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By Bill Mason

Virginia Tech head football coach Jimmy Sharpe smiled and radiated confidence in his office Tuesday afternoon. He seemed more relaxed, confident and optimistic than the head coach of a team that hadn't registered its second win and that had been shut out the previous weekend at North Carolina State.

Part of the air of assurance that seeped out of his sanctum and overflowed into the complex of football offices nearby was the aura that it was Sharpe's turn to return to the basics, go back to the wishbone that has been the hallmark of the offense since the brain young Alabamian began his coaching career here four years ago.

Part of it was the pile of letters and telegrams that he received a week ago that he must have had a good week for mail. The coach replied that the 60 or so messages all arrived Saturday. The best part of it, he continued, was "support of." There was not a negative letter.

The coach's embarked on a tour of many rumors about being replaced. "I think the only time we are being replaced is by the Virginia game and all the unfounded-fielded a few quick phone calls that came in as brief and encouragement," Sharpe said. "I don't think the offense serve. The bruises had worn off but the confidence buffed to a luster by the votes of confidence that carried 13 extra points.

The general had charged his marching plans a little. Massive and taking salads, Fitz Fitzgerald was being worked full time in his office where he made almost a sneak preview appearance in the Virginia game. Fitzgerald, who played on both offense and defense of the Texas A&M, doesn't appear to be up to his old self.

Among the injured troopers a defensive end and a freshman lineman and several others were held out of practice for extra healing time early in the week.

In the meantime, the pears and on Roanoke's channel 10, there also were the football predictions of accross south. They have been a favorite of the visiting opponent Florida State.

Did these bother the coaches on team? Sharpe responded that "the players are like me. They stopped reading the papers last week." Sharpe would even say, "What the coach in a strong, positive note with wins over West Virginia, Wake Forest and Maryland.

The coach's quote was "We're up for Florida State. Nobody's down here."

"We're happy to have been a part of the Tech football camp, the优化 that you could have cut with a paper knife and the confidence reflected in the faces that you saw, it was somewhat ambiguous, didn't really have a say.

Tech football is alive and at Homecoming it plans to do some positive things get going.

Quarterback: Three Coins

Tech has three coins, not to toss in a fountain to make a wish, but to toss in the game. The three coins, in the search and red in the battle of which this saw him thrown off the board.

The quarterback, still hasn't been the game's star player. Current David Latsou, Doug LaRue and Mike Roundtree will all face Florida State. Their coach has plans to start one, see how he does, and if he doesn't get the fits, the other two to start out as a starting pitcher in baseball to seal their future.

The plan is designed to get the best game possible out of each player. In a key game like this, the offense likely will continue to deal with both the wishbone and the L. Both were used in practice this week.

Allen Brown, another quarterback who is ready if needed.

Girls athletics at Christiansburg High continues to show the kind of determination that marks for lively, spirited sports program. The effort of Beth Kline will do the team well.

Beth Kline has a reputation for being "the girl with the cold," she didn't win but presented an example worth following.

Presbyterian High basketball team has a rebuilding year after losing some outstanding seniors by graduation. The team, a scrappy outfit with potential for the future, winds up its season this week.

The district tournament is set for Nov. 8-11.

A major wrestling tournament is planned for Dec. 2 at Christiansburg High.

Presbyterian high basketball practice begins soon after the end of the football season. Basketball, indoor track, swimming and gymnastics are getting closer.

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