VII Change, Home Cooking Help Holway

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Dick Holway doesn’t coach at Virginia Tech these days, but he surely was proud of Dickie Holway Jr. Saturday night.

The elder Holway coached the Gobbler as an assistant under Tech Athletic Director Frank Moseley back in 1961 (four years before Richard Holway Jr. was born).

Saturday night on a soggy Liberty Bowl Memorial Stadium field, the younger Holway carried the ball 18 times for 66 yards, second-best on the squad.

When you get right down to it, fullback Holway figures the somewhat surprising showing can be credited to a pre-game decision by Coach Jim Sharpe and the Summer-long cooking of his mother, Mary Ann Holway.

Mrs. Holway is, to be sure, something special. The mother of seven children, she is a medical technician in a hospital in the Holways’ home town of Westlake, Ohio.

During football-playing days, Dickie Holway had been a running back. Last Spring, the coaches asked him to switch to fullback, primarily a blocking position.

“At first it bothered me. I thought I wasn’t heavy enough. I wasn’t pleased. Then in the Spring, they put in some plays designed for the fullback to run.”

In the Summer, Holway “worked out diligently” (and with my mom’s cooking), I gained 15 pounds up to 205.”

Then in Saturday’s 21-20 last-minute loss at Memphis State, he gained 20 yards on one of those plays installed last Spring. Wednesday after noon, Sharpe had told me “we have to establish the running game because the field is wet.

Despite his busy time running, Holway apparently also found time to block well for rushing leader Roscoe Cates—“I like to block for him.”

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Everybody does. We all want to see him reach 4,000 yards,” the talented junior says of the Gobblers’ standout senior running back from Virginia Beach.

Appropriately Holway blocked and ran well enough to impress more than his father. The coaching staff voted the hard-working Ohioan the Gobbler’s “outstanding player on offense.”

The appearance of Mr. Holway, now a manager of a cement company, was a surprise to the Tech athlete.

“He had watched my brother the night before and just hopped a plane and showed up,” says Dickie.

Young Peter Holway apparently harbors hopes of joining his brother in Blacksburg. Now a senior in high school, he rolls up 1,200 yards last season.

Friday night he picked up another 100-yard game and has already been contacted by the Gobblers. “He’s better than I was in high school,” admits older brother Dickie.

Going into Saturday’s home conflict with Clemson’s strong (2-1) Tigers, Holway says Tech (0-2) “is playing well. We’re just getting mean. The Memphis game was a tough loss.”

A fumble with less than three minutes left set up the Tennessee Tigers’ winning touchdown. It came, Holway says, when “the defense was yelling signals and the snap was early.”

The ball fell to the ground and with it went the Gobblers’ upset hopes.

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