Highlanders Down Tech, 4-2

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The Radford Highlanders soccer team defeated their arch-rivals from Virginia Tech 4-2 Wednesday in an album game held here at Radford. The action was a high intensity and it seemed like both teams were desperate for a victory. Freshman Jamal Haddad and senior Scott Bailey scored two goals each to lead the Highlanders. But the game was close throughout and it was not until the five minute mark that Radford College scored their final winning goal.

Tech controlled the action in the first half. After numerous drives near the Radford goal, Wayne Chechula scored on a penalty kick. But the score remained 1-0 at the half. Due largely to several excellent goalkeeping saves by Tim Ryan. Ryan had to make 7 saves in the first half while Tech goalkeeper saved only twice.

The second half was a different story, however. Scott Bailey tied the score with a beautiful header, assisted by Jamal Haddad. Then Haddad made it 2-1 on a direct free kick that went to the left of a, wall that the Tech players had set up.

The Gobblers grabbed back the momentum, though, as Kevin Hogge knotted the score at 2-2 late in the game.

With time running out, Jamal Haddad scored what proved to be the winning goal with about 4 minutes left. And a minute later Scott Bailey got an important insurance goal.

After the Highlanders secured the victory, Coach Peter Howes said they scored against BC were their only ones in their last three games.

The Highlanders now have a record of 3-1-1, and play their next home game on Saturday, M. October 8 at 3:00 p.m. against Bluefield College.

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Highlanders Block Tech’s First Goal Shot


Trying To Assist Him And Highlanders’ Steve Shulte (19) And The Goalie Tim Ryan Trying To Block The Shot.