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Kevin Lewis is one of 20 seniors who will lead the Hokies into their first season in the ACC as they look to extend Virginia Tech's streak of 11 consecutive bowl games

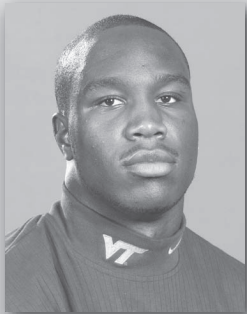
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2004 Player Profiles



**Xavier
Adibi**

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**Linebacker • 6-3 • 229 • r-Fr.
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

An outstanding young player who finished the spring a close second to Blake Warren for the top spot on the depth chart at the backer position ... Is expected to continue battling for the starting job when practice resumes in August ... Added over 20 pounds in the Athletic Performance program while being redshirted ... Plays with good football instincts and aggressiveness ... Can cover a lot of ground ... Has the speed to play in coverage and to blitz ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the Hokies' top defensive newcomer of the spring ... The main thing he lacks is experience ... Has a chance to become a playmaker for the Hokies when he gets some playing time under his belt ...

2003: Redshirted while working at the backer position during the fall ... Turned in a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump during scout team testing during the season ... His 365-pound bench press during spring max testing was tops among the inside linebackers ... Contributed three tackles, including one for a loss in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Was one of the team leaders with five tackles in the team's third scrimmage ... Contributed three tackles in the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: Named an All-American by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman and an All-American by *SuperPrep* as a linebacker ... Played for Coach Bill Dee at Phoebus High ... Helped his team to back-to-back Group AAA championships ... Was a 2002 AAA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... A first-team and defensive player of the year selection to the 2002 AAA Coaches all-state team at the defensive end position ... Named to the VHSCA All-Eastern Region first team as a defensive end ... Named to the first-team *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team as a defensive lineman ... A three-time *Daily Press* All-Star ... Was the leader of a Phantoms' defense that held opponents to fewer than five points a game ... Finished with a team-best 13.5 sacks and 100-plus tackles, including 31 for loss ... Also

rushed for 575 yards and 11 TDs at fullback ... A first-team all-region selection at end ... A first-team selection to the 2001 AAA Coaches and Associated Press all-state teams at a defensive lineman spot as a junior ... Rated the No. 96 prospect nationally, the No. 12 player in the Mid-Atlantic region and the No. 1 prospect in the state of Virginia by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 1 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 4 linebacker in the nation and the No. 1 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ...

Personal: Xavier Oyekola Adibi ... Born 10/18/84 ... Son of Abiodun and Leanne Adibi ... Brother of former Tech defensive end Nathaniel Adibi ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Chris
Albright**

**Rover • 6-0 • 190 • So.
Grantville, Pa. • Lower Dauphin H.S.**

A young player with good athletic instincts ... Originally worked as a receiver, but moved to defense for spring practice ... Has made a good transition to the rover position ... Will benefit from continued work in the strength and conditioning program ... Could be considered for special teams duty ...

2003: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Worked at flanker during the fall ... Contributed on the scout and jayvee teams ... Moved to rover prior to spring practice ...

High School: Lettered two years while playing as a receiver and defensive back for Coach Rob Klack at Lower Dauphin High ... Also saw action as a return man ... Caught 39 passes for 773 yards and nine touchdowns his senior season ... Had eight catches for 164 yards and a pair of touchdowns in one game that year ... Added five pass interceptions on defense ... Helped the team to a 13-1 record that included conference and district championships ... Earned four letters as a sprinter in track ... Tied a school record in the 100 meters at 11.1 ...

Personal: Christopher David Albright ... Born 10/9/84 in Harrisburg, PA ... Son of Richard and Carolyn Albright ... Enrolled in residential property management.



**Jesse
Allen**

**Fullback • 6-0 • 227 • r-So.
Monson, Mass. • Pathfinder Regional H.S.**

A physical, young player who could battle for some backup duties at fullback this fall ... Came on the last two weeks of spring practice ... Has made a lot of progress ... Plays with leverage ... Combines outstanding strength with good size ... Has the kind of work ethic coaches like ... Does a good job of catching the ball out of the backfield ... Is already excelling in the athletic performance program ... Made progress during spring practice ...

2003: Continued to take reps at the fullback spot ... Did not dress or play in any of the games ... Played in both jayvee games ... Had three carries for nine yards against Hargrave ... Earned Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during the preseason and was a Super Iron Hokie in the spring ... Set a position record in the power clean with a lift of 361 pounds ... His lift ranked fourth on the Hokies' all-time list ...

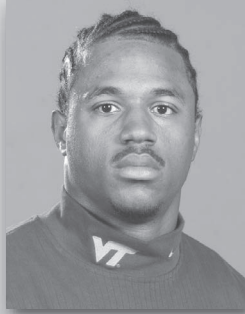
2002: Worked at fullback while redshirting ... His 351-pound hang clean was the second-best on the team during fall testing ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max testing ... Bench pressed 400 pounds and posted a 530-pound back squat ... Turned in an 18-yard run during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages and had a 7-yard pass reception in another ...

High School: Was a four-year letterman as a running back and linebacker for Coach Chris Pope at Pathfinder Regional High ... Set a school record with 2,316 yards rushing his senior year ... Scored 23 touchdowns on the ground and two receiving ... Ran for 301 yards and five TDs in a game against Dean Tech ... Posted 180 tackles, nine sacks and four interceptions from his linebacker spot ... Finished with over 3,700 yards rushing and 42 career touchdowns and had his number retired ... Scored a touchdown in the state all-star game ... A three-time all-league pick and a two-time selection for All-Western honors ... Was the team's offensive MVP as a junior and senior ...

Personal: Jesse Lee Allen ... Born 10/22/83 in Springfield, MA ... Son of Tim and Sharron Allen ... Enrolled in university studies.

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**James
Anderson 42**

**Linebacker • 6-2 • 222 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.**

Turned a lot of heads during the spring when he moved from third to first on the depth chart at whip linebacker ... Has developed a knowledge of the position that allows him to put his speed and athleticism to full use ... Closes hard in run support and can get to balls in the passing game ... A smart player with an outstanding work ethic ... Was named the Hokies' top special teams player following the 2003 season ... Saw only a limited amount of playing time at whip after moving over from the backer position the previous spring ... Worked hard during Tech's 2004 winter program, gaining Super Iron Hokie honors ... Was the only player to earn the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program ... Voted the Dr. Richard Bullock Award winner as the most improved defensive player during spring practice ... Was pressed into some starting duty at the backer position as a redshirt freshman in 2002 ... Had some ups and downs, but gained valuable experience ... Seems much more suited to his new position ... Can expect challenges for the top spot in the fall ... May be headed to a big season ...

2003: Saw action in all 13 games ... Led the team in special teams tackles with 37 ... Also had four tackles on defense ... Played six special teams snaps against UCF, registering two tackles ... Was in for 12 defensive plays and 20 special teams plays against James Madison ... Had four tackles on defense and four tackles and a forced fumble on special teams ... Recorded three solo tackles and an assist on special teams against Texas A&M ... Had two solo tackles on special teams against Connecticut ... Recorded a solo stop and three assisted tackles on special teams at Rutgers ... Registered two solo tackles and an assist on special teams against Syracuse ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at West Virginia ... Recorded five solo tackles, all on special teams, against Miami ... Had three solo tackles and an assist at Pittsburgh ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Temple ... Recorded two solo tackles and two assists, all on special teams, against Boston College ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Virginia ... Finished the season with a pair of tackles against California in the Insight Bowl ... Posted a 41 1/2-inch vertical

jump on the way to Super Iron Hokies honors in the spring ... Also had a personal-best 540-pound back squat ... Turned in a sack, two tackles for losses and five total tackles during the team's first spring scrimmage ... Picked off a pass in the second scrimmage ... Led the winning White team with six tackles during the annual spring Maroon-White game ...

2002: Played in all 14 games ... Recorded 28 solo stops and 20 assisted tackles ... Included in those 48 tackles were three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks ... Also had three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Had a solo stop and an assist against Arkansas State ... Caused a fumble and recorded five total tackles against LSU ... Had two solo stops on defense against Marshall ... Also had an assisted tackle on special teams ... Played briefly on eight defensive and eight special teams plays in the win at Texas A&M ... Saw extensive playing time at Western Michigan, recording five solo tackles, an assist, two quarterback hurries and a sack ... Played 23 snaps against Rutgers ... Made his first career start against Temple ... Recorded four solo tackles, seven assists and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Tallied six solo stops and two assists in a start against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss and shared a sack ... Started and played all 100 defensive plays at Syracuse, recording four solo tackles and two assists ... Also played 14 snaps on special teams ... Returned to the top backup role when Vegas Robinson returned for the West Virginia game ... Was on the field for 14 snaps on special teams against WVU, recording a solo tackle ... Had a solo tackle and an assist on special teams against Virginia ... Had two assisted stops in Tech's bowl win over Air Force ... Ran a 4.43 forty during spring max testing ... Set a position record for whip linebackers with a 341-pound push jerk ... Also bench pressed 370 pounds and had a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors ... Moved to whip linebacker for spring practice ... Had three tackles, including one behind the line, in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

2001: Redshirted while working at the backer position ... His 36 1/2-inch vertical jump during spring testing was the second-best among the Hokies' inside linebackers ... Also turned in the second-best hang clean (305 pounds) in the group and the third-best back squat (500 pounds) ... Continued to work at backer during spring practice ... Contributed a pair of tackles and broke up a pass during one spring scrimmage ... Was in on two tackles during the spring game ...

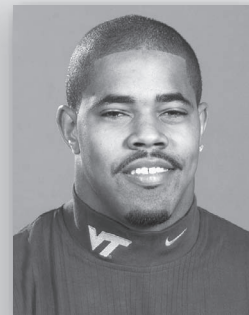
High School: Posted 41 tackles, five sacks, four fumble recoveries and an interception as a senior for Coach David Cox at Deep Creek High ... A *PrepStar* All-American who was rated the No. 8 linebacker in the Atlantic Region ... Named second-team Group AAA all-state as a linebacker by both the coaches and The Associated Press ... Also named first-team All-Tidewater by the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* ... Ranked the No. 26 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and *The Roanoke Times* ... Also competed in basketball and track ... High jumped 6-6 ... Finished sixth in the state shot put as a senior ...

Personal: James Nathaniel Anderson ... Born 9/26/83 in Roanoke Rapids, NC ... Son of James,

Sr., and Brenda Anderson ... His father played basketball at North Carolina A&T ... Is enrolled in studio art.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	28	20	48	3- 9	1.5- 8
2003	13	29	12	41	0- 0	0- 0
Career	27	57	32	89	3- 9	1.5- 8

	2003 Tackles Game-by-Game					
UCF	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	7	1	8	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
UConn	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	5	0	5	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0



**Mikal
Baaqee 45**

**Linebacker • 5-10 • 225 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Columbia, Md. • DeMatha H.S.**

A two-year starter at the mike linebacker position ... Cut his weight from 240 in the fall to 225 for spring practice ... Played well during the spring and heads into the preseason No. 1 on the depth chart ... Brings a good mentality to the game ... Mixes good speed and quickness with experience and instincts ... A physical player who has worked to improve his tackling ... Is hurt by his size at times, but plays with a nonstop motor and has shown the ability to make plays ... Led the team in tackles during his first season as a starter in 2002 ... Ranked third on the team last season ... Has 24 career starts under his belt ... Will be counted on for leadership on a defensive unit that features a lot of young players ...

2003: Started 12 games, playing over 600 snaps on defense ... Was third on the team in tackles with 109 ... Included in those 109 tackles were two sacks and three tackles for loss ... Also had two quarterback hurries, a pass breakup and an interception ... Played 47 snaps against UCF, registering three solo tackles and two assists ... Had four solo stops and three assists against James Madison ... Recorded two solo tackles and five assists in the win over Texas A&M ... Recorded seven solo stops and two assists against UConn ... Had three solo tackles and five assists at Rutgers ... Recorded six solo tackles, one for



a loss, two assists and a quarterback hurry in the win over Syracuse ... Had 10 solo tackles and four assists at West Virginia ... Missed the Miami game with a shoulder injury ... Recorded his first interception of the season at the end of the first half at Pittsburgh, picking off a pass in the end zone to save a touchdown ... Also had nine solo tackles and two assists ... Had four solo tackles, including two sacks, three assists and a quarterback hurry at Temple ... Tallied six solo tackles and nine assists against Boston College ... Had six solo tackles and three assists at Virginia ... Also finished with nine total tackles against Cal in the Insight Bowl ... Posted Super Iron Hokie honors in the spring ... Contributed a pair

of tackles behind the line during one of Tech's spring scrimmages ... Was in on a tackle during the spring game ...

2002: Earned Super Iron Hokie Honors when he returned for preseason practice, turning in personal bests in all four major lifts ... Led the inside linebackers with a 380-pound bench press ... Started 13 games, leading the team in tackles ... Had 112 total stops, 66 of which were solo ... Posted 12 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks ... Also had eight quarterback hurries, five passes broken up, a forced fumble and an interception ... Had five total tackles against Arkansas State in his first career start ... Also had two tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry in that game

... Recorded a team-high 10 tackles — five solo — in the win over LSU ... Had a big game against Marshall, recording an interception of a Byron Leftwich pass, to go with nine total tackles and a pass broken up ... Had three solo stops and three assists at Texas A&M ... Missed the Western Michigan game due to a sprained ankle ... Returned to action at Boston College, getting the start and recording three assisted tackles ... Contributed 11 tackles against Rutgers ... Seven of those stops were solo ... Also had a quarterback hurry and a sack on a key fourth-down play ... Continued his excellent play against Temple, registering six solo stops, five assists, a tackle for loss, two quarterback hurries and also causing an interception ... Was in on seven tackles against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss, a sack and caused a fumble ... Was on the field for all 100 defensive snaps at Syracuse ... Registered 11 solo stops and six assists for a career-best 17 total tackles ... Included in those were two tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had two quarterback hurries and caused an interception ... Registered 11 tackles against West Virginia ... Played all 62 snaps on defense against Virginia, recording eight solo tackles and three assists ... Also had a pass broken up and a tackle for loss ... Had five solo stops, an assist, a pass broken up and a quarterback hurry at Miami ... Was in on six tackles, including a TFL, in the San Francisco Bowl ... Continued to excel in the weight room during the off-season, leading the linebackers with a 575-pound back squat and earning Super Iron Hokie honors once again ... Turned in six tackles, including a sack and tackle for loss in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Added four tackles in the Maroon-White game ... Shared the George Preas Award as one of the most valuable performers of the spring ...

2001: Recorded a 500-pound squat and 326-pound push jerk in preseason strength and conditioning tests ... Played in all 11 games as a starter on special teams ... Worked as a backup at the backer position but did not see game action ... Recorded seven total tackles and a forced fumble ... Had an assist against Western Michigan ... Turned in a solo stop and an assist on seven special teams plays at Rutgers ... Had two tackles on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Registered a solo tackle on special teams against Temple ... Forced a fumble on kickoff coverage that was recovered by the Hokies at Virginia ... Played a season-high 12 special teams plays against Miami ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring testing ... Turned in a time of 4.03 seconds in the NFL shuttle run and bench pressed 370 pounds ... Switched to the mike linebacker spot during the spring ... Was in on seven tackles during one spring scrimmage and four during another ... Posted three tackles in the annual Maroon-White game ...

2000: Was redshirted while he worked at the backer position ... Was a personal record-breaker during winter workouts ... Improved his bench to 355 pounds ... Also posted a 530-pound back squat ... Got extra work during the spring while starting backer Ben Taylor was rehabbing from fall surgery ... Contributed a tackle in the spring game ...

High School: A three-year starter as a linebacker for Coach Bill McGregor at DeMatha ...

Talk with Mikal Baaqee



How important is the mike linebacker position to the defense as a whole?

It's extremely important because we're involved in everything — the run game and the pass game — and nine times out of 10, we're in on the tackle.

You've had 100 or more tackles in each of the past two seasons. What do you think it will take to reach that number again this year?

Most importantly, I need my guys on the team to play well and do their jobs so I can make the tackles. I also need to stay healthy and watch film.

What's the most challenging aspect of playing linebacker?

Staying healthy because there are so many injuries. Guys are coming at you from all sorts of directions and you're going against big linemen and you're always in a position called "defeated" where they're coming down on you. So it's definitely just staying healthy and making plays. That's the biggest thing.

What challenges do you think the ACC schedule will pose for the team this season?

It's a challenge not only for us, but for the coaching staff, too. It's going to be about us knowing their calls and just trying to figure out their plays and their check offs. Plus, I think they pass the ball a little more in the ACC than they do in the BIG EAST.

During your first three seasons, what one game stands out as your most memorable?

There are a few. The LSU game here and the Marshall game when I got my first career interception, that was big. And, of course, UVa every year is memorable.

What's your favorite part of the college experience when you're not on the field?

I enjoy just relaxing with my teammates and the friends I've met off the field. Any time my mother comes down to see me is special. She has come down just about every weekend so I get the chance to see my family a little more.

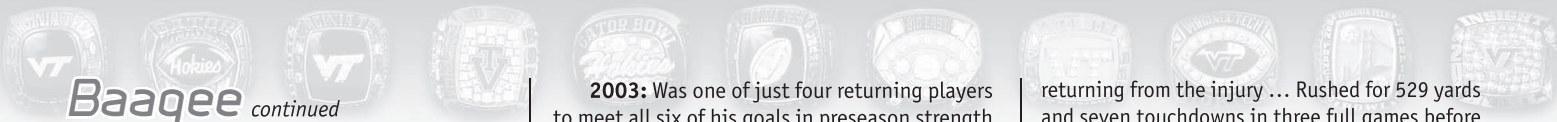
How do you think playing Division I football has prepared you for your career after football?

I think it has prepared me a lot, off the field and on the field. If you get in trouble off the field, it isn't just you, it's the whole team getting in trouble. And also, just always having someone on you, pushing you. That's kind of what it is like in real life, but of course, you get fired in real life if you mess up.

If you could switch over to the offense for one game, what position would you want to play and why?

It would either be fullback or running back. Fullback because I think I could punish a couple of guys and running back just to say I had that carry and scored that touchdown in college.

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Baaqee *continued*

A *PrepStar* All-American who was rated the No. 3 linebacker and No. 17 overall prospect in the Atlantic Region ... Ranked the No. 17 player in Maryland by *SuperPrep* ... Posted 102 total tackles his senior season, including 65 solos ... Had 11 quarterback sacks and 16 tackles for loss ... Caused six fumbles and recovered two ... Intercepted two passes in 1999 and blocked a punt ... Contributed 12 tackles, two sacks, three passes broken up and two fumbles caused in a game against Paul VI ... Earned all-county, all-conference and first-team all-state honors ... Was in on 117 solo tackles and 34 assists as a junior ... Caused six fumbles that season and added eight sacks and five interceptions ... Finished his prep career with 274 total tackles, 14 fumbles caused and seven interceptions ... Helped the team to a 33-2-1 record during his three varsity seasons ...

Personal: Mikal Rahim Baaqee ... Born 12/20/81 in Boston, MA ... Son of Susanne Bilal and Shakir Baaqee ... Enrolled in psychology.

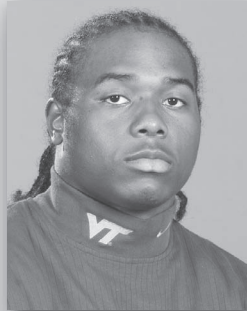
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2003	12	64	45	109	3- 6	2- 5
Career	36	136	92	228	15- 56	5.5- 33

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SYR	1	6	2	8	1- 1	0- 0
at WVU	1	10	4	14	0- 0	0- 0
UM				Did not play		
at PITT	1	9	2	11	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	4	3	7	2- 5	2- 5
BC	1	6	9	15	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	6	3	9	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	4	5	9	0- 0	0- 0

2003: Was one of just four returning players to meet all six of his goals in preseason strength and conditioning testing ... Played on the scout and jayvee teams during the fall ... Worked at offensive tackle ... Turned in a 380-pound bench press and 560-pound back squat ...

High School: Lettered three times for Coach George DeFrancesco at James River High School ... Was captain his senior year ... Also lettered four times in wrestling, qualifying for the state tournament as a junior ... Was named first-team all-academic in both football and wrestling ... Was the 2002 Dominion District heavyweight champion ...

Personal: Mason Christopher Baggett ... Born 8/16/83 ... Son of Thomas and Jane Baggett ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



George Bell **34**

Tailback • 5-10 • 226 • Fr.
Fayetteville, N.C. • Jack Britt H.S.

Practiced with Tech in the spring of what should have been his final semester in high school ... Made great improvements as the spring went along ... Started out as a fullback, but made the move to tailback after the injury to Cedric Humes ... Is expected to see the field this fall ... Still needs to work on his protections ... Took full advantage of enrolling at Tech in the spring session ... Can be a special player ... Makes things happen with the ball in his hands ... A strong player who finds the hole ...

2003: Enrolled at Tech in January 2004 after completing his high school degree early ... Posted a 380-pound bench press during spring max testing and added a 341-pound push jerk that ranked second among Tech's running backs ... Earned Iron Hokie honors ... Began spring practice at fullback, then moved to tailback ... Carried the football four times for 26 yards in the team's second spring scrimmage ... Rushed for 22 yards on eight carries in the third scrimmage and had 48 yards on eight carries in the final scrimmage of the spring ... Added eight carries for 24 yards during the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: A prep All-America running back for Coach Richard Bailey at Jack Britt High ... Only played in three games as a senior due to knee injury he suffered during his junior season ... Rushed for 279 yards in the three games after

returning from the injury ... Rushed for 529 yards and seven touchdowns in three full games before suffering the injury as a junior ... Had 127 yards in the game he was injured ... Started his varsity career with 1,100 yards rushing as a freshman ... Added 864 yards as a sophomore before missing four games with a broken wrist ... Was rated the No. 4 tailback in the nation by Tom Lemming ... Named a high school All-American by *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar* and Lemming ... Ranked the No. 12 running back in the nation by Rivals100.com and 26th by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 28 player in the country in *Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Picked to the *PrepStar Dream Team* ... Played in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl ...

Personal: George W. Bell ... Born 10/28/85 ... Son of Janet and Jeff Polk ... Enrolled in university studies.



Barry Booker **59**

Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 295 • r-Fr.
Amherst, Va. • Amherst H.S.

A young player who is battling for a spot on the depth chart at tackle ... Has good instincts and excellent potential ... Still needs work on his technique ... Added some much needed weight during his redshirt year ... Must continue working to improve his upper body strength in order to become a more physical player and get off blocks easier ... Should continue to get better with added exposure to the position ... Could work his way into playing time this season if he works hard during summer and preseason ...

2003: Worked to add weight while taking a redshirt year ... Spent most of practice time at tackle ... Bench pressed 350 pounds and had a 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Posted a sack for the winning White team in the 2004 Maroon-White game ... Finished the game with a total of four tackles ...

High School: Played a number of positions for Coach Scott Abell at Amherst, including tight end, fullback and defensive tackle ... Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Was a 2002 AA second-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... A first-team selection to the 2002 AA Coaches all-state team at the defensive end position ... Notched 68 tackles and 13 sacks on defense while rushing for 250 yards and catching nine passes for three touchdowns on offense his senior season

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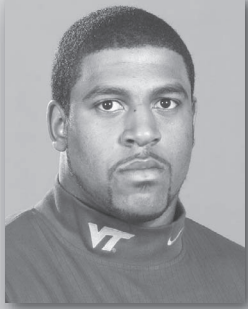
Mason Baggett

Offensive Tackle • 6-1 • 275 • So.
Richmond, Va. • James River H.S.

A walk-on who has worked hard to earn a spot on the team ... Will provide depth at the tackle position ... Has good size and is willing to put in the extra work on the scout team ... Needs to get adjusted to the speed of the college game ... Enters the fall as the No. 3 man at the right tackle spot ...

... Registered 10 sacks and was named to the all-district team as a junior ... Rated the No. 24 defensive tackle in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com ... The No. 17 player in Virginia as ranked by *SuperPrep* magazine ... Rated the No. 18 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... One of the top 40 linebackers/defensive ends in the ACC area as ranked by the preseason *G&W Recruiting Report* ...

Personal: Barry Nathaniel Booker, Jr. ... Born 11/13/85 in Fort Campbell, KY ... Son of Barry and Patsy Booker... Enrolled in university studies.



Duane Brown 89

Tight End • 6-5 • 264 • r-Fr.
Richmond, Va. • Hermitage H.S.

A good-sized athlete who will be in the mix for playing time at tight end ... Spent the past season learning the Tech system ... Took advantage of Tech's strength and conditioning program ... The biggest of the tight ends ... Enters the fall as the No. 3 tight end ... Coaches are excited about his potential ... Needs to keep working hard both on the field and in the film room ...

2003: Took a redshirt year while working at tight end ... Caught a 10-yard pass during Tech's second spring scrimmage ... Hauled in a 9-yard touchdown pass in the final scrimmage of the spring ...

High School: A two-year letterman at tight end and defensive end for Coach Patrick Kane at Hermitage ... Played in the Panthers' first three games his senior year before suffering a broken leg ... Returned for the Central Region semifinal game ... Caught seven passes for just under 100 yards in his limited playing time ... Added 15 tackles on defense along with a pair of sacks ... Named second-team all-district on offense and defense ... Registered 10 catches for 115 yards and two scores, while contributing six sacks on defense as a junior ... Rated the No. 13 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and *SuperPrep*... Ranked the No. 49 tight end in the nation by Rivals100.com ... No. 37 on Tom Lemming's All-Mid Atlantic team ... Played basketball and averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds a game ... Finished 4th in the Group AAA outdoor shot put competition ...

Personal: Duane Anthony Brown ... Born 8/30/85 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Dennis and Myra Brown... Majoring in business.



Noland Burchette 96

Defensive End • 6-2 • 245 • r-So. • 1VL
Richmond, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.

An athletic defensive end who plays with a super motor ... Picked up a lot of experience last season as a top reserve ... Named to the 2003 Rivals.com Freshman All-America football team as an honorable mention selection ... Came out of spring practice No. 1 at the stud end position ... Has shown a knack for making plays ... Is very good in space, but must continue to grow and get stronger at the point of attack ... Deceptively quick and agile ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as one of Tech's top hustlers during spring practice ... May have gotten a chance to contribute in 2002 but was slowed by a hamstring injury and redshirted ... Took advantage of the situation by becoming familiar with both the Tech system and the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Was named Tech's top defensive newcomer at the end of 2003 spring practice ... Has the potential to see a lot of playing time in 2004 ...

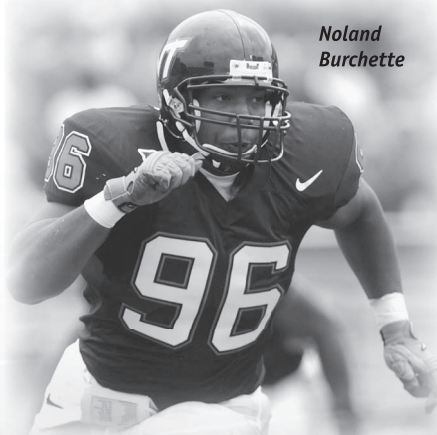
2003: Saw action in all 13 games, playing more than 330 defensive snaps ... Had 20 solo tackles and 21 assists ... Included in those 41 stops was a sack ... Also had nine quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Played 25 snaps on defense against UCF ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams ... Had three total tackles, a forced fumble and a QB hurry against James Madison ... Had three tackles against Texas A&M ... Played 42 snaps on defense against UConn, recording six solo tackles, two assists and a

quarterback hurry ... Had two solo tackles, a sack and two quarterback hurries at Rutgers ... Had two solo tackles and two assists, along with two quarterback hurries against Syracuse ... Recorded two assisted tackles at West Virginia ... Had three solo tackles, two assists and two quarterback hurries against Miami ... Talled two assisted stops at Temple ... Had two assists and a quarterback hurry at Virginia ... Was in on five tackles against California ... Bench pressed 360 pounds during spring max tests ... Led the defensive ends with a 316-pound clean ... Turned in a sack and four tackles during Tech's first scrimmage of the spring ... Also had a sack in the Maroon-White game ... Was voted one of the team's top hustlers of the spring ...

2002: Was slowed by a hamstring injury during the early part of the year ... Worked at defensive end while redshirting ... Sprained his knee in spring practice, causing him to miss some time ... Had four tackles and a sack in one spring scrimmage and a fumble recovery in another ... Posted two quarterback sacks and three tackles in the spring game ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the top defensive newcomer of the spring ...

High School: Lettered three seasons as a defensive end and tight end for Coach Scott Burton at Highland Springs ... Posted 21 tackles for loss his senior season, including 12.5 sacks ... Finished with 61 total tackles, 21 quarterback hurries and five passes broken up ... Caused four fumbles and recovered two ... Had 11 pass receptions at tight end for 175 yards and three touchdowns ... Named second-team Group AAA all-state by both The Associated Press and the state coaches ... Saw some action as an H-back, rushing for 225 yards and five TDs ... Contributed 58 tackles as a junior ... Registered 11 sacks and nine additional tackles for loss that season ... Turned in 32 catches for 416 yards and three touchdowns on offense ... Averaged 40.5 yards as the team's punter ... Was a two-time all-district and all-region pick ... Named to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* All-Metro first team his senior season ... Helped his team to the Group AAA Division 5 regional division title game ... Starred on a defense that held opponents to 148 total yards per game ... Listed as the No. 56 weak-side defensive end in the nation by *Rivals* ... Competed in the 100 meters and on relay teams as a member of the track team ... Also lettered two seasons as a forward in basketball ...

Personal: Noland Duke Burchette II ... Born 3/23/83 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Noland and Pollie Burchette ... Enrolled in university studies.



Noland Burchette

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2003	13	20	21	41	1- 8	1- 8
----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	6	2	8	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	2	0	2	1- 8	1- 8
SYR	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0



**Chris
Burnett** **60**

**Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 286 • r-So.
Blue Ridge, Va. • Liberty-Bedford H.S.**

Is trying to get settled after being bounced between offense and defense, redshirted for a season and sidelined for a season ... Initially worked at defensive tackle while redshirting his freshman season ... Switched to offensive guard for 2003 spring practice ... Missed the 2003 season and was moved back to defense when 2004 spring practice opened ... Combines excellent strength with good athletic ability ... Will have some catching up to do before he is ready to challenge for playing time ...

2003: Did not play in the fall ... Posted the fourth-best all-time push jerk during spring testing with a lift of 390 pounds ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors ... Moved from the offensive line to the defensive line for spring practice ... Was in on two tackles during the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Redshirted while working at the nose tackle position ... Tied for the top bench press among the incoming freshman with a lift of 380 pounds ... Improved that to 420 pounds during off-season workouts ... Moved to offensive guard for spring practice ... Posted the second-best vertical jump (33 inches) among the offensive linemen during spring testing ... Earned Iron Hokie recognition ...

High School: Was named to preseason All-America teams by Tom Lemming, *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* prior to his senior season ... Lettered four seasons for Coach Scott Abell at Liberty High in Bedford ... Played fullback and defensive tackle ... Rushed for over 900 yards and scored seven touchdowns as a senior ... Added 89 tackles and 15 sacks on defense ... Finished his junior year with 65 tackles and over 200 yards rushing ... Earned first-team Group AA all-state honors from the state coaches ... Was a second-team selection by The Associated Press ... Rated the No. 50 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Also lettered as a pitcher in baseball and a weight man in track ...

Personal: Christopher William Burnett ... Born 11/2/83 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Dennis and Wanda Burnett ... Majoring in agriculture.



Talk with Vinnie Burns

What will you miss the most about Virginia Tech football?

I'll miss my teammates more than anything, because when I came to Tech from New Orleans I didn't know anybody. My teammates helped me adjust to college life and college football, and I'll really miss the relationships and bonds that I've formed here.

What is the hardest thing about being a punter?

The hardest thing about being a punter is the fact that you're accountable for that play no matter what happens. It's not like when the running back fumbles, but then the receiver picks it up and still scores a touchdown, and everyone's happy. If it's a good punt, it's a good punt, and if it's a bad punt it's a bad punt, and 100 percent of the responsibility is placed on you. It's a big burden, especially because you only get three or four punts a game.

What do you want to do after you graduate from Tech?

I would like to pursue a career in the NFL. I still have a lot of things to work on, but I think that I have enough time to prepare myself for that opportunity.

If you could switch places with anyone on the team for one specific play that has happened over the last four years, who would it be and for what play?

Eric Green, when he blocked that punt against Miami in 2001. We needed a miracle and he came up with it. That signifies the game of football to me, because you never know what can happen in a game. Also, in that same game, I would like to switch places with Ernest Wilford when he dropped that two-point conversion pass, because that changed his life. I noticed that ever since he dropped that ball, he's worked harder than any person I've ever seen in my life to get better at what he does.

If you won an ESPY award, who would you want to present it to you?

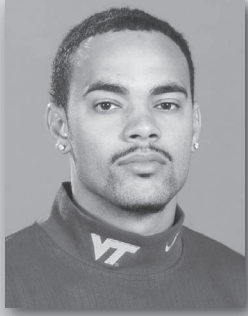
Puff Daddy and my dad. Puff Daddy because he's my role model, and my dad because he's been there for me since day one, and the main person I talk to about football and punting. I know it would make my dad really happy to present an ESPY.

What is the best advice you have ever been given, and who gave it to you?

My dad always told me that to whom much is given, much is expected. So, as a talented person, you have to push yourself even harder to remain at a high level and to get better. You can't be complacent and waste the talent you have, rather, more is expected of you.

What is the one thing people don't know about punting?

The one thing people don't know about punting is that you really don't remember punting. You have about two seconds to punt, and within those two seconds your mind is supposed to be clear and focused on what you're doing. But there are so many things you have to do in those two seconds — you're walking, you're holding the ball correctly and you're dropping it. You're making sure you don't get smashed, because when you hold the ball at eye level, you can see the guys coming at you to block the punt, and you have to be strong enough to not worry about it. Within that short time, you have to do all of the things I just listed, and after that, I just listen to the crowd to figure out if it was a good punt. I walk off the field, and I really can't remember everything that just happened.



Vinnie Burns

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Punter • 5-11 • 202 • r-Sr. • 3VL
New Orleans, La. • St. Augustine H.S.

A two-time semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's top collegiate punter ... Has handled Tech's punting duties each of the past three seasons, averaging 39.4 yards a punt ... Combines a strong leg with athletic ability ... Excels in directional punting ... Earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors as a sophomore in 2002 ... Averaged 44 yards on seven punts during the 2004 spring game ... Will be counted on for a good senior season ...

2003: Punted 57 times, averaging 39.8 yards per kick ... Had a net average of 36.1 yards ... Had 15 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, four inside the five and seven fair catches ... Punted twice for an average of 39.5 yards per kick against UCF ... Had one punt downed at the 5-yard line ... Punted just once against James Madison, a 38-yarder that went into the end zone ... Punted three times against Texas A&M ... First punt was downed on the 1-yard line ... Punted six times for an average of 45.2 yards against UConn ... Had two punts downed inside the 20 with a long of 57 yards ... Punted four times for an average of 41.0 yards per kick at Rutgers ... Had one punt downed inside the 20-yard line ... Punted four times for a career-best average of 46.8 yards against Syracuse ... Had two downed inside the 20-yard line ... Had a long of 62 yards ... Averaged 41.2 yards on five punts at West Virginia ... Had a long of 62 yards and one downed inside the 20-yard line ... Punted eight times against No. 2 Miami, averaging 38.5 yards per kick ... Had four punts downed inside the 20-yard line ... Struggled in the cold weather at Pittsburgh, punting five times for an average of 27.2 yards per kick ... Averaged 42.4 yards on five punts at Temple ... Had one punt downed at the 1-yard line and a long of 51 yards ... Punted six times for an average of 39.8 yards against BC ... Kicked six times for an average of 39.5 yards at Virginia ... Had a long of 51 yards with one downed inside the 20 ... Punted twice during the Insight Bowl for a 41-yard average ... Averaged 44 yards on seven punts during the Maroon-White spring game ...

2002: Punted 64 times for 2,591 yards, an average of 40.5 yards per kick ... Had a long of 58 yards with eight touchbacks, seven fair

catches and 22 punts inside the 20-yard line ... Had two punts blocked ... Punted five times for an average of 40.6 yards in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a long of 55 with three punts downed inside the 20 ... Averaged 44.7 yards per punt on nine kicks in the win over LSU ... Had a long of 58 yards with four kicks downed inside the 20 ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week honors ... Punted just once against Marshall, a 49-yarder ... Punted seven times at Texas A&M, averaging 40.7 yards a kick with a long of 51 yards ... Had three punts downed inside the 20, including one at the 1-yard line and one at the 5-yard line ... Punted six times for an average of 44.3 yards at Western Michigan ... Had a 57-yard punt and three downed inside the 20-yard line ... Had a big game against Pittsburgh, averaging 43.6 yards on seven punts ... Punted five times for an average of 41.2 yards at Syracuse ... Had a long of 55 yards and three downed inside the 20-yard line, including one at the 7-yard line ... Also had a punt blocked against the Orangemen ... Spent the Virginia game punting in winds of up to 30 miles per hour ... Never kicked with the wind at his back ... Punted five times for an average of 28 yards ... Had one punt downed inside the 20-yard line ... Punted three times for an average of 44.0 yards per kick at Miami ... Had a long of 48 yards, but also had a punt blocked ... Punted three times in the San Francisco Bowl, averaging 40 yards per kick ... Had two punts in the Maroon-White spring game for an average of 45 yards ...

2001: Punted 59 times in 11 regular-season games for 2,233 yards, an average of 37.8 yards per punt ... Averaged 42 yards per punt on two punts in his first collegiate action against Connecticut ... Had a long kick of 52 yards against the Huskies ... Averaged 41 yards on three punts versus Western Michigan ... Placed two kicks inside the 20-yard line against the Broncos ... Completed a 33-yard pass to Garnell Wilds on a fake punt against UCF ... Also had three punts downed inside the 20-yard line in that game ... Punted eight times at West Virginia with three punts ending up inside the 20-yard line ... Averaged 40.2 yards on four punts against Boston College ... Suffered a blocked punt in the Syracuse game ... Had his best game of the year against Temple, averaging 43.4 yards on eight punts ... His 63-yard punt in that game was a season and career best ... Had a 53-yard punt at Virginia ... Punted six times for an average of 42 yards against top-ranked Miami ... Put three punts inside the 20 in the Gator Bowl but had a kick blocked ... Handled all the punting in the spring game ... Punted five times for an overall average of 46.4 yards ... Posted punts of 57, 48, 45, 41 and 41 yards ...

2000: Traveled with the team briefly during the early going, but was redshirted ... Made strides in the off-season strength and conditioning program ... Came out of spring practice as the No. 1 punter ... Showed the consistency needed to win the job during the final two weeks ... Finished with an average hang time of 4.6 seconds and an average distance of over 46 yards per kick ... Punted five times in the Maroon-White game for 231

yards, including punts of 59 and 53 yards ... Shared Defensive MVP honors after averaging 46.2 yards per punt ...

High School: Was a four-year letterman as a punter/place-kicker for Coach Anthony Biagas ... Named to the Coaches' Class 5-A all-state team as a punter his senior year at St. Augustine ... Averaged 43 yards per punt ... Punted three times for a 53.3-yard average in one game his senior season ... Twice pinned Airline High inside its own 10 in the bi-district playoffs ... Named all-city, all-district and all-Metro as well as all-state ... Earned All-America honors from *PrepStar*, which listed him as the No. 4 punter in the Southeast Region ... Averaged just under 40 yards per punt his junior year and was an all-city selection ... Captained the football and track teams his senior year ... Helped the track team to a state championship ... Competed in the long jump (23-2) and the 400-meters (50.2) ... Served as the school's student body president ...

Personal: Ronald Vincent Burns, Jr. ... Born 2/2/82 in New Orleans, LA ... Son of Ronald and Sheila Burns ... His dad serves on the Nokia Sugar Bowl committee ... Is studying sociology.

Punting	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	I20
2001	11	59	2233	37.8	63	20
2002	14	64	2591	40.5	58	22
2003	13	57	2267	39.8	62	15
Career	38	180	7091	39.4	63	57

----- 2003 Punting Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	2	79	39.5	42	1
JMU	1	1	38	38.0	38	0
TAMU	1	3	108	36.0	48	1
UCONN	1	6	271	45.2	57	2
at RU	1	4	164	41.0	54	1
SYR	1	4	187	46.8	62	2
at WVU	1	5	206	41.2	62	1
UM	1	8	308	38.5	47	4
at PITT	1	5	136	27.2	46	1
at TU	1	5	212	42.4	51	1
BC	1	6	239	39.8	51	0
at UVa	1	6	237	39.5	51	1
vs. Cal	1	2	82	41.0	54	0



Reggie Butler

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Off. Guard/Tackle • 6-6 • 339 • Jr. • 1VL
Keswick, Va. • Monticello H.S.

Looking to make the move into the starting lineup ... Will see action at both the guard and tackle spots ... A versatile player ... Will battle for the starting left guard spot and will back up Jimmy Martin at the left tackle position ... A player with good potential ... Mixes excellent

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Reggie Butler

Butler *continued*

size with a desire to succeed ... Has made strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Still has some things to learn, but has a chance to become a real asset to the line as he develops consistency in his play ...

2003: Played in all 13 games ... Saw action on 70 offensive snaps and 77 on special teams ... Served primarily on the PAT and field goal teams ... Played 12 snaps against UCF, grading out at 83 percent ... Played 21 snaps on offense against James Madison ... Played three snaps on offense against Rutgers ... Graded out at 87 percent against Syracuse with a knockdown ... Saw extensive action on the line at Temple, playing 26 snaps ... Had one knockdown block ... Posted several personal bests during spring max testing, including a 390-pound bench press and a 600-pound back squat ...

2002: Played 34 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Saw brief action against Marshall ... Played seven offensive snaps at Western Michigan ... Was in for six offensive snaps in the win over Rutgers ... Saw brief action on special teams against Temple ... Played in Tech's two jayvee games to gain extra experience ... Turned in a 570-pound bench press during spring testing ...

2001: Did not enter school until January ... Posted a 500-pound back squat and a 316-pound push jerk during spring athletic performance testing ... Bench pressed 370 pounds ... Worked at left tackle during spring practice ...

High School: Lettered two seasons as a tackle for Coach Brud Bicknell at Monticello High ... Earned first-team all-district honors after helping his team to a 7-3 record in 2000 ... Also named All-Central Virginia by *The Daily Progress* in Charlottesville ... Gained second-team all-region recognition ... Had 10 tackles, three sacks and two fumble recoveries in limited action on defense as a senior ... Listed as the No. 55 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 37 prospect in Virginia by *PrepAtlantic* ... A three-year letterman on the track team ... Placed seventh in Group AA discus finals in 2001 ... Played a role in two district titles ...

Personal: Reginald Allan Butler ... Born 8/21/82 in Charlottesville, VA ... Son of Lee Ethel Butler ... Enrolled in sociology.



John Candelas **44**

Tailback • 6-0 • 211 • Jr.
Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S.

Helps provide depth at the tailback position ... A great walk-on who keeps getting better ... Will figure in on some special teams this year ... Has done a good job picking up the Tech system ... Possesses solid ability ... Must continue to make strides in the athletic performance program ...

2003: Saw action in four games ... Had 16 carries for 76 yards and a score ... Carried the ball nine times for a career-high 49 yards against the Dukes ... Scored a touchdown from 3 yards out ... Carried the ball four times for nine yards against Syracuse ... Carried the ball 29 times for 143 yards and two touchdowns in the jayvee squad's win over Fork Union ... Missed the last seven games with a sprained ankle ... Participated in the off-season program and had five carries for 11 yards in the 2004 Maroon-White game in the spring ...

2002: Played in two varsity games at tailback ... Saw action on 10 plays at tailback and two on special teams in the season opener against Arkansas State ... Carried the football five times for 15 yards ... Got just three plays in the Marshall game, but made the most of it with a 10-yard touchdown run ... Finished with two carries for 11 yards ... Rushed nine times for 70 yards in a jayvee game against Hargrave ... Had a personal-best 330-pound bench press during spring testing ... Returned two kickoffs for 54 yards during the Maroon-White game ... Also contributed a 4-yard run ...

2001: Entered school at mid-year and went through spring practice ... Worked at tailback ... Had a 410-pound back squat during spring workouts ... Rushed for 23 yards and had a 6-yard pass reception during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Ran for 18 yards and had a 4-yard catch in another scrimmage ... Carried twice for four yards in the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Lettered two seasons as a running back and linebacker for Coach Dave Crist at Blacksburg High ... Rushed for over 1,000 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior ... Added 54 tackles on defense ... Carried the football 24 times for 172 yards during a win over Christiansburg in 2000 ... Earned first-team All-

Blue Ridge District honors his senior season ... Was an honorable mention all-district pick as a junior when he rushed for 321 yards and seven TDs ... Also a sprinter on the track team ... Placed seventh in the 55-meter hurdles at the 2001 Group AA state indoor track championship ...

Personal: John Edwin Candelas ... Born 4/21/83 in Miami, FL ... Son of Teresa Candelas and the late José Candelas ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	2	7	26	3.7	1	10
2003	4	16	76	4.8	1	20
Career	6	23	102	4.4	2	20



Tripp Carroll **57**

Center • 6-4 • 325 • r-Fr.
Charlotte, N.C. • Andrew Jackson H.S. (Fla.)

Will look to earn reps at the center spot this fall ... Will be battling for playing time ... Enters the fall locked in a battle with Danny McGrath for the top reserve spot ... A promising young lineman ... Entered school in January 2003 after his senior season at Andrew Jackson High in Florida ... Got to go through winter workouts and spring practice ... Worked at center and guard during the early stages of spring drills, but ended up at left tackle ... Combines good size with excellent football instincts ... Is smart, mature and has a desire to do well ...

2003: Was redshirted while working at center ... Turned in personal-bests in all four major lifts during spring max testing ... Bench pressed 400 pounds and had a 530-pound back squat ... Spent a little time at left guard during the spring, but concentrated more on center ...

2002: Enrolled at Tech in January ... Posted a 380-pound bench press during off-season testing ... Entered spring practice splitting work between center and right guard ... Was moved to left tackle for the last few practices of the spring ...

