Sharpe Pleased With VPI Drills

BLACKSBURG (Special to Daily Press) — Virginia Tech Coach Jimmy Sharpe was “very pleased” as the Gobbler football team reached the halfway point of Spring drills with a hard-hitting scrimmage here Saturday.

The attitude and hitting were “good,” and the overall execution was much improved. “There was a lot of good stuff,” Sharpe said.

“The competition at quarterback is going to make us a better football team,” he pointed out. It’s a five-way battle—Phil Rodgers, Mitchell Barnes, Eddie Snell, Greg Mullinax and John Mason—and “pretty well bunched.”

Several defensive players had a big day, including Flash Davis and Billy Hardee in the secondary, linebacker Rick Rozzano and noseguard Larry Schmidt.

“We’re beginning to look like a football team,” Sharpe declared. “The mistakes we made can be corrected, and we’ve definitely improved. Our play calling and execution were much better.”