Virginia Tech Signs Sidney Snell

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech's football program completed a successful recruiting "double-header" in the New River District here Wednesday night with the signing of star Blacksburg High running back Sidney Snell.

The signing of Snell, who rushed for 1,444 yards in Blacksburg's 10 regular season games and led the New River in scoring, followed by only a few days the decision of Floyd County's Lewis Stuart, another member of the all-district backfield to accept a grant-in-aid at Tech.

Snell (6-2, 210) is a young man of considerable accomplishment. A starter in all three of his seasons at Blacksburg, he was named the New River's offensive back of the year in his senior and junior years and was all-district as a defensive back as a sophomore and junior.

He holds all the Blacksburg records for career and season rushing and scoring and was named as one of the top five college prospects in the state by The Roanoke Times.

Snell was twice named all-Timesland, as a defensive back in his junior year and as both an offensive back and a punter (he averaged over 40 yards per punt) last fall.

In his years at Blacksburg, Snell has been equally active in the school's basketball program. As a junior, he led all Group AA scorers with a 28.3 average and currently carries a 23.5 mark through the Indians' first nine games.

Speaking of both Snell and Stuart, Blacksburg football Coach Dave Crist said "I don't think there's any doubt that Tech got two good ones."

"I don't think there'll be any additional pressure on Sid playing at Tech, it might be more like a natural continuation of things. They recruited him as a running back, but if they decide to play him as defensive back or wide receiver, he's perfectly capable of doing that, too."

According to reports, Snell had narrowed his choices down to Tech and N. C. State before making his decision to sign with the Hokies.