Hungry Gobblers Snap Slump, Devour UVa.

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Contrary to what a lot of people believed before the state college football season began, the Virginia-Virginia Tech scrap before a capacity crowd did not settle the Big Five championship.

What Tech's 27-15 victory Saturday accomplished was to end the Gobblers' six-game winning streak, deliver a knockout blow to the Cavaliers' Big Five title hopes and set up the Nov. 17 Richmond-William and Mary scrap as the championship encounter.

"When you've been where we have been, it's the greatest thing you can experience," said Tech Coach Charlie Coffey. Coach Don Lawrence of Virginia, now 2-5, said "they needed a win and they went out and got it. They're celebrating and we aren't." Meanwhile, Richmond's unbeaten Spiders upped their two-year winning streak to 10, tying Houston for the longest major college string, with a 38-17 romp over West Virginia—only their second in 17 meetings and their first over the Mountaineers since 1961.

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"You can bet we are going to work on stopping the mistakes in execution," said Virginia Military Coach Bob Thalman after his Keydets lost three fumbles and had three passes intercepted—two in the last two minutes—in a 19-13 Southern Conference loss at Furman.

William and Mary's Indians, down at one time by 27-13, scored 17 points in a 24-minute span in the third quarter and finally wore down Davidson 51-35 despite David Harper's Southern Conference record 37 pass completions for the losing Wildcats.

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"We had many opportunities to win but just didn't take advantage of them," said Lawrence. "We just couldn't cash in. The effort was there, but we beat ourselves."

Richmond Coach Frank Jones said "it was a great win for us. It wasn't a fluke, we beat them pretty good."

The Spiders intercepted six passes and turned three into a 21-2 halftime lead. Linebacker Pat Kelly had two interceptions, knocked down four passes and was in on 23 tackles. Fullback Barty Smith ran for 80 yards and two scores and caught four passes for 56 yards.

William and Mary overcame Harper's passing with 419 rushing yards as Bill Deery got 138, Frankie Prochilo 86 and Mark Mollica 75. Deery ran for two touchdowns and passed for a third.

"We could have died, but we didn't. Of course, they could have, too, but they hung in there," said Indian Coach Jim Root. "It was one heckuva game for an impartial spectator."

Furman freshman Larry Robinson ran for 151 yards, including a 71-yard scoring scamper, against VMI.

THE CLINCHER — Rookie quarterback Eddie Joyce (12) of Virginia Tech sails into the checkerboard endzone for the clinching touchdown against Virginia Saturday as the best

Gobblers snapped a six-game losing streak this season by defeating the Cavaliers 27-15. Ed Sabornie (83) made the tackle but it was too late to stop Joyce and the Hokies.

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