BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — Just about every time he throws a football, quarterback Don Strock sets or adds to some kind of mark at Virginia Tech, but Strock said, “I’m not really shooting for records — the most important thing is to win.”

That’s something the 6-foot-5, 205-pound senior from War-wick, Pa., didn’t accomplish last Saturday even though he completed 34 of 53 passes for 527 yards, just yards short of the NCAA single-game record set by Greg Cook of Cincinnati four years ago.

For his performance in a 27-27 tie with Houston, however, Strock was named co-back of the week by The Associated Press with quarterback Joe Ferguson of Arkansas.

“I think we should have won,” says Strock, “but I guess the fumbles cost us. We were inside their five twice and f u n b l e d.” He blamed himself for one — “it wasn’t a very good handoff.”

Ironically, it was one of the few games in the last two years in which Strock hasn’t thrown a scoring pass, but he ran for one touchdown and also ran for a two-point conversion.

Houston Coach Bill Yeoman afterward compared Strock, now the national leader in both total offense with 233.5 yards per game and in passing with 21.8 completions per game, with John Brodie when the San Francisco 49er quarterback was playing for Stanford.

“There are several exceptionally fine quarterbacks in the country, but I wouldn’t trade mine for any of them,” says Coffey. “I’m just sorry that we haven’t been a strong enough team to provide him with the window dressing, and thereby the recognition, he deserves.”

Although essentially a drop-back passer to whom “the sprintout pass was t o t a l l y new,” Strock is beginning to master that, too. But the big thing is that “I now have confidence in my passing game and the whole team has confidence in the system.”

Strock began to come into his own last season in the second game, a 24-16 loss to Oklahoma State in which he completed 23 passes for 227 yards and two touchdowns.

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