Ricky Walson Injured

Tech Jayvees Nip WVU

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BLACKSBURG—Victory hitting marked the opening of the Virginia Tech junior varsity schedule here Friday afternoon as the Hokies whipped the West Virginia JW’s 23-22 in a late comeback rally.

It was little Carlos Castilla who was the hero. Castilla, who originally came to Tech to play soccer (he is a soccer-style kicker) that booted a 23-yard field goal with 43 seconds left on the clock to give Tech the victory.

The Hokies had taken possession of the ball on the West Virginia 37 with 3:20 left to play. From there quarterback Eddie Joyce, from Andrew Lewis of Salem, directed the Hokies down the field. Using fullback Steve Scott, Joyce also kept the ball on three plays down to the WVU 7. From there Joyce passed to John Goodman down to the four. Then, with time running out, and with a fourth and two, Castilla booted the three-pointer to give Tech the 23-22 lead.

It was a disappointing day for the New River District, however. The New River is the high school district that surrounds Tech Territory on two sides.

Dublin’s RickyWalson caught a beautiful, 35-yard pass from Joyce that set up a second-quarter field goal. But on the play, Walson fell on his hand and dislocated his right index finger. According to the Tech trainer, it will require a minor operation on his hand to fix it and that it should sideline Walson for at least three weeks. Walson played at Dublin High last year.

Palakski’s Charlie Brown was in for several plays but never got his hands on the ball. Brown was credited with a tackle on defense, however.

Radford’s Bill King was apparently red-shirted, since he watched the game from the stands.

Tech got behind 7-0 after the first quarter when Jack Bailey broke through the Hokie line and blocked the first of three blocked Tech punts, then picked it up on the 12 to score. The PAT was good and the Mountaineers led 3-3 at the quarter’s end.

Walson kicked another field goal when Walson hauled in the long pass, this time a 35-yard attempt with 12:36 remaining to make it 8-4, WVU.

The Hokies scored midway through the second quarter on a two-yard run by Danny Ladd and the kick was good to make it Tech 13-4 at the half.

West Virginia came back in the third quarter when black quarterback Kirk Lewis rolled to his left to pass to Harnan for a score with 7:50 left in that period with the PAT good on a two-yard gift to give WVU a 16-13 lead.

Tech punted twice before getting the ball back again with 2:36 left to play. With Joyce directing play most of the day, rather than starting quarterback Mitchell Barnes of Southhampton, the Techmen drove down the field with Castilla ending it all.

There was a lot of talent. Joyce, obviously is the future Tech quarterback. The running backs lacked any sparkling performances. In fact the longest run of the day for Tech was a 56-yarder.

Scott was the leading Tech rusher with 41 net yards in 16 carries.

Douglas paced WVU with 77 yards in 22 attempts.

Joyce was only 2 for 11 passing for 14 yards, most of that coming on Walson’s reception.

Barnes was 1 for 5 for 17 yards. Lewis, of WVU was four for 12 for 24 yards.

STATISTICS

WVU VT

First Downs 12 15
Total Yards 196 208
Rushes and Yards 39 for 107 28 for 100
Passing 2 for 11 17 for 28
First Downs in Red Zone 0 2
Red Zone Tries 0 3
Red Zone Touchdowns 0 3
Total Net Pass Yards 136 72
Penalties 4 1
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