Virginia Tech's Ellis Savage Couldn't Hold Ball When Jarred by W&M's Joe Agee

Indians Prove Own Worst Enemy

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get out of the hole was turned into the first of four Tech interceptions, Gary Smith signaling his return to action with the steal at the Tech 49.
This led to Big Play (or decision) No. 2, when Tech had the ball on fourth down inside the W&M one, needing less than a foot for the first down. Kenny Lewis tried to get it and while the ensuing pileup was being cleared, the officials had a hard time rendering a decision.
So they signaled several, most being that W&M had taken the ball, and, according to Root, his right defensive tackle Peter Griffin thought they had.

"It wasn't a first down until the ball was placed," said Root of the play that keyed his team's third loss in six games and the end to W&M's two-game winning streak. "Peter and one of their players had the ball and Peter said he knew it wasn't a first down because he had the ball."
But, after it was placed, the chains were called in and the nose of the ball was in first-down territory, maybe four inches from the goaline. Lamie got the TD from there.
"That was an exceptionally big play," said Root. But not the last of more-than-routine magnitude.
The Tribe came back with the ensuing kickoff and moved easily to the Tech 30, where Tom Rozantz, who killed the Hokies last year but was playing on a recently drained knee, made a horrible pitch in an attempt to get it to Tom Franco, and Sheehan had his second fumble recovery.
Three plays later, Indian cornerback Keith Parks made a tremendous interception of a Lamie pass at the Hokie 45 and five plays later the Indians were at the Tech four and the third quarter had ended.
On the first play of the fourth quarter, Rozantz, under heavy rush, lofted a pass into the end zone that Dennis Windmuller...