Jayvees Fall To Tech, 42-19

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An outclassed Virginia Jayvee football team concluded a lackluster season under miserable conditions Monday, losing to Virginia Tech, 42-19.

With the loss, the Jayvees fell to 1-4, while the baby Hokies succeeded in raising their mark to 4-1.

The outcome of the game was decided in the first half when the Cavaliers, who only gained seven yards total offense in the slop of Scott Stadium, gave up four touchdowns and a field goal.

In order, the scores were the result of a fumble by Virginia quarterback Andy Hitt, a blocked punt returned for a touchdown, a long pass, an interception return of a Larry Mills aerial and a fumbled Virginia snap on a punt.

Under these conditions, similar to the Cavaliers' last home game, when North Carolina led 21-0 at the half and then had to fight off a desperate rally to win 21-20, Virginia had to return from an almost-hopeless deficit.

The Cavaliers rallied against the Hokies, but were denied when Virginia Tech managed to score twice more in the second half.

Virginia's first score of the second half came on a 54-yard bomb from Hitt to George Beam and Hitt rushed for the second score.

Larry Mills proved once more that he is a second-half quarterback by moving the club 76 yards for the third score with less than a minute remaining.

The Cavaliers were beset once more by the fact that most of the good Freshmen in the football program have been playing for the varsity. Three first-year men started against North Carolina (Bill Copeland, Jeff Cikra, Butch Powers). Twelve suited up.

Consequently, much of the Jayvee load in the trenches is carried by upperclassmen whose varsity playing time has been cut by this year's youth movement.

Ends Rob Berce, a sophomore, and senior George Beam were the mainstays of the attack in the second half, as the Cavaliers were forced to pass repeatedly despite the disadvantageous footing.

Rebounding from their meager first-half output, the Cavaliers managed 237 yards total offense in the second half. Mills, completed six of 15 passes for 49, but Hitt was even more effective as he clicked on nine of 23 passes for 139 yards.

Joe Sroba rushed 22 times for 95 yards, with no other Cavalier gaining more than eight yards.

Coach Paul Fram was disappointed with the loss, but recognizing the limitations of the program he conceded, "They really showed what was inside of them in the second half."