Virginia Tech JVs Steal a Victory, 28-7

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BLACKSBURG — A lack of appreciation is becoming less and less a problem for Tech's JVs, a 28-7 winner over the Virginia JVs here Monday.

The game, which should reassure Gobbler fans, also included a three TD running day by halfback Don Testerman. Testerman scored on runs of 4, 1 and 3 yards. The second touchdown, with 9:41 showing in the fourth quarter, pulled Tech into a commanding 22-7 advantage.

Tech saw a 7-0 halftime lead evaporate late in the third period when Virginia running back Kelly Millard swept from the seven. Eric Harris kicked it to 7-7. Millard's score followed Harry Thomas's interception at the Gobblers' 42.

Tech's Jerry Kinsey overcame that by hitting Billy Hardee with a 43-yard scoring strike on the final play of the period (the defensive back slipped completely down). On the conversion, Kinsey fumbled the snap but recovered and ran into the end zone.

It was this type of game. Not much finesse, but a lot of excitement. There were 11 interceptions (8 by Tech) and 677 yards total offense (344 by Tech). And 177 yards in penalties, almost evenly divided.

"We didn't play that well or show a lot of enthusiasm," said Tech's JV coach, "but I think we showed some potential.

"You can't expect us to look sharp because a lot of our players practice with the varsity during the week and we only work as a team a day before each game. A lot of the stuff we ran today was from the offenses and defenses of Ohio University, SMU and Southern Mississippi. Did you see us drawing some of the plans in the dirt along the sideline. We just get out there and play on our ability. We have a lot of that."

Tech's playing cast included all of its healthy freshmen, except fullback Paul Ad-