

Big Green Journeys To Richmond To Oppose Spiders

VMI Touchdown In Last 57 Seconds Upsets Indians, 20-19, In Shrine Game

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Halfback Johnny Mapp leaped high into the air to snag Dave Woolwine's 23 yard forward pass in the end zone in the final 58 seconds of play to give the VMI Keydets a tight 20-19 win over William and Mary's "Iron Indians" in the third annual Shrine classic at Roanoke last Saturday afternoon.

The game, played before 5,000 frost-bitten fans under a clear November sky, was almost a duplication of the 1950 meeting between the two schools when VMI shoved across a last minute score to take a 25-19 decision over the Big Green.

Although the Tribe escaped without any serious injuries, the loss, only the second of the campaign, was certainly a three-fold defeat for W&M. The upset wrecked the Tribe's bid for the Big Six crown, the Southern Conference Championship, and a possible bowl bid.

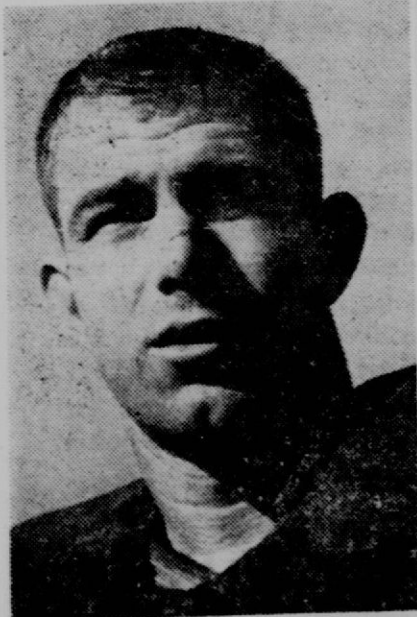
Quick Score

The Indians scored the first time they got their hands on the ball, when Charlie Sumner went over from the one yard stripe, capping a quick 76 yard march midway in the first quarter. Although Tommy Martin's placement attempt was wide, it looked as though the Tribe had things well in hand.

However, only minutes later the whole outlook changed, as the Lexington eleven recovered a Sumner fumble on the W&M 25. At the end of the period VMI had a first down on the Big Green four yard line.

A stubborn goal line stand with key tackles by Doug Henley, Bill Marfizo, Jeep Bednarik and Sumner gave the Indians the pigskin, inches away from their own end zone.

This moral victory was short-lived however, as several plays later the Red, White and Yellow capitalized on a 15-yard Tribe penalty for illegal use of the



Tommy Martin

hands, and galloped for a TD. Mapp carried the mail into paydirt from the nine and Woolwine converted.

Before the end of the half Coach John McKenna's boys again made good use of a break as they turned a Sumner pass interception into a second tally. Following two rapid first downs, Woolwine plunged over for the Keydets and then booted the extra point with 40 second of play remaining in the period.

The Tribe opened the second half with a bang, scoring on three plays after the kickoff. Martin returned the punt from his own 23 to the 49 and then Bill Bowman broke loose and thundered down to the Keydet one yard line before being knocked out of bounds. Sumner scored through the middle on the "keep" and Martin converted to bring the Indians within one point of VMI.

INDIAN OF THE WEEK



Bill Bowman

For the second time this season Indian of the Week honors go to the Tribe's hard-running fullback, "Bullet Bill" Bowman. The "Emporia Express" has ranked high among the leading ground gainers in the Southern Conference all season, but in Saturday's contest with VMI at Roanoke the big fullback really broke loose.

Bowman carried the pigskin on 15 occasions for a total of 127 yards and was on the receiving end of three passes against the Keydets. "Bullet" pushed his total offensive yardage for the campaign to 504 and owns a 6.5 yards per carry average, tops in the Old Dominion.

In addition to his offensive feats in the Roanoke clash, Bowman also played a terrific game on defense. Usually employed as a flanker, Bowman made numerous tackles in the secondary.

Charlie Sumner, six foot quarterback, heads the list of honorable mentions. Other Indians earning mention include a trio of linemen, Bill Marfizo, Chet Waksmundski and George Parozzo, who were all in on numerous tackles.

Midway in the same third period W&M again began to march. With Bob Elzey, Sumner, and Bowman lugging the leather, the Big Green added another six pointer. It was "Bullet Bill" who climaxed the scoring drive with an 11 yard line end sweep. This time Martin's conversion was no good, but the Tribe held a five point, 19-14 margin.

After vaulting into the lead, Freeman's "Iron Men" began to show the effects of the hard fought battle, and VMI soon started to threaten. Unable to move on the ground, the Keydets began to shower the sky with aerials.

With time running out and a first down on the W&M 23, Woolwine connected with an accurate pass into the arms of the speedy 165 pound Mapp for the tally. Lindy Cox deflected Woolwine's extra point boot, but the one point 20-19 lead proved to be sufficient.

The Tribe came roaring back and managed to grab two quick first downs and were on the Keydet 39 with a first and ten when the clock ran out, as the Keydets notched a mild upset.

News Flash

The 1954 Rutgers University football schedule was printed today in the New York Herald Tribune listing William and Mary as an opponent on October 16. The game is to be played at New Brunswick, N. J.

Diminutive Weinman Triumphs On Courts

As the intramural tennis season closed, another new star has come to the fore. Fred Weinman, who stands only five feet-five inches and weighs 135 pounds, has won the intramural tennis championship of the School by defeating Joe Bacal, Theta Delta Chi, in two straight sets, 7-5, 6-0.

During the entire season, Fred won every set he played, save one. Fred rates Paul Rutkowski, another Theta Delt, as the most formidable opponent he had to face on the courts.

