

# Meet the HOKIES

*Redshirt sophomores Vince Hall (left) and Josh Hyman (right) played big roles as freshmen for Tech as the Hokies posted a 10-3 mark and earned a trip to the Sugar Bowl in 2004.*



*A host of talented players on both sides of the ball will lead the Hokies this season as they look to extend Virginia Tech's streak of 12 consecutive bowl games*

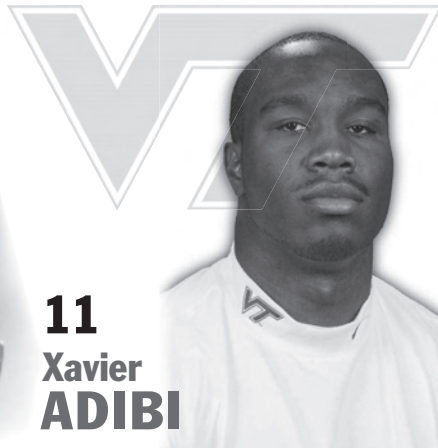
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9th bowl of  
12 in a row

# 2005 Player Profiles



**Xavier Adibi**



## 11 Xavier ADIBI

**Linebacker • 6-2 • 224 • r-So. • 1VL  
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

Has all the tools to be a special player ... Can be a good cover man in the passing game as well as strong against the run ... Fast, smart and aggressive ... An All-ACC Freshman Team selection by *The Sporting News* as a linebacker last season ... Came back from what was thought to be a season-ending injury to contribute in Tech's last six games ... Can cover a lot of ground ... Despite his youth, will be looked to as a leader as well as a playmaker for the Hokies ...

**2004:** Played in seven games, recording 21 solo stops and four assists ... Included in those 25 tackles were 4.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks ... Also had one interception, one forced fumble and two quarterback hurries ... Played 192 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the regular season ... Was lost for six games after suffering a torn tendon in his right biceps muscle during the opening game against USC ... Injury happened on his 23rd play as a collegian ... Had surgery the following week ... Made a

### Pronunciation Guide

XAVIER ADIBI..... ZAY-vee-ur uh-DEE-bee  
Mason BAGGETT ..... BAG-it  
Noland BURCHETTE..... bur-CHET  
John CANDELAS ..... can-DELL-us  
Chris CEASAR..... CEE-zur  
JAHRE Cheeseman .....JAR-ray  
Jared DEVELLI ..... duh-VELL-eee  
Jud DUNLEVY ..... DUN-lee-vee  
Rashad FEREBEE..... FUR-uh-bee  
HIVERA Green..... Hah-vee-air (Javier)  
Mike IMOH ..... EEE-moh  
ELAN Lewis ..... EE-lin  
ORION Martin ..... Oh-RYE-in  
Tim SANDIDGE..... SAN-didge  
DEVEON Simmons ..... DEE-vee-on  
STEPHAN Virgil ..... STEFF-in

remarkable recovery and returned to the field against Georgia Tech ... Played 43 snaps in that game, recording eight tackles, seven of which were solo stops ... Had a forced fumble on his first drive ... Also had 2.5 tackles for loss and two sacks ... Recorded his first career interception in the win over Maryland ... Recorded a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump, a 340-pound bench and a 4.5 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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 ...

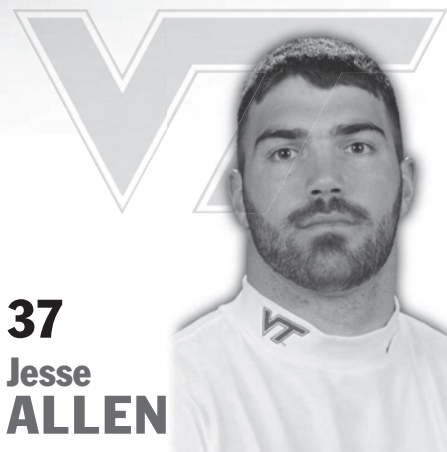
**High School:** Named an All-American by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman and an All-American by *SuperPrep* as a linebacker ... Played for Coach Bill Dee at Phoebus High ... Helped his team to back-to-back Group AAA championships ... Was a 2002 AAA first-team all-state selection by The Associated 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 in Stillwater, OK ... Son of Abiodun and Leanne Adibi ... Brother of former Tech defensive end Nathaniel Adibi ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	7	21	4	25	4.5- 20	2.0- 14
Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	7	1	0	0.0	0	0





## 37 Jesse ALLEN

**Fullback • 6-0 • 244 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Monson, Mass. • Pathfinder Regional H.S.**

A walk-on who saw starting time at fullback in the second half of last season ... Earned a scholarship following spring practice ... An outstanding blocker who can catch the ball out of the backfield ... Called a "freak" in the weight room by running backs coach Billy Hite ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ... Set a new team record with a 395-pound power clean ... Goes into

preseason camp as the No. 1 fullback ...

