

# Big Green Silences Squawking Gobblers In Thriller

## INDIAN OF THE WEEK



Charlie Sumner

On whom are we going to bestow the honor of Indian of the Week? After every W&M pigskin battle this is the question confronting the **FLAT HAT** Sports Staff. Last week the solution was simple after "Bicarbonate" modestly produced the photo of shapely Mamie Van Doren and himself.

This week, for the second consecutive time, we feel that we can hand out the orchids without too much deliberation as Charlie Sumner is undoubtedly the man for the award.

The six foot one inch quarterback from Salem, in notching the Indian of the Week honor for the second time this season, was instrumental in the Tribe's 13-7 win over VPI. The 195 pound signal caller completed eight of 13 passes, picked up 61 yards in eight carries, had a 38 yard punting average and a 61.6 yard kickoff average.

Bill Bowman, 200 pound fullback, who scored both Indian TD's and chalked up 74 yards on the turf, heads the list on honorable mentions. Others deserving of honorable mention include Bob Elzey, Jeep Bednarik and Chet Waksmunski.

## Sumner And Bowman Inspire Gridders To 13-7 Triumph Over VPI Before Capacity House In First Home Fracas

By Mac McDaniel  
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With Charlie Sumner and Bill Bowman sparking a powerful offensive attack, the William and Mary Indians toppled the Virginia Tech Gobblers, 13-7, before a capacity crowd of 12,500 fans in a Cary Field grid battle last Saturday afternoon.

The decisive W&M victory, under an 80 degree sun, shattered VPI's hopes for the 1953 Big Six championship and set-up Coach Jackie Freeman's "courageous 25" as the top challenger for the Old Dominion football title.

The Tribe offense began to click after the opening minutes of the second period and midway through the quarter W&M hit paydirt. Sumner returned a Hokie punt from his own 28 to the 43.

Then, with Doug Henley and Sumner getting most of the work, the Indians moved steadily on the ground to the VPI eight yard stripe. Bowman replaced Henley

at the tailback post and went over for the score on two running plays. Tommy Martin converted to make the count read 7-0, W&M.

Throughout the remainder of the quarter the two teams traded the pigskin back and forth and at the half the Tribe had a first down on the Gobblers' 17.

The final Tribe touchdown came with only 42 seconds remaining in the third quarter. Following a 40-yard field goal attempt by Tech's Johnny Dean, the Big Green eleven marched from their own 20 to the VPI goal.

Sumner's running and passes sparked the attack as he set-up the scoring play on the visitors'

Petty on the four and then went over himself on a quarterback sneak two plays later. Dickie Beard booted the extra point for the Gobblers.

Throughout the course of the afternoon, just as in the Wake Forest and Navy games, the Tribe line played outstanding ball. Chet Waksmunski and Humphrey Copeland made very commendable showings at the tackles, replacing injured line stalwarts, Jerry Sazio and George Parozzo. Jeep Bednarik and Bill Marfizo also played a fine line game.

### Great Defense

Particularly spectacular Tribe defensive play was exhibited early in the final period, when the Hokies had a first down on the W&M four yard line and were stopped dead on four consecutive rushing plays.

Sumner and Bowman shared the individual honors in the Indian attack. The Salem boy notched 61 yards rushing in eight carries and completed eight of 13 passes for 112 yards, while the "Emporia Express" reeled off 74 yards in 16 trips with the pigskin, a number of which were for first downs.

### Pace Team

VPI fullbacks Don Welsh and Don Booth and signal caller Jack Williams paced the Gobblers, as the tailbacks were consistent ground gainers while Williams sparked the feeble Tech air arm. The highly touted Johnny Dean was almost a total flop, failing to make any ground afoot and unable to complete a single forward pass.

The game, the first of the season on the Reservation, was marked by numerous injuries. Only two penalties were called, both against the Indians. The Tribe lost six yards when interference was called on Bobby Elzey on a second period pass play, and five yards in the final minutes for too much time in the huddle.

The W&M victory was the 12th straight time the Tribe has beaten VPI, as the Gobblers are still looking for their initial win in Williamsburg. The triumph was the second of the campaign for William and Mary, as Freeman's gridders now show a 2-1-1 record.



Jeep Bednarik

one yard marker, handing off to Bowman who went over right guard for the TD. L. Q. Hines' trusty toe misfired as the placement was wide.

