Turkeys lose out on bowl bid

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A gutsy 40-40 Tech Wild Turkeys football team won a spiritual victory Sunday in its season opener against the host and arch-rival Harvard Crimson. The Wild Turkeys employed a sophisticated aerial offense and a confused defense in combating the highly-favored Crimson, leading to a hard-fought 6-6 tie — 6 Crimson touchdowns against 6 Tech first downs.

"We lost by points, but we won by a lack of points," Turkey wide receiver Stanley "Etc" Estra '66 asserted. The tone of the game revealed after the play.

The final score: 6-6 16

"You can blitz once every possession," an unidentified Crimson player explained — after the play.

The Tech nearly drove to its own 25-yard line on its first possession, mainly through Hoffman's crisp passing and the fleet-footed receiving of Ben "Sting" Stanger '88 and "Captain" Andy Bein '87. The drive halted abruptly when Stanger tried to catch a pass with his nose.

A tenacious Wild Turkey defense prevented the Crimson from crossing midfield on Harvard's first possession, thanks to the acrobatic defensive backfield play of Harold "Howard" Stern '87 and Tom "Tom-Tom" Huang 86. Rookie quarterback "Refrigerator" Becker 87 provided a relentless pass rush.

All-American safety Earl "The Earl" Yen '86 stepped on the half of the Crimson in the end zone to keep the game scoreless in the first minute.

In the second quarter, The Tech surprised the Crimson defense with an array of confusing audibles and screen passes. Rookie quarterback Huang revealed some of these signals employed by the Wild Turkeys after the game.

"Richard Pryor burning alive means 'don't kill yourself on this play,' " Huang explained.

"Media, media" is 'go out for the bomb.' George and Mary sitting in a tree means 'take a look at those kids over there!' Man, they start so young these days."

The Crimson Crimson finally opened the scoring on a broken play intended to be a fake Statue of Liberty pass. One Crimson player mistakenly invited some huddled masses and all hell broke loose.

Meanwhile, the Tech offense had difficulty getting its highly-touted passing game untracked. A series of miscalculations and almost-catches plagued the Wild Turkey offense. Stanger opened the second half with a spectacular tackle-breaking kickoff return. Unfortunately for The Tech, the game was two-hand touch.

Once again, the Wild Turkey offense sputtered, despite the experienced Coach Katz. "Vince Lombardi" Schwarz '66. Then, computer science major Bill announced that he had designed a (Please turn to page 18)

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