MAKE ROOM FOR EDDIE--Sophomore quarterback candidate Eddie Snell of Snellville, Ga., showed accurate passing, crisp handoffs and nimble-footed running in Virginia Tech's game-type scrimmage Saturday at Lane Stadium. (Staff photos by Bill Mason)

Quarterbacks Minus Two
Strut In Hokie Scrimmage

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BLACKSBURG—Two of Virginia Tech’s quarterback candidates—running sensation Phil Rogers and junior college transfer John Mason—were among the missing due to an academic commitment to go on a field trip but there was nothing anti-climactic about the Hokies’ first full dress game-type scrimmage Saturday at Lane Stadium.

Sophomore scooter Roger Coles of Virginia Beach was in his best breakaway running form, the hitting on defense was sharp and crisp, keeping the scoring down most of the way and the punting appeared to be above average for this point in the spring training season.

Eddie Snell, a sophomore, displayed a sure touch on handoffs, passed accurately and displayed his best and most sure-footed running so far.

Also in the quarterback derby, both Mitchel Barnes and Greg Mullinax showed improvement over the form shown in their limited game appearances last season.

The quarterback picture will remain clouded until both Rogers and Mason have had their day in the practice field sun.

Tech’s practice sessions continue their crunch this week, with the spring game a little over two weeks away on May 17. If Saturday’s highlights—from the first quarter goal line stand to the late-game offensive improvement—are any accurate barometer—it should be some kind of battle.