid but did not receive one. The team still has a chance to hold its record against some, possibly all of the teams selected in the Atlantic and South regions. If the team doesn't get a chance to prove it, an injustice will have been done.

Strong Finish For Demons

Christopher's baseball team, showing strength as the season ended, got 26 runs Thursday and 24 runs the next day with 18 runs to rout last-place George Wythe twice, 144-40 and 188-2.

Before the team can relax and say, "We needed that," it will be time to meet Narrows tomorrow to win the district. A win over the Green Wave would produce an overall mark of 8-10, two below the break-even mark but better than might have been expected.

The Demons, predominantly young and inexperienced, had only three seniors and will return everybody else next season. Mark Houchin, 5-3 strikeout and 13 strikeout, will be gone along with Terry Epperly and designated hitter Marvin Wade, all of whom will be missed.

Coaches Turner and Beale, who had 13 strikeouts in the game at Wytheville and earlier against Radford, hitters such as Mark Creasy and Sherman Harmar and others.

Coach Troy Wells looks to improved Demon teams for the next few seasons and a squad able to compete with the leaders starting next year.

Race Is Ending

The New River district baseball race is nearing a close with the Giles squad sitting pretty in good shape to take the championship with an 11-3 district mark compared to Blacksburg's 10-3 (going into Tuesday's games).

Given the unpredictable nature of the district this year a tie still could happen in the number of wins. If Giles wins the role of spoiler for the race goes to Radford which defeated the Indians twice. The Cats also compiling a better record than Floyd County which probably will finish fourth, lower than had been expected when the season began.

Next year should produce another scramble in the district, based on a quick look at returning pitchers. Harvey Marshall returns for the Floyd Buffaloes and if he doesn't prove to be the best in the district, the honor may go to Blacksburg's Tom Schuler, who may already be there.

Christiansburg's Smith will help keep things interesting and Radford's Chad Hardin will rank near the top based on his performance this time around.

Hitting may make the difference next year and may be doing it this year, considering the depth of pitching and Gilles.

Track Weekend

Track meet tournaments are scheduled for the area this weekend.

Shawsville and Auburn will participate in the regional meet Saturday at the Christiansburg track and the New River district girls meet is today in Radford. The district boys meet is set for Friday and Saturday also at the Bobcat track.

Bobcat Floyd has a good track and look like favorites in the boys meet and you can rate their order of finish any way you like.

Eagle Talk

Auburn track coach Wayne Zellers feels that his regulars came through well in the district victory over Shawsville.

He admitted that his team made some mistakes but in the race to help "didn't hurt anything." which was an understatement. Basketball and tennis player Kevin Harris, in his first track meet for the Eagles, was high scorer, was the Eagles first win of the season.

Congratulations,

Milton George of Christiansburg has completed the county's hole-in-one derby by scoring on no. 6 at "Muni.

No. 6 for those who don't know, has a grove of trees to your left and the last tee on the edge of the fairway to your left on the left a town street on which border an array of homes with picture windows looking defiantly toward the fairway.

Golfers with a bad hook would do well to try to play the carom off a tee on their right. People mowing grass in their front yards nearby would do well to avoid hitting those white objects that are bigger than your average hailstone.

In spite of the obstacles, real or imagined, Mayor George do it for which he deserves congratulations.