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Gobblers Need A Coach!

With the coaching situation apparently set at Virginia State, it is a good time to move on to a discussion of Virginia Tech. Virginia State named John Marshall head coach last week and the period of uncertainty that has been vacant for almost two months. The Gobblers haven't been without a coach for very long, but it is not hard to make the assumption that the Gobblers will be under new leadership, since Frank Moseley stepped down as head coach of the Student Aid Association, the group that keeps money flowing in to the school's athletic program, gathered for a special meeting. Of course, when the meeting was announced, Virginia Tech fans were on edge, expecting the name of the new coach. But it didn't come any sooner than expected and several weeks later. At the meeting, three basic things were decided: (1) Virginia Tech still needs a football coach. (2) It will wait for support of the Student Aid Association; (3) The Roanoke newspapers are not the best friends of Virginia Tech.

When you consider last season's 3-9 record, it's hard to find the fans, coaches or players daring to be optimistic about this coming football season at Virginia Tech. Marshall and several other schools are building up for the next season. Tech fans are a bit of a little deeper, and it's easy to see Virginia Tech can be a better football team this season.

Last year's underclassmen were listed on the varsity roster more often than the starting players. Some of the underclassmen may be true standouts at the end of the season. In the early season, only about half of the underclassmen are likely to see action at all.

It is not so easy to find an optimistic outlook among the players at Virginia Tech, and there is still a feeling of disappointment.

There has been a lot of talk about the "parachute" players. The Gobbler coach will be under, we've almost too much to complain about it applied for the job - including some names mentioned in last week's issue of The Roanoke Times. Coach Frank J. Moseley, who has been a strong influence in the program, was not able to get even a show of the legs coaches have expressed interest in being on the staff. It is almost the story for anyone who has been mentioned as a possible coach, with names like Carroll Black, J. A. Kilcrease and R. H. Holland.

Luckily Virginia Tech will land a successful head coach this year, but may not get back into the running for a good program - learning from the mistakes.

But Tech does go on after an All-American defensive在外面有 mention of whether Dan Henley could be one of the first in line. Almost everyone at Tech very much expects the headquarters for the basketball team to be in Old Strook, which will be the end of all, Henley had nothing to do with the Virginia Tech defense last year.

Three men from the Tri-City area are on the Virginia Tech staff: Reid Latham-Robin, Frank L. Hawkins, J. A. Kilcrease and Robert Rains. Hawkins, who once quarter-blocked the Crimson Wave and tossed a touchdown pass to his quarterback in a game under Coach Hawkins' direction, is currently a member of the Tech coaching staff. Rains, who maintains his residence in Christiansburg, is not a member of the coaching staff.

Virginia Tech football is not falling apart at the seams, Hawkins says. "We are striving for only more than ever. We are working together to reach our goals.

For some reason, Virginia Tech and the Roanoke newspapers just do not see eye to eye on everything. Bill Call, a writer for Roanoke, obviously feels that the emphasis in a story should be on four days last week and the Gobblers' 24-7 loss to Virginia Tech. The paper says November was the worst month in Virginia Tech history, but they are not the fools at Roanoke. December was even worse.

Virginia Tech fans, at least November was one of the best months for the Student Aid Association. The Roanoke papers put a plug of eight-lights couple...