Phil Rogers Is Considered as Tech's New Quarterback

Virginia Tech is taking a long, hard look at Phil Rogers, erstwhile running back, as a quarterback, an experiment made possible by a much sounder stable of running backs than Tech had a year ago.

Even though rising senior Paul Adams (baseball) isn't participating and Morris Blueford (track) missed the entire first week of spring drills, the Gobblers still have a couple of proven performers, George Heath and Roscoe Coles, and there are several comparative newcomers who need all the work they can get; Moses Foster, Billy King, Tony Houff, Chuck Nuttycombe, Dick Holway, Larry Hurd and Charlie Moore.

"I wish we had as much depth in our offensive line," Coach Jimmy Sharpe says. "It would make it possible to give our running backs the amount of work they really need."

One of Tech's top offensive linemen, junior tackle Rondal Davis, is being withheld from spring drills as a precautionary measure following off-season knee surgery.

Senior defensive lineman Andre Tennessee has been excused from spring practice in order that he can devote all his efforts to trying to recoup satisfactory academic standing.

Among new defensive standouts in Tech's first Saturday scrimmage were sophomore linebacker Sherald Sheehan, who had most total hits (20), and tackle Bill Houseright, who recently was moved from nose guard.