VPI Sizes Up Okla. State For Air War

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Explosion '72 almost certainly will be the name of the game Saturday when Virginia Tech football is host to the Indians of Oklahoma State at Lane Stadium, Blacksburg.

The hosts are second in the nation in passing offense while the visitors hold the same position in rushing. With quarterback Don Strock leading the way, the Gobblers have gained 1,150 yards through the air for an average of 237.5 yards a game.

Oklahoma State has rushed for 1,523 yards in its four games for an average of 380.8 yards a game.

Individually, Strock leads the country in total offense after his sterling performance against Houston last weekend.

In that 27 all tie, the senior from Warwick, Pa., completed 34 passes of 53 attempts for 527 yards. This effort earned Strock a share of the Associated Press back of the week honor. Also named to the post was quarterback Joe Ferguson of Arkansas.

Oklahoma State has a standout back also. A youngster, Brent Blackman, No. 8 in the country as a runner with 490 yards gained in four games for an average of 122.5 yards a game.

"This is the first time we'll see the wishbone of offense this year," Charlie Coffey, Tech's coach, explains. "We've never faced it, so we took a long look at the films of Oklahoma State.

"The Indians are a fine team, just one point away from being unbeaten in four games. They lost to Arkansas by a single point and have beaten everyone else they have played.

"They are a very physical team, and that is a problem for us, because we have played some rugged teams in the past few weeks and our players are sore."

Speaking of his own team, Coffey naturally had high praise for Strock. "He ran his fakes well on the play action passes and his receivers early. As far as we know, the Oklahoma State secondary hasn't been tested yet.

"We feel we have offense to score on them. Our problem will be on defense. They move

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