Final: Opposition; Big Five: 0

From Staff Dispatches

Virginia Tech, a 27-17 loser to seventh-ranked Texas A&M, and West Virginia, a 16-14 decision in Pittsburgh, both came up with admirable efforts against powerful opposition. The University of Richmond and the University of Virginia both failed to score in the second half of week. U.Va. was a 31-0 victim of the University of North Carolina, while U.Va. watched

VMI came up with two touchdowns in a span of less than four minutes to pull even. A punt interference call on the Keydets followed by players

smalize conduct penalty led to Army scoring the tie-breaking touchdown.

"We came back and got in the football game," said VMI coach Bob Thallam. "Then they got that call. But something like this can make us pull together. ... make us a better football team. We just have to get up and go on."

"There aren't many times a coach will be pleased with anything about a 31-point defeat, but Jimmy Sherry is optimistic following his club's loss to Texas A&M. "We'll see a lot of good things in the film, not a good sign to a fan watching the game," saidokie coach Sherry.

"Our defensive effort was super, but in the third quarter they stayed on the field too long," added Sherry. Linebacker Rich Razzano led that defense with 17 tackles and five assists.

"OFG pass interference calls, four in the first half, against the Hokies. We have to have four more yardage games --"

A&M quarterback David Walker commented, "We were impressed with Virginia Tech today. They played hard. We didn't score when we should have a couple of times and had to settle for field goals in the last five minutes of the second half." Of the Aggies, Razzano said, "I hope that's the best team we play all year. They're a good ball club. They have a fanatical defense. William and Mary managed its only points against Pitt near game's end. Moving to scoring position against the Panther rugged defense, its length of sendings just found a good defense back on the field.

"That's why K.C. said A&M coach Jim Root of Pitt winning its best defense back in the game to try and protect its shutout bid. "That made our touchdowns (Kevin Odor's seven) much more meaningful."

Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill commented, "We didn't try to play as many players as we could. It would have done no good to beat Washington State (50,9), and not get a look of the younger people.

"The roughest afternoon was suffered by Va.'s Cavilers. "I've been in football a long time and this is the worst kicking I've ever taken," said coach Dick Bestwick. "I said early last year we'd be bad. I'm afraid our program was the worst thing that could happen to us. And, as it turns out, it cer-

"Bestwick had been upset with the change of game time, pointing out the heat of the afternoon. The following, he said, "A kick at the heat, don't bother us. For us, I guess anyone who survived stood

"There are two solid rules of football. First, blocking and the other.

"Texas first-year coach Fred Aker said, "Obviously we had them inattacked. Their over all youth caused some errors also created opportunities for us that were like gifts."

Like the Calavers, U.S. Spiders also played its second straight game without scoring. But the Spiders did find one bright moment on offense. Quarterback Greg Gregory made his varsity debut and hit 0-for-13 passes for 110 yards — all in the fourth period.

"He did well under adverse conditions," praised U.S. coach Jim Hall of Georgia's performance. "We had a number of people play defensive job in the first half against the Tar Heels, holding them to 10 points, three coming on a field goal to close the first half.

"We made a lot of stupid mistakes," offered UNC quarter-

Tour of Keydets' first four problems. Four of those mis-
takes were penalties adding up to 50 yards. But the "Big Five" was having its problems, another quartet in the state—Virginia Union — was a 24-0 victim at Winston

C. Smith, while Virginia state ripped Elizabeth City, 32-14; Hampton Institute routed Shaw, 34-7, and Norfolk State defeated Fayetteville State, 58-24.

Hampton-Sydney remained the only unbeaten in the state (with Virginia Union) with a 22-0 romancing over Sewanne. The Tigers were also the only Division III team to win.

Randolph-Macon bowed to Shepherd, 25-22, Madison lost to Towson, 13-7, Davidson ripped Ramsey, 24-21. Maryville trounced Emory and Henry, 21-16, and Liberty Bapti-
tist was a 39-14 loser to Elon.