Charlie Brown Rips
Former PHS Star Charlie Brown Goes For VPI Yardage.

Happy Rick Walson
Former DHS Star Rick Walson Is Hugged After TD.

Tech JV’s Nip USC

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BLACKSBURG—Split end Ricky Walson of Dublin, hauled in a tipped pass and ran it in for a touchdown in the fourth quarter Saturday to give Virginia Tech’s Junior Varsity a 16-9 lead, that later insured a 16-15 victory over visiting South Carolina.

Quarterback Mitchell Barnes dropped back and tossed the ball downfield from the 22-yard line. It was tipped higher in the air by a Gamecock defender and into the hands of Walson, who turned and raced in. South American soccer-style placekicker, Carlos Castilla missed the extra point try to give Tech a 16-9 lead with 7:26 left in the game.

South Carolina came back and put together a 48 yard drive that ended when quarterback Steve Young raced into the end zone when he rolled out to his left and scored from 9 yards out with 5:09 left to play. Carolina gambled and went for two points wanting the lead rather than a tie. But on a rollout pass, Young slipped and fell and was down. Tech led 16-15.

The Gamecocks threatened again when with 58 seconds left, Tech’s Rusty Bailey’s punt was blocked by USC’s Bob Kaney and the Gamecocks had the ball on the Gobblers 46-yard line.

Young put the ball up in the air four straight times, completing the first three before defensive back Moses Foster intercepted for Tech at his own five and returned it to the 15 with only 19 seconds left.

Tech then simply ran out the clock.

It was a good day for New River District alumni.

Three former New River players started on offense for Tech and turned in wholesome performances.

Radford’s Robbie Wright was a good target at right end, hauling in a couple of passes.

Of course, Walson’s touchdown receptions was his highlight.

Pulaski’s Charlie Brown, star of the last two games, rushed 19 times for 85 yards but didn’t score. Brown’s longest run was 17 yards, as he failed in a bid to have his third consecutive game of 100 yards rushing.

Brown, however, has over 300 yards in the past three games.