'Breaks' Go For Va. Tech

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BLACKSBURG — It is said that football is a game of breaks, and here on this beautiful Saturday afternoon Virginia Tech got the good ones and the University of Virginia got the bad ones.

The Hokies picked up their first win of the season, 27-15, with what appeared to be a solid attack, and an attack that for the first time this season took advantage of the breaks it received.

The Cavaliers took a 24 record into the state h and were rated nearly even choices to take a victory back to Charlottesville, but four lost fumbles, six major penalties in the second half and three crucial decisions by the game officials spelled a lost afternoon for Virginia.

THE MOST TACTULAR play of the afternoon came on the third from scrimmage of the game when Charley Coffey, who called every play for Tech, unleashed a sneaky 80-yard scoring pass from tailback Phil Rogers to flanker Ricky Scales. Wayne Latimer kicked the PAT and Tech had a 7-0 pad.

The Cavaliers came right back with their sometimes potent offense in gear and Latimer was called on to kick zone, but the field judge ruled an incomplete pass.

That play visibly took something out of the U.Va. crew that had to settle for a missed 25-yard Billy Maxwell field goal try.

Tech immediately took advantage of the situation in responding with an 80 yard, eight play drive culminated in J. B. Barber's 13 yard run around the left side, that gave the home — standing Hokies a 14-9 halftime lead.

VIRGINIA'S JOHN Bell fumbled to set up the next Tech score, a 55 yarder that gave the Hokies a little breathing room.

SCORING
Virginia 9 0 6 0 — 15
Virginia Tech 7 7 3 10 — 27
Tech — Scales 80 pass from Rogers (Latimer kick)
U.Va. — FG Jenkins 48 (Cole kick)
U.Va. — Colleran 63 pass from Gardner (kick failed)
Tech — Barber 13 run (Latimer kick)
Tech — FG Latimer 55
U.Va. — Davis 52 pass from Gardner (pass failed)
Tech — FG Latimer 19
Tech — Joyce 3 run (Latimer kick)
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STATISTICS
U.Va. Tech
First downs 23 18
47 223 Rushes-Yards 57-295
244 Passing yards 114
16 Return yards 52
14 30 0 Passes 8-15-1
4 39 Punts 5-38
7 4 Fumbles-lost 1-1
4 107 Penalties-yards 6-76

quick slant-in to wide receiver Harrison Davis on the goal line. One official ruled touchdown just as the ball popped out of Davis' grasp in the end.

But Virginia came right back when Gardner found Davis wide-open on a 52 yard scoring play. But the pass for the two-point conversion failed and the Cavaliers had a two-point pad.

Va. Tech wrapped things up when Latimer kicked a field goal of 15 yards by Latimer and Eddie Joyce scored on a three yard scamper, set up by yet another U.Va. fumble.