Tabb Grad Walton Getting Charged Up For Clash With VPI

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Winless Virginia Tech may be eye-balling rival William and Mary as the first "lemon" on their schedule this year.

At least that's the opinion of W&M junior strong safety David Walton, a Tabb High product who has turned into a "winner" since getting a chance to play this Fall.

Walton's thoughts are based on the premise that the Gobblers probably don't feel the Indians will be as good as their first three foes - nationally-ranked Texas A&M, Memphis State and Clemson.

"Tech is probably looking at us as the turning point for their season," noted the 20-year-old performer at W&M's weekly press luncheon in Williamsburg Tuesday.

More than anything else, Walton would like to humble the Gobblers.

"Even after we beat them (27-15) last year, they kept talking about bowl bids."

Walton, a solid replacement for injured senior Scott Hays in three games this year, also hopes to outshine one of his former high school playing cohorts, defensive back Denny Windmuller.

"He was a walkon for them. I don't think they've ever recruited anybody from Tabb. I guess they only go after the top blue-chippers in Virginia. Tech never even talked to me."

Maryland did, but Walton decided to cast his lot with the Indians because of the "academic challenge" and to be at a place where his folks could come to see him play.

The Indians, now 3-2 for the season, will be facing a Wishbone team for the second consecutive week. They shut down Villanova's attack last week.

"I like playing against the Wishbone," notes the 190-pound physical education major, "but Tech could give us more trouble because of their speed. Villanova didn't have that much, but..."

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