**Cavaliers Aiming for Home-Opening Win**

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William and Mary football Coach Jim Root has that old familiar feeling.

Two years ago his Indians were the sacrificial lamb for Sonny Randle, who was making his home debut as the Cavaliers’ coach.

Now William and Mary, a more experienced team, is in the same position. The Indians act as the opponents today at 1:30 in Charlottesville when Virginia makes its home debut under new Coach Dick Brevick.

It will be a busy day for area football fans. Both Virginia Tech and VMI join Virginia in opening their home programs.

Tech will be trying to bounce back from its first defeat in a game against Southern Mississippi. The Golden Eagles won’t be unfamiliar with Blacksburg. Three USM coaches were assistants at Virginia Tech in recent years.

Head coach Bobby Collins served under Jerry Claiborne while Bill Clay and Jimmy Weatherford were there during the Charlie Coffey era.

In addition, starting Southern Mississippi quarterback Kenny Alderman played at Radford, but was not recruited by Tech when Coffey was coaching there.

VMI will again go with sophomore Robbie Clark at quarterback in an effort to even its record at 1-1.

Brevick isn’t emphasizing that his team was because it is his home debut.

"This home opener as a head coach means no more to me than the game at Washington did as my first game as head coach," said the former Georgia Tech assistant, who followed Randle into Charlotteville.

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Virginia Tech around returning quarterback Tom Rozantz. He passed for just over 100 yards last week against VMI, but had a couple of long completions called back.

In pre-season polls, Virginia was picked to beat only three teams. The Indians were one of the squads, but Brevick doesn’t believe this is a must game.

"We don’t have to win," stressed the Virginia coach. "There is no one game you have to win. No game is a life and death matter as far as I’m concerned."

"To the alumni, Virginia Tech is a game we have to win. But to alumni around Hampton, we have to beat William and Mary. To those in North Carolina, we have to beat North Carolina. It depends where you live."

Brevick refuses to worry about winning at this point. "If I do," he said, "I might put pressure on the players and lose instead.

"I’m interested in us executing well and playing with intensity. If we do it the right way, we’ll have nothing to apologize for."

Brevick notes that he didn’t think William and Mary would be as good as it looked in the opening win over VMI.

"Coming off a poor season," he said, "I didn’t anticipate they would make as much progress. They have better players than the last couple, I think, and they have some fine players—some we can use."

At Tech, Sharpe has been in contact with his good friend, East Carolina Coach Pat Dye. The Pirates scalped Southern Mississippi 48-0 last week and the question is: Are the Golden Eagles that bad or East Carolina that good?

"It’s hard to tell looking at the films," said Sharpe. "I saw Southern line up and whip East Carolina and then I saw East Carolina raise up and throw the bomb real quick."

"East Carolina got 17 points in the first quarter and then went up real quick, 27-0. It reminds me of Florida State two years ago when we won 56-21. We weren’t 30 points better than them, but we were that night."

"Sharpe is concerned about Alderman. He heard the Radford native is anxious to prove himself on his return to home territory."

"Our players from Radford said that’s all he talked about this summer—proving Virginia Tech was wrong not to recruit him," said Sharpe.

The present Tech coach never had a chance to recruit Alderman as he escaped to Southern Miss when Coffey headed the Gobblers’ fortunes.

VMI also is on the comeback trail after a 34-20 loss to W&M. Appalachian has a 1-1 record with a loss to South Carolina and a whipping 44-5 win over East Tennessee.

"Believe me," said VMI Coach Bob Thalman, "they are a good team. I think our players realize we beat ourselves last week. But we have to have improvement. Against our schedule, there is no way to play mediocre football and win."

There is a heavy action in the Atlantic Coast Conference as all the teams play non-league rivals.

Clemson is at home to Georgia in the regional television offering. But the Tigers are underrated to the nationally ranked Bulldogs who beat highly regarded Californian last week.

Maryland’s unbeaten season might hang on its game at West Virginia. The Mounties are young and inexperienced. But they rank as one of the tougher teams on the Terps’ schedule and it’s always difficult to win in Morgantown.

North Carolina, which has pulled two upsets of pre-season nationally-ranked teams. The Tar Heels and Florida, is a heavy favorite at home this afternoon against Northwestern.

North Carolina State is still trying to give Coach Do Rein his first win. But it will be tough when East Carolina visits Raleigh tonight.

Duke is trying to prove its win over Tennessee was no fluke. The Blue Devils will have a hard time as they go to unbeat- en South Carolina, which last week polished off Georgia Tech in an upset.

In Southern Conference action, The Citadel has a tough home game against college division power Delaware while Furman is a big favorite to rack up its third win over Presbyterian.

Madison is home in college division action as the Dukes look for their third straight win against Towson State. Washington and Lee makes its debut at home against Emory and Henry.

Ferrum College, which beat Newport News’ Apprentice School 42-0 last week, gets its first real test. The Panthers visit Nassau Community College in New York.