Swimmers Split Weekend Duals

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For the second consecutive meet, Virginia Tech's men swimmers battled to the final event of the day but were handed their sixth loss in seven outings by Marshall University.

The women, however, fared much better by defeating Madison, 83-47, in improving their record to 6-3 for the season.

The men's meet was close throughout, beginning with a fluke tie in the 400 medley relay and going to the final 400 freestyle relay with the Hokies trailing only 54½ to 49½. The relay, worth seven points, was lost by Tech and Marshall went on to win 61½-49½.

Joe Martz was a triple winner, swimming the anchor leg of the medley relay, taking the 100 freestyle and retaining his undefeated status in the 50 free.

For the second meet in a row, Bill Vinton won the 200 breast stroke and swam well in the 200 free.

Other outstanding performances included Lance Terpenny's 200 fly, Curt Geiger's 100 free and Mathew Robins' 200 backstroke.

Craig Cilemberg and Mike Hennekins easily swept the 1 and 3 meter diving events due to Marshall's faltering diving program.

The women never trailed Madison and set several school records in the win. Freshman Courtney Gray set school records in the 50 breast, 100 breast and the 100 I.M. to become the meet's only triple winner.

Diane McKee broke a school record in the 200 I.M., while Carol Williams recorded the highest point total to date in the 3-meter diving event.

Coach Beecher was pleased with the team's performance but had anticipated tougher competition from Madison.

The men travel to Lexington this Wednesday to face V.M.I.'s Keydets while the women host the nationally acclaimed University of Tennessee Volunteers this Saturday at 2.