He is also a member of the freshman basketball squad and will play freshman tennis come Springtime. In high school, Fred enjoyed many distinctions, one of which came when he was chosen most valuable high school basketball player in Ohio.

He was a member of one of the four Ohio all-star teams from which the most valuable player was chosen. In addition, Fred has ranked among the top 10 tennis players in Ohio for the past five years. Five different colleges bid for the services of this athlete, but he made William and Mary the school of his choice.

When queried as to how he liked William and Mary, he replied, "I feel as though I've known everybody for a long time because they are so friendly."

Merrick's Surprising Gridmen Battle W&M In Important Big Six Contest

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One of the biggest "grudge" battles in years is the prospect for this Saturday when the Big Green grid machine, looking for revenge after last Saturday's heartbreaker, invades Richmond for the big traditional clash with the Spiders of Richmond University.

Both teams have lost one game in Big Six play and therefore the winner will become the top contender for the All-Virginia crown. Richmond has wins over Randolph-Macon, 27-0, Davidson, 13-0, VMI, 13-7, Washington and Lee, 27-20, and Boston College, 14-0. Their only setback came at the hands of VPI, 21-7, and they also played a 13-13 tie with Wake Forest.

Frosh Gridmen Beat Colonials On Stormy Day As Yohe Shines

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Battling both the elements and a highly rated George Washington freshman eleven, the William and Mary Papooses, sparked by the long runs of Jack Yohe and the sensational blocking and defensive play of Joe Cardamone, defeated the Colonials, 14-7, in a game played last Friday at Cary Field.

The Indians pulled the game out in the final seconds of the first half. With the score 7-7 and the ball on their own 25, Mickey Simpson picked up 18 yards around left end.

On the next play Yohe swept around right end, cut to the sideline, and eluding five George Washington tacklers, sped 57 brilliant yards for the winning touchdown.

GW Drives For Tally

Just before Yohe's scintillating run GW had driven for their only score of the encounter. After holding W&M and forcing the Papooses to punt, the Colonials took over the ball on W&M's 38 yard-line.

On second down George Washington's sparkplug and field general Claude Austin, faded back and arched a beautiful twenty-eight yard pass into the waiting arms of halfback Joseph Rosania.

Rosania took the pass on the ten, brushed past a desperation tackler, and romped unhindered into the end zone for the GW tally. Peter Spera booted the extra point to tie the score.

After an early threat had disintegrated, W&M received what was to turn out to be a decisive break. The Papooses received a first down on the George Washington 45 after the Colonials had had a poor kick travel only 18 yards.

Yohe then took a short pass, and with the aid of a beautiful block thrown by Cardamone, sauntered 45 yards for William and Mary's initial TD. The score rose to 7-0 as quarterback Bob Nelson kicked the first of his two extra points.

Other Threat

William and Mary's only other threat of the first half came when Cardamone intercepted a GW pass and romped 44 yards to the Colonial 23. However time ran out and W&M was unable to score.

The second half saw the weather intensify in its hostility, and constantly hinder both teams from mounting any sort of offensive drive. When the game ended the players quickly left the playing field, glad to get in out of the inclement weather.

Student Tickets

All students who wish to go to Richmond this Saturday may purchase a round trip train ticket for the Chesapeake and Ohio Coach leaving Williamsburg at 10:00 a. m. for \$1.50 at the train station. Tickets for the game may be obtained at the office in Blow Gym for \$1.50. These train tickets are good on the 6:55 p. m. returning train or any of the three Sunday trains.

Three years of recruiting has finally paid dividends and Coach Ed Merrick's Spiders seem to have escaped the "habitual tailenders" tag hung on them in past years. Saturday's contest at City Stadium is being played up by the Richmond press as the game of the year in Virginia.

A Homecoming crowd of around 20,000 fans is expected to jam into the Stadium to watch one of Virginia football's bitterest rivalries. These two teams have met 62 times and the Richmond crew



Les Hooker

holds a two game edge, 29-27, with six ties. Last year at Cary Field the Indians sank the capital city crew, 42-14.

Genial Les Hooker, Richmond cage coach, has scouted the Tribe for the past two weeks, being seen by reliable sources in both Raleigh and Roanoke. Les also scouted the Big Green last year when the Spiders suffered a 42-14 schellacking at the hands of Ed Mioduzewski and Company.

Leading the Spider eleven from the all important quarterback slot are Ted Theodose and Bill Bauder. These two alternate throughout the game and one of them has been hot every game this season. Theodose is the better runner of the two and leads the Spiders in total offense, while Bauder holds the passing edge.

Hold Back Slots

The halfback positions in this two platoon system fall to Ed Elliott, Lewis Wacker and Roland Evans at left half and Ralph Scarpo and Don Arey at right half. Elliott is the best of this lot. Besides being a good runner, he is an excellent pass catcher and a tremendous defensive halfback.

The fullback post is capably handled by Frank Pajackowski and "Corky" Johns. Both of these 185 pounders can move well on the ground and are good blockers. Johns has been hampered by injuries for the third straight year.

The end posts on this year's Richmond team fall to Eric Christensen, who was an All-State selection as an offensive tackle two years ago and Maurice Thacker a 205 pound rock on defense. Leo Androcronis, Jim Brier, Phil Curley and Paul Sheridan, all lettermen, lend support to the flank position.

Five veteran tackles, led by big Walt Garcia and Red Keville, four letterman guards, paced by place-kicker Bobby Sgro, and two veteran centers in Al Pecuch and John Gavlick give the Spiders a tremendous defense line.