High School: Played his senior season at Andrew Jackson High in Jacksonville, Fla., after playing the first years of his high school career at Myers Park High in Charlotte, N.C. ... His father, Gil, was his head coach in Florida and for two years in Charlotte ... A *SuperPrep* All-American as an offensive lineman ... Named to the *PrepStar* Top 100 Dream Team ... Named an All-American by *PrepStar* as an offensive lineman ... Was an all-city, all-district, all-conference and

all-state selection as a senior in Florida, while also being named to the Super 24 and Florida Super 75 teams ... Participated in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl, a high school all-star game which features the top high school prospects from around the nation, held in San Antonio ... Registered nearly 100 tackles and seven sacks on defense while grading out at over 90 percent in his blocking assignments at the offensive tackle spot his senior season ... Named first-team all-conference, first-team all-county and academic all-state as a junior in North Carolina ... Rated sixth among centers and guards in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com ... Rated the No. 165 prospect nationally and the No. 22 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 13 offensive lineman in the country and the No. 12 prospect in Florida by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 15 offensive lineman in the nation by *PrepStar* ... A preseason *SuperPrep* All-American, rated No. 4 in North Carolina and the No. 13 offensive lineman in the country ... A preseason *PrepStar* All-American, rated the No. 79 player in the nation ...

Personal: Lloyd Gilbert Carroll III ... Born 9/18/84 in Lumberton, NC ... Son of Gil Carroll and Renee Carroll ... Enrolled in family financial management.



**Chris
Ceasar** **37**

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 177 • r-So.
Delray Beach, Fla. • Spanish River H.S.**

Is adjusting to the cornerback position after moving over from receiver during the spring ... Showed signs he can make plays, but still has a lot to learn ... Has the athletic ability and work ethic to be successful in the future ... Entered Tech in January 2002 and worked on the scout team while redshirting that fall ... Saw action on the kickoff team during the 2003 season ... Also saw brief playing time at receiver ... Was a quarterback in high school ... Should help the Hokies as he becomes more familiar with his new position ...

2003: Saw action in seven games ... Was in for five offensive snaps against James Madison ... Played three snaps on offense and six on special teams against Syracuse ... Had a solo tackle on the kickoff coverage squad ... Had a solo tackle at West Virginia on kickoff coverage ... Was in on special teams against Miami, Pittsburgh and

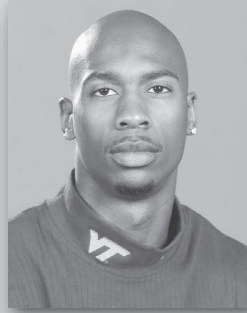
Virginia ... Had a personal-best 405-pound back squat during off-season max testing ... Moved to defense during the spring and worked at the boundary cornerback position ... Intercepted a pass during the final scrimmage ... Was in on a tackle during the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Was redshirted while working at split end ... His 37 1/2-inch vertical jump during spring max testing was the second-best among Tech receivers ... Turned in a 45-yard reception during one of Tech's spring scrimmages ...

2001: Entered school in January ... Ran a 4.53 in the forty during spring testing ... Practiced at flanker during spring workouts ...

High School: Played quarterback for Coach Bill Bretherick at Spanish River ... Became the first quarterback to guide the team to back-to-back playoff berths ... Passed for 1,300 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior ... Rushed for over 400 yards and five more TDs ... Named to the Palm Beach County all-star team and earned first-team all-district honors ... Voted the team's offensive MVP ... Passed for four touchdowns during the win that earned his team a playoff spot his final season ... Threw for six TDs and ran for two in just six games during his junior year ... Had his season cut short by a shoulder injury ... Lettered as a sprinter in track ... Was clocked at 10.8 seconds in the 100-meters and 21.8 seconds in the 200 ...

Personal: Christopher Anthony Ceasar ... Born 12/20/82 ... Son of Willie and Dorothy Ceasar ... Enrolled in physical education.



**Chris
Clifton** **16**

**Split End • 6-4 • 205 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.**

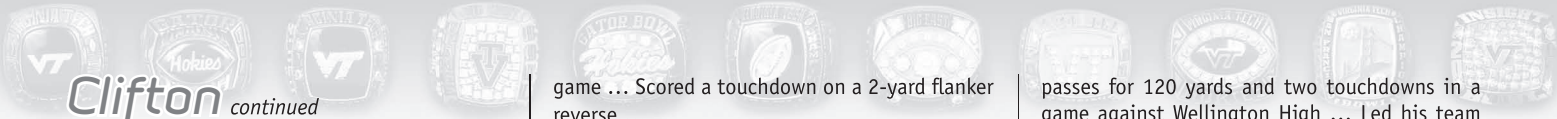
Coming off an excellent spring ... Was named the team's most improved offensive player ... Enters the fall season as the leading candidate for the starting split end spot ... Brings maturity to the position and took the reigns as the leader ... Has good size and athletic ability ... Also contributes on the punt block team ... Is becoming more comfortable at the split end position after beginning his Tech career as a quarterback ... Served as the Hokies' No. 3 signal-caller last season while doubling as a receiver ... Has shown the type of desire it takes to be successful ... Developing consistency will be important in his quest for playing time ...

2003: Played in all 13 games ... Had three receptions for 20 yards ... Caught one pass for 11 yards against UCF ... Served as the backup quarterback against James Madison ... His only pass attempt in that game was incomplete ... Played 12 snaps on offense against UConn, catching one pass for 3 yards ... Also scooped up a blocked punt and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown ... Caught one pass for 6 yards at West Virginia ... Was in for five special teams plays against Miami and five at Pittsburgh ... Was in for one offensive play and four on special teams against Boston College ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max testing ... Won the Dr. Richard Bullock Award as Tech's most improved offensive player of spring practice ... Scored on a 7-yard reverse during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Had three catches for 69 yards in another ... Caught three passes for 40 yards during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: Saw action on 10 offensive plays in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played two snaps on special teams ... Was in for eight special teams plays against LSU ... Played three snaps on special teams against Marshall ... Saw brief action on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw brief action on offense and seven plays on special teams at Western Michigan ... Was in for two plays on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Saw action on six offensive and seven special teams plays against Rutgers ... Was in for six special teams plays against Temple and five against both Pittsburgh and Syracuse ... Played in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave to get some extra experience ... Contributed three catches for 34 yards ... Saw action in Tech's bowl game against Air Force ... Improved on all four lifts during spring max testing ... Grabbed three touchdown passes and five total receptions for 97 yards during Tech's last major scrimmage of the spring ... Had three catches for 25 yards and a TD in another scrimmage ... Finished with the most receiving yards in the Maroon-White game with two catches for 53 yards ... His 36-yard catch was the longest of the game ...

2001: Practiced at quarterback when preseason workouts opened in August ... Spent some time as a receiver on the scout team while redshirting during the fall ... His 34 1/2-inch vertical jump tied for second-best among incoming freshmen ... Posted a 400-pound back squat during spring testing and ran a 4.54 40 ... Opened spring practice at quarterback before switching to receiver ... Had a 17-yard reception in one spring scrimmage and a 6-yard catch in another ... Hauled in two passes for 18 yards during the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Was 23-2 as the starting quarterback for Coach David Cox at Deep Creek ... Led the team to the Group AAA Division 6 title game as a senior ... Threw for 1,286 yards and 18 touchdowns his senior season and added nearly 300 yards and six TDs rushing ... Passed for 192 yards and three TDs in a playoff game against Princess Anne ... Tossed four touchdown passes during a 28-26 loss to Centreville in the championship game after seeing his team fall behind 28-0 ... Finished that game with 225 yards passing ... Earned *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region honors as an athlete ... *Tom Lemming's*

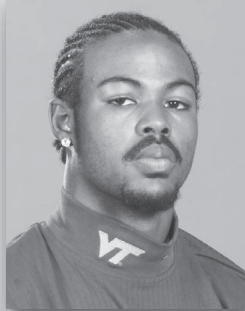


Clifton *continued*

Prep Football Report rated him the No. 70 player in Mid-Atlantic Region ... Picked the No. 23 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and No. 22 in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named All-Southeastern District at QB as a junior and senior ... Gained second-team all-region honors following his senior season ... Also competed in track ... Finished third in the state in the long jump as a junior and second as a senior ...

Personal: Chris Arron Clifton ... Born 10/27/82 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Cheryl Clifton ... Enrolled in apparel design.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	12	3	20	6.7	0	11



David Clowney 87

**Flanker • 6-1 • 178 • So. • 1VL
Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S.**

The only true freshman to play last season ... Will be battling for the starting flanker spot ... Spent the winter working on his speed with the Tech track team ... A speedster who provides the Hokies with a deep-ball threat ... Could also help out on special teams ... Needs to develop consistency in his route running for his playing time to increase ... A talented young player ... Is considered a raw talent, but the coaches like his toughness ... Has a lot of confidence and really pushes himself ...

2003: Saw action in 12 games, playing 96 snaps on offense and 44 on special teams ... Had five receptions for 67 yards and a score on the season ... Started his career out with a bang, catching two passes for 37 yards against UCF ... Hauled in a 27-yard touchdown pass from Marcus Vick late in the game ... Caught one pass for nine yards against James Madison ... Played 15 snaps on offense against UConn, catching one pass for 14 yards ... Was in for five snaps on special teams at West Virginia ... Played 13 snaps on offense against Miami ... Caught a 7-yard pass at Pittsburgh ... Was in for 14 snaps on offense against Boston College ... Played eight snaps on offense and five on special teams at Virginia ... Had four catches for 27 yards in Tech's third scrimmage in the spring ... Scored on a 6-yard reverse in the final scrimmage ... Hauled in three passes for 46 yards in the spring

game ... Scored a touchdown on a 2-yard flanker reverse ...

High School: An honorable mention Class 5A all-state selection as a senior ... Lettered four seasons as a receiver and safety for Coach Chris Bean at Atlantic High ... Named to the All-Palm Beach County Team as published by *The Palm Beach Post Sun-Sentinel* ... Made one of the season's biggest plays, a 95-yard touchdown catch against Ely in the regional finals ... Totaled 25 catches for 576 yards and a county-best 10 touchdowns ... Returned three kicks for 245 yards and two touchdowns ... Caught three

passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns in a game against Wellington High ... Led his team to an undefeated regular season ... Hauled in 39 passes his junior season ... A sprinter on the track team ... Was a state finalist in the 200 meters and a regional finalist in the 100 meters ... Also lettered two years as a guard in basketball ...

Personal: David Cortez Clowney IV ... Born 7/8/85 in Long Island, NY ... Son of Maria and Tracy Bean ... Enrolled in university studies.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	12	5	67	13.4	1	27



Talk with Travis Conway

What are your long-term goals, both football and career-wise?

Whatever football opportunity comes, I will review it. Any chance that I have to continue playing, I will take it. I would also like to look into going to grad school.

What is the hardest thing about being a deep snapper?

If you make a mistake, a punt could get blocked and it will be your fault. It is also hard to stay warm or loose. Vinnie Burns and I are always taking snaps when the offense is on the field, so we are always ready to go in.

What have you learned during your years at Virginia Tech?

To concentrate on what is important. Set goals for yourself and work hard to achieve them. Stay focused and get rid of distractions.

What are your expectations for your senior season, for yourself and the team?

Not to screw up any snaps (knock on wood). I would also like to make a few tackles. Last year I really didn't have an opportunity to do this because Vinnie (Burns) had a great year and would always punt the ball to the end zone or the 10-yard line. For the team, I hope that we succeed in the ACC. Since it is my last season, it would be nice to make it into the postseason. Hopefully somewhere warm.

What is the best part of a Virginia Tech home game?

The fans. Running through the tunnel is pretty impressive. After a big series on the field, it is amazing how loud Lane Stadium can get.

If you could bring anything from your hometown to Blacksburg, what would it be?

A lot more of everything. My hometown is a bigger place. If I had a dog, I would bring it.

What is the best advice you have ever been given?

Stay focused. Concentrate on the job and work hard at something until you are satisfied.

Who is your favorite sports broadcaster?

If he did sports on the Daily Show, it would have to be Jon Stewart. I don't really watch sports on television. I get enough of sports during practice.

If you could play any position on the football field, what would it be? What if you could play any position in any sport?

If I was 100 pounds less, I would be a running back. If I could change sports, I would be a pitcher on the baseball team.



Travis
Conway 62

Deep Snapper • 6-5 • 267 • r-Sr. • 2VL
Richmond, Va. • J.R. Tucker H.S.

Took over the Hokies' deep snapping duties for punts in 2003 ... Is expected to handle those duties again this season ... Will also practice with the field goal and extra point units ... Has become a Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Lacked consistency early in his career, but has become more focused on his duties ... Got some experience in 2001 when he handled the snapping duties for punts much of the season ... Served as the backup in 2002 before earning the starting long snapping duties back last year ... Will play a key role on special teams again in 2004 ...

2003: Saw action in all 13 games ... Handled all 57 of the punts with not one bad snap ... Had an assisted tackle on punt coverage against Miami ... Also had an assisted stop at Virginia ... Registered a personal-best 500-pound back squat on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors during the winter strength and conditioning program ...

2002: Served as the backup snapper for the punt, field goal and PAT units ... Did not see any varsity action, but did play in both of the Hokies' jayvee games during the fall ... Concentrated on his snapping duties during spring practice ...

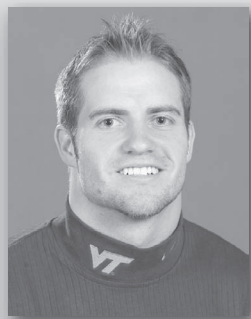
2001: Turned in a 390-pound bench press and a 300-pound push jerk in preseason strength and conditioning testing ... Saw action in nine games, snapping for 50 punts ... Had two tackles on special teams ... Saw action on two plays on offense and snapped for both punts in the opener against Connecticut ... Was in for eight special teams plays at West Virginia ... Snapped on all four punts and saw action on six special teams plays against Boston College ... Snapped seven times on punts against Syracuse and eight at Pittsburgh ... Had a solo tackle on punt coverage against the Panthers ... Was in to snap for nine punts against Temple ...

2000: Practiced as a center and snapper while redshirting ... His 340-pound bench press was second-best among Tech's newcomers in August ... Improved that lift to 360 by spring testing ...

High School: Lettered three seasons for Coach Rusty Curle at Tucker High ... Saw most of his action at center and defensive end ...

Started three seasons at DE ... Played three games as a tight end his junior year before moving to center ... Earned additional attention as an accomplished deep snapper on special teams ... Named the team's most valuable player as a senior ... Rated the No. 18 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Gained honorable-mention All-USA honors from *USA Today* ... Was first-team all-Metro, all-district and all-region as a center in 1999 ... Selected second-team all-district as a defensive end ... Earned second-team Associated Press Group AAA all-state honors at center ... An honorable-mention pick on the coaches' all-state squad ... Had five knockdown blocks in one game his senior season ... Contributed 95 tackles and two sacks on defense ... As a junior, he won the team's Tolley Award as the best defensive player "with leadership and skill" ... Was first-team all-district as a center and second-team all-region ... Also a second-team all-district choice at DE ...

Personal: Travis Scott Conway ... Born 6/3/82 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Doug and Suzanne Conway ... His uncle, Andy Hromyak, was the starting punter for Tech in 1971 and '72 ... Enrolled in consumer studies.



Chad
Cooper 33

Linebacker • 6-2 • 192 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Herndon, Va. • Oakton H.S.

An experienced performer, who provides the Hokies with depth at both inside linebacker positions ... Has spent time at both the mike and backer positions during his Tech career ... Is expected to concentrate more at backer this fall ... Has been a steady contributor on special teams ... Was stricken with Guillain-Barré syndrome in December 2001 ... Worked hard to rejoin his teammates for the 2002 season ... Was cleared to play and saw action in 13 games that year ... Rates as a good athlete with range, but is still trying to regain his strength ... Posted the best time among the inside linebackers in the NFL shuttle run during 2004 max testing ... A hard worker who will play an important role at linebacker and on special teams this fall ...

2003: Saw action in eight games, mostly on special teams ... Had six tackles on the year ... Played seven snaps on special teams against UCF ... Was in for 12 defensive plays and nine on special teams against James Madison ... Had three tackles on defense against the Dukes ... Also had two solo stops, a forced fumble and

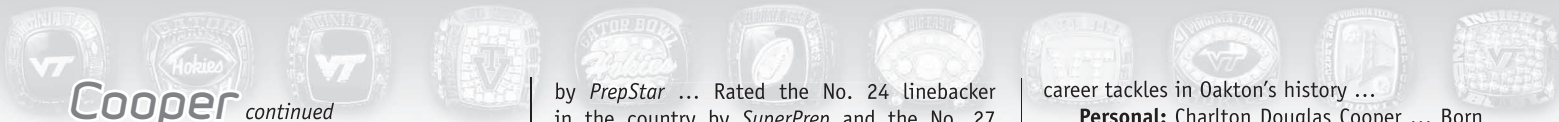
fumble recovery on special teams ... Missed the Texas A&M, UConn, Rutgers and Syracuse games with a shoulder injury ... Was cleared for the West Virginia game, but did not play ... Was in for five special teams plays against Miami and 11 at Pittsburgh ... Was in for all four kickoff returns at Temple ... Played 13 downs on special teams against Boston College ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Virginia ... Had the best time among the inside linebackers in the NFL shuttle run during spring testing ... Broke up two passes during the annual Maroon-White spring game ...

2002: Missed the opener while battling shin splints ... Played in the other 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Started on the kickoff and kickoff return teams ... Had a solo tackle and five assists on the season ... Also had a quarterback hurry ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams against LSU in his first game back ... Played seven snaps in that game and 10 on special teams in the win over Marshall ... Played five snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw action on both defense and special teams at Western Michigan ... Recorded two assisted stops and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Recorded an assisted tackle on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Was in for 10 plays on special teams against Rutgers ... Saw action on seven special teams plays against Temple ... Was in for nine plays on special teams, recording an assisted tackle, against Pittsburgh ... Played 14 snaps on special teams at Syracuse and nine against West Virginia ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Virginia ... Got reps at both the mike and the backer positions during spring workouts ... Had three tackles in two different spring scrimmages ... Posted two tackles behind the line of scrimmage and three tackles total in the Maroon-White spring game ...

2001: Played in all 11 regular-season games as a starter on special teams ... Worked at the backer position, but did not see action on defense ... Had two solo tackles and nine assists on the year in a special teams role ... Also had a fumble recovery ... Saw action on a season-high 14 plays on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Had three assisted tackles on special teams against Temple ... Recovered a fumble and had an assist on special teams at Virginia ... Was stricken with Guillain-Barré syndrome in December ... Was unable to attend school for the second semester ... Stayed home and made a full recovery ...

2000: Worked at both inside linebacker positions during a redshirt year ... Spent most of the fall at the mike linebacker spot ... Moved to the backer position for spring practice ... Had two tackles, including one for a loss, during the Hokies' first spring scrimmage ... Was in on three tackles in the annual Maroon-White spring game ...

High School: A high school All-America pick by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* magazines ... Was named to *PrepStar's* Top 100 Dream Team ... Played free safety, linebacker and running back during three varsity seasons for Coach Pete Bendorf at Oakton ... Registered 109 tackles as a senior ... Added five quarterback sacks, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries ... Rushed for 450 yards and 10 touchdowns ... Was



Cooper *continued*

a first-team selection on *The Washington Post* All-Metro team ... Also first-team all-district and all-region and second-team all-state ... Listed as the No. 8 defensive back prospect in the nation and the No. 1 DB in the Atlantic Region

by *PrepStar* ... Rated the No. 24 linebacker in the country by *SuperPrep* and the No. 27 linebacker by *Rivals* ... An honorable-mention All-USA pick by *USA Today* ... Named the No. 5 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Finished his junior year with 128 tackles and six pass interceptions ... Holds the record for most

career tackles in Oakton's history ...

Personal: Charlton Douglas Cooper ... Born 6/10/81 in Houston, TX ... Son of Tom and Connie Cooper ... His dad was a starter in the defensive secondary at Tech in the mid-1970s ... Studying marketing management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	2	7	9	0- 0	0- 0
2002	13	2	5	7	0- 0	0- 0
2003	8	5	1	6	0- 0	0- 0
Career	32	9	13	22	0- 0	0- 0

Talk with Chad Cooper



What are your personal goals for the 2004 season?

I want to be a leader, both on and off the field, and to help a lot of the other guys learn the system. I want to finish my senior year strong. That would be both on the field and in the classroom.

What are the team goals for the 2004 season?

We want to win and to become more unified as a team as a whole. If we can do that, it will be pretty tough to stop us.

Many people are excited about the move to the ACC this season. How do you feel about playing a whole set of teams you've never faced during your career?

It's awesome. I know a bunch of the guys on our team have wanted to face those teams, and we're about to. We'll find out soon how we stack up against some of these teams. Everyone, not only myself, is really excited.

You are battling for a spot as a starter and for playing time this year. What do you think it will take to win that spot?

I need to gain a bunch of weight and prove to the coaches in practice that I can get it done. That's the only way — to get it done in practice first.

Speaking of battling, two years ago you battled and won a bout with Guillain-Barré syndrome. What did you learn from that experience?

I learned how to overcome definitely one of the toughest moments of my life. After that, I think you realize everything else is ... I'm not going to say simple because it's not ... but you learn how to overcome adversity a lot better.

You've played a key role on special teams here. Why are special teams such an important aspect for Tech football?

Because our team understands that special teams can win or lose games. The entire course of a game can change with one fumble or one blocked punt.

How do you feel after you make a crushing tackle?

To hear the crowd roar after you've made a huge hit, that gives you chills down your spine. There's nothing like it.

What's your favorite part of the college experience when you're not on the field?

The fans are so supportive. The community in general is really into Tech football and that's what makes it exciting.

What's one thing people would be surprised to learn about you?

I love all sorts of music, even hip-hop. Some people would be surprised to know that I love all types of music, and I love the guitar too.

Mike Daniels **31**

**Free Safety • 6-0 • 212 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Fairfax, Va. • Fairfax H.S.**

A smart player who plays a physical brand of football ... Held down the No. 2 spot at free safety last season ... Is expected to see his share of playing time this fall ... Has some limitations, but possesses a knack for being around the football ... Excels in run support ... Works hard and hits hard ... Knows the Tech system ... Doesn't put himself in bad positions ... Began his Tech career working at free safety while redshirting as a freshman ... Switched to the whip position where he started four games in 2001 and one game in 2002 ... Will be counted on for senior leadership ... Brings added stability to the free safety position ...

2003: Saw action in 12 games ... Had 13 solo tackles and 14 assists ... Played 14 snaps on defense and four on special teams against UCF ... Had a solo tackle and two assists against the Golden Knights ... Was on the field for 27 defensive snaps against James Madison ... Had a solo stop and two assists that game ... Played seven special teams snaps against Texas A&M ... Played 33 snaps on defense against UConn, recording five solo stops and four assists ... Had two solo tackles and an assist at Rutgers ... Was in for brief action on special teams at West Virginia, against Miami and at Pittsburgh ... Played all of the second half on defense against Boston College ... Had two solo tackles and three assists in the game ... Led the defensive backs with a 550-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Registered three tackles during the spring game ...

2002: Played in all 14 games, starting one ... Had 25 solo tackles and 26 assists ... Included in those 51 tackles were two tackles for loss ... Also had a pass broken up and forced fumble ...

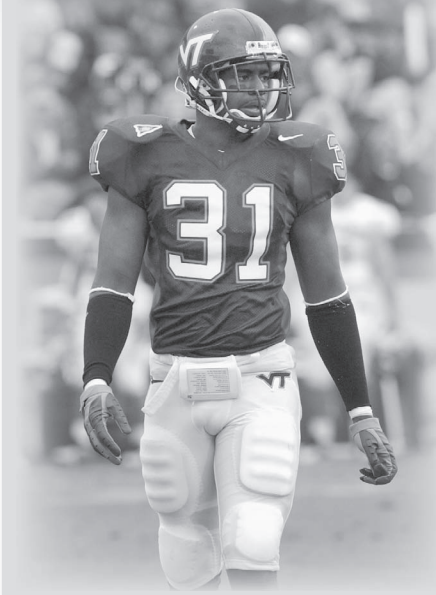


Had two solo stops, including a tackle for loss, against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop in the win over LSU ... Earned the start against Marshall ... Had two solo tackles and three assists ... Registered a solo tackle and two assists in the win at Texas A&M ... Recorded three solo stops and two assisted tackles at Western Michigan ... Registered two solo stops and two assists in the win at Boston College ... Also caused a fumble which prevented an Eagle touchdown ... Played 25 snaps on defense against Temple, registering three solo tackles, two assists and a tackle for loss ... Was in on 28 snaps on defense against Pittsburgh, registering two solo tackles and two assists ... Recorded three solo stops, three assists and a pass broken up at Syracuse ... Had three solo tackles and two assists against West Virginia ... Had three assisted tackles against Virginia ... Had a solo stop and two assists at Miami ... Registered three assists in the bowl win over Air Force ... Moved back to free safety before the start of spring practice ... Was in on five tackles during one spring scrimmage ... Had four tackles, including one behind the line, in another scrimmage ... Registered a tackle for loss and two total tackles in the annual Maroon-White game ...

2001: Played in every game ... Recorded 12 solo tackles, 16 assists and broke up a pass during the year ... Started on the kickoff team and the kickoff and punt return teams ... Saw action on 17 special teams plays against Connecticut ... Saw brief action on special teams versus Western Michigan ... Had an assist on 11 plays at Rutgers ... Saw action on a season-high 24 special teams plays against Boston College ... Played 18 snaps on defense and 14 on special teams at Pittsburgh, recording a solo tackle and an assist ... Earned his first career start at Temple ... Had two solo tackles and an assist, and broke up a pass in that win ... Was credited with four solo tackles and four assists at Virginia ... On a personal-best 87 plays, had four solo tackles and nine assists against No. 1 Miami ... Led the Hokies with seven tackles in the Gator Bowl ... Had two sacks in that game for minus-14 yards ... Also recovered a fumble ... Met all six of his goals in the weight room prior to the season ... Turned in a personal-best 450-pound back squat during spring testing ... Posted four tackles and broke up a pass in one spring scrimmage ... Added four tackles in another spring scrimmage and contributed a pair of tackles during the Maroon-White game ...

2000: Spent a redshirt season working at free safety ... Improved in three of Tech's four major lifts during the off-season strength and conditioning workouts ... Was in on four tackles, including two behind the line in the Hokies' first spring scrimmage ... Intercepted a pass in the annual spring game and assisted on three tackles ...

High School: Set a school record with 18 career pass interceptions during his four varsity seasons at Fairfax ... Lettered four years as a defensive back and wide receiver for Coach Tom Verbanic ... Was the Liberty District Player of the Year as a senior ... Went on to earn first-team all-district, all-region and all-state honors ... Was a *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-American ... An honorable-mention All-USA pick by *USA Today*



Talk with Mike Daniels

What in particular are you looking forward to with the 2004 schedule?

I'm looking forward to the competition. We're playing all new ACC teams and we start off with the defending national champion. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to show everybody that we're a good team. Basically, with the move to the ACC we don't know much about them and they don't know much about us, so it's going to be who's better on that day, and that's how I like it.

What teams are the hardest for you to play against as a defender?

Playing against Miami is always tough because they're so athletic. Pittsburgh has played us very hard and tough, and West Virginia is always tough because they play smash mouth football and just run the ball down your throat. This year we'll probably find out how tough USC is, but I'm looking forward to it.

Is there a particular play in your career you wish you could have back?

Against Marshall, Byron Leftwich had a touchdown pass right over my head. It wasn't necessarily my fault but I was on all the highlights on ESPN afterwards. So I'd definitely like to get that one back.

If you were allowed to pick the music the team came out of the tunnel to, what would you pick?

Definitely 50 Cent or Lil' Jon; something to get me hyped.

Is there an added sense of urgency as a senior that wasn't there as an underclassman?

Yes, you know that every game you play is one step closer to the end of your college career. So each time you're on the field it takes on an added importance. You just can't take anything for granted anymore.

Do you have any talents that would take people by surprise?

In high school I played the trumpet and can still play. I can't play it in the house anymore because my roommates would get mad, but I can still play. I was thinking about taking it as an elective because it's something that kind of separates you from other people, a little added talent that's always good.

What players did you emulate growing up?

Ronnie Lott because he just wanted to hit. I loved Deion Sanders' coverage and his potential for big plays, but I always liked the guys that would just hit you in the mouth and not talk too much but just play. That's the type of player I am. I always wanted to play defense, where I'm hitting people and not getting hit. That's much better, it might not get the limelight but I love it.

... Rated the No. 25 defensive back prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Posted 102 tackles and four interceptions during his senior season ... Also contributed 23 pass receptions for 450 yards and three TDs ... Averaged 25 yards on punt returns and 27 yards on kickoff returns ... Ran for one touchdown, caught a pass for another TD and collected 12 tackles in a game against Madison his senior year ... Picked off seven passes as a junior ... Helped the team to a four-year 31-9 regular-season record and

two district titles ... Also excelled in basketball, lettering four years and setting a school scoring mark with 1,250 points ...

Personal: Michael William Daniels ... Born 9/18/81 in Germany ... Son of Fletcher, Jr., and Carolyn Daniels ... Studying sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	12	16	28	0- 0	0- 0
2002	14	25	26	51	0- 0	0- 0
2003	12	13	14	27	0- 0	0- 0
Career	37	50	56	106	0- 0	0- 0

MEET THE HOKIES



**Jim
Davis**

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**Defensive End • 6-3 • 276 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Highland Springs, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.**

A proven playmaker who is anxious to get back on the field after missing the entire 2003 season ... Suffered a torn pectoral muscle just days prior to 2003 spring practice ... Underwent surgery and was forced to take a redshirt year while rehabbing ... Came back bigger and stronger this past spring ... Played well during Tech's 15 spring practice sessions ... Has all-star ability when healthy ... Combines size and speed with athleticism ... Knows how to get to the quarterback ... Possesses the skills to disrupt a game ... Posted three sacks in a win over No. 14 LSU in 2002 ... Returned an interception for a touchdown and caused two fumbles that were returned for TDs during his sophomore year in 2001 ... Has matured as a player ... Is looking to become an every down player ... Should give the Tech defense a big lift as both a player and leader ...

2003: Missed the 2003 season following spring surgery to repair a torn pectoral muscle ... Took part in the winter program, earning Iron Hokie honors ... Registered a 520-pound back squat ... Led the ends with a 360-pound push jerk ... Blocked a field goal in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring ... Posted two sacks during the annual Maroon-White game ...

2002: Started six games ... Had 24 solo stops and 13 assists ... Included in those 37 tackles were nine tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks ... Also had 10 quarterback hurries, three passes broken up and a forced fumble ... Had a quiet opener against Arkansas State, playing just 19 snaps on defense with an assisted stop ... Came back strong against LSU, recording three sacks against the Tigers ... Also had five solo stops, an assist, two quarterback hurries and a tackle for loss ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors ... Played on a sprained left ankle against Marshall, but still managed to play 41 snaps ... Had two solo stops, including one for a loss, and a pass broken up ... Also had an assisted stop on special teams ... Did not start at Texas A&M due to his sore ankle ... Played 24 snaps on defense, recording an assisted stop ... Had three quarterback hurries and a tackle on special teams at Western Michigan ... Was back at full speed for the Boston

College game, registering three solo tackles, an assist and 1.5 sacks ... Had an assisted tackle and three quarterback hurries against Rutgers ... Earned the start against Temple and recorded two solo tackles, two assists, a sack and a quarterback hurry ... Had a solo tackle against Pittsburgh, playing 40 snaps ... Registered four solo tackles and an assist on defense at Syracuse ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Tallied two solo tackles and an assist, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Had a solo stop and two assists in the win over Virginia ... Had a solo tackle at Miami ... Recorded a solo stop and an assist, including a TFL, in the San

Francisco Bowl ... Ran a 4.68 forty during spring testing ...

2001: Played in 10 games, starting three ... Had 17 solo tackles, 21 assists and eight tackles for loss ... Also had 4.5 sacks, six QB hurries, two forced fumbles, a PBU and an interception ... Finished with one tackle, one assist and a hurry in the opening game against UConn ... Did not dress against Western Michigan due to a bulging disc in his back ... Returned to action against Rutgers, recording three stops, two assists, a forced fumble and a shared sack ... Had two solo stops, an assist, a sack and a pass broken up against UCF ... Recorded two tackles and a sack



Talk with Jim Davis

Is it difficult to have to prepare twice for your senior season?

I was frustrated last year, for myself and the team, because I think we both could have been better. But you work hard and try to get better. I've been working so hard and studying film, working on all the little things no one pays attention to. But having a year to get ready, I had the chance to work on those little things. This year I can't wait to get on the field. Last year it was hard for me to sit in the stands. I can't wait to get back with my teammates.

How challenging is it to have to face the national champion in your first game?

They're the national champions for a reason and they have a really good quarterback coming back. But it's a good chance to put Tech back on the map and gain some respect. I think we lost a little bit of that after last year's disappointing season. I think we can set a lot of things right by going out there and playing hard the first week against USC.

What experiences at Tech molded you into the player you are?

When I first came here, David Pugh and Chad Beasley took me under their wing immediately. I was in their corner in the locker room and they pointed me in the right direction. I always said I wanted to work as hard as those guys and try to do the things they did. When they were here, we had the best defense in the nation almost every year. I want to get back to that same level.

What do you do to get pumped up for a game and then how do you relax afterwards?

I call my dad, get in touch with him, let him know I'm ready and then throw some music on and get ready to ride. After the game, my family comes up for every game so we go out and eat and just relax and talk about what's going on back home. My mom comes to every game, so she's my number one fan.

How do other stadiums you've played in compare to Lane Stadium?

Well Miami is pretty special and Texas A&M was breathtaking, but no place I've been beats Lane Stadium and the fans we have here. It's really special to run out of the tunnel in front of our crowds.

What's your favorite play you've made in a Tech uniform?

The Gator Bowl in my freshman year against Clemson. I had back-to-back sacks. It made me feel like I belonged and could play at a really high level.



Jim Davis

at West Virginia ... Also collected his first career interception in that game, which he returned for a touchdown ... Was in on five tackles and had a QB hurry against Boston College ... Caused a fumble in the BC game that teammate Kevin McCadam returned for a score ... Had three solo tackles and two sacks against Syracuse ... Posted seven tackles against Pittsburgh ... Got his first career start at Temple ... Was credited with five assists and a QB hurry in that win ... Had three solo tackles, two assists, a sack and three tackles for loss at Virginia ... Tore his right pectoral muscle against No. 1 Miami and was limited in the Hokies' Gator Bowl game against Florida State ... Returned to full action in the spring ... Contributed four tackles in one spring scrimmage and three tackles and a sack in another ...

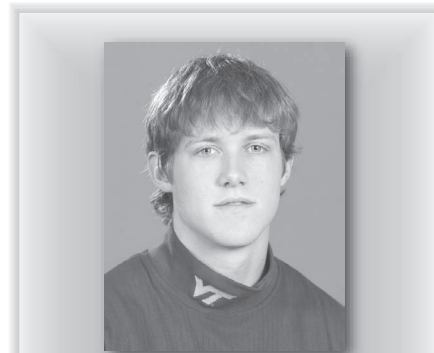
2000: Was one of only three true freshmen to see action ... Played on 27 snaps against Akron in his first collegiate game and contributed two tackles ... Saw action on a season-high 30 plays at East Carolina ... Posted three tackles, two quarterback hurries and shared a sack in the win over the Pirates ... Knocked down a pass against Rutgers ... Registered a personal-best six tackles in the Temple game, including a pair of sacks for minus-16 yards ... Had two tackles for loss and two quarterback hurries against Syracuse ... Was in on three tackles at Miami and added another sack in the Virginia game ... Averaged 25 plays per game for the season ... Finished with 28 tackles, including 17 primary hits ... Turned in six tackles behind the line, including 3.5 sacks ... Hurried the quarterback five times ... Contributed four tackles in Tech's win over Clemson in the Gator Bowl, including two quarterback sacks that came on consecutive plays for a total loss of 16 yards ... Ran a 4.68 in the forty during spring testing ... Posted seven sacks during the Hokies' four spring scrimmages ... Recovered a fumble in the end zone for a TD during the Maroon-White game ... Also registered a sack and three tackles ...

Prep School: Recorded 15 sacks and seven pass deflections as a defensive end for Coach John Shuman at Fork Union Military Academy ...

High School: Attended Highland Springs High School where he played defensive end and offensive tackle for Coach Randy Stokes ... Lettered three seasons and was team captain as a senior ... Was named the team's MVP and best defensive lineman his final season ... Earned first-team all-district honors and second-team all-region recognition ... Gained second-team all-district honors his junior year and was selected the team's best offensive lineman as a sophomore ... Also lettered three seasons as a center on the basketball team ... Helped the team to a pair of district titles ... Played in the AAU national championship basketball game (14 years and under) in 1994 ...

Personal: James Edward Davis, Jr. ... Born 10/4/81 in Richmond, VA ... Son of James, Sr., and Sandra Davis ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	11	17	11	28	6- 32	3.5- 23
2001	10	17	21	38	8- 44	4.5- 27
2002	14	24	13	37	9- 43	5.5- 32
Career	35	58	45	103	23-119	13.5- 82



Jud Dunlevy

Place-kicker • 5-9 • 183 • r-Fr.
Roanoke Rapids, N.C. • Roanoke Rapids H.S.

Is expected to compete for the kickoff duties when practice opens in August ... Has a strong leg ... Will need to become more consistent to challenge for the place-kicking duties ... His summer preparation will be important ... Preseason performances will determine what role he plays this fall ...

2003: Joined the team as a walk-on and took a redshirt year ... Concentrated mainly on kickoffs during the spring ... Was 1-for-2 on field goals during the Hokies' third spring scrimmage making a 25-yarder and missing from 39 yards out ... Kicked off once during the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Lettered four years as a kicker for Coach Tim Bennett at Roanoke Rapids ... Earned all-conference honors each of his last three seasons ... Played in the North Carolina East-West All-Star game following his senior year ...

Personal: Judson Bryce Dunlevy ... Born 10/9/1984 in Rocky Mount, NC ... Son of Keith and Denise Dunlevy ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Jon Dunn

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Offensive Tackle • 6-7 • 341 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Virginia Beach, Va. • Tallwood H.S.

One of the most experienced linemen on the team ... Has been a starter for most of the past two seasons ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at right tackle ... An imposing figure ... Has the size and physical ability to be a dominating force ... Gained the consistency and intensity coaches were looking for ...

2003: Played in and started 12 games ... Played a total of 716 offensive snaps during the regular season, grading out at over 83 percent ... Had 23 knockdown blocks in the regular season ... Also played 69 snaps on special teams ... Was suspended for the opener against UCF for a violation of team policy ... Graded out at 80 percent with four knockdowns on 50 snaps against James Madison ... Played 60 snaps against Texas A&M, grading out at 83 percent with two knockdowns ... Played 37 snaps on offense against UConn, grading out at 84 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Played 66 snaps on offense at Rutgers with one knockdown block ... Graded out at 88 percent with a knockdown on 59 plays against Syracuse ... Graded out at 87 percent with five knockdowns on 55 plays at West Virginia ... Graded out at 86 percent with two knockdowns on 52 plays against Miami ... Played 61 snaps at Pittsburgh, grading out at 81 percent with three knockdowns ... Graded out at 88 percent on 67 plays with a knockdown at Temple ... Played 66 snaps against Boston College, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown block ... Was in for all 67 snaps at Virginia, grading out at 85 percent with a knockdown ... Turned in a 370-pound push jerk during spring max testing that ranked second-best among the offensive linemen ...

2002: Started seven games and played in all 14 ... Saw action on 498 regular-season snaps and graded out at 80.3 percent for the season ... Had 22 knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 89 percent in the opener against Arkansas State on just 28 offensive snaps ... Played 67 snaps against LSU, grading out at 81 percent ... Played 74 snaps in the win over Marshall, grading out at 80 percent ... Had five knockdown blocks ... Was in for 57 snaps on offense at Western Michigan ... Played 67 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 82 percent with five knockdown



Dunn *continued*

blocks ... Played 57 snaps on offense with a knockdown block against Rutgers ... Came off the bench against Temple to play 32 snaps ... Graded out at 84 percent against the Owls ... Played 26 snaps against Pittsburgh, recording a knockdown block ... Saw limited action on offense and special teams at Syracuse ... Played nine snaps on offense and two on special teams against West Virginia ... Played 20 snaps on offense at Miami, grading out at 80 percent ...

2001: Averaged nearly 26 snaps per game on offense ... Played a total of 231 offensive

snaps ... Saw action in 10 games, including nine on offense ... Worked on the extra point and field goal team in six games ... Got his first collegiate action in the opener against UConn ... Was in on a season-high 44 offensive snaps in that game ... Played 34 offensive downs against both Western Michigan and Rutgers ... Had knockdown blocks against West Virginia and Virginia ... Played 27 plays on offense against Temple, grading out at 86 percent ... Posted a 351-pound clean during spring testing ... Turned in one of the best times among the offensive linemen in the NFL shuttle run at 4.46 ...

2000: Worked at right tackle while redshirting ... Made some strides during the off-season program ... Got some work with the first team during spring practice ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as Tech's top offensive newcomer ...

High School: Earned All-America honors from *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar* and *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 35 offensive line prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* and the No. 9 player in Virginia ... Listed as the No. 20 offensive tackle prospect in the nation by Lemming ... Picked the No. 1 offensive lineman in the state and the No. 7 overall prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Lettered three seasons for Coach Thad Harold at Tallwood ... Saw most of his action as an offensive tackle ... Also got some playing time at defensive tackle and as a long snapper ... Earned all-district honors his junior and senior seasons ... Named All-Eastern Region as a senior ... Had eight tackles and two sacks in limited defensive duty in 1999 ...

Personal: Jonathan Paul Dunn ... Born 12/12/81 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Paula and Willie Heggins ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Talk with Jon Dunn

What are your goals for this upcoming season?

I'm looking forward to my best season yet. I want to improve overall as a player and become more consistent. Also I need to play more physical at the level I know I'm capable of.

What game do you have highlighted on your schedule?

Well the first game with the defending national champions, naturally. But we have a lot of new competition on the schedule. I'm definitely looking forward to playing Miami. I wish we were playing Florida State, too. I'm really interested in Maryland because I think that's going to become

a real big rivalry for us. I just want to see what the ACC hype is all about. I'm definitely eager to play in the ACC and want to prove to everybody that we belong there.

Which road trip has been your favorite?

I'd say Texas A&M without a doubt. That was my first really big away trip and to get to see the 12th Man and all that tradition with 80,000 fans was unreal. I'd also say West Virginia, because they're fans are so intense and crazy, it's just a great atmosphere there.

What players did you look up to as a freshman and sophomore?

My first year I came here, all the seniors like Matt Lehr and Matt Wincek taught me a lot and really looked out for me and contributed a lot to how I play today.

You joke that you're a tight end in disguise. Have you given much thought to lining up a little further outside?

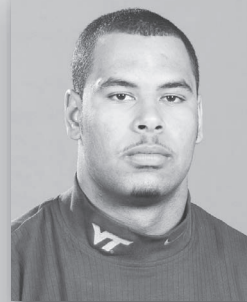
Oh yeah, I want to be a tight end or receiver. I want to catch the ball and I want to score. I think that's every lineman's fantasy to catch a ball one time or take a fumble and just run it in. I'd take the flag and throw the ball into the stands. Coach Beamer probably wouldn't like that too much but if I had a chance to do it I would.

Who would play Jon Dunn in a movie?

Well, he's got to be sexy. I'd say Denzel Washington. I think Denzel fits me very well, especially in the face. Plus I'm a ladies' man, too. But most people would probably say Michael Clark Duncan. When "The Green Mile" came out I heard a lot of jokes about that.

What's your favorite memory as a Hokie?

I'd say beating Miami last year. That was a great game. I played real well and it was a great team effort. That's probably one of the most fun times I've ever had playing football.



Chris Ellis

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Defensive End • 6-4 • 257 • r-Fr.
Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.

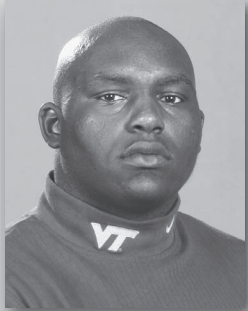
A newcomer with unlimited potential ... Has already added 25 pounds through the strength and conditioning program ... Still turned in the fastest time in the 40-yard dash among the defensive ends during spring testing with a 4.56 clocking ... Was slowed by a shoulder injury while redshirting in the fall ... Made up a lot of ground during the spring ... Still needs to improve his consistency and become more physical ... Is being pushed to give top effort on every down ... Is going to get better and better as he adds strength and experience ... Has a chance to be a contributor this fall and a special player in the future ...

2003: Worked at defensive end while redshirting ... Had the best vertical jump (31 1/2 inches) among the incoming freshmen linemen and tied for the fifth-best overall among the incoming class ... Upped his vertical to 35 inches by spring practice, the fifth-best leap on the entire defense ... Turned in the top 40

time among the ends at 4.56 ... Posted a pair of tackles for loss during the annual Maroon-White spring game ...

High School: Was ranked 66th on *SuperPrep's* Elite 100 list following his senior season ... Led Bethel with 50 tackles — seven for loss — and 10 sacks ... Played end and outside linebacker for Coach Tracy Parker ... Named an All-American by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Named to the VHSCA All-Eastern Region honorable mention squad as a defensive end ... Named to the first-team *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team as a defensive lineman ... A first-team Peninsula District selection at end ... Ranked the No. 13 defensive end in the country and the No. 3 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 21 defensive end in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com ... Rated the No. 157 prospect nationally and the No. 20 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 4 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Posted 75 tackles and 15 sacks as a junior ...

Personal: Christopher James Ellis ... Born 2/11/85 in Hawaii ... Son of Eric and Laurie Ellis ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Rashad
Ferebee**

**Offensive Guard • 5-8 • 254 • Jr.
Norfolk, Va. • Granby H.S.**

A walk-on who has worked his way up the depth chart ... Will battle for time at the guard position ... Has worked extremely hard in the weight room in an effort to increase his reps ... Spent last season on the scout and jayvee teams ... Proved to be a hard worker ... Showed improvement during the course of the year ... Should benefit from added reps ... Will help provide depth along the offensive line ...

