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Gobblers Switch
To 5-Man Front

Personal opinions and other piffle:
Virginia Tech, which has its spring football game Saturday, has changed its defensive scheme from a four-man front to a five-man front.
The Hokies are doing this because the trend in college football today is going back to the run and Tech's previous defense has been rendered ineffective against the veer and wishbone offenses.
What the Hokies have done is move the middle linebacker on the center's nose. Tommy Shirley, who played middle linebacker as a sophomore, has been moved to an outside linebacker.
Tech's offense has changed some, too. Head coach Charlie Coffey will use the veer and some dropback passing. Tech started out in the veer last year but didn't have the offensive linemen to pull it off. This season Coffey says he'll stay with it.