Mustangs Mash Hokies by 37-6

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IRVING TEXAS — Virginia Tech football coach Charlie Coffey peeled off his socks, sighed deeply and said, "It's been the same story for the last four weeks. Today was just another nightmare."

The scoreboard at Texas Stadium carried the bad news for Hokie fans; Southern Methodist University, 37; Virginia Tech, 6.

The Mustangs, looking every bit as good as a Southwest Conference contender should, mashed the Hokies with a ground game that produced 500 yards, 239 coming from three fullbacks. As if that weren't enough, Tech severely damaged its own cause with four fumbles and an interception, raising the Hokies' season turnover total to 17.

In falling to 0-4 before a crowd of 13,683 (nearly 51,000 short of capacity), the Hokies also lost for the season the services of a very promising sophomore quarterback.

Steve Mathieson, a 6-5, 210-pounder who has been compared to graduated hero Don Strock, had the Hokies moving

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Virginia Tech .......... 0 3 3 - 0 - 6
Southern Methodist ... 1 0 7 6 1 - 3 7
SMU—FG Hackney 23
SMU—Bobo 6 run (Hackney kick)
VPI—FG Latimer 29
SMU—Bobo 9 run (Hackney kick)
VPI—FG Latimer 22
SMU—Maxson 53 run (kick failed)
SMU—Maxson 2 run (Hackney kick)
SMU—Garner 2 run (Hackney kick)
A—13,683

STATISTICS
Virginia Tech SMU
First downs .............. 15 21
Rushes-yards .......... 41-199 71-500
 Passing yards ....... 155 47
 Return yards ........ 10 76
Passes ............... 13-30-1 2-4-0
Punts ................. 7-45 5-43
Fumbles-lost .......... 4-4 3-1
Penalties-yards ...... 4-22 6-59