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Gobblers’ Hope

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The way of the transgressor is hard. Virginia Tech's football team, winless in two games, is scrimmaging its way back according to Head Coach Charlie Coffey.

"I wanted to coach them another way but it didn’t work. So we’ll have to go at it this way.” The 'this' Coffey was talking about was by simulating game conditions.

“We’re banged up and bruised. I don’t like to have players hurt but we might just as well be playing hurt as playing poorly.” Coffey said.

“We’ve made some changes in our offense. The big one is the shift of wide receivers. Jerry Inge will be the right one and Billy Hardee on the left. Ricky Scales has been dropped down to the third unit.

“We need some blocking from these people. Scales is a fine receiver but he made only two blocks on 47 running plays against Kentucky.

“When he takes as much pride in his blocking as he does in his pass catching, he’ll play again.

“Ricky Popp is the number one quarterback. He’s taking a beating in practice. The other backs, James Barber and Phil Rogers are set. I expect that Alex Hill and Greg Toal will be coming along. They should help us soon.

“We haven’t made any changes in our defensive unit. They came alive in the second half against Kentucky. If they can maintain that spirit, we’ll be satisfied.”

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