Another Game of Inches

Baseball, as everyone knows, is a game of "inches." There come times too, when football becomes a game of inches. Like yesterday in the muck and mud at City Stadium.

Virginia Tech's favored Gobblers and William & Mary's Indians were locked in a 10-10 game in the fourth quarter. Tech's kicking specialist, Dave Strock, had missed an attempted 31-yard field goal, and the Indians had moved from their 20-yard line to the Tech 43. The stadium clock showed less than three minutes playing time. It was second-and-six for the Tribe.

Bill Deery, W&M's sophomore quarterback, threw the ball high into the air. Mark Smith, Indian tight end, and Bobby Dabbs, Tech's left cornerback, went up for the ball. It was an unequal contest in the battle for the ball. Smith stands 6-3; Dabbs 5-9 1/2. The latter was giving away 5 1/2 inches. Smith grabbed the ball and went in for the touchdown which, with Terry Regan's extra-point conversion, was to mean a 17-16 upset victory for the Williamburg Tribe.

The Deery-to-Smith touchdown, with Regan's kick, gave the Indians a 17-10 lead, but they don't call themselves the "Fightin'" Indians a 17-10 lead, but they don't call themselves the "Fightin' Gobblers" without reason. Overcoming a holding penalty, the Gobblers, aided by pass interference on the W&M six, swept 84 yards for a touchdown. The score came on Don Strock's pass to Ricky Scales with 13 seconds on the clock.

There was no choice for the Gobblers and their coach Charlie Coffey. They played to win and lined up in regular

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