Kelly Gough Signs Grant-In-Aid To Play Tennis At Virginia Tech

BLACKSBURG—Kelly Gough, one of the top young women tennis players in southwest Virginia, has signed a grant-in-aid to attend Virginia Tech.

A Salem native, Gough played on the boy's varsity tennis team at Andrew Lewis for four years and participated in numerous tournaments. Playing the number two position as a senior, she finished the season with an 8-6 record and helped the Wolverines to a district championship.

In her most recent outing, Gough won the women's singles title and was a member of the mixed doubles winner in the Star City Tennis Tournament in Roanoke.

"Kelly will contribute greatly to our program," commented Ms. Jo Kafer, director of women's intercollegiate sports at Tech. "She will help give us the added depth we need to be top contenders in our area.

"She is a good thinker on the court and appraises her opponents very well. She also has a fine serve," Kafer added.

The signing is the third for the Tech women's squad, which earlier inked twin sisters, Anne and Lynne Jones of War, West Virginia. Playing the number one and two singles positions for Big Creek High School, the twosome finished with 24-10 and 30-3 records, respectively. They also compiled a 21-6 doubles mark.

Anne reached the semi-finals of the West Virginia state tourney, while Lynne finished second in the state and won the regionals in her division. Anne was selected as the female scholar athlete of the year, and both girls are members of the National Honor Society.

"These three signees will give the women's tennis team the depth it needs," Kafer said. "This year the squad finished fourth in the state tournament; we may be even more competitive in the future with the addition of these quality players."

The '77 season marked the first year of full varsity status for the Tech women's team.