Penalty Rally Boosts W&M

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The Indians—miraculously grabbed a 14-3 halftime lead and matched their heated rivals almost equally on offense the last half. After being plagued with their second straight penalty for infractions after signalling a fair catch, Coach Jim Root's inspired charges quickly marched 85 yards in 10 plays. Deery's 43-yard scampar on a pass-run option to the 11-yard line highlighted the drive. Van Alstine's 21-yard field goal followed to put the Indians up 17-3. Delman climaxed it from three yards out off left tackle.

Returning All-Southern Conference kicker Terry Regan booted the first of his four extra points. That made it 7-0 with 1:44 left in the first quarter.

Tech smitten itself on its next three possessions with fumbles at the Indians' 19 and 31 and at its 28. The Tribe turned the latter mistake into a touchdown, coming on a four-yard sprint around left end by Dwyer with 2:29 before halftime.

A 33-yard field goal by Tech sophomore Wayne Lutc packet two minutes later made it 14-3 at the intermission break.

It looked like the hosts might turn the game around when they took the opening kickoff of the second half and roared 80 yards to bring the Tech fans to life and narrow the margin to 17-10. Barber got the touchdown call from the one and delivered.

Three minutes later the Indians were back on the boards, thanks to a 34-yard interference call on a W&M pass, which gave the Tribe a first down on the Tech 1. Fullback Mark Mollica, amid tumultuous boos from the unhappy home folks, bunted in to paydirt on the next play. With 3:38 to go in the third period, sophomore end Steve Dalton was perfect on a 38-yard field goal attempt. That hiked the margin to 24-10.

On the second play of the fourth period, the Gobblers stayed within striking distance when Rogers connected on a 63-yard pass play to sterling flanker Ricky Scales. With the score 24-17, the Indians went to work again and with the help of two 15-yard penalties against the Gobblers drove 76 yards and a 31-yarder on halfback Dwyer's run from two with 8:56 remaining.

Another penalty hindered Tech's next series, but the Gobblers made it somewhat easier with a fourth down and 8. The final chance. Quarterback Bruce Arians hit Barber on a nine-yard yield pass with 1:17 left.

Naturally expecting an onsides kick, the Indians came up with the ball at their own 49 and the game with theirs as Tech helplessly watched the final seconds tick off.

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