**FIRST HALF MISTAKES DOWNFALL**

**Gobblers’ Thacker Shines In Day Of Disappointment**

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Wildcats 25-yard line. Sophomore Phil Rogers ran 19 yards to the six, and on third down, Popp passed to Kevin Dick for the touchdown. This tally with 1:45 left in the period, broke the dam for the Gobblers.

Virginia Tech scored on its next two possessions, driving 75 yards on eight plays for one, and 80 yards in 10 plays for the second.

**What had been a “laugher” now was a live-or-die struggle with 5:25 left in the game.**

Kentucky made its third first down of the second half when quarterback Ernie Lewis stretched his 5-feet-9 to shove the ball over the 34 on a third-and-four play.

Kentucky failed to make another first down and turned the ball over to Virginia Tech via a punt. The Gobblers failed to advance beyond their own 25-yard line.

Kentucky scored 17 points in the first period taking advantage of two Gobbler fumbles and running through and over the visitors.

The Wildcats averaged 7.5 yard gained a rush in the first half and made first downs on four of six third downs. The Techmen, meanwhile, piloted by Bruce Arians managed to score once.

Arians ran in from the one after the Gobblers drove 56 yards in eight plays.

Four different players scored touchdowns for the Gobblers. James Barber made the final one, giving him 25, a school record, held formerly by Terry Smoot.

Among the bright spots on an otherwise disappointing day was the play of defensive and Doug Thacker. The sophomore made 10 unassisted tackles, helped out on three others and recovered a Wildcat fumble.

Virginia Tech, now 0-2 on the year, faces West Virginia in Morgantown next weekend.

Gobbler coach Coffey said he is at the crossroads of his coaching career after 18 years in the business.

““We have to do things a second time in practice to do them right. We did things right in the second half today. We didn’t do anything new, we just did it right.”

**OKLAHOMA STATE, 56-7**

STILLWATER, Okla. (UPI) — Halfback Alfred Neims scored two touchdowns in the second quarter and Oklahoma State’s reserves exploded for 28 second-half points Saturday to demolish Texas-Arlington, 56-7.

Rookie coach Jim Stanley used five quarterbacks, including two freshmen, in the Cowboys’ largest single game scoring spree since 1946 when the Pokes downed Drake 59-7.

Texas Arlington

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OSU — Cent 1 pass from Blackman (Garrett kick)
OSU — Blackman 29 run (Garrett kick)
OSU — Neims 4 run (Garrett kick)
OSU — Neims 5 run (Garrett kick)
OSU — Palmer 1 run (Daigle kick)
OSU — Gants 41 run (Daigle kick)
UT — Buffey 20 pass from Holland (Coppege kick)
OSU — Gants 44 pass from Wzatherbie (Daigle kick)

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**A Gobbler On A Merry Jaunt**

Kentucky’s Frank LeMaster (42) brings Phil Rogers down after first-quarter gain in Saturday’s contest.