Spring Football Begins On Monday

BLACKSBURG—Approximately 100 candidates are expected to turn out Monday, the first day of Virginia Tech football practice. At least two dozen walk-ons will be among the hopefuls.

Coach Jimmy Sharpe says the first priority is to "establish the quarterback." The two leading candidates are David Lamie of Bristol and Don LaRue of Galax, both juniors.

The coach feels that the kicking game is in good shape with George Roberts, a senior last season who still has a year of eligibility, around to handle the punting and Paul "Chile Bean" Engle ready for the point-after-touchdown duty.

Described as "not ready for rough work" are defensive back Henry Bradley and noseguard Bill Housereight, both of whom have been injured several times in their football careers.

Tech lost some outstanding players at several offensive and defensive positions through graduation and a high-ranking priority also is assigned to finding two replacements for Stuart Patterson and Keith McCarter at defensive ends.

Sharpe’s overall aim in spring drills is—as always—"to find a winner at every position."

No practice schedule has been set up yet but the Hokies are expected to visit the practice field across from Lane Stadium four or five times a week.

In past years, practice games or scrimmages have been held on Saturdays in the stadium. A schedule of practices may be announced next week.

The practice sessions all point in the short run to the spring game May 7 and in the long run to the ’77 campaign, which features six games at home, starting with the Texas A & M Aggies in September.