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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High flyer. J. S. Holcomb of the Indian football team rose high into the air to snag Dave Woodman's 23 yard forward pass in the end zone in the final 57 seconds of play to give the VMI Keydets a 20-19 upset over William and Mary's "Iron Indians." This was the third annual Shrine classic at Roanoke last Saturday afternoon.

The game, played before 5,000 frosted fans under a clear, blue sky, was almost a replication of the 1956 meeting between the teams. When VMI scored a last minute score to take a 19-19 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-field defeat for W&M. The upset wrecked the Tribe's bid for the Big Six crown, the Southern Conference ownership, and a possible bowl bid.

Quick Score

The Indians took the top in the first period when they got their hands on the ball, when Charlie Summer went over from the one yard stripe, capping a quick 16 yard march midway in the first quarter. Although Tommy Martin, William's second string fullback, 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 Summer fumble and began a drive. At the 25 yard line the period VMI had a first down on the Big Green four yard line.

A stubborn goal line stand with keepers by Dave Deaver, Bill Marfaun, John Bednarik and Summer gave the Indians the gigantic inches away from their own end zone.

The moral victory was short-lived however, as several plays later the Keydets capitalized on a 13-yard penalty for illegal use of the hands.

Tommy Martin hands, and galluped for a TD. Mapp carried the mail into pay dirt from the nine and W&M converted.

Before the end of the half Coach John Voris' Tribe was leading 7-0, but had made good use of a break as they turned the ball over to theKeydets in the second half, allowing them to score on a 72 yard pass.

After the throwback, the Keydets comedy continued as they drove down the field and were stopped on the one yard line.

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Midway in the same period W&M again began to march. With Dick Kiley, Summer, and Brookey leading the leg, the Big Green added another six point. It was "Bullet" Bill who eluded 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 munching the lead, Fremont's "Iron Man" began to show the effects of the hard fought battle, and VMI now started to threaten. Unable to move on the ground, the Keydets began to show the sky with aerials.

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Mapp carried the pigskin on 13 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 354 and owns a 6.5 yards per carry average, tops in the Old Dominion.

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

Charlie Summer, six foot quarterback, headed the list of honoraries. Several Indians earning mentions include a trio of Inbem, Bill Marfaun, Chet Wakamsun and George Pooren who were all in the top ten in the conference.

Diminutive Weiman Triumphs On Courts

As the intramural tennis season comes to a close, another star will come to the fore. Fred Weiman, who stands only five feet, five inches and weighs 135 pounds, has won the intramural tennis championship of the School by defeating Joe Barcal, Theta Delta Chi, in two straight sets, 7-6, 6-7.

During the entire season, Fred we won every set played, save one for the rates Paul Rutkowski, and another Theta Delta, as the most formidable opponent encountered on the courts.

He is also a member of the freshmen basketball squad and will play freshmen tennis come the middle of high school, Fred enjoyed many distinctions, one of which came when he was chosen the 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 five Illinois 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 felt about the game and the Indian's return to the shrine classic, he said "I feel as though I've grown up a lot in the last few years because they are so friendly."

Flats news

The 1954 Rutgers University football schedule was printed before the New York Herald Tribune listing William and Mary as an opponent on Octo-

ber 16. The game is to be played at New Brunswick, N. J.

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

One of the biggest "grudge" battles in college football is the prospect for this Saturday when Richmond's Big Green and Virginia coach legs, looking for revenge after last Saturday's heartbreaking defensive clash with the Spiders at Richmond.

Both teams are in the hunt for the Southern Conference championship and therefore the winner will be the toast of the old Dairy Queen, 12-18, VMI, 13-7, Washington and Lee, 37-29, and Boston College, 14-6. Their only setback came at the hands of VMI, 37-12, and they also played a 13-13 tie with Wake Forest.

Three Big Green players are finally paid dividends and Coach Les Howser Merrick's Spiders seems to have squeezed the "Merricks" like a toothpaste tube hanging on them in past years. Saturday's contest at City Stadium is being played up as the championship prize as the game of the year in Virginia.

A homecoming crowd of around 20,000 fans is expected to jam to the stadium to watch one of Virginia's biggest football games of the fall.

Two teams have met 62 times and the Richmond crew holds a two game edge, 29-27, with both teams having a tie game.

Genial Les Howser, Richmond cage coach, has scoured the Tribe's backcourt for the past two years by reliable sources in both Raleigh and Charleston and fielded the Indians spirit-like cousins.

Richmond, picked the Tribe for the Big Six, last year when the Indians offered a 4-11-1 setback at the hands of Ed Miruza-

ski and Company.

Leading the Spider eleven from the all important quarterback slot are Fred Theodore and Bill Bauder. These two alternate throughout the game and one of them has led every game this season. Theodore is the better runner of the two and leads the Spiders in total offense, while Bauder holds the pass.

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 Sugaro and Don Avery at right half. Elliott is the best of this lot. Besides being a good runner, he is an excel-

lent pass catcher and a tremendous defensive halfback.

The fullback post is capably filled by Frank Pajakowski and "Corky" Johns. Both of these 185 pounders move well on the line and are good blockers. Johns has been hampstered by injury.

The end posts on this Richmond football team is the well earned laurels of Bruce Miles and Bob Jers-

ten, who was an All-State player for New Trier two years ago and Maurice Thack-

er a 265 pound rock on defense for St. Thomas A. Antarctic. Jim Brier, Phil Curley and Paul Sheldon, all ten- derous in their center position.

The center tackle tandem, led by big Walt Garcia and Red Keville, four other starters, paced by place- kicker Bobby Sgro, and two veer-

er centers in the 250 pound field. John Gavlick gives the Spiders a tremendous defense line.