BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech concluded its spring football practice early and on a light note Wednesday.

The Gobblers worked out in shorts for an hour and still had an allotted practice session remaining, but Coach Jimmy Sharpe declared the spring workouts at an end.

“We certainly didn’t accomplish everything we would have liked, but we were extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and hitting throughout the spring, including last Monday’s practice which could have tended to drag,” he said.

“There was a lot of individual progress; some of the young players were really involved,” he said. “We’re not prepared yet to field a winning team, but we definitely have a start.”

The end of drills will give players a chance to concentrate on books and exams which begin June 3, but for the coaches it means hitting the road for future recruiting and clinics.

“There’ll be no vacations this year,” the first-year coach said. “We have too much to do to get ready for operations in August which is just around the corner.”

The Gobblers advanced appreciably with the wishbone offense during the 19 spring sessions, and their 5-2 defense made strides and gained considerable confidence. The kicking game definitely didn’t get its share of attention.

“The kicking game obviously will have to get top priority when we start getting ready again in August,” Sharpe said. “We will have to spend the first three days in shorts when we start, and that will be a good time to concentrate on details of the kicking game.

“We hope that offensively and defensively we’ll be able to pick up where we’re leaving off here at the end of spring practice.”