WRAPPING IT UP TIGHT

Eagle Carl Allen Pulls Hokie Running Back Roscoe Coles To The Turf

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quarter was a big one," said Sharpe after the battle. "It got everyone excited on the sidelines, it got that adrenalin running."

Tech was not up for the game. The players admitted it and Sharpe echoed the thoughts. "We didn't have any emotional highs for this game. But we'll take it just like that."

"It was a game we had to have to start what we want for the rest of the season," Sharpe said.

Many Hokie followers believe Tech can now go 10-1, with a bowl bid in the offing, after the loss to Texas A&M a week ago. Southern began to open up a bit on its first possession of the second half, a trend it carried as much out of necessity as planning. But the drive was squelched when placekicker Randy McDonald's 55-yard field goal attempt was short.

The only good punt return of the day by Southern helped set up the Eagles' first and only touchdown of the season. Gobbler boater George Roberts, a walk-on who has earned a scholarship, kept the Eagles backed up all day with his booming punts which seemingly went as high as they did long. But after booting a 44-yard punt which was negated because of offsetting penalties, Roberts came back and punted another 44-yarder to the same spot.