Late TD Sends VPI To Defeat

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touchdown on the play and broke the 100-yard barrier in the process.

Alexander, a highly touted freshman, had been a disappointment so far this season.

Virginia Tech’s defense was unable to contain the West Virginia offense on the tie-shattering march.

The Gobblers’ offense got untracked for a last-ditch scoring bid and had advanced all the way to the Mountaineer 13 before Pridemore picked off Coles’ halfback pass.

Fitzgerald, a standout last weekend in a loss to Florida State, was easily the Virginia Tech hero again offensively, picking up 144 yards in 28 carries. Coles collected 67 yards in 17 attempts.

Lamie was five for nine through the air for 57 yards.

“So close again,” declared a defeated Sharpe. “We called the halfback pass because we thought WVU’s end would be coming hard.”

The victory boosted the Mountaineers’ season record to 5-5. “This was a good win for us” asserted WVU Coach Frank Cignetti.