Coffey confident in his receivers

BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech's pass catchers look like a Cadillac compared to a Model-T version of the original "fun squad" of 1971. From superstar Ricky Scales right on down a long list the Fighting Gobblers' receiving corps simply has far more physical talent than the 1971 group which found that the passing game could make hard work enjoyable.

Scales and split end Steve Galloway, both juniors and likely starters, are comparative speed merchants, but they're getting good competition from several sophomores, like Billy Hardee, Jerry Inge, Jay Neal and George Dodson.

Considering that at least a dozen different receivers have caught an appreciable number of passes in each of the last two seasons, all six of this year's wide receivers probably can count on being active participants in Tech's aerial attack.

Of course, tight ends and running backs also share in the Gobblers' overhead plans. "Even though we lost five of our top seven receivers from last season, we're confident that our receiving corps is just as competent, perhaps more so," Coach Charlie Coffey declares.