Tech JVs, Ferrum Clash In Roanoke

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The Virginia Tech Jayvees, like most squads around the country, shuffled players to and from the varsity squad faster than a dexterous card shark all season long.

But the shuffling has ended and the squad is set for tonight’s clash against Ferrum College at Victory Stadium at 8. Several of Tech’s best freshmen will not be playing in this game because they made the trip to Tuscaloosa, Ala., with the varsity to meet Alabama.

Don Testerman, the running back from Halifax County, who played such a big role in the Gobbetts’ 28-7 romp over the Virginia JVs last week, will be making the trip, along with fresh running back Paul Adams, who hasn’t played on the JV team all year.

Doug Thacker, the fresh line backer from Roanoke, is injured and may not see action tonight. Linebacker Jack Crews from Halifax went to Alabama.

But the Gobbetts will be sporting a good portion of their fine first-year talent. Two quarterbacks are slated for action. Jerry Kinsey, a passing quarterback from Gainesville, Ga., will probably get the starting call for tonight’s game. Kinsey has hit on 31 of 80 tosses for 511 yards and five touchdowns.

He’ll be backed up by Steve Mathieson from Rockville, Md., who has hit 14 of 41 tosses for 261 yards. Billy Hadd, a native of Pulaski, Va., has 18 catches for 400 yards and three TDs and Skip Creasy of Athens, Ga., has 11 receptions.

The running corps is composed of Phil Rodgers, who leads all backs with 171 yards on 39 carries, and Sandy Johnson, the highly-touted back from Tennessee, who has 164 yards on 44 carries.

Anthony Hartston, a running back from Martinsville, is also available for running duties tonight. Henry Castro, a walk-on, picked up 95 yards against Virginia and is an up-and-coming newcomer.

Tonight’s game is being sponsored by the Blacksburg Jaycees in cooperation with the Virginia Tech Athletic Association. Jaycees proceeds for the game will go to the Blacksburg Athletic Association, the Shelter Home and other Jaycee activities.

Ferrum comes into tonight’s game with a 3-2 mark and the Coastal Conference Championsh. Tonight will be its first appearance in Roanoke since 1966.

The Gobbetts are 3-1 with wins over Virginia and VMI, a tie with South Carolina and losses to Maryland and West Virginia’s JV squads.