2003: Turned in a 360-pound bench press and 575-pound back squat during fall max testing ... Practiced with the scout team and played in both jayvee games ... Did not play in any varsity games ...

2002: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Worked at left guard during the fall and spring ... Turned in a 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

High School: A versatile player for Coach Dave Hudak at Granby High ... Lettered four years and saw action at a number of positions,

including offensive guard, nose guard, linebacker, fullback and center ... Also handled deep snapping duties ... Won the football Ironman Award ... Also lettered as a shot-putter on the track team ...

Personal: Rashad Micah Ferebee ... Born 3/18/84 in Annapolis, MD ... Son of Angeline Ferebee-Hawkins and the late Maurice Ferebee, Jr. ... His stepfather is Tarrent Hawkins ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Andrew
Fleck** 63

**Center • 6-3 • 269 • r-So.
Edmond, Okla. • Santa Fe H.S.**

Moved from defensive tackle to center during 2003 spring practice ... Is still adjusting to his new position ... Missed 2004 spring practice with a shoulder injury ... Has made strides in improving his strength, but must continue working to add some bulk ... Entered school in January 2002 ... Worked on defense during 2002 spring practice ... Continued to work there while redshirting ... Still has some ground to make up before he is ready to vie for playing time ... Has the work ethic to be successful ...

2003: Spent most of the season working with the scout team ... Saw action in two games ... Was in briefly on offense against UCF ... Played nine snaps on offense against James Madison ... Sat out spring practice with a shoulder injury that required surgery ...

2002: Worked on the scout team as a defensive tackle during the fall ... Turned in a 400-pound bench press during spring max testing ... Was moved to offense prior to spring practice ... Put in time at the center position ...

2001: Underwent back surgery during the summer and fall ... Joined the team in January ... Was limited during the winter off-season program ... Worked at defensive tackle during the spring ... Posted a tackle in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

High School: A four-year letterman and three-year starter at tight end and defensive end for Coach Brian Kelly at Santa Fe ... Named first-team all-state as a defensive lineman in Class 6A by the coaches and second-team all-state by the media ... Also garnered first-team all-city, all-conference and all-district recognition as a senior ... Posted 60 tackles, seven sacks and four fumble recoveries his senior season ... Caught 35 passes for 575 yards and five touchdowns

as a tight end in 2000 ... Contributed seven of those catches for 120 yards in a single game ... Registered 21 catches and three TDs on offense and 45 tackles on defense as a junior ... Collected three sacks in a game during the 1999 season ... Set school career record for catches by a tight end with 68 ... Also saw time as a deep snapper during his prep career ... Ranked the No. 62 tight end in the nation by Rivals ... Chosen to play in the Oil Bowl, which pits the best high school seniors from Oklahoma against the top seniors from Texas ... Also excelled as a four-year letterman in basketball and track ...

Personal: Andrew Garrett Fleck ... Born 10/11/82 in Oklahoma City, OK ... Son of Terry and Deanna Fleck ... Enrolled in human services.



**Brandon
Frye** 74

**Offensive Tackle • 6-4 • 290 • r-So.
Myrtle Beach, S.C. • Myrtle Beach H.S.**

A good-size athlete who will battle for playing time this fall ... Enters fall practice as the No. 2 right tackle ... Began his Tech career on defense ... Has a big frame to go with good work habits and athleticism ... Leads Tech's offensive linemen with a 40 time of 4.85 and an NFL shuttle mark of 4.37 ... Has been working to improve his strength through the athletic performance program ... Entered Tech in January 2002 ... Worked at defensive end that spring and was redshirted during the 2002 season ... Moved to offense prior to 2003 spring practice ... Worked at right tackle ... Is still learning the position ...

2003: Did not see any varsity action, but played in both jayvee games ... Earned Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Turned in a 445-pound bench press and a 600-pound back squat ... Had the best vertical jump (33 1/2 inches) and 40 time (4.85) among the offensive linemen ...

2002: Practiced at defensive end while redshirting in the fall ... Moved to the offensive line for spring practice ... Turned in the top vertical jump among the offensive linemen during spring testing at 33 1/2 inches ... Also had the top time in the forty (4.76) and the second-best showing in the NFL shuttle run (4.31) ... Improved his bench press to 400 pounds ... Was tried at right tackle during spring workouts ...

Frye *continued*

2001: Enrolled in school for the second semester ... Bench pressed 355 during spring testing ... Also posted a 500-pound back squat and a 304-pound push jerk that ranked second among the defensive ends ... Practiced at the

Talk with Vincent Fuller



What are your expectations for your senior season?

I want to help my team win as many games as possible. I want to come out here and be a leader for the defense, be able to help the young guys and be able to make plays on the field. Coach Foster wants playmakers on the field and I just want to be one of those playmakers.

What's been the best part of your experience here at Tech?

I'd say the best part is the camaraderie amongst the teammates; everybody just having fun and enjoying each other and going out on the field and putting their bodies and hearts on the line for each other and trying to bring out a victory. I think the camaraderie on the team has been the best thing about my experience

What has been the most memorable game you have been a part of?

The most memorable game I've been a part of was probably the Miami game last year. We had just come from losing that game at West Virginia and being down on ourselves and were facing the No. 2 team in the country. Just to come out there and give our all and get that victory in such an ecstatic way, and the way the fans responded to us before and after the game was probably the most memorable event.

What will you miss most when you graduate?

I will definitely miss college life in general. After this, it's the real world. I guess I'll just miss college life the most; being able to wake up on Saturdays and Sundays and go over to one of your teammates' house and watch college basketball, college football and just watch games and not have anything in the way. That is just one of the best feelings. You don't really realize that until it's your senior year and are like, 'dang, these days are numbered.'

What are your plans after you graduate?

Right now I'm working on my second degree in marketing. I want to do something in the marketing/advertising/sales industry, probably working with a professional team. Whatever I do, I want to come out and be successful and financially stable.

How do you want to be remembered as you leave Virginia Tech?

I want to be remembered as someone who came out and gave his all every time and as someone who paid attention to detail and studied the game and tried to help his teammates; just working hard for everybody and giving his all.

You used to be a high school quarterback. What made you switch to defense?

I didn't feel like getting hit by 275-pound defensive linemen. I didn't get hit that much in high school and I really wasn't trying to in college. I figured I'd rather be the one hitting than the one getting hit. That's basically the reason. It's more challenging on defense to me. When I played defense in high school, I loved the challenge of trying to intercept or strip the ball. I figured that something I wanted to do here.

If you had a theme song for your life, what would that be?


"Change the Game" by Jay-Z.

stud end position during the spring ... Turned in three tackles during one of Tech's spring scrimmages ...

High School: Posted 14 quarterback sacks and 18 tackles for loss in 2000 as a defensive end for Coach Scott Early ... Saw most of his action at tight end until his senior season — his

first year as a starter on defense ... Had a total of 74 tackles for the season ... Also contributed 18 pass receptions for 220 yards and two TDs on offense ... Listed as one of the top 50 seniors in the state by *South Carolina Prep Football* ... Picked to that publication's AAA all-state team ... Earned all-region honors and was named to the WPDE All-Zone team ... Caught eight passes for 136 yards and three touchdowns his junior year ... One of those TD receptions came as time expired to send a game into overtime ... Was the first Myrtle Beach High player to sign with a Division I school in five years ... A member of the National Science Honors Society ...

Personal: Brandon Lee Frye ... Born 1/23/83 in Myrtle Beach, SC ... Son of Brenda Epps and Stan Rome ... His father played football and basketball at Clemson and went on to play with the NFL Kansas City Chiefs ... Enrolled in hospitality and tourism management.



Vincent Fuller 8

Free Safety • 6-1 • 184 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Baltimore, Md. • Woodlawn H.S.

Returns to free safety where he began his Tech career ... Spent the bulk of the past two seasons at cornerback, picking up seven starts and a ton of playing time ... Made the switch back to safety in the spring to allow 2003 starter Jimmy Williams to get a look at corner ... Looked a little rusty to begin with, but picked things up in a hurry ... Is more of a natural at the position ... A smart player who will handle the responsibility of making the calls ... Can play receivers in the slot ... Has outstanding speed and range, but needs to be a little stronger ... A hard hitter who must remain focused on getting his man to the ground ... May still be asked to play some corner at times ... Will play a key role in Tech's defense this fall ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting three ... Contributed 29 solo tackles and 27 assists ... Also had seven passes broken up, three fumble recoveries, two forced fumbles, one interception, one quarterback hurry and a blocked kick ... Had three assists and a pass break up against UCF ... Recorded an assisted stop against James Madison ... Had two solo tackles on defense and one on special teams against Texas A&M ... Had three solo stops, two assists and a pass broken up against UConn ... Had three solo tackles, two assists and a pass broken up at Rutgers



Vincent Fuller

... Recorded two tackles against Syracuse ... Had three assisted tackles and a pass broken up at West Virginia ... Also recovered a fumble and returned it 50 yards for his first collegiate touchdown ... Recorded six total tackles, two passes broken up and an interception against No. 2 Miami ... Got the start at Pittsburgh and recorded five solo tackles, three assists, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries ... Started at Temple and recorded two solo stops, three assists, a quarterback hurry and a pass break up ... Got the start against Boston College, registering three solo stops and four assists ... Also had an assisted tackle on special teams ... Had four solo tackles and an assist at Virginia ... Also had two assists on special teams ... Started in the Insight Bowl at field corner and contributed a pair of tackles ... Moved to free safety for spring practice ... Was in on a tackle during the spring game ...

2002: Started four games at cornerback, including the bowl game ... Earned the start in Tech's first two games at field corner ... Had 16 solo tackles and seven assists for the season ... Included in those 23 tackles were a tackle for loss and half a sack ... Also had four interceptions and six passes broken up ... Played just 16 defensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop, an assist, a pass broken up and caused a fumble against LSU ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams against the Tigers ... Didn't start against Marshall, but still played 31 snaps on defense ... Recorded two solo stops, an assist and two passes broken up in that game ... Had two assisted stops in the win at Texas A&M ... Had two tackles and a pass broken up at Western Michigan ... Recorded his first career interception at Boston College, along with two solo stops, an assist and a pass broken up ... Also had a solo stop on special teams ... Had an interception to go along with a solo tackle and a pass broken up against Rutgers ... Returned to the starting lineup for the Temple game ... Recorded two interceptions against the Owls, both deep in Tech territory to stop Temple drives ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Played 13 snaps on defense against Pittsburgh, recording a solo tackle ... Also had two solo tackles on special teams in that game ... Was in for 29 snaps on defense against West Virginia ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against

Virginia ... His 37-inch vertical jump was third-best among the defensive backs during spring max testing ... Was in on five tackles during one spring scrimmage ... Broke up a pass in the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Played in 10 games, recording 12 total tackles ... Registered five solo stops, seven assists and a QB hurry ... Broke up two passes ... Saw some special teams duty on the kick blocking teams ... Had a solo stop and an assist on 16 defensive plays in the opener against UConn ... Had a solo tackle on nine defensive plays versus Western Michigan ... Had four assists at Rutgers ... Recorded two solo tackles on 12 plays against UCF ... Played a season-high 25 snaps on defense against Temple, recording a solo tackle, two assists, a QB hurry and two PBU ... Played 13 plays at Virginia ... Saw brief action on defense against No. 1 Miami ... Registered a personal-best 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Was in on four tackles during one spring scrimmage ... Broke up a pass and had two tackles in another scrimmage ... Posted five solo hits and an assist during the annual spring game ...

2000: Turned in the second-best forty time (4.53) and third-best vertical jump (34 inches) among Tech's newcomers ... Got a look at cornerback during the preseason before moving to free safety ... Was redshirted ... Added 12 pounds by the time spring testing rolled around ... Improved his vertical to 36 1/2 and his forty time to 4.43 ... Picked up some extra repetitions while starter Willie Pile sat out the spring with a shoulder injury ... Got work at corner and safety during spring practice ... Had three tackles and an interception during one spring practice ... Was also in on three tackles in the Maroon-White game ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the team's top defensive newcomer ...

High School: Passed for a school single-season record 1,683 yards his senior year at Woodlawn ... Completed 78 of 109 passes, including 13 for touchdowns ... Added 390 yards rushing and scored six TDs on the ground ... Played quarterback, free safety and cornerback for Coach Reggie White during his three varsity seasons ... Posted 65 tackles and three interceptions on defense as a senior ... Won all-county, all-Metro and consensus all-state honors ... Finished his prep career with 2,685 yards passing and over 1,000 yards rushing ... Compiled 28 touchdown passes and 20 rushing TDs ... Picked off 10 passes and collected over 100 career tackles on defense ... Ranked the No. 12 player in Maryland by *SuperPrep* ... Earned All-America honors from *PrepStar*, which rated him the No. 7 athlete in the Atlantic Region ... Selected honorable-mention All-USA by *USA Today* ... Named the MVP in football and track by his teammates as a senior ... Helped the track team to a state championship in 1998 ... Turned in a time of 21.2 seconds in the 200-meters ... Won the Unsung Hero Award on his basketball team ...

Personal: Vincent Fuller II ... Born 8/3/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Vincent Fuller and Reneé Richardson ... A cousin of former Tech safety Damien Russell ... Studying business information technology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	10	5	7	12	0- 0	0- 0
2002	14	16	7	23	1- 10	0.5- 10
2003	13	29	27	56	0- 0	0- 0
Career	37	50	41	91	1- 10	0.5- 10

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
UCF	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	3	3	6	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	5	3	8	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	4	1	5	0- 0	0- 0
Cal	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
2002	14	4	0	0.0	0	0
2003	13	1	33	33.0	0	33
Career	37	5	33	6.6	0	33

Lance Goff **13**

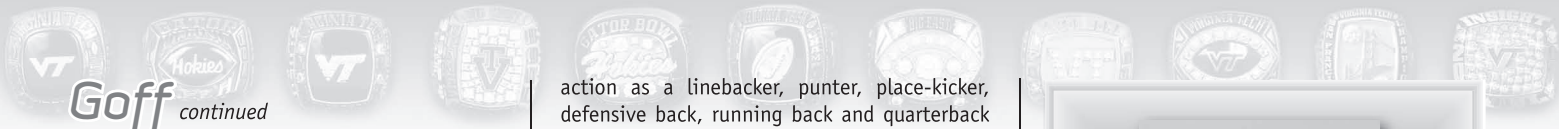
Quarterback • 5-11 • 202 • r-Sr.
Wytheville, Va. • George Wythe H.S.

A versatile team player ... Serves as one of the scout team quarterbacks ... Also helps signal in plays on game days ... Is expected to hold for the majority of kicks this season ... Works hard and always gives top effort ... Joined the team as a walk-on in 2000 and competed for the punting duties ...

2003: Played in three games, mostly on special teams ... Saw action against James Madison, directing the offense on a 75-yard touchdown drive ... Completed his only pass attempt, a 31-yarder to Jeff King ... Had an assisted tackle on kickoff coverage against Syracuse ... Quarterbacked the Hokies in both jayvee games ... Completed 6-of-8 passes for 110 yards in the win over Fork Union ... Threw for 130 yards in the jayvee game against Hargrave ...

2002: Played in three varsity games, recording a solo tackle ... Saw action on offense and defense and handled all the kicking chores during a jayvee win over Fork Union ... Threw the game-winning touchdown pass in that game with just over a minute remaining ... Also kicked a field goal and two extra points and punted twice for a 49-yard average ... Tore his ACL in practice and had off-season surgery on his knee ... Did not participate in spring contact work ...

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Goff *continued*

2001: Worked at split end throughout the year ... Played on the scout and jayvee teams ... Caught two passes for 12 yards in a jayvee win over Hargrave ... Improved in all four major lifts during spring strength and conditioning tests ...

2000: Got a look as a punter during the fall ... Worked some as a place-kicker during the spring ...

High School: A four-year varsity letterman for Coach Larry Russell at George Wythe ... Saw

action as a linebacker, punter, place-kicker, defensive back, running back and quarterback ... Was first-team Group A all-state as a linebacker and punter his senior year ... Was also the all-state punter his sophomore and junior years ... Won numerous all-district and all-region honors ... Registered over 500 tackles during his career ... First-team all-state in basketball as a senior and second-team all-state in baseball ...

Personal: Lance Gwynn Goff ... Born 3/29/82 in Radford, VA ... Son of Dennis and Judy Goff ... Is studying management.



Talk with Lance Goff

What are your expectations for your senior season?

I just want to have a good season. I want to get on the field as much as possible and contribute to the team as much as possible. I think that as a group, we have high expectations for ourselves. Maybe outside of the program, a lot of people are looking for us to have a regrouping year, but I think we're going to have a good year. And I'm looking forward to it.

What has been the best part of your experience here at Virginia Tech?

The best part about my experience at Virginia Tech are the relationships built with my friends and my teammates. This has basically been my family. I've spent every holiday with them. This has definitely been the best part.

What's been the most memorable game that you've been a part of here?

I guess it would be the JMU game that I threw — and completed — a pass.

Do you have any pregame rituals?

I listen to Outkast in my headphones. I guess that's a ritual.

What are you going to miss most when you graduate?

I think the fans to be honest with you. It's not every day you get the chance to run out in front of 65,000 people. The fan base and the fan support are great here at Virginia Tech. The walk-on program has been great, too. It's one of the reasons that I came here.

What motivates you to perform at this level?

When I came out of high school I didn't have any scholarship offers. I just wanted to come somewhere big. I think what motivates me is that this is something that not a lot of people can do. Not a lot of people get that chance to play in front of that many people.

How do you want to be remembered as you leave Virginia Tech?

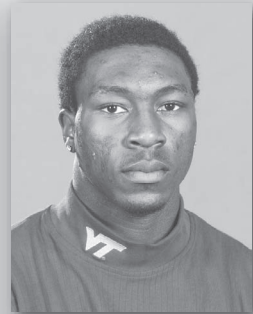
I would want to be remembered as a hard worker who would do anything for his teammates and do anything to contribute to the team.

If you weren't going to play quarterback, what other position would you play?

I actually came in as a punter/kicker. I think if I could play any other position, it would have to be punter or kicker because they don't have any meetings and they get to relax during practice and hang out.

If you had a theme song for your life, what would it be?

"Little Pink Houses" by John Cougar Mellencamp because of the line, "I was born in a small town."



Corey Gordon 28

Free Safety • 6-2 • 212 • r-Fr.
Gainesville, Fla. • Gainesville H.S.

A hard hitter who is being counted on to provide depth at the free safety position ... Is still a little raw, but he has shown the skills needed to be successful at the position ... Combines excellent size with athletic ability ... Physical and aggressive ... Enrolled at Tech in January 2003 and went through winter workouts and spring practice ... Started out slow while redshirting last fall ... Made good progress during the spring ... Continues to learn and adjust to the Hokies' defensive system ... A good summer preparation and added progress during the preseason could lead to playing time ...

2003: Redshirted during the fall ... Practiced at free safety ... His 340-pound bench press led the returning defensive backs ... Registered a personal-best 520-pound back squat during spring testing ... Posted four tackles during Tech's second scrimmage of the spring ... Picked off a pass in the final scrimmage ... Had a tackle and a fumble recovery during the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Enrolled at Tech in January 2003 ... Tied for the top bench press among the defensive backs during off-season testing with a lift of 320 pounds ... Added a 400-pound back squat ... Worked at free safety during spring practice ... Was in on five tackles during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

Prep School: Helped Hargrave to a 9-1 season ... Played for Coach Robert Prunty ... Had 48 solo tackles, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions ... Had four tackles, a tackle for loss and three passes broken up in a game against the Virginia Tech jayvee team ...

High School: Played for Coach Rick Swain at Gainesville High ... Named to the all-area team by *The Gainesville Sun* as a senior ... Caught 29 passes for 443 yards and three touchdowns his final season ...

Personal: Corey Daven Gordon ... Born 6/9/84 in Gainesville, FL ... Son of David and Gloria Gordon ... Enrolled in university studies.

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**Brandon
Gore**

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**Offensive Guard • 6-5 • 351 • r-So. • 1VL
Warrenton, Va. • Liberty H.S.**

Will battle for the starting left guard spot when practice resumes ... Missed a majority of the spring practice session with an ankle injury, but returned late ... Will be a key component in the offensive line this year ... Provides depth at the guard position ... Possesses the ability to play either guard spot ... Has great size and strength ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during 2004 off-season workouts ... A great team player who has worked to improve his fundamentals ... His summer preparation will be important ... Has the potential to give the offensive line a boost this season ...

2003: Played in 12 games ... Contributed mainly on the PAT and field goal teams ... Was in on 37 offensive snaps ... Saw brief action on offense against UCF ... Played 21 snaps on offense against James Madison, recording one knockdown block ... Was in for five special teams plays against Texas A&M and six offensive snaps against UConn ... Was in briefly on offense at Rutgers and against Syracuse ... Was in for two snaps against West Virginia and five against Miami on special teams ... Played all four PAT snaps at Pittsburgh ... Was in for six snaps on special teams against Boston College ... Was in for three PAT snaps at Virginia ... Posted the 10th-best power clean (336 pounds) and back squat (660 pounds) on Tech's all-time football list during spring max tests ... Also registered a 420-pound bench press ...

2002: Tied for the top bench press among incoming freshmen in August with a lift of 380 pounds ... Was redshirted while working at offensive tackle ... Gained Super Iron Hokie recognition during spring testing when he turned in a 400-pound bench press, 600-pound back squat and 316-pound clean ... Was moved to guard during spring practice ...

High School: A prep All-American offensive lineman for Coach Joe Trabucco at Liberty High ... Helped clear the way for an offensive attack that rushed for more than 4,100 yards in 2001 ... Also played on defense, collecting 43 tackles, including 16 behind the line of scrimmage ... Turned in eight tackles, three tackles for loss and two sacks in a game against Loudon Valley ... Team finished with a 12-1 record and

advanced to the region championship game ... Named to All-America teams selected by *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 18 offensive guard in the nation by *Tom Lemming's Football Report* ... Listed the No. 28 offensive guard by *Rivals* and the No. 35 offensive lineman in the country by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 11 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and No. 13 by *The Roanoke Times* ... A first-team All-Metro pick by *The Washington Post* ... Named the player of the year in his district and region as a senior ... Earned all-region honors on offense and defense ... Was a first-team all-state pick as a senior and a second-team selection his junior year ... Lettered three seasons in football and two years in track ...

Personal: Brandon Lee Gore ... Born 11/7/83 in Warrenton, VA ... Son of Tom and Nadine Gore ... Enrolled in sociology.



**Eric
Green**

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**Cornerback • 6-0 • 197 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Clewiston, Fla. • Clewiston H.S.**

A veteran player who is being asked to take on a positive leadership role ... Took the challenge to heart during the spring and won the President's Award for leadership ... Combines excellent athletic ability with speed and experience ... Is slated to start at the field corner position, where he got five starts in 2003 ... Enters the season with seven career interceptions ... Averaged 55.3 yards on his three interception returns last season, taking two to the end zone ... Is also a threat on special teams where he has blocked four kicks ... Saw action at cornerback in 23 of 24 games during his first two seasons at Tech ... Was in the running for a starting job at field corner when he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee prior to the start of 2002 preseason practice ... Underwent reconstructive surgery and began his rehab that fall ... Worked extremely hard to get back in shape ... Returned to participate in all of the Hokies' 2003 spring drills and scrimmages ... Was inconsistent at times last season, then turned around and enjoyed his best spring practice as a Hokie ... Got a lot of experience early in his career ... Found himself pressed into action as a true freshman in 2000 due to injuries at the cornerback position ... Ended up starting five games and playing nearly 400 defensive plays ... Was named second-team Freshman All-

America by *The Sporting News* after the season ... Shared time at the field corner spot in 2001 and got a start against Syracuse ... Is being counted on to put his experience to good use as he takes on a key role for Tech in 2004 ...

2003: Saw action in all 13 games, starting five ... Closed out the season with 41 solo tackles and 17 assists ... Included in those 58 stops are two tackles for loss ... Had three interceptions with 166 return yards, the fifth-highest single-season total in school history ... Also had six passes broken up, one quarterback hurry and a blocked kick ... Returned to action against UCF after a year off, playing 28 snaps on defense and 14 on special teams ... Had three solo stops, one for a loss, and a pass broken up ... Was in for 22 defensive plays and 15 special teams plays against James Madison ... Recorded a solo tackle and an assist ... Played 26 defensive snaps against Texas A&M and 14 on special teams ... Had two tackles and an assist ... Recorded his first interception of the season against UConn, returning it 84 yards for a touchdown ... Also had a solo stop, four assists and two passes broken up against the Huskies ... Had a solo tackle and two assists at Rutgers ... Recorded five solo tackles, one of which was for a loss, and two assists against Syracuse ... Got his first start of the season at West Virginia, recording three tackles ... Started against Miami and had a big game ... Recorded eight solo tackles, three assists and a quarterback hurry ... Also had a blocked field goal and a 51-yard touchdown on an interception return ... Started at Pittsburgh and tallied four solo tackles ... Had two solo tackles and an assist at Temple ... Played 41 snaps against Boston College, recording three solo tackles, an assist and an interception which he returned 31 yards ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Recorded five solo tackles and an assist at Virginia ... Had a blocked punt picked up for a touchdown called back by a penalty ... Contributed three tackles during the Insight Bowl ... Had a personal-best 450-pound back squat during off-season testing ... Registered five tackles and a pass interception during Tech's third scrimmage of the spring ... Picked off another pass in the last scrimmage ... Got his third pick of the spring during the Maroon-White game ... Also collected three tackles during that game ... Was named the team's top defensive leader of the spring ...

2002: Missed the season while recovering from an off-season ACL injury ... Tore the ligament in a summer workout ... Redshirted while rehabbing the knee ... Was able to post a 36-inch vertical jump and 4.49 time in the forty during the off-season ... Worked at field corner during the spring ... Was in on three tackles and broke up a pass during the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Played in 10 games, recording 18 total tackles ... Had 11 solo tackles, seven assists, two passes broken up, two blocked kicks, a forced fumble and a tackle for loss ... Recorded a tackle and broke up a pass in the win over Connecticut ... Had four solo tackles, including three on special teams versus Western Michigan ... Played 28 total plays at Rutgers, 15 on defense ... Also blocked a punt that led to a safety in that game

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Green *continued*

... Played 47 total plays against UCF, recording a solo stop and two assists ... Got a start against Syracuse, recording an assist ... Did not travel with the team to Pittsburgh due to tonsillitis ... Played 42 snaps on defense against Temple and had a solo tackle ... Had a solo stop and two assists at Virginia ... Blocked a punt that was returned for a touchdown against top-ranked Miami ... Had two solo tackles and an assist against the Hurricanes ... Contributed two tackles against Florida State in the Gator Bowl ... Also intercepted a pass in that game and

returned it nine yards ... Registered a pair of tackles and a fumble recovery during the spring Maroon-White game ...

2000: Played in all 12 games on both defense and special teams ... Worked with several different special team units, including the extra point, field goal and punt block teams ... Registered three tackles against Akron in his first collegiate action ... Earned BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week honors for his play in the Rutgers game ... Set up two first-half touchdowns in that game, one when he tackled RU punter Mike Barr for a 22-yard loss after a bad snap, and the other when he blocked a punt ...

Also registered his first collegiate interception in that game and had two tackles ... Made his first start against Temple and turned in four tackles and two pass interceptions for 41 yards ... Also drew starts against West Virginia, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Miami ... Was in on a season-best five tackles versus WVU and broke up three passes ... Had three more break ups, plus an interception, in the Pittsburgh game ... Played 68 defensive plays at Syracuse ... Finished the season with 31 total tackles, 19 unassisted ... Led the team in passes broken up with 12 ... Ranked third on the team in interceptions with four ... Contributed two tackles and broke up a pass in Tech's Gator Bowl win against Clemson ... Posted a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump and 4.43 time in the forty during spring testing ... Posted five unassisted tackles and two assists during the spring Maroon-White game ...

High School: Excelled as a quarterback, receiver and defensive back for Coach Al Morrell at Clewiston ... Helped the team to a 32-8 record over three seasons ... Was the first player in school history to pass for over 1,000 yards in two consecutive seasons ... Set a state record with a 105-yard interception return ... Turned in a school-record 82-yard punt return ... Rated the No. 46 player in Florida by *SuperPrep* and the No. 4 free safety in the state by *The Florida Times-Union* ... A member of the *Times-Union* Super 75 team ... Posted five interceptions as a senior ... Passed for 1,100 yards and rushed for over 400 yards his senior season ... Had 12 touchdowns passing and six rushing ... Passed for three touchdowns and rushed for two in a game against Bishop Verot ... Accumulated over 2,200 career passing yards during his last two seasons ... Caught over 20 passes as a sophomore for more than 500 yards ... Voted the team's MVP in 1999 ... Named to *Palm Beach Post* All-Area team ... Earned all-state honors ... Also lettered in track and basketball ... Placed fifth in the state in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.3 seconds ...

Personal: Eric Denaud Green ... Born 3/16/82 in Pahokee, FL ... Son of Janice Freeman and Willie Green ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	11	19	12	31	1- 22	0- 0
2001	10	11	7	18	1- 10	0- 0
2003	13	41	17	58	2- 6	0- 0
Career	34	71	36	107	4- 38	0- 0

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	3	0	3	1- 2	0- 0
JMU	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	1	4	5	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	5	2	7	1- 4	0- 0
at WVU	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	8	3	11	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	4	0	4	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	4	1	5	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	5	1	6	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	11	4	51	12.8	0	41
2001	10	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	13	3	166	55.3	2	84
Career	34	7	217	31.0	2	84

Talk with Eric Green



What is the best part of a Virginia Tech home game?

Coming out of the tunnel. When you are sitting in the locker room and you hear 65,000 fans roaring, you get the jitters. The fan support here is like none other.

After a game, how do you unwind?

I gather together with my team and talk about the good and the bad of the game. Hopefully it is a win, because then we come together and celebrate.

What would you consider as your 'theme song' and why?

"Eye of the Tiger." I listen to it before each game. It is something I started to do in high school because our mascot was the tiger.

Who is your favorite sports broadcaster?

Kirk Herbstreit. He always favors Tech in big games. Last year when no one believed we would beat Miami, Kirk had faith in us.

What is the story behind your hair?

Two things. One, I grew it out because I was tired of getting haircuts. Two, it is a Florida thing. It gives me something to hold on to from home. Sometimes I get a little homesick. I have been growing it out for three years. The coaches are trying to get me to cut it, but I think I am going to hold onto it. I give all the credit to Doti Oliver, my hair stylist.

How would you like to be remembered when you leave Virginia Tech?

As a nice person; a team person; a caring person; a person who gave 100 percent. I want people to remember me as someone who they could count on, someone who was always there.

What's one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

I am one of six siblings. I was raised by my mother, father and stepmother. I spent time with both families. At one point, I lived with my father and stepmother, who is a Native American Indian. I learned to speak her language. It helped me become more open to different cultures.

What have you learned from your experiences in your years at Tech?

I learned the importance of team chemistry. I also learned time management — between football and academics. It is also important to trust your coaches' advice on and off the field. When you listen to them on the field, it helps you to become a better player.

Which actor would play the starring role in the movie of your life?

Omar Epps. I have seen his movies and he is a great actor. He has played good roles in movies about sports, love and family.



James Griffin

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Rover • 6-1 • 198 • Sr. • 1VL
Memphis, Tenn. • East H.S.

Came out of spring practice as Tech's starter at the rover position ... Had some ups and downs while working at rover last season after transferring to Tech in January 2003 ... Has gained a better understanding of the position and is starting to utilize his speed more ... Plays fast and is starting to play under control ... Rates as a good tackler with excellent athletic ability ... Continues working to add strength ... Needs to continue his progress during the summer and in preseason practice ... Will give the Tech defense an important lift if he continues to learn the position and maintain discipline ...

2003: Played in every game ... Saw action on more than 180 defensive plays and over 110 special teams plays ... Was in on 27 tackles, including 17 solos ... Included in those 27 stops were two tackles for loss and a sack ... Also has two passes broken up and a quarterback hurry ... Played 10 snaps on defense against UCF ... Had two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Was in for 21 snaps on defense against James Madison and 18 on special teams ... Had a solo tackle, an assist and a pass break up ... Played 14 defensive plays against Texas A&M and 13 on special teams ... Had two solo tackles, one of which was a sack to end the game ... Played 46 snaps on defense against UConn, recording seven solo stops and two assists ... Played 29 snaps at Rutgers, recording two assists ... Had three solo tackles on special teams and one on defense in the win over Syracuse ... Had an assisted tackle at West Virginia ... Registered two tackles against Miami ... Played nine snaps on defense at Pittsburgh ... Had an assisted tackle at Temple ... Made two tackles against California in the Insight Bowl ... Turned in a 475-pound back squat during spring testing ... Contributed five tackles, five pass break ups and an interception during Tech's last scrimmage of the spring ... Was voted one of the top hustlers of the spring ...

2002: Entered school in January after attending Pasadena (Calif.) City College ... Went through winter strength and conditioning workouts ... Spent spring practice working as a rover ... Was in on seven tackles during one spring scrimmage ... Had five tackles, including a quarterback sack and a tackle for loss in another scrimmage ... Posted a tackle for loss

Talk with James Griffin



What made you come to Tech early?

I was in junior college and I was ready to get out. My best friend was here so that's one of the reasons I came here. But Blacksburg is so beautiful and I love it here.

Why was 2003 a disappointing season?

We didn't accomplish our goals. But it was a learning process for everyone, especially the seniors on this year's team. We are learning now to lead this team and win games.

What will make 2004 better?

Our team atmosphere, that's what is going to make us better.

When people remember James Griffin, the football player and the man, what do you want them to remember?

I want people to remember I hustled on every play. When people remember me as a man, I want them to remember me as a good person.

What would you have done differently during your time at Virginia Tech?

I would not have done anything differently. I learned a lot during my first year here and it gave me a chance to better myself as a player and as a person.

Who is your biggest on-the-field influence?

Coach Wiles was the coach who recruited me. He's my friend and he knows where I'm coming from. He also knows what we need to do to become better football players and better people.

Who is your biggest off-the-field influence?

My mother. She keeps my head on tight.

What will make this season special?

I'd have to say the team going out and beating USC the first game and then winning the ACC and National Championship.

and four total tackles during the Maroon-White game ...

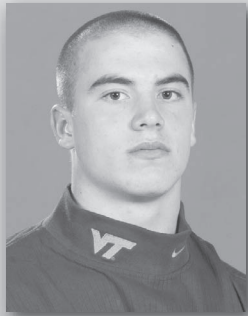
Junior College: Played two years at Pasadena City College for Coach Tom Maher ... Named a first-team All-America linebacker by *JC Grid-Wire* ... Led his team with 86 tackles, nine sacks, five forced fumbles, 39 quarterback hurries and 12 tackles for loss last season ... Named the junior college player of the year by the Pasadena Quarterbacks Club, given to the area's top junior college player ... In his first year at PCC, was a first-team All-Mission Conference selection, recording 69 tackles, eight sacks, 18 quarterback hurries, four fumble recoveries, two blocked kicks and an interception ... Ranked the No. 76 JUCO prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... One of *PrepStar's* top 125 junior college players ...

High School: An all-state selection for Coach Wayne Randall three consecutive years at East High in Tennessee ... The Tennessee state player

of the year his junior season ... Set several state records, including sacks in a season (29), sacks in a career (60) and blocked kicks (19) ...

Personal: James J. Griffin ... Born 12/28/81 in Memphis, TN ... Son of Jackie Griffin and Eric Avant ... Enrolled in sociology.

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UConn	1	7	2	9	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	4	0	4	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0



**Chad
Grimm** 98

Linebacker • 5-10 • 182 • So.
Fairfax, Va. • Oakton H.S.

A walk-on who saw action as a true freshman last season on Tech's special teams ... Showed good instincts on the kickoff coverage team ... Made some strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Got some practice time at whip linebacker ... Will likely be called on to contribute on special teams once again this fall ...

2003: Saw action in eight games, all on special teams ... Had three solo tackles on the season ... Dressed against UConn and had a solo stop ... Had a solo tackle against Rutgers ... Was in for five kickoff coverages against Syracuse ... Played two plays at West Virginia ... Was in for five kickoffs against Miami ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Was in for six kickoff coverages against Boston College ...

High School: Lettered three seasons as an outside linebacker and deep snapper for Coach Pete Bendorf at Oakton ... Compiled over 100 tackles and 5.5 sacks his senior season ... Had 10 tackles, a sack and a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown in the regional championship game ... Earned all-district honors ... Was also an all-district pick and a four-year letterman in lacrosse ... Helped school to regional titles in both sports ...

Personal: Chad Russell Grimm ... Born 5/18/85 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Russ and Karen Grimm ... Father was a member of the Washington Redskins for several years, earning Pro Bowl honors four consecutive years ... Enrolled in business.



**Vince
Hall** 9

Linebacker • 6-0 • 237 • r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Western Branch H.S.

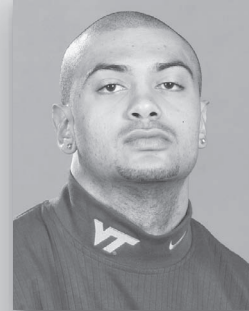
Is likely to see a good deal of playing time after pushing veteran Mikal Baaqee for the starting mike linebacker duties during the spring ... Made steady progress while redshirting last season ... Has the potential to become the type of playmaker the Hokies are looking for in the middle ... Combines good football instincts with explosiveness and good tackling skills ... Is benefiting from the Athletic Performance program ... Has trimmed down after reporting a little too heavy last August ... Needs to get better in pass coverage ... Made strides in that area toward the end of the spring ... Will continue to push Baaqee when practice resumes in August 2004 ... Has made a good impression that should only get better as he gains experience at the position ... Has a bright future with the Hokies ...

2003: Practiced at the mike linebacker position while redshirting ... Turned in a 305-pound jerk and a 340-pound clean during spring max testing ... Posted five tackles, three tackles for loss, a sack, a pass broken up and forced a fumble during the Hokies' first scrimmage of the spring ... Was also in on five tackles during the third scrimmage ... Had a tackle behind the line and broke up a pass during the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: The 2002 Gatorade State Football Player of the Year ... Lettered four seasons as a linebacker and tight end for Coach Lew Johnston at Western Branch ... Named an All-American by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* as a linebacker following his senior season ... Recorded over 120 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and 10 sacks his senior season ... Also had three interceptions ... Listed 63rd on *SuperPrep's* Elite 100 rankings of top prospects ... Was a 2002 AAA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a linebacker ... A first-team selection to the 2002 AAA Coaches all-state team at the linebacker spot while earning second-team honors as a tight end ... Named to the VHSCA All-Eastern Region first team as both a linebacker and a tight end ... Named to the first-team All-Tidewater squad as a senior, earning the Abe Goldblatt Player of the Year Award ... Named the Eastern Region and

Southeastern District Defensive Player of the Year as both a junior and senior ... Earned first-team All-Southeastern District honors as a sophomore, junior and senior ... A first-team selection to the 2001 AAA Coaches and Associated Press all-state teams at the linebacker spot as a junior ... A first-team All-Tidewater selection as a junior and a second-team selection as a sophomore ... Rated the No. 133 prospect nationally and the No. 14 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 3 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 5 inside linebacker in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com ... Rated the No. 5 linebacker in the country and the No. 2 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* magazine ... Named the Norfolk Sports Club Athlete of the Year ... Also selected the Ace Parker Sportsman of the Year ...

Personal: Vincent Larry Hall ... Born 12/3/84 in Kingsville, TX ... Son of Wilbert and Cathy Hall ... Studying business.



**Justin
Hamilton** 27

Tailback • 6-3 • 219 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Clintwood, Va. • Clintwood H.S.

Made the move back to tailback this past spring after spending the past season at receiver ... Can still line up as a receiver to give Tech more versatility ... Coaches call him the Eddie George of Virginia Tech with his size and speed resembling the former Heisman Trophy winner ... A big, strong player with good speed and athletic ability ... Is smart and motivated ... Possesses a good feel for the game ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting six ... Finished second on the team in receptions with 23 ... Had 282 yards receiving and a touchdown ... Opened the season with four receptions for 55 yards and a touchdown against UCF ... Caught four passes for 56 yards against James Madison ... Made the start against Texas A&M, but didn't catch any passes in the rainy weather ... Was in briefly against UConn before sustaining a sprained ankle ... Came back to play against Rutgers, catching three passes for 28 yards ... Caught a 5-yard pass against Syracuse ... Got the start at West Virginia, catching three passes for 35 yards ... Played 22 snaps on offense against Miami ... Got the start at Pittsburgh and recorded two catches for 35 yards ... Had three catches for 40 yards at Temple ... Graded

out at 87 percent for the Boston College game ... Had three catches for 28 yards at Virginia ... Posted a personal-best 475-pound back squat on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max testing ... Scored on a 2-yard run during Tech's third scrimmage of the spring ... Contributed a 6-yard touchdown run during the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Saw limited action on offense ... Also played on both the field goal and punt block teams ... Led the team with two punt blocks ... Also caught five passes for 56 yards ... Played 16 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught his first collegiate pass in that game, a 5-yard reception ... Also played 11 snaps on special teams ... Saw 10 snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against LSU ... Blocked a punt against the Tigers that resulted in a Tech touchdown ... Saw brief offensive action in the win over Marshall ... Also played seven snaps on special teams against the Herd ... Played seven snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Caught a key 23-yard pass on the opening drive of the second half in the win at Western Michigan ... Was in for seven special teams plays in the win at Boston College ... Played 13 snaps on offense and 10 on special teams against Rutgers ... Recorded a 10-yard reception in that game ... Had an 11-yard reception in the win over Temple ... Played eight snaps on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Missed the Syracuse game with a sprained left ankle ... Played three snaps on offense and 10 on special teams against West Virginia ... Blocked his second punt of the year against Virginia, which was picked up and returned for a touchdown ... Caught a 7-yard pass in Tech's bowl win ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... His 340-pound bench press tied for tops among the receivers ... Added a 450-pound back squat and ran a 4.46 forty ... Worked at flanker and split end during the spring ... Missed some practice time due to an ankle injury ... Had one catch for 2 yards in the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Worked at tailback and receiver while redshirting ... Bench pressed 330 pounds and ran a 4.53 forty during spring testing ... Moved to flanker during the early stages of spring practice ... Caught two passes for 26 yards during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Had four catches for 44 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as Tech's top offensive newcomer ...

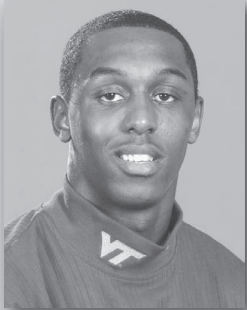
High School: Rushed for over 4,000 yards and scored 62 touchdowns for Coach Bob Meade during his prep career at Clintwood ... Had 1,153 yards rushing and 19 TDs as a senior, but won first-team Group A all-state honors for his play as a defensive back ... A *SuperPrep* All-American, he was ranked the No. 24 running back in the nation and the No. 6 player in Virginia ... Named *PrepStar* A-A and listed as the No. 3 RB in the Atlantic Region and the No. 26 overall prospect in the region ... Listed the No. 4 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Gained 1,550 yards and tallied 20 TDs in 1999 on the way to first-team all-state honors as a running back ... Was named the district player of the year and earned all-district and all-region honors on both offense and defense ... Added over 800 yards and 19 touchdowns his sophomore season ... A two-

time all-state pick in basketball ... Averaged 21 points and 13 rebounds as a senior and 24 points and 12 boards his junior season ... Also excelled in track, winning the state title in both the 110- and 300-meter hurdles his junior year ...

Personal: Justin Lee Hamilton ... Born 9/17/82 in Norton, VA ... Son of Beth Stanley ... Enrolled in hospitality and tourism management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	13	5	56	11.2	0	23
2003	13	23	282	12.3	1	29
Career	26	28	338	12.1	1	29

----- 2003 Receiving Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	4	55	13.8	1	22
JMU	1	4	56	14.0	0	17
TAMU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UCONN	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at RU	1	3	28	9.3	0	15
SYR	1	1	5	5.0	0	5
at WVU	1	3	35	11.7	0	14
UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at PITT	1	2	35	17.5	0	29
at TU	1	3	40	13.3	0	18
BC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UVa	1	3	28	9.3	0	14
vs Cal	1	0	0	0.0	0	0



Justin Harper **81**

Split End • 6-3 • 203 • Fr.
Catawba, N.C. • Bandys H.S.

A young receiver who will be a factor this season ... Enters the fall as the No. 2 man at the split end spot ... Has true receiver skills ... Is athletic and has a knack for the game ... Has to adjust to the pace of the college game ... Also has to get used to the physical play at this level ... Needs to get in the weight room this summer and change his body ... Coaches want him stronger and more explosive ... Has a tremendous upside ...

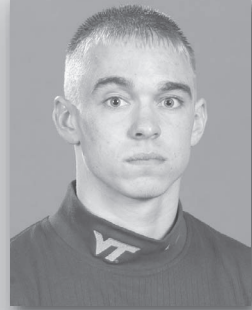
2003: Entered Tech in January 2004 ... Participated in the off-season strength and conditioning program ... Had a 10-yard reception in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Hauled in touchdown passes of 30 and 45 yards during the Hokies' second scrimmage ... Had a 47-yard catch in scrimmage three ... Closed out the spring with three receptions for 41 yards in the Maroon-White game ...

Prep School: Spent the fall semester playing for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Caught a 47-yard touchdown pass on the third play of that game from fellow Tech freshman Cory Holt in a

win over the Tech jayvee squad ... Caught a 61-yard TD pass from Holt against the Bridgewater jayvee team ... Led team to an 8-1 record ...

High School: Was a receiver and defensive back for Coach Randy Lowman at Bandys High ... Helped the team to a state title game as a senior ...

Personal: Justin Lamar Harper ... Born 2/24/85 ... Son of Oddie and Marva Harper ... Enrolled in university studies.



Ryan Hash

Cornerback • 5-9 • 175 • r-So.
Springfield, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.

