Bama Shatters Tech, 77-6

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (UPI) - Second-ranked, unbeaten Alabama, getting long touchdown sprints from Calvin Culliver, James Taylor and Wilbur Jackson, shattered two NCAA records Saturday night and annihilated Virginia Tech 77-6.

Alabama, its powerful wish-bone offense running rampant over the outclassed Gobblers, piled up 828 total yards, including 743 rushing and 85 passing. The total yardage and the rushing yardage set national single game records.

The old records were 798 total yards by Vanderbilt in 1969 and 711 rushing yards by Oklahoma in 1971.

Culliver, a third stringer, scampered 87 yards for one touchdown.

Taylor, a fourth stringer, romped 80 yards for another and starter Jackson scored on a 51-yard run. Jackson also had a 74-yard run that set up a touchdown.

Jack O'Rear, a freshman third-string quarterback, scored two Alabama touchdowns on runs of 14 and 28 yards. Randy Billingsley, also tallied two Crimson Tide touchdowns on runs of two and seven yards.

Alabama got its other scores on a 28-yard pass from Richard Todd to Warren Dyar, a nine-yard keeper by Todd, a seven-yard run by Ralph Stokes and Connelly Duncan's recovery of a blocked punt in the Gobbler end zone.

Phil Rogers scored Virginia Tech's only touchdown on a six-yard run in the second period. Rogers reeled off a 23-yard run and snared a 19-yard pass from freshman quarterback Eddie Joyce to set up the score.

Alabama, with an eye toward overtaking Ohio State in the national ratings, scored 11 of the first 13 times it had the ball despite substituting freely, beginning with the opening period. The Tide never punted but forced Virginia Tech to kick nine times.