Tech Wants To Dominate The State In Football

BLACKSBURG—"Our folks like to dominate the state. The next three games: William and Mary, VMI and Virginia may be our most important games this year" said Virginia Tech assistant coach Perry Willis, speaking before the Blacksburg Sports Club at its regular meeting Monday at Donaldson Brown CEC.

Willis commented on a practice session that was one of the highlights of Tech's week since the team had an open date last Saturday: "Tuesday we scrimmaged. If a play didn’t get four yards we ran it over again. The players got right tired but they learned from it. Our folks will be ready to play Saturday. I think they’ll go after them.

“We look for them to throw a lot. Their quarterback (sophomore Tom Rozanta) is one of the best quarterbacks you’ll see this fall. He’s cool, calm under pressure and a real fine passer.”

Willis continued "They have a good split end and two fine running backs and they have a lot of young folks on defense.”

One of the advantages of the wishbone offense, he said, is that "you adapt your offense to their defense and you don’t have to change it every week.”

The coach said Dennis Scott will likely do some running Saturday, along with the regulars, Paul Adams, George Heath, Roscoe Coles and Chuck Nuttycombe. Ellis Savage, who was injured in the Texas A&M game, may be ready again and Mickey Rogers could see some action.

In answer to a question he said that Don La Rue and David Lamie, who were in the four-way race for quarterback as the season started, both "have the potential to be some of the best quarterbacks ever to run the option.”

La Rue has been injured, Willis said, and may be redshirted.

Also on the injured list is freshman runner Johnny McFall of whom Willis remarked "He has the best balance I’ve ever seen. He’s a real solid citizen.”

“Our team never has excelled in the first part of the season” he said, adding that the team usually explodesensively in the fourth game.

In response to a question he said "We would like to throw the football if we can" and added that wide receiver Moses Foster "has a lot of ability. Dave Dolphin is real smart. He can ad lib and rearrange his route when he has to. Mickey Fitzgerald is a great blocker and is improving as a received."

"The greatest thing we’ve got going for us is people...they really want to play football.”

Wayne Donald won the Pick the Winner football contest with a score of 70 in a week in which upsets sent the Sports Club’s predicting average down to 55. Eight members had 65’s.