Strick Holds, Strick Kicks, Hokies Win

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goal by Dave Strick, but with
15 seconds left in the half, Garrett matched him from 26
yards and it was 24-23 at in-
termission.

Midway in the third quar-
ter, the Cowboys found a way
to corral Strick. They kept
him from the ball. OSU con-
sumed eight minutes in a 90-
yard drive, that was culmi-
nated in Blackman's little
one-yard heave to Gant. That
made it 29-24 with 25 seconds
left in the period, but the
two-point pass was incomplete.
Another big play.

But it simply takes no time
for Don Strick to move the
ball. After John Dobbins re-
turned the kickoff to the 43,
Strick hit Scales for 20 yards
and then threw for 23 to Don-
ie Reel for the go-ahead
score. On that play, Reel
captured the ball at the 15,
elicited two tacklers and scrambles down the sidelines
to score. That made it 31-29
with 13:49 left.

Midway in the last period, OSU broke free Smith for 43
yards to the Tech 27. The
Cowboys had a first down on
the seven, but only gained a
yard in three plays. In came
Garrett to kick the field goal
that made it 32-31, OSU.

Strick then passed for 30
and 15 yards to Scales, but
when he fumbled the center
snap at the OSU 7, it was left
up to brother Dave.

Dave missed, and missed
again. But then Palmer gave
Tech the chance it had to
have with his costly fumble.
and the Sprouse recovery en-
abled a Virginia team to beat
a nationally rated foe for the
first time since the Hokies
shocked Florida State in 1964.

"They were really tough," said Don Strick. "They had
six men back on every pass
but they still hit hard. We fi-
nally found the middle lanes
open.

"We ran more in the second
half because I thought we had
to establish a running game. I
thought J. B. (Barber) had a
hell of a game, and so did the
defense, even if they gave up
22 points."

But, on this Homecoming
afternoon, Don Strick had to
turn the hero's mantle over to
his older brother.

"I don't care," he said.
"It's all in the family."

And, like the TV show, in
Blacksburg "all in the fami-
ly" is really No. 1.

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Tech's Ricky Scales takes a pass from Don Strick and
easily outruns the Oklahoma State secondary for a
touchdown at Blacksburg Saturday. The Gobblers won the
game, 34-32.