MORGANTOWN, W. Va. (AP) — A second-period scoring flurry, highlighted by a 59-yard touchdown pass from Ade Dillon to Danny Buggs, and a brutal defense carried West Virginia to a 24-10 football victory Saturday over Virginia Tech.

Tech, 0-3, broke on top in the second quarter with a 33-yard field goal by Wayne Lattimer. But the Mountaineers, 2-0, moved in front two minutes later when sophomore tailback Dwayne Woods scored 38 yards with a pitchout to score.

Charlie Miller intercepted a Rick Popp pass on the ensuing Tech series to give West Virginia possession at the gobblers' 37. Frank Nestor booted a 36-yard field goal at 9:31 when the drive died inside the 10.

After Bruce McDaniel squibbed a short punt to the West Virginia 23, the Mountaineers assembled their only sustained march of the game. They drove 77 yards, with Artie Owens getting the touchdown on a 4-yard sweep around the left side at 1:51.

Tech mounted its own drive but fumbled at the West Virginia 24. After several plays punched it out to the 41, Buggs ran under Dillon's pass of the Tech 1 and danced into the end zone.

Popp, harassed by the Mountaineer line all afternoon, pulled the gobblers to 24-10 with a third quarter touchdown pass to Billy Hardie. Both teams mounted goal-line stands in the fourth period, with the Mountaineers stopping a last-ditch Tech assault inside the one.

The Mountaineers blew two chances to break the game open. In the third quarter, Woods was stacked up on a fourth and one inch situation at the Tech goaline, and an apparent 64-yard scoring pass from Dillon to Buggs was called back after an official ruled the junior flanker stepped out of bounds while running his pattern.

Tech took over after stopping Woods and began its fourth quarter desperation drive that ended after 24 plays and 12 minutes with Miller cracking through to nail Phil Rogers for a fourth down loss.

"We had two opportunities to blow the game wide open," said Mountaineer Coach Bobby Bowden. "And for a while, we looked like a good offensive team. But the defense carried us."

Tech Coach Charlie Coffey complained of his team's inability to get the kill after reaching the goaline.

"We played better than we did in our first two games, but we still cannot get the ball into the end zone when we get down there," he said.