A quick look at Tulsa’s football team leaves me with the impression that the Golden Hurricanes are going to be tough by the time they play Virginia Tech.

Tulsa rolls into Blacksburg on Nov. 6 and Tech is the seventh game for the Golden Hurricanes.

Richmond assistant Jerry Foshee pointed out, quite correctly, before the Spiders lost 22-7 to Tulsa Saturday, that the Hurricanes would rely on defense early in the season.

“They lost eight offensive starters, but have a lot of defensive people back,” said Foshee. “Until the offense gets together, they’ll depend on defense and I’m afraid we’ll have trouble.”

But Tulsa’s offense made plenty of mistakes. Richmond coaches thought their defensive team looked good because time and again it stopped the Hurricanes.

But I can’t help wondering if Tulsa’s offense didn’t make the mistakes without any help. Time will tell, but it sure looked that way to me. They missed on some long passes with men wide open.

Tulsa’s defense, as billed, was tough. Richmond scored once and Tulsa Coach F.A. Dry pointed out it was a mistake. He wasn’t wrong because the Spiders’ runner was wide open for 45 yards without many blocks aiding the cause.

“The defense played well,” said Dry. “They did not come unglued after the score. We knew we were in better condition and we could come back.”

Tulsa will probably be a victim of Oklahoma State this week. With Memphis State and Arkansas following, the Hurricanes could start 1-3. But by the time Tech arrives, Tulsa will be a better team if the offense gets together. If not, it will be an easy Tech win.