VPI Loses, Aggies Own Keen Talent

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BLACKSBURG — A brilliant start toward another 1,000-yard campaign by Roscoe Coles and two magnificent goal-line stands by the defense made many Virginia Tech fans happy Saturday afternoon, but not happy enough to dismiss a 27-6 defeat spoiling their 1977 football opener.

"Whatever we might have done good, they did much better" could appropriately be Tech Coach Jimmy Sharpe's lament, because Texas A&M paraded just about all of its gridiron might and made it quite clear why they're currently rated No. 7 in the nation.

Maybe Emory Ballard's troops were stunned when the Gobblers advanced 67 yards before settling for a field goal and taking an early first-quarter 3-0 lead, but they more than made up for it.

Time of possession was strongly in favor of the Techmen at those early stages, yet late in the opening quarter A&M scored after an 85-yard offensive and never trailed. After that they scored in every period, scoring a rub-it-in TD with just 30 seconds remaining in the game.

Providing the heaviest punches for the winning Aggies were mercury-footed Curtis Dickey and gargantuan 265-pound fullback George Woodard, although the latter was the only one of the tandem scoring a TD.

Quarterback David Walker ran over A&M's first six-pointer from eight yards out and reserve fullback Eddie Hardin (228 pounds) supplied the last one. Barefooted kicker Tony Franklin tacked on field goals of 33 and 21 yards in the last half to round out the victors' tallying.

Demonstrating A&M's one-upmanship in this second straight win for the Southwest Conference club was Dickey, two years ago probably the No. 1 prize high school athlete sought by hundreds of colleges.

While Coles was launching what he hopes will be his third 1,000-yard season in a row with 117 net on 17 carries, Dickey topped him by 24 yards (141) in as many ball-carrying tries.

Woodard pounded out 82 yards, yet Tech's defense could be proud of its effort in blunting his efforts to something less than his 100 per cent potential.

Offense, though, wasn't A&M's only forte by any means. The defense, though somewhat on the slightly immature side, also proved rugged in a hard-hitting duel with the Gobblers.

On defense, the gambling tactics of A&M's defense, particularly the slashing style of its cornerbacks, Dave Lamie and Don L'Brie. Both had trou-

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Texas A&M

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Virginia Tech

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VPI — FG Engl 36.
A&M — Walker 2 run (Franklin kick)
VPI — FG Engl 21
A&M — Woodard 8 run (Franklin kick)
A&M — FG Franklin 33
A&M — FG Franklin 21
A&M — Hardin 1 run (Franklin kick)
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VPI'S RICK RAZZANO ARRIVES SECONDS TOO LATE TO STOP ANOTHER SCORE
Texas A&M Quarterback David Walker Drags Razzano Into End Zone During First Half Action