VPI Vents Anger On Florida State In 36-13 Breeze

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech's oft-defeated football team vented a whole season of frustration on Florida State Saturday afternoon before Gov. Linwood C. Holton and a partisan Gobbler crowd of 25,000 at Lane Stadium.

Florida St. VPI
First downs 19 20
Rushes-yards 34-100 60-346
Passing yards 232 84
Return yards 0 0
Passes 16-39-3 6-15-2
Punts 6-35.2 3-37.0
Fumbles-lost 6-3 6-2
Penalties-yards 6-53 10-109

Coach Charlie Coffey's team picked up its second victory in 10 games, 36-13, handing the Seminoles their ninth straight loss.

The game was satisfying for all Virginia Tech adherents, because both the much-maligned defense and the sometimes sputtering offense had large shares in the triumph.

The defense completely throttled the Seminoles' running game, then greatly exploited the visitors' passing attack.

Given the ball, the Gobbler's offense chewed up Florida State's defense and sputtered in five and 10-yard bursts.

Picking a single hero was impossible; dealing a handful was an easier task.

Phil Rogers, sophomore running back, carried the ball 20 times for 155 yards. He appeared to have a long touchdown in his sights in the third quarter, but was hauled down from behind after galloping 32 yards.

Senior running back James Barber carried the ball 21 times for 124 yards and two touchdowns.

Junior wide receiver Ricky Scales caught three passes for 64 yards. He went 47 yards for a touchdown on a bobbed lateral pass.

Sophomore wide receiver Billy Hardee turned in two punt returns for 59 yards. His 44-yard burst set up the Gobbler's first touchdown.

Sophomore Wayne Latimer kicked three field goals and three extra points. His field goals, all in the second quarter, helped build

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a 22-7 Virginia Tech lead when the attack began sputtering in scoring territory.

Last, but by no means least, junior defensive back John Bell intercepted three passes tying a school record, recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown.

The Gobbler's first touchdown came on a punt return.

Barber and Rogers worked the ball down to the 13 on nine running plays plus an 11-yard pass. When the drive faltered, Latimer kicked a field goal over from 30 yards out.

Florida State scored again on 10 minutes later, but it was too little, too late.

The visitors appeared to have trouble with the cold (31 degrees at kickoff) and rushed for only 37 yards in the first half. They finished with 100, but most of the yardage was chalked up after the issue was decided.

The Gobbler's had 175 yards on the ground in the first half and finished with 342 met.