BLACKSBURG, VA. — It’s not hard to tell where the offensive action is at Virginia Tech: Barber, Rogers, Hardee and Scales.

Of course, it takes concerted effort by a whole team to make an offense go, "and our offensive line hasn’t been given enough credit for the way they have knocked opponents off the line all season. And they’ve also done a much more competent job of protecting the passer than we anticipated they might," Coach Charlie Coffey points out.

Still, with all due credit to the Gobbler offensive front, the recorded action is with the four specialists.

James Barber, senior fullback, is in his third season as bellwether of Tech’s ground attack, although for most of the season he has been second fiddle to sophomore Phil Rogers.

Between the two, they have accounted for 931 of the 1,043 yards Tech has gained on the ground.

Hardee, sophomore split end, shares pass receiving leadership with Scales, a junior. Each had hauled in 17, accounted for more than 60 percent (.666 yards) of the 1,006 Tech has gained by arials and seven of Tech’s nine tds by passing.

In fact, Scales (5), Hardee (4) and Barber (3) have scored all but two of Tech’s 14 tds.

Hardee also is the Fighting Gobblers’ number one kickoff return specialist, and he’s also being eased into the punt return job.

Rogers who didn’t even make the trip to Houston last week due to a shoulder injury suffered in the SMU game, should break into the scoring column and when completely well likely will be sharing some of the kick return duties.

The four players also are Tech’s top pass receivers, and amongst them they’ve caught 60 passes.

Coach Charlie Coffey never has made any secret of the fact that the Gobbler plan is to get the ball as often as possible to these especially skilled individuals, “and Saturday’s game plan for Virginia won’t be any different,” Coffey says. So, Tech’s offense Saturday again will likely revolve around these four.