

Generals Rally to Capture Homecoming Contest

Four TD Spree in Second Half Brings 34-27 Win Over Gobblers

By NELSON HARPER

After playing an uninspired brand of football for two and one-half periods, Washington and Lee suddenly came to life and clawed and battered its way to a 34-27 victory over a stubborn VPI eleven last Saturday afternoon at Wilson Field. A crowd of 7,000 Homecoming Day spectators was kept on the edge of its seats as the underdog Gobblers pulled to a two-touchdown lead early in the third quarter, only to see the desperate Generals strike back and finally overpower them in the waning minutes of the contest.

This year's W&L victory marked a definite contrast to last year's 60-0 debacle, which resembled a track meet more than a football game. The outcome was in doubt until the final two minutes, and, after the Gobblers scored their third touchdown, it seemed that W&L's victory streak over VPI might well end at two games, which until Saturday had been the most the Generals had been able to win in succession over their ancient Blacksburg rivals.

The Generals received the opening kickoff and, after picking up one first down, were forced to punt. VPI immediately showed signs of a running attack spearheaded by Don Welsh, Bill Harrison, and Dickie Beard, who drove through and around the W&L line for consistent short gains. The drive stalled at the Gens' 35-yard line, however, and VPI's superb punter Jack Williams kicked out of bounds at the three. The Generals were able to get nowhere and Lindsey booted to midfield. Two plays later Johnny Dean, VPI's brilliant sophomore quarterback, arched a pass to end Tom Petty, who caught it between two W&L defenders on the five-yard line. On second down Dean sneaked over for the score. Welsh converted and the Gobblers were ahead, 7-0, much to the disdain of the W&L fans, but to the delight of the visiting team's supporters.

W&L took the ensuing kickoff and marched 60 yards with Wes Abrams and Randy Broyles chewing up most of the yardage. The payoff came when Broyles, running to his left after taking a pitchout, threw a wobbly pass to Irving Pratt, who was all by himself in the end zone. The play covered 17 yards and came just when it appeared the drive might bog down. Bob Lafferty's placement split the uprights to deadlock the game at 7-7.

With time running out in the first half VPI received a break when Broyles fumbled Joe Lindsey's handoff and tackle George Preas recovered for the Gobblers on the W&L 16-yard line. Beard then took a pitchout from Dean, knifed beautifully off his own left

tackle, and then cutting toward the sidelines outran the W&L secondary into the end zone. Welsh's conversion attempt sailed wide. Shortly afterward the first half ended with the scoreboard reading 13-7.

VPI took the second-half kickoff and underwent a sustained 70-yard drive which was featured by Dean's expert ball-handling and the ability of his backs to pick holes in the line and outrace the W&L defense on wide end sweeps. The march was climaxed by Burke's plunge into pay dirt from one foot out. Welsh kicked the extra point, and this looked like it may be a dreary day for the Generals, who still had not been ignited by the spark that would set off their explosive offense.

That spark came on the first play from scrimmage after the ensuing kickoff. Wes Abrams on a trap play up the middle broke into the secondary, slipped by the safety man, and sprinted over the VPI goal line. This 65-yard gallop changed completely the complexion of the game, as W&L began to charge harder, opening gaping holes for its fleet backs as well as bottling up the Gobblers' offense.

Near the end of the third period the Generals drove 76 yards to their third score. On fourth down with the ball on the VPI 30-yard line Lindsey threw a low pass which All-Conference end Bob Thomas plucked off his shoetops and advanced to the 5-yard line. On third down Lindsey again hit Thomas with a three-yard scoring toss to knot the score. Lafferty's kick was perfect, and W&L led for the first time, 21-20.

With Dean passing masterfully out of the short punt formation, VPI bounced back to take the lead. Bill Harrison completed the 55-yard drive by diving over from the two and Welsh's kick made it 27-21.

