Offensive Line

Got Tech Rolling

BLA C K B U R G - Offensively, players "in the trenches" are inevitably the least recognized on a football team, and Virginia Tech's second offensive line comprises a very large "Who's he?" But that's the small band that got the Hokies rolling last Saturday.

For the second straight week, Tech's first offensive line (Greg Britsch, John Latina, Tony Smith, Leonard Walker and Ed Lewis) had a winning grade, but it was an improved second unit line that got the Hokies their first touchdown of the season.

Of Joe Sansone, Tom Webb, Roe Waldron, Barry Miller, Bucky Methfessel and John Drinkard, an ardent Hokie fan might recognize Miller, a versatile performer for the last three years.

With that unit Tech combined a second unit backfield, except for Roscoe Coles, to punch 80 yards in 18 plays (one pass, 14 yards from sophomore quarterback Don LaRue to Drinkard, a junior, non-scholarship tight end) for the Gobblers' first td of the campaign. (Dennis Scott, a starter, did get the td, but sophomore Kenny Lewis handled the right halfback spot during most of the drive).

"We're close to being a good football team right now," Coach Jimmy Sharpe said, "but to be really good we need to have depth. Coach Jack White talked to me and said he had confidence in the second line, so we made the decision to play them more."

Tech's defensive unit also discovered a new dimension—when forced to, they can play respectfully without the services of senior linebacker Rick Razzano.

"Rick is still our main man and our leader," Sharpe noted, "but I'm proud of the way our defense played."

Sharpe also had to be pleased with the rapid development of Kenny Lewis, 6-1, 190, from Danville, who not only scored his first varsity td on a 14-yard sweep but also demonstrated breakaway potential on kickoff returns.

With few seniors figuring prominently in Tech's first two offensive units at the

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