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before Bevly crossed the end zone.
Six plays later L. C. Lyons took it in from the seven.
The Ohioans had a chance to close the gap shortly thereafter on Strock's only interception at the Hokie 24.

With an opportunity to pull the score to within a field goal's range, Ohio was unable to the defendants and Tech blasted through to block the field goal attempt.
The remainder of Ohio's scoring came against the Hokie third stringers. Second string quarterback Greg Dayton, subbing for the injured Bevly, plunged for a yard and Larry Hummer got one from the four.

VT's final two tallies came on a one-yard dash by Paul Adams and a four yarder by James Barber. Barber's score came with only five seconds remaining.

Coffey led Strock in the action until late in the game. He said it was a tough decision to make with such a lopsided score. "We've been on the little end of these things," he said, "and you want to be fair with the opposition. But you have a quarterback in the nation's limelight and you also want to be fair to him.

"On the other hand, I wanted to let Bruce Arians into the game. I think we played it just right."

Strock had all the time in the world to throw, as the offensive line seemed able to hold the defenders out all day. "The line did a good job," Coffey said. "If they'll give him protection like that, Don will find someone open."

Mike Burnop, a much-overlooked tight end, hooked up with Strock four times for 86 yards. His receptions were sufficient to break the VT record for the most career receptions. It brings his career grabs to 76, eclipsing the old mark of 72.

Strock also surpassed the record for career touchdown passes. He was even with the old mark at 18 going into the game and came out with 22.

Virginia Tech's defense, for a long time, the Tech defense, also came through with some impressive plays. It twice stopped the Bobcats inside their 20. The first, early in the game, on downs at the 15 and early in the third quarter at the five on downs.

Larry Bearekmann, a defensive lineman ripped the opposition for eight tackles and an assist.

"The defense did well," Coffey said, "but there were three or four plays we weren't too happy with them.

"We had some trouble with Ohio last year. We went out at half with a 24-7 lead and it turned out to be a dogfight."

It's hard to keep a team from letting down when you're that far ahead.

"The defense came out today after half and held them. You subconsciously let down mentally with a big lead. You not only let the other team score, but you get a lot of injuries."

The Bobcats drop to 3-4 on the less. Virginia Tech puts its two-game winning streak on the line against William and Mary next weekend.