Tech Frosh Stands Out in Drills

BLACKSBURG—To hit or be hit, that is the question on Virginia Tech's practice field these days, and most of the Gobblers appeared to have chosen the former in the long scrimmage Saturday.

Even though execution of the wishbone offense continued to improve, defense dominated the early part of the scrimmage—until a freshman quarterback, Eddie Snell, stole the show by choosing not to be hit any more than possible.

Snell, from Snellville, Ga., on several occasions made clutch yardage with quick bursts and scored twice by outmaneuvering would-be hitters.

A principal reason for offensive improvement was good blocking on the corner, good running by Phil Rogers, Greg Toal, Paul Adams and senior quarterback Bruce Arias.

One of Tech's problem areas, linebacker, took a turn for the better with good performances by juniors Doug Thacker and Jack Crews and sophomore Bill Schrews.

Coach Jimmy Sharpe, although disappointed by the number of penalties and loss of poise in the "fourth quarter," was pleased that the Gobblers continued to show progress. "It definitely was our best day of hitting. We were generally pleased with defense. And our offensive execution was better."