SMU Nips Virginia Tech

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a little tougher, and eventually, the Hokies got the ball at the SMU 47 late in the period. From that point, Arians took the Hokies down field. Finally, Tech had a fourth-and-two at the SMU two-yard line. Arians rolled to the left, darted past the defensive end and crossed the goal line with a touchdown. Wayne Latimer’s kick narrowed the gap to 21-14.

The Mustangs got themselves in further trouble on the kickoff when return man Wayne Morris fumbled on the SMU 10. Tech’s Jerry Inge fell on it, and the Hokies were in business again.

After two three-yard gains and an incomplete pass, Latimer came on to kick a 22-yard field goal 43 seconds before the end of the third period.

Wesson produced his 77-yard act, and the Hokies, at that point, seemed hopelessly out of it. They weren’t, as they were to demonstrate later.

“I am mighty proud of ‘em,” said Sharpe. “The best thing about the whole thing is they got tougher in the fourth quarter against a dad-gum big and strong football team.”

Sharpe said the Hokies were clearly better than they were in their season-opener 38-7 loss to Kentucky, and that he could foresee some good days ahead for his team.

“Are there any SMALL teams around the country,” he moaned. “But, the battle doesn’t always go to the bigger and stronger man. Someplace in there, it goes to the man who thinks he can.”

Said SMU coach Smith, “Virginia Tech is the most im-

proved team in one-year’s time (the Mustangs beat the Hokies, 37-6, in 1973) that I’ve ever seen. Coach Sharpe and his staff have done an exceptional job.”