Cougars' Offense

Isn't Up to Par

The sports world.

It will be a wounded Cougar that Virginia Tech entertains today in Lane Stadium and nothing is quite as dangerous as an injured cat at bay.

Houston stumbles into Blacksburg with an uncharacteristic 1-2 record, although the teams that have beaten the Cougars, Arizona State and Miami, are rated 6th and 12th or 7th and 20th, depending on the poll you like.

What is shocking about the Cougar record is the offense. Houston has scored just 33 points in three games. In the last eight years under the master of the veer, Bill Yeoman, the Cougars have averaged 33 points per game. During those eight seasons, Houston has never failed to score at least 300 points a year.

The Cougars are famous for the all-time modern day romp, 100-6 over Tulsa in '68. They also have posted wins by counts of 73-14, 77-6, 71-33, 77-3, 74-0, 56-29 and 54-27. Those latter two wins were over Virginia Tech, interspersed with a 27-27 tie at Blacksburg two years ago.

17 Pro Prospects

One pro scout said before the season the Cougars had no less than 17 pro prospects. What has happened, however, is that Houston has not found a quarterback to replace D.C. Nobles. The Houston attack sputtered in the 30-9 loss to Arizona State and never got started against Miami, 20-3.

If the Cougars happen to get everything in order today, Tech has no chance. At least the Gobblers will be running downfield all day. Houston is so large that the Cougars should tilt the Lane Stadium field.

If you've ever wondered why so few colleges today can break even in their never-ending battle against rising athletic costs, consider these items:

Last week at Dallas, the Tech football players were fed a roast beef dinner Friday night. Cost of same was $11 a head. Tech also requested a crate of oranges and a crate of apples to be delivered to the locker room. Cost of apples and oranges was $78.