Virginia Tech Signs Tidewater's Bunn, Hill

VIRGINIA BEACH — Kellam High School’s Gene Bunn and Danny Hill, called the “premier football players in Tidewater” by Virginia Tech assistant coach Terry Don Phillips, became the latest two additions to the Gobbler football program in signings announced Sunday.

Bunn, a 6-foot, 180-pound defensive back and quarterback and Hill, a mammoth 6-3, 255-pound defensive and offensive tackle, are both all-state Group-AAA selections.

Also hitting the recruiting trail last weekend were University of Virginia coaches who signed 6-2, 220-pound linebacker Russ Meyers of First Colonial High School. The Cavaliers had earlier signed First Colonial quarterback and safety Tracey Moon.

In addition, it was learned that Virginia has signed two players from the Cleveland area, Joe Theiling is an all-state Group-4A wide receiver and Howie Kurnick was named to the greater Cleveland area “dream team” as a linebacker.

One player that Virginia was recruiting heavily went elsewhere, however. Carl Hackley a 6-4, 270-pound tackle from Virginia High in Bristol has made his decision to attend the University of North Carolina.

Bunn, Meyers and Hackley are all members of The Times Top 25 football prospects.

Virginia Tech has now signed 15 players and Virginia has announced 10 signings. North Carolina, North Carolina State and several other ACC schools have yet to announce their recruits publicly.

Regarding the Virginia Tech signings, Bunn and Hill were the first two players from Kellam ever to receive a grant-in-aid. Bunn, although he was recruited as a defensive back primarily, will receive a shot at the starting quarterback job according to Phillips.

“The thing that impressed us about Gene as a quarterback is that he is a winner,” acknowledged Phillips. “We need the kind of guy that the other players can rally around and he is it.”

“He is a good enough athlete that he will fit in somewhere for us,” added Phillips.

Tech had earlier signed another wishbone quarterback.