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RICHMOND—Quarterback David Lamie rushed for 121 yards and two touchdowns as Virginia Tech “smoked” the William and Mary Indians 17-8 Saturday at the 29th annual Tobacco Bowl in Richmond’s City Stadium.

For the third straight week Tech played in the rain, but this time the sun shone on the Hokies, as they notched their first win of the season and snapped a six-game losing streak. Tech capitalized on eight Indian turnovers, including four interceptions of heralded quarterback Tom Rozantz, and successfully executed an onside kick in racking up the victory.

Lamie, who had been criticized for much of the Hokies’ sputtering offense in their first three outings, plunged one yard for the Hokies first touchdown, and capped the scoring with a 77-yard scamper in the final period. His efforts earned him the game’s Most Valuable Player award, an honor he could have easily shared with linebacker Jerry Shoemaker.

Shoemaker, a junior from Wilmington, Delaware, was all over the field. He had an astounding 31 tackles on the day, including 19 first hits, and recovered two Indian fumbles in leading the Tech defense.

Tech was outgained 333 to 233 in total offense on the day, but William and Mary was unable to capitalize on its ability to move the ball. Hokie defensive back Denny Winfield stopped two scoring threats with interceptions and a 77-yard touchdown on the turnover.

Two plays later, Lamie rolled left, optioned to keep the ball, got block from Ellis Savage, and scooted 77 yards to paydirt. Instead of 10-7, the Indians trailed 17-0.

Following a scoreless first period, Tech began the scoring on a 23-yard field goal by Paul “Chile Bean” Engle. The field goal came after Tech fullback Dickie Holway fumbled at the Indian one yard line ending Tech’s first scoring threat. Two plays later, William and Mary tailback Jimmy Kruis returned the favor, setting the stage for Engle’s chip shot. The first half ended with Tech holding a 3-0 lead.

The Hokies surprised the 18,698 spectators and the Indians as well by opening the second half with an onside kick. Engle’s kick rolled lazily for about eight yards before rolling out of bounds for a big bounce. High jump specialist Henry Bradley picked up the ball, and Tech recovered at the Indian 42-yard line.

The offense moved to the Tribe nine before a Lamie fumble interrupted a potential scoring drive. In just two plays the Hokies regained he ball on an interception, this one by junior defensive back Gary Smith.

Smith saw his first action of the season, coming off a shoulder injury he sustained in the pre-season. His return was a blessing for the Hokies, as he helped the secondary prevent Rozantz from completing a pass from the first quarter to midway in the third period. He also saved one touchdown, as he tackled down Indian tailback Jimmy Kruis from behind when it appeared he was destined for six points.

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Lamie’s second touchdown opened the fourth quarter, and trailing 17-0, Rozantz finally engineered a scoring drive. A Greg Roberts punt, the first of only two second half punts, was downed at the Indian 15. Added to a 59 yard keeper, Rozantz covered the 85 yards in nine plays.

Fullback Keith Fimian slashed over the left side from one yard out to prevent a shutdown. Rozantz passed to Manderfield for the two point conversion, and with six minutes remaining, the Hokies led 17-8.

The Tribe penetrated Tech territory once more. A roughing the passer penalty against Tech on third down and a pass completion to split end Gray Oliver put the Indians in good field position at the Tech 29 with three minutes to play.

On first down Rozantz had his fourth pass of the day picked off by fullback Manderfield. Rozantz rushed for 17 yards, his second in the end zone, muffing the Indians’ last attempt.

Tech fullback Rich Rozantz supported Sheoekman well, combining for 15 tackles.

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making the pair one-two for Tech honors. Sophomore Danny Hill contributed 11, and Chip Kestle 10 for the Hokie defense. William and Mary’s Jim Ryan collared 20 in leading the Indian defense. He was followed d by tackle Rolfe Carawan who had 13, and Ed Amos with 11.

Sidelights—Tech’s leading rusher Roscoe Colver was limited to just 22 yards in 10 carries, but was hampered by an ankle sprain in the first quarter. He saw limited action in the second half—Rozantz passed for 184 yards but was successful on only 11 of 26 attempts on the day.

Tech continued to have problems hanging onto the ball, fumbling four times Saturday. At least none of the bobbleheads were between center and quarterback. Lamie’s 77 yard run was the longest from scrimmage this season for a Hokie ballcarrier, and his 121 yards rushing marks the first game he has netted over ten yards this year. Kenny Lewis rushed 10 times for 54 yards, his longest a 31 yard burst. Indian punters had an horrendous day, averaging just 27 yards on three punts. Seven TD records were tied in Saturday’s game.

The final stats: Virginia Tech 17, William and Mary 8.

First Downs: Tech, 14; WM & Mary, 23.
Yards Rushing: Tech, 282; WM & Mary, 249.
Yards Passing: Tech, 51; WM & Mary, 184.
Passes A-C: Tech, 10-32; WM & Mary, 26-314.
Total Net Yards: Tech 333; WM & Mary, 433.
Fumbles-Lost: Tech, 4-3; WM & Mary, 4-4.
Punts-Avg.: Tech, 6-38.6; WM & Mary 3-27.0.

MAKE WAY FOR DAVID—Virginia Tech quarterback David Lamie (right) slips through a hole in the William and Mary defense. Lamie’s 77-yard touchdown run against the Indians Saturday gives Tech their first victory of the season.