UVa Jayvees Host Gobblers

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Virginia’s junior varsity football team, handicapped by lack of practice time and uncertain personnel but no dearth of talent, ends its season tomorrow afternoon at Scott Stadium, playing host to VPI at 2 p.m.

The Jayvees have compiled a 1-3 mark to date, with two of the losses coming to North Carolina and Maryland in games which either team might have won.

Tech, however, has registered an impressive 3-1 mark, with its sole setback coming to N.C. State, 21-20. The Gobblers destroyed the VMI Rats, a team the Cavaliers topped with a second-half comeback, but “it wasn’t the same team we played,” according to coach Paul Fraim.

Directing Virginia Tech’s attack is quarterback Mitchell Barnes from Ashland. Barnes has completed 17 of 35 attempts for 225 yards and four touchdowns, but the comparison with the Tech rushing statistics underscores a predilection for the run.

Leading ball carrier is Charlie Brown, who has toted the ball 52 times for 309 yards and three TDs. His mate, Steve Scott, has rushed almost as much, 52 times for 186 yards.

Sophomore Luke Marsingill is the leading receiver with only eight grabs. But three of them were for touchdowns.

Coach Fraim is still not sure of his personnel for the game, as some of the players he has used for much of the season will have their 11-game eligibility jeopardized if they suit up Monday.

In this category are offensive lineman Dennis Switalski and linebacker Mike Ozdowski, the keystone of the defense in the second half comeback against North Carolina.

Fraim has also yet to decide which of his three quarterbacks will play in what part of the game. Larry Mills did the best job against the Tar Babies, but in previous weeks Andy Hitt and Bob Nelson had also turned in strong performances.

Fraim said, “The other schools are going with one, its tough on the kids to come in for a quarter. It depends on where your priorities are. We’re interested in development above all.”