“I remember it well,” says Sharpe. “And I’m sure that some of our players remember it, too.”

What the Hokies really need to remember most is how they got it together last Saturday and find similar ways to keep “making something happen.”

Payne now has validated credentials as one of several Tech has that is capable of fulfilling that order.

Roscoe Coles, junior running back who netted 111 yards against the Keydets, now holds the Gobbler record, 10 games of 100-plus rushing yards.