Valley's Ambers Headed for Tech

Ambers announced his decision Friday and is expected to be used at safety by the Hokies because of his size (6-4, 202) and speed.

Earlier this week Ambers narrowed his list of choices to Virginia Tech and North Carolina. Virginia, North Carolina State and West Virginia also had recruited him earlier.

Ambers had a very good visit to Virginia Tech. Said Valley football coach Mike Barton, "Andy really felt comfortable down there. There are a lot of other students from Valley down there."

Virginia Tech defensive coordinator John Gutekunst said, "Andy's as fine an athlete as there is in the United States. The football fans in Virginia are fortunate he decided to attend Virginia Tech. He has the ability and the opportunity to play early in his career on our football team."

None of the five Division I schools recruiting Ambers recruited him as a running back although Ambers had a 1,000 yard season as a junior.

The Virginia Tech coaches feel he'll get much bigger once he gets on a full-time weight program.

"Being a three-sport athlete (track, football, and basketball) he's never really had the chance to concentrate on the weights," said Barton. "Everybody who talked to him thinks he'll get to be 6-5, 235 and if he does he'd make a heck of a linebacker."

Ambers has been to the AA state track meet the last two years as a sprinter. He's also averaging 16 points per game for the Vikings' basketball team. He's been a four-year starter in basketball.

Ambers is the second Loudoun Valley player to sign with Tech in the last two years. Quarterback Mike Sustek will be one of four sophomores vying for the starting quarterback spot this season with the graduation of Steve Casey. Sustek played very little this past season because of broken ribs.

A couple of other Northwestern District athletes are still visiting. Handley's Jim Radle has been contacted by Richmond and VMI, linebacker George Poulos is planning a visit to Randolph-Macon. Warren County's all-district defensive back Troy Morrison has been talking with the football coaches at Shepherd, Fairmont State, and Salem.

Richmond has announced the signing of quarterback Theron Richards, an all-