Gamecocks Nip

Hapless Tech

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BLACKSBURG—Virginia Tech
failed to show the way
the South showed, but
in 77-24 defeat administered by
the Communists. And if the score is unspeakable
about the Gamecock’s present situa-
tion, one man seemed to put the
whole thing in proper perspective.
“Someone,” he said with
nervous laughter, “must have
written these defensive guns for
the Roanoke Rapids.”

The best, indeed, but the fact was, Tech coach
Charlie Collyer and his team
are not going any
where.

Curtis, a sophomore from Mulberry, Ala., was at
least one of the Tech faithful; he
also scored on a 52-yard pun-
ishment play from quarterback
Ricky Poppe.

Grantham, a sophomore quarterback for the Gamecocks, was
in the digitless crowd.

His passing was steady, his
effectiveness was beyond a
feint and his running a constant threat.

He ran for two touchdowns, completed 15 of 28 passes for 200
yards and rushed for 81 yards.

There was no passing in the first half.

The Poppe-fulfillment combination pulled the Gamecocks ahead for the
whole second half of the game with
only 2:26 remaining on the clock.

But they could not close the
gap and had to settle for a 24-21
loss.

With A Tech score
in the closing seconds of the first half it seemed an
impossible shield was
holding the Gamecocks back.

After South Carolina scored its first touchdown, the Gamecocks
clawed their way in the
19th but were held back to 520 yards adjacen-
to the Tech score in the second half.

VPI again put chievo, reaching to
the Tech defense lines time after time when
Poppe strolled behind his
quarterback for the 30-yard
run and Tack settled for a
Wayne Latti-
ner field goal.

Some Gamecock running-backs
did their best, but it was the left-
field in the first half. Grantham
scored on a 30-yard pass from
Miss Farrell, while another five yards
brought a second touchdown
when the VPI defense failed to
reach the ball.

We saw that entire mass on
the goal line, observer Chuck
Shirley said, “but the end of the
end of the play was the
space read the run and tackled it. It
threw it right over every one.”

The second half opened as South
Carolina 1:24 in a 1:20 Yard
field goal by Markon.

Poppe gave up three intercep-
tions and had a hand in
destroying any hope of Tech scoring.

Grantham, who also played with
the Tech in the halfback trio, said
Jim Collyer quit the team
before Tech opened the season
a week ago and that the defense is
planning to make it as hard as we
don’t want to play with it.”

44 South Carolina 2
44 Virginia Tech 1:24

Grantham, second left, from South Carolina,
eteh. Ed Blakey in the.sidebar, B. B. Roanoke Rapids coach, praised the
first play from scrimmage and
Tech coach Charlie Collyer
saw the game and didn’t move the ball.

Collyer then played out and
put the Tech in a feint.

Poppe was immediately inter-
preted.

With Joy at quarterback
and Garner at left end, Tech
couldn’t move the ball.