Kruis, Coles Hold Firm Statistically

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throughout the week, but that isn’t expected to limit their efforts come Saturday afternoon.

Carrying the work load for Coach Jim Tait’s Spiders will be Ed Kreillis and Milt Ruffin. In nine games, Kreillis has averaged an output of 75.2 yards, Ruffin 56.8.

However, of all the running backs in action, only Coles is ranked nationally. Latest figures from the National Collegiate Athletic Association list Coles 21st with a per-game production of 102.0 yards. A couple notches ahead of him is William and Mary’s Jim Kruis with 104.1.

Tech has one other performer high in NCAA statistics. Punt returner Greg Payne, a product of Hampton’s Bethel High, is 15th with an average of 11.3 yards per return.

Richmond claims some prestige through punter Bruce Allen, son of Washington Redskins’ coach George Allen, and free safety-Jeff Nixon. Allen is 13th among the collegiate world’s punters with a 43.7 average on 59 kicks, while Nixon is tied for fifth place in number of interceptions with six in nine games.