Martin, Bledsoe
Only Area Seniors
To Help Techmen

BLACKSBURG, Va. – There are only two seniors among 11 players from southwest Virginia and northeast Tennessee who are making big contributions to Virginia Tech’s football program this spring.

All 11 win will see action this Saturday in the annual intrasquad game, and on the basis of spring drills so far as many as eight of them could well be starters in the Fall.

Charley Martin, a senior from Bristol, appears certain to be the noseman in Tech’s basically 5-2 defensive front, and Brent Bledsoe, a senior from Kingsport, is battling a sophomore for a defensive tackle sport.

Tom Turner, a junior from Appalachia, is in contention at the other defensive tackle position, and Ron (Flash) Davis, also a junior from Appalachia, is holding down a defensive secondary berth.

A third Appalachian product, junior Luke Marsingill, is competing at defensive end.

Phil Rogers, a junior from Gate City, is the bellwether of Tech’s running backs, although in ’74 he might have to share the limelight with a couple of other tough runners, junior Paul Adams, from Castlewood, and sophomore George Heath, of Bristol. John Goodwin, a sophomore from Elizabethton, is making a bid as a wide receiver.

Working in less glamorous but equally as important positions are a pair of sophomore offensive tackles, Keith Gibson, of Churchill, and Rondal Davis, of Elizabethton. Both might well be ’74 starters.

“We’ve been pleased with the overall effort and hitting during spring practice, and we’re confident that progress made by each of these individuals is going to be a big plus for Virginia Tech this fall,” new head coach Jimmy Sharpe declared.