Touchdowns Home Hard to Big 5

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Ole Miss takes it to Notre Dame. Nebraska tops Alabama. West Virginia, Maryland and Georgia are the only teams left unscathed in this year's seaso

n winning streak. Clemson edges past Georgia.

Uptight. But on Saturday when scoring upsets were no longer the ex

ception in college football, scoring touchdowns became the problem for Vir

ginia's Big Five. In five losses for the state's major school, each Saturday the touch
downs were scored by the losing team. And one of those—by William and Mary in a 21-0 loss to Pitt—was scored by the second string after the decision was sealed. Which leaves only two TDs by VMI at Army as the lone spot

kickers by the Big Five.

If it's not going to be as long a sea

son as expected, teams have been

game to have to discover some offense. In fact, the biggies of the state have
told us they take any kind of scores coming.

Virginia and Richmond will be the

big five teams at home this week,

end and both are searching for their first victories against teams few Ki

rounds. UVA hosts Duke in the Scott

Stadium opener that serves as a very

early homeownership, and the Spiders en

ter championship game at they (the

were not quite as bad as we expected. We

First of all, let's go to play Georgia Tech.

The 'Dawgs are coming off a 17-17 Saturday night tie against sup

posedly tough Cincinnati.

Indeed, over the second half of play, the Big Five offensive lines took over

outside opposition. And that one victo
y at Georgia Tech when W&M beat N

ium at Richmond is the second game in the season opener. So, the state's

majors are 0-7 outside Mills Godwin Conference.

For Virginia, things can only

improve. The Cavaliers were blasted 68-0 by Texas Saturday in a contest that

could have been a much worse game, according to the Southern Conference

leaders. But with the loss, Virginia is in the position to crack the Top 25 so

far this season.

At Army, the Keydets played the Cadets even until the final eight minute

mark. So, the Cadets used a game plan that worked well for them. Army's offense

called to take the lead. But W&M

coach Bob Thalamian accomplished one thing he wanted to do earlier when the Keydets topped W&M.

During that win, Thalamian had wanted to use backup quarterback Cary

Hypertz in order to get the sopho

more Ohioan some experience. Saturday at West Point, Keydets' start

er Bobby Clark suffered a hip pointer and Hypertz responded in the second half by guiding VMI to its two touch

downs.

"That's a nice problem to have," said Thalamian, considering the prodig

ity of his two quarterbacks.

Memphis State is what Tech Coach

Jimmy Sharpe considers a "veteran" squad, but the not in the way most

would expect.

"There's some sort of unfairness here," laughed Sharpe, looking towards the

governors' visit to Memphis. "I mean, we'll be playing our second game in the fourth game. Now, that's experience."

It was experience—or lack of it—

that Sharpe felt was the difference as Tech lost its opener, 27-6, to Texas A&M Saturday.

They had experience at quarter

back (in David Walker) and we were using two inexperienced quarter

backs in Jimmy Sharpe. I thought our

guards (David Lamie and Don LaHue) did well, but we made some mistakes.

“Our offensive line really played well. With three weeks work, our of

ensive line is further along than it was.

In Memphis State, the Gobblers will be playing against one of Sharpe's old

Alabama cronies. Tigers Coach Richard Williamson played in the Tide's 1961 national championship team with Sharpe, and also served on Bev Bryant's staff with Sharpe.

"We were disappointed," said Sharpe of Memphis State, which lost just 7-3 to Ole Miss in the season opener. "They're a split back veen

team, a Houston.

Richmond has been outscored 77-6 in two games against what Coach Jim

Tait called "their arch rivals" (Virginia and North Carolina).

"I really thought we'd be able to move them around on our schedule," said Tait, looking forward to the Spiders' home opener with Ap

chissippi.

At Louisville, W&M will be playing its third straight road game. The Cardi

nals, who opened the season with a 38-0 demolition of Northern Illinois,

will be playing their third straight home contest. 