W&M Sticks It To Gobblers In ‘Beautiful’ Opening Win

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Beautiful! Beautiful! Beautiful!

That was William and Mary Coach Jim Root’s approbation of his team’s overall performance last Saturday in Blacksburg. In the 35-34 victory over Virginia Tech in Blacksburg Saturday, Root said, “We were beautiful, we stuck it to ‘em.”

“We made the big plays on offense and defense when we had to,” added the Tribe coach. “Virginia Tech’s feature game, the University of Virginia, was just as ‘high’ Sunday as some of the Blue Ridge mountains in Tech territory.

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