A hard worker who has been a valuable member of the scout team ... Has practiced at cornerback the past two seasons ... Missed practice time last year due to a shoulder injury that required surgery ... Was able to return in time for spring practice ... Could be considered for special teams duty ...

2003: Opened practice working at the field corner position ... Took a redshirt year after suffering an injury to his left shoulder ... Was limited during winter workouts ... Returned to action in the spring ... Posted a pair of tackles during the Maroon-White game, including one behind the line of scrimmage ...

2002: Played the boundary corner position for the scout and jayvee teams ... Had four tackles, two passes broken up and a pass interception during a jayvee game against Hargrave Military Academy ... Got some work at field corner during the spring ... Was in on four tackles during one of the spring scrimmages ... Registered a tackle in the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Played wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Gerry Pannoni at Robert E. Lee ... Missed his senior season with an injury ... Was an all-district cornerback his sophomore and junior seasons ... Registered 60 tackles and five interceptions as a junior ... Returned one of those interceptions 60 yards for a TD ... Also caught 10 passes for 150 yards and a touchdown ... Posted nine career picks ...

Personal: Ryan Matthew Hash ... Born 3/27/83 in Alexandria, VA ... Son of Macol and Katie Hash ... His sister, Rachel, was an outstanding soccer player for the Hokies ... His grandfather, Herbert, played pro baseball for the Red Sox ... Enrolled in university studies.



Brenden Hill 82

Flanker • 6-2 • 207 • r-So.
Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.

A talented player who provides depth at the flanker position ... Needs a solid summer of preparation ... Possesses good size ... Must continue working in the athletic performance program to enhance his strength and speed ... Has shown flashes of his potential, but needs some added exposure to the position to develop more consistency ... Not the fastest guy, but he really showed a lot of toughness this spring ... Wants to be a contributor in this program and believes he can ... Coaches asked him to improve his endurance this summer ... Figures to be in the mix at the flanker spot ...

2003: Dressed for the Boston College and Virginia games, but did not play ... Dressed for the bowl game ... Hauled in three passes for 26 yards during the Hokies' final spring scrimmage ... Caught a pass in the Maroon-White spring game for a 6-yard gain ...

2002: Was redshirted during the fall while working at the split end position ... Showed improvement in three of the four major lifts during the off-season ... Had a 6-yard reception during one spring scrimmage ... Caught a pass for a 1-yard gain during the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Led Warwick High and the Peninsula District in receiving as a junior and senior ... Was a first-team all-district pick as a senior and earned second-team district honors on both offense and defense his junior year ... Lettered two seasons as wide receiver and outside linebacker for Coach Tommy Reamon ... Caught 41 passes for 567 yards and six touchdowns in 2001 ... Grabbed five passes for 115 yards and a touchdown against Gloucester ... Contributed 46 tackles and four quarterback sacks on defense ... Finished with 39 catches as a junior, gaining 534 yards and scoring eight TDs ... Hauled in seven passes for 110 yards and two TDs against eventual state champ Heritage ... Scored a touchdown on a pass interception his junior season and posted 33 tackles ... Averaged 13.7 yards per catch during his two seasons ... Earned the team's Michael Vick Award for the most potential in 2000 ... Named a preseason All-American by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Was a preseason All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 38 player

in the Mid-Atlantic Coast region by Lemming following his senior year ... Rated the No. 36 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and the No. 37 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... Played basketball and competed in track ... Was named the basketball team's top defensive player as a junior ... Set a school track mark in the 400 meters with a time of 47.8 ... Also participated in the 4x400 relay and the 300-meter hurdles as a sophomore ...

Personal: Brenden Dee Hill ... Born 7/7/84 in Newport News, VA ... Son of Ms. Shawn Hill and Merle Askew ... Enrolled in university studies.



Cory Holt 14

Quarterback • 6-4 • 208 • Fr.
Lexington, N.C. • Lexington H.S.

An exceptional athlete who could help out the Hokies this fall ... Enrolled at Tech in January and participated in spring practice ... Throws a great ball ... The biggest of Tech's quarterbacks ... How quickly he picks up the offense will determine if he plays this season ... Could redshirt if the coaches feel he is not ready ...

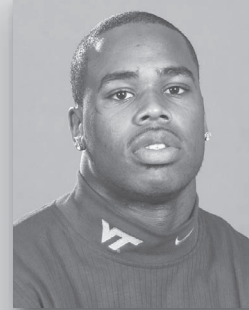
2003: Enrolled at Tech for the second semester and went through 2004 spring practice ... Was 3-for-4 passing for 28 yards during Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Hit 3-of-5 passes for 62 yards and a touchdown in his second scrimmage, but also threw an interception ... Also threw for a touchdown and had an interception in the Hokies' final scrimmage ... Completed 2-of-4 passes in the Maroon-White game for 9 yards ...

Prep School: Spent the fall semester playing for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Connected on 4-of-10 passes for 66 yards in a win over the Virginia Tech jayvee squad ... Hit fellow Tech freshman Justin Harper for a 47-yard touchdown on the third play of that game ... Had a rushing touchdown against Lackawanna J.C. ... Hit Harper on a 61-yard touchdown pass against Bridgewater's jayvee team ... Led team to an 8-1 record ...

High School: Accounted for more than 6,000 yards of total offense during his career at Lexington High ... Lettered four years as a quarterback for Coach Billy Hunt ... Passed for 1,738 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior ... Added 953 yards on the ground and scored 17 rushing touchdowns ... Had two games during

his senior season where he rushed and threw for at least 150 yards in the same game ... Was named the Offensive Player of the Year in Central Carolina 2A ... Also named to the All-Northwest football team by *The Winston-Salem Journal* ... Named an all-region selection by *PrepStar* for the Atlantic region ... Threw for over 2,000 yards as a junior ... Set a state record as a junior by throwing eight touchdown passes in one game ... Was named all-conference, all-county and all-area as a junior ... For his career, threw for 4,872 yards and 58 TDs while rushing for 1,619 yards and 27 scores ... Set school season and career marks for passing yards, passing touchdowns and completions ... Ranked the No. 49 player in the Atlantic East region by *Rivals100.com* ... Ranked the No. 26 player in North Carolina by *SuperPrep* ... Lettered three seasons as a center in basketball ... Played on a 17-and-under AAU basketball team that won a national title ...

Personal: Cory Lamont Holt ... Born 6/17/85 in Lexington, NC ... Son of Danny and Laura Fuller ... Enrolled in university studies.



Cedric Humes 32

Tailback • 6-1 • 230 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Virginia Beach, Va. • Princess Anne H.S.

An exciting player who will enter the fall as the No. 1 tailback ... Suffered a broken leg in the first scrimmage of the spring ... Is expected to make a full recovery in time for August practice ... A big, powerful runner who is hard to bring down ... Played fullback his freshman year before backing up Kevin Jones last season at tailback ... Had some problems with fumbling last year, but the coaches expect that issue to be resolved ... Mixes good athletic ability with outstanding speed ... Can also return kickoffs ...

2003: Played in all 13 games ... Finished the season with 65 carries for 380 yards and five touchdowns ... Averaged 5.8 yards per carry ... Had a long of 58 yards ... Returned 15 kickoffs for an average of 16.9 yards ... Had a long of 33 yards ... Carried the ball nine times for 45 yards in the opener against UCF ... Had a 33-yard kickoff return ... Filled in for an injured Jones against James Madison, carrying the ball 15 times for 74 yards and three touchdowns ... Had six carries for 33 yards against Texas A&M ... Had a 29-yard kickoff return ... Carried the ball five times for 74 yards, including a 58-



Cedric Humes

yard touchdown run against UConn ... Ran six times for 43 yards at Rutgers, including a 35-yard touchdown run ... Carried the ball three times for 15 yards at West Virginia ... Had just two carries against Miami and one at Pittsburgh ... Had two carries for 16 yards at Temple ... Had five carries for 15 yards and a 4-yard catch against Boston College ... Had a kickoff return for 14 yards and a 2-yard carry at Virginia ... Had one carry for 3 yards in the bowl game ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max testing ... Had a 585-pound back squat ... Suffered a broken leg in Tech's first scrimmage of the spring ...

2002: Was switched from tailback to fullback when practice opened ... Played in all 14 games, carrying the ball 16 times for 68 yards ... Also caught seven passes for 76 yards ... Saw action on 34 offensive plays in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a team-high 10 carries in that game for 52 yards ... Also caught a 1-yard pass ... Played 13 snaps on offense against LSU ... Carried the ball two times for 3 yards in the win over Marshall ... Caught a 4-yard pass in the win at Texas A&M ... Carried the ball once for 3 yards at Western Michigan ... Played 12 snaps on offense and four on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played 12 snaps on offense and three on special teams against Rutgers ... Carried the ball three times for 10 yards in the win over Temple ... Also had a 6-yard reception ... Caught a 15-yard pass against Pittsburgh ... Played seven snaps on offense and eight on special teams at Syracuse ... Caught a pass for 7 yards against West Virginia ... Caught a 26-yard pass out of the backfield at Miami ... Improved his back squat to 560 pounds during spring testing ... Posted personal bests in all four major lifts ... Moved back to tailback for spring practice ... Ran for three touchdowns during red-zone work in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Added two more short TD

runs in another scrimmage ... Led all rushers in the Maroon-White game with six carries for 57 yards ...

2001: Was redshirted as a true freshman ... Worked at tailback during the fall ... Earned Iron Hokie status during the off-season ... Turned in a 320-pound bench press and 500-pound back squat ... Ran a 4.42 forty and posted a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Rushed for two touchdowns during one scrimmage on runs of 1 and 25 yards ... Gained 36 yards on nine carries ... Ran for 29 yards and one TD in another scrimmage ... Finished the Maroon-White game with 28 yards on five carries, an average of 5.6 yards a carry ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as the top offensive hustler of spring practice ...

High School: Played running back and linebacker for Coach Jeff Ballance at Princess Anne ... Earned *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-America honors after rushing for 1,640 yards and 22 TDs as a senior ... Rated the No. 28 running back in the nation and the No. 8 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Picked the No. 2 RB in the Atlantic Region and the No. 22 overall player in the region by *PrepStar* ... *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* named him the No. 25 player in the Mid-Atlantic area ... Ranked the No. 9 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... The No. 76 running back in the nation according to *Rivals* ... Contributed 87 tackles on defense his senior year with two sacks and eight fumble recoveries ... Rushed for 197 yards on just nine carries in one contest during his senior season and had 200 yards on 18 attempts in another game ... Named to the All-Tidewater team and also earned all-district and all-region honors as a tailback ... Selected conference offensive player of the year ... Gained 1,300 yards and scored 18 TDs as a junior ... Contributed 80 tackles on defense and intercepted five passes, returning three for touchdowns ... His team posted a 19-5 record in his two years as a starter and made back-to-back appearances in the Group AAA playoffs ... Also contributed in basketball and track ...

Personal: Cedric Akeem Humes ... Born 8/7/83 in Virginia Beach, VA ... Son of Alfred and Sheria Humes ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	14	16	68	4.2	0	9
2003	13	65	380	5.9	5	58
Career	27	81	448	5.5	5	58

----- 2003 Rushing Game-by-Game -----						
	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
UCF	1	9	45	5.0	0	11
JMU	1	15	75	5.0	3	11
TAMU	1	6	33	5.5	0	10
UCONN	1	5	74	14.8	1	58
at RU	1	6	43	7.2	1	35
SYR	1	9	54	6.0	0	19
at WVU	1	3	15	5.0	0	10
UM	1	2	1	0.5	0	1
at PITT	1	1	4	4.0	0	4
at TU	1	2	16	8.0	0	13
BC	1	5	15	3.0	0	8
at UVa	1	1	2	2.0	0	2
vs Cal	1	1	3	3.0	0	3

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	14	7	76	10.9	0	26
2003	13	4	31	7.8	0	14
Career	27	11	107	9.7	0	26



Josh Hyman

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**Flanker • 5-11 • 191 • r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.**

A young receiver who will be a factor this season ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at the flanker position ... Coaches are very pleased with his progression ... Is coming off an excellent spring ... Had a chance to mature and see a different side of life after spending a year at prep school ... Made the move to flanker in an effort to get the ball in his hands on reverses ... Worked extremely hard in the meeting room ... Got better every day in the spring ... Coaches expect him to make major contributions this fall ... A good summer of preparation will be big for him ...

2003: Worked with the scout team while taking a redshirt year ... Did well during spring strength and conditioning tests earning Iron Hokie honors ... Posted a 320-pound bench press and 450-pound back squat ... Ran a 4.37 in the 40 and added 37 1/2 vertical jump ... Caught four passes for 40 yards during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

Prep School: Spent the fall semester at Fork Union Military Academy ... Played wide receiver and defensive back for Coach John Shuman at FUMA ... Had a 97-yard interception return for a touchdown in a game against Gettysburg (Pa.) ... Had a 9-yard reception in a game against the Virginia Tech jayvee squad ... Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as a wide receiver ...

High School: Played wide receiver and free safety for Coach David Cox at Deep Creek High ... Caught 44 passes for over 700 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior ... Added over 50 tackles and four interceptions on defense ... Had over 300 yards on kickoff returns ... Named to the All-Eastern Region first team in 2001 as a wide receiver and defensive back ... A second-team All-Eastern Region selection as a kick returner ... Was a AAA first-team all-state selection by *The Associated Press* as a wide receiver ... A first-team selection to the AAA Coaches all-state team at the wide receiver position ... Returned two kickoffs for touchdowns his junior year ... Earned All-America honors as a sprinter in track as a junior ... From the same high school as current

MEET THE HOKIES

Hokies Chris Clifton, Darryl Tapp and James Anderson ...

Personal: Joshua Leonard Hyman ... Born 4/18/83 in Chesapeake, VA ... Son of Delphia Hughes ... Enrolled in university studies.



Mike Imoh 20

**Tailback • 5-7 • 196 • Jr. • 1VL
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.**

A speedy player who is battling for time at tailback ... Will battle with Cedric Humes for the starting tailback spot ... Led the BIG EAST in kickoff returns and was third nationally last season ... Does an excellent job in all phases of the game ... A tough runner with good speed and quickness ... Saw a lot of time as a receiver in Tech's four-wide formation last season ... Has made himself stronger through his dedication to the strength and conditioning program ... Works hard and loves to compete ... Should be a real asset in Tech's offensive plans this season ...

2003: Became one of the top kickoff return men in the BIG EAST and the nation, averaging 30.5 yards per return with one touchdown ... Was third nationally in returns ... Caught nine passes for 113 yards and three touchdowns ... Also carried the ball 22 times for 86 yards ... Had four rushes for 10 yards in the opener against UCF ... Carried the ball 11 times for 60 yards against James Madison ... Had a 29-yard kickoff return ... Became the first Tech player to return a kickoff for a touchdown since 1992 when he took the opening kick of the second half back 91 yards for a score against UConn ... Also carried the ball twice for five yards ... Made the move to receiver for the Rutgers game and came up with two big plays ... Caught a pair of 10-yard touchdown passes ... Carried the ball four times against Syracuse ... Returned the opening kickoff against Miami 37 yards ... Averaged 25 yards per return with a long of 50 yards on five returns at Pittsburgh ... Caught one pass for 20 yards and had a 34-yard kickoff return at Temple ... Caught a 4-yard pass against Boston College and had a 32-yard kickoff return ... Caught his third touchdown pass of the season at Virginia, a 43-yarder ... Had two catches for 49 yards in the game ... Had four kickoff returns for 142 yards, including a 55-yarder, in the bowl game against Cal ... Was a Super Iron Hokie in the

weight room during the off-season, posting a 550-pound back squat ... Had five carries for 34 yards in Tech's second spring scrimmage ... Added a 20-yard touchdown run in the final scrimmage ... Ran for 15 yards on eight carries during the Maroon-White game ... Also had a 23-yard kickoff return and three punt returns for nine yards ...

2002: His 36-inch vertical jump was the best among incoming freshmen ... Played in five games, rushing 10 times for 38 yards ... Also caught four passes for 28 yards and a touchdown ... Saw his first collegiate action in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played 22 offensive snaps ... Caught a team-high four passes for 28 yards ... Caught a 19-yard pass for his first collegiate touchdown ... Saw six offensive snaps and five on special teams in the win over LSU ... Carried the ball once for 3 yards at Western Michigan ... Was the workhorse in Tech's jayvee win over Fork Union, carrying the ball 31 times for 164 yards ... Carried the ball five times for 13 yards in the win over Rutgers ... Missed the Temple game with a sprained ankle ... Dressed for the remaining games, but did not see any action ... Improved his bench press to 350 pounds during the off-season and increased his vertical jump to 37 1/2 inches, second-best among all of Tech's running backs ... Posted the second-best forty time (4.41) and NFL shuttle time (3.95) among the running backs ... Rushed for 22 yards on seven carries and added two pass receptions for 40 yards during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Had seven carries for 21 yards in the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: Named the Virginia Group AAA Player of the Year by The Associated Press in 2001 ... Rushed for 5,280 yards and scored 68 touchdowns during his varsity career for Coach Mark Bendorf ... A *SuperPrep* All-American who was rated the No. 41 running back in the nation ... Helped his team to the state AAA Division 6 championship as a senior ... Ran for 2,077 yards and 28 touchdowns ... Added over 400 yards and three TDs on pass receptions ... Had 292 yards rushing and four touchdowns on just eight carries in a game against Langley High ... Scored four TDs and rushed for 210 yards in the state championship game ... Earned all-district, all-region and all-state honors ... Named to *The Washington Post* All-Metro team ... Picked up 1,760 yards on the ground his junior season, scoring 16 touchdowns ... Set over 20 school records during his prep career, including career and season marks for rushing yards and touchdowns ... Contributed over 1,000 yards receiving ... Team was 31-5 during his career ... A three-time varsity captain in football and basketball ... Won a region power lifting championship ... Rated the No. 11 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named to *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region team ... Rated the No. 13 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ...

Personal: Michael U. Imoh ... Born 7/21/84 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of James and Alice Imoh ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	5	10	38	3.8	0	18
2003	12	22	86	3.9	0	13
Career	17	32	124	3.9	0	18

----- 2003 Rushing Game-by-Game -----

UCF	1	4	10	2.5	0	6
JMU	1	11	60	5.5	0	12
TAMU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UConn	1	2	5	2.5	0	3
at RU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
SYR	1	4	-2	0.0	0	2
at WVU				Did not play		
UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at PITT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at TU	1	1	13	13.0	0	13
BC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs Cal	1	0	0	0.0	0	0

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	5	4	28	7.0	1	19
2003	12	9	113	12.6	3	43
Career	17	13	141	10.8	4	43

K.O. Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2003	12	18	549	30.5	1	91
Career	17	18	549	30.5	1	91



Richard Johnson 12

**Flanker • 5-10 • 187 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Baltimore, Md. • Milford Mill Academy**

Brings plenty of potential to the receiver positions ... Was bitten by the injury bug once again in the spring, forcing him to sit out the session ... Is a quick, elusive runner who excels in the open field ... Adjusts to the ball and makes catches ... Will be counted on for senior leadership ... Has great hands and runs good routes ... An experienced player who the coaches are hoping will become more explosive this year ...

2003: Played in 10 games, starting three ... Finished fifth on the team in receptions with 13 ... Had 141 yards receiving and a touchdown ... Opened the season with four catches for 48 yards ... Had a 21-yard touchdown catch ... Led the team with three receptions for 13 yards in the rain and wind against Texas A&M ... Played 10 snaps on offense before sustaining a sprained MCL against UConn ... Missed the Rutgers and Syracuse games with the injury ... Returned for the West Virginia game, but didn't catch any passes ... Played 22 snaps on offense against Miami ... Did not play at Pittsburgh ... Saw extensive action at Temple, playing 17 snaps ... Caught three passes for 19 yards ... Caught a 6-yard pass against Boston College ... Played 19 snaps on offense at Virginia ... Caught two



Talk with Richard Johnson



How do you see yourself filling the gap left by the graduations of Ernest Wilford and Chris Shreve?

I have a lot of knowledge of the game. I've been here a long time now, and I think I will really be able to show the young guys good technique. I've learned how to read coverage pretty well.

Who is the toughest player you have ever gone up against?

That would have to be my freshman year when we played Miami. It was Michael Rumph, their cornerback. He was probably the top corner in the BIG EAST and one of the best in the nation. He was a senior, and had a lot of experience. His technique was very good, and he was a lot bigger, stronger and faster than any other corner I have ever seen. I really had to fight every play just to get around him. He was a very physical player.

What has been your most memorable moment on the field?

My first career touchdown is definitely my most memorable moment on the field. It was in the UCF game this past season. It was a great way for me to start the season, and we won, so that was good for the team.

What motivates you the most before practice and games?

I always call my mother before games. She has such inspiring words for me every day. I always pray before games, and I do my daily breads. Those are scriptures for each day of the week and they're meant to inspire you to do good things. Of course, I have my theme music. I usually listen to Tupac or Li'l Jon and the Eastside Boyz.

If you could play any other position on the Virginia Tech football team, what would it be and why?

I would definitely be a quarterback. That's what I played my whole life until I came to Tech. That is the position I have the most mental toughness for. I have a good grasp of it and a good knowledge for the game at that position.

As the only senior receiver on the team, do you see yourself as a vocal leader of the younger guys or as a player who will lead by example?

I'm not usually a real vocal player. I like to lead by example. When practice first starts each year I always like watching the facial expressions of the freshmen. I know I looked the same way when I got here. I try to do my best so these guys can look up to me just by watching. If I see fit to say something, I will.

Do you look forward to the opportunity to be a mentor to all these young receivers?

I'm really looking forward to it. These young guys have tons of talent and athleticism. I feel like I'm a big brother to them, trying to guide them through the tough times. I have open ears for pointers from them, too. We have to help each other out on and off the field; it's the attitude we have to have.

passes for 55 yards, including a 30-yard catch, in the bowl game against Cal ... Earned Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Turned in a personal-best 460-pound back squat ... Missed spring practice due to a strained quad muscle ...

2002: Saw action as a receiver, punt returner and kickoff returner during the season ... Caught 14 passes for 147 yards ... Also rushed three times for 22 yards ... Returned 23 kickoffs for an average of 21.1 yards per return with a long of 91 yards ... Returned 14 punts for an average of 7.1 yards per return ... Returned his lone kickoff against Arkansas State 33 yards to start the game ... Also played 11 offensive snaps ... Had a 14-yard punt return and a 20-yard kickoff return in the win over LSU ... Also played 24 offensive snaps ... Returned a kickoff 19 yards against Marshall ... Saw action on 30 offensive plays against the Herd ... Caught an 8-yard pass at Texas A&M ... Also had a 13-yard rush on a reverse in that game ... Made his first career start at Western Michigan ... Caught two passes for 26 yards in that game ... Started at Boston College, returning one punt and four kickoffs ... Also had a catch for 7 yards in that game ... Played 27 snaps on offense and returned three kicks against Rutgers ... Registered a career-high four catches against Temple for 40 yards ... Also rushed for nine yards on a reverse ... Played 25 snaps on offense and five on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Caught two passes for 10 yards at Syracuse ... Also saw action on 14 special teams plays ... Made the move to punt returner against West Virginia ... Returned his lone kick 20 yards ... Also had two receptions for 6 yards ... Came up with a big reception against Virginia, turning a short pass play into a 39-yard reception that set up the game-clinching touchdown ... Returned a kickoff 91 yards at Miami and had an 11-yard catch ... Missed the San Francisco Bowl due to a sprained ankle ... Posted a personal-best 340-pound bench press during the off-season ... Had three catches for 40 yards in one spring scrimmage and two for 35 yards in another ... Ran 20 yards on a reverse and caught two passes for 20 yards in a third spring scrimmage ... Hauled in three passes for 35 yards, ran 26 yards for a touchdown on a reverse and returned a punt 11 yards during the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Caught four passes for 34 yards on the season ... Rushed twice for seven yards and averaged 22.2 yards per kickoff return ... Opened the season with two receptions for 29 yards against Connecticut ... Averaged 24.5 yards on two kickoff returns in that game ... Returned a kickoff 26 yards against Western Michigan ... Had a catch for 4 yards against Rutgers ... Averaged 23 yards on three returns against UCF ... Did not dress for the West Virginia and Boston College games due to a hamstring injury ... Played in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave ... Came in at quarterback in that game with Tech down 15-2 and led the team to a 19-15 win ... Threw a 36-yard touchdown pass, caught a pass and rushed four times ... Registered three solo tackles and two tackles for loss as a cornerback in that jayvee game ... Returned to varsity action against Syracuse ... Had a 9-yard rush on a reverse in that game ...

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Johnson *continued*

Returned three kickoffs for 50 yards with a long of 21 yards at Pittsburgh ... Caught one pass and had a 40-yard kickoff return against top-ranked Miami ... Set a Tech bowl record when he had 118 yards on five kickoff returns against Florida State in the Gator Bowl ... Caught three passes for 69 yards and a touchdown during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Blocked a punt in another scrimmage ... Hauled in a 10-yard pass during the Maroon-White game ...

2000: Worked at the flanker position during the fall while redshirting ... Improved in seven categories from fall athletic performance testing to spring testing ... Added over 15 pounds to his frame during that span ... Turned in a 450-pound back squat and a 37 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Averaged 4.37 seconds over one group of three 40-yard dashes during Tech's pro timing day ... Caught an 89-yard touchdown pass in Tech's first scrimmage of the spring ... Had five catches for 31 yards in another outing ... Led all receivers in the Maroon-White game with six catches for 49 yards ...

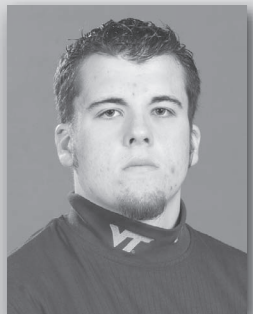
High School: A prep All-American who was listed the No. 5 wide receiver and the No. 28 overall prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Saw action at quarterback, running back, wide receiver, free safety, strong safety and cornerback for Coach Reggie Brooks during his varsity career at Milford Mill ... Also returned kicks ... Accumulated nearly 6,000 yards of total offense during his career, passing for 3,343 yards and rushing for 2,430 yards ... Threw for 1,109 yards and 18 touchdowns as a quarterback his senior year ... Added 1,138 yards and 10 TDs on the ground ... Returned three kickoffs for touchdowns ... Posted three interceptions ... Finished with 41 career passing touchdowns and 28 rushing TDs ... Named to *The Baltimore Sun's* All-Metro team ... A consensus all-state selection as a junior and senior ... Earned *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-America honors ... Ranked No. 77 on the National Recruiting Center's list of Top 100 Players ... Rated the Mid-Atlantic Defensive Player of the Year by *SuperPrep* ... An honorable mention All-USA pick by *USA Today* ... Listed as the No. 1 player in Maryland and No. 2 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *SuperPrep* ... Picked the No. 4 receiver in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* ... Named the No. 25 safety in the nation by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Averaged nearly 10 points a game as the starting point guard on the basketball team ...

Personal: Richard M. Johnson ... Born 6/17/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Betty and Rodney Swayne ... Enrolled in physical education.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	7	4	34	8.5	0	20
2002	13	14	147	10.5	0	39
2003	10	13	141	10.8	1	30
Career	30	31	322	10.4	1	39

-----2003 Receiving Game-by-Game-----						
UCF	1	4	48	12	1	21
JMU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TAMU	1	3	13	4.3	0	6
UCONN	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at RU				Did not play		
SYR				Did not play		
at WVU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0

UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at PITT				Did not play		
at TU	1	3	19	6.3	0	8
BC	1	1	6	6.0	0	6
at UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs Cal	1	2	55	22.5	0	30



Greg Kezmarsky

Defensive End • 6-3 • 241 • Jr.
Voorhees, N.J. • Eastern H.S.

Has contributed to the program as a member of the scout and jayvee teams the past two seasons ... Combines a good work ethic with top effort on the field ... Has improved his speed through the strength and conditioning program but needs to get stronger ... Continues to work as a defensive end ...

2003: Played on the scout and jayvee



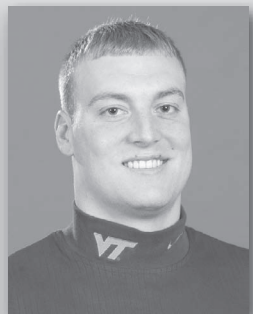
Jeff King

teams ... Turned in four tackles, including two for losses in a jayvee game against Hargrave ... Saw action in one varsity game, registering a tackle against Rutgers ... Posted a solo tackle during the annual Maroon-White game ...

2002: Worked at defensive end ... Saw action on both sides of the ball during Tech's two jayvee games ... Had three tackles in a jayvee game against Hargrave ... Contributed tackles in two spring scrimmages ...

High School: Lettered two seasons as a defensive end and offensive tackle for Coach Dan Spittal at Eastern High ... Earned second-team all-conference honors as a senior ... Won the school's sportsmanship and dedication award ... Played in the Adam Taliaferro All-Star Classic ... Also lettered in track ...

Personal: Dennis Gregory Kezmarsky ... Born 10/1/83 in Joliet, IL ... Son of Dennis and Susan Kezmarsky ... Enrolled in business management.



Jeff King **90**

Tight End • 6-5 • 256 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

Split time as the starter last year, but is ready to take over the full-time starting position ... Will battle Jared Mazetta for those honors ... Saw action at tight end and fullback last season ... Combines outstanding size with good athleticism ... Is tough and smart ... Excels as a blocker and has outstanding hands ... Was named the most valuable offensive performer of the spring ... Is being looked to for a big year ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting two ... Had six receptions for 109 yards and a touchdown ... Caught one pass for 23 yards in the opener against UCF ... Had a 31-yard reception late against James Madison ... Caught a 10-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring against Texas A&M ... Had a 6-yard reception at West Virginia ... Played 35 snaps against Miami, grading out at 88 percent ... Started at Pittsburgh ... Had an 18-yard reception ... Got the start at Temple as a tight end and hauled in a 21-yard pass for a first down ... Played 40 snaps on offense against Boston College and 39 at Virginia ... A Super Iron Hokie during the off-season program ... Won the George Preas Award as Tech's offensive MVP for the spring ...

2002: Had one catch on the season, a 19-yard touchdown reception in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played 33 snaps and had three knockdown blocks against LSU ... Had a season-high five knockdowns in 51 plays against Marshall ... Was in for 37 offensive snaps at Texas A&M ... Also played eight plays on special teams against the Aggies ... Played 21 snaps on offense and nine on special teams at Western Michigan ... Blocked a field goal in that game, the first of his career ... Played 41 snaps on offense in the win at Boston College ... Was in for 30 plays on offense and 11 on special teams against Rutgers ... Played 44 snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against Temple ... Got his first start against Pittsburgh, playing 36 snaps on offense and 21 on special teams ... Earned the start against Syracuse, playing 27 snaps on offense and 29 on special teams ... Started against West Virginia, playing 45 snaps on offense and 14 on special teams ... Graded a season-high 89 percent in the win over Virginia ... Played 16 snaps on offense at Miami ... Started in Tech's bowl win over Air Force ... Led the tight ends with a 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Mixed in some work at fullback during spring practice ... Had a 4-yard run in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Caught two passes for three yards during the Maroon-White game ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as the top offensive hustler during off-season and spring workouts ...

2001: Worked at tight end while redshirting as a true freshman ... Posted a 360-pound back squat during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Also ran a 4.8 forty ...

High School: A *PrepStar* All-American for Coach Joel Hicks at Pulaski County ... Was rated the No. 3 tight end in the Atlantic Region ... Named first-team Group AAA all-state as a tight end by The Associated Press and the state coaches ... Ranked the No. 12 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and *SuperPrep* ... *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* lists him as the No. 86 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region ... An honorable-mention All-South pick by *The Orlando Sentinel* ... Led his high school team to the Group AAA, Division 5 state semifinals in 2000 ... Finished his senior season with 278 yards receiving and eight touchdowns ... Also registered eight sacks as a defensive end ... Set a school record with 101 pancake blocks in a season ... Had 12 pancakes and two receptions for 30 yards and a touchdown in a game his senior year ... Named All-Timesland as a junior and senior ... An outstanding basketball player who compiled over 1,000 points and 1,000 rebounds during his career ... Averaged 25 points and 14 rebounds as a senior on the way to all-district and all-region honors ... Competed in the shot put for the track team with a best effort of 54-7 as a junior ... Member of the National Honor Society ...

Personal: Jeffrey W. King ... Born 2/19/83 in Pulaski, VA ... Son of Jerry and Lynn King ... Majoring in finance.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	14	1	19	19.0	1	19
2003	13	6	109	18.2	1	31
Career	27	7	128	18.3	2	31



John Kinzer 43

Fullback • 6-2 • 246 • r-Fr.
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.

Enters the fall session as one of the leaders for the vacant fullback position ... Has the ideal size and strength to follow in the long line of successful Tech fullbacks ... Made great improvements as the spring went along ... Coaches want him to change his demeanor and become nastier and more physical ... Could be a very good player ...

2003: Took a redshirt year while utilizing Tech's athletic performance program ... Worked at fullback ... Posted a 390-pound bench press and 550-pound back squat on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Had a 30-yard pass reception during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

High School: A *SuperPrep* All-America tight end ... Ranked the No. 5 tight end in the country and the No. 6 prospect in Virginia by that publication ... Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as a tight end ... Graded out at over 85 percent in his blocking assignments as a senior at Robinson ... Played tight end and defensive end for Coach Mark Bendorf and handled the punting and kicking duties ... Had 31 catches for 457 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior ... Caught six passes for 92 yards and a TD in a game against Annandale ... Was a 2002 AAA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a tight end ... Also a first-team selection to the AAA Coaches all-state team at the tight end spot ... Second-team *Washington Post* All-Metro ... A preseason All-Atlantic region selection by *PrepStar* ... Named a first-team All-ACC Area tight end by the preseason *G&W Recruiting Report* ... Caught 13 passes for 190 yards and two scores, while contributing over 10 sacks on defense as a junior ... Helped team to a Group AAA state championship ... Scored over 100 points during his last two seasons ... Had a school-record 62-yard punt ... A first-team selection to the 2001 AAA Coaches all-state team at the tight end position his junior year ... Rated the No. 8 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... No. 42 on Tom Lemming's All-Mid-Atlantic team ... A preseason *SuperPrep* All-American, rated No. 7 in Virginia and No. 10 at the tight end

position nationally ... Also lettered four years in lacrosse and one year as a wrestler ... From the same high school as current Hokies Mike Imoh and Cary Wade ...

Personal: John Joseph Kinzer ... Born 8/23/84 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of John and Virginia Kinzer ... Enrolled in business.



Jason Lallis 91

Defensive Tackle • 6-0 • 250 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Mitchellville, Md. • DeMatha H.S.

An undersized player who makes big plays ... Has scored touchdowns from the tackle position in each of the last two seasons ... Turned in a 59-yard fumble return for a TD in 2002 and had a 45-yard interception return for a score last year ... Is expected to be in Tech's tackle rotation despite missing spring practice ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the 2003 season ... Was held out of contact work during the spring ... Will be at full speed when practice resumes ... Offsets his smaller stature by playing with determination, quickness and a great motor ... Suffered a few injuries during the 2003 season, but overcame them to come back and play ... Was primarily an end until playing a few downs at tackle during the late stages of the 2001 season ... Started the first 11 games of the 2002 season at tackle before suffering a shoulder injury that sidelined him for Tech's final two regular-season games ... Earned the coaches' trust with his ability to make plays ... Brings additional experience to the tackle positions ...

2003: Saw action in 11 games, playing over 230 defensive snaps ... Registered nine solo tackles and 16 assists ... Included in those 25 tackles was a quarterback sack ... Broke up three passes and posted an interception ... Played 21 snaps on defense against UCF ... Picked off a pass and rumbled 45 yards for a touchdown, his second career score ... Had two solo tackles and an assist against James Madison ... Saw action on 25 defensive snaps against Texas A&M, registering one quarterback hurry ... Played 24 snaps on defense against UConn, registering four assisted tackles ... Suffered a sprained MCL in that game ... Missed the Rutgers game with the injury ... Returned to post two solo tackles and three assists against Syracuse ... Had two solo stops and three assists at West Virginia ... Recorded three tackles, a quarterback hurry and a forced interception against No. 2 Miami ... Had



Talk with Jason Lallis

What's the hardest thing about playing your position?

The hardest thing about my position is the fact that you have guys coming from all different directions. You don't know where somebody is going to go. You have 350-pound guys trying to kill you, so that's got to be the hardest part.

What's your favorite part about playing your position?

The best part is that they don't know what you're going to do either. If you get away from a big offensive lineman, then you get to go and chase the ball, make a tackle, make a play and celebrate.

What are you going to miss the most about Virginia Tech football when you leave after this season?

I think I'm going to miss the people the most — the guys on the team, the coaches, everybody that's associated with this program. I'll miss the camaraderie that we have and the friends that I've made over the years.

If you had to listen to one song on repeat for the rest of your life, what would it be, and why?

I think it would be "We Are the Champions" by Queen. If I had no choice, I guess that's not a bad one to have playing over and over.

If you had to pick one food that you had to eat for every meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

If I could eat one food for the rest of my life, it would have to be Maryland blue crabs. I like to pick them myself and I've been eating them since I was a little kid, so it really wouldn't be that bad at all.

What would you like to do after you graduate?

If the opportunity to play in the NFL presents itself, I would love to do that. I've been working hard for a long time and would have to take advantage of it. If the chance doesn't come, I would like to attend law school at either Georgetown University or Howard University beginning in January 2006.

If you could change places with a coach on this team, which one would you pick, and why?

I would change places with Coach Beamer. It seems like he lives a pretty good life — he's very easy going and he handles his stress very well. He's a good guy, and, plus, he's rich.

What's the biggest perk about playing Virginia Tech football?

I think the biggest perk is people recognizing me and people knowing me. When I go back home people have seen me on television and they go out of their way to acknowledge me. I get very appreciative when people actually know who I am and what I'm doing.

If you could meet any person in the world that you haven't met yet, who would it be?

Definitely Michael Jordan because he is a true champion. I think he's a real competitor and I know he hates losing. He's successful at everything he does.

Lallis *continued*

a sack at Pittsburgh, but dislocated his shoulder on the play, forcing him to miss the Temple game ... Returned to play against Boston College, playing 25 snaps and recording a solo tackle ... Was in for 23 defensive snaps at Virginia, registering two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Added a tackle against Cal in the Insight Bowl ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the season and sat out off-season and spring work ...

2002: Recorded 24 solo tackles and 24 assists in 12 games ... Included in that total were four tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had seven quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery for a touchdown, a forced fumble and a blocked punt ... Made his first career start against Arkansas State ... Had three tackles and returned a fumble 59 yards for a touchdown ... Recorded three solo stops, three assists and a quarterback hurry against LSU ... Had a solo stop and three assists in the win over Marshall ... Had three solo stops, an assist and a tackle for loss at Texas A&M ... Had three solo tackles, six assists, two quarterback hurries and a caused fumble at Western Michigan ... Had two solo tackles in the win at Boston College ... Posted three solo stops, a quarterback hurry and two sacks versus Rutgers ... Had a solo stop, three assists and two quarterback hurries in the win over Temple ... Tallied four solo tackles, an assist and a tackle for loss against Pittsburgh ... Recorded two solo stops, four assists and a quarterback hurry while playing a season-high 60 plays at Syracuse ... Played 13 snaps on defense against West Virginia before sustaining a dislocated shoulder ... Missed the last two regular season games of the year ... Returned to play in the San Francisco Bowl, recording a solo stop and an assist ... Registered a personal-best back squat (605) during spring max tests ... Had two sacks and four total tackles during Tech's second spring scrimmage ...

2001: Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in preseason testing ... Turned in a 550-pound back squat, a 300-pound clean and a 320-pound push jerk in preseason strength and conditioning testing ... Met all six of his preseason goals ... Played in all 11 games, recording 15 total tackles ... Registered seven solo tackles, eight assists and a sack ... Had one assist on nine defensive plays against Connecticut ... Did not play against Western Michigan ... Played 11 defensive snaps at Rutgers, recording two solo stops and two assists ... Played three snaps on defense against UCF ... Played 10 defensive snaps at West Virginia, recording an assist ... Saw brief action on special teams in the win over Boston College ... Also saw action on special teams against Syracuse and at Pittsburgh ... Played on 13 defensive snaps and seven on special teams against Temple ... Had a solo tackle on special teams ... Was credited with two solo tackles on special teams coverage at Virginia ... Against No. 1 Miami, had a solo tackle, four assists and a sack ... Posted a 565-pound back squat during spring testing and ran a 4.66 forty ... Turned in four tackles during one spring scrimmage and added two tackles during the annual Maroon-White game ...

2000: Practiced at the end position while redshirting in the fall ... Posted a 530-pound back squat during spring testing ... Finished spring practice at the stud end position ...

High School: Helped DeMatha to a 33-2-1 record during his varsity career ... Played tight end and defensive end for Coach Bill McGregor ... Caught six passes for 76 yards and one touchdown ... Also grabbed a two-point conversion pass ... Posted 105 tackles on defense, including 82 solos ... Recorded 12 quarterback sacks, three fumble recoveries and an interception ... Had four sacks in a game against McNamara ... Voted the team's MVP by his teammates ... Named first-team on *The Washington Post* All-Metro squad ... Also earned all-county, all-conference and consensus all-state honors ... Named to George Michael's Golden 11 team ... A *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-American ... Ranked the No. 2 tight end and No. 16 player in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* ... Listed the No. 43 defensive lineman in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... An honorable-mention All-USA pick by *USA Today* ... Listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* ...

Personal: Jason Christopher Lallis ... Born 2/4/82 in Washington, DC ... Son of Everett, Jr., and Martha Lallis ... Studying marketing management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	7	8	15	1- 3	1- 3
2002	12	24	24	48	4- 32	2- 27
2003	11	9	16	25	1- 3	1- 3
Career	34	40	48	88	6- 38	4- 33

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----							
UCF	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at RU					Did not play		
SYR	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	1	0	1	1- 3	1- 3	1- 3
at TU					Did not play		
BC	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	11	1	45	45.0	1	45



Nick Leeson **53**

Deep Snapper • 6-1 • 242 • r-So. • 1VL
Abingdon, Va. • Abingdon H.S.

Handled most of Tech's PAT and field goal snaps last season and will be the frontrunner for those duties again this fall ... Coaches want him to add some weight ... A smart player who is both tough and physical ... Spends some practice time with the inside linebackers ... Has worked up to the Super Iron Hokie level in the strength and conditioning program ... Joined the team as a walk-on in January 2002 ... Served as a reserve snapper but did not see action and was redshirted ... A steady performer whose dad played for the Hokies in the early 1980s ...

2003: Played in nine games ... Handled 47 total snaps on PATs and field goals with zero bad snaps ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the strength and conditioning program during the off-season ... Posted a 360-pound bench press and 530-pound back squat during spring testing ...

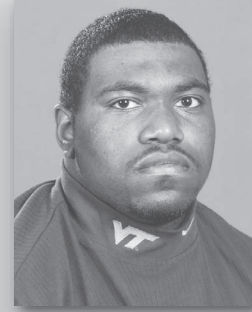
2002: Practiced at the backer position during the fall and served as a reserve deep snapper ... Did not see action and was redshirted ... Had a 340-pound bench press and a 475 back squat during spring testing ... Was in on three tackles during one spring scrimmage ...

2001: Entered school for the second semester ... Had a 420-pound back squat during

spring athletic performance testing ... Practiced at linebacker and as a deep snapper during spring practice ... Contributed a tackle during the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: Played linebacker and handled the deep snapping duties for Coach Scott Allen at Abingdon High ... Was a four-year letterman and two-year team captain ... Also lettered in basketball and baseball ... Was a high jumper in track ...

Personal: Nicholas Brooke Leeson ... Born 10/29/82 in Clarksburg, WV ... Son of Billy and Cathy Leeson ... His dad was an offensive lineman at Tech (1982-84) ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



Jonathan Lewis **56**

Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 300 • Jr. • 2VL
Richmond, Va. • Varina H.S.

Has the ability to be a force on Tech's defensive line if he puts his mind to it ... A big, strong player who moves well ... Picked up a lot of playing time during his first two seasons ... Played extremely well at times, but also had stretches where he got pushed around ... Still managed to lead the defensive line in tackles both seasons ... Showed signs during 2004 spring practice that he might be ready to step up his game ... Eliminated bad plays and played on a consistent level ... Ran to the ball and made things happen ... Possesses explosiveness and power at the point of attack ... Started all 13 games last season ... Teams up with his older brother, Kevin, to form a formidable front ... Needs to make a good summer preparation and report in top shape when practice opens ... Could go a long way toward shoring up the Hokies' frontline defense this fall if he plays to his potential ...

2003: Played in and started all 13 games ... Tallied 36 solo tackles and 33 assists ... Included in those 69 stops were seven tackles for loss, including four sacks ... Registered six quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, one pass break up and an interception ... Opened the season with a solo tackle, three assists and a pass broken up against UCF ... Recorded four assists on 25 defensive snaps against James Madison ... Played 40 snaps against Texas A&M, recording four solo tackles, five assists and a quarterback hurry ... Played 44 snaps against UConn, registering four solo tackles,

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one which was for a loss, and an assisted stop ... Recorded his first collegiate interception at Rutgers, coming off a pass tipped by Nathaniel Adibi ... Also tallied three solo tackles, two assists and two passes broken up ... Registered four solo tackles, one which was for a loss, and three assists against Syracuse ... Had two solo tackles, three assists and a forced fumble at West Virginia ... Had six solo tackles, three assists and 2.5 sacks against No. 2 Miami ... Had three solo tackles, two assists and half a sack at Pittsburgh ... Had four assists and a quarterback hurry at Temple ... Had three solo tackles and an assist against Boston College ... Had two solo tackles, including a sack, and two assists, along with two quarterback hurries at Virginia ... Was in on four tackles during the Insight Bowl ... Turned in a 600-pound back squat during spring max tests ... Also had a 341-pound jerk and the best 40 time among the tackles at 4.82 ... Contributed a tackle in the Maroon-White game ...

