In regards to signing Roanoke area football prospects, it looks as though Virginia Tech may not get shut out after all.

William Byrd's star running back, Ricky Bush, said Wednesday that it was almost a certainty that he would sign with Tech in the next week or so.

Bush, who was one of the main cogs as the Terriers went to the state 2-A semifinals, has been highly sought by numerous schools in the area. Among those interested were North and South Carolina.

"I'm almost certain that I will sign with Tech," said Bush. "They said I would get a shot at runningback or defensive end."

The 6-4, 195-pound senior was named to many honor squads this past season. He made the All-Blue Ridge District team on both offense and defense and was selected to the second-team All-Timesland team as an offensive back.

Ricky Bush

Bush, who has extreme quickness for his size, is the first of the Valley's top prospects to express interest in Virginia Tech.

Three other Valley stand-