MINNEAPOLIS (Special to Daily Press) —
Just how far can Virginia Tech's Gobblers extend their baseball winning streak, now at 31 games?
That question may be in the minds of a number of people but the Gobblers themselves will have to be excused if they put that question aside and concentrate on the immediate task at hand — winning today's first-round game of the NCAA Midwest Tournament.
Virginia Tech meets Central Michigan at 1 p.m. at the University of Minnesota while the host Gophers tangle with Florida at 4 p.m. in today's first-round contests.
The double elimination tournament winds up Sunday, with the winner getting a trip to the eight-team NCAA College World Series.

The Gobblers rallied from a 1-6 start to post a 34-7 record despite having only three regulars hitting over .300. Dennis Duff and Wayne Shelton pace the Virginia Tech attack.
Pitching has carried Coach Bob Humphreys squad to its lofty string of victories with Duke Dickerson and Dean Towell topping the mound staff.
Dickerson boasts an 11-1 ledger and an earned run average of 2.02 while Towell is 5-0 with a 1.35 ERA.

In Mid-America Conference champion Central Michigan, the Gobblers meet a team with a 43-12 mark and a trio of outfielders hitting above .400. Its pitching staff is led by Chris Ozarka who has an 8-0 record and a 1.64 ERA.

Minnesota's Gophers, old hands at post-season competition, take on a Florida team which is in its first play-off outing in 15 years.

The Gophers, 35-10, won the Big Ten title for the 11th time under Coach Dick Siebert who has taken his club to the College World Series several times in the past and won the NCAA championship on three occasions.

Florida finished second in the Southeastern Conference and is 27-16 for the year. The Gators' 10-9 loss to the New York Yankees in a March exhibition game.

Having won its first nine games this season, Bergman credits the quick getaway to the Bergman who beefed up his squad with seven junior college transfers this year.

Florida led the Yankees 8-4 in the middle innings, and Bergman says "that really gave us a lot of confidence."