Hokies Feel Like Losers

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BLACKSBURG—There were no smiles in Lane Stadium Saturday. As two football teams and over 40,000 fans filled out, a somber mood was worn.

It wasn't that the people were disappointed because their team had lost. It was just that they were unhappy their team hadn't won.

Virginia Tech, a strong favorite, had to score a touchdown and complete a two-point conversion with 46 seconds left in the game to tie Virginia, 14-14.

UVa was disappointed because it had the game won until the final four minutes of the game. Tech was disappointed because it failed until those final four minutes to start playing defense.

Virginia looked like a definite winner through most of the game. A quarterback who hadn't played in his three-year varsity career, the Cavaliers moved the ball well and were strong on defense. Chip Mark, a junior, was a successful passer and that was apparently what Virginia lacked.

Ironically, it was the passing of Tech quarterback David Lamie that tied the game. Lamie threw three passes in a 15-yard drive which gave the Hokies their touchdown. Then he found Kenny Lewis in the end zone for the two-point conversion.

"I feel like we haven't played," said Lamie. "It's like we just wanted a week for nothing, I guess a tie is better than a loss, but not much better. Everybody has felt like we lost.

"I don't care if we were a 20-point favorite," said Tech's Rosie Coles. "It was the win we wanted. We don't feel too good.

Things weren't any better in the UVa locker room where the Cavaliers felt they had let their first win of the year get away.

"I thought we were going to win," said UVa Coach Dick Brodick. "You're darn right we're disappointed."