Hokies edge Cowboys, even record at 2-2-1

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FLASH!
"Explosion '72" was not canceled, merely postponed. After dropping their first two games, on the road, the Virginia Tech Gobblers came out of a three game home stand with a 2-2-1 record. The Hokies beat Southern Methodist University, 13-10, and 19th ranked Oklahoma State, 34-32. They also tied powerhouse Houston 27-27.

In their last outing they came from behind to edge the Cowboys of Oklahoma. Things were starting to look bad when Tech fell beh'nd 14-0 with only 8:27 gone in the game.

Then Tech went to work, much to the favor of the 36,000 fans who jammed Lane Stadium, scoring three touchdowns in 11:17.

James Barber ran for TD's of seven and two yards, while Don Strock hit Ricky Scales on a 43 yard TD bomb. The Cowboys trimmed the lead to one point with a touchdown and no extra point. The kick was wide to the right.

Tech increased its lead with a 53 yard field goal by Dave Strock. OSU cut the margin to one again with a 28 yard field goal at 0:13 left in the half.

OSU went back into the lead, 29-24, with 0:25 in the third quarter. Tech followed with a 33 yard bomb to go ahead 31-29.

Once again a field goal lifted OSU into the front 32-31. But Tech was on the move. Until...

Strock (Dave) booted a field goal wide to the right. However, OSU was off-side. Five yards closer, and the attempt was blocked.

The Cowboys had the ball on the two yard line with just over a minute to play. All they had to do was hold onto the ball for a few plays. They fumbled, however, and after having the ball centered in the field, Strock hit the winning field goal.

Look out behind you! James (42) Barber ran for 2 TD's against Oklahoma last Saturday. (Photo by Broadnax)

Mike (81) Burnop caught two passes against the Cowboys. This tied him for the Tech career catch mark. (Photo by Ferrero)