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"They moved the ball for a tremendous amount of yardage against us last year," said Virginia Tech Coach Charlie Coffey, commenting on today's Tobacco Bowl game with William and Mary.

"They've got a lot of those same people back, plus some fine newcomers. Bill Deery, their quarterback, looks as if he has fine quickness," continued Coffey.

"We'll be facing another team that ranks among the nation's best in running game. We've proved to ourselves in the last month that we're equal to such a task, and I hope we can prove it again."

The Gobblers and Indians have a 1:30 p.m. kickoff at Richmond's City Stadium for the 48th renewal of a series that began in 1904.

William and Mary Coach Jim Root refused to predict how many points his Indians will need to overcome the heavily-favored Gobblers.

In one of the season's greatest understatements, Root ventured the following: "All indications are that both teams will score points."

Root expressed concern over his team's ability to stop the nation's leader in passing and total offense, quarterback Don Strock. The Tribe mentor said Strock's size (6-foot-5, 205 pounds) gives him a great vantage point for spotting receivers.

"Their running game helps their passing by keeping the defense honest," Root added. "James Barber is a fine runner."

Todd Bushnell leads Tribe runners with 620 yards, followed by Deery with 439, Doug Gerhart with 448. David Knight, the Indians' clutch pass receiver, has caught 23 for 443 yards and five touchdowns.

Strock has hit on 121 of 213 passes for 1,812 yards and nine touchdowns. Barber has run for 378 yards and scored nine touchdowns.