Dave Needs a Short Game

BLACKBURN—Here goes a fellow miss an 11- yard field goal and then come right back and boot one from 60 yards. Well, if you don't have the answer, don't feel bad, because I did just that here Saturday afternoon doesn't do me justice.

"First of all," said a smiling Dave Stecco, "If there's a fellow you can't beat at football, he's just been an official's judgment. But these next two weeks I have no premeditation about them.

"I only know how I couldn't have missed that first one. But I know it made you mad. My blood was boiling. Here, I was so mad at myself I practically had kicked one from 63 yards if I do in practice.

Dave then began to relate his field goal boating to the boating world of his own.

"If you can call me a lono long player, I reckon I'm a rafter," said Dave who is 6 feet, 4 inches tall. "I reckon I just have to start working more on my short iron and chin ships.

"Chin ships, long iron or what have you, the two boats by Stecco aren't likely to be equalled by a collection of 25 men, if Stecco can start working a bit more on the long irons to come.

And they had people talking here as Tech called for a 27-14 victory over Southern Mississippi. Even Underwood, the Tech coach, was wondering:

"How in the hell did he kick that one from 59 yards. I never saw anything like it.

Don Is Tougher and Smarter

But Dave wasn't the only Stecco who thrilled the Tech fans. There was Tom Stecco, the Tech second stringer who waited until the second half of the big thing to show up. And Stecco didn't show up in any way, he showed up on the field.

He just had off of this passing in a marvelous way with Tech. But it has nothing to do with the game. It was just four of his passes dropped.

And we have not faced that pass in fact the best we've faced for many years. Underwood called me a tough 30 and stronger man than he was last year.

And then the conversation turned two weeks ahead to Tech's big one at Alabama.

"They won't be able to stop him," said Underwood after the game. "They won't be able to stop him. Just as he's going to Alabama just gets it and keeps it. The only thing you can do is try to force the fumble and the kick, and Stecco will also be something like we were when we played the Tech.

"His work will be the same. Stecco just don't wear you down. We were behind only 8-7 in the half and ended up putting boot that, but Tech got one big plus—make two—two Steccs. That's a pretty tough brother act to top."

Big Scales Does Not His Job

The win gave Tech a 4-1-1 record and assured coach Underwood of his team's improvement over his initial season of 4-7. The Tech coaches were signed to a great win at a winning record over the season coming here this Saturday day and the Tech fans were particularly happy.

Buckie Scales continues to be one of the most exacting Tech players. The Tech coach from Martinville has found four chances for 10 yards. Scales had 46 yards in the Tech books—came when Scales took a screen pass and scampered 62 yards in the score.

"I had it up tight end," Scales said in explain- ing the play. "Now, can't you like nothing, that 23-yard pound defensive end. I stood up and ample and led that call to me. Then I take three steps back and five out and there's the ball.

"When the game ended we saw Mississippi players but I remembered the pass I missed right in my hands as a kick and I didn't get any of thel. I just ran it like it was my life and the first time I ran it I had a chance of coming the goal. I had the ball in the air to spike it and do my job better, he was."

"One of the Tech students has seen that and I wouldn't be playing any more so I just kept the ball.

Teach Hires Extra Visitor

Tech Sheriff, outstanding sophomore backfielder from Rome, is likely to see any more action this week. "I am so out of it," he said, "I am out of game with the Ohio University game (Oct. 21) and had a new car and had to see the next one.

But Buckie Easterling, another top defensive end, is one of the Tech coaches. "We saw some tough opponents and was injured early last month but has returned to light workouts.

Buckie Easterling is the senior at Spring. Continue to do a good job at Easterling's end position. He set up the goal line inside the Mid_CONTINUED