VPI's Sheehan Named Best National Lineman

RICHMOND (AP) — Linebacker Jerry Sheehan of Virginia Tech was named Tuesday as The Associated Press Lineman of the Week.

The 6-1, 212-pound junior from Wilmington, Del., had 19 solo tackles, 12 assists, two fumble recoveries and a pass deflection in the Gobblers' 17-8 victory over William and Mary last Saturday in the Tobacco Festival game.

The victory broke a six-game losing streak for Tech dating back to last season.

Sheehan had seen little playing time until this season, when he broke into the starting lineup.

"The main thing was he gave 100 per cent throughout the whole game," said Assistant Coach Wayne Hall. "From sideline to sideline, it was a super effort."

"In the past, he was kind of clumsy," Hall said. "But Saturday he was hurdlesing people, running around them and running through them. He's come a long way."

Sheehan is the third State player to be named Lineman of the Week in the past four seasons.

Linebacker John Willison of Virginia Military received the honor in 1974 and another linebacker, Orlandus Branch of Richmond, was named last season. Willison and Branch both won for their performances against Virginia Tech.

All three performances came at City Stadium in Richmond.

Back of the Week was Colorado fullback James Mayberry. He rushed for 250 yards, third best in Colorado history, on just 24 carries and scored one touchdown as the Buffs defeated Oklahoma State 29-13. He galloped 70 yards to set up his one-yard scoring plunge and had runs of 12 and 26 yards during the clinching touchdown drive.