Recruiting Ink
Rebuilds Hokies
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With the addition this week of the Virginia Highland's two "S"s, Sidney Snell and Lewis Stuart, Virginia Tech's football recruiting roster has blossomed to 22.

Although the inking of the two backs have highlighted recruiting, the majority of signees are linemen to fill the huge void left by graduation.

Tech loses the following offensive and defensive linemen to graduation: Tom Beasley, Larry Blunt, Blair Buskirk, Larry Capps, Rondal Davis, Keith Gibson, Curt Lowery, Keith McCarter and Stuart Patterson.

Nearly two-thirds of the signees are linemen. Five backs have been signed, although some may not play in the offensive backfield once at Tech. Also, one wide receiver and three linebackers have inked athletic pacts with the Hokies.

National Signing Day approaches in early February, and Gobbler head coach Jimmy Sharpe is optimistic. "We're very encouraged by our recruiting year. Virginia Tech is being well received all over the state. We're being welcomed now where it was hard to get our foot in the door three years ago," he noted, referring to Northern and some parts of Eastern Virginia.

"We've signed a lot of linemen. One of our top priorities is filling holes in the trenches."

Signing the two local backs, Snell and Stuart, must take some of North Carolina's recruiting prestige away. The Tar Heels were after both Snell and Stuart and were thought to have Stuart in the bag, telling him he would become the "next Mike Voight", Carolina's all-time leading rusher.

The Hokies haven't limited their recruiting efforts to the state border line either. Only a dozen of the signees are from the Old Dominion. Tech has signed two players from New Jersey, two from Tennessee, two from Pennsylvania, three from Maryland and one from West Virginia.

Sharpe called signing Snell "the biggest break for us in our

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