Gobblers Impress In Work On Wishbone

BLACKSBURG—"We're still miles away from where we want to go, but we've made a little bit of progress," Virginia Tech coach Jimmy Sharpe said after the Gobblers completed the first quarter of their spring football practice.

"The first day wasn't very good," he commented, "but we've made a little progress on each succeeding day. And we've been pleased with the enthusiasm and the hitting."

After reviewing films of the first full team workouts, Sharpe and staff singled out defensive linemen Stuart Patterson (sophomore, Lynchburg), Larry Bjerke (senior, Richmond), Skip Creasey (sophomore, Blacksburg), and Keith McCarter (sophomore, Colonial Heights); and offensive linemen Randy Vey (senior, Edison, N. J., via Ferrum), Allen Cure (junior, Lynchburg) and Rondal Davis (sophomore, Elizabethton, Tenn.)

"We also were encouraged with the way our backs blocked on the corner," Sharpe noted. "It was the first time they had been thrown into this situation, and they went after it very well."

"The hot weather has been a very good test, too. We've had good hitting and good overall effort."

"We still have a long way to go on fundamentals, which isn't allowing us to get to full teamwork as quickly as we would like. But we are making progress."

Saturday will mark the halfway point in Tech's spring drills in preparation for the intrasquad game here on May 18.

2,000 Season Tickets Sold For Tech Football

BLACKSBURG—Two thousand season tickets, in round figures, have been purchased so far for 1974 Virginia Tech home football games, according to Tech ticket manager, Tom McNeer.

Sales are expected to increase in late summer, since two of the Gobblers four home games will be played in September.

McNeer said ticket sales normally are heavy during the first four or five weeks of sale and slack off until the final surge of late summer.

Last year about 9,000 season tickets had been sold before the season opener.

Tech starts off with the impressive Southeastern Conference Kentucky Wildcats Sept. 15, with a score to settle. Kentucky inaugurated a new stadium with a win over Tech last fall, scoring all its 25 points in the first half.

The potent Houston Cougars visit Sept. 26 and the Richmond Spiders provide the Homecoming opposition Oct. 26.

Old rival West Virginia pays its first visit to Lane Stadium since the late 60's on Nov. 23 with speedy pass receiver Danny Buggs.

McNeer says a season tickets for the home slate sells for $28.00, no increase in price over last year.

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The Gobblers face three in-state rivals on the road: VMI in the Tobacco Bowl game Oct. 5 in Richmond; Virginia at Charlottesville Oct. 19, and William and Mary at Williamsburg, Nov. 9.

The remaining road schedule includes SMU Sept. 21, South Carolina Oct. 12, Miami (Fla.) Nov. 1 and Florida State Nov. 16.