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BIG SOUTH Football
Notebook

Hurt Flames might return against Bucs

RB Terrell and LB Hursky could be ready when Liberty plays at Charleston Southern

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Liberty running back Zach Terrell and linebacker Nick Hursky might be available for the Flames' Big South Conference opener Oct. 20 at Charleston Southern.



Terrell

Terrell, who broke his right wrist against St. Francis Sept. 29 and Hursky, who tore the meniscus in his right knee during practice that week, missed the Flames' game at Toledo Saturday.

Both made the trip to Ohio, but neither suited up. If the Flames were playing this week, LU coach Danny Rocco said neither would be able to go.

But with an additional week of rest and recovery time, they might be ready to go at CSU.



Hursky

"Both could and should be ready," Rocco said. "They seem to be about on the same time frame. By the mid-week next week, I'll have a much better understanding (of their status)."

Hursky's recovery from his knee injury has gone much faster than Rocco anticipated.

"Nick is a fast healer, and he's a tough, tough hombre," Rocco said. "Being out just kills him."

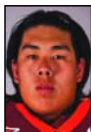
Still, Hursky spent the Toledo game. Please see **BIG SOUTH**, Page D3

Tech Football Hokies eager for Wang's return

Right tackle to make first start against Duke on Saturday

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BLACKSBURG — Virginia Tech is putting a lot of faith in Ed Wang.



Wang

The sophomore has no game experience at right tackle. This time last year, he was a backup tight end. Still, the Hokies think he can make a big difference for their struggling offensive line when he joins the starting lineup this Saturday against Duke.

Expectations were high for Wang at the opening of preseason camp, but he suffered a broken left ankle in the fourth preseason practice and has been out ever since.

His return couldn't come at a better time.

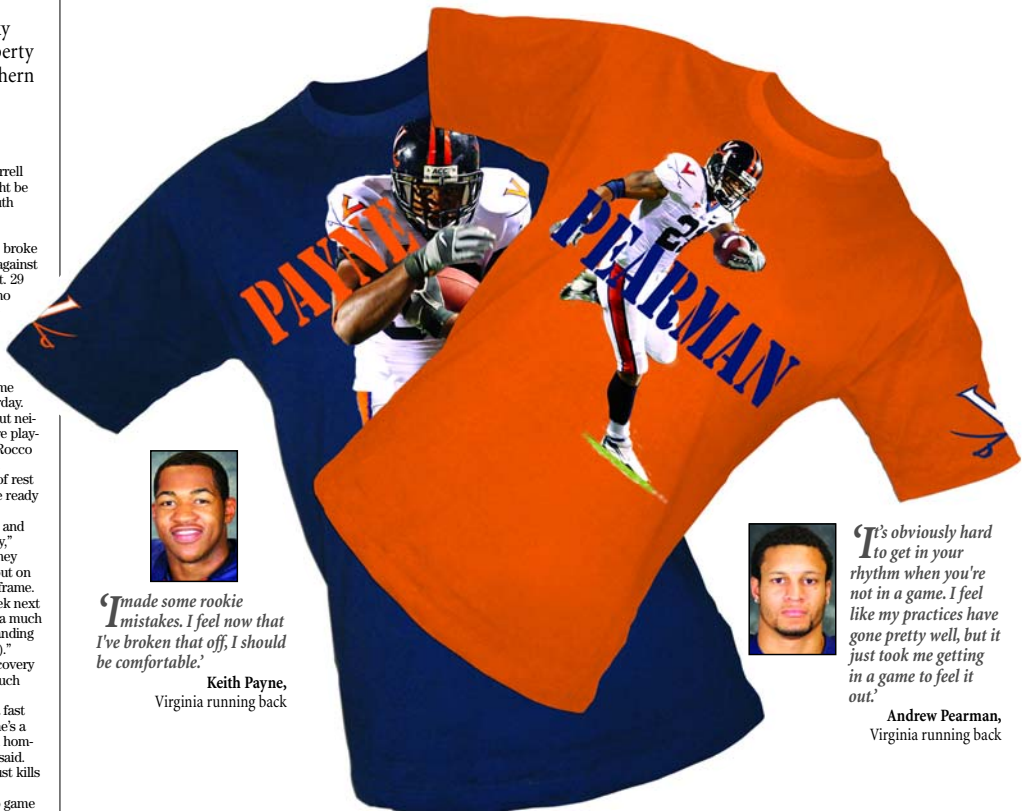
"We're excited to see where this could go," senior left tackle Duane Brown said.

"Ed's still a little rusty after sitting out so long, but if he comes along and Nick (Marshman) gets comfortable again at the guard spot, we're definitely excited to see what we can do."

Really, there's nowhere to go but up. In recent weeks, freshman quarterback Tyrod Taylor has been Tech's only viable offensive playmaker, and that's because he can scramble out of trouble and beat defenders with his sprinter's speed.

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Finding the right fit



"I made some rookie mistakes. I feel now that I've broken that off, I should be comfortable."

Keith Payne,
Virginia running back



"It's obviously hard to get in your rhythm when you're not in a game. I feel like my practices have gone pretty well, but it just took me getting in a game to feel it out."

Andrew Pearman,
Virginia running back



AP photo
Cedric Peerman injured his right foot against MTSU, opening the door for Keith Payne and Andrew Pearman.

Peerman's injury opens the door for two more tailbacks

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CHARLOTTESVILLE — Al Groh describes his running backs like they're T-shirts. They come in small, medium and large.

With Cedric Peerman, Virginia's one-size-fits-all back, on the mend with an injury to his right foot, it appears the Cavaliers will have to go to the extremes — the smaller Andrew Pearman or the bigger Keith Payne — to replace him.

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Young NL West teams set for series ON DECK TODAY



AP photo

Colorado's Troy Tulowitzki is one of many young stars playing in the NLCS, which starts tonight.

Teams are young, talented and economical

The Associated Press
PHOENIX — It's the NL Worst no more.

The National League teams out West, the subject of ridicule just two seasons ago, are young, talented and they work cheap, at least relatively so in the world of major league baseball.

The Colorado Rockies and Arizona Diamondbacks, who open their NL championship series on Thursday night, are proof that success can be harnessed and that big money doesn't assure a winner — but some shrewd draft picks and a few smart trades can.



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Projected starters



Francis
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Webb
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Season series: Colorado won 10-8

Fast Fact

Arizona has the only win against the Rockies during their current 17-1 run, a 4-2 win that clinched a playoff spot in the final week.

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