Tech breaks loose, clips FSU, 36-13

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech, led by the running of Phil Rogers and James Barber and the defensive play of John Bell, handed winless Florida State its ninth loss of the season Saturday at Lane Stadium, pounding the Seminoles, 36-13, before a chilled gathering of 25,000.

Rogers and Barber combined for 179 yards, the latter using two of his rushes for touchdowns, and Bell picked off three FSU aerials, returning one for a touchdown, as the Gobblers posted their second win in 10 tries.

Barber scored both of his touchdowns, on runs of 19 and one yards, and Wayne Latimer booted field goals of 30, 27 and 28 yards as Tech rolled to a 22-7 halftime advantage before delighted Hokie supporters who braved below freezing temperatures and a brisk wind that sent the chill factor into the low teens.

Bell tied a Tech record with his interceptions, including a steal with 12:52 remaining in the third quarter that he ran back 33 yards for a score. That bit of thievery, which came only 12 seconds after frosh quarterback Eddie Joyce and wide receiver Ricky Scales teamed up on a 47-yard scoring play, ended any lingering doubts about which team would come up on the long end of the score.

The Seminoles' only scores came off the arm of Mark Orlando, a 15-yard pass to tight end Tom McDougall late in the first quarter.

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Tech - Barber, 19, run (kick failed).
Tech - FG, Latimer, 30.
FSU - McDougall, 15, pass from Orlando (Ashkin kick).
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Tech - Barber, 1, run (Latimer kick).
Tech - Scales, 47, pass from Joyce (Latimer kick).
Tech - Bell, 33, interception (Latimer kick).
FSU - Prescott, 1, run (run failed).
Att - 25,000.

STATISTICS

FSU TECH
First downs 19 20
Rushes-yards 34-100 60-346
Passing yards 232 84
Return yards 15 135
Passes 16-30-3 6-15-2
Punts 6-33 3-37
Fumbles-lost 6-3 6-2
Penalties-yards 6-53 10-109