Much Too Late

ROOT IS OH, so right about the Indians being a "pretty good" team. With their smashing victory over the Hokies, it's time to forget W&M's 2-9 record of last season. The defense has improved as much as the offense. Proof of that: until their last two possessions of the ball, the Hokies had a total offense of only 151 yards. The 99-yard scoring drive late in the games increased Tech's total offense to 280 yards.

Roscoe Coles, Tech's swifty, wound up with 115 yards rushing, but 70 of those yards were gained late in the final quarter. The Hokies' late offensive showing came much, much too late.

Punters Joe Agee, of the Indians, and George Roberts, the Tech punter, put on grand exhibitions of kicking. Roberts, who had one short kick, averaged 47.9 yards on eight punts and Agee averaged 46.5 yards for six punts.

Tech hoped to catch the Indians by surprise. On the game's first scrimmage play, Barnes threw a long pass intended for Foster, but it was incomplete. Barnes came back on the second play with screen pass, which also fell harmlessly.

On W&M's first offensive series, the Indians were forced to punt. The Hokies put on an all-out rush, resulting in a roughing-the-kicker (Agee) penalty and a first down for the Tribe near midfield.

That was the first of a series of Tech no-nos. By game's end, the Hokies had been penalized 10 times. The Tribe drew only three penalties.

Hot Line to Moscow

A FELLOW WAS telling, Friday night, about a Virginian, traveling with some William and Mary alumni in Russia, requesting the Lane Stadium press box telephone number. He wanted to call from Moscow (3 a.m. there) to get final score. If he called, the score had to have made the alumni happy.

—Dr. T. Marshall Hahn Jr., former president of Virginia Tech, was here for the game. Dr. Hahn, now a top executive with the huge Georgia-Pacific Corp. with headquarters in Portland, Ore., said he planned to see three or four Tech games during the season.

—The bad weekend for Tech began Friday morning when Stuart K. Cassell, Tech's administrative vice president and strong force in his school's athletic program, suffered a stroke. Saturday's report on Cassell's condition was encouraging.