Don Strock's Record Day
Bombs the Bobcats, 53-21

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ATHENS, Ohio—It's an elementary law of survival: If
you can't punch, but are determined to fight, learn how
to duck.

Ohio University can't punch (the Bobcats have lost eight
running backs this season), insists on fighting and didn't
duck nearly enough here Saturday as Virginia Tech devas-
tated the Bobcats, 53-21.
The run was a long-time coming for Hokie coach Charlie
Coffey, who went over the .500 mark for the first time in
his VPI career at 3-2-1.

And the fact that it again was the gifted arm of Don
Strock that did the most damage, comes as a surprise to
none. Strock padded his national-leading passing total with
307 yards over the airways, while matching a school rec-
ord four touchdown passes. He struck on 14 of 24 throws
with a lone interception.

"We've been on the other end of these things for a long
time," Coffey said. "It feels good to be favored and win."

The Hokies flaunted their superiority early, jumping off
the 17-0 lead in the first quarter. Strock threw a 34-
yard touchdown pass to Mike Burnop to lead it off, not five
minutes into the game. Then he located Ricky Scales in the
dezone for a 11-yard TD pass. Strock No. 2, Dave,
heated between the poles from 23 yards to all but end the
game in the first period.

Scales, a sophomore wide receiver from Martinsville,
cought three touchdown passes, another Virginia Tech rec-
ord. He had additional scoring catches of 23 and 48
yards.

"On the first pass," Scales said, "I was the secondary re-
ciever, but was getting open. They had me man-to-man and
I knew I could beat the man covering me."

Scales said Strock threw, shortly before the end of the
first half, a perfectly thrown pass just over the hands of the
defender deep in the end zone.

"I called the pass," Scales said. "I came in the huddle and
said the man wasn't covering me. I wasn't covering him enough and
I could outrun him. He threw it just right."

Scales is one of the coming members of Coffey's receiver
corps. His speed and moves, despite a lack of size, point to
a great career.

"We had some trouble getting up for this one," Scales said, "but I always start getting
myself up mentally about Thursday before the game. I start telling myself
there isn't a man in the country that can beat me and I go
into the game thinking that."

"Last week against Oklahoma State, as soon as I took
off the ball the defensive man would just turn around and
run the other way. He was afraid I would beat him."

Scales caught five passes for 87 yards.

Ohio's ball carrier roster looks like a survivor's report
from Custer's Last Stand. The Bobcats have had eight half-
backs sidelined by injuries and they lost a quarterback
and another running back against the Hokies.

Their offensive efforts reflected the lack of seasoned
ball carriers, too. It was only late in the game against the
bottom of the Hokie traveling squad that the 'Cats got any
momentum going.

Ohio had to score its first touchdown twice before the
officials would allow it to be posted.

Midway through the second quarter, quarterback Rich
Bevly faked a handoff to the first man through the line,
then kept the ball and whirled 20 yards for the score after
the entire Tech defense took the fake. Unfortunately the of-
icials took the fake too and the ball was blown dead be-

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First downs 29 19
Rushes-yards 29-137 29-46
Passing yards 395 163
Return yards 17 144
Punts 14 19-0
Plucks 1 1-0
Fumbles-lost 0 5
Penalties-yards 7 60