Jayvees Trim Biddies
In 16-15 Cliff-Hanger

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BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech and South Carolina—both with sputtering offenses in the early stages, exploded in a furious fourth quarter in which 28 points were scored and Tech emerged with a 16-15 victory in a game that raised the JV's season record to 3-1.

A field goal by Carlos Castilla from 25 yards out was the only scoring of the first three periods. Both the Goblets, paced by the running of Pulaski's Charlie Brown, a speedy tackle-breaker, and the Biddies, with the sometimes impressive passing of Dobby Grossman, showed bursts of power, but had their drives end in fumbles, pass interceptions and some successful defensive stands against runs.

In the fourth quarter, Tech started things off with a Mitchell Barnes to Mike Poole scoring pass from 16 yards out with 14:54 remaining. Castilla tacked on the PAT.

South Carolina was frustrated on the ground but took to the air for a 26-yard field goal by Butch Crosso, at 11:54, bringing the score to 10-3 with Tech leading.

A few minutes later, defensive alertness paid off for South Carolina. Tech's Barnes was back to pass when a Biddie jarred his arm and the ball popped into the air. Defensive end Larry O'Hagan grabbed it and zipped 26 yards down the sideline for a touchdown.

Crosso's extra point kick went wide and Tech held a chancy 10-9 lead.

Powered by the running of Brown and the passing of Barnes, Tech moved again into scoring position. Barnes tossed a 22-yarder to Dublin's Rick Walson, who was covered by a South Carolina defender. Both went for the ball, batted it up, and Walson made a sensational juggling catch for the score. With 7:26 left Tech's scoring stopped at 16 and Castilla missed the PAT kick.

Grossman, top varsity quarterback for much of last season, took to the air and guided the Biddies to a touchdown which he scored on a 2-yard run. South Carolina tried for the win but Grossman went back to pass, slipped and fell, and Tech had another tight victory.

South Carolina dropped to 3-2 for the season.

The Goblets wind things up with a game against U. Va. at Charlottesville Nov. 5 (Monday) and a Saturday night clash at Ferrum Junior College Nov. 17.