The Day of Big Test; What Will Answer Be?

CHARLOTTESVILLE—The big game.

How big it all has been since truly it was a game to rival the Virginia-Virginia Tech clubs, at least in the interest expressed by fans in the Old Dominion.

Tech has been in only two such games in recent memory—against Miami in 1920, when the Hokies were 5-1, and against Alabama in the 1908 opener. And, in each case, much of the interest was a desire to see the opposing team. Ironically, Tech lost both games by 47-0 scores.

Virginia has not played such a game since 1932, when the all-time record crowd of 48,000 spilled all over the Scott Stadium boxes to see the Cavs lose to Duke 25-7. Both teams were unbeaten at the time and ruled No. 1.

The Tech-UVA series never before has reached the pinnacle it has finally achieved for one game. Tech's big game was to be with VMI. Virginia's with North Carolina in a series that began in 1923 and has continued unabated except for the World War 2 years.

The series was even blocked for three years after the 1936 game because UVA's opted to concentrate on its Atlantic Coast Conference foes.

But such hands firmly prevailed, and the game again began in 1938. UVA's won that one, 7-0, signaling the many years of the 1938-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47 string of victories.

Last year's game at Charlottesville attracted a crowd of 20,000, largest so far at Scott Stadium since Tech returned to the series.

The 50,000 mark may come late in the year when Tech 2-7, UVA 5-4, and both teams at home. The Tech season opener was Oct. 4, 26, to grab a 36-23 lead in the rivalry.

Saturday's contest, however, is a different matter. UVA has played a game and sport South Caroli-
na, 26-34. Tech has yet to play, but has been riding the publicity wave of "Eоличество II."

Both Compuses Are Optimistic

The fans of each school are hopeful, even optimistic. Charlie Galley has given the Hokies every reason to believe that big-time football just is around the corner at Blacksburg. There is guarded optimism at UVA that Don Lawrence has the Cavalier program on the right track, at least within ACC.

It is a fit that perhaps should be lost on the schedule. But that will never happen in the presence of UVA's already-established tradition.

But football enthusiasm has changed in many, many years that no longer do stars of today play their major rivals in the fall. The one thing, value in change, as the Tech-UVA series has done.

This is more than just a game, however. It is another duel in the battle for state supremacy, something that means so much in the past gene-

UVA has had only one winner in 20 years, the 1967 team that was 7-3. Tech has been the dominant team in the state, but even in the successful Charlo-

The consensus is that, as far as the schools are concerned, Virginia will have the advantage. The Tech-UVA series, except perhaps for the 1956 game at Virginia, has been a hard to lose due to the rivalry between the two teams. There was no doubt about it in these two teams. The fact that UVA can stop Tech quarterback Don Stock and, if Harrison Butts can't play, UVA should close the final stage.

Which team will win? I won't hazard a guess. I believe UVA will need some help from him. If he plays, he will play well. Will he be effective? Nobody, not even the Virginia coaches, can answer that.

The same is true of the University of Virginia. Why?-Because the game is a great one. Almost everything everybody believes Tech will be vastly improved, but that may be proven one game at a time. The only thing that is not proven is that Virginia will play the Tech. The only thing that is not proven is that Virginia will play the Tech. The only thing that is not proven is that Virginia will play the Tech. The only thing that is not proven is that Virginia will play the Tech. The only thing that is not proven is that Virginia will play the Tech.