William & Mary For Real
With Victory Over Hokies

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BLACKSBURG — The William & Mary Indians threw a tomahawk into the intricate mechanism called “Teamwork Orange” yesterday as they stunned Virginia Tech, 31-24, in the non-conference opener at Land Stadium.

The win gives coach Jim Root Williamsburg’s crew two straight victories over Charlie Coffey’s Techmen as the Tribe claimed a 17-16 Tobacco Bowl contest against the Hokies last year.

“We came here to play football and really stuck it to them,” the second-year W&M head coach said. “We needed the big play on offense and we got it and we stopped them on the big play on defense.

“There was a lot of talk that last year was a fluke, and we were determined to prove that those saying it were wrong. Every player and coach on this team knows we are for real. I am as happy over this win as I was with the victory last year.”

Fumbles and penalties cost WPI three scoring chances as they fell behind the Indians 14-3 at the intermission and were never able to recover and take the lead, despite pulling close three times in the final half.

William & Mary quarterback Bill Deery was the man of the day for the first three quarters before being hurt, gaining 64 yards rushing, mostly on option rollouts, and hitting three of the four passes he attempted for 40 yards.

The first score of the game came with just over a minute left to play in the first quarter, when the Tribe marched 95 yards in 10 plays following a WPI punt and 15-yard penalty.

John Gerdeman bullied in from the three to put six points on the board and Terry Regan booted the extra point.

A 43-yard run by Deery was instrumental in keeping the drive going.

After taking the kickoff on its own 20, Tech turned the ball over on a fumble which the Indians recovered at the 23.

Deery ran the ball four times out of five plays and covered the final four yards for the second score. Regan again booted the point after.

The lone Tech score of the first half was a 33-yard field goal by Wayne Latimer with 15 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Hokies started making a comeback in the third quarter as they took the kickoff and drove 80 yards for their first TD. Jim Barber carried in from the one to cap the series with the big play a 45-yard Rick Popp to Rick Scales pass.

“I thought that our touchdown just into the third quarter would be a momentum breaker,” a disappointed Coffey commented. “But it didn’t work that way. They won the game and they deserved it. They executed better than we did.”

The Indians responded by marching 74 yards with Mark Mollica getting the score from one yard away. A controversial pass interference call against Tech in the end zone put the ball on the one.

A 76-yard halfback pass from Rogers to Scales caught the Tribe defense sleeping and narrowed the margin to 14-17 25 seconds into the final period.

But a 38-yard Steve Dalton field goal and a 76-yard drive for seven more points with W&M’s Doug Gerhart scoring iced the game.

Two local youngsters, Kevin Dick of Matoaca and Mike Bukowski of Hopewell, saw action on different sidelines of the field.

Dick played tight end in the final quarter for Tech and caught a pass and did some fine blocking. Bukowski ran back to punts and also caught a pass from his flanker position.

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