TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (Special to Daily Press)—Alabama has lost six fumbles, the Tide didn’t suffer because its defense completely throttled Tech quarterback Don Strock and the Goblin attack which had been among the nation’s most productive in the nation. Strock, leading the nation in both passing and passing yardage, was intercepted four times while completing just 35 of 53 passes for 249 yards.

With a large stable of running backs, the Tide rolled up 461 yards on the ground and a total offense of 661 while holding Tech to a total offense of 152.

"Whatever Alabama is running for, they have my vote," Tech Coach Charlie Coffey declared. "They’re a solid team with no weaknesses. They really came after us.

Junior running back Wilbur Jackson chalked up 231 yards and two TDs, and number two quarterback Gary Rutledge, a sophmore, had 83.

In the first half alone, Tech lost a fumble and four interceptions to Alabama, negating the Tide quickly put the game out of reach. In fact, with less than two minutes gone in the game, Earnest Terry Davis intercepted the first half, and Alabama looked to be in big trouble.

On the first play after recovering a Tech fumble on the Alabama 22, the Tide intercepted Terry Davis answering in the second quarter on an option before pitching out to Wilbur Jackson who raced the remaining 57 yards for the fourth TD of the game. Bill Davis added the first of his six extra points.

Last three minutes later Alabama took the ball at See Recole, Page 4-E, Col. 1
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its own 23 and, alternating running backs Joe LaBue and Steve Biacigilia, went all the way. Terry Davis sneaked over from the 2.

Early in the second period the Tide settled for a 38-yard field goal by Bill Davis, making it 17-0, but less than a minute later Lanny Norris intercepted Lon Strook's pass and returned it to the Tech 20. Terry Davis went nine on the first play, and on the next Jackson cracked up the middle for his second TD of the game.

Alabama's second unit added still another score before the half.

To add to the Gobblers' plight, midway in the first quarter freshman punter Bruce McDaniel sustained a broken leg, and Don Strook, who never before had kicked in varsity competition, was forced to take over the job. Before the game was over Strook was doing a good job, but in his first couple of attempts was a four and a 19-yarder that didn't do much for Gobbler field position.

The second half was more of the same as the Tide took the kickoff and moved 67 yards in nine plays with Steve Biacigilia going the last two yards for the score.

Tech managed a third-period TD. It got a break as James Barber recovered a fumbled punt at the Alabama 25.

Barber cracked left tackle for 16 and then at right guard for three. John Dobbins got it inside the 1, and Barber bulled his way over for his 12th TD of the season. A two-point conversion try was foiled.

With the Tide ahead, 43-6, Strook directed the Techmen 67 yards in eight plays for another TD which came on a nine-yard pass to Craig Valentine in the front corner of the end zone.