Dealing It Out

The amazing turnout

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CULPEPER - The first football victory of the season for the once highly regarded Virginia Tech football team is now three days old. But the sweetness won't last.

The Techs, who downed a still fumbling, frustrating University of Virginia football team, 27-15, unfortunately could be humiliated by mighty Alabama this week.

Really, Tech is nowhere near as bad as that 1-6 record. But the hopes had been so high for this season that there was talk of national attention. So, there is a natural letdown.

Frank Moseley, the former Alabama player who as athletic director since 1951 has brought Tech an outstanding overall athletic program, deems moving in the direction of major league football. This year's schedule which includes Kentucky, West Virginia, Houston and Alabama, is part of that program. But, as Moseley himself has said, it seems that "everytime we get close, something happens and we drift back a step," That's what happened this year.

The Tech-Virginia contest remains something of an anomaly.