Best Effort Goal Of Winless VPI

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Virginia Tech's winless football team sits at the bottom of the Associated Press list of independent football teams while this week's foe, Houston, rests on top with a 4-0 mark.

The Gobblers are not going to the Astrodome with the intention of losing Friday night.

"We've got a lot of young players. Every week we've showed some progress. This could be the week we break out," Head Coach Charlie Coffey said Wednesday.

"They execute the veer offense very well and have excellent play action passing. Offensively, they are a big team. They play a four man down front with three linebackers and have a four man deep setup."

Their pass coverage is very good and it will take a great deal of concentration and reading by our passer and receivers.

Coffey appears to have softened his attitude about this year's team since his outburst after the loss to Kentucky.

"I wanted more from our players after that game and I blew up, hoping they would respond. It didn't work. We
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had great practices, but made the same mistakes against West Virginia.

"Perhaps I demanded more of the team than they were capable of doing. We're a very young team and we don't seem to start out with both the offense and defense functioning well together."

"Last week we had a good game offensively, but the defense didn't put it together until the second half."

The team that's playing now looks like the one that will represent the Gobblers for the next few years. There are only eight seniors on the team, and Coffey has added freshmen to replace his bruised front line troops.

"I'd say that Popp (quarterback Ricky) had a fine game Saturday, except for those three interceptions at the end. If we had won, everybody would have lauded him with praise. I feel that Eddie Joyce will help us."

"I'm very happy with the way James Barber played. His 164 yards was the result of a lot of extra effort on his part. I hope he can continue to play like that."

One impression that came through Wednesday's telephone interview is that the coach has committed himself to stay at the helm for at least one more year.