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BRUCE ARIANS HOLDS SECOND RANKING

BLACKSBURG, VA......For the second week in a row, Virginia Tech's Bruce Arians is ranked second in the nation among major independents in total offense with 477 yards. Arians is also ranked among the top ten in forward passing with 20 of 35 completions for 359 yards.

As the leader of Techs wishbone attack, Arians faced tough competition in the S.M.U. Mustangs but compiled 254 yards for the Gobblers in a hard fought battle which ended in a 28-25 victory for S.M.U. Arians completed 13 of 20 passes for 204 yards and rushed for 50 yards including two of the Hokies touchdowns plus a two-point conversion.

This week the Gobblers face Houston at home in an attempt to chalk up their first victory of the season. Despite their two losses, both team and coaches remain optimistic and continual improvement serves to brighten the light in Techs football future.