Don Strock, Knight Unanimous All Big 5

RICHMOND (AP)—It's entirely appropriate that quarterback Don Strock of Virginia Tech, the state's all-time top yardage producer, and wide receiver David Knight of William and Mary, one of the state's finest pass receivers ever, should head the All-Big Five football team.

Strock and Knight, two of nine repeaters from last year, were the only unanimous choices of the Big Five coaches, who selected the team announced Wednesday by The Associated Press.

Four other players received first-team votes from four of the five coaches—wide receiver Dave Sullivan of Virginia and defensive backs Paul Scolaro of William and Mary, Jerry Scharnus of Virginia Tech and Gerard Mullins of Virginia.

Repeaters besides Knight and Strock on the offensive unit, where there was a tie for the second guard spot, are tight end Mike Burnop and placekicker Dave Strock, both of Virginia Tech.

Scolaro was one of five holdovers on the defensive unit, where there was a tie for the second end spot. The others are ends Stanley Land of Virginia and John Nugent of Richmond, linebacker Pat Kelly of Richmond and defensive back Gene Williams of Virginia Military.

William and Mary's Todd Bushnell and Virginia Tech's J. B. Barber edged Virginia's Kent Merritt and Richmond's Billy Meyers for the running positions in the backfield with Don Strock.

Making up the interior of the offensive line are Joe Montgomery of William and Mary at center, Tom Waechter of William and Mary and Bill Farrell of Virginia at tackle and Stan Victor of William and Mary, Jim Amrhein of Richmond and John Schneider of Virginia Tech at guard.

Billy Williams of Virginia was the third defensive end with Land and Nugent, while Dick Ambrose of Virginia and Bill Ellenbogen of Virginia Tech were chosen at tackle.

The linebackers are Kelly, Randy Rovesti of William and Mary and Tom Shirley of Virginia Tech. Behind them in the secondary are Scolaro, Scharnus, Mullins and Gene Williams. The punter is Jay Jones of Richmond, who led the southern Conference in kicking. There are three sophomores—Ambrose, Waechter and Shirley—and 11 juniors—Land, Victor, Amrhein, Montgomery, Rovesti, Kelly, Barber, Gene Williams, Scharnus, Mullins and Jones. The other 12 are seniors with Scolaro being chosen for the third straight year. Billy Williams was named as a sophomore but was not on the 1971 first team.

Although beaten by both Virginia and William and Mary, Tech got eight berths to seven for the Cavaliers, six for the Indians, four for Richmond and one for VMI.

Don Strock, the nation's leader this year in both total offense and passing, accounted for 5,871 yards in total offense and 6,127 yards and 27 touchdowns on 440 pass completions for his career. He hit 228 of 427 aerials this year for 3,243 yards and 16 touchdowns. Knight had 1,995 career reception yards on 123 catches, grabbing 4 this year for 721 yards and six scores. Sullivan had 1,568 career yards on 120 catches, 51 this season for 662 yards and seven scores. Barber caught 35 for 278 yards and Burnop 34 for 459 yards this year.

* Besides his receiving, Barber scored 13 touchdowns and had 624 yards rushing on 186 carries. Bushnell, who missed the Indians' final game, had 784 yards and one touchdown on 168 carries, and it was his blocking that was a key to William and Mary's potent ground attack.

Jones had a 40.4-yard punting average, while Dave Strock kicked for 73 points—28 of 30 extra point tries and 15 of 28 field goal attempts with three of his successful boots being more than 50 yards.