The Generals were far from through, however, and drove 63 yards on carries by Abrams and Broyles, and the "Blade's" great catch of Lindsey's 30-yard aerial, which gave W&L a first down on Tech's 15-yard line. Three plays later Ciro Barcellona cracked over to tie the score for the third time. The crowd roared as "Automatic" Bob Lafferty broke the deadlock at 28-27 with his educated toe, with only two minutes remaining in the game.

Following the kickoff Connie Flanders intercepted Dean's first-down desperation pass and ran it back to the VPI 15-yard line. After Abrams got W&L a first down on the 3-yard line, Barcellona bolted across for his second counter. Lafferty's kick was blocked, but it made little difference as the clock ran out with the Generals in possession, the result of another interception.

The standouts in the W&L victory offense were Wes Abrams, who picked up 164 yards rushing, Randy Broyles, who performed in his usual brilliant style, and Bob Thomas, who gathered in five key passes in the General win. Defensively the notable stars were tackles Harold Brooks and Jack Delahunty, both of whom hounded Dean when he was trying to pass, and several times threw him for losses.

Favorite Sports Stories

By JAY GROSSMAN

Here is another story about that classical baseball character named "Germany" Schaefer, whom the Detroit baseball fans of the early 1900's will probably never forget.

"Germany" was never satisfied to perform a baseball feat in the usual manner. He always had a little something extra for the fans, probably not because he was a big headed athlete but because he was one of the biggest showmen ever to play major league baseball.

In one of his major league contests, "Germany" came to bat with empty bases and hit a ball which was destined to clear the fence from the time it left the bat. "Germany" wasn't through, though. He wouldn't make the conventional trip around the bases and simply receive hand shakes and congratulations of his teammates.

"Germany" dashed to first as if it meant the difference between a win and a loss for the Tigers. He slid into the first sack and slowly got up from the ground and dusted himself off. Then, with everyone looking at him as if he were crazy, he danced off first and broke for second base, sliding in under an imaginary throw. At this point the cheers of the crowd brought a tipped hat and a bow from the waist from the athlete.

Again, "Germany" took his lead and scampered to third executing a beautiful hook slide into the bag. Again, cheers and again the hat came off and "Germany" bowed. And then Schaefer was off for home and slid across the plate in a blaze of glory. All this with the ball in some kid's pocket on the outside of the ball park.

"Germany" got up as the crowd cheered loudly. He raised his hands to signal for quiet. In the silence which followed, Schaefer took off his hat and screamed so that everyone in the park could hear: "You have now seen one of the greatest of all baseball performances."

This story may be a little late, but, since it has a bit of humor, it is of interest.

During the recent World Series, most of the women of a nearby small town were watching their television sets and taking in every detail of the hard fought battle between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Some time later a group of the women met for their weekly sewing circle and, after passing some time with the usual things that women talk about at those meetings, they began to talk about the thing that had all "second guessers" troubled, the World Series.

Some had liked the results and some had not and, after a few generalizations, they began to talk about some of the incidents. Said one: "I don't think it was fair for the Yankees to walk Jackie Robinson on purpose so many times when the Dodgers weren't doing that to any of the Yankees." Casey Stengel, please notice!

Booters Take First Win, 3-1

Washington and Lee's soccer team won its first game of the season last Friday when it downed Roanoke College, 3-1.

The contest was played at Smith Field in a high wind which constantly hampered both teams. Both teams were unable to score in the first quarter, during which both teams blew several easy scoring chances. In the second period, however, W&L finally broke the ice when Bill Whitney drove one into the nets in a big scramble directly in front of the goal. Later in the same stanza Robbins counted again for the Generals to give them a 2-0 halftime lead. After a scoreless third period both teams registered a tally in the final quarter with freshman Jim Lewis scoring for W&L and Charles Britsch for the Maroons.

W&L took only 11 shots at the goal during the tilt and connected on three of them, while Roanoke

could find the range on but one of 15 tries. For the Maroons however, it was some consolation, as it was their first score in four games thus far this season. W&L before this contest had also been winless, getting white-washed in its first two outings.

