MEAD INTERCEPTS—Freshman defensive back Matt Mead of Newport, R. I. (left) intercepts a VMI pass from quarterback Larry Hupertz intended for empty-armed wingback Carl Jackson (right) in the first half of Monday’s game.

ROGERS RUNS—Freshman Mickey Rogers of Gate City (right) runs for a gain for the Virginia Tech JV’s. Approaching (left) to attempt a tackle is flanker-defensive back Walt Bellamy of the Keydet JV’s.

Virginia Tech And VMI Tie Monday In Freshman Game At Lane Stadium

BLACKSBURG—The VMI Keydet JV’s jumped off to an early lead, then had to scramble in the fourth quarter to preserve a tie with the slow-starting Virginia Tech JV’s Monday afternoon at Lane Stadium.

Mistakes canceled Tech scoring opportunities throughout much of the game. In the first quarter a bad center snap to punter Johnny Wilson, a Freshman from Maylon, went out of the end zone for a safety for VMI.

The Keydets mounted a drive that ended in a nine-yard touchdown run by tailback Anthony Green and the visitors had a 9-0 lead as the quarter ended.

Quarterback David Lamie broke a 64-yard run deep into Keydet Territory was stopped on about the 12. A few plays later Lamie, scored on a seven-yard run through the middle. Paul “Chile Bean” Engle added the point and Tech trailied by two at halftime.

Both teams stalled out offensively in the third quarter but started to move in the final 15.

Engle connected on a 28-yard field goal to give the Hokies their first lead, 16-9.

Steve Scott, a redshirt junior linebacker from Unicoi, Tenn., intercepted a Larry Hupertz pass and returned it from the touchdown that padded Tech’s lead. With Engle’s kick added the Hokies appeared to have a winning margin, 19-9.

The Keydets were not denied as Hupertz connected on a seven-yarder to tight end Dave Tyler for a touchdown and did it again for the two-point PAT for the tie.

Tech’s record goes to 0-1-1 and VMI is 0-0-1.