In the fourth and final period the ruggedness and wear and tear of 60 minutes of gridiron competition began to show on Freeman's "Iron Men." After brilliantly repelling a VPI goal-line onslaught, the Indians were finally scored on in the final four minutes of the game.

Recovering a "Bullet Bill" Bowman fumble on the W&M 38, Tech quarterback Jack Williams set-up the score with a pass to end Tom

## Wake Forest Nips Frosh In Thriller

Fumbles continued to plague the William and Mary freshman football team as they came a 13-6 cropper in their encounter last Saturday night at Camp Pickett against the Wake Forest Frosh. The Paposes gave the ball away twice within their own 10 yard line and both times the Baptists scored.

The Baby Indians tallied in the third quarter when Alex Fakadej took a pitch-out wide around the end for 56 yards. He was hit at the two yard line, fumbled, and the ball was recovered in the end zone very alertly by right tackle Johnny Brantley.

The Wake Forest team waited until the final 55 seconds to score the winning touchdown. The entire Papoose defensive line did a fine job with Ray Chiesa particularly outstanding. On offense the Frosh still need more polish, however, the lack of time to allow for such practice still hurts them.

## Colonials Provide Homecoming Rivalry As Indians Seek Second Straight Victory Against Conference Clubs This Saturday

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An invading bunch of Colonials from George Washington University are preparing to spoil the Homecoming celebration of students and old grads alike this Saturday when they storm onto the Reservation to do battle with Coach Jackie Freeman's fighting Tribe eleven.

The Indians have established themselves as the best in the Southern Conference this side of the mountains, which means that West Virginia has been discounted for a moment. The Big Green will be giving everything they have in an effort to add luster to their national reputation for being "Iron Men."

The Colonials will carry a 2-2 record into the game. They opened impressively by beating VMI, 14-13, on two conversions by Dick Gasperi and the next week they measured North Carolina State 20-7 on the pitching arm of Quarterback Ray Fox. Fox, one of the Conference's best aerial artists, has found himself delegated to the second string now that two-platoon football has made its demise.

The past two weeks have been frustrating ones for Coach Bo Sherman. First Virginia beat a touchdown path to the GW door for a 24-20 victory and then last week the West Virginia power-

house administered a 27-6 defeat in a Friday night game in Griffith stadium.

Anchoring an all-letterman line for the visitors will be Captain Steve Korcheck, a big 200 pound center that everybody is booming for All-Conference. Steve is a senior, as are five of the probable starters, and is also a 60-minute man, doubling as a linebacker on defense.

The guard slots are manned by rugged Carl Bodolous, a 215-pound senior "rock" from Pottstown, Pennsylvania and next to Korcheck probably the ranking defensive player on the team, and Dick Gasperi, the place-kicking specialist who stands at seven out of nine for the season.

Three seniors head the tackle corps for the Blue and Yellow. John Prach at 212 pounds and Tom Bosman at 190 hold forth on the left side of the Colonial line. Dick Drake, a 204 pounder, is the right tackle incumbent.

At end the Colonials are even tougher. In left end Richie Gaskell they have the ranking pass catcher in the Southern Conference. This 195 pounder snagged two pay-off pitches against Virginia and is big and rough. The other flank position is patrolled by last season's defensive starters Pat Kober and George Dunca.

In the all important quarterback slot the Colonials have not one, but two outstanding performers

in Ray Fox and Bob Sturm. The latest statistics from Conference headquarters show that GW is leading in pass offense. Sturm, last year's safety man, ranks number one right now because he is a great asset defensively.

At the beginning of the year observers thought that the Colonials would do well on the ground, but have little power in the air. Such has not been the case since Coach Sherman has developed a down-right lethal air offense to go with his good ground game.

At halfbacks the invaders will uncork a multitude of hard-running backs led by the terrific Len Giemniecki, a 190 pounder who has been among the Conference's best for three years. Bill Weaver will probably draw the starting nod at the other halfback position. Saffer, Dick Philips, Arlin Barr and Lou Donofrio will all see action as the afternoon progresses.

The fullbacking duties are handled by the veteran Dutch Danz, a power runner galore from the old school. Danz is "Mr. Inside" to Ciemniecki's "Mr. Outside." Joe Boland, a hustling 190 pounder, is a player who would be first string on many other squads around the state. The Colonial season this year has so far been marked by sparkling offensive play coupled with a defense that tends to be inconsistent.



Bill Bowman