Tech got its licks in the fourth quarter against Ferrum's second team. A blocked kick by Jack Boech set up the Techmen at the Ferrum 17. Five plays later Greg Mullinax, who did not start at quarterback, passed 25 yards to Martinsville's Anthony Hairston for the touchdown. A passing try for two extra points failed.

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The news that Ferrum's national championship will get a lot of attention at Ferrum College this week and in the coming months. There has been much talk along those lines. And Saturday morning Coach Hank Norton will be starting work toward that goal.

This entire season was spent working toward that goal. And Saturday night at Victory Stadium before about 1,300 fans, the Panthers proved they have made a good start. They showed a considerable amount of merit in thrashing the Virginia Tech freshmen, 35-12.

Admittedly the Tech frosh is something of a throw-together group which generally does not practice all in one piece and a team which runs the plays of the week's variety. And there were a good number of top freshmen with the varsity at Alabama Saturday.

Still, on this night, Ferrum was anybody's match.

Norton said after the game, "We expect to have a good team next year if we can keep the freshmen here. We have some very good boys coming back." He was somewhat understating his case.

Ferrum loses 21 sophomores from the present group of about 70 squad members. But this was considered a building year, anyway. And the 0-2 record registered by Ferrum is somewhat less than what Norton teams generally get.

Ferrum was in complete command for the first two and a half quarters, or the length of time its first team was in the game. The Panthers ran only three plays in the final period when Tech got all its points.

The Hokies had a total of 23 yards on their first offensive possession, driving 63 yards with Dexter Fikes going over from the three. Dinky Jones had a 28-yard run to the 19 to set Ferrum's position.

With 11 seconds left in the first period, Ferrum made it 14-0 after driving 80 yards with its second possession of the touchdown. Charlie Matthews went in from the four. Gary Hull hit three passes to James Launzen for a 34 yards in the drive.

Early in the second quarter Ken Brown recovered a Tech fumble at the 50 and on the first play, Hull passed for the distance to Jones to give Ferrum a 21-0 lead.

The half ended that way. In the first half, Tech had driven to the Ferrum seven, but with a fourth and two, a punt went wild and the Goalies lost back to the 25. Later, Tech got to the Ferrum 12, but a field goal attempt was missed.

Ferrum wrapped it up in the third quarter with two touchdowns. After recovering a fumble at the Tech 27, that Panthers scored when Randy Pihl, a freshman, went nine yards on a deep reverse for the touchdown. Three minutes later, Hull passed 19 yards to Launzen for the last touchdown.