There is always something new in sports, even if it really is something not that new viewed from a different angle.

Virginia Tech football will present a lot of the players you’ve already seen, tougher, faster, and more menacing, in the spring game May 17, but it also will display some players whose names are not yet household words.

Groover, Nuttycombe and Holway: not a Wall Street combine but three emerging Hokie football talents who are bullish on the future of Tech football.

Defensive man John Groover of Culpeper, also known as “Groove” has been instrumental in making some key stops of the ball carrier and his aim is to get to his man first.

Speed runs in the family of Chuck Nuttycombe of Newport News whose brother Ed is on Tech’s track team. Running isn’t the whole show for Nuttycombe who wants to get in on the act as a blocker, which is critical to the success of the wishbone running attack.

Dick Holway will be a sophomore next fall and must excel to be noticed in the company of runners such as Phil Rogers, George Heath, Roscoe Coles and Morris Blueford.

We think he’ll be noticed. He has the potential to be an explosive runner.

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