VPI’s Saturday Foe
Stronger On Defense

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“Kentucky should be stronger on defense simply because they have considerably more experienced personnel on offense, but they’ll play aggressively both ways.”

Virginia Tech football aide Danny Ford didn’t realize it when he used the above as the first paragraph in his scouting report on the Gobbler’s first opponent last fall, that he might have spent his own future.

Stan Lee’s 1:30 p.m. in
VPI’s Lambeau Stadium.

There will be a variation of the
Houston veer, says
Tech Defense Coordinator
Bill Phillips, but
they’ve added Sonny
Collins to fullback, which will put
more pressure where
we’ve.kast — in
linebackers.

To think a sophomore
Coach, Fran Cerci feels all
of his defense have to do is
battle our front five to a
e stalemate to give
Collins a chance to take advantage
of his ability to get off the ball
quickly.

Phillips has returnees
Larry Beaskey and
Brent Bledsoe slated as his
first-line tackles with Tom
Beaskey as backup. Ken
Lambert, a transfer from
Tennessee, has one eye
sewed up while Stuart
Patterson battles letterman
Kieh McCarter for the
other end. Charlie Martin
and Andre Tennessee, who
returned to school without a
scholarship, alternate as
middle (or nose) guard in
the new 5-3 alignment.

“Even this late, we’re not
sure who will be our regular
linebackers,” says Phillips.

“Rick Razzano (a fresh-
man) and junior Dale Rill
will start, but we’ll play
whoever does the job at the
moment and see who works
out best.”

Still, Collins is one of the
Wildcats’ threats, as Cerci
tries to improve on his 5-6
first-year record. Quarter-
back Mike Kuntzzi is an ac-
complished runner and
passer and stubby (5-9, 195)
junior Steve Companski com-
pletes Collins.

However, their effec-
tiveness may be hampered
by an inexperienced front
wall, which boasts only two
returning regulars — center
Rick Nazum and tight end
Emore Stephens.

A defense with only one
returning starter — tackle
Pat Donley — puts the Wip-
gers in much the same
position as the Gobbler’s.

“I think we’re going to be
very strong against the
pass,” says Phillips, “if we
get a break in the middle,
we can win.”

Saturday’s meeting is the
12th meeting of the series
which began in 1926. The
Wildcats hold a 6-3-2 edge
after winning 31-26 last
season in Lexington, Ky.