Football '77 Starts Sunday

The heat may be breaking records almost every day, but it really is fast approaching football season.

The Roanoke Times & World-News will kick off Football '77 next Sunday with previews on the University of Virginia and VMI. The preview on Virginia Tech will follow Sunday, Aug. 28, because the Gobblers have a later starting date this season.

There also will be a full report from the Atlantic Coast Conference football tour, which starts Aug. 22.

Sports writers Dennis Latta and Bob Tittlebaum will be at the camps of the Washington Redskins and Baltimore Colts, and their stories—as well as a preview of the National Football League season—will be forthcoming Aug. 28.

The rest of the state Big Five colleges, William & Mary and Richmond, will be previewed Aug. 28, along with the smaller colleges, which comprise the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC).

Full coverage of the upcoming high school season is scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1.

The prep schedule begins in full swing on Sept. 2. A few of the colleges, notably William & Mary, N.C. State and East Carolina, will start play Sept. 3, with everybody but Tech playing Sept. 10. The Hokies do not open until Sept. 17, the day before the NFL starts its schedule.