2002: A true freshman who saw action right away ... Started the last two games of the regular season and the bowl game ... Had 33 solo tackles and 23 assists this season ... Included in those 56 stops were seven tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had five quarterback hurries ... Was named a fourth-team Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* ... Had three solo stops, two assists and a tackle for loss in the opener against Arkansas State ... Recorded two solo stops in the win over LSU ... Had two assists and a quarterback hurry in the win over Marshall ... Recorded a solo tackle and three assists at Texas A&M ... Also had a tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries ... Recorded two solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry at Western Michigan ... Recorded a solo tackle and an assist at Boston College ... Tallied two solo stops, along with a tackle for loss, a sack and a quarterback hurry against Rutgers ... Had three solo tackles, two assists and a sack against Temple ... Had three solo tackles and two assists against Pittsburgh ... Two of those tackles were for a loss ... Registered three total tackles at Syracuse ... Had six solo tackles and two assists, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Got his first collegiate start against Virginia ... Recorded four solo tackles and two assists in the win ... Had two solo tackles and an assist at top-ranked Miami ... Registered two solo tackles and three assists in Tech's win over Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl ... Turned in a 550-pound back squat during spring testing ... Ran a 4.9 forty ... Registered five tackles, including a quarterback sack during one of Tech's spring scrimmages ... Contributed a tackle in the Maroon-White game ...


High School: A prep All-America pick by *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar* and *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... The only player in Varina history to earn all-Metro, all-region and all-state honors three years in a row ... Ranked the No. 17 defensive line prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the nation's No. 3 defensive lineman by Max Emfinger of *USA Today* and the No. 112 player overall by Tom Lemming ... A member of the *PrepStar* Dream Team ... Ranked

the No. 6 defensive lineman in the nation by *PrepStar* and the No. 1 DL in the Atlantic Region ... Listed as the No. 26 defensive player in the nation by *G&W Recruiting Report* and the No. 15 DT by *Student Sports* ... Listed as the No. 4 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Played in the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Bowl ... Posted 107 tackles and 10 quarterback sacks as a senior ... Had 15 tackles and a pair of sacks in a game against Armstrong High ... Was in on 12 tackles versus Highland Springs ... Named first-team Group AAA by the AP and the state coaches ... Was the Metro, district and region player of the year as a junior when he had 96 tackles and 11 sacks ... Registered over 300 career tackles and 46 sacks ... Helped Coach Gary Chilcoat's team to a 46-7 record and three regional championships during his varsity career ... Also played center on the basketball team ...

Personal: Jonathan M. Lewis ... Born 7/12/84 in Richmond, VA ... Son of David and Gale Lewis ... His brother, Kevin, is a redshirt-senior defensive tackle on the Tech squad ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	33	23	56	7- 23	2- 12
2003	13	36	33	69	7- 16	4- 14
Career	27	69	56	125	14- 39	6- 26

2003 Tackles Game-by-Game						
UCF	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	4	5	9	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	4	1	5	1- 1	0- 0
at RU	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	4	3	7	1- 1	0- 0
at WVU	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	6	3	9	3- 11	2.5- 11
at PITT	1	3	2	5	1- 1	0.5- 1
at TU	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	2	2	4	1- 2	1- 2
vs. Cal	1	4	0	4	0- 0	0- 0



Kevin Lewis **56**
Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 288 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Richmond, Va. • Varina H.S.

A veteran performer who needs to be a leader along the defensive front this fall ... Has the ability to make a difference ... Uses his quickness, strength and experience to make plays ... Is at his best when he's challenged ... Holds his own at the point of attack ... Has worked hard to improve his game ... Played 125

downs as a true freshman in 2000, before being redshirted in 2001 ... Won a starting job during 2002 preseason practice and helped solidify the Hokies' young defense early in the year ... Ranked fifth on the team in tackles when he was sidelined for the final three games by a torn pectoral muscle ... Started next to his younger brother, Jonathan, last season ... Is being counted on for a big year in 2004 ...

2003: Played in 12 games, starting 10 ... Compiled 20 solo tackles and 23 assists ... Included in those 43 stops were six tackles for loss, including four sacks ... Also had eight quarterback hurries ... Got the start beside his brother in the opener against UCF ... Saw action on 30 snaps ... Had a solo stop, a quarterback hurry and a pass broken up against James Madison ... Had three solo stops and two assists against Texas A&M ... Had one TFL and a QB hurry ... Recorded two solo tackles and two assists in the win over UConn ... Recorded his first sack of the year at Rutgers ... Had three solo stops, an assist and a QB hurry in that game ... Registered three assisted tackles against Syracuse ... Had two solo tackles and six assists at West Virginia ... Had two solo tackles, a sack, five assisted tackles and two quarterback hurries against No. 2 Miami ... Had two solo tackles, including a sack, and an assist at Pittsburgh ... Had a solo tackle, including a tackle for loss, three assists and a quarterback hurry before leaving the game with a knee injury ... MRI revealed a Grade 2 sprain of his left MCL ... Missed the Boston College game ... Returned to play 23 snaps at Virginia ... Had a solo tackle and two quarterback hurries in that game ... Contributed a sack and three total tackles against California in the Insight Bowl ... Also forced a fumble in that game ... Bench pressed 400 pounds during spring max testing ... Was in on two tackles during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: Recorded 25 solo tackles and 24 assisted stops in 11 games ... Included in that total were five tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had six quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery, a pass broken up and a forced fumble ... Played just 14 snaps on defense against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop and two assists, and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown by Jason Lallis ... Had five tackles and two quarterback hurries in the win over LSU ... Played 45 snaps against Marshall, recording a solo stop, an assist and a quarterback hurry ... Also broke up a pass against the Herd ... Had three solo stops, including one for a loss, and an assist in the win at Texas A&M ... Had two solo tackles, two assists and a quarterback hurry at Western Michigan ... Had a big game in the win at Boston College, registering four solo tackles, three assists and a quarterback hurry ... Had an assist and a quarterback hurry in the win against Rutgers ... Recorded two solo tackles and three assists against Temple ... Tallied eight total tackles — three solo — against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss and recovered a fumble ... Had five tackles, including one for loss, at Syracuse ... Tore his pectoral muscle in that game, but still played against West Virginia ... Played 23 snaps against the Mountaineers, recording two solo tackles ... Opted for surgery

on Nov. 29, ending his season ... Participated in some light work during the spring until aggravating a calf muscle ...

2001: Took a redshirt season ... Met five of his six goals in preseason testing, turning in a 400-pound bench press and 575 back squat ... Posted a personal-best 31 1/2-inch vertical jump during the fall ... Ran a 4.89 forty during spring testing ... Contributed four tackles and two sacks in one spring scrimmage and three tackles and a pass broken up in another ... Registered a sack and a quarterback hurry in a third scrimmage ...

2000: Was in for 21 plays in Tech's opener against Akron and contributed a pair of tackles ... Had two tackles and two quarterback hurries at East Carolina ... Posted tackles behind the line in back-to-back games against Temple and West Virginia ... Did not play against Boston College, Syracuse and Pittsburgh ... Was in on two tackles during the Miami game ... Played 26 plays at UCF and registered two tackles, including one for loss ... Had a season-best three tackles against Virginia ... Compiled 15 total tackles during the regular season with three coming behind the line ... Contributed a tackle in the Hokies' win over Clemson in the Gator Bowl ... Improved his bench press to 390 pounds during the off-season and ran the forty in 4.86 seconds ... Got a lot of reps during spring practice ... Had three tackles behind the line in Tech's first spring scrimmage and two more in the second scrimmage ... Blocked a field goal during another scrimmage ... Posted five tackles, including a sack, in the Maroon-White game ... Shared the Dr. Richard Bullock Award for the Hokies' most improved defensive player with fellow tackle Channing Reed ...

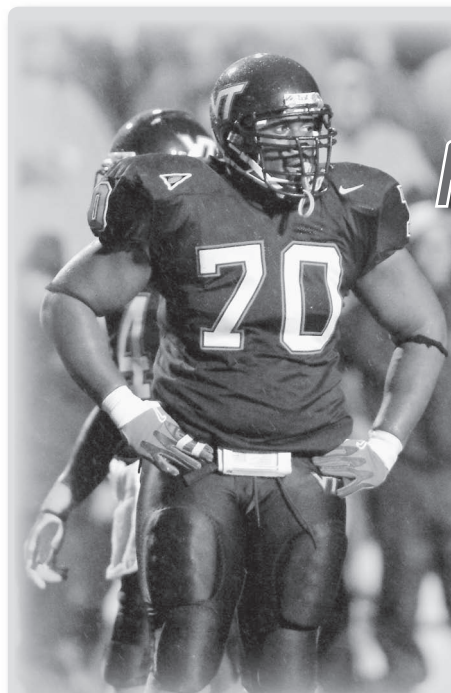
1999: Enrolled in school for the second semester ... Bench pressed 370 pounds during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Also turned in a 550-pound back squat and a 316-pound power clean ... Got a lot of repetitions in spring practice at tackle when starter Chad Beasley was sidelined by an injury ... Was in on six tackles during the Hokies' first spring scrimmage ... Posted a sack in another scrimmage ... Turned in four tackles during the annual Maroon-White game, including one for a loss ...

High School: A four-year starter at fullback and defensive end for Coach Ed Bulheller ... Earned first-team Group AAA all-state honors as a defensive lineman ... Named the No. 20 prospect in the state by *The Roanoke Times* and was rated No. 22 by *SuperPrep* ... Picked the No. 11 linebacker in the ACC Region by *PrepStar* ... Shared *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Player of the Year honors for the Richmond area with Matt Farrior ... Carried the football 138 times his senior year for 989 yards and 14 touchdowns ... Contributed 123 tackles on defense, including 11 sacks and 25 total tackles behind the line ... Collected 13 tackles in a game against Hopewell ... Was a first-team all-district and all-region selection ... Turned in 64 tackles and five sacks as a junior ... Helped the team to 41 wins and three region championships ... Threw the shot put for the track team and also played basketball ...

Personal: Kevin André Lewis ... Born 4/26/80 in Richmond, VA ... Son of David and Gale Lewis ... His father played basketball at North Carolina A&T ... His brother, Jonathan, is a junior defensive tackle on the Tech squad ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	8	7	8	15	3- 8	0- 0
2002	11	25	24	49	5- 15	1- 8
2003	12	20	23	43	6- 27	4- 21
Career	31	52	55	107	14- 50	5- 29

	2003 Tackles Game-by-Game						
UCF	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0	0
JMU	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0
TAMU	1	3	2	5	1- 3	0- 0	0
UCONN	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0	0
at RU	1	3	1	4	1- 7	1- 7	0
SYR	1	9	3	3	0- 0	0- 0	0
at WVU	1	2	6	8	0- 0	0- 0	0
UM	1	2	5	7	1- 2	1- 2	0
at PITT	1	2	1	3	1- 6	1- 6	0
at TU	1	1	3	4	1- 3	0- 0	0
BC					Did not play		
at UVa	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0	0
vs. Cal	1	3	0	3	1- 6	1- 6	0



Talk with Kevin Lewis

It's your final season, but you're playing a whole new set of teams this year. How tough will the ACC schedule be?

I think it will be real competitive. It's a good change. You're going against new people, new schemes. It's good for the team.

To have your brother (Jonathan Lewis) line up right beside you must be special. What has that experience been like for you, especially after last year when you both started a majority of the time?

I enjoy having my brother around. We're a real close family and it's been fun.

How important has the strength and conditioning program been for you during your career?

It's been big for me because I came in around 260. That's not really a prototypical defensive tackle. Working with Coach [Mike] Gentry helped me a lot, to be able to perform out on the field.

What are your personal goals for your senior season?

I would like to go to a BCS bowl. I just want to open a few eyes up and prove what good players we have and what good coaches we have as well.

You've had to battle through some nagging injuries during your career. How tough has that been?

It's been pretty tough. Nobody likes to get hurt, but I realize it's a part of the game. I just play, and if I get hurt, I get hurt.

What was the most exciting play you've made during your career?

I'd say probably my first tackle. We played the Akron Zips, and it was my first college game. That was pretty exciting.

Who has been the toughest opposing tailback to defend in your career?

That guy from West Virginia [Quincy Wilson]. He was pretty hard to bring down.

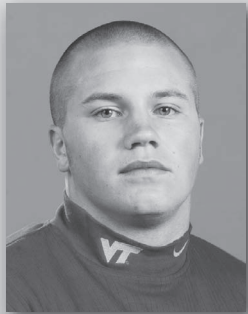
Do you think the toughest part about the defensive line is the mental or the physical aspect?

For a defensive tackle, it's probably physical. I don't think it's a complicated position to play, but physically, you have to be really mature. It's all about feeling pressures, knowing which way the offensive line is going, and making plays.

On game day, what's in your CD player while you get ready for the game?

I don't really listen to music. A lot of times I just talk to my brother. We just talk about things we have to do. I'm not a real big music listener.

MEET THE HOKIES



**Stevie Ray
Lloyd** 35

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 233 • r-Fr.
Lynchburg, Va. • Jefferson Forest H.S.**

A tough young player who came to Tech as a walk-on ... Impressed the coaches with his work ethic ... Made strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Will work at the mike linebacker position ... Could also get a look on special teams ...

2003: Worked at the mike linebacker position while redshirting during the fall ... Registered a 530-pound back squat during spring testing that ranked second-best among the inside linebackers ... Moved to the backer position during the spring ... Contributed four tackles during the Hokies' third spring scrimmage ... Added a tackle in the 2004 spring game ...

High School: Played linebacker and fullback for Coach Terry Smith at Jefferson Forest ... Was all-area, all-district, all-region and all-state as a linebacker his senior season ... Named the Seminole District Defensive Player of the Year

... Also named defensive player of the year by the *Lynchburg News & Advance* ... Won the Iron Man Award at Jefferson Forest ... Posted 165 tackles, nine sacks, seven fumble recoveries and two interceptions during his final season ... Had 22 tackles, two fumble recoveries and an interception for a touchdown in a game his senior year ... Was in on 159 tackles as a junior and went on to a school-record 477 career tackles ... Was the defensive MVP for the West team in the 2003 state high school all-star game ... Also competed in track and baseball ...

Personal: Stephen Ray Lloyd ... Born 4/9/85 in Lynchburg, VA ... Son of Steve and Kathy Lloyd ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Michael
Malone** 88

**Split End • 6-3 • 212 • r-So. • 1VL
Friendswood, Texas • Friendswood H.S.**

A promising young receiver who adds depth to the split end position ... Should get better and better as he gains more exposure to the Tech system ... Brings excellent size and athletic ability to the split end position ... Comes from an athletic background ... His father, Moses Malone, is a member of the NBA Hall of Fame ... Looked like he was really turning the corner this past fall ... Needs to continue those strides ... Coaches want him to bring a positive attitude every day ...

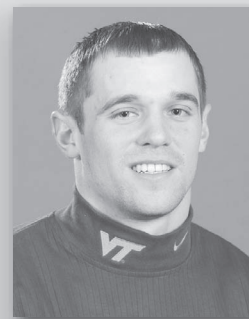
2003: Played in 10 games, mostly on special teams ... Saw action on 45 special teams snaps ... Was in for one special teams play against UCF ... Saw action on five offensive plays and one on special teams against James Madison ... Played on 11 special teams plays against Syracuse and six against Miami ... Was in for five special teams plays at Pittsburgh, five at Temple, four against Boston College and five at Virginia ... Caught four passes for 75 yards, including a 40-yarder, in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave ...

2002: Redshirted while working at the split end position ... Posted a 36-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ...

High School: Played wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Steve Vanmeter at Friendswood High ... Caught 68 passes for 1,200 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior ... Was named first-team all-district, All-Greater Houston and All-Galveston County ... An honorable mention pick on the all-state team ... Helped team to a 12-1 record as a senior ...

Contributed four catches for 111 yards and two touchdowns in one game ...

Personal: Michael Earl Malone ... Born 3/9/84 in Houston, TX ... Son of Moses and Alfreda Malone ... Enrolled in merchandising management.



**Brandon
Manning** 48

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 220 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Harrisburg, Pa. • Central Dauphin H.S.**

Will be competing with James Anderson and Aaron Rouse for the starting whip linebacker job this fall ... Has started 25 games at the whip position over the past two seasons ... Brings experience and an excellent knowledge of the Tech defense to the position ... A smart player who can always be counted on for top effort ... Has been a Super Iron Hokie in the strength and conditioning program each year at Tech ... Joined the Tech squad as a walk-on and earned a scholarship with hard work and steady play ... Made a name for himself on special teams in 2001, blocking a punt for a safety against UCF and returning a blocked punt for a touchdown against No. 1 Miami ... Moved into the starting lineup in 2002 and finished third on the team in tackles with 70 ... Was fourth on the squad in tackles last year with 104 ... Continues to contribute on special teams ... Will see his share of action ...

2003: Played in and started 12 games ... Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 104 ... Had one quarterback sack and five total tackles behind the line ... Also had five quarterback hurries and two passes broken up ... Played 39 snaps in the opener against UCF, recording seven solo tackles, three of which were for losses, and an assist ... Was suspended for the James Madison game for a violation of team policy ... Returned to the Texas A&M game, playing 25 snaps on defense ... Recorded three assisted tackles in that game ... Had three solo tackles, five assists and a quarterback hurry against UConn ... Tallied five solo tackles, one of which was for a loss, and five assists at Rutgers ... Had four assists against Syracuse ... Had 12 solo tackles, four assists and a pass broken up at West Virginia ... Tallied eight solo stops, five assists and three quarterback hurries against Miami ... Tallied three solo tackles, one of which was for a loss, and an assist at Pittsburgh ... Had six solo tackles and six assists



Michael Malone



at Temple ... Played 80 snaps against Boston College, recording nine solo stops, including a sack, five assists, a quarterback hurry and a pass broken up ... Played all 77 snaps at Virginia, tallying six solo stops, including one for a loss, and three assists ... Started in the Insight Bowl and was in on three tackles ... Earned Super

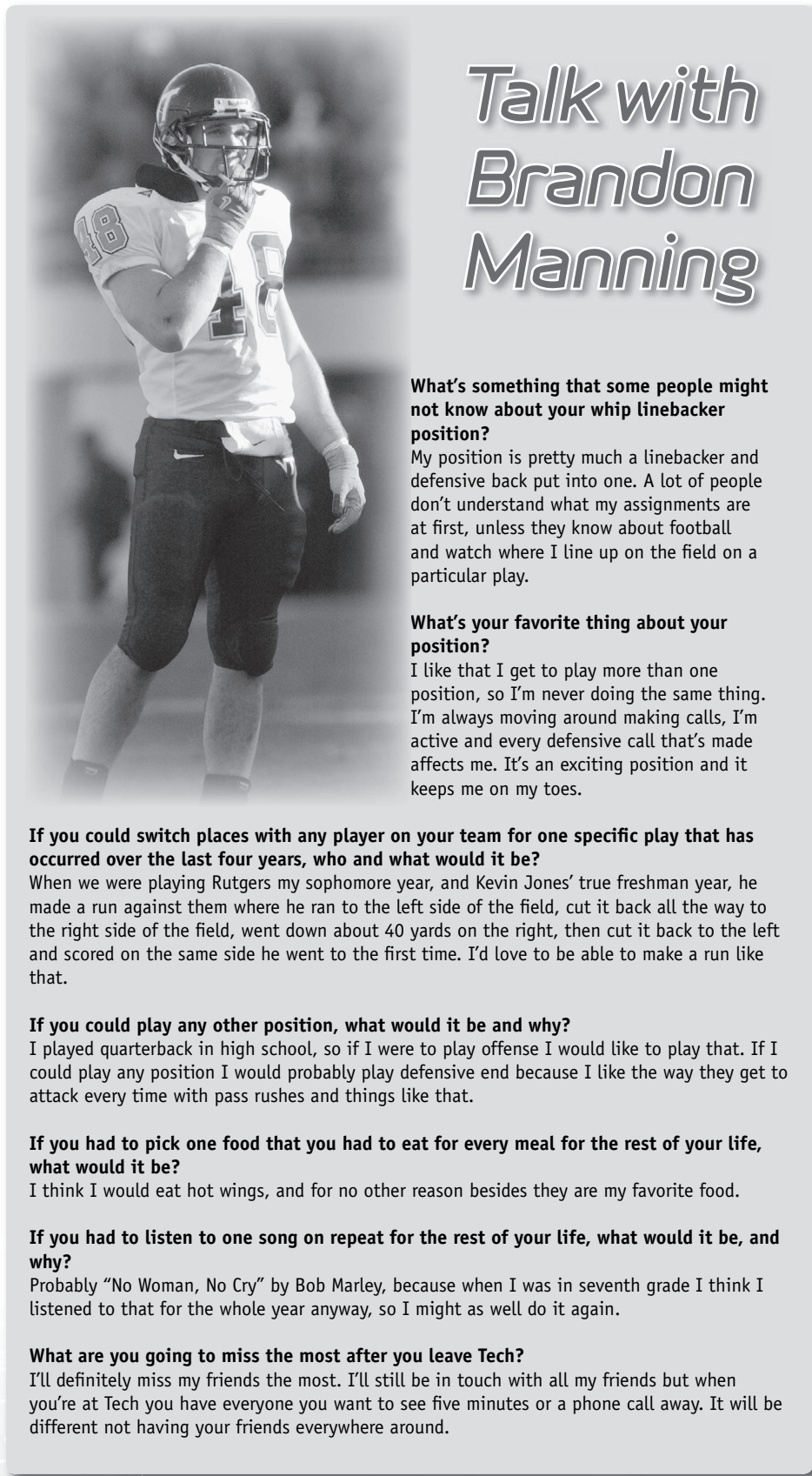
Iron Hokie honors during both the preseason and spring testing periods ... Had a career-best 370-pound bench press during the spring ... Turned in a pair of sacks during the 2004 Maroon-White game ... Finished the contest with a total of five tackles ...

2002: Got the start in the first two games

... Ended up starting 13 games and playing in all 14 ... Was third on the team in tackles with 75 ... Had 37 solo stops and 38 assists ... Included in that total were five tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had two passes broken up, a QB hurry and a fumble recovery ... Recorded two solo stops, including one for a loss, and four assists in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had nine tackles — four solo — in the win over LSU ... Also recovered a fumble in that game ... Came off the bench against Marshall to record two solo stops and two assists ... Got the start and registered four solo stops and two assists in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 34 defensive snaps at Western Michigan, recording two solo stops ... Registered two solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry in the win at Boston College ... Tallied three solo stops and five assists against Rutgers ... Had two solo stops and four assists in the win over Temple ... Recorded five solo tackles and three assists against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss, a sack and a pass broken up ... Had three solo tackles and four assists at Syracuse ... Tallied three solo tackles and a assist, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Also had a pass broken up ... Had three solo tackles against Virginia ... Had two solo stops and an assist at Miami ... Recorded two solo stops and three assists in the San Francisco Bowl ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in both the fall and the spring ... Set personal bests in the bench press (360), back squat (500), clean (316) and vertical jump (36) during spring testing ... His 316-pound power clean was a position record for Tech whip linebackers ... Registered a tackle in the Maroon-White spring game ...

2001: Played in 11 regular-season games, mostly on special teams ... Had seven solo tackles, five assists and a blocked punt in 2001 ... Saw action on six special teams plays against UConn ... Played on four defensive plays against Western Michigan, recording two solo stops and an assist ... Had an assist on 20 total plays at Rutgers ... Played 19 total plays, 15 on special teams against UCF ... Had a solo stop and an assist in that game ... Blocked his first career punt near the end of the first half against UCF ... That block resulted in a safety ... Played 13 plays on defense and 30 total at West Virginia ... Had a solo stop in that game ... Saw action on 23 special teams plays against Boston College ... Was in for 15 special teams plays against Syracuse ... Played 14 plays on special teams against Pittsburgh, recording an assist ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Temple ... Scored his first career touchdown against top-ranked Miami, returning a blocked punt 22 yards for the score ... Earned Iron Hokie honors in the 2001 preseason testing session and was a Super Iron Hokie in the spring ... Posted a 485-pound back squat and a 314-pound clean ... Was in on three tackles during the spring Maroon-White game ...

2000: Redshirted while working at whip linebacker ... Bench pressed 360 pounds during spring testing ... Also had a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump and ran the forty in 4.47 ... Posted seven tackles in the Maroon-White spring game ... Also intercepted a pass and returned it 31 yards ...



Talk with Brandon Manning

What's something that some people might not know about your whip linebacker position?

My position is pretty much a linebacker and defensive back put into one. A lot of people don't understand what my assignments are at first, unless they know about football and watch where I line up on the field on a particular play.

What's your favorite thing about your position?

I like that I get to play more than one position, so I'm never doing the same thing. I'm always moving around making calls, I'm active and every defensive call that's made affects me. It's an exciting position and it keeps me on my toes.

If you could switch places with any player on your team for one specific play that has occurred over the last four years, who and what would it be?

When we were playing Rutgers my sophomore year, and Kevin Jones' true freshman year, he made a run against them where he ran to the left side of the field, cut it back all the way to the right side of the field, went down about 40 yards on the right, then cut it back to the left and scored on the same side he went to the first time. I'd love to be able to make a run like that.

If you could play any other position, what would it be and why?

I played quarterback in high school, so if I were to play offense I would like to play that. If I could play any position I would probably play defensive end because I like the way they get to attack every time with pass rushes and things like that.

If you had to pick one food that you had to eat for every meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I think I would eat hot wings, and for no other reason besides they are my favorite food.

If you had to listen to one song on repeat for the rest of your life, what would it be, and why?

Probably "No Woman, No Cry" by Bob Marley, because when I was in seventh grade I think I listened to that for the whole year anyway, so I might as well do it again.

What are you going to miss the most after you leave Tech?

I'll definitely miss my friends the most. I'll still be in touch with all my friends but when you're at Tech you have everyone you want to see five minutes or a phone call away. It will be different not having your friends everywhere around.

MEET THE HOKIES

Prep School: Attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School in Colorado Springs for one year ... Was the defensive captain on the football team ...

High School: A three-year letterman for Coach George Chaump at Central Dauphin ... Saw action as a defensive back, wide receiver and running back ... Was the Mid-Penn Conference Offensive Player of the Year as a senior ... Also named District III Player of the Year ... Named second-team 4A all-state ... Helped the team to a 30-7 record and two district titles ... Added a conference championship his senior season ... Also lettered in basketball and track ...

Personal: Brandon Lee Manning ... Born 5/12/81 in Philadelphia, PA ... Son of Dr. Richard and Linda Manning ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	7	5	12	0- 0	0- 0
2002	14	37	38	75	5- 14	1- 6
2003	12	59	45	104	5- 27	1- 15
Career	37	103	88	191	10- 41	2- 21

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UCONN	1	3	5	8	0- 0	0- 0
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SYR	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	12	4	16	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	8	5	13	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	3	1	4	1- 6	0- 0
at TU	1	6	6	12	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	9	5	14	1- 15	1- 15
at UVa	1	6	3	9	1- 2	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0



Nick Marshman 67

Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 333 • Fr.
Harrisonburg, Va. • Turner Ashby H.S.

A young lineman who will be battling for playing time this season ... Will enter the fall as the No. 3 man at the left tackle spot ... Has good size for the position ... Enrolled at Tech in January and went through spring practice ... Used those practices to get a leg up on incoming freshmen ... Could redshirt if needed ... Coaches feel he will be a good lineman for the Hokies in the future ...

2003: Entered school in January ... Went through the winter off-season program ...

Worked at offensive tackle during spring practice ...

High School: Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as an offensive lineman ... Was a 2002 AA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... A second-team selection to the 2002 AA Coaches all-state team at the defensive tackle position ... Also played tight end and offensive tackle for Coach Joe Taylor at Turner Ashby ... Caught eight passes as a senior, including two for touchdowns ... Finished with 85 tackles on defense with 15 tackles for loss, 11 quarterback hurries, 6.5 sacks, five tipped passes and three fumbles caused ... Posted three sacks in a game against Potomac ... Rated the No. 23 tight end in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com ... Ranked the No. 23 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked No. 33 on Tom Lemming's All-Mid Atlantic team ... Picked as the No. 14 player in Virginia during the preseason by *SuperPrep* magazine ... Caught 10 passes his junior year and posted 94 tackles and five sacks ... Scored more than 1,000 career points as a center on the basketball team ... Owns the school career and single-game rebounding marks ...

Personal: Nicholas Chase Marshman ... Born 2/13/85 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Frank and Janet Marshman ... Enrolled in university studies.



Jimmy Martin 52

Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 289 • Jr. • 2VL
Fairfax, Va. • Chantilly H.S.

Is firmly entrenched as the starting left tackle heading into the fall season ... One of the biggest surprises on the line last year ... Ranks as one of the best athletes on the offensive line ... Has the potential to become an outstanding player ... Entered school in January 2002 and participated in spring drills ... Gives away some size to bigger players, but makes up for it with quick feet and solid fundamentals ... Has the potential to become an outstanding player ...

2003: Played in and started all 13 games ... Played 699 offensive snaps, grading out at 85.3 percent with 24 knockdown blocks in the regular season ... Opened the season by grading out at 87 percent with a knockdown on 70

snaps against UCF ... Graded out at 84 percent on 57 plays with a knockdown against James Madison ... Played 62 snaps against Texas A&M, grading out at 88 percent with two knockdowns ... Played 39 snaps on offense against UConn, recording two knockdown blocks ... Graded out at a team-high 94 percent with a knockdown block at Rutgers ... Graded out at 88 percent on 59 snaps with a knockdown block against Syracuse ... Played 55 snaps at West Virginia, grading out at 89 percent with three knockdowns ... Graded out at 88 percent with a knockdown on 52 plays against Miami ... Played all 61 offensive snaps at Pittsburgh, grading out at 86 percent with three knockdowns ... Played 67 snaps at Temple, grading out at 87 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 90 percent on 66 snaps with two knockdowns against Boston College ... Played all 67 offensive snaps at Virginia, recording two knockdowns ... Posted a personal-best 410-pound bench press during spring max testing ...

2002: Started the last seven games of the season ... Ended up playing 409 regular-season offensive snaps ... Graded out at 83.1 percent for the season with nine knockdown blocks ... Played 34 snaps on offense in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played briefly in wins over Marshall and at Western Michigan ... Came in to play 20 snaps against Rutgers, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown block ... Earned his first career start against Temple ... Played 58 snaps and had a knockdown block against the Owls ... Played 43 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh, grading out at 83 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 60 snaps on offense at Syracuse, grading out at 83 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 69 snaps on offense against West Virginia, recording a knockdown block ... Had his best game as a starter against Virginia, playing 62 snaps and grading out at 91 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Played 54 snaps at Miami, grading out at 81 percent with a knockdown block ... His 360-pound power clean set a record for Tech offensive tackles ... His 32 1/2-inch vertical jump was the third-best for the O-line ... Began spring practice working at left tackle, but ended up moving back to the right side ...

Prep School: Was a standout offensive lineman for Coach John Shuman at Fork Union in 2001 ... Also saw action along the defensive line in six games for FUMA and posted a pair of quarterback sacks ...

High School: Was a two-way lineman for Coach Bob Herb at Chantilly High ... Recorded nine sacks and a pair of fumble recoveries on defense as a senior ... Earned first-team All-Concorde District honors on offense and defense in 2000 ... Gained first-team all-region recognition on defense and was an honorable mention Group AAA all-state pick ... Also lettered as a first baseman on the baseball team and earned first-team all-district honors as a senior ...

Personal: James Mercer Martin III ... Born 10/19/82 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Susan Martin and Jim Martin ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Talk with Jared Mazetta



Jared
Mazetta **85**

**Tight End • 6-4 • 259 • r-Sr. • 3VL
Flemington, N.J. • Hunterdon Central H.S.**

What are your goals for this year?

I want to help the team as much as I can and to get to the National Championship game. I also want to play the best I can play this year.

What are your future plans, besides football?

I am finishing my degree in physical education. Then I'm going to get my master's degree in health promotion, so I will probably be a teacher or a coach.

How do you get ready for a game?

I like to joke and play around the night before. On game day, I get really serious and try to get mentally prepared. Hours before a game, I'm very calm but right before a game I'm pretty hyped up.

Where do you want to see Virginia Tech football in 2004?

I want to see us in the National Championship game and winning the ACC championship.

What is your best attribute as a player?

I think I'm likeable. Everyone likes to be around me. I am also a very physical player.

What will you miss the most at Virginia Tech?

I think hanging out with everyone, the coaches and the players. I will really miss the friends I made here.

You were highly rated out of high school. How did you use that pressure?

Well, I was highly rated out of high school, but when I came here I was humbled. I had to work hard every day because everyone who comes here is good.

Would you have done anything differently during your time here?

No, this has been a good experience. I like what I have brought to the team as a player. I met a lot of good people.

Will be battling for the starting tight end position with Jeff King ... Was named one of the team's top offensive hustlers of 2004 spring practice ... Has good size and athletic ability ... Will be counted on for senior leadership with a young group of tight ends ... Also sees a lot of action on special teams ... Continues to work hard in the strength and conditioning program ... A good summer of preparation and preseason practice will be crucial for his success this year ...

2003: Saw action in all 13 games ... Was in for 171 snaps on offense and 174 on special teams in the regular season ... Had three catches for 44 yards on the season ... Had one assisted tackle ... Played 16 snaps on offense and 14 on special teams in the opener against UCF ... Was in for 30 snaps on offense and 10 on special teams against James Madison ... Played 19 total snaps, 13 on special teams, against Texas A&M ... Caught his first pass of the season at Rutgers, a 16-yard reception ... Caught two passes for 28 yards, including a diving catch for 19 yards, against Syracuse ... Played briefly at West Virginia ... Was in for 10 snaps on offense and 14 on special teams against Miami ... Played 15 offensive snaps and 15 on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Played 18 snaps on offense and 11 on special teams at Temple ... Played 13 snaps on offense and 19 on special teams against Boston College ... Was in for 10 snaps on offense and 14 on special teams at Virginia ... Hauled in a 22-yard catch during the first scrimmage of spring practice and grabbed a 4-yard TD pass in the final scrimmage ... Earned the Frank O. Moseley Award as one of the top hustlers of spring practice ...

2002: Met five of his six strength and conditioning goals during the preseason ... Played in 11 games, recording one catch for 19 yards ... Missed the opener with a sprained ankle ... Played just two snaps on offense against LSU, but played 15 snaps on special teams ... Saw extended action in the win over Marshall, playing 32 snaps on offense and 10 on special teams ... Played sparingly on offense and on 14 snaps on special teams in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 15 plays on offense and 13 on special

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teams at Western Michigan ... Was in for six snaps on offense and 14 on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played seven snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against Rutgers ... Caught a 19-yard pass in the fourth quarter of that game ... Did not dress for the Temple game ... Returned for the Pittsburgh game and played three snaps on offense and 16 on special teams ... Played five snaps on offense and 15 on special teams at Syracuse ... Was in for 10 plays on offense and 14 on special teams against West Virginia ... Played 17 snaps on offense and 15 on special teams against Virginia ... Saw action on special teams at Miami, recording an assisted tackle ... Contributed three tackles on special teams during the San Francisco Bowl ... Had the second-fastest time among the tight ends in the NFL shuttle during the spring at 4.3 seconds ... Caught a 15-yard pass in one spring scrimmage and had receptions of four and eight yards in two other scrimmages ... Grabbed two passes for 18 yards in the Maroon-White game ...


2001: Turned in a 360-pound bench press in preseason strength and conditioning testing ... Played in all 11 games, mostly on special teams ... Played 147 plays on special teams, recording nine tackles ... Also played 44 snaps on offense ... Saw action on 10 offensive plays and 15 special teams plays in the opener against Connecticut ... Played a personal-best 11 offensive snaps in the Rutgers game ... Also had 16 special teams plays in that game ... Was in on a season-high 19 special teams plays against both Boston College and Pittsburgh ... Had a solo stop and an assist on special teams at Virginia ... Registered a personal-best 460-pound back squat during spring testing ... Caught passes covering 19 and 13 yards during spring scrimmages ...

2000: Worked at tight end and was redshirted ... Added 10 pounds and increased his bench press by 60 pounds during the fall ... Caught an 18-yard pass in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

High School: Rated the No. 11 tight end in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Earned All-America honors from *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... Selected the No. 2 tight end in the East by *PrepStar* ... Listed the No. 8 prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... A three-year letterman as a tight end and defensive lineman for Coach Jim Meert ... Hauled in 21 passes for 300 yards and three TDs as a senior ... Contributed over 70 tackles and seven quarterback sacks on defense ... Blocked two punts and a field goal ... Returned his blocked field goal for a touchdown to give Hunterdon Central a victory in the state semifinals ... Was all-county, all-area and all-state ... Caught 27 passes for more than 400 yards during his junior season ... Added 50 tackles, six sacks, an interception and a blocked punt ... Posted career totals of 67 receptions for 1,019 yards and nine TDs ... Compiled 17 sacks and over 200 tackles ... Set a school career mark for most receptions by a tight end ... Helped his team to back-to-back state championships in 1998 and 1999 ...

Personal: Jared Albert Mazzetta ... Born 6/4/81 in Plainfield, NJ ... Son of Mary Mazzetta and Anthony Mazzetta ... Enrolled in physical education.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	11	0	0	0.0	0	0
2002	11	1	19	19.0	0	19
2003	13	3	44	14.7	0	19
Career	35	4	63	15.8	0	19



Danny McGrath **69**

Center • 6-2 • 294 • r-So.
Herndon, Va. • Herndon H.S.

Helps provide solid depth at the center position ... Enters the fall locked in a battle with Tripp Carroll for the top reserve spot ... A strong player who has been working in the athletic performance program to improve his quickness ... Brings a good work ethic and toughness to the position ... Enrolled in school during January 2002 and played as a true freshman ...

2003: Took a redshirt year while working hard in the strength and conditioning program ... Worked at center during the spring ...


2002: Played in two games ... Was in for 25 offensive snaps on the season ... Saw action on 22 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a knockdown block in that game ... Played three snaps on offense at Western Michigan ...

2001: Entered school in January ... Registered a 420-pound bench press during spring testing ... Also turned in a 500-pound back squat ... Worked at the center position during spring practice ...

High School: A three-year letterman as an offensive guard and defensive lineman for Coach Tom Meier at Herndon High ... Led the team in snaps played his senior year ... Set a school record for pancake blocks ... Made first-team all-district and all-region ... Named to the All-Northern Virginia first-team selected by *The Fairfax Journal* ... An honorable-mention pick on *The Washington Post* All-Metro team and the state All-Group AAA squad ... Earned *PrepStar* All-American honors as the No. 5 offensive lineman in the Atlantic Region ... Rated the No. 20 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 24 player by *SuperPrep* ... Listed No. 17 in Virginia by *ACC Area Sports Journal* ...

Started at offensive guard as a sophomore ... Began playing on both sides of the football his junior season ... Also lettered in wrestling and baseball ... Attended Tech's summer football camp after his junior year ...

Personal: Daniel Patrick McGrath ... Born 3/19/83 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Tim McGrath and Rebecca Krausman ... Enrolled in physical education.



Bart McMillin

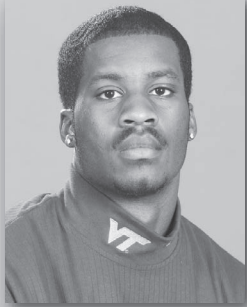
Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 221 • r-Fr.
Bristol, Tenn. • Tennessee H.S.

Will compete for the snapping duties for field goals and extra points ... Originally signed with East Tennessee State but was released from his scholarship when ETSU announced it would drop football ... Decided to enter Tech as a walk-on ... Worked some at linebacker while redshirting last fall ...

2003: Took a redshirt year ... Concentrated mainly on deep snapping, but also got some work at the backer position ... Registered a 490-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

High School: Lettered four seasons for Coach Greg Stubbs at Tennessee High ... Saw action at middle linebacker, fullback and long snapper ... Had 80 solo tackles, 38 assists, six sacks, four fumbles caused and three fumble recoveries his senior season ... Also averaged 7.7 yards a carry at fullback and scored seven touchdowns ... Set a school career record for individual tackles with 238 and sacks with 18 ... Had a career total of 356 tackles, including 118 assists ... Caused 10 fumbles during his career and blocked two punts ... Was a three-time all-conference and all-region pick ... Named Northeast Tennessee Defensive Player of the Year his junior and senior years by the *Bristol Herald Courier* ... Selected to all-state teams picked by the Tennessee Sport's Writers Association and the coaches association ... Picked All-Big Six Defensive Player of the Year his last two years ... Was a National Football Hall of Fame scholarship winner ...

Personal: William Bart McMillin ... Born 2/25/85 in Johnson City, TN ... Son of Jeff and Debbie McMillin ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Brian
McPherson 29**

**Cornerback • 5-10 • 189 • r-So.
Madison Heights, Va. • Amherst H.S.**

A player who just needs to develop some consistency to gain playing time ... Has spent time at both cornerback spots, with most of his work coming at the field corner position ... Got a taste of action last season on special teams ... Combines great feet with good athletic skills ... Is making strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Has shown flashes of his ability but hasn't been consistent enough ... Will be looked to for help on special teams again this season ... Needs a good summer preparation and steady work during preseason practice to earn time at corner ...

2003: Played in nine games ... Had three solo tackles and an assist ... Saw limited action on defense and special teams against UCF ... Had two solo tackles ... Played three total plays against James Madison, recording two solo tackles ... Was in for just one play against Texas A&M, but came up with a huge play ... Recovered a muffed kickoff to set up the game-clinching touchdown ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams against UConn ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Miami ... Picked up some extra experience playing in two jayvee games ... Was in on eight tackles during a jayvee game with Hargrave ... Registered a personal best in all four major lifts during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Also had a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Registered a tackle in the 2004 spring game ...

2002: Practiced at the boundary cornerback position while redshirting in the fall ... Improved in all four major lifts during off-season strength and conditioning work ... Was tried briefly at field corner during spring practice ... Posted two tackles during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ...

High School: Played cornerback, wide receiver and running back during his three varsity seasons for Coach Mickey Crouch at Amherst ... Rushed for over 1,300 yards as a senior and scored nine touchdowns ... Contributed 245 yards and two touchdowns rushing against Staunton River ... Carried 17 times for 243 yards and three TDs in a win over William Fleming ... Earned *PrepStar* All-America honors ... Ranked the No. 6 defensive back in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* ... Rated

the nation's 57th-best athlete by *Rivals* ... Listed the No. 20 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and No. 23 by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named the No. 30 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by Tom Lemming ... Selected the offensive player of the year in his area by *The Lynchburg News & Advance* ... Seminole District and Region III Offensive Player of the Year his senior year ... A first-team all-district and all-region selection ... A second-team Group AA all-state pick by the coaches ... Won all-district and all-region honors as a wide receiver his junior season ... Rushed for over 700 yards and caught 17 passes for 435 yards and three touchdowns that year ... Rushed for 2,616 yards during his career ... Also contributed 28 pass receptions for 576 yards and scored 27 career touchdowns ... Helped football team to district title in 1999 ... Also ran track, helping team to district title as a sophomore ... Finished third in the 100-meters at the 2002 state outdoor track meet ... Was clocked at 6.45 seconds in the 60 meters ...

Personal: Brian Keith McPherson ... Born 5/11/84 in Camden, NJ ... Son of Kerry and Barbara McPherson ... His older brother, Kevin, played football at Hampton University ... Great uncle Vincent Johnson was an offensive lineman at Tech in the late 1970s ... Studying residential property management.



**James
Miller 76**

**Offensive Guard • 6-6 • 299 • Sr. • 2VL
Pompano Beach, Fla. • Ft. Lauderdale H.S.**

Is looking to make the most of his final season ... Has been a spot starter for the Hokies over the past two seasons ... Enters the fall as the co-No. 1 at right guard with Jason Murphy ... An offensive lineman who the Hokies are counting on heavily in 2004 ... Has outstanding size and excellent lower body strength ... A coachable player with good work habits ... Possesses a great desire to be successful ...

2003: Played in 10 games, starting six ... Played 343 offensive snaps, grading out at 85.7 percent with 19 knockdown blocks in the regular season ... Also saw action on 40 special teams snaps ... Opened the season by grading out at 83 percent with two knockdowns against UCF ... Played 54 snaps against James Madison, recording two knockdown blocks ... Played 17 snaps against Texas A&M, grading out at 88 percent with two knockdowns ... Left the game

early with a dislocated toe ... Missed the UConn game with the injury ... Came in for one play at Rutgers ... Started against Syracuse and graded out at 80 percent with two knockdowns ... Did not start at West Virginia and played just seven offensive snaps ... Was in for 14 snaps against Miami, grading out at 88 percent with two knockdowns ... Played eight snaps on offense at Pittsburgh recording a knockdown block ... Started at right guard at Temple, playing all 67 snaps with three knockdowns ... Graded out at 86 percent on 66 snaps with three knockdowns against Boston College ... Increased his bench press to 390 pounds during max testing in the spring ...

2002: Got the start in the Hokies' first two games at left guard ... Also saw action at the right guard spot ... Played 274 regular-season offensive snaps with nine knockdown blocks ... Played just 24 snaps in the win over Arkansas State in the opener ... Saw action on 32 offensive plays in the win over LSU ... Came off the bench to play 38 snaps against Marshall ... Graded out at 84 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 30 snaps on offense at Western Michigan, grading out at 87 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Played 10 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 90 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 14 snaps in the win over Rutgers ... Came in to play 25 snaps against Temple ... Played 23 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh ... Graded out at 83 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Played nine snaps on offense at Syracuse ... Played 21 snaps on offense against West Virginia ... Saw brief action on offense in the win over Virginia ... Played 20 offensive snaps at Miami ... His 331-pound clean was the third-best among Tech's offensive linemen during spring testing ... Worked at right guard during the spring ...

2001: His 351-pound push jerk was the fourth-best among the offensive linemen during preseason testing ... Saw action in 10 of the Hokies' 11 regular season games, plus the Gator Bowl ... Played on 160 offensive snaps on the year ... Got his first taste of collegiate action in the opener against Connecticut ... Played 30 offensive snaps versus the Huskies ... Played 29 offensive plays against Western Michigan and 19 at Rutgers ... Had three knockdown blocks at West Virginia ... Graded 83 percent in the Boston College game ... Posted a 500-pound back squat during spring testing ... Moved to left guard during the spring ... Shared the Dr. Richard Bullock Award as the team's most improved offensive player with quarterback Bryan Randall ...

