Defense And ‘Chile Bean’ Break Hex 
As Va. Tech Beats Wake Forest 23-6

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WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.—A third-quarter offensive explosion and the kicking of sophomore Paul “Chile Bean” Engle of Kayford, W. Va., combined with a strong defensive showing powered Virginia Tech to an impressive 23-6 season-opening win over the Wake Forest Demon Deacons at Groves Stadium Saturday night.

It was Tech’s first season-opening win in nine years.

Neither side could move consistently in the first quarter but Tech mounted a drive aided by a Mitchell Barnes to Moses Foster pass and runs of 14 and nine yards by Roscoe Coles and made it to the Deacon 15.

Wake’s defense turned the tide momentarily, trapping running back Chuck Nuttycombe for a long loss.

Engle tried a field goal from 39 yards out and made it for the Hokies first score. He was to have two more and miss a fourth attempt.

The frustration continued for the rest of the half with a few mistakes. Tech had several fumbles, most by quarterbacks, and lost two for the game.

Engle, a one-time resident of the South American nation of Chile, got the call again and cashed in another field goal, this time from 32 yards. He had all of Tech’s first half points.

The Hokies and Deacons were almost even at the halfway point with 103 and 108 yards total offense respectively.

Defense had kept Tech in the game for the first half along with Engle’s kicking and the narrow margin needed to be reinforced since a single Wake touchdown and PAT could wipe it out.

Tech, which had lost its past eight opening games in a row, came storming back in the third quarter and racked up yardage almost at will.

Ellis Savage, sophomore running back from Steelton, Pa., started things off when he momentarily bobbed Wake Forest’s kickoff at the 11 but recovered and ran it out to the 33.

Tech was in gear and scored one 15 play 67 yard drive which took nearly seven minutes to complete as Coles tightroped it down the right sideline on a wide six yard sweep for the touchdown. Engle converted.

The Hokies got a break when sophomore defensive back Gene Bunn of Virginia Beach accepted a pass thrown by backup quarterback Mike McGlamry of now-desperate Wake Forest.

Bunn returned it 21 yards to the Wake 18. Three plays and a holding penalty later Barnes connected to a falling Moses Foster in the end zone for a 31 yard touchdown play that eluded the Deac’s All American candidate defensive back Bill Armstrong. “Chile Bean” converted again as Tech led 20-0.

Engle connected on a 27 yard field goal just four seconds into the fourth quarter to raise it to 23-0.

Wake Forest, down to its third quarterback, soph kicker Bob Hely, finally generated some offense with an 80-yard touchdown drive, highlighted by a 46-yard right side run by freshman James McDougald.

The Deacs, unable to penetrate the center of Tech’s line, got their only touchdown on a Hely to Al Zyskowski two-yard pass with less than two minutes to go.

Wake’s last hope for points died with 36 seconds left when Tech soph defensive back Chip Keatley of Beckley, W. Va., intercepted a Hely pass.

The status of Coles, who received a bruise when a Wake player’s helmet made contact with a thigh, was uncertain at press time but Coles felt that he would be ready next Saturday when the Hokies face highly-regarded Texas A & M at College Station, Tex.