Well-Balanced Blue Hens Could Prove Toughest W&M Opponent

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William and Mary didn’t lose to a “powder-puff” by any stretch of the imagination Saturday afternoon. In fact, the University of Delaware may turn out to be the best team on the Indians’ schedule this year.

The Blue Hens, now 4-1, certainly showed they were deserving of their ranking as the No. 4 team nationally in the college division polls. If anything, they may be underrated.

The Indians, who let the Blue Hens off the hook in the waning minutes for the deciding touchdown, lost the battle of the statistics for the first time this season.

They were held to their lowest offensive yield (257 yards) while surrendering the most real estate (346).

Most of that could be attributed to the fact that the Tribe ran into the best balanced attack of the season and the dandiest passing quarterback, sophomore slinger Bill Komlo.

The Indians entered the contest with the No. 7 pass defense in the country statistically, but Komlo, a third-stringer several weeks ago, hit on 11 of 19 aerials for 167 yards, including a game-winning toss of 16 yards with 2:12 to play.

“That guy (Komlo) was the best passing quarterback we’ve faced this season,” emphasized Tribe standout linebacker Jim Ryan. “He really did a good job in picking out his receivers.”

After yielding 13 points in the first half, the Blue Hens’ defense buckled down and shut out the Tribe offense the rest of the day.

“Our offense really fizzled out in the second half. We couldn’t sustain anything,” admitted W&M Coach Jim Root. “Delaware is a solid football team and I think they indicated that by coming back from a 13-0 deficit.”

“We couldn’t keep the ball away from them in the second half, and we couldn’t get a big play when we needed it.”

In other results involving the “Big Five,” Virginia Tech rebounded from last week’s loss to W&M by thumping Virginia Military Institute 37-7 in the See VPI’s, Page 19, Column 1.