Football stars of the week

Paul Adams
Va. Tech fullback

College offense

Paul Adams has been something of an unsung hero of the Virginia Tech backfield this season. He uses his bulk (6-0, 220) to clear the way for his fellow runners.

But last Saturday, Adams came into his own as a runner. He rambled his way for 113 yards though the Virginia defense as Tech took a 21-17 victory.

It also earned him the World-News college offensive player of the week award. “Paul really made himself felt,” said Tech Coach Jimmy Sharpe.

Adams is a redshirt junior from Castlewood, where he was a basketball, baseball and football star. He also is Tech’s outstanding designated hitter in baseball.

Previous winners—Tailbacks David Sloan and Bill Copeland and quarterback Scott Gardner, Virginia; quarterback Phil Rogers and halfback Roscoe Coles, Virginia Tech.

Tom Beasley
Va. Tech tackle

College defense

Coach Jimmy Sharpe of Virginia Tech calls his own Tom Beasley “as fine a defensive tackle as there is in college football.”

Beasley, a 6-5, 230-pound junior from Northfork, W.Va., has been a consistent lineman all year. But he came up with his best performance last Saturday as he helped the Gobbler beat Virginia 24-17.

Beasley graded the best of any Tech interior lineman for the week. He was credited with five individual tackles, five assists, one tipped extra point kick and two tackles for losses. His biggest single play came near the end when he sacked Virginia’s Scott Gardner, caused a fumble and ended the Cavalier hopes.

For his big game in the important victory, Beasley has been named the World-News’ college defensive player of the week.

Previous winners—Linebackers Rick Razzo and Doug Thacker, Virginia Tech; end Mike Copley and safety Ricky Crawford, Richmond; and end Glen Jones, VMI.