Hokies Open Practice
Needing Quarterback

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech will begin spring football practice tomorrow, with the Gobblers searching for a quarterback to fill the vacancy left by the graduation of Bruce Arians.

Juniors Greg Mullinax and Mitchael Barnes, sophomore Eddie Snell and junior college transfer John Mason are expected to compete for the position during the four weeks of practice, which will end with the annual squad game May 17.

The Gobblers will also need to build a new defensive line because of the loss of starters Charley Martin, Ken Lambert, Brent Bledsoe and Larry Bearekman, plus cornerback John Bell.

Another problem is the kicking game. “We had so many things to do last year in spring practice that we didn’t begin to do justice to the kicking game. It cost us last fall. That won’t happen again,” Sharpe promised.

The Gobblers will run game-type scrimmages two days a week, Sharpe said.