RUSTY BAILEY ON 1974 VIRGINIA TECH GRID TEAM

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BLACKSBURG, VA.....Rusty Bailey, a former standout performer at West High School in three varsity sports, is a member of the 1974 Virginia Tech Football Squad.

A 1973 graduate of West High, Bailey won a total of eight letters in football, basketball, and baseball. The 6'1", 207 pound sophomore was a three year letterman and captain under Dolbert Marks in football. In addition, he was a three year letterman in basketball and was named All-Knoxville as a baseball catcher. His outstanding high school football career at quarterback earned him numerous honors which included All-Knoxville Football League, All-East Tennessee, and All-State.

As a freshman last season, Bailey served as quarterback and punter for the Tech Junior Varsity. Given a chance in spring drills, he caught the eye of the new coaching staff by opening the 1974 Spring Game with an aerial touchdown bomb. Bailey's size will be the main factor in giving him a chance to play for the Tech Varsity.

The football outlook at Virginia Tech this fall is one of conservative optimism as the Gobblers will appear for the first time under the leadership of new Head Coach Jimmy Sharpe who came to Tech in January after serving as offensive coordinator at Alabama for eleven years. The Hokies will open their fall slate of eleven games on September 14, sporting their new-look wishbone offense in a home contest with the Kentucky Wildcats.

Rusty Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Bailey of 4608 London Drive in Knoxville.