**VPI Bounces Deacons, 44-9**

**Strock Hits Targets For Two Tallies**

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WINSTON-SALEM—An icy rain drenched Groves Stadium here Saturday, but for the Virginia Tech football team the sun was shining. The Hokies smashed undermanned Wake Forest, 44-9, as quarterback Don Strock gained two NCAA statistical championships and passed his way into ninth place in the NCAA record book for total offense in a career.

In Saturday's game, Strock fired 47 passes, completing 25 for 327 yards and two touchdowns. Strock finished with 612 yards passing to earn the 10th spot in the all-time NCAA passing records. He ended his career with 5,871 yards total offense, the game's sixth closest than the first score. At the half, the Hokies led 7-0 only by holding off the Deacons on a series of goal-line stands, Tech scored 10. The Hokies drove 79 yards after recovering the opening kick. They needed only eight plays as Strock completed five of five passes in the drive, and hit sophomore Ricky Scales from nine yards out for the score.

The Deacons then took over the ball game. They drove to the Tech 21, and missed a field goal. After an interception, Strock, found the end zone with a score, and later, the Hokies took the lead back to 10-7. They added five more points on a field goal.

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They went from the Tech 21 to the 4 where on fourth and goal, the white-shirted defenders broke up a scoring pass play.

In the second quarter, after another interception, Wake Forest kicked the ball from Tech's 26 to the 9. On fourth down, quarterback Kelvner was stepped inches short of a first down.

After holding Tech without a first down, Wake Forest made its first final-threat. The Deacons moved from their own 41 to the Tech 4 where freshman fullback Fred Shumard fumbled and Larry Beardsley recovered for Tech. The Hokies were able to run the clock out and hold their 7-0 lead to the half.

After two quarters, Wake Forest was ahead in yards, 211 total offense to Tech's 219. As has been the case this year, Wake Forest was unable to maintain its momentum in the second half, In which Tech scored two touchdowns on two plays.

In the second half, Wake Forest selected to kick off and Tech got on the board after three minutes with a 25-yard field goal, with Dave Strock. Dave Strock scored eight points by kicking to Saturday to boost his bid for the national kicking title. In the drive, Don Strock threw eight straight passes and completed four of them for 34 yards.

Some 20 years later, the period set the Deacons and Wake Forest 100 yards from the Tech 7 and with the ball in the four. This is a make a field goal to win the shootout.

At the last moment, Strock came back and scored a run by James Rucker in the fourth quarter.

**Rucker in the fourth quarter, as the weather got worse and the action got hotter, Tech moved the ball, ran out of downs, punted and recovered the ball after the Deacons safety fumbled it. In three plays, Strock passed to Mike Bumph for a 3-yard score.**

Wake Forest scored again, an 85-yarder, and Bumph scored again on a two-point conversion and failed.

Tech scored again after recovering the onside kickoff at midfield. The drive covered 41 yards, Donnie Reed made a punt for an on-side. By this time, Strock was through for the day, but after a fumble recovery young Bruce Andrews ran for 22 yards and scored. Andrews later passed 23 yards for the game's final two-pointer.

In the locker room, a happy Leslie Coffey said he had a kind of woe at the end. "This happened to us at Richmond when we lost to William and Mary. We made a lot of yardage in the first half but we had only three points and as you all know we got beat in the second half. I thought the same thing would happen today."

"We came out for the second half determined to throw the game in their own and we accomplished our goal."

"I feel happy that we could win with a winning season at 6-4-1. You know not many coaches come into a new job as I did two years ago and find a quarterback like Don Strock.

"He's been an outstanding ball player for us, I have him back in his future activities."

"Our job now is to get ready for the next year. We have a lot of boys we want to bring to Tech next year and I'll be out on the trail doing what I can to continue our program."

As is the custom this year, Don Strock was surrounded by reporters as he tried to pull his wet clothes from his body.

"Surprisingly, the field was in good conditions today. A lot of water fell on it, but the footing was good. One-line did a great job for us. We worked all week on picking up their hold and our guards and center did a fantastic job."

Strock wasn't happy about the Deacons.

"It was a long game. He was intercepted a lot. Five times, though."