Richmond (AP)—Virginia Tech’s Gobblers, even though they lost the only two state games they played, placed eight players today on the All-Big Five football team of The Associated Press.

Seven players were named from Virginia, six from William and Mary, four from Richmond and one from Virginia Military on the 26-man squad selected by the Big Five coaches. There were tie votes at two spots, defensive end and offensive guard.

There were four holdovers on offense and five on defense from last year. Three players named to last year’s offensive squad while underclassmen failed to repeat.

Chosen again on offense were wide receiver David Knight of William and Mary, tight end Mike Burnop of Virginia Tech and the Strock brothers from Virginia Tech. Don at quarterback and Dave as the placekicker. All are seniors.

Repeaters on defense were ends Stanley Land of Virginia, a junior, and John Nugent of Richmond, a senior; junior linebacker Pat Kelly of Richmond; and backs Paul Scolaro of William and Mary, a senior, and Gene Williams of VMI, a junior.

The team contains 12 seniors, 11 juniors and three sophomores.

Chosen as the two running backs to team with Strock were senior Todd Bushnell of William and Mary and junior J.B. Barber of Virginia Tech. They barely beat out Kent Merritt of Virginia, a 1971 All-Big Five choice, and Billy Meyers of Richmond.

Senior Dave Sullivan of Virginia was named at wide receiver with Knight. Besides Burnop, the rest of the offensive line has senior Bill Farrell of Virginia and sophomores Tom Waechter of William and Mary and Jerry Scharns of Virginia Tech and Gerard Mulkins of Virginia. Richmond junior Jay Jones is the punter.

Don Strock led the nation in total offense with 3,170 yards or 288.2 yards per game and in passing, hitting 228 of 427 for 3,243 yards and 16 touchdowns. He wound up his Tech career with 5,671 yards in total offense and 6,127 yards and 27 touchdowns on 440 pass completions.

He has three top receivers to work with. Sullivan caught 51 passes this year for 662 yards and seven touchdowns. Knight caught 44 for 721 yards and six scores and Burnop caught 34 for 459 yards and three scores. Knight had a career 123 receptions for 1,965 yards and Sullivan a career 120 receptions for 1,538 yards.

Bushnell, the best blocker in the William and Mary backfield, had 784 yards and one touchdown on 165 carries in 10 games. He also caught seven passes for 73 yards. Barber had 624 yards and 13 touchdowns on 166 carries and caught 35 passes for 270 yards.

Defensively, Scolaro led seven pass interceptions and Scharns five. All four defensive backs were used as punt returners. Mulkins leading with an 11.4 average. Scolaro averaged 15.7 yards on kickoff returns and Williams averaged 15.6 before moving to offense late in the year.

Dave Strock kicked 28 of 30 extra point tries and 15 of 28 field goal attempts—including three of better than 50 yards— for 73 points. Jones averaged 40.4 yards per punt.

All-Big 5 Football Team

Richmond (AP)—The 1972 Virginia All-Big Five football team of The Associated Press:

OFFENSE

Wide receivers—Dave Knight, William & Mary, 6-0, 190, Senior, Petersburg, Va.; and Dave Sullivan, Virginia Tech, 6-0, 205, Senior, Richmond, Va., and Mike Burnop, Virginia Tech, 6-1, 216, Senior, Salem, Va.

Tackles—Tom Waechter, William & Mary, 6-5, 255, Sophomore, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bill Farrell, Virginia, 6-4, 225, Senior, Philadelphia, Pa.

Guards—Stanley Land, Virginia Tech, 6-0, 205, Senior, Windsor, Va., and J.B. Barber, Virginia, 6-1, 225, Junior, Harrisonburg, Va.

Center—Paul Ryker, Virginia Tech, 6-2, 225, Junior, Lynchburg, Va.

Quarterback—Don Strock, Virginia Tech, 6-0, 190, Senior, Warrenton, Pa.

Running backs—Todd Bushnell, William and Mary, 6-0, 260, Senior, Lancaster, Pa., and J.B. Barber, Richmond, 5-11, 190, Junior, Richmond, Va.

Placekicker—Dave Strock, Virginia Tech, 6-2, 212, Senior, Warrenton, Pa.

DEFENSE

Ends—Lee Pearson, Richmond; Ronnie Chappell, William and Mary, 6-4, 205, Senior, Arlington, Va.; and Betts—Dick Ambrose, Virginia, 6-4, 240, Senior, New Rochelle, N.Y.

Linebackers—Randy Rovesti, William and Mary, 6-0, 205, Junior, Monroeville, Pa.; Tom Shirley, Virginia Tech, 6-0, 225, Sophomore, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Jerry Scharns, Virginia Tech, 5-11, 187, Junior, Richmond, Va.

Chase—Dick Powell, Richmond, 6-3, 205, Junior, Lexington, Va.

HONORABLE MENTION

Wide receivers—Ricky Scales, Virginia Tech; Ronnie Moore, VMI; Tight end—Dick Powell; William & Mary; Tackle—Andy Dearman, VMI; Joe Flora, Richmond; Guard—Randy Troupe, William &