Big Houston Raps VPI 49-12

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BLACKSBURG — All indications to the contrary, Houston’s Cougars were not the only team in Virginia Tech’s Lane Stadium for 45 minutes Saturday afternoon.

It certainly must have seemed so, though, to the 30,000 who watched the Gobblers take a 49-12 pounding for their third loss under rookie Coach Jimmy Sharpe.

Still, split end Ricky Scales did supply one bright spot for Tech in the second quarter. His grab of Arians’ pass was his 91st in three years of varsity football. It came up with the big play to keep Tech in its own end of the field.

Tech never got its offense really moving until the last four minutes, when the VPI D-8, Cols. 5-7

Houston: 14 14 7 14—49
Virginia Tech: 0 0 0 12—12
Hous—McGraw 21 run (Copeland kick)
Hous—Mohr recovered blocked punt in end zone (Copeland kick)
Hous—Housman 4 run (Copeland kick)
Hous—Housman 16 run (Copeland kick)
Hous—Scalise 64 pass from M. Johnson
VPI—Heath 3 run (run failed)
Hous—Housman 11 run (Copeland kick)
VPI—Rogers 3 run (run failed)
Hous—Vass 60 pass from Fairbanks
(A—30,000)

First downs Rushes-yards Passing yards Return yards Passes Punts Fumbles-lost Penalties-yards
Hous 19 60-274 164 117 6-10 4-32.5 4-2 7-71
VPI 14 56-147 90 11 -11 3-17.8 2-1 4-16

Teen simply never was in the Governor’s Day event against a Houston team which used its tremendous weight advantage to maximum effect to run up a 28-0 halftime lead and carry a 33-0 bulge into the final 15 minutes.