UR Blunts Tech, 16 to 0

Given the ball 62 yards from the Hokie goal just minutes into the second period, he needed but five plays to run the margin to 14-0. He hit seldom-looked-to tight end Tim Manwaring for 15 yards to move to the Tech 35, then found Buster Jackson on the other side with a 10-yard toss the junior turned into a 35-yard TD by outracing the defenders.

"They took the boot and we just slipped him out," said Taylor.

That came with 4:46 left in the half and was followed by offsetting turnovers and exchanges of punts. Billy Cheshire, who was later to hang the final indignity on the Hokies, recovered a Paul Adams fumble at the Tech 39, but Taylor followed by throwing his second interception, Henry Bradley stealing this one in front of Call in the end zone.

INDIVIDUAL RUSHING
Virginia Tech — Lane, 3 carries, 2 yards; Coles, 10-41; Adams, 13-61; Manwaring, 13-55; Call, 14-4; Barnes, 4-2; others, 3-15.

INDIVIDUAL PASSING
Virginia Tech — Barnes, 9 completions, 75 yards, 2 interceptions; 22 attempts, 3-551, 1 TD.

INDIVIDUAL PASS RECEIVING
Virginia Tech — Payten, 1 catch, 14 yards; Yates, 1-7; Jackson, 1-5; Call, 1-7; Manwaring, 1-21; Barnes, 1-2; C.E. 1-5; Call, 1-17; TD.

The UR punt was followed by Tech's last serious action of the cold afternoon. Roscoe Coles, George Heath and a UR foul on the seven took the ball to the UR three — Coles getting 25 yards in four totes, Heath 28 in two.

But the two could get it no further than the one in three more tries, two by Coles, who last week had 214 yards in the 35-31 loss to Tulsa.

"We felt we could stop it," said junior linebacker Orlando Branch, who was called for the foul after slipping on the ertsatz turf still wet from Friday's snow but was in the middle on the stop of Heath and made the initial hit on Coles' kids from three yards and three feet.

"All week, we worked on stopping Coles," continued Branch, who had a hand in a game-high 11 tackles.

How well they did that is illustrated by the fact Coles, who needed 62 yards for his second 1,000-yard season, was limited to 41 yards, which is 61 off his average. That total was a yard less than he had at the half because Branch, Cheshire and Co. turned his five second-half totes into a minus-one-yard effort.

"We felt we had to keep taking it to them in the second half," said Branch, "we have been ahead or well in the game at the half all year only to have a second-half breakdown.

But not yesterday, and by the middle of the third quarter, Cheshire began to get the feeling that there would be no repeat of similar lapses. "It just seemed they couldn't do anything," said the 250-pound sophomore from Newport News.

For the most part, the Spider offense wouldn't let the Hokies have the ball, keeping it for all but 11 plays of the period. Then, when the Hokies did have it, the Spider defense wouldn't let them do anything with it.

Their only first down of the third period came on a roughing-the-kicker call. Then, in the fourth period, Tech was forced back to its own end zone. Neither quarterback Mitchell Barnes across the last line for the safety that completed the scoring with 5:20 left.

"I just gave him (blocker) a head slap, then looked up and there was no one but him (Barnes) and me," said Cheshire.

Hokie coach Jimmy Sharpe saw what happened. "They keyed on Roscoe, like we thought they would," he said. "But it still comes down to making something happen, and we didn't do that."

And, the Hokies, said Tait, "didn't let our mistakes kill us, which has been happening."

"We knew if we could get it together on both sides of the ball, it wouldn't even be a contest," said Tech captain and middle guard Gary Edwards. "We got it together."

Tech Tight End Dave Dolphin Takes 22-Yard First-Quarter Pass in Hand

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perfection. On only three of the six first downs during the drive did the spiders face third-down situations.

The Spiders went 14 points up early in the second quarter when reserve quarterback Dave Taylor, playing in place of the injured Larry Shaw, connected on consecutive passes — the first to tight end Tim Manwaring for 15 yards, the second to tailback Buster Jackson for 20 yards, only to come up pointless when time ran out after the Spiders held Coles to no gain on a third-down play on Richmond's one.

Three plays later, Coles had gained six yards to the Richmond six and the ball was moved to the three (half the distance to the goal line) because of a personal foul by a Spider. Although time was automatically out for the officials to confer and place the ball on the three, Tech called time. It was the Hokies' last timeout of the half and there they were — on Richmond's one as the clock ran out before Tech could run a fourth-down play.

Tech never mounted a drive in the second half as the Spider's defensive unit played hostile football. Led by linebacker Orlando Branch, safety Jeff Nixon, ends Ray Chase and Rick Sowiera, middle guard Gary Edwards and line backer Ray Kelly, the Spiders shut off Coles completely in the second half. The Tech swifly, who gained 42 yards in 11 carries during the first half, wound up the chilly afternoon with a total of 41 yards on 16 carries. Which made Coles minus-one yard on five carries in the second half.

"The big thing you have to do against the wishbone (offense) is keep that speed off the corners and we did that today," Tait said. "The Spiders did that to a coach's delight as they removed one from Tech's wishbones."

200-pound freshman fullback Tim Thacker. Now Thacker, who played for Richmond alumni Al Rinaldi at Highland Springs H.S., had been in a varsity game this season. At Highland Springs, he was primarily a blocker, but he was a defender against the Hokies.

"For a freshman in his first starting role, he (Thacker) did a heckuva job," Tait said. "You never know what kids will do in a game until they get a chance."

Young, Mr. Thacker surely seized his "chance" with alacrity.

Taylor's first pass of the game was a "strike" — but a Tech defender. That turnover, Tait said, "really scared me." But Taylor completed five of his last eight passes for 63 yards and two touchdowns.

Tait and some of the older squad members remembered the Richmond-Tech game two years ago in Blackburg. The Spiders were down right away that game: 41-7 favor the Hokies. And Tech won last year, 21-0.

But Tait remembered, too, the last time the Spiders played a Tech team at City Stadium. That was in 1969, when Tait was Frank Jones' offensive coordinator. Richmond "upset" Tech in that one, 17-16. But yesterday's 16-0 victory was no upset. Just a matter of Richmond's administering a good, old-fashioned licking to the Hokies.

In the words of Tech coach Sharpe: "Jim Tait and his staff did a super job of preparation. His team played with a great deal of enthusiasm — which we didn't, although I thought we were ready to play. Our kids were loose, maybe too much so. I was hoping that confidence, (Rick) Razzano's last 10, but that doesn't take anything away from Richmond's play."

Razzano, Tech's fine junior linbacker who was injured in the Tulsa defeat, started yesterday to maintain his record of starting every game for three seasons. But it was only a token appearance. After Richmond's first play from scrimmage, Razzano trotted to the Tech sideline to remain there throughout the game.

That one play Razzano was "in" proved, perhaps, to be prophetic, as Spider tailback Ed Krellis ran for 13 yards.