Strock finishes college career

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Don Strock was “Explosion ’72”!
Charley Coffey and the rest of the Virginia Tech football program became winners, but the story this season, as last, was Hokie No. 15. Strock set almost every record possible during his career.

Most of the single game records came in this year’s game against Houston. Strock hit 34 of 53 passes for the most completions and the most attempts. The total passing yardage for that game was 527.

Also in that game he set the school marks for total offense with 516 yards in 57 plays.

Strock hit a record four touchdowns in this season’s contest with Ohio University. This was the best of Strock’s three seasons, during which he set all the seasonal records for passing and total offense.

In ’72 he connected on 228 of 427 passes for 3,243 yards and 16 touchdowns. He was, however, intercepted a record 27 times.

Total offense provided three more areas for seasonal records. Strock had 480 plays for a total of 3,170 yards. His 18 total TD’s tied the record also held by All-American quarterback Bob Schweickert, who led the Gobblers from 1962 to ’64.

Total offense TD’s was the only department that Strock failed to dominate. He does hold the records of 440 completions in 829 throws, for 6,127 yards and 29 TD’s. Again interceptions were a problem, with a total of 47 being charged to him.

Strock took two out of the three total offense categories. He ran (or passed) 982 plays for 5,871 yards. Schweickert holds the TD record with 40, compared to Strock’s 33.

Strock did it all! (Photo by Ferrero)