McCarter, Beasley, Barnes Are Top Hokies

DEFENSIVE STANDOUT—Senior defensive end Keith McCarter of the Hokies was one of two players chosen by the Blacksburg Sports Club as Virginia Tech Defensive Players of the Week.

KEYDET CRUNCHER—Senior defensive tackle Tom Beasley of Northfork, W. Va., was co-holder of the title of Defensive Player of the Week for Virginia Tech in its 30-point win over VMI at Richmond.

BEST ON OFFENSE—Virginia Tech senior quarterback Mitchel Barnes, who guided his team to victory in the Tobacco Bowl and scored a touchdown on a long run, was chosen by the Blacksburg Sports Club as Virginia Tech Player of the Week on Offense.

BLACKSBURG—Defensive end Keith McCarter of Colonial Heights, defensive tackle Tom Beasley of Northfork, W. Va., and quarterback Mitchel Barnes of Southampton were selected by the Blacksburg Sports Club Monday as its Defensive and Offensive Players of the Week.

McCarter graded 83 percent and had three quarterback sacks. Beasley graded 75 percent and had three hits for losses. Barnes graded 90 percent and had one touchdown run. He was honored for “general excellence of execution.”

Barnes told club members: “Thanks for your support. It means quite a bit to me and the team.”

McCarter also thanked the club and asked for questions from the floor. In response to one question he said, “I would rather play on Astro-turf (Richmond City Stadium has an artificial surface). I hope they get it at Lane Stadium.”

Beasley was not present for the luncheon.

Assistant coach Jack White, who coaches the kicking game and offensive line said of the three selectees: “You can measure their performance on the field but you can’t measure their leadership.”

“Barnes demands immediate respect in the huddle. It’s hard to evaluate the value of all three players to the team.”

Several club members were tied at 70 in the football Pick the Winner contest but Neal Boyd, closest to the tie-breaker in what proved to be a tie game was the winner. The least-missed game in the contest was South Carolina’s win over Virginia. The most-missed games were the Texas-Oklahoma tie, the one-point win over William and Mary by the Fighting Blue Hens of Delaware and Mississippi’s win over Georgia.