Don Strock Wins, Loses For Hokies
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larly liked the improved caliber of play he's getting from the
linebackers. Most impres-
sive was sophomore Tom
Shirley, a 6-2, 222-pounder
who was a heavily recruited
standout when he was at
Roanoke's Patrick Henry
High School. Saturday, Shi-
rley broke up three passes,
caused a fumble and put on
Orange runners a few marks
that won't come off with soap
and water.
Rising senior John
Sprinkle, a defensive tackle,
was lauded by Coffey for
playing at all. "John dis-
located a shoulder Wednes-
day and he played every
down we wanted him to play
today," said Coffey. "The
pain tolerance level has risen
around here, and that's an
other difference between this
spring and last spring."
Other Hokies deserved and
got backpats from Coffey.
The coach liked the pass
catching of Richmonder
Craig Valentine (11 catches,
132 yards) and soph Ricky
Scales (8 for 72 yards). Veter-
an John Dobbins (14 carries,
73 yards) and Tom Camp-
agna (14 carries, 59 yards)
provided what little running
game there was.
The placement kicking was
impressive. Dave Strock, the
quarterback's brother, kicked
a 54-yard field goal with an
assist from a brisk wind, and
Richmonder Wayne Latimer
(Meadowbrook) booted a 42-
yard field goal.
On the negative side, Coffey
said, "I didn't see much in-
dividual effort on the pass
rush." That was the coach's
only departure from the posi-
tive. "It's obvious that pro-
gress has been made," he said.
Now all the Hokies have to do
is convert that progress into
improvement over last year's
4-7 record.