Stampede Flattens Tech

TUSCALOOSA, Ala.—Virginia Tech went down to its worst defeat in its football history Saturday as Alabama, possibly the strongest, deepest team in college football went on a scoring rampage to win 77-6. Tech's previous worst loss was a 60-0 crunch by Washington and Lee in 1951.

Alabama outdid its early season 66-0 shutout of California in a game in which it used more than 60 players. The Tide unofficially, broke major college football's all time rushing record for a single game--711 yards held by Oklahoma, racking up 743 yards on the ground. "Bear" Bryant's bunch added another 85 yards passing for an incredible total offense of 828 yards, also a new national record.

Alabama scored 42 points with little difficulty in the first half, tried for another 42 in the second half and nearly made it.

The Tide's Wilbur Jackson started the parade with a 51-yard scoring dash in the first quarter. Kicker Bill Davis, who was to have a busy night, tacked on the PAT. Alabama's strong running attack brought the ball back to the Tech three and Randy Billingsley scored from there. Davis added the point.

A short time later Ralph Stokes scored on a short run, Davis added the point and 'Bama led 21-0.

Tech punter Bruce McDaniel, who had a broken leg in last year's game with Alabama, had a punt blocked deep in Hokie territory by defensive end Dick Turpin. Soph linebacker Conley Duncan fell on the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Again the Davis kick and Alabama had rolled to 28 points in the first quarter.

Soph quarterback Richard Todd passed 27 yards to senior tight end Warren Dyar for another score, Davis did it again and Tech was on the short end of 35-0.

Freshman quarterback Eddie Joyce, whose first varsity start was a rough initiation, pitched to tailback Phil Rogers who scored Tech's only touchdown on a six yard run. Rogers had 87 yards rushing, more than any other back has been able to gain against Alabama.

Soph halfback James Taylor burst across scrimmage and rambled 80 yards for what was to be 'Bama's second longest scoring run. Davis kicked and Alabama had it won by half, 42-6.

The Tide kept rolling in the second half, with Billingsley getting his second six pointer of the night on a seven yard run. Davis again, and 49-6.

Todd got into the scoring act with a 9-yard run. Dan O'Rear had one from 14 yards, Calvin Culliver broke an 87-yard run, and O'Rear had another touchdown run, this one from 29 yards out. Davis added the points.

The scoreboard, for those not in too deep shock to read it, showed Alabama 77, Virginia Tech 6.

The Gobblers attempt to put it all together again Saturday night in a game at strong Memphis State which owns a victory over Mississippi and Tech opponent Florida State and had last Saturday as an open date. Tech's record now stands at 1-7 with Florida State and VMI remaining at home after MSU.