College Station, Tex.—“The turning point was in the third quarter when the offense couldn’t get it going” summed up Virginia Tech head football coach Jimmy Sharpe. Tech had just dropped a 19-0 decision to a strong, impressive Texas A&M Aggie team, rated number one in the nation defensively last season.

“The defense stayed in there a long time,” he said, “they just got worn down.”

“Our defense played exceptionally well but broke down in spots. With two minutes to go in the half it was still a scoreless game.”

Speaking of A&M he said, “They’re a big, strong, fine football team. They have a super strong offense. Early in the game they established the inside running game.”

Sharpe said that four players were hurt in the game: running back Roscoe Coles, punt returner Ellis Savage, tackle Tom Beasley, and end Dave Dolphin. It was reported later that lineman Bill Housewright also was injured.

A check with the Tech football office Monday morning revealed that Adams, Dolphin and Housewright all had sprained ankles but were expected to be ready for Saturday’s home game with Southern Mississippi.

Savage, caught by a bruising two-man tackle, has cracked ribs and will miss at least the Southern Mississippi game.

Beasley has bruises ribs and may not start and Coles’ shoulder injury is not expected to keep him out of the lineup. “Our game plan was to take it to them—to crack the middle and then get outside.

“(Linebacker Robert) Jackson looked mighty good today for them. Our defense played well but missed some tackles.”

The coach said that safety man Henry Bradley, who started against the Aggies, still hasn’t returned to full speed following the foot injury that kept him out of the Wake Forest game.

“Maybe we should have passed more,” he said, “but there are a lot of things we won’t know until we see the game films. We’ll get better.”