Good, Live Indians

BLACKSBURG — The only good Indians are dead Indians? Maybe in the Old West, but not in the Old Dominion, for William and Mary and Virginia Tech both still have some very strong football teams as they outdistanced Virginia Tech's Hokies to run their State record to 3-3 and their overall record to 8-3.

Someone said, after the Tribe's one-point loss to East Carolina last week, that the Tribe was going to hold their mistakes to a minimum. And when they do, they generally win.

The Hokies, coming off an open date last week, were the team that had the mistakes. They changed the script of their first three games and, for a change, the Tribe was the beneficiary of early-game mistakes.

From the Tribe's standpoint, W&M had won the toss, elected to receive, committed turnovers and drawn costly penalties.

Against them for three years, the Tribe has had its share of disastrous starts, and it promptly rectified the referee's colt Tos's. The Hokies received and early and on the way to putting themselves in a serious position.

The Tribe's only three points came just before the half and after their big fumbleback, Keith Finman, had twice fumbled and once covered in the end zone. Finman's only return of the day was a 30-yard pass interception by the Virginia defense.

Being a few points down at a half, the Tribe was only one touchdown ahead, and the Hokies seemingly had their collective heads on their shoulders.

Could the Indians stay with the Hokies in the second half?

In Re Quarterback Rozantz

THE INDUSTRY didn't stay with the Hokies, they left the Tech defense in the hands of the Tribe's quarterback of the future, Tech's Gary Heidt completed a 96-yard drive with a touchdown pass with nine minutes remaining on the Lane Stadium scoreboard clock.

W&M coach Jim Root, who'd vowed after the East Carolina defeat that the Tribe would look good, didn't have much to say after the Tribe's 21-15 victory over Scholten-point Tech.

"We didn't play well, but we won," Root said.

"Someone asked if I thought we could stay with Tech, and we had a chance for 10 minutes. I don't think we were quite good enough to dominate the way we did. We had 156 yards rushing, but we didn't do it very many times. We had 18 first downs, but we didn't do it with a lot of it.

The Tribe dominated the play in the third quarter to such an extent they only lost 11 yards in the fourth quarter. He wasn't hurt. He wasn't tired. It was just that the Indians had their "best damn win ever" in the bank and Root wanted his back-up qb, Junior Price, to get in and play some time.

Much Too Late

ROOT IS SOFT, right about the Indians being a "pretty good" team. How do they top the Hokies over the Hokies, it's time to forget W&M's 2-5 record last season, that the young Tribe had been defeated as much as the offense.

Proof of that: until their last two possessions of the ball, the Tribe had gained only 156 yards in four quarters. The 96-yard scoring drive late in the game increased Tech's total to 156 yards.

Ronaco Coles, Tech's swift, wound up with 115 yards rushing, while Jack Gifford, who entered the game late in the fourth quarter, averaged 144.4 yards for six punts.

Runners Joe Agne, of the Indians, and George Roberts, the Tech pucier, put on grand exhibitions of kicking, Roberts, who has averaged 67 yards on eight punts and Agne averaged 65.5 yards for six punts.

Tech hoped to catch the Indians by surprise. On the game's first possession, the Tribe was looking for a 30-yard pass intended for Foster, but it was incomplete. Barnes came back on the second play with a crossing pattern, which also failed.

On W&M's first offensive series, the Indians were forced to punt three times, the last one a fake punt, which killed the-kicker's (Agne) penalty and a first down for the Tribe near mid-pitch.

That was the first of a series of Tech no-los. By game's end the Hokies had been penalized 19 times. The Tribe drew only 12.

Hot Line to Moscow

A FELLOW WAS talking, Friday night, about a Virginia traveler, with some William and Mary alumni in Russia, re- ceiving a phone call from Moscow. The call was the Moscow line, and the voice was someone's friend who wanted to call from Moscow (3:16 there) to get final score. If the Indians were down, maybe he could call them.

The phone call was from Moscow, and the name on the call box was "Dr. T. Marshall Bash Jr., former president of Virginia Tech." "I was the graduate," Bash said, "and I'm putting together the huge Georgia-Pacific Corp. with headquarters in Portland, Ore., and I planned to see three or four Tech games during the season."

Thebad weekend for Tech began Friday morning when St. John's, running a 160-yard screen pass and a strong force in his school's athletic program, suffered a stroke. Andy's report on Cambridge's condition was encouraging.