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(Continued From Page 12) high in the air off Dofflemyer, apparently after striking him on an arm and the runner was safe. Dofflemyer wasn't hurt and remained in the game.

Humphreys said later, "The first thing you learn about fielding is that if you go after a ball and somebody else gets it you get out of the way, you get down."

The Hokies also had some difficulty fielding balls in the outfield and on one occasion Sandy Hill went down to both knees, but made a catch for an out at the foot of the center field wall.

Tech got hits from Rick Wade and Sandy Hill in the fifth but couldn't score a run. Florida had built its lead to 5-3 but the Hokies still were in the game until the sixth. The runner who reached base on Tech's fielding miscue moved to second on a sacrifice at second and trouble was ahead.

Roger Holt singled for the Gators and another run scored. As if the Hokies didn't have enough trouble they had a "Big Mac" attack as McDonald slammed a home run over the right field fence and the Gators held a hefty 8-3 edge.

Florida tacked on another run shortly after Berekey went to the mound in the seventh. Tech sent only three batters to the plate in the eighth.

Tech got one final run in the ninth when Williams, batting with two out, powered a bases empty home run over the left field wall.

The Hokies had hit the ball with authority and seemed to be swinging for the home run but too many walks from the pitchers and costly fielding mistakes sent them packing after their second consecutive 0-2 performance in an NCAA regional.

Rhodes (5-2) was the losing pitcher and Florida's Ron Crum, a 5-11 175 lb. junior from Harrisburg, Pa. was the winner.

For third baseman Rick Wade, catcher Wayne Shelton and center fielder Hill it was their final game in a Tech uniform.

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Florida 221, 003, 10X-9
E—Holt, Crum, Wade, DP—Florida 1, LOB—Virginia Tech 5, Florida 6, 2B—Duff, Preiss, Williams, McDonald, Griel, Cortese, HR—McDonald (3), Williams (9), SB—Holt, S—Empie, Hall, Brantley, Shulock.

Rhodes (L, 5-2) (Listing in order: IP, H, R, ER, BB, SO) 2, 3, 5, 1, 1, 6, 0
T. Puglisi 4, 3, 3, 3, 2, 1, 1
Dennis 1, 2, 1, 0, 0
Power 1, 0, 0, 0, 0
Wright 8-4) 9, 9, 4, 4, 0.

WP—Crum T—1:55. A—900
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