U.Va., Richmond Victories Prompted Celebrations

From Staff Dispatches

It was not a winning afternoon for the state's five Division I football teams, but two of them did find something to celebrate Saturday night.

The University of Virginia found victory for the first time in some time, ending a string of eight non-wins, and the University of Richmond came out on the top in its family feud with Virginia Tech.

Virginia's Ken Henderson kicked a school-record four field goals, the last coming with five seconds remaining, to give the Cavaliers a 12-10 decision over Wake Forest. Richmond overcame a 14-10 halftime deficit to down Tech, 17-16.

In the two other games involving "Big Five" teams, William and Mary was drubbed, 42-17, by Navy, and Virginia Military Institute was handed a 30-20 setback by Division II Lehigh.

JUST WHEN IT SEEMED Virginia was doomed for another afternoon of frustration, freshman Tom Vigario came to the rescue. The Cavaliers took a 9-0 lead early in the fourth period on Henderson's third three-pointer.

However, Wake Forest came back and moved ahead, 10-9, with 2:14 left to play. Vigario's 46-yard kickoff return after the Deacons took the lead was a good start in getting Henderson into position for his game-winning 34-yard field goal.

"Once we got the good kickoff return, we concentrated on getting first downs, getting into field goal range," said U. Va. coach Dick Bertwick.

After seeing the Cavaliers' lead dissolve, Cavalier quarterback Chip Marks commented, "It was depressing. Everyone was probably thinking, 'Same old Virginia.'"

For at least one night, the Cavaliers could put aside thoughts of the past.

VIRGINIA TECH needed only two plays to get its first touchdown — a 68-yard David Laming pass to Ellis Savage helping — and four plays — a 51-yard run by Ronce Coley proving a key — to get its second TD. "Anytime that happens, you just hope the kids will stay in the basketball and keep it close," commented Richmond coach Jim Tait.

"We just hoped the kids would get out and stick in there and they certainly did that," continued Tait of the four-point half time deficit.

"We went in motion more than we have in other games because other teams have used us to success against Tech and we thought we could give it a try. I don't know whether it caused any confusion or not, but it seemed to help," UR defensive end Ray Chase played a big part in holding down the Tech offense, which failed to score after intermission. Chase, who had eight tackles, including two quarterback sacks, has also been honored as East Coast Athletic Conference Player-of-the-Week.

Tech coach Jimmy Sharpe saw his club get only one first down in the second half. "I thought at halftime we made adjustments with which we could come out and get something done, but again costly turnovers and mistakes did us in."

"It was another long Saturday afternoon... on the short end of the stick... not a good feeling, not at all. But I told them (his players) they can quit or bow their backs and finish strong," Demetri Kornegay capped a 44-yard drive in the fourth quarter by diving in from a yard out to provide the Spiders with their winning touchdown.

JOE GATTIUS ripped William and Mary for 290 yards on 29 carries as Navy stunned the Indians. "This is the best Navy team I've seen in years, and man, they did it with basics," commented W&M coach Jim Root. "Their defensive line put our offensive people on their backsides all afternoon.

"We tried to make some adjustments for their rushing game, but, like I said, you're not going to stop anybody when you're on your back."

VMI NOT ONLY came out on the short end of the score against Lehigh, but suffered numerous injuries. "We made too many mistakes to earn the victory," said VMi coach Bob Thallman. "It's behind us now and we must learn from it."

"Our injury list is extensive, but we must overcome this and get the job done. My congratulations to Lehigh. They put together their best performance of the year."

ON THE SMALL COLLEGE level, there were eight winners out of a possible eight and several surprises among the Division II and III ranks.

In the CIAA, Virginia State remained unbeaten in the conference with a 45-0 rout of Hampton Institute behind the four-touchdown performance of sophomore George Leonard. VSC is 5-0 in the CIAA, 5-2 over-all.

Virginia Union got two touchdowns from Nathan Fairley in downs Norfolk State, 21-15. St. Paul's was a 26-9 loser to Liberty Baptist.

Hampton-Sydney, ranked No. 7 among Division III schools, took a 24-22 decision at Davidson with Jimmy Ferguson rushing for 137 yards and two touchdowns. Mike Woodfolk scored twice as Randolph-Macon defeated Guilford, 12-7, and freshman Butch Robinson scored twice in leading James Madison to an 18-0 win over Pottstown State.

Washington and Lee's Stewart Atkinson scored with 41 seconds left to help the Generals record a 21-14 decision over the University of the South at Sewanee, their first win this season.

Emory and Henry's Larry Roberts passed for two touchdowns as the Wasps won for the first time, downs Bridgewater, 42-20.