Mountaineer Flurry In 2nd Period, Late Stand Defeat Winless Gobblers

Continued From P. D-1 plays and featured a 17-yard pass from quarterback Rick Popp to Hardee.

With fourth-down and two on the 11, place kicker Wayne Latimer was wide with a 28-yard field goal attempt.

On the third play of the second quarter, Latimer was good on a 33-yard boot to give the Gobblers a 3-0 lead.

The Techmen had recovered a West Virginia fumble on the Mountaineer 32 and moved to the 16 on a roughness penalty.

West Virginia came right back. Moving from its own 31 to score, the touchdown was a 38-yard jaunt by tailback Woods on an option play. The Gobblers missed a tackle at the line of scrimmage and Woods blew down the sideline to score.

The next three times, they had the ball in the quarter. West Virginia scored two touchdowns and a field goal. The final six-pointer was a humdinger.

Quarterback Ade Dillon threw from his own 41 to wide receiver Danny Buggs on the Gobbler 15. Buggs, a great threat, caught the ball on the dead run and scampered into the end zone.

The only score in the second half was Virginia Tech's long touchdown of the game. Linebacker Kent Henry intercepted a Dillon pass on the Mountaineers 45 and returned it to the 35.

West Virginia interfered with a Gobbler receiver on the 10 on the next play.

Popp hit Hardee in the end zone for the touchdown.

This sequence followed a long touchdown pass from Dillon to Buggs that covered 64 yards but was wiped out when Buggs ran out of bounds before catching the ball.

West Virginia came back to drive to the Gobbler goal line at the quarter's end setting up the exchange of goal line stands that highlighted the final period.

In discussing the game, Gobbler coach Coffey was calm unlike the previous week when he had an emotional scene with his players.

"I'm like a roofer with this team. We patch one leak and discover a bunch of others. There's no reason why we shouldn't score from the one.

"We also should have been able to handle their option. They did one little thing different and we went to pieces until we could explain things on the sideline."

West Virginia outgained the Gobblers, 429 yards to 222 but turned over the ball four times and had 104 yards in penalties. Popp completed 13 of 21 passes and Rogers ran for 101 yards on 17 carries.

A measure of excitement was Hardee's kick off returns. He ran 49, 50 and 12 yards on three returns.

The winless Gobblers try once more Saturday when they meet the Southern Methodist University Mustangs in Dallas, Tex.