Tech Would Be Happy To Keep 'Bama Close

Personal opinions and other piffle:

It is inconceivable, although not impossible, that Virginia Tech will defeat Alabama Saturday. And even though no one at Tech would dare say it publicly, the Hokies would be extremely satisfied to make the game close.

Tech's best chance would be to come from a touchdown or two behind—kind of a sneak attack—instead of scoring early and making Bear's boys mad.

But Coach Bryant's concern over the game is not superficial. Alabama played Florida several weeks ago and during the week of the game Tom McEwen, sports editor of the Tampa Tribune, spent a lot of time with Bryant. McEwen said all Bryant wanted to talk about was Virginia Tech.

'Bear' Worried—They Say

"That was the game he was worried about," says McEwen. "He wouldn't talk about Florida, Tennessee nor Auburn. He just kept saying how Virginia Tech was improving and how much he was worried about Don Strock."

Are those worries justified? Maybe, but it is too much to expect this early. Tech, simply, does not have enough good football players.