2000: Enrolled at Tech for the second semester in January ... Went through the winter strength and conditioning program ... Opened spring practice working at right tackle, then moved to right guard ...

High School: Ranked the No. 59 player in Florida by *SuperPrep* and listed as the No. 3 defensive end on *The Florida Times-Union* Super 75 team ... Lettered three seasons as a tight end, defensive end and long snapper for Coach John Timmons at Ft. Lauderdale High ... Contributed 21 solo tackles and 26 assists his senior season ... Also posted four

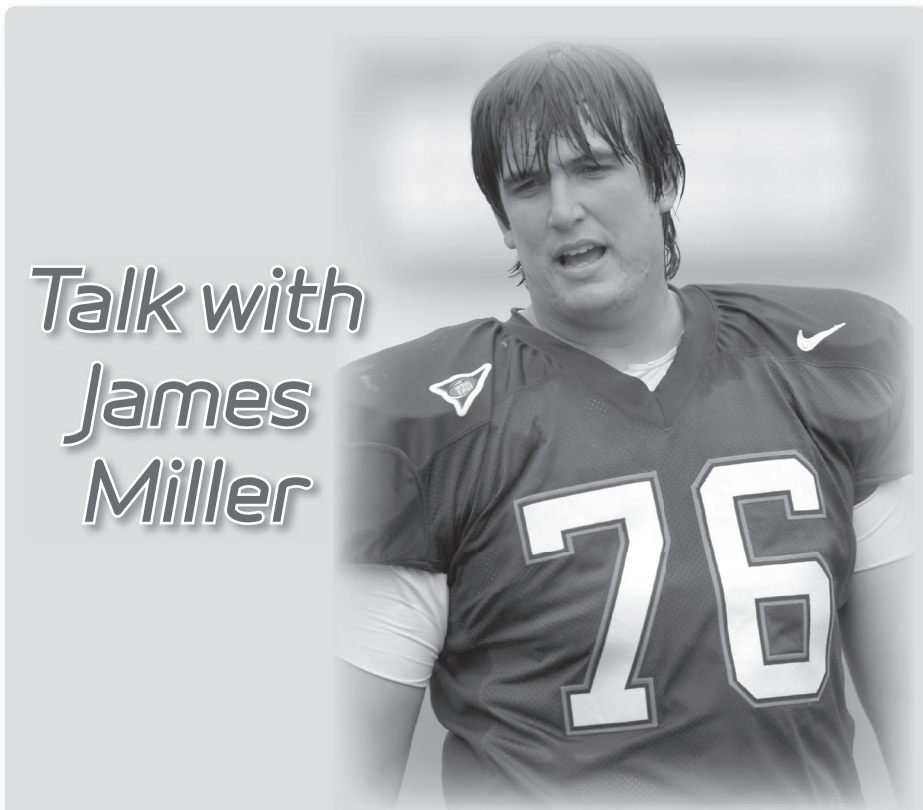


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quarterback sacks, six hurries and two pass deflections ... Graded out a team-high 87.6 percent for his work on the offensive line ... Was second-team all-state ... Voted the team's offensive MVP in '99 and served as the team's captain his last two seasons ... Played in the conference all-star game and was nominated

for the Georgia-Florida All-Star Game ... Caught a game-winning touchdown pass against Boca Raton High during his junior season ... Also competed in basketball, baseball and track ... A Brian Piccolo Scholar-Athlete who was active as a community service volunteer ...

Personal: James Miller ... Born 8/13/81 in Sylva, NC ... Son of Rick and Sherry Miller ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Talk with James Miller

What are your expectations for your senior season?

My team expectations are for us to go to the national championship. As a player, I just want to play to the best of my capability and try to help my team win as much as possible.

What is the best part about your experience here so far?

I'd say the best part of my experience is being around the fellas; being with these guys every day. They are a great bunch of people — coaches, players, everybody, the entire staff, it's just a real family atmosphere. I just enjoy being around everybody.

What's been the most memorable game you've been a part of?

The most memorable game was Miami last year when we beat them, 31-7. The crowd was all over the field. This place was nuts. It was pretty wild.

What motivates you to perform at such a high level?

I'd say just being able to win games and doing it for all the other guys that are on the team. I don't want to let anybody down on this team from the coaches all the way down to the players. I just love playing the game and I love winning.

Last year, you lost a bunch of your seniors on the offensive line. Do you see yourself filling a major leadership role?

I'm kind of the guy that leads by example. I'm someone who practices hard, plays hard, and just gives it all I can. Hopefully the younger guys will see that and follow my lead.

What is the best part about being an offensive lineman?

We get all the girls, man.

If you had a theme song for your life what would it be?

"Oceans" by Pearl Jam.



Roland Minor

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Cornerback • 6-0 • 196 • r-Fr. Washington, D.C. • H.D. Woodson H.S.

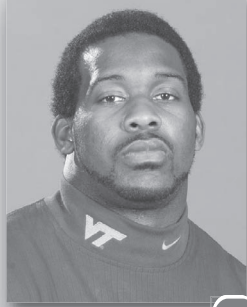
An aggressive young defensive back with a great upside ... Showed steady progress at the boundary corner position during the spring ... Still has a lot to learn, but showed he has a tremendous amount of ability ... Loves to play the game ... Isn't afraid to play the football ... Hits hard and makes plays ... A physical player who is just starting to benefit from the Athletic Performance program ... Tech's coaches are hoping he picks up this fall where he left off in the spring ... Has a chance to see plenty of action during his first varsity season ...

2003: Worked at the boundary corner while redshirting ... Showed improvement in each of the four major lifts during the off-season program ... Led all Tech players with 10 tackles during the 2004 Maroon-White game ... Two of his tackles were sacks for a combined loss of 13 yards ...

High School: Earned first-team All-Metro honors from *The Washington Post* as a senior ... Was a wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner for Coach Greg Fuller at H.D. Woodson ... Registered 53 tackles and seven interceptions, including three for touchdowns, during his senior season ... Also caught 30 passes for 609 yards and eight touchdowns ... Blocked five punts, returning one for a score ... Had 158 yards and three TDs on punt returns and 253 yards and two TDs on kickoff returns ... Caught six passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns in one game during his senior season ... Also contributed an interception, 10 tackles and a fumble recovery in the same game ... Named to the Pigskin Club All-Metro team and was a member of the George Michael Golden 11 team ... Ranked the No. 13 player in the D.C. and Maryland area by *SuperPrep* ... Named a 2002 honorable mention all-region selection by *PrepStar* as a defensive back ... Earned first-team All-Washington D.C. honors as a junior ... Finished his career with 13 interceptions and over 1,100 yards receiving ... Excelled as a sprinter in track ... Ran a 21.8 in the 200 meters ...

Personal: Roland Lawrence Minor ... Born 8/1/84 in Washington, DC ... Son of Theresa Minor ... Studying management.

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Isaac
Montgomery

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Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 284 • r-Sr. • 1VL
Princeton, W.Va. • Princeton H.S.

Will be competing to get into the playing rotation at defensive tackle when practice opens in August ... Brings outstanding size and strength to the position ... Has worked hard to improve his fundamentals ... Has benefited from the strength and conditioning program ... Transferred to Tech from North Carolina, where he was redshirted in 2000 and saw only reserve action in 2001 ... Sat out the 2002 season at Tech ... Was slowed by a knee injury during 2003 spring practice with the Hokies ... Saw action in eight games last season ... Has a strong desire to succeed ... Can be counted on for top effort whenever he takes the field ...

2003: Posted a 420-pound bench press during preseason testing ... Played in eight games, playing 117 defensive snaps ... Compiled six solo tackles and eight assists ... Had one tackle for loss, along with a forced and recovered fumble ... Played 10 snaps on defense and one on special teams against UCF ... Had a solo stop, which was for a loss, and two assists ... Played 15 snaps on defense and one on special teams against James Madison ... Had a solo stop and an assist ... Played 26 snaps on defense against UConn ... Saw increased action at Rutgers, playing 26 snaps on defense ... Had three assisted tackles ... Had a tackle, two assists and a quarterback hurry against Syracuse ... Was in for five snaps on defense against Miami ... Saw his playing time go up at Temple and against Boston College with several injuries along the defensive front ... Played 12 snaps at Temple, recording two solo tackles ... Played 16 snaps against Boston College, recording a solo tackle ... Also forced a fumble, which he recovered ... Recorded a personal-best 630-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Turned in a tackle during the 2004 spring game ...

2002: Transferred to Tech and began classes in the fall ... Practiced with the team but could not participate in games ... Bench pressed 420 pounds during the fall ... Turned in a 600-pound back squat during spring max testing and earned Iron Hokie honors ... Recorded three tackles in the team's first spring scrimmage ... Was injured on the seventh day of practice and was forced to sit out the remainder of spring practice ...



Talk with Isaac Montgomery

In what way would you like to be remembered when you leave Virginia Tech?

I want to be remembered as a player who came out and played hard every day; someone who gave it his all on and off the field.

If you could have any profession other than football and be incredibly successful in it, what would you do and why?

I'd be a bodybuilder. I've been lifting weights since eighth grade. It's the best way for me to relax and clear my mind. I don't have to think about anything else while I'm in the weight room.

What is one thing that many people would be surprised to know about you?

I am a gentle giant. I'm really just a big baby.

What are your goals for yourself and for the team this year?

We're going to win the ACC next year. I want to win that conference. I want to win it bad. For myself, I want to break into the two deep. Ultimately, I want to take over a starting spot, but if I can't start, I want to at least play as much as the starters do. I'm really looking forward to some good playing time.

Who is your personal hero, and why?

I'd definitely say my father. He has never had a lot, but you would never know it from talking to him. He has always been strong, always goes out and gets what he needs. When he is determined to do something, he doesn't let anything get in his way.

What other player on the team do you see really stepping up and surprising people in the fall?

Besides me? I'd say Justin Harper. I don't know him personally yet, but I've watched him play. I really think he is going to surprise a lot of people in the fall. And Xavier Adibi too; he's an incredible athlete. He has great work ethic and always makes big plays on the field.

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UNC: Attended the University of North Carolina for two years before transferring ... Was redshirted as a true freshman ... Saw limited action at defensive tackle his second year ...

High School: Saw action at defensive end, offensive tackle and fullback during his varsity career at Princeton Senior ... Played for Coach Ted Spadaro ... Saw his senior season shortened by a knee injury ... Scored five short-yardage touchdowns ... Earned second-team all-state and first-team all-area honors on defense ... Was selected honorable mention All-America by *USA Today* ...

Personal: Isaac Stephen Montgomery ... Born 3/3/82 in Princeton, WV ... Son of James and Elizabeth Montgomery ... Enrolled in sociology.

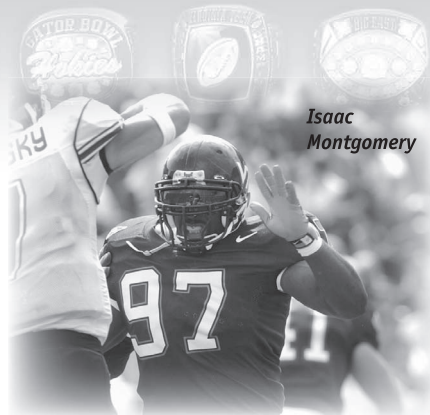


Will
Montgomery **66**

Center • 6-3 • 296 • r-Jr. • 1VL
Clifton, Va. • Centreville, H.S.

Makes the move from guard to center to replace All-American Jake Grove ... Had a great spring in making the transition ... Was named one of team's top hustlers ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at the center spot ... Could move back to left guard if needed ... Originally joined the team as a walk-on defensive tackle and earned a scholarship ... One of the Hokies' top offensive linemen ... Has worked hard and made the most of his abilities ... Is fundamentally sound and uses good technique ... Takes an aggressive, no-nonsense approach to football ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting 10 ... Saw action on 668 offensive snaps, grading out at 88.8 percent with 35 knockdown blocks in the regular season ... Made his first collegiate start against UCF ... Played 81 snaps, grading out at 90 percent with a knockdown ... Played 31 snaps, grading out at 94 percent with a team-high four knockdown blocks against JMU ... Played 49 snaps in the win over Texas A&M, grading out at 82 percent with a knockdown ... Earned his second start against UConn, playing 39 snaps and grading out at 84 percent with a team-high four knockdown blocks ... Started again at Rutgers and played 70 snaps on offense ... Graded out at 92 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Played 34 snaps against Syracuse, grading out at 94 percent with two knockdowns



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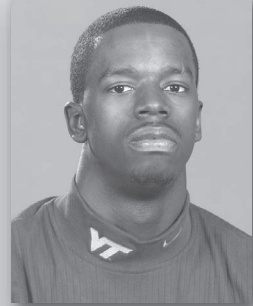
... Got the start at West Virginia and graded out at 90 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Played 52 snaps against Miami, grading out at 84 percent with two knockdowns ... Played all 61 snaps on offense at Pittsburgh, grading out at 91 percent with three knockdowns ... Played all 67 snaps at Temple, grading out at 89 percent with two knockdowns ... Played all 66 offensive snaps against Boston College, grading out at 86 percent with three knockdowns ... Was in for all 67 snaps at Virginia, grading out at 86 percent with a season-high six knockdowns ... Got the start in the Insight Bowl against Cal ... Set position records in the bench press (455) and power clean (380) on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as one of the top hustlers in spring practice ... Spent time at the center position ...

2002: Played in four games at guard ... Was in for 52 offensive snaps this season, recording two knockdown blocks ... Saw action on 34 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State and registered a knockdown block ... Saw brief action in the win over Marshall and at Western Michigan ... Played six snaps against Rutgers, registering a knockdown block ... Set a position record for offensive guards at Tech with a 360-pound power clean during spring max testing ... Also had personal-bests in the bench press (430) and back squat (600) on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors ... Earned the Richard Bullock Award as the Hokies' most improved offensive player during spring practice ...

2001: Began preseason practice working as a defensive tackle ... Was moved to offense before the season and redshirted ... Practiced at right guard ... Improved his bench press to 385 pounds during fall scout team testing ... Continued to work at the right guard position during the spring ...

High School: Lettered three seasons as a two-way lineman for Coach Mike Skinner at Centreville ... Was named first-team Group AAA all-state as a defensive lineman by both The Associated Press and the coaches' association as a senior ... Posted 85 tackles, including eight sacks, that season and blocked a punt ... Turned in three sacks and 11 tackles in the state semifinal game against Varina ... Helped team win the state title ... Was first-team all-district and all-region and second-team All-Metro ... Named the Centreville Athlete of the Year in 2001 ... Was second-team all-district on offense and defense his junior year ... Finished the season with 65 tackles and seven sacks ... Also lettered in basketball and track ... A member of the National Honor Society ...

Personal: William Michael Montgomery ... Born 2/13/83 in Brunswick, ME ... Son of Mike and Rose Montgomery ... Enrolled in business information technology.



Josh
Morgan **17**

Split End • 6-1 • 211 • Fr.
Washington, D.C. • H.D. Woodson H.S.

A young receiver who could be a factor this season ... Suffered a broken bone in his foot during the off-season, but is expected to be 100 percent by the start of practice ... Will look to move up the depth chart at the split end spot ... Enrolled at Tech in January and participated in spring practice ... Has a tremendous upside ... Is very athletic, but is very raw ... Underwent surgery for a fractured foot in May, but should be ready for preseason practice ... Will be a good player for the Hokies down the road, but could take a redshirt this fall ... Does not yet have the body control he needs, but coaches feel he will in time ...

2003: Entered school in January 2004 ... Went through the winter strength and conditioning program ... Caught a 20-yard touchdown pass during Tech's third scrimmage of the spring ... Led the receivers with three catches for 45 yards in the final scrimmage ... Pulled in a 6-yard pass during the Maroon-White game and ran for a 6-yard gain on a reverse ... Underwent surgery for a fractured left foot in May ...

Prep School: Spent the fall semester at Fork Union Military Academy ... Caught 33 passes for 845 yards and eight touchdowns for Coach John Shuman at FUMA ... Blocked four punts and also contributed a punt return for a touchdown ...

High School: Played quarterback, wide receiver and cornerback while playing for Coach Greg Fuller at H.D. Woodson High ... Had eight catches for 275 yards and three touchdowns in a game against Glen Mills High (Pa.) his senior season ... Also contributed four sacks and blocked a punt ... Was named all-DCIAA East as a receiver ... Passed for 987 yards and rushed for 898 his junior year ... Finished with five TDs passing and eight rushing ... Was named the MVP of two tournaments while playing on the basketball team ...

Personal: Joshua L. Morgan ... Born 6/20/85 in Washington, DC ... Son of Dennis Morgan and LaWanda Ware ... Enrolled in business.



Jason
Murphy 72

Offensive Guard • 6-2 • 301 • r-Jr. • 1VL
Baltimore, Md. • Edmondson Westside H.S.

Continues to make strides on the offensive side of the ball after starting his career on the defensive line ... Coming off a great spring ... Needs to continue that momentum into summer and fall work outs ... Enters the fall as a co-No. 1 with James Miller at right guard ... Brings outstanding athleticism and footwork to the offensive guard position ... A physical player who plays hard ... Is focused on being successful and willing to learn ... Continues to improve his strength through the athletic performance program ... A good summer preparation will be extremely important ...

2003: Played in three regular season games ... Saw action on 27 offensive snaps ... Missed the first two games with a sprained ankle ... Dressed for the Texas A&M game, but did not play ... Saw his first action of the season against UConn, playing eight snaps on offense ... Saw brief action on offense at Rutgers ... Played 16 snaps on offense against Syracuse ... Registered a 390-pound bench press during spring max testing ...

2002: Played in 10 games at defensive tackle ... Tallied two solo tackles and 13 assists ... Also had a QB hurry ... Played 24 snaps against Arkansas State ... Had three assisted tackles and a quarterback hurry ... Played seven defensive snaps against LSU ... Played 20 snaps against Marshall, registering a "big hit" ... Had a solo stop and five assists at Texas A&M ... Had an assisted stop at Western Michigan ... Played six snaps on defense at Boston College ... Saw brief action on defense against Rutgers ... Played 12 snaps against West Virginia, recording a solo stop and an assist ... Played 15 snaps on defense against Virginia, recording an assisted tackle ... Had an assisted tackle at Miami ... Played in a jayvee game against Hargrave for extra experience and registered nine tackles ... Recorded an assisted tackle in Tech's bowl win ... Turned in a personal-best 370-pound bench press during off-season testing ... Moved to the offensive line prior to spring practice ... Worked at right guard ...

2001: Worked at defensive tackle while being redshirted in the fall ... Turned in a 340-pound bench press and 470-pound back squat

during spring testing ... Also ran a 4.97 in the 40 ... Had three tackles in one of Tech's spring scrimmages and two tackles and a pass broken up in another ...

High School: *The Baltimore Sun* Defensive Player of the Year ... Was in on over 100 tackles, including 17 quarterback sacks, in 2000 ... Recovered seven fumbles and blocked a pair of punts ... Posted an amazing 60 sacks during his four seasons as a starter for Coach Pete Pompey ... Thirty of those sacks came in 1999 when he helped his team to the Maryland 2A championship game ... Rated the No. 46 defensive player in the nation by *G&W Recruiting* ... Listed as the No. 38 DE by *Rivals* ... *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* rated him the No. 35 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region ... Listed as the No. 14 prospect in Maryland by *ACC Area Sports Journal* and the No. 16 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *SuperPrep* ... A *PrepStar* all-region pick ... A first-team All-Metro and all-state pick as a junior and senior and a second-team All-Metro selection as a sophomore ... Helped the team to three-straight city West Division championships and 28 wins in the last 30 games of his career ... Played his first organized football as a freshman ... Led Edmondson Westside to the state semifinals his senior season ... Spent time at all four defensive line positions during his career and even saw some limited action at linebacker ... Played lacrosse for one season ... Attended Tech's summer football camp after his junior year ... The vice-president of his senior class ...

Personal: Jason G. Murphy ... Born 8/7/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Benjamin and Anna Murphy ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Brandon
Pace 46

Place-kicker • 5-10 • 199 • r-So. • 1VL
Virginia Beach, Va. • Kellam H.S.

A very capable kicker who heads into preseason practice as the leader for the Hokies' place-kicking duties ... Handled Tech's kickoff duties for the majority of the 2003 season ... Attempted and made an extra point in his only action as the place-kicker ... Wasn't as consistent as coaches had hoped during spring practice, but the ability is there ... Has quick steps into the football which gives him good operation time ... Gets good height on the ball ... If he can put everything together on a

consistent basis this fall, he will give the Tech offense a real lift ...

2003: Played in 12 games ... Handled 62 of Tech's 93 kickoffs ... Placed his kicks, on an average, at the 7.7-yard line ... Had 10 touchbacks ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams against No. 2 Miami ... Had an assisted tackle against Boston College ... Kicked an extra point in the Insight Bowl ... Improved in all four major lifts during the off-season strength and conditioning program ... Was 3-for-6 on field goals during Tech's last three spring scrimmages ... Had a long of 42 yards ... Missed from 42, 50 and 47 yards out ... Missed a 32-yard attempt during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: Joined the team as an invited walk-on ... Competed for the place-kicking, kickoff and punting duties during the preseason ... Went through additional competition for the place-kicking duties when Carter Warley was sidelined during the season ... Coaches decided to hold him out of action and redshirt him ... Booted an extra point and a 35-yard field goal during one spring scrimmage ... Added another PAT kick during the Maroon-White game ...

High School: Was a four-year letterman as a kicker and punter for Coach Mike Dewitt at Kellam High ... Set school record for career scoring by a kicker ... Made 18 field goals during his career, including a game-winning 37-yarder that earned Kellam its first-ever victory in a playoff game ... Had three games with more than 10 points kicking during his senior season ... Was named the first-team Group AAA kicker that year ... Also earned all-area, all-conference and all-region honors ... Was team MVP and played in the state high school all-star game during the summer of 2002 ... Lettered as a wrestler his freshman and sophomore years ...

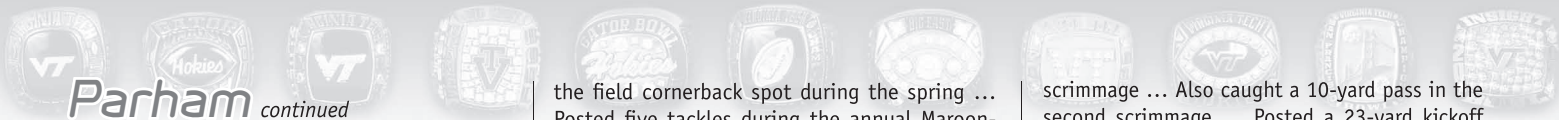
Personal: Brandon Kyle Pace ... Born 11/11/83 in Virginia Beach, VA ... Son of Fred and Donna Pace ... Enrolled in sociology.



Mike
Parham 50

Offensive Guard • 6-0 • 273 • r-So.
Petersburg, Va. • Petersburg H.S.

A versatile lineman who joined the team as an invited walk-on ... Practiced at center last year, but makes the move to left guard this season ... Enters the fall as the No. 3 man at that position ... Adds depth to both the center and guard positions ... Brings a good attitude



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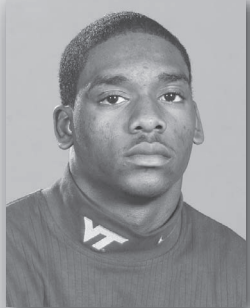
and a desire to succeed to the field ... Still has some adjustments to make ... Is expected to become a contributor along the line in the future ...

2003: Saw action in two games ... Played two snaps on offense against Connecticut ... Also was in for two snaps in the win over Syracuse ... Improved in all four major lifts during off-season strength and conditioning work ...

2002: Redshirted while gaining experience on the scout team ...

High School: Lettered four seasons as an offensive lineman and deep snapper for Coach Remus James at Petersburg High ... Helped clear the way for a rushing attack that picked up 2,800 yards his senior year, including over 900 yards on his side ... Earned second-team all-district honors and honorable mention all-Metro recognition ... Named the team's best offensive player and top offensive lineman as a senior ... Also named to the all-academic team ... Was president of the student council ... Also lettered in track and wrestling ...

Personal: Michael Nathaniel Parham, Jr. ... Born 9/13/84 in Petersburg, VA ... Son of Michael Parham, Sr. ... Enrolled in family financial management.



**D.J.
Parker**

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**Cornerback • 5-11 • 171 • Fr.
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

Picked up some valuable experience after enrolling at Tech in January ... Impressed the coaching staff with his progress ... Showed signs of being a good player ... Possess good speed and athletic ability ... A smooth operator with excellent footwork ... Still needs to work on his technique and continue learning the Tech system, but has put himself in position to see playing time at field corner this fall ... Should benefit from additional work in the strength and conditioning program ... Is just starting to scratch his full potential ... Figures to see some action at corner and on special teams this fall ... Has a bright future with the Hokies ...

2003: Attended prep school in the fall before enrolling at Tech in January 2004 ... Participated in winter workouts ... Worked at

the field cornerback spot during the spring ... Posted five tackles during the annual Maroon-White spring game ...

Prep School: Saw action at cornerback for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave during the fall of 2003 ...

High School: Saw action at quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Bill Dee during his career at Phoebus ... Helped the team to back-to-back state Group AAA championships in 2002 and 2001 ... Completed 45 of 94 passes for 707 yards and 13 touchdowns ... Only threw two interceptions ... Added 400 yards and nine TDs rushing ... Contributed five interceptions on defense ... His game-saving interception against Kecoughtan helped preserve the team's undefeated season in 2002 ... A first-team selection to the 2002 AAA Coaches all-state team ... Named to the first-team *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team as a defensive back ...

Personal: Dorian James Parker ... Born 4/18/85 ... Son of Angela Parker ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Robert
Parker**

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**Split End • 6-1 • 210 • r-So.
Chesapeake, Va. • Oscar Smith H.S.**

A young receiver with potential ... Coaches love his attitude and his character ... Came to Virginia Tech as a raw player, but is starting to come around ... Is still adjusting to Tech's system ... Was hampered by an injury most of last year ... Possesses both good size and excellent speed ... Provides depth at flanker ... Has made progress in the strength and conditioning program and should continue to benefit ... Will also benefit from added exposure to the position ... Must continue to concentrate on fundamentals and the little things as he heads into preseason practice ... Could work his way into the mix for playing time with consistent performances ... Has been plagued with some nagging injuries ... Coaches would like for him to build his body up this summer and make himself more durable ...

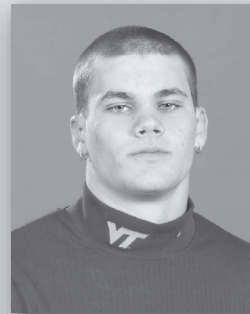
2003: Suffered a foot injury in the preseason ... Missed the first four games ... Came back to dress against Rutgers, but did not play ... Was in for four offensive snaps against Syracuse, his only action of the season ... Turned in a 37-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Had a 17-yard reception in Tech's first spring

scrimmage ... Also caught a 10-yard pass in the second scrimmage ... Posted a 23-yard kickoff return in the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Was redshirted while working at split end ... Registered a 450-pound back squat during the spring, tying for the second-best lift among the receivers ... Posted a time of 4.48 in the forty ... Worked at the flanker position during the spring ... Caught two passes for 19 yards during the Hokies' final spring scrimmage ...

High School: Excelled as a receiver and return man for Coach Bill Lyons at Oscar Smith ... Named the Sleeper of the Year in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Caught 25 passes for 384 yards and five touchdowns as a senior ... Returned three punts for 95 yards, including one for a touchdown ... Also had six kickoff returns for 245 yards, an average of 40.8 yards per return ... Scored on an 87-yard kickoff return against Deep Creek ... Posted seven catches for 101 yards and a touchdown in one game and five receptions for 108 yards and two TDs in another game ... Was second-team All-Southeastern District as a receiver and return man as a senior ... Named the team MVP and the top receiver ... Saw action as a tight end his junior year ... Finished with 33 receptions for 517 yards and seven touchdowns during his two varsity seasons ... A sprinter in track ... Ran a leg on the school's 4x100-meter relay team that finished fifth in the 2001 Group AAA track meet ... Also lettered as a forward on the basketball team ...

Personal: Robert Darnell Parker ... Born 3/10/84 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of George and Gina Blanchard ... Enrolled in residential property management.



**Jake
Patten**

**Free Safety • 6-0 • 190 • So.
Chantilly, Va. • Chantilly H.S.**

A walk-on who joined the Hokies last fall and worked at free safety ... Is still learning the Tech system ... Played well at times ... Needs added exposure to the strength and conditioning program ... Brings a good work ethic to the field ... Could be considered for a spot on special teams if he continues to make progress when practice resumes ...


2003: Worked at free safety ... Recorded a 385-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

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High School: Worked at safety and wide receiver for Coach Ken Kincaid at Chantilly High ... Also returned kicks ... Earned all-district and all-region honors as a senior ... Contributed 84 tackles and seven interceptions ... Had three picks in a game versus Herndon ... Also lettered two seasons in basketball ...

Personal: John Laurence Patten III ... Born 9/30/84 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of John and Elizabeth Patten ... Enrolled in university studies.



Mike Perlozzo

Fullback • 5-8 • 213 • Jr.
Athens, Pa. • Athens H.S.

A former tailback who is adjusting to a move to fullback ... Works hard and has gotten better ... Needs to become more physical ... Suffered a concussion early in spring practice and was pulled back from major contact ... Understands the offense ... Coaches like his effort ... Has made progress in the strength and conditioning program ... Will also benefit from added exposure to the position ... Must continue to concentrate on fundamentals and the little things as he heads into preseason practice ...

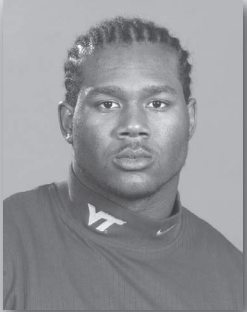
2003: Was moved to fullback after practice started ... Saw action in three games ... Played seven offensive snaps against James Madison ... Played two snaps on offense against Connecticut ... Was in for five snaps on offense against Syracuse ...

2002: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Worked at tailback on the scout and jayvee teams ... Rushed for 89 yards on 14 carries in a jayvee game against Hargrave ... Rushed once for a 4-yard gain in the 2003 Maroon-White game ...

High School: Lettered three times for Coach Jack Young at Athens Area High ... Named the Red Zone Player of the Year ... Was named first-team all-district as a linebacker ... Was named second-team all-district as a running back ... Rushed for 1,214 yards and 12 touchdowns his senior year ... Also had 90 tackles, two interceptions and a fumble recovery ... Rushed for more than 2,600 yards in his career ... Holds the school record for rushing yards in a game

and career ... Also lettered in baseball and basketball ...

Personal: Michael John Perlozzo ... Born 9/2/83 in Sayre, PA ... Son of Nick and Deb Perlozzo ... Brother, Nick, played baseball at Tech from 1996-2000 ... Studying human nutrition, foods and exercise.



Carlton Powell **99**

Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 287 • r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Great Bridge H.S.

A young talent who is making a push for playing time at tackle this fall ... Made a favorable impression during his redshirt year ... Exhibited strength and the ability to get off blocks ... Plays hard ... Is both smart and instinctive ... Could be the type of playmaker the Hokies are looking for in the middle of the line ... Has already started benefiting from the strength and conditioning program ... Heads into preseason practice with a spot in the two-deep ... A player to keep an eye on ...

2003: His 390-pound bench press in August was the top among Tech's reporting freshmen ... Spent a redshirt year working at defensive tackle ... Upped his bench to 415 pounds during scout team maxing during the fall ... Had a 575-pound back squat in spring testing ... Picked up four tackles in the 2004 spring game ... Two of his tackles were behind the line, including a sack for a loss of four yards ...

High School: Played inside linebacker for three years at Great Bridge before moving to defensive tackle as a senior ... Also played along the offensive line for Coach Noble Palmer ... Suffered through some nagging injuries his senior year, but still managed to post 60 tackles, five sacks and five fumble recoveries ... Blocked a punt ... Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Made the honorable mention All-Eastern Region football team as a lineman ... Rated the No. 24 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Picked as the No. 15 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... No. 54 on Tom Lemming's All-Mid Atlantic team ... Finished his junior year with over 80 tackles and 15 tackles

for loss ... A weight man on the track team ... Finished seventh in the Group AAA outdoor shot put competition as a senior ...

Personal: Carlton Eugene Powell, Jr. ... Born 8/14/85 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Carlton and Jay Powell ... Enrolled in university studies.



Cory Price

Cornerback • 5-10 • 181 • So.
Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S.

A good athlete who switched from offense to defense during the spring ... Worked as a receiver after joining the team as a walk-on during the fall ... Moved to cornerback for spring practice ... Made some progress, but needs more time to get adjusted to the position and the Tech defensive system ... Has the work ethic and desire to make the transition ... Could be a candidate for special teams action in the fall ...

2003: His 32 1/2-inch vertical jump in August was the second-best among incoming freshmen ... Played wide receiver on the scout and jayvee teams during the fall ... Improved his vertical to 36 1/2 inches during the off-season program ... Also posted a 450-pound back squat ... Moved to defense, working at cornerback during the spring ...

High School: Was a wide receiver and defensive back for Coach Dave Crist at Blacksburg High ... Caught 21 passes for 588 yards and eight touchdowns his senior season ... Contributed two interceptions on defense ... Caught two passes for 63 yards and a touchdown against Northside ... Also intercepted a pass in overtime during that game ... Posted 12 catches for 302 yards and five TDs as a junior ... Had a game-winning TD in his first high school football game ... Only played football his junior and senior years ... Was an all-district pick his senior year ... Excelled in track, earning first-team Group AA as a sprinter ... Finished second in the state meet in the 200 meters in 2003 ... Also an all-district pick in basketball ...

Personal: McKinley Cory Price ... Born 4/9/85 in Blacksburg, VA ... Son of Tony and Brenda Price ... Studying human nutrition, foods and exercise.

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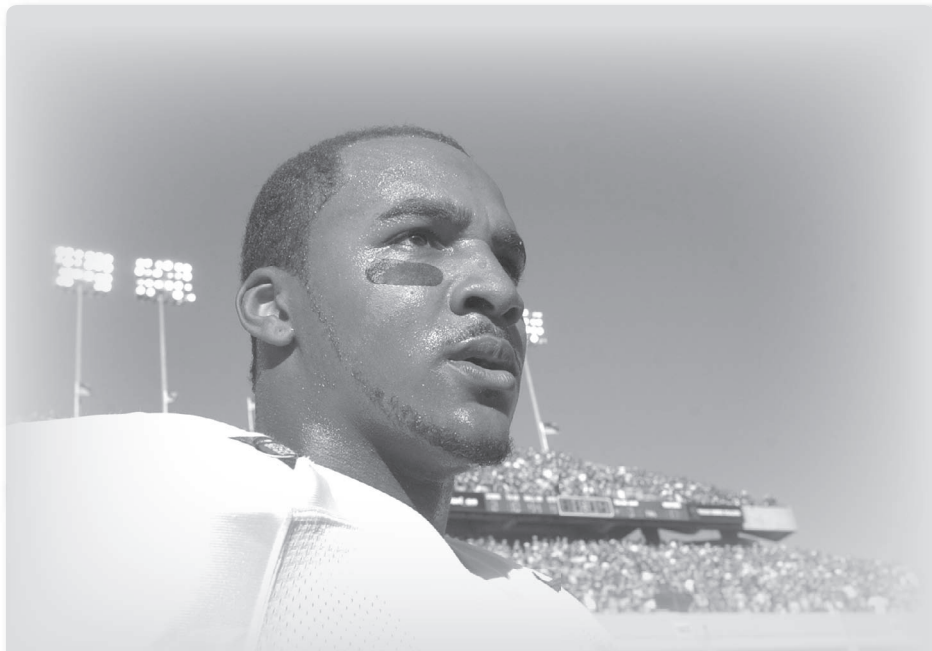
**Quarterback • 6-0 • 222 • Sr. • 3VL
Williamsburg, Va. • Bruton H.S.**

The leader of the Tech offense ... A mobile quarterback who can make plays when things break down ... Combines intelligence with a good work ethic ... Started all 13 games a year ago and the last 25 games for the Hokies ... Has handled the ups and downs of the season like a seasoned veteran ... Has great composure and leadership skills ... Was thrust into the lineup as a sophomore when starting quarterback Grant Noel was injured in the first quarter of the LSU game ... Guided the Hokies to victory against the Tigers and went on to start Tech's last 12 games ... Will be expected to establish himself as one of the Hokies' leaders this fall ... Enters the season as the No. 1 man at quarterback, but must continue to improve to keep his position ... Sits fourth all-time at Tech in career total offense with 5,259 yards, just 847 yards away from establishing a new record ...

2003: Started all 13 games ... Completed 150-of-245 passes for 1,996 yards and 15 touchdowns ... Threw 10 interceptions ... Rushed for 404 yards and five TDs on 82 carries ... Got the season off to a great start, completing 11 of his first 13 passes for three TDs against UCF ... Finished the game 22-of-28 for 278 yards and three scores ... Added 18 yards rushing ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week honors ... Completed 13-of-20 passes for 153 yards against James Madison ... Rushed for 55 yards, including a run of 47 yards for a touchdown ... Threw for 63 yards and a TD against Texas A&M ... Tossed his first interception of the season against the Aggies ... Rushed for 59 yards and a score ... Completed 6-of-14 passes for 64 yards against UConn ... Found Ernest Wilford for a 28-yard touchdown pass ... Rushed four times for 47 yards ... Completed 16-of-22 passes for 250 yards and four touchdowns at Rutgers ... Threw one interception and rushed for 24 yards ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week honors ... Got the scoring started against Syracuse with a 75-yard touchdown on an option keeper ... Finished the game with 93 yards rushing and a score ... Completed 6-of-14 passes for 88 yards with an interception ... Had a rough go of it at West Virginia, tossing three interceptions ... Completed 14-of-22 passes for

146 yards ... Was 0-for-4 with an interception and 15 yards rushing against No. 2 Miami ... Played the first quarter against Pittsburgh, completing 3-of-6 passes for 39 yards ... Threw for 127 yards and a touchdown on 11-of-19 passing at Temple ... Led the Hokies in overtime, rushing for a 23-yard touchdown ... Threw for 176 yards on 12-of-23 passing with a long of 55 yards against Boston College ... Completed 14-of-26 passes for 214 yards and a touchdown at Virginia ...

Connected with Mike Imoh on a 43-yard score ... Also had 11 rushes for 46 yards ... Tossed a pair of interceptions ... Completed 70 percent of his passes (24-of-34) in the Insight Bowl against Cal ... Passed for 398 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions ... Also ran for a score ... Joined the Tech basketball team after the bowl and played in 18 games, averaging 3.1 points a game ... Won the President's Award as Tech's top leader on offense during spring football practice



Talk with Bryan Randall

If you won an ESPY, who would you want to be your award presenter and why?

Donovan McNabb, because I respect him as a player and a person. He has always been one of my favorite players. I believe we have a similar style.

What makes you so proud of Virginia Tech football?

We are a blue collar team that has a hard work ethic. We take pride in what we do. It is like a family here.

What do you like to do when you are not playing football or studying?

I play video games, I'm involved in Athletes in Action and I relax.

What is one thing people would be surprised to know about you?

I am very down to earth and I can get along with almost anyone.

What is one thing you are lost without?

My family. They have always been there for me. They have come to about 95 percent of my games, whether I played or not. I love them very much.

On what reality television show would you most like to be a contestant?

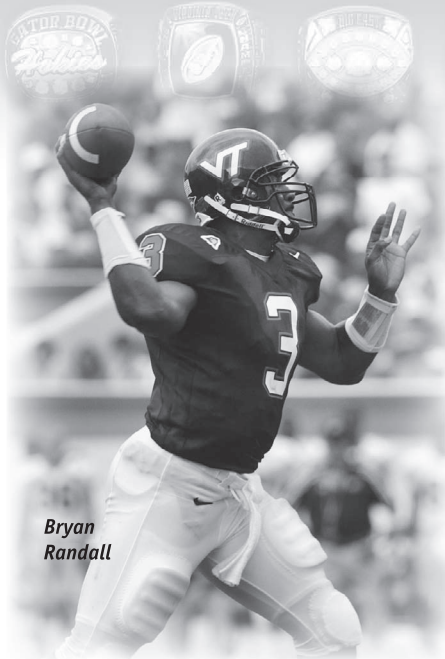
MTV's Road Rules. I am a competitor. I enjoy anything that deals with competition. And you can win good prizes.

If you could switch places with one of your teammates for the day, who would it be and why?

I would like to be any former teammate that is now in the NFL. That is my goal, to play at the next level.

... Threw touchdown passes in three of Tech's four scrimmages ... Was 7-for-18 for 107 yards and one interception during the Maroon-White game ...

2002: Played in all 14 games, starting the last 12 ... Finished the season with 2,134 yards passing and 507 net rushing yards ... Was 158-for-248 on the year with 12 touchdown passes and 11 interceptions ... Had an efficiency rating of 143.09, 10th-best in the nation ... Carried the ball 171 times, second-most on the team ... Had three touchdowns on the ground ... Came off the bench in the opener against Arkansas State to play 25 snaps ... Completed 6-of-8 passes for 66 yards and a touchdown ... Completed a 19-yard pass to Imoh for his first collegiate touchdown pass ... Ran five times for 36 net yards ... Had touchdown runs of 12 and 5 yards ... Played all but the opening two series in the win over LSU ... Completed 5-of-9 passes for 47 yards ... Also ran 14 times for 33 yards, but finished with just six net yards ... Got his first collegiate start in the win over Marshall ... Threw the ball just 12 times, completing five passes for 101 yards ... Had a long of 38 yards to Ernest Wilford ... Ran seven times for 36 net yards ... Directed six touchdown drives and two that resulted in field goals ... Completed 10-of-11 passes in the win at Texas A&M, his first road start ... Missed on his first pass, but completed the last 10 to end the game ... Threw for 119 yards in the game with a long of 52 yards ... The long came on a pass to Wilford, which led to the lone touchdown of the game ... Also ran for 49 yards, but was sacked four times, giving him 14 net rushing yards ... Threw for 194 yards at Western Michigan ... Completed 13-of-19 passes with a touchdown ... Suffered his first two interceptions of the season in that game ... Also ran eight times for 40 net yards ... Directed four long scoring drives in the win at Boston College ... Connected with Wilford for a 44-yard touchdown pass on the game's opening drive ... Completed 4-of-7 passes for 86 yards and that score ... Made several key runs to keep drives alive ... Finished with 37 net rushing yards against the Eagles ... Completed 11-of-15 passes against Rutgers ... Threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Wilford in that game, but also threw an interception ... Completed 13-of-20 passes for 146 yards against Temple ... Connected with Doug Easlick for a 30-yard touchdown play ... Tossed two interceptions in the game ... Also rushed nine times for 47 yards ... Suffered his first loss as a starter against Pittsburgh ... Completed 12-of-22 passes in that game for 145 yards with an interception ... Broke a BIG EAST record and a school record in the triple overtime loss at Syracuse ... Completed 23-of-35 passes for a BIG EAST-record 504 yards ... The yardage was the second-most in school history ... Set a new school mark with five touchdown passes ... Was picked off three times in that game ... Twice completed passes of 87 yards, the third-longest in school history ... Connected with Wilford four times (75, 34, 87, 6) and Lee Suggs once (15) to account for his passing touchdowns ... Also rushed for a touchdown in the second overtime ... Ran for 125 yards against West Virginia ... Also threw for 168 yards and a touchdown on 18-



Bryan
Randall

of-31 passing ... Completed a 6-yard touchdown pass to Keith Willis ... Threw a late interception ... Led the Hokies to a big win over in-state rival Virginia ... Completed just 5-of-11 passes for 85 yards with an interception in windy conditions ... Helped the team with his running, collecting 67 yards on the ground on 14 carries ... Led the Hokies in rushing with a career-high 132 yards on 25 carries at Miami ... Had a long run of 26 yards ... Also had a good day throwing the ball, completing 15-of-26 passes for 165 yards and a score ... Connected with Shawn Witten for a 4-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter ... Was named the Offensive MVP of the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl for his performance ... Was 18-for-23 for 177 yards ... Didn't commit any turnovers and led the Hokies on four scoring drives ... Gained Super Iron Hokie honors in both the fall and the spring ... Was named one of the team's MVPs following spring practice ... Completed 71.7 percent of his passes during spring scrimmages without an interception ... Hit 11-of-18 passes for 187 yards and three touchdowns in one of the four scrimmages ... Went 18-for-24 in another scrimmage for 210 yards and a pair of TDs ... Completed 12 of 21 passes in the Maroon-White game for 149 yards ... Was sacked twice, but did not have an interception ...

2001: Was one of four true freshmen to see action ... Won the No. 2 quarterback job during the preseason ... Saw action in all but three games ... Completed 12 passes on 34 attempts with no touchdowns and an interception on the year ... Also rushed 20 times for 104 yards in eight games ... Was 5-for-10 passing in his first career action against Connecticut ... Threw for 56 yards and had 30 yards rushing against the Huskies ... Completed a 12-yard pass in his only attempt against Western Michigan ... Was 2-for-5 against Rutgers for 11 yards ... Also ran for 39 yards in that contest ... Ran for 24 yards against UCF ... Was 2-for-4 at West Virginia for 17 yards ... Threw his first career interception in the Boston College game ... Was 2-for-7 at Pittsburgh for 18 yards ... Directed three drives at the end of the Temple game ... Was intercepted in his only passing attempt in the Gator Bowl ... Won Super Iron Hokie honors during spring testing ... Led

the quarterbacks with a 320-pound bench press and 570-pound back squat ... Turned in a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.54 clocking in the 40 ... Completed 3-of-8 passes for 23 yards in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Completed six passes in 11 attempts for 47 yards and a touchdown during the second scrimmage and added a touchdown run in the third ... Passed for 103 yards and a TD in the final scrimmage ... Played every offensive snap for both teams in the spring game and finished with a combined total of 211 yards passing ... Completed 21 of 38 passes with one interception ... Scored the only touchdown of the game on an 8-yard run ... Shared the Dr. Richard Bullock Award for the most improved offensive player with guard James Miller ...