The Generals are pointing for their second win this afternoon when they tangle with the University of North Carolina here at Smith Field at 3 p.m.

Competition Keener In IM League Races

Intramural games this week showed that there has been no slackening of the keen competition which was exhibited earlier in the season.

In touch football, Class A's Phi Kaps are on top in the won-lost percentage column, having won two and lost none. In Class G, Lambda Chi and KA are tied for the lead, each with the identical record of two wins, no losses. Lambda Chi squeezed by ZBT, 6-2, in its last game.

Beta rules over Class C with a 2-0 record. Last Tuesday, SAE beat Sigma Chi, 7-0, to move up in Class C standings. Phi Delt, Class D leader defeated the Campus Club, 20-7, to tighten its hold on first place in that league. Meanwhile PEP beat Sigma Nu, 6-0, to advance its position in the Class D league.

In bowling last Friday, Campus Club stopped Sigma Nu, while in the next alleys KA triumphed over ZBT. Monday Lambda Chi took the measure of Pi Phi and Sigma Chi beat DU. The standings in bowling were not posted at the time of this writing.

On the tennis courts, in Class A, Phi Kap beat Delt 3-2, and Phi Gam took Sigma Nu, 4-1. In the only other league games played, Class D's Pi Phi's lost to Phi Psi, 3-1, and SAE won over the Campus Club. In a later contest Phi Gam moved into a Class A tie with Phi Kap, beating the Deltas, 4-1.

Davidson Topples Harriers To Second Straight Defeat

Washington and Lee's cross-country squad suffered its second defeat out of three starts last Friday when it was completely outclassed by Davidson's harriers at the North Carolina school, 14-46.

The Wildcats grabbed the first five places in the race with Walter Diggs the first W&L runner to place. The winner was Shipley followed by teammates Peeny, Sparks, Gooding, and Russell respectively.

The race was extremely close as was indicated by the fact that the first three to finish were clocked in exactly the same time, 22:53. Even sixth place Diggs crossed the line only six seconds later in the blanket finish.

Coach Dick Miller had no comment to make on his team's showing against Davidson.

The General harriers have not fared so well after taking their season's opener from Hampden-Sydney, taking thorough drubbings from Bridgewater College and Davidson. They have as yet not succeeded in snatching a first place in their first three outings.

Both General losses have come on the opponents' courses.

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Executive Committee
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work this out from every possible standpoint until we are at a lasting conclusion. We're not going to rush into anything."

Members of the committee were drawn from both the University and Independent parties. Special endeavor was put forth to obtain some men who are not actively supporting either party.

When the political findings group finished it will report its findings to the Executive Committee. Then, if the E.C. so desires, the findings and suggested changes in the campus political set-up can be put in the form of an amendment to the student constitution and placed before the student body for a vote. A simple majority vote would put it into effect.

Shenandoah

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and has been associated with the Shenandoah for two years. He has written eleven poems selected for an English anthology book which will be printed soon. Associate editors are Bob Paxton and Ray Smith. Managing editors are Harvey Dodd and Hank Turner.

Most material the Shenandoah contains is all new material and written especially for the magazine, Carter added.

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be instituted. Participation would be "entirely voluntary" and those who did not join would get increases every year in the same proportion as the cost of living. Faculty salaries were boosted by five per cent last June, he said.
Concerning student attitudes, Leyburn said, "There is such pressure (often unconscious) to conform that few students feel free to follow preferences that are even slightly unusual."

Student hobbies have a narrow range, for they are circumscribed by conformity; political opinion is conventional; even sports and dating follow a pattern. I deplore the steady decrease of individuality among our students," he said.

Loyalty to the University is subordinated to loyalty to Greek letter houses because of the early separation into fraternities, he said.

Combination of the fraternities "into cliques, the larger of which absolutely controls all student elections," results in "student indifference and in the frustration of democracy," according to the dean. Law students even tend to isolate themselves from the rest of the campus and from student affairs, he noted.

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