TRYING HARDER NOT ALWAYS ENOUGH

Virginia Tech, for one, has heeded the warning signs and is doing something about it. Jimmy Sharpe's staff has done a great job. Ditto Jim Tait's aides from Richmond, who have no less than 11 Peninsulars on their football roster.

Even University of Virginia "tries harder," though its records don't often show it. Also, UVA and William and Mary and VMI have certain standards which preclude their attracting or accepting some of Virginia's finest, and no one is — or should be — asking to have those standards lowered merely to satisfy higher athletic aspirations.

In short, State colleges and universities are getting or are trying to get their fair share (?) of our best sports talent, but they're going to lose some. However, that doesn't mean we — meaning our sports section — shouldn't continue reminding them (including alumni and boosters), to wit?

"Look, fellas, too many good Virginia athletes are getting away — especially to the Carolinas, so get on the stick, do something about it."

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