High School: Rated the top player in Virginia for the 2000 season ... Finished his senior season rated the No. 2 athlete in the nation by *SuperPrep* and the No. 4 quarterback in the country by *PrepStar* ... As a junior, he became the first player in Virginia high school football history to rush for 1,000 yards and pass for 1,000 yards in the same season ... As a senior, he became the first state player to duplicate the feat in back-to-back seasons ... A prep All-America pick by *Parade*, *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar*, *Blue Chip Recruiting*, *G&W Recruiting* and *Student Sports* ... Rated the No. 15 player in the nation, the Mid-Atlantic Offensive Player of the Year and the No. 1 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Was a Dream Team pick by *PrepStar*, which listed him as the No. 1 player in the Atlantic Region ... Ranked as the No. 41 player in the nation by *Max Emfinger's Blue Chip Recruiting* ... *G&W Recruiting's* No. 46 offensive player in nation ... Picked the No. 20 QB in the nation by *Student Sports* ... Named the No. 1 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* No. 21 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region ... Named the Gatorade Player of the Year for the state of Virginia ... An All-Southern pick by *Orlando Sentinel* ... Selected the state Group AA Player of the Year by The Associated Press and the AA Offensive Player of the Year by the state coaches ... First-team Group AA all-state as a QB and DB by coaches ... First-team Group AA as DB, second-team as QB by AP ... Accounted for 58 TDs, 2,826 yards passing and 2,169 yards rushing during his final two years ... Passed for 1,301 yards and 14 TDs as a senior ... Completed 94 of 171 passes ... Added 1,012 yards rushing with 16 TDs ... Ran for 214 yards and three touchdowns and passed for 184 yards and two TDs in a win over Tabb ... Posted over 150 tackles and intercepted eight passes on defense as a senior ... Contributed 22 tackles, 134 yards and three touchdowns rushing and a pair of passing touchdowns during a win over Poquoson his junior year ... Rushed for 1,157 yards and passed for 1,525 as a junior ... Played quarterback, receiver, safety and returned kicks during his four-year career for Coach Kyle Neve ... Named the district and region offense and defensive player of the year as a senior ... Compiled a district record 7,481 all-purpose yards during his career ... A four-year letterman as a guard on the basketball team ... Was named the state Group AA Basketball Player of the Year

Randall *continued*

as a junior after leading his team to a state championship ... Played on an AAU national championship basketball team ... A member of the National Honor Society ...

Personal: Bryan Jemar Randall ... Born 8/16/83 in Charleston, WV ... Son of Edgar and Belinda Randall ... His father played basketball at West Virginia State ... Brother, Brandon, played basketball at Hampden-Sydney ... Enrolled in sociology.

Passing	G	Att-	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2001	8	34-	12	35.3	114	0	1
2002	14	248-	158	63.7	2134	12	11
2003	13	245-	150	61.2	1996	15	10
Career	35	527-	320	60.7	4244	27	22

2003 Passing Game-by-Game							
UCF	1	28	22	78.6	278	3	0
JMU	1	20	13	65.0	153	0	0
TAMU	1	13	9	69.2	63	1	1
UCONN	1	14	6	42.9	64	1	0
at RU	1	22	16	72.7	250	4	1
SYR	1	14	6	42.9	88	0	1
at WVU	1	22	14	63.6	146	0	3
UM	1	4	0	0.0	0	0	1
at PITT	1	6	3	50.0	39	0	0
at TU	1	19	11	57.9	127	1	1
BC	1	23	12	52.2	176	0	0
at UVa	1	26	14	53.8	214	1	2
vs Cal	1	34	24	70.2	398	4	0

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	8	20	104	5.2	0	24
2002	14	171	507	3.0	3	34
2003	13	82	404	4.9	5	75
Career	35	273	1015	3.7	8	75

2003 Rushing Game-by-Game						
UCF	1	6	18	3.0	0	15
JMU	1	4	55	13.8	1	47
TAMU	1	9	59	6.6	1	14
UCONN	1	4	47	11.8	0	35
at RU	1	6	24	4.0	0	16
SYR	1	5	93	18.6	1	75
at WVU	1	14	-8	0.0	0	10
UM	1	5	15	3.0	0	16
at PITT	1	1	2	2.0	0	2
at TU	1	7	46	6.6	1	23
BC	1	4	15	3.8	0	13
at UVa	1	11	46	4.2	0	18
vs Cal	1	6	-8	0.0	1	6



Matt Roan

83

Tight End • 6-4 • 255 • r-Fr.
Dublin, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

One of four tight ends returning this year ... Provides good depth at the position ... Entered school in January 2003 and went through off-season workouts and spring practice

... Must continue adding strength and size through the athletic performance program ... Possesses the work ethic to be successful ...

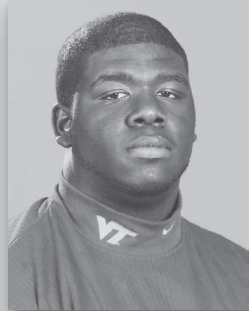
2003: Redshirted during the fall ... Was one of just four returning players to meet all six of his goals in the strength and conditioning program during the preseason ... Turned in a 505-pound back squat during spring maxing ... Caught a 20-yard touchdown pass during second scrimmage of the spring ...

2002: Enrolled in school for the second semester ... Worked at tight end during 2003 spring practice ...

Prep School: Played for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave during the fall of 2002 ... Had an 18-yard reception in a game against the Virginia Tech jayvee team ... Helped Hargrave to a 9-1 record ...

High School: Lettered two seasons as a tight end and outside linebacker for Coach Joel Hicks at Pulaski County High ... Helped the team to a pair of district and regional titles ... Caught nine passes for 158 yards and two touchdowns ... Hauled in three passes for 48 yards and a touchdown against William Byrd ... Grabbed two passes for 33 yards and a TD versus William Fleming ... Contributed 52 tackles and an interception on defense ... Also lettered three years in basketball ... A member of the National Honor Society ...

Personal: Kenneth Matthew Roan ... Born 3/13/84 in Radford, VA ... Son of Kenneth and Debbie Roan ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



Kory Robertson **75**

Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 317 • r-Fr.
Martinsville, Va. • Magna Vista H.S.

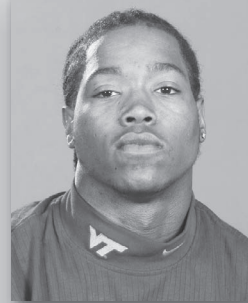
A talented freshman who finds himself with a lot of ground to make up ... Missed some opportunities to work on his technique on the practice field due to a shoulder injury in mid October ... Lost time in the strength and conditioning program after undergoing off-season surgery on his left shoulder ... When he gets caught up in both areas, he will give the Hokies one of their most athletic defensive tackles in some time ... Is big and quick ... Showed enough flashes of his potential to turn the coaches' heads ... Finished the spring healthy ... Needs to condition hard over the summer and be at his best for preseason practice

... Will have a chance to compete for the final spot in the playing rotation at tackle ...

2003: Spent a redshirt year at defensive tackle ... Was slowed much of the fall by a shoulder injury ... Had a 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Was in on two tackles during the 2004 Maroon-White game, including one behind the line of scrimmage ...

High School: A first-team selection to the Group AA Coaches all-state team at the defensive tackle position and a second-team selection as an offensive lineman ... Was also a 2002 AA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... Named a 2002 honorable mention all-region selection by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Recorded 75 tackles, 11 sacks and two fumble recoveries during his senior season for Coach Joe Beckelheimer at Magna Vista ... Played several positions along both the offensive and defensive lines during his career ... Named first-team all-district on both offense and defense as a senior ... Won the 2002 Lee Cook Lineman of the Year Award ... Registered 62 tackles and seven sacks as a junior ... Had four tackles behind the line in an upset win over Martinsville in the 2001 Region IV semifinals ... Ranked the No. 16 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 11 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... No. 50 on Tom Lemming's All-Mid Atlantic team ... Also lettered in basketball and track ...

Personal: Kory Waurez Robertson ... Born 12/12/84 in Atlanta, GA ... Son of John Robertson and Sharon Pittman ... Has lived with his grandparents, John and Mary Robertson, since the age of 5 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Aaron Rouse **36**

Linebacker • 6-3 • 210 • r-So. • 1VL
Virginia Beach, Va. • First Colonial H.S.

A big, fast playmaker who will challenge James Anderson for the starting whip linebacker duties when practice opens ... Picked up some valuable experience while playing in every game last season ... Has good size and excellent athletic skills to go with it ... Plays with good instincts and a constant motor ... Continues to make strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Is also a contributor on special teams ... Named to the 2003 Rivals.

com Freshman All-America football team as an honorable mention selection ... Possesses a tremendous amount of potential ... Is coming off a solid spring practice ... Should see his share of playing time in 2004 ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting one ... Was in for 25 total plays against UCF in the opener ... Had three assists ... Made his first collegiate start against James Madison ... Played 39 defensive plays and three on special teams against the Dukes, registering four solo tackles, seven assists and a forced fumble ... Played 42 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams against Texas A&M ... Had two assisted tackles ... Played 37 snaps on defense against UConn ... Recorded three solo stops, one of which was for a loss, and four assists ... Played 27 snaps on defense at Rutgers, recording two solo tackles and two assists ... Recorded two solo stops, one which was for a loss, and two assists on defense against Syracuse ... Also had a solo tackle and an assist on special teams ... Played 21 snaps on defense at West Virginia, recording three tackles ... Had two assists on defense and an assist on special teams against Miami ... Had a solo tackle on defense and an assist on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Was in for seven special teams plays against Boston College ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Virginia ... Was in on four tackles, including one behind the line, against Cal in the Insight Bowl ... Also broke up two passes in that game ... Had a personal-best 460-pound back squat during spring testing ... Missed the 2004 spring game due to a sprained left knee ...

2002: Spent the fall working at whip linebacker while taking a redshirt year ... Had a 400-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Turned in a 4.44 clocking in the forty ... Was in on four tackles in one spring scrimmage and three in another ... Contributed a quarterback sack and three total tackles during the Maroon-White game ... Also broke up a pass ...

High School: A *PrepStar* All-American who was named the defensive player of the year in the Beach District as a senior ... Saw action as a wide receiver, safety, linebacker, running back and cornerback during his varsity career for coaches Sam Scarborough and Frank Webster at First Colonial ... Posted 85 tackles in 2001, including a pair of sacks ... Intercepted five passes, recovered three fumbles and blocked three kicks ... Caught 13 passes for 390 yards and four TDs as a receiver ... Registered 11 solo tackles and scored a touchdown against Princess Anne his senior year ... Was first-team all-district, all-Tidewater and all-region as a senior ... Named first-team Group AAA by The Associated Press and second-team by the state coaches as a defensive back ... Ranked the No. 32 safety in the nation by *Rivals* ... Rated the No. 9 defensive back in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* ... Listed as the No. 79 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 24 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and the No. 24 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... Finished his junior season with 71 tackles, eight sacks and three interceptions ... Posted a game-saving interception against Ocean Lakes ... Named first-team all-district and

second-team all-Tidewater ... Blocked a school-record eight kicks during his career ... Had 176 career tackles and nine interceptions ... Also lettered in basketball ...

Personal: Aaron Roosevelt Rouse ... Born 1/8/84 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Nadine Rouse ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2003	13	19	27	46	3- 8	0- 0
----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	4	7	11	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	3	4	7	1- 2	0- 0
at RU	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	3	3	6	1- 3	0- 0
at WVU	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	3	1	4	1- 3	0- 0



Bob Ruff

54

**Defensive End • 6-1 • 238 • Sr. • 1VL
McMurray, Pa. • Peters Township H.S.**

A steady player with the versatility to fill in at any of the defensive line positions ... The majority of his time has been spent providing depth at defensive end ... Also contributes on special teams ... Has a good knowledge of the Tech system ... A team player who brings top effort to the field every day ... Joined the team as an invited walk-on in 2001 ... Contributed as a member of the scout and jayvee teams his first two seasons ... Will be looked to for senior leadership ...

2003: Saw action in 11 games ... Played eight snaps on defense against UCF, recording two assists ... Played seven snaps on defense and one on special teams against James Madison ... Had an assisted tackle ... Played 16 snaps on defense against UConn ... Played 12 snaps on defense at Rutgers, recording a quarterback hurry ... Played two snaps on defense against Miami and two on special teams at Temple ... Was in briefly on special teams against Boston College and at Virginia ... Recovered a Cedric Humes fumble on a kickoff return against the Cavaliers to help Tech retain possession ... Ran a personal-best 4.77 in the 40 during spring max tests ... Posted two tackles behind the line in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring ... Was in

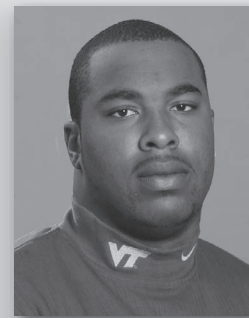
on a tackle during the spring game ...

2002: Played in one varsity game and both jayvee games ... Was in the lineup for 30 plays in the season opener against Arkansas State ... Registered one solo tackle and two assists ... Had three tackles, a tackle for loss and a fumble recovery in a jayvee win against Fork Union ... Posted a quarterback sack against Hargrave ... Contributed a sack in one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages and a tackle for loss in another ... Registered a solo tackle in the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Worked at defensive end ... Played in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave and contributed a tackle ... Registered a 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Was in on two tackles during one spring scrimmage and one in another ...

High School: Lettered three seasons as a linebacker and quarterback for Coach Garry Cathell at Peters Township ... Named Quad A first-team as a linebacker and earned honorable mention all-state honors ... Was team MVP as a junior and senior ... Contributed two interceptions and a pair of fumble recoveries as a senior ... Was moved from offensive tackle to quarterback in the third quarter of a game against Laurel Highlands and guided his team to a win ... Went on to pass for over 500 yards and seven TDs during the season ... Threw a game-winning TD pass with 53 seconds showing to beat the previously undefeated conference leader ... Had 36 solo tackles and 54 assists his junior year ... Also lettered in basketball and baseball ...

Personal: Robert Ryan Ruff ... Born 9/23/82 in Bryn Mawr, PA ... Son of Robert and Christine Ruff ... Enrolled in family financial management.



Tim Sandidge

71

**Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 304 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Madison Heights, Va. • Amherst County H.S.**

An experienced player who is being challenged to turn his game up a notch ... Has seen a considerable amount of playing time the past two seasons, including six starts ... Will likely have to be more productive to maintain his status in the two-deep this coming season ... Possesses good quickness and athletic ability for a 300-pounder ... Has made some strides in the strength and conditioning program, winning



Talk with Bob Ruff



What are your plans after graduation?

I am going to stay here and finish school and then try to get a job in the financial field. I have thought about becoming a coach, but not until later on.

What will you miss most when you finish at Virginia Tech?

I've been playing football since the seventh grade so I will miss playing a lot. I will also miss hanging out with my teammates and the team unity.

You played quarterback in high school. Do you miss it?

I played almost every offensive position because of the way my high school team was. I don't think I could do it at the college level, but it was a good experience.

You played basketball, baseball and football in high school. What made you focus on football?

It was a matter of my knowing what I was good at and knowing what would take me the farthest. I started being recruited for football my sophomore year in high school. I kept up with baseball for a while but I liked playing football more. My senior year, that's what I decided to put all of my energy into.

What made you decide to walk on here?

Well I was in the process of getting offers from Division 1-A schools and it seemed like all of their coaches got fired. So then, Coach [John] Ballein called me and said I could walk on here. The walk-on program here is great because everyone gets a chance to play. I came in as a linebacker and they moved me to defensive end and gave me a chance to prove myself right away.

What are you going to take away from your time at Virginia Tech?

I will take with me my friendships that I have established while I was here. I know that I will keep in contact with a lot of the people I have met here.

How do you get ready for a game?

I usually sit in my locker with my headphones for about 20 minutes and wait for the first group to go out. I start to get ready then and Jeff King and I go out together. We have been running out together since I started dressing.

What is your favorite thing about running through the tunnel?

I love listening to the crowd roar when we run out. It is such an adrenaline rush when you hear that. People can talk about it a lot but you never really understand until you can hear it and go through it.

on defense against UConn, recording a solo tackle, two assists, two quarterback hurries and a pass broken up ... Played 26 snaps on defense at Rutgers, registering two solo stops and a quarterback hurry ... Had three assists and two quarterback hurries against Syracuse ... Had a solo tackle, which was for a loss, at West Virginia ... Tallied four total tackles and a quarterback hurry against Miami ... Had three assists at Pittsburgh ... Played 47 snaps at Temple, recording three solo tackles and three assists ... Made his first start of the season against Boston College, playing 61 snaps ... Had two solo tackles, including a sack, and two assists ... Played 50 snaps at Virginia, recording four solo stops, two assists, a quarterback hurry and a pass break up ... Contributed six tackles in the Insight Bowl ... Led the defensive tackles with a 640-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

2002: Played in 13 games, starting the last three ... Recorded 13 solo tackles and 17 assists ... Included in those 30 stops were five tackles for loss and four sacks ... Also had three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up and a fumble recovery ... Played 19 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Recorded a solo stop and two assists ... Also broke up a pass and recovered a fumble ... Had a solo stop and an assist against LSU ... Played just nine snaps against Marshall before spraining an ankle ... Had a sack and a pass broken up in that short amount of time ... Had an assisted tackle at Texas A&M ... Did not travel to Western Michigan due to a sprained ankle ... Had a solo tackle, an assist and a sack in the win at Boston College ... Played 13 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording two solo tackles, an assist, a quarterback hurry and a sack ... Made an assisted tackle in the win over Temple ... Was in for eight snaps against Pittsburgh, registering an assisted tackle ... Played 39 snaps on defense at Syracuse, registering five tackles, including a sack, and a quarterback hurry ... Recorded a solo tackle and an assist against West Virginia ... Made his first career start against Virginia, recording four solo stops and two assists ... Had a solo stop and an assist, including one for a loss, at Miami ... Also had a quarterback hurry ... Had an assisted tackle in Tech's bowl win over Air Force ... Ran a 4.79 forty during spring max testing and added a 31-inch vertical jump ... Also had a 605-pound back squat ... Posted three sacks during spring scrimmages ... Added another sack during the Maroon-White game ...

2001: Practiced at the nose tackle position while redshirting as a freshman ... Registered the fastest 40 time among the defensive tackles with a 4.85 clocking during spring testing ... Also turned in a 550-pound back squat ... Had three tackles in one of Tech's spring scrimmages and intercepted a tipped pass ... Added three more tackles in another scrimmage ...

High School: Only played football his final two years at Amherst County ... Participated in baseball and basketball during his freshman and sophomore years ... Had 35 tackles, seven sacks and two blocked punts in his first season of play for Coach Mickey Crouch ... Earned all-district and all-region honors ... Was in on 55 tackles

MEET THE HOKIES

Sandidge *continued*

the 2003 Ironman competition ... Only played two seasons of football in high school... Needs to make a good summer preparation and re-establish himself as a playmaker when preseason practice gets underway ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting the last three ... Finished the season with 21 solo

tackles and 26 assists ... Included in those 47 stops were three tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had eight quarterback hurries and two passes broken up ... Had an assist and a quarterback hurry on 25 snaps in the opener against UCF ... Had two solo tackles, one of which was a tackle for loss, and two assists against James Madison ... Had three solo stops and an assist in the win over Texas A&M ... Played 36 snaps

as a senior, posting eight sacks, three fumble recoveries and three blocked punts ... Garnered second-team Group AA all-state honors from the state coaches ... Also named all-district and all-region ... Played defensive tackle, offensive line and tight end during his two seasons ... Scored a touchdown on a pass reception against Rustburg during his junior year ... Rated the No. 23 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... *SuperPrep* ranked him the No. 22 player in Virginia, while *PrepStar* named him All-Atlantic Region ... Attended Tech's summer football camp in 2000 ...

Personal: Timothy Allan Sandidge ... Born 6/12/83 in Lynchburg, VA ... Son of Robert and Dorothy Sandidge ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	13	17	30	5- 28	4- 25
2003	13	21	26	47	3- 3	1- 1
Career	26	34	43	77	8- 31	5- 26
----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	2	2	4	1- 1	0- 0
TAMU	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	1	0	1	1- 1	0- 0
UM	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	3	3	6	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	2	2	4	1- 1	1- 1
at UVa	1	4	2	6	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	2	4	6	0- 0	0- 0



Nic Schmitt 23

Punter/Place-kicker • 6-1 • 260 • r-So.
Salem, Va. • Salem H.S.

Took a redshirt season after being forced into action as a freshman in 2002 ... Used last fall to concentrate on punting ... Also put in some work on kickoffs during the spring ... Was impressive in both areas during the Hokies' 2004 Maroon-White game ... Was slated to redshirt as a freshman, but was called into action when starter Carter Warley was sidelined with back problems ... Was perfect on extra points, but experienced a series of ups and downs with his field goals ... Began to show more consistency while focusing on his punting last year ... May get involved in place-kicking again this fall ... A left-footed kicker with an extremely powerful leg ... Will challenge Vinnie Burns for

the punting duties and leads the candidates for the kickoff job ... Can become an important member of the special teams if he maintains his consistency ...

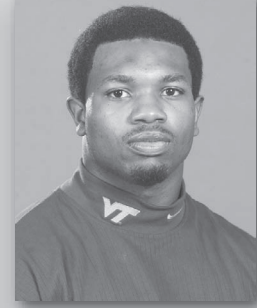
2003: Was redshirted during the fall while concentrating on his punting ... Won Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during the preseason and in the spring ... Set position marks for a specialist with a 604-pound squat, a 316-pound power clean and a 341-pound push jerk ... Had a 62-yard punt and booted a 22-yard field goal during Tech's final spring scrimmage ... Averaged 52.6 yards on five punts during the spring game with a long of 60 ... Put two of his kickoffs through the end zone ...

2002: Dressed for the first three games, but did not play ... Was forced into action for the Boston College game when Carter Warley was sidelined with a back problem ... Kicked off twice in the first half against the Eagles ... Was successful on his four extra points, but barely missed his lone field goal attempt, a 41-yarder ... Was successful on all five extra points against Rutgers, but missed his lone field goal attempt, a 36-yarder ... Connected on his first collegiate field goal against Temple, a 21-yard attempt ... Later made a 22-yard kick ... Missed from 42 yards out, but made both of his extra points ... Was 3-for-3 on PATs against Pittsburgh, but missed a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter ... Kicked two long field goals (46, 47 yards) in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave ... Also punted six times for a 42-yard average in that game ... Saw brief action at Miami, kicking off after Tech's last score ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season with a 340-pound bench press and 530-pound back squat ... Kicked an extra point in the Maroon-White game and punted three times for a 34.3-yard average ...

High School: An all-state kicker who scored 223 points during his three varsity seasons for Coach Willis White at Salem High ... Connected on 8-of-12 field goals as a senior and made all 30 of his extra point attempts ... Was 40-of-41 on extra points his junior season ... Also made 15-of-19 field goals that season ... Kicked the game-winning extra point in the 1999 Group AA championship game ... Made 127 of 128 PAT kicks during his career and was 32-for-43 on field goal attempts ... His longest field goal in a game was 48 yards ... Averaged 39 yards as a punter his senior season and 38 as a junior ... Set school records for most points, most extra points and most field goals ... Also saw action as a defensive back and a receiver ... Intercepted three passes his senior season and six his junior year ... Selected second-team all-state as a kicker by both The Associated Press and the state coaches his senior year ... Was also an all-state pick as a junior ... Named All-Blue Ridge District and All-Region III ... An All-Timesland pick by *The Roanoke Times* ... Earned All-America honors from *PrepStar*, which ranked him the No. 2 kicker/punter in the Atlantic Region ... Listed the No. 29 prospect in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 34 player in the state by *SuperPrep* ... Lettered three years in soccer, winning honorable mention all-state recognition ...

Personal: Nicolas James Schmitt ... Born 1/5/84 in Springfield, MO ... Son of Rick and Bonnie Schmitt ... Studying agriculture.

Scoring	G	EP-A	FGM-A	LG	TP
2002	5	14-14	2-6	22	20
Field Goals		10-29 yds	30-39	40-49	50+
2002		2-2	0-1	0-3	0-0



Darryl Tapp 55

Defensive End • 6-1 • 264 • Jr. • 2VL
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

An explosive young performer who is poised to take over a starting role at defensive end ... Has all-star ability ... Plays hard and plays fast ... Was named the Hokies' most valuable defensive player of the spring ... Has dedicated himself to the strength and conditioning program ... Bulkied up during the off-season without losing any speed ... Possesses the skills and focus needed to make big plays ... Has made himself an outstanding player through hard work ... Stepped in and played in all 14 games as a true freshman ... Was one of the busiest players on special teams that year, starting on five different units and logging nearly 300 snaps ... Also provided solid depth at the defensive end spot ... Got four starts last season and continued to be a major contributor on special teams ... Is expected to be one of the key figures in Tech's defense ...

2003: Was one of just four returning players to meet all six of his goals in preseason strength and conditioning tests ... Played in every game, starting four ... Was in for more than 400 defensive snaps and over 225 plays on special teams ... Compiled 58 total tackles, including 32 solos ... Posted nine tackles for loss, including three sacks ... Also had 17 quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Had one solo stop, which was for a loss, an assist and a quarterback hurry in the opener against UCF ... Had one solo tackle on special teams ... Had a solo stop, which was for a loss, and five assists on defense against James Madison ... Had a solo tackle, which was a sack, and an assist in the win over Texas A&M ... Played 40 snaps on defense against UConn, registering five solo tackles, one of which was for a loss, an assist and three quarterback hurries ... Got the start at Rutgers and tallied two solo stops, both for a loss, three assists and three quarterback hurries ... Started against Syracuse and posted three solo tackles, two assists, a

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quarterback hurry and a forced fumble ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Had five solo tackles and four assists at West Virginia ... Recorded two solo stops, four assists and three quarterback hurries against Miami ... Had an assisted tackle and a quarterback hurry at Pittsburgh ... Played 36 snaps at Temple, registering three solo stops, including a sack, an assist and a quarterback hurry ... Earned the start against Boston College, playing 59 defensive snaps ... Recorded four solo tackles, including a sack and another one for a loss ... Also had two assists and two quarterback hurries ... Had two solo tackles and two quarterback hurries at Virginia ... Added two tackles in the Insight Bowl ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in both the preseason and spring ... Set a position record for defensive ends with a 660-pound back squat during the spring ... Also had a 415-pound bench press and a 340-pound push jerk ... Was the team's top defensive performer during spring practice ... Had three tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery in the Hokies' second spring scrimmage ... Posted three sacks in the third scrimmage and turned in 2.5 sacks and five tackles in the final scrimmage ... Added another sack during Tech's 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: A true freshman who saw his fair share of playing time on both defense and special teams ... Saw action in all 14 games ... Recorded nine solo tackles and 12 assists this season ... Also had three quarterback hurries and a pass broken up ... Played 38 defensive snaps and 23 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had three solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Had an assisted tackle against LSU ... Played 26 total snaps in that game ... Recorded a solo stop on special teams against Marshall ... Played four snaps on defense and 20 on special teams against the Herd ... Saw limited action on defense at Texas A&M, but played 23 snaps on special teams, recording two assisted tackles ... Played 21 snaps on defense at Western Michigan, recording three tackles and two quarterback hurries ... Also played 21 snaps on special teams in that game ... Was in for 21 plays on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played three snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording a solo tackle ... Was also in for 23 plays on special teams against the Scarlet Knights ... Played nine plays on defense against Temple, recording an assisted tackle and a pass broken up ... Also had a solo stop and two assists on special teams against the Owls ... Played 25 snaps on special teams against Pittsburgh, recording an assisted tackle ... Saw brief action on defense and 27 plays on special teams at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Played 16 snaps on special teams against West Virginia ... Scored the game's first touchdown against Virginia, scooping up a blocked punt and returning it 11 yards for the score ... Played 20 plays on special



Darryl Tapp

teams in that game ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Miami ... Recorded an assisted tackle against Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the strength and conditioning program during off-season workouts ... Posted a 380-pound bench press and 530-pound back squat ... Added a 32 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.71 time in the forty ... Was in on five tackles and broke up a pass during one spring scrimmage and had quarterback sacks in two others ... Suffered an ankle injury in Tech's last scrimmage, but came back to register a sack in the Maroon-White game ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as the team's top defensive hustler in off-season workouts and spring practice ...

High School: Recorded 22 career sacks while helping Deep Creek to a 34-4 record during his three varsity seasons ... Excelled as a defensive end for Coach David Cox ... Earned first-team all-Group AAA honors from the state coaches following the 2001 season ... Was a second-team pick by The Associated Press ... Named first-team All-Southeastern District, All-Tidewater and All-Eastern Region ... Was in on 89 tackles his senior season, including a school-record 15 sacks ... Recovered five fumbles ... Posted three sacks against both Hickory High and Booker T. Washington ... Earned preseason All-America honors from *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Reports* ... Selected an All-American and rated the No. 2 defensive lineman in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* following his senior season ... Ranked the No. 38 weak-side end by *Rivals* ... Rated the No. 14 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and the No. 15 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... One of just three juniors to start on offense and defense for Deep Creek in 2000 ... Played in all 14 games and posted eight quarterback sacks ... Earned

first-team all-district honors ... Helped team to the state championship game as a junior and to a regional championship in 2001 ... Lettered three seasons in basketball ... Also lettered as a weight man in track ...

Personal: Darryl Anthony Tapp ... Born 9/13/84 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Charles, Sr., and Ruth Tapp ... Studying marketing.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	9	12	21	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	32	26	58	9- 40	3- 27
Career	27	41	38	79	9- 40	3- 27

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
UCF	1	2	1	3	1- 1	0- 0
JMU	1	1	5	6	1- 1	0- 0
TAMU	1	1	1	2	1- 8	1- 8
UCONN	1	5	1	6	1- 6	0- 0
at RU	1	2	3	5	2- 4	0- 0
SYR	1	4	2	6	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	5	4	9	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	2	4	6	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	3	1	4	1- 11	1- 11
BC	1	4	2	6	2- 9	1- 8
at UVa	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0

John Thibodeau 47

Split End • 6-0 • 180 • r-Jr.
Springfield, Va. • Hayfield H.S.

A speedy receiver who possesses good hands ... Will look to move up the depth chart at the split end spot ... Sets a good example with a strong work ethic ... Needs to continue to work hard on the practice field and off ... Will get better with more reps ...

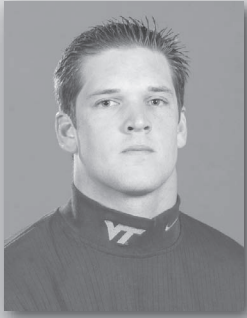
2003: Worked at receiver on the scout team ... Played in both jayvee games ... Had one catch for 5 yards in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave ... Caught a 15-yard pass during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: Took a redshirt season ...

2001: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Practiced at split end ... Played on the scout team ...

High School: Did not play football in high school ... Lettered four years as a wrestler at Hayfield ... Represented the state of Virginia in the nationals for Greco-Roman wrestling ...

Personal: John Robert Thibodeau ... Born 9/7/82 in Montgomery, AL ... Son of David and Betty Thibodeau ... Brother, Anthony, played football at Tech ... Enrolled in mechanical engineering.



**Jordan
Trott**

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**Defensive End • 6-4 • 238 • r-Jr. • 2VL
Torrance, Calif. • Loyola H.S.**

Is learning a new position after moving from linebacker to end prior to spring practice ... His understanding of the Tech system and football savvy should make the transition easier ... Made steady progress during the spring ... Has good size and continues working to improve his strength ... Is smart, tough and physical ... Excelled as a starter on three special teams units his freshman season ... Led the team in special teams tackles ... Saw action in every game last season as the No. 2 man at mike linebacker ... Is the first football player from the state of California to sign with Virginia Tech straight out of high school ... Should be a plus for the Hokies at the end position ...

2003: Played in all 13 games, starting one ... Played 256 defensive plays and 103 on special teams plays during the regular season ... Contributed 30 solo tackles and 18 assists ... Included in those 48 stops were five tackles for loss ... Chipped in two quarterback hurries, a forced interception and a pass broken up ... Recorded a solo tackle, which was for a loss, and two assists in the opener against UCF ... Had a solo stop and two assists against James Madison ... Played nine snaps on defense and seven on special teams against Texas A&M ... Registered a career-high eight solo tackles against UConn ... Had two solo tackles at Rutgers ... Recorded three solo stops and three assists against Syracuse ... Got his first collegiate start against No. 2 Miami and registered four solo tackles, including two for a loss, six assists and two quarterback hurries ... Had two solo stops, including one for a loss, and two assists at Pittsburgh ... Was in for 22 snaps on defense at Temple, recording three solo tackles, one which was for a loss, and an assist ... Played 12 snaps on special teams against Boston College ... Was in for 36 snaps at Virginia ... Had five solo tackles and an assist, along with a pass break up and a forced interception ... Registered two tackles during the Insight Bowl ... Moved to defensive end for spring practice ... Was in on a tackle during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

2002: Played in 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Recorded 11 solo tackles and eight assists this season ... Also had a quarterback hurry on defense ... Played 17 snaps on defense

and 16 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Registered a solo stop and two assists in that game ... Played five plays on special teams in the win over LSU ... Had a solo tackle on eight special teams plays against Marshall ... Played four snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Played 26 snaps on defense at Western Michigan, recording three solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played 14 snaps on special teams, recording three solo tackles, against Rutgers ... Was in for 13 plays on special teams against Temple, recording an assisted tackle ... Saw action on six special teams plays against Pittsburgh, logging an assisted tackle ... Was in for 17 special teams plays, recording a solo tackle, at Syracuse ... Was in for 11 special teams plays against West Virginia and 12 against Virginia ... Recorded a solo stop and two assists in the bowl win over Air Force ... Turned in a personal-best 350-pound bench press during off-season testing ... Had a sack and five tackles during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages ... Was the leading tackler in the Maroon-White game with four solo tackles and two assists ...

2001: Was redshirted while working at mike linebacker ... Turned in a 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Was in on five tackles during one of the team's spring scrimmages ... Contributed two tackles in the Maroon-White game ...

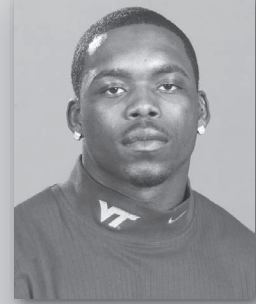
High School: Played several positions as a junior for Coach Steve Grady, including defensive tackle, center and offensive tackle ... Turned in 38 tackles, four sacks, and three fumble recoveries on defense that season ... Switched to linebacker as a senior and helped the team to a No. 25 national ranking ... Registered 138 tackles his senior season with four sacks, three fumbles caused and three recoveries ... Had 15 tackles in the CIF Division I title game versus No. 2 ranked Long Beach Poly ... Named the California Del Rey League, CIF Division I Defensive Player of the Year ... Was selected first-team all-league, all-division and all-region ... Picked the Central City lineman/linebacker of the year by the *L.A. Times* ... Excelled as a first baseman in baseball ... Invited by the Los Angeles Dodgers to join 200 of the best high school baseball players from the western part of the U.S. for a camp at Dodger Stadium during summer 2000 ... One of 50 participants who made the Dodgers' Elite Team ... Named a National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame scholar athlete ...

Personal: Jordan Richard Trott ... Born 6/26/83 in Torrance, CA ... Son of Richard and Rita Trott ... Is studying finance.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	11	8	19	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	30	18	48	5- 6	0- 0
Career	26	41	26	67	5- 6	0- 0

2003 Tackles Game-by-Game						
UCF	1	1	2	3	1- 1	0- 0
JMU	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	8	0	8	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	3	3	6	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0

UM	1	4	6	10	2-	2	0-	0
at PIIT	1	2	2	4	1-	2	0-	0
at TU	1	3	1	4	1-	1	0-	0
BC	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0
at UVa	1	5	1	6	0-	0	0-	0
vs. Cal	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0



**Marcus
Vick**

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**Quarterback • 6-0 • 213 • r-So. • 1VL
Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.**

A gifted young quarterback who will battle for the starting spot ... Is an incredible athlete who can turn heads with his abilities ... Continues to get better and put pressure on incumbent starter Bryan Randall ... Possesses all the right ingredients ... Can make plays throwing the football and running the football ... Is an accurate passer with a great pocket presence ... Combines outstanding athletic ability with football savvy ... Coming off an excellent spring ... Has worked hard to learn the system and the expectations of the position ...

2003: Played in 11 games ... Threw for 475 yards on 30-of-57 passing ... Threw two touchdowns and five interceptions ... Also rushed for 102 yards on 37 carries ... Caught four passes for 82 yards and a score ... Saw action on two drives in the opener against UCF, directing both to touchdowns ... Completed 7-of-10 passes for 102 yards and a touchdown ... Found David Clowney for a 27-yard scoring pass late in the game ... Missed the James Madison game ... Was in for three plays against Texas A&M ... Completed 4-of-5 passes for 59 yards against UConn ... Also rushed twice for 6 yards ... Completed 2-of-6 passes for 37 yards, including a 35-yarder to Ernest Wilford, at Rutgers ... Also threw two interceptions in that game ... Was 2-for-6 for 14 yards against Syracuse ... Played a big hand in the win over No. 2 Miami ... Came off the bench on the third drive of the game to direct the offense the majority of the game ... Rushed six times for 23 yards ... Also completed a 46-yard touchdown pass to Wilford ... Played the last three quarters at Pittsburgh ... Completed 8-of-15 passes for 147 yards and rushed for 22 yards ... Threw two interceptions ... Completed 4-of-6 passes for 61 yards at Temple ... Also had an interception ... Completed one pass for 11 yards and had 19 yards rushing against Boston College ... Saw action at both receiver and quarterback at Virginia ... Rushed the ball three times for 28

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yards in that game ... Added a new dimension to his game against Cal in the Insight Bowl ... Caught four passes for 82 yards, including a 36-yard touchdown from Randall ... Won Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during the off-season ... Ran a 4.33 in the 40 ... Posted a 455-pound back squat ... Had TD passes in two of Tech's four spring scrimmages ... Passed for 110 yards in the spring game on 9 of 17 passing ... Also had a 28-yard rush in the game ...

2002: Was redshirted while working on his fundamentals ... Used the season to get stronger and gain a better grasp of the college game ... Could have played if needed ... Was a member of the dress squad for every game ... Ran a 4.48 forty and posted a 36-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Threw five touchdown passes during spring scrimmages and added another in the Maroon-White game ... Was 6-for-7 passing for 95 yards and one TD during one scrimmage ... Turned in a 57-yard run in another scrimmage ... Hit 10-of-15 passes for 92 yards and a TD in the Maroon-White game ... Earned the Paul Torgersen Award for the top offensive newcomer ...

High School: Compiled over 5,000 yards of total offense during his final two seasons under Coach Tommy Reamon ... Earned prep All-America honors from *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar* and *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Rated the No. 6 quarterback in the nation by *SuperPrep* and the No. 10 QB by *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 7 combination (running/passing) quarterback by Tom Lemming ... Named to *PrepStar's* Dream Team and rated the No. 1 quarterback in the Atlantic Region by that publication ... Selected as the No. 24 overall player in the nation by *SuperPrep* and the No. 50 player by *Prep Football Report* ... Passed for 1,746 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior ... Added 702 yards and 13 TDs on the ground ... Named second-team Group AAA all-state by The Associated Press ... Rated the No. 2 player in the state by both *SuperPrep* and *The Roanoke Times* ... Threw for 2,180 yards and 19 TDs as a junior ...

Personal: Marcus Deon Vick ... Born 3/20/84 in Newport News, VA ... Son of Brenda and Michael Boddie ... Younger brother of former Tech All-America quarterback, Michael Vick ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Passing	G	Att-	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2003	11	57-	30	52.6	475	2	5


----- 2003 Passing Game-by-Game -----							
UCF	1	10-	7	70.0	102	1	0
JMU		Did not play					
TAMU	1	0-	0	0.0	0	0	0
UCONN	1	5-	4	80.0	59	0	0
at RU	1	6-	2	33.3	37	0	2
SYR	1	6-	2	33.3	14	0	0
at WVU		Did not play					
UM	1	4-	2	50.0	44	1	0
at PITT	1	15-	8	53.3	147	0	2
at TU	1	6-	4	66.6	61	0	1
BC	1	4-	1	25.0	11	0	0
at UVa	1	0-	0	0.0	0	0	0
vs Cal	1	1-	0	0.0	0	0	0

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	11	37	102	2.8	0	17

----- 2003 Rushing Game-by-Game -----

UCF	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
JMU		Did not play				
TAMU	1	1	-9	0.0	0	0
UCONN	1	2	6	3.0	0	5
at RU	1	2	-4	0.0	0	4
SYR	1	3	28	9.3	0	17
at WVU		Did not play				
UM	1	6	23	3.8	0	17
at PITT	1	8	22	2.8	0	10
at TU	1	3	-16	0.0	0	3
BC	1	6	19	3.2	0	11
at UVa	1	3	28	9.3	0	11
vs Cal	1	3	5	1.7	0	5

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	11	4	82	20.5	1	36



Cary Wade **30**

Rover • 5-10 • 179 • r-So. • 1VL
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.

Redshirted last season after seeing limited action at cornerback as a true freshman ... Lettered for his play on special teams in 2002 ... Was moved to rover last fall and spent the year adjusting to the new position ... Still has some things to learn, but will have the opportunity to compete for the No. 2 spot at rover when practice resumes ... Needs to continue working to add strength ... A good summer preparation will be important ... Showing consistency in his play this fall will be the key to getting on the field ...

2003: Moved to the rover position prior to the season and was redshirted ... Posted a personal-best 455-pound back squat during the scout team testing in the fall ... Contributed two tackles and broke up a pair of passes during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

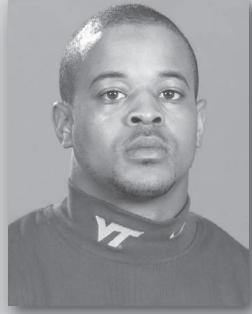
2002: Played in 13 games ... Had nine solo tackles and two assists ... Played 25 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas, registering two solo stops ... Also had two tackles on special teams in that game ... Played five plays on special teams against LSU ... Was on the field for seven special teams plays in the win over Marshall ... Had two solo tackles on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw action on 12 defensive snaps at Western Michigan ... Was in for five special teams plays at Boston College and nine against Rutgers ... Was in for five plays on special teams against both Temple and Pittsburgh ... Got six special teams plays at Syracuse, recording an assisted tackle ... Played four snaps on special teams

against West Virginia and three against Virginia ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams at Miami ... Had a solo tackle in the San Francisco Bowl ... Contributed three tackles during one spring scrimmage and two in another ... Posted three tackles in the Maroon-White game ...

High School: A *PrepStar* All-American who was listed as the No. 10 defensive back in the Atlantic Region ... Started three seasons as a defensive back and wide receiver for Coach Mark Bendorf at Robinson ... Finished with 180 tackles and eight interceptions for his career ... Named second-team Group AAA all-state by both The Associated Press and the state coaches following his senior season ... Earned all-district and all-region honors ... Registered 64 tackles, four interceptions and recovered two fumbles ... Blocked a punt ... Also had a 43-yard punt return ... Helped the team to a state championship in 2001 and a 33-3 overall record over three seasons ... Ranked the No. 27 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 28 player by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 94 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Garnered all-district honors as a junior ... Had 11 tackles, a fumble recovery and an interception against Centreville in the regional finals ... Also lettered in lacrosse and track ...

Personal: Cary Dupree Wade ... Born 5/12/84 in Minneapolis, MN ... Son of Clifton and Beatrice Wade ... Enrolled in communication.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	9	2	11	0-0	0-0



D.J. Walton **24**

Rover • 5-9 • 193 • r-Jr • 1VL
Woodbridge, Va. • C.D. Hylton H.S.

Is trying to get back into the game after missing the 2003 season ... Originally worked at cornerback when he came to Tech ... Lettered as a redshirt freshman in 2002 for his play on special teams ... Was moved to rover late in the season ... Played there during 2003 spring practice ... Sat out the 2003 season ... Returned in January and went through off-season strength and conditioning workouts ... Competed for a spot on the depth chart at the rover position during the spring ... Works hard and is smart ... Picked up some important reps, but was inconsistent ... His status on the depth chart will

be determined by his progress once preseason practice opens ...

2003: Did not play football during the fall ... Returned to the team in January and went through the winter conditioning program ... Worked at the rover position during spring practice ... Registered four tackles during the Maroon-White game ...

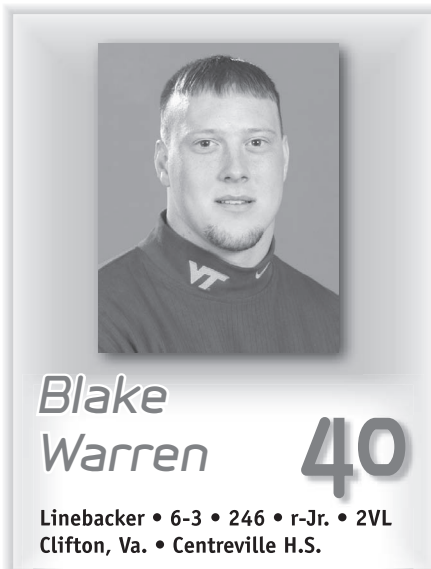
2002: Saw action in all 14 games, mostly on special teams ... Tallied seven solo stops and three assists on the season ... Played 38 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had an assisted tackle in that game ... Played five snaps on special teams against LSU ... Recorded two solo stops and an assist in the win over Marshall, playing 16 total snaps ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Recorded two solo tackles on special teams in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 22 snaps on defense at Western Michigan ... Recorded a solo stop on special teams in that game ... Was in for five special teams plays at Boston College ... Was in for seven special teams plays against Rutgers ... Was in for five special teams plays in the win over Temple ... Was in for all four kickoffs against Pittsburgh and all six kickoffs at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams against West Virginia ... Was in for all three kickoffs against Virginia ... Contributed four tackles during the 2003 Maroon-White game ...

2001: Practiced at the field corner position while redshirting in the fall ... Posted a 475-pound back squat during spring athletic performance testing ... Moved to boundary corner for spring practice ... Contributed a tackle in the annual Maroon-White game ...

