Tech Stuns SMU

From Page C-3: game, did not play flawlessly, not even close. The Hokies had the ball seven times, four on fumbles, and handed the Mustangs most of their points.

"There was no reason for the in sec tions," Coffey said. "Just a lack of concentra tion."

Two Dave Strock field goals and a 42-yard pass from Don Strock to Demmie Reel (plus a Dave Strock boot) accounted for the Hokie points.

SMU scored first when Strock threw one in the flat to Mustang linbacker Ted Thompson. When Thompson quit running, after 18 yards, he was on the Tech four. Maxson took it in on the next play and Clint Hackney gave SMU a 7-0 lead.

The Hokies scored on the first play of the second quarter when Strock hit Reel with the long one. Dave Strock tied it with his boot.

Tech took the lead, 10-7, with 1:27 left in the half on a 34-yard fielder by Dave Strock but the Mustangs retaliated with 29 seconds left in the half when Hackney kicked a 31-yarder.

Tech's winning field goal was set up when Hackney's 31-yard field goal attempt slipped down by Demmie Spouse and ran back, 35 yards, to the SMU 15. Four plays later Dave Strock kicked the winning fielder from 26 yards.

Although Tech had the wind in its face in the third quarter, the Hokies stayed in great field position. SMU played most of the day around its own 20.

Tech seemingly had the game under control with three minutes left, but freshman Don Testerman fumbled and SMU's Ed Johnson jumped on it on the Tech 22 with 2:52 left. The complexion had suddenly changed.

SMU was stopped for three downs, but Blackburn found Randy Goss open on the fourth and he ran to the Hokie nine. That's where the Tech defense had its finest hour, keeping the Mustangs a foot short of the victory.

The Tech offense was far from being kept, picking up 300 yards, 266 of its on Strock's aerials. But the defense held the SMU's runners, one with 94 speed, the other with 95, to just 130 yards.

The Hokie linebacking crew, especially Tom Shirley and Demmie Spouse, were superb.

"It was a monster man Chuck Pervis, a freshman from Bluefield. Defensive tackle Bill McCollum had a good game as did Rich Easterling who played like he was out to kill somebody."

"I didn't know football could be so much fun," said Easterling. Neither did Charlie Coffey. "It's the greatest victory I've ever been associated with," said Coffey. "We beat somebody we weren't supposed to beat. That's how you build a program."

Tech's J. B. Barber Charges for Nine Yards

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