Hokies excite Fimian

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Keith Fimian could be doing his thing for Virginia Tech.

Or even Georgia, one of the top ranked teams in the nation.

Instead, the William and Mary fullback is toiling in relative obscurity in Williamsburg.

He achieved some notoriety a week and a half ago by leading the Indians in rushing as they beat Virginia 14-0. He is William and Mary's second leading rusher with 244 yards in three games.

With this impressive background, Fimian comes face-to-face with Virginia Tech Saturday. The Indians' junior admits the Hokies get him more than just a little excited.

Perhaps he recalls having the double rush job put on him by Tech when Jimmy Sharpe took over as head coach there in the winter of 1975.

decision. "I think of what it would have been like. I was aware of what I was getting into. I suppose it would have been nice to play in a program that has a lot of money."

"I wish this program would expand, but I don't second guess. I'm happy at William and Mary. This is the finest team I've played on and we lost only four starters off this year's team."

Fimian is known as the Milkman. He says it's kind of a misnomer in that he was dubbed that as a freshman.

"I used to drink a half gallon of milk with dinner. Then I'd get a half gallon to take back to the dorm," Fimian recalls of his freshman exploits.

"That didn't even include what I drank for breakfast and lunch. But I've cut down now and only a few of the older guys still refer to me as 'Milk.'"

Fimian guzzles more than just milk.

"Oh yeah," he said matter-of-factly, "I drink beer. I'm a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. We drink it, but not as much during the season."

Fimian is the one who said after the Virginia game that he felt the Cavaliers weren't as big a rival of the Indians as Tech and Southern Conference teams are.

"I regarded Tech as a big game. It's always been that way for me since I've been here. I really want to beat Tech. No doubt we can. We have the mental and physical ability to do so," he said.

If William and Mary does upset Tech Saturday, Fimian will be hoisting a few Saturday night. And you can believe the Milkman will be drinking something stronger than cow's juice.

"The recruiting trip was impressive," said Fimian, remembering the journey from his native Virginia Beach to Blacksburg.

"They sent the Hokie plane for me. The pilot even let me sit in the co-pilot's seat and do some things."

"I was a fullback then. So, I guess I would have fit in Tech's offense, but I had my heart set on William and Mary."

Fimian says William and Mary had what he wanted -- a major college football program and academics. He is an accounting major and William and Mary has one of the top schools in this field in the country.

"Tech impressed me by the money they have in their program," Fimian recalls. "I really respected their coaches. I gave it some serious thought for a couple of weeks."

Fimian says recruiting trips were tough. "You come back from a place impressed and you like it. I was treated like a king. I had made about eight trips, but it was also getting old. I was trying to play baseball," he added.

Fimian also turned down Georgia. Since then the Bulldogs have been to two bowl games and are unbeaten this year.

"It's hard to look back," he said of his