High School: A prep All-America pick by *SuperPrep*, *PrepStar*, *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* and *Student Sports* ... Started three seasons as a defensive back and running back for Coach Bill Brown at Hylton ... Helped his team to a 41-2 record and two Group AAA championships over his three seasons ... During a regional championship win against Potomac in 2000, he posted four interceptions and 10 tackles on defense and piled up over 100 yards rushing and two touchdowns on offense ... Posted two long touchdown runs in the fourth quarter of Hylton's state championship win over Varina in 1998 ... Played in the first-ever National High School All-Star football game in Dallas and posted nine tackles ... A first-team pick on *The Washington Post* All-Metro squad as both a junior and senior ... Named first-team Group AAA all-state as both a defensive back and a running back by the state coaches ... Also selected the co-offensive player of the year in AAA by the coaches ... Picked first-team Group AAA as a defensive back by *The Associated Press* ... Named to George Michael's Golden 11 All-Star Team for the Washington Metro Area ... Was in on 97 tackles as a senior and intercepted six passes ... Rushed for 711 yards and 16 TDs as a senior ... He also scored two touchdowns on pass receptions, two more on punt returns and another on a kickoff return ... Was listed the No. 19 DB in the nation and No. 10 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 3 athlete in the Atlantic Region and No. 27

overall player in the Atlantic Region by *PrepStar* ... *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* listed him the No. 151 player in the nation ... Ranked the No. 10 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named honorable-mention All-South by *Orlando Sentinel* ... Had 104 tackles and five interceptions as a junior ... Rushed for over 3,000 yards during his career, including 1,172 as a sophomore ... Also lettered as a guard on the basketball team ...

Personal: David Lee Walton ... Born 10/19/82 in Macon, GA ... Son of David and Eva Walton ... His father played baseball at Valdosta State ... Enrolled in residential property management.



Came out of spring practice with a slight lead in the battle for the starting backer duties ... Has added size and strength to go with his knowledge and feel for the game ... A good tackler who can also be a solid cover man against the passing game ... Plays aggressively and sees the field ... Has shown he can make plays, but is going to have to do it on a more consistent basis ... Made a good adjustment to linebacker after playing safety in high school ... Was named the team's top defensive newcomer after 2002 spring practice, but saw limited playing time during the 2002 season due to nagging injuries ... Played in all 13 games last year as the chief backup to starter Vegas Robinson ... Comes from a good football background ... His father, Don, played 14 years for the Washington Redskins ... Should continue to benefit from the competition provided by Xavier Adibi at the position ... Figures to see a lot of playing time when the season gets underway ...

2003: Saw action in every game as the No. 2 man at the backer position ... Turned in 29 solo tackles and 14 assists ... Included in those 43 stops were three tackles for loss ... Also had one interception and one pass break up ... Had two solo stops, one of which was for a loss, against UCF ... Had three solo tackles, two of which were for a loss, and two assists in the win over James Madison ... Had two solo tackles on special teams against Texas A&M ... Had a career-high eight tackles (four solo) against UConn ... Played 16 snaps on defense at Rutgers, recording three solo tackles, two assists, one

pass broken up and an interception ... Had four solo tackles and three assists against Syracuse ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at West Virginia ... Recorded two solo tackles on special teams against Miami ... Had two solo tackles and an assist on special teams at Pittsburgh ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Temple ... Had a solo tackle on defense and played 23 special teams snaps against Boston College ... Played 20 special teams plays at Virginia ... Registered six tackles against California in the Insight Bowl ... Turned in a 505-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

2002: Played in nine games ... Recorded five solo tackles and seven assists on the season ... Also had an interception ... Had an assisted tackle in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played five snaps on defense and four on special teams in that game ... Saw action on eight defensive and eight special teams snaps in the win over Marshall ... Did not travel to Texas A&M, Western Michigan or Boston College due to a strained back ... Returned to the dress squad roster for the Rutgers game, but did not see any action ... Was in for five special teams plays against Temple ... Saw action on five plays on defense against Pittsburgh ... Was also in for all four kickoffs ... Played four snaps on defense at Syracuse, recording an assisted tackle ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams and intercepted a pass on defense against West Virginia ... Played in a jayvee game against Hargrave late in the season to gain extra playing experience ... Contributed 12 total tackles and three tackles for loss in that game ... Saw action on nine special teams plays in the win over Virginia ... Tallied three solo tackles on special teams at top-ranked Miami ... Had an assisted tackle against Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl ... Improved his back squat to 450 pounds during the spring and ran a 4.56 forty ... Registered four tackles and a sack in one of the spring scrimmages ... Had three tackles during the annual Maroon-White game ...

2001: Was redshirted as a freshman ... Worked at the backer position the entire year ... Turned in a 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Posted four tackles in one spring scrimmage and contributed a sack in another scrimmage ... Was in on five tackles during the Maroon-White game, including one behind the line ... Also broke up a pass ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the top defensive newcomer of the spring ...

High School: Named the Group AAA Defensive Player of the Year in Virginia by the state coaches ... Helped Centreville post eight shutouts and win the state Division 6 championship in 2000 ... Contributed 14 tackles against Deep Creek in the title game ... For the season, he registered 103 tackles, six interceptions, one sack and one fumble recovery from his free safety position ... Was named first-team AAA all-state by both the high school coaches and *The Associated Press* ... Selected a first-team defensive back on *The Washington Post* All-Metro team ... An All-Southern pick by *Orlando Sentinel* ... A member of George Michael's Golden 11 All-Star team for the Washington Metro area ... Concorde District and Northern Region Defensive Player of the Year in

Blake Warren *continued*

2000 ... Rated the No. 15 prospect in the state by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 16 prospect by *SuperPrep* ... A *PrepStar* All-Atlantic Region pick ... Ranked the No. 51 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Contributed 87 tackles and five interceptions as a junior ... Posted 12 tackles against Chantilly in the district championship game ... Finished his career with the most tackles by a defensive back (190) and a school-record 11 interceptions ... Helped Coach Mike Skinner's team to three consecutive district and region titles ... A three-year letterman in baseball ... Won all-district and all-region honors ...

Personal: Blake Davis Warren ... Born 10/10/82 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Don and Irene Warren ... Brother, Brett, is a freshman linebacker on the Hokie squad ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	9	5	7	12	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	29	14	43	3- 9	0- 0
Career	22	34	21	55	3- 9	0- 0

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----

UCF	1	2	0	2	1-	1	0- 0
JMU	1	3	2	5	2-	8	0- 0
TAMU	1	2	0	2	0-	0	0- 0
UCONN	1	4	4	8	0-	0	0- 0
at RU	1	3	2	5	0-	0	0- 0
SYR	1	4	3	7	0-	0	0- 0
at WVU	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0- 0
UM	1	2	0	2	0-	0	0- 0
at PITT	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0- 0
at TU	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0- 0
BC	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0- 0
at UVa	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	4	2	6	0-	0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	9	1	0	0.0	0	0
2003	13	1	4	4.0	0	4
Career	22	2	4	2.0	0	4



**Brett
Warren**

Linebacker • 6-1 • 225 • Fr.
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

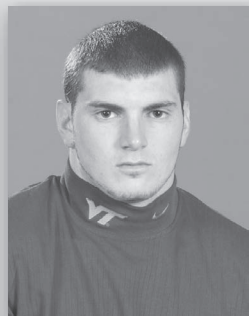
Went through off-season conditioning and spring practice after enrolling in school for the second semester ... Worked at the mike linebacker position ... An active player who made enough progress that he could gain the third spot on the depth chart ... Could also

be a candidate for special teams ... Needs to get stronger, but showed a knack for finding the ball and making plays ... Needs to make a good summer preparation ... His showing in preseason practices will go a long way toward determining his role for this fall ...

2003: Entered school in January ... Posted a 500-pound back squat during off-season testing ... Collected a pair of tackles during the 2004 Maroon-White game ...

High School: Was a 2002 AAA second-team all-state selection by The Associated Press at the linebacker spot for Coach Mike Skinner at Centreville ... Registered a school-record 149 tackles as a senior ... Added four sacks, four fumble recoveries, two interceptions and a blocked punt ... Posted 23 tackles in a game against Chantilly for another school record ... Selected to the second-team All-Metro team picked by *The Washington Post* ... Earned first-team all-district and all-region honors ... Voted team MVP ... Named a 2002 honorable mention all-region selection by *PrepStar* as a linebacker ... Named to the 2002 All-Times first-team defensive squad ... Named a first-team All-ACC Area linebacker by the preseason *G&W Recruiting Report* ... The No. 19 prospect in Virginia as ranked by *SuperPrep* magazine ... Ranked the No. 17 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 56 player in the Mid Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Picked as the No. 19 player in Virginia during the preseason by *SuperPrep* ... His 250 tackles during his junior and senior seasons were a school mark for a two-year period ... Blocked a punt for a touchdown and led the district in sacks with eight his junior year ... Helped team to a state Group AAA title in 2000 and a 31-5 record during his career ...

Personal: Brett Paul Warren ... Born 3/7/85 in Huntington Beach, CA ... Son of Don and Irene Warren ... His father, Don, played 14 seasons with the Washington Redskins ... Brother of current Hokie linebacker Blake Warren ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Carlton
Weatherford**

Fullback • 5-9 • 204 • r-Fr.
Danville, Va. • Tunstall H.S.

A talented young player ... Would be in the mix for the starting fullback position had it not been for a major knee injury he suffered last

December ... Is looking to return to the field by the start of fall practice ... Will have to work extra hard to catch up from the missed time ... Works extremely hard in the film room ... Coaches expect him to be a great player ...

2003: Practiced with the scout team all season ... Was making solid strides in both the weight room and on the field before suffering a serious knee injury in bowl practice ... Underwent ACL surgery on his right knee in January ...

High School: Lettered four times for Coach Buddy Brown at Tunstall High School ... Helped lead his team to two Piedmont District titles ... Rushed for 1,250 yards and 14 touchdowns his senior season ... Also had 141 tackles, five sacks and four fumble recoveries that year ... Was named a first-team all-state linebacker and was the defensive player of the year for Region IV, Division IV and the Piedmont District as a senior ... A two-time All-Region IV, Division IV first-team linebacker and second-team running back ... A three-time first-team All-Metro and two-time first-team All-Piedmont District running back ... Rushed for 2,790 career yards ...

Personal: Carlton Nunn Weatherford, Jr. ... Born 1/5/85 in Danville, VA ... Son of Carlton and Donna Weatherford ... Enrolled in university studies.



**Matt
Welsh**

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Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 289 • Fr.
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

A highly recruited lineman from Virginia who enrolled at Tech in January ... Went through spring practice with the team ... Was originally scheduled to be with the team for the 2003 season, but suffered a torn ACL in his right knee during preseason practice ... Took a deferred enrollment and came in as a freshman in January ... Is expected to provide depth at the guard spot this season ... Could be redshirted if needed ... Enters the fall as the No. 4 man at right guard ... Has the size and athletic ability to be a good lineman, just needs to adjust to the college game ... Needs to take advantage of the strength and conditioning program ...

2003: Entered school for the second semester ... Had a 405 bench press and 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Worked at guard during spring practice ...

High School: Named an All-American by

PrepStar as an offensive lineman ... Injured his knee four games into his senior season and was sidelined until returning for the last two games ... A preseason PrepStar All-American ... Named a first-team ALL-ACC Area offensive lineman by the preseason G&W Recruiting Report ... Coach Mike Skinner tried playing him on both offense and defense, but ended up putting him at offensive tackle ... A first-team selection to the 2001 AAA Coaches all-state team at the offensive tackle position as a junior ... Had 17 pancake blocks in his first game in 2001 ... Ranked the No. 17 offensive guard in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Rated the No. 10 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 12 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 39 player in the Mid Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... A preseason *SuperPrep* All-American, rated the No. 9 player in Virginia and the No. 38 offensive lineman in the country ... Went to the same high school as current Hokies Will Montgomery and Blake and Brett Warren ...

Personal: Matthew Edward Welsh ... Born 9/12/84 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Ed and Maryann Welsh ... Enrolled in business information technology.



Jimmy Williams

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Cornerback • 6-3 • 213 • Jr. • 2VL
Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.

Was involved in the Hokies' biggest move of the spring when he switched from free safety to cornerback ... Started every game at safety last season, but may be better suited for the boundary corner spot ... Will have less responsibilities and more time to focus on his job ... Still has some work to do in terms of technique but seemed to get better with every spring practice ... Brings outstanding size, speed and ability to the position ... A physical player with good coverage skills ... Will be a plus in run support ... Spent his freshman season learning the free safety position under veteran Willie Pile ... Saw increased playing time as the season progressed and led the team in tackles during the Hokies' San Francisco Bowl win over Air Force ... Played more snaps than any other defensive player last season and finished second on the team in tackles with a 114 ... Has all-star potential ... Will get a chance to show it off this fall ...

2003: Started all 13 games at free safety

... Led the defense in snaps played during the regular season with 702 ... Also played 153 snaps on special teams for a total of 855 total snaps ... Finished second on the team in tackles with 114 ... Had 63 solo stops and 51 assists ... Included in that total were four tackles for loss ... Also had five passes broken up, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries ... Recorded two solo stops and five assisted tackles against UCF ... Had two solo stops and two assists against James Madison ... Registered seven solo tackles and five assists in the win over Texas A&M ... Recorded two solo tackles and five assists in the win over UConn ... Scored his first collegiate touchdown at Rutgers, returning an interception 55 yards for a score ... Also had five solo tackles and two assists ... Had two solo tackles and two assists against Syracuse ... Also had a fumble recovery and two passes broken up ... Recorded five solo tackles and eight assists at West Virginia ... Played 83 snaps against No. 2 Miami, recording six solo tackles, six assists, two tackles for loss and a pass broken up ... Played 70 snaps at Pittsburgh, tallying seven solo tackles and three assists ... Played 84 snaps at Temple, recording five solo tackles, three assists and a pass break up ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Had four solo tackles, an assist and an interception on defense against Boston College ... Also recovered the ball on a muffed Eagle punt return ... Played 77 snaps on defense at Virginia, recording nine solo tackles and six assists ... Also had three solo tackles on special teams ... Posted nine tackles in the Insight Bowl, including one behind the line, and also broke up a pass ... Moved to cornerback prior to spring practice ... Had two tackles, a sack and a pass break up in the 2004 Maroon-White game ... Also returned four punts in the game for 66 yards, for an average of 16.5 yards a return ... Had a long return of 36 yards ...

2002: Played in all 14 games, mostly on special teams ... Registered 29 solo tackles and 17 assists this season ... Also had a pass broken up, a tackle for loss and an interception ... In his first college action, against Arkansas State, recorded five solo stops, five assists and a pass broken up ... Played 37 defensive snaps and 13 on special teams in that game ... Played 14 plays on special teams in the win over LSU ... Played eight plays on defense and 11 on special teams against Marshall, recording a solo tackle on special teams against the Herd ... Saw action on nine special teams plays in the win at Texas A&M ... Had a solo tackle and two assists at Western Michigan ... Played two snaps on defense and seven on special teams in the win at Boston College, registering a solo tackle on special teams ... Stepped in on defense against Rutgers when Willie Pile went down with an injury ... Recorded a solo tackle and his first career interception while in the game ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Played five snaps on defense against Temple, recording an assisted tackle ... Also saw action on 11 special teams plays and recorded two solo tackles ... Played two snaps on defense and 10 on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Registered a solo tackle on special teams ... Was in for 17 special

teams plays at Syracuse ... Played five snaps on defense against West Virginia, recording a solo tackle and an assist ... Played 17 snaps on special teams against Virginia ... Saw extensive action on defense at Miami, recording seven solo tackles and four assists ... Also had an assisted stop on special teams ... Made several big plays in Tech's win over Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl ... Recorded seven solo stops and three assists, including a tackle for loss, against the Falcons ... Showed improvement in the strength and conditioning program during off-season workouts ... Ran a 4.4 forty during spring testing ... Collected six tackles in two different spring scrimmages ... Finished the spring game with three tackles ... Was named the team's most improved player on defense ...

High School: A versatile athlete who played quarterback, safety, wide receiver and outside linebacker during his prep career ... Played at Hampton High until transferring to Bethel prior to his senior season ... Was coached by Mike Smith at Hampton and Tracy Parker at Bethel ... Named All-Peninsula District as a junior and senior, earning first-team honors in 2001 ... Was in on over 100 tackles as a safety and OLB at Bethel ... Intercepted seven passes, returning two for touchdowns ... Also contributed a pair of quarterback sacks ... Compiled over 1,000 yards of total offense as a quarterback, passing for five touchdowns and rushing for six ... Completed 7 of 11 passes in one outing for over 200 yards and a pair of touchdowns ... Rushed for 112 yards on 12 carries in another contest ... Returned punts and kickoffs ... Posted 86 tackles his junior year and picked off four passes ... Had eight pass receptions that season for 217 yards and three TDs ... Registered over 200 tackles and 13 interceptions during his career ... Played on a state championship team while at Hampton ... Ranked the No. 17 safety in the nation by *Rivals* and the No. 21 free safety in the nation by *Student Sports* ... Rated the No. 51 player in the Mid-Atlantic Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... An All-Atlantic Region pick by *PrepStar* ... Listed as the No. 26 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 27 prospect by *SuperPrep* ... Selected to the *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star team as a senior ... Also a two-time all-district selection in basketball ...

Personal: James Franklin Williams, Jr. ... Born 3/8/84 in Hampton, VA ... Son of James, Sr., and Elizabeth Williams ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	29	17	46	1- 1	0- 0
2003	13	63	51	114	4- 11	0- 0
Career	27	92	68	160	5- 12	0- 0

----- 2003 Tackles Game-by-Game -----							
UCF	1	2	5	7	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
JMU	1	2	2	4	1- 1	0- 0	0- 0
TAMU	1	7	5	12	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
UCONN	1	2	5	7	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at RU	1	5	2	7	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
SYR	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at WVU	1	5	8	13	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
UM	1	6	6	12	2- 6	0- 0	0- 0
at PITT	1	7	3	10	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at TU	1	6	3	9	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
BC	1	4	1	5	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
at UVa	1	9	6	15	0- 0	0- 0	0- 0
vs. Cal	1	6	3	9	1- 4	0- 0	0- 0

MEET THE HOKIES

2004 Recruiting Class

Andrew Bowman

Linebacker, 6-1, 225
Glen Allen, Va., Hermitage H.S.

A *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-America pick as a senior ... Lettered four seasons while seeing action at linebacker and running back for Coach Patrick Kane ... Posted 99 tackles in 2003 with 11 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks ... Also forced three fumbles and recovered two ... Earned first-team all-district, all-Metro and all-region honors as a linebacker ... Named second-team Group AAA by both The Associated Press and the coaches ... Ranked the No. 7 player in the state by *SuperPrep* and the No. 9 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed the No. 24 linebacker prospect in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 56 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by Tom Lemming's *Prep Football Report* ... Selected the No. 30 prep inside linebacker in the country by Rivals ... Helped his team to a 10-1 record his junior year ... Had 100 tackles that season, including four sacks, an interception, five fumbles caused and five recovered ... Was first-team all-district and second-team all-Metro that season ...

Personal: Andrew Lacy Bowman, Jr. ... Born 3/6/86 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Andrew, Sr., and Gwen Bowman.

Brandon Flowers

Cornerback, 5-9, 175
Delray Beach, Fla., Atlantic H.S.
Hargrave Academy

Prepped at Hargrave in 2003 ... Intercepted three passes as a cornerback for Coach Robert Prunty ... Was rated the No. 18 JUCO/Prep cornerback in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Also ranked the 141 JUCO/Prep player by CFN ... Played in the secondary for Coach Chris Bean at Atlantic ... Helped the team to a regional title in Class 5A his senior year, beating highly rated Ely High ... Intercepted five passes and posted three quarterback sacks ... Also blocked a punt and recovered a pair of fumbles ... Earned first-team all-area and all-conference honors ... Helped the team to a 36-4 record during his varsity career ...

Personal: Brandon Lavar Flowers ... Born 2/18/86 in Delray Beach, FL ... Son of Patricia Flowers and Willie Flowers.

Jeremy Gilchrist

Wide Receiver, 5-10, 180
Virginia Beach, Va., Landstown H.S.

A record-setting receiver for Coach Chris Beatty ... Finished his career ranked second in the Virginia High School League record book in both career pass receptions (198) and career receiving yards (3,230) ... Stands seventh in career touchdown receptions with 33 ... Ranked second all-time in the VHSL for receiving yards in a season (1,399), third in receptions in a season (87) and fifth in

touchdown receptions (18) ... Rated the No. 11 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* and No. 12 by *SuperPrep* ... Caught 87 passes for 1,399 yards and 18 TDs as a senior ... Scored a total of 24 touchdowns that season ... Contributed 10 pass interceptions on defense and averaged 30.7 yards per punt return, taking three back for touchdowns ... Named first-team AAA all-state by The Associated Press ... Was voted second-team all-state by the coaches as a receiver, kick return man and defensive back ... Was also all-district and all-region at all three positions ... Named All-Tidewater as a junior ... Ranked the No. 49 receiver in the nation by Rivals ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ...

Personal: Jeremy Lamont Gilchrist ... Born 2/24/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Verlin Murrell.

Sean Glennon

Quarterback, 6-3, 185
Centreville, Va., Westfield H.S.

Was named the District of Columbia Metropolitan Player of the Year for 2003 ... Led his team to the Virginia AAA Group 6 state championship as a senior ... Passed for 1,840 yards with 26 touchdowns and only four interceptions his senior season ... Also rushed for four TDs ... Earned All-America honors from both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 10 pro-style quarterback in the nation by Rivals ... Selected to *The Washington Post* All-Metro first team ... Was the first-team quarterback on the All-ACC Area Offensive Team selected by *G&W Recruiting Report* ... Rated No. 21 on the All Mid-Atlantic team picked by Tom Lemming's *Prep Football Report* ... A first-team all-state selection by both the AP and coaches ... Accumulated over 4,800 yards passing during his career for Coach Tom Verbanic ... Ranks seventh all-time in the Virginia High School League in career touchdown passes with 67 ... Threw just 11 interceptions during his career ... Had over 1,700 passing yards as a junior ... Passed for 21 touchdowns that year and rushed for four ... Ranked the No. 4 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* and the No. 3 player in the state by *SuperPrep* ...

Personal: Sean Benjamin Glennon ... Born 9/5/85 in Woodlands, Texas ... Son of John and Nancy Glennon.

Mike Green

Fullback/Linebacker, 6-0, 240
Westville, N.J., Deptford H.S.

Rushed for over 3,000 yards and had over 300 tackles during his career at Deptford ... Played running back and linebacker for Coach Al Orio ... Moved from tailback to fullback his senior season and rushed for 870 yards and 13 touchdowns ... Contributed 137 tackles on defense ... Posted five sacks and recovered three fumbles ... Helped his team win the Group 3 state championship in 2003 ... Earned first-team all-state honors ... Also earned all-state honor as a junior when he ran for 800 yards and registered 95 tackles ... Turned in

12 tackles for loss and six sacks that season ... Was a two-time pick on the all-county, all-Group 3, all-area and all-South Jersey teams ... Ranked the No. 22 prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 34 prospect on the All-East Team named by Tom Lemming's *Prep Football Report* ... Selected an All-East Region linebacker by *PrepStar* ... Scored a total of 36 touchdowns during his four-year career as his team posted a 30-12 record ... Also played basketball and baseball ...

Personal: Michael Anthony Green ... Born 10/6/84 in Woodbury, NJ ... Son of Gary and Lynn Green.

Brandon Holland

Offensive Lineman, 6-4, 280
Roanoke, Va., Northside H.S.

Played defensive end and tight end for Coach Jim Hickam ... Named first-team Group AA all-state by The Associated Press and the state coaches ... Posted 46 tackles and three sacks during his senior season ... Turned in a game-saving tackle against Alleghany and finished the contest with nine solo tackles ... Registered 10 solo tackles in a game against Lord Botetourt ... Named his district's defensive player of the year ... Had 75 tackles, 11 tackles for loss, 3.5 sacks, three pass breakups and a fumble recovery as a junior ... Scored a touchdown against Liberty High and made 14 solo stops against Blacksburg that year ... Listed the No. 20 player in the state by Rivals, the No. 26 player by *SuperPrep* and the No. 29 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... An All-Atlantic Region selection as a tight end by *PrepStar* ... Lettered three years in track ... Took third place in the shot put at the Group AA state meet his junior year ... Named All-Timesland in both football and track by *The Roanoke Times* ...

Personal: Brandon Tyrell Holland ... Born 4/1/86 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Deanna and James Claytor.

Carl Howard

Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 290
Cliffwood, N.J., Matawan H.S.

A *SuperPrep* All-American who was ranked the No. 53 defensive lineman in the country by that publication ... Lettered four seasons as a two-way lineman ... Posted 75 tackles and 10 sacks for Coach Joe Martucci in 2003 ... Registered 16 tackles, two sacks and two batted balls during a game with Manasquan ... Named all-county, all-conference and Group 2 all-state ... Finished with 68 tackles, eight tackles for loss and six sacks his junior year ... Ranked the No. 12 player in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 29 defensive tackle in the country by Rivals ... Selected the No. 44 prospect on the All-East Team named by Tom Lemming's *Prep Football Report* ... Was an All-East Region pick by *PrepStar* ... Lettered in basketball and track ...

Personal: Carl Delano Howard III ... Born 10/8/85 in Livingston, NJ ... Son of Kimberly Howard and Carl Howard, Jr. ... His father is a former NFL cornerback.

Theodore Miller

Cornerback, 6-2, 181
Washington, D.C., Woodson H.S.

Excelled as a cornerback and receiver for Coach George Fuller ... Listed as the No. 24 prospect in the Mid-Atlantic by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 17 prospect in the Maryland/D.C. area by Rivals ... Was part of a team that won the DCIAA championship (conference title) in 2002 ... Had 45 tackles and picked off seven passes his senior season ... Returned three of those interceptions for touchdowns ... Contributed 28 pass receptions on offense for 789 yards and seven TDs ... Also returned a punt for a touchdown ... Rated the No. 76 prospect in the Mid-Atlantic region by Tom Lemming in his *Prep Football Report* ... Was a forward on the basketball team ... Had a 6-6 high jump for the track and field team ... Also competed in the high hurdles and 400-meters ...

Personal: Theodore Lorenzo Miller ... Born 3/6/85 in Washington, DC ... Son of Lorraine Miller.

Branden Ore

Tailback, 6-0, 205
Chesapeake, Va., Indian River H.S.

A prep All-American who rushed for 1,280 yards and 18 touchdowns for Coach Cadillac Harris as a senior ... Added 70 tackles and three interceptions as a safety on defense ... Returned one of those picks for a touchdown ... Led his team to the state AAA Group 5 state semifinals ... Rushed for 188 yards and two touchdowns in a win over two-time defending state champion Phoebus ... Was a first-team all-state pick by The Associated Press ... Named second-team all-state by the coaches ... First-team all-district as a running back and second team as defensive back ... Picked first-team All-Tidewater at a defensive back by *The Virginian-Pilot* ... Ran for 963 yards and 11 touchdowns his junior season ... Also contributed 15 pass receptions for 282 yards ... Rated the No. 7 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 26 running back in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... Earned All-America honors from both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ...

Personal: Branden Kary-Allen Ore ... Born 2/17/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of James and Karey Ore.

Maurice Reevey

Tight End, 6-3, 225
Highland Springs, Va., Highland Springs H.S.
Fork Union Military Academy

A versatile athlete who has seen action at several positions ... Moved from New Jersey to Virginia before his junior year ... Had played just one year of football prior to the move ... Was ineligible to play football his first year at Highland Springs ... Saw action at tailback, tight end, receiver and outside linebacker for Coach Scott Burton as a senior ... Rushed for over 800 yards and six touchdowns ... Also caught 15 passes for 310 yards and seven TDs

... Returned an interception for a touchdown against Huguenot ... Rushed for 161 yards and three touchdowns against Lee-Davis ... Contributed 35 tackles, six sacks and four interceptions on defense ... Prepped at Fork Union Military Academy in 2003 ... Only played in three games after developing stress fractures in both of his feet ... Ranked the No. 19 prospect in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 9 JUCO/prep school linebacker in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Rated the No. 49 JUCO/prep school prospect nationally by the same site ... Was a standout basketball player at Highland Springs, helping the team to a state championship his senior year ... Also played basketball at FUMA ...

Personal: Maurice Develle Reevey ... Born 9/18/85 in Long Branch, NJ ... Son of Robin Reevey.

Eddie Royal

Wide Receiver, 5-10, 170
Herndon, Va., Westfield H.S.

Named the Mid-Atlantic Offensive Player of the Year by *SuperPrep* ... Selected the Group AAA player of the year by The Associated Press ... Was *The Washington Post* All-Metro Offensive Player of the Year ... Earned both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* All-America honors following his senior season for Coach Tom Verbanic ... Teamed with fellow Tech signee Sean Glennon to lead his team to the Group AAA Division 6 championship with a 14-0 record ... Had 41 pass receptions for 875 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Contributed a 47-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 1-yard TD run on a reverse in the state title game ... Hauled in 48 passes as a junior for 905 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Scored 10 TDs on kick returns during his career ... Rated the No. 1 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and the No. 2 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 13 wide receiver in the nation by Rivals ... Was picked first-team all-state by the state coaches as a receiver and kick returner ...

Personal: William Edward Royal ... Born 5/21/86 in Alexandria, VA ... Son of Pearl Royal.

Ryan Shuman

Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 262
Fork Union, Va.,
Fork Union Military Academy

Played center and defensive end two seasons for Coach Mickey Sullivan at Fork Union after transferring from Fluvanna High School ... Earned all-prep, all-Central Virginia and all-state honors his junior and senior years at FUMA ... Was named second-team all-district following his sophomore season at Fluvanna ... Helped FUMA to the VISFA state championship in 2002 ... Contributed 76 tackles on defense his senior season ... Registered 10 sacks, two fumble recoveries and blocked a punt ... Turned in 56 tackles and six sacks as a junior ... Returned a fumble 61 yards for a touchdown that season ... Ranked the No. 22 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the state's No. 24 prospect by *SuperPrep* ... Lettered two years in basketball and one in

baseball ... A member of the National Honor Society ...

Personal: John Ryan Shuman ... Born 7/8/86 in Charlottesville, VA ... Son of John and Patricia Shuman ... His dad, John, is the head coach of the postgraduate football team at FUMA.

Purnell Sturdivant

Fullback/Rover, 5-10, 220
Norfolk, Va., Lake Taylor H.S.

A two-way player who was named All-Eastern District and All-Eastern Region as both a linebacker and running back ... Rushed for 1,359 yards and 15 touchdowns as a senior ... Racked up 97 tackles, four sacks and three interceptions from his linebacker spot ... Named the Eastern Region Defensive Player of the Year as a junior and senior ... Earned Eastern District Player of the Year award in 2003 ... Gained 603 yards on 106 carries his junior year, scoring 10 touchdowns ... Helped his team to the state playoffs three consecutive seasons ... A second-team Group AAA all-state pick by AP as a senior ... First-team All-Tidewater linebacker by the Norfolk *Virginian-Pilot* ... Rated the No. 13 prospect in the state by both *SuperPrep* and *The Roanoke Times* ... Named All-Atlantic region by *PrepStar* ... Competed in the long jump, shot put, 200 meters and 4x100 relay as a member of the track team ...

Personal: Purnell Joshua Sturdivant ... Born 3/19/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Purnell and Terry Sturdivant.

Sam Wheeler

Fullback, 6-3, 235
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg H.S.

Played all over the field for Coach Dave Crist at Blacksburg ... Lettered three seasons, while playing running back, wide receiver, linebacker and tight end ... Also punted ... Helped the team to a 25-9 record and two district titles ... Ranked No. 69 in the All-Mid-Atlantic area by Tom Lemming's *Prep Football Report* ... Listed All-Atlantic Region as a defensive lineman by *PrepStar* ... Named the No. 33 prospect in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rushed for over 300 yards his senior season and added 14 pass receptions for 293 yards and four touchdowns ... Contributed 98 tackles on defense ... Was second-team all-district as a linebacker and a wide receiver ... Named first-team all-district at linebacker his sophomore and junior seasons ... Also made the team as a punter his junior year ... Named Sizzlin' Sophomore defensive player of the year in 2001 by *The Roanoke Times* ... Had a 49-yard touchdown run against Graham his sophomore year ... Caught three passes, including two for TDs, versus Northside as a senior ... Earned district, region and state honors as a basketball player ... Pulled down 31 rebounds in a game against Patrick Henry (Roanoke) as a senior ... Shot 59 percent from the floor for the year, averaging 16.8 points and 8.7 rebounds ... Also competed in track ...

Personal: Samuel Ryan Wheeler ... Born 5/27/86 in Bluefield, WV ... Son of Anthony and Linda Wheeler.



Walk-ons at Virginia Tech

It was Oct. 4, 2003 and the Hokies trailed Rutgers on the road, 7-0. Out of nowhere, Chris Shreve came up with touchdown receptions of 28 and 48 yards to give the Hokies a 14-7 lead en route to a 48-22 win.

After the game, Shreve was mobbed by reporters. This little-known receiver from Mouth of Wilson, Va., had become the latest walk-on to go from obscurity to hero.

Jarrett Ferguson was driving down Interstate 81 on April 21, 2002 when he got the most important phone call of his life. It was the Buffalo Bills, telling him they were going to draft him.

Several minutes later, the announcement was made on television that the Bills had taken the fullback in the seventh round of the 2002 NFL Draft, completing another chapter in the success story of Tech's football walk-on program.

The same can be said about the San Francisco 49ers selecting Virginia Tech defensive end John Engelberger in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft.

Engelberger, who arrived in Blacksburg as a walk-on in 1995, was following in the footsteps of tight end John Burke, who graduated from Tech's walk-on program as a fourth-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1994.

Walk-on players are an important part of Virginia Tech football. With scholarship reductions, not all high school football players earn scholarships to compete in college. But that doesn't mean there isn't an opportunity for those individuals, especially at Virginia Tech, where walk-on athletes have a history of contributions.

The walk-ons at Virginia Tech are treated in the same first-class manner — with total respect — as the rest of the squad. Former walk-ons have eventually earned scholarships, earned starting positions, gained All-BIG EAST honors, and some eventually played pro football.

"The important thing for a walk-on, is to know he's going to be given a chance," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "The



John Engelberger started his Tech career as a walk-on and currently plays in the NFL.

way you track that is to look at programs around the country to see how many scholarships are given to walk-ons.

"We're one of the top two or three programs in the country in that category. So for a guy who's interested in walking on, there's not a better place than right here at Virginia Tech. We give people a chance and we treat them the same as everybody else."

Engelberger was a recruited walk-on, meaning he was invited to try out for the team. He arrived in Blacksburg in 1995 as a 6-foot-4, 210-pound tight end from Springfield, Va. He got into the weight room and transformed his body into that of a big-time college football player. After a redshirt year, he earned a scholarship for his tireless work ethic. Thanks to endless hours of work on the practice field and in the weight room, Engelberger finished his career as one of the best defensive ends in Tech history. Over his career, he was

named an Associated Press All-American, was an All-BIG EAST selection three times, and was one of the best players in the state of Virginia as a senior.

In 2001, he started 14 games at defensive end for the 49ers, who made the NFL Playoffs. In four years, he has started 43 games and played in 67. He has 90 total tackles, including a career-high five solo stops against Detroit in 2001, and 11.5 sacks. He also contributed \$100,000 back to the Tech football program. He is expected to see plenty of playing time again this year.

"Coach [Frank] Beamer, the football program and Virginia Tech have been good to me," Engelberger said. "They gave me a chance to play football and a chance to get a great college education and my degree. This donation is my way of saying thank you to them."

Burke walked on in 1989 and eventually earned a starting position for the Hokies. He was

a four-year letterman at Virginia Tech (1990-93) where he caught 21 passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns. He moved into the starting lineup in 1992 after lettering as a special teams player and backup tight end for two seasons. His longest reception was a 48-yard catch and run versus West Virginia in 1991.

Burke was drafted by the New England Patriots in 1994 and was a member of the Patriots' 1997 Super Bowl XXXI team. He has seen action with the New York Jets, San Diego Chargers and the Oakland Raiders.

Engelberger and Burke aren't the only Hokies to excel in the walk-on program. Tech had five walk-on players start or see playing time in the 1996 Orange Bowl against Nebraska. Along with Engelberger, end Danny Wheel, tackle Kerwin Hairston and linebacker Steve Tate each made at least six starts for Tech's defensive unit during the regular season. On offense, split end Michael Stuewe made his mark as one of the team's top receivers. All five of those former walk-ons earned scholarships and paid big dividends for Tech in the 1996 season.

None of these players would have lived their dream and reached their potential if Virginia Tech hadn't extended the opportunity they were seeking. Their eventual success has become a cherished part of the Hokie football tradition and heritage.

"Our walk-on program is so successful for two reasons," said John Ballein, who directs the program. "First, our coaches work at it. When they're out on the road, they're looking for players who can fit into our program. Secondly, we have a head coach in coach Beamer who is loyal to each player in this program."

Tech's walk-on program has provided countless young men a chance to play collegiate football and prove that the evaluation and recruiting process is far from flawless. It allows a young man to mature physically, improve his football skills, and contribute to the success of Virginia Tech football.



Jarrett Ferguson

In 1994, TSN surveyed newsmen across the country and then rated the coaches in the various conferences in a number of categories. Coach Beamer was voted "Best on Game Day," "Best Game Preparation," "Best Motivator," "Best Teacher," "Best in Big Games," and "Best Overall."

Two of the more recent success stories are Ferguson and Browning Wynn, who used up their eligibility and wrapped up

their careers following the 2001 season. The duo both earned the program's first Elite Level of Performance distinction in 2000, based on tests in both strength and performance. Ferguson repeated that feat in 2001, becoming the first to accomplish that.

An injury to Cullen Hawkins placed Ferguson into the starting lineup his freshman season. He started the final eight games and was third on the team in rushing and fifth in scoring. He started every game at fullback for the rest of his career, a streak of 44 games and was considered one of the best blocking fullbacks in the country.

Wynn earned All-BIG EAST second-team honors in 2002 at his tight end position and took the coveted IronMan Competition title. The tight end signed a free agent contract with the Indianapolis Colts just hours after the draft was completed.

Shreve made the team on his third try and made the most of his opportunity. The speedy wide receiver got his first start at Rutgers and responded with four catches for 93 yards and two scores. He added another TD in the Insight Bowl and signed a free agent deal with the Green Bay Packers following the 2004 NFL Draft.

The same could be said about bruising fullback Doug Eastlick, who started 25 consecutive games. He too signed a free agent

deal, signing with the Miami Dolphins.

"I think our walk-on program is successful because we work at it," Beamer says. "We work at it in recruiting guys who will have a chance to be a player in our program. We evaluate them very carefully. We only have so many spots for walk-ons now and so it is very important that we get kids who have a chance to earn a scholarship."

"I've always liked walk-ons because a lot of them have something to prove and they work harder and they go right by some scholarship guys as far as playing time."

Looking at this year's group of walk-ons, there are three former walk-ons who have already earned scholarships and that number could increase.

Michael Malone, Brandon Manning and Will Montgomery have all made valuable

contributions to the program and now are scholarship players.

Manning was the starter at linebacker for 12 games and was fourth on the team with 104 tackles. Montgomery started nine games a year ago and is projected to be the starting center while Malone has contributed on special teams.

Other walk-ons have stepped up and are headed in the same direction as well. Brandon Pace, Lance Goff, Jesse Allen, Bob Ruff and Chad Grimm are five who will likely see action this season.

The success of the Tech walk-on program continues to grow right along with the success of the football program. This year the Hokies will welcome another class of walk-ons who are each anxious to prove they could be the next Chris Shreve, Doug Eastlick, Jarrett Ferguson or John Engelberger.

"No one really knows the difference between a walk-on and a scholarship player because each person is treated exactly the same," Ballein said. "Players know they have an opportunity to earn a scholarship and that they'll be in the best weight program in the country. Combine all those factors and you have the reason why Tech's walk-on program has been successful."

There are two types of walk-ons at Virginia Tech: the invited walk-on and the true walk-on. The invited walk-ons are players recruited by coaches to come into the Tech program. The true walk-ons are students already enrolled at Tech who try to earn a spot in the program. Tech has two workouts (one in the spring and one in the fall) for these players. From there, some are invited back to try and earn a spot on the team.

Hokie walk-ons not only get the chance to play in one of the best programs in the nation, they get a chance to play for one of the best coaches in college football, as well.

In 1998, *The Sporting News* listed the top coaches in terms of getting the most out of their talent year in and year out. Beamer was ranked No. 9 in Division I-A. Four of the past six years, TSN rated Beamer first among BIG EAST coaches. Four of the last six years it ranked the Hokies' football coaching staff as the best in the conference.

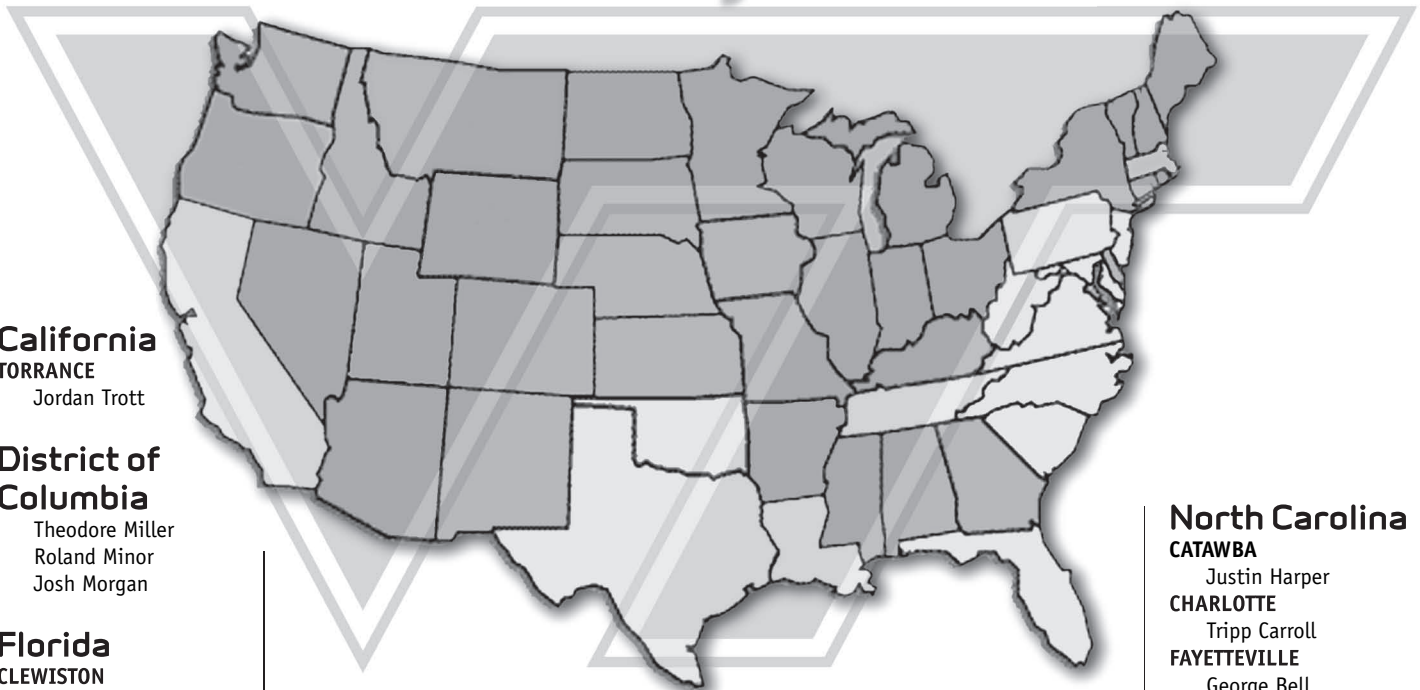


Will Montgomery

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Hokies by States



California

TORRANCE
Jordan Trott

District of Columbia

Theodore Miller
Roland Minor
Josh Morgan

Florida

CLEWISTON
Eric Green
DELRAY BEACH
Chris Ceasar
David Clowney
Brandon Flowers
GAINESVILLE
Corey Gordon
POMPANO BEACH
James Miller

Louisiana

NEW ORLEANS
Vinnie Burns

Maryland

BALTIMORE
Vincent Fuller
Richard Johnson
Jason Murphy
COLUMBIA
Mikal Baaqee
MITCHELLVILLE
Jason Lallis

Massachusetts

MONSON
Jesse Allen

New Jersey

CLIFFWOOD
Carl Howard
FLEMINGTON
Jared Mazzetta
VOORHEES
Greg Kezmarsky
WESTVILLE
Michael Green

Virginia

ABINGDON
Nick Leeson
AMHERST
Barry Booker
BLACKSBURG
John Candelas
Cory Price
Sam Wheeler
BLUE RIDGE
Chris Burnett
CENTREVILLE
Sean Glennon
CHANTILLY
Jimmy Martin
Jake Patten
CHESAPEAKE
James Anderson
Chris Clifton
Vince Hall
Josh Hyman
Branden Ore
Robert Parker
Carlton Powell
Darryl Tapp
CLIFTON
Will Montgomery
Blake Warren
Brett Warren
Matt Welsh
CLINTWOOD
Justin Hamilton
DANVILLE
Carlton Weatherford
DUBLIN
Matt Roan

FAIRFAX

Mike Daniels
Chad Grimm
Mike Imoh
John Kinzer
Cary Wade

FORK UNION

Ryan Shuman
GLEN ALLEN
Andrew Bowman

HAMPTON

Xavier Adibi
Chris Ellis
D.J. Parker
Jimmy Williams

HARRISONBURG

Nick Marshman

HERNDON

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Danny McGrath
Eddie Royal

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Jim Davis
Maurice Reevey

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George Bell
LEXINGTON
Cory Holt
ROANOKE RAPIDS
Jud Dunlevy

Oklahoma

EDMOND
Andrew Fleck

Pennsylvania

ATHENS
Mike Perlozzo
GRANTVILLE
Chris Albright
HARRISBURG
Brandon Manning
MCMURRAY
Bob Ruff

South Carolina

MYRTLE BEACH
Brandon Frye

Tennessee

BRISTOL
Bart McMillin
MEMPHIS
James Griffin

Texas

FRIENDSWOOD
Michael Malone

West Virginia

PRINCETON
Isaac Montgomery