Hokies Cut Off Indians At Pass

MVP David Lamie (13) leaves last man in his wake after 77 yd. TD jaunt.

By Steve Barry

The MVP vote was a close one, with strong linebacker Jerry Sheehan placing second by only one vote. Sheehan had an exceptional game with 31 tackles, 19 of which were unassisted. After being shaken up while busting up a Rozantz pass, Sheehan came back in and recovered two fumbles for the Hokies.

Sheehan didn't do all the work as the Gobbler secondary showed its stuff by intercepting Rozantz four times. Dennis Windmuller pulled down two in the end zone and cornerback Gene Dunn snatched one at the Tech 25 and returned it 32 yards to the Indian 43.

Although it was raining, the sun was shining on the Hokies as they defeated the William and Mary Indians 17-8 for their first win of the season.

The Gobblers snapped their 6 game losing streak without having a single runningback rush for more than 60 yards. The big leader in rushing was quarterback David Lamie. Lamie, voted the Tobacco Bowl's Most Valuable Player, ran for 121 yards including a 77-yard touchdown run that put the game out of reach for the Indians 17-0.

Jerry Sheehan moves in for one of his 19 unassisted tackles. Sheehan finished with 31 tackles.

The Hokies could only muster 2 yards, and Paul Engle came in and booted a 23-yard field goal to put the Gobblers on the board 3-0.

Again, late in the second quarter with the ball at the W&M 21, Lamie hit end Ron Zollicoffer at the 10. Zollicoffer was hit immediately by Jim Ryan and fumbled. Ryan grabbed the ball to stop the scoring threat.

On a "gut feeling" the Gobblers kicked off the second half with a successful onside kick that Henry Bradley recovered on the W&M 42. The Hokies then moved the ball to the W&M 7 where Lamie fumbled at second and goal.

Fortunately for the Hokies, a Rozantz pass was intercepted by Smith two plays later that set up the first touchdown.

The Indians finally scored as Rozantz moved the team from the Tech 15 for the score. The drive was almost stifled by Tech, but on third and nine Rozantz scrambled and took off downfield for 59 yards and a first down at the Tech one yard line. Keith Fintian dove over two players later and Rozantz connected with Mandierfield for two points, but Tech still led and walked into the locker room with a 17-8 victory.