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ARIANS SECOND IN TOTAL OFFENSE AMONG INDEPENDENTS

BLACKSBURG, VA.....Virginia Tech's Bruce Arians ranks second in the nation among major independents in total offense with 223 yards.

Arians, who played high school ball at William Penn, rolled up the yardage running and passing against Kentucky in Saturday's 38-7 loss here. He completed seven of fifteen attempts passing for 155 yards to wide receiver Ricky Scales, with one completion good for 67 yards. Directing Tech's wishbone attack on the ground, Arians rushed for 68 yards against a tough Kentucky defense. Temple University's Steve Joachim leads the major independents in total offense.

Tech Coach Jimmy Sharpe will need a repeat performance from Arians, plus more scoring punch this week against SMU. Tech managed only one touchdown despite rolling up 323 yards.

Sharpe hopes to counter the Mustang's size on defense with a more varied offensive attack, making more use of Arians' passing ability.