**2004:** Played in 10 games, starting two ... Had three receptions for 24 yards and a touchdown ... Caught a 9-yard touchdown pass in the win over Florida A&M on his first collegiate touch ... Made his first collegiate start at UNC, playing 41 offensive snaps ... Recorded a 560-pound back squat, a 430-pound bench and a 360-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

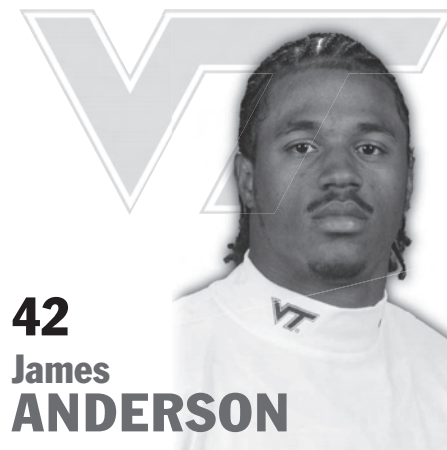
**2003:** Continued to take reps at the fullback spot ... Did not dress or play in any of the games ... Played in both jayvee games ... Had three carries for nine yards against Hargrave ... Earned Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during the preseason and was a Super Iron Hokie in the spring ... Set 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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	10	3	24	8.0	1	13

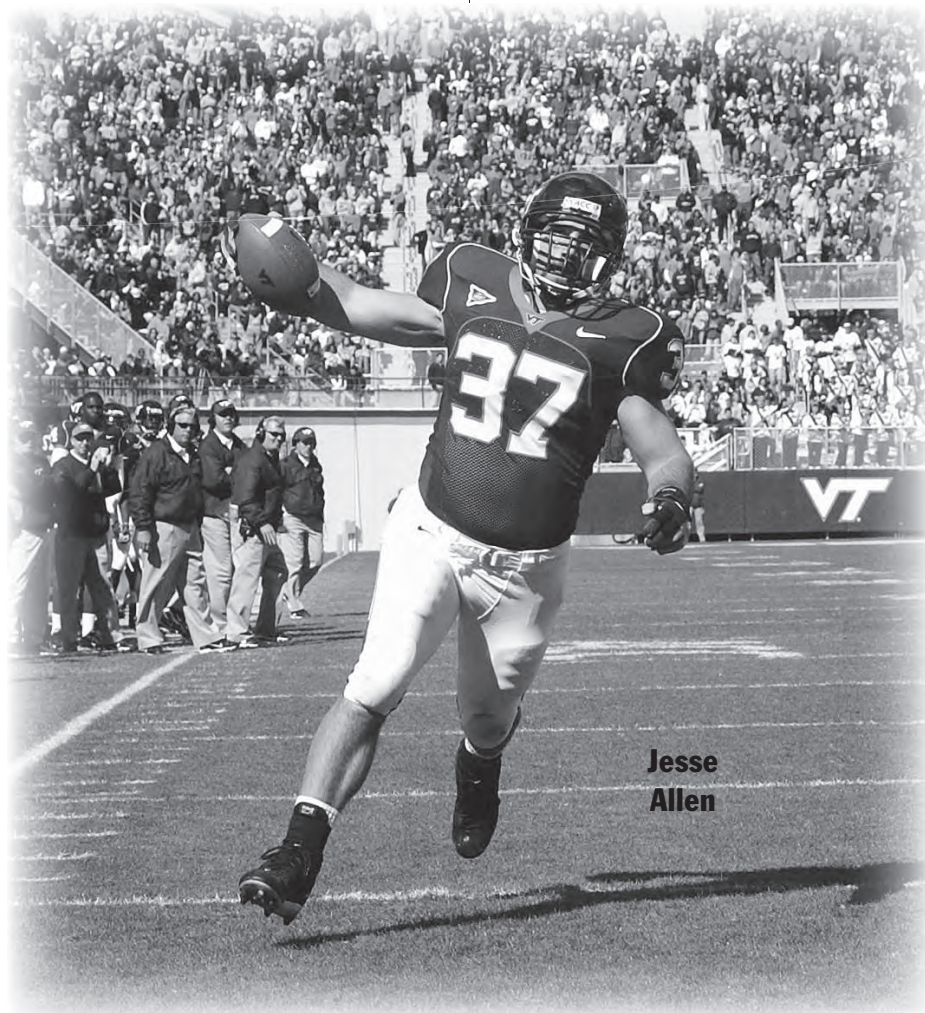


## 42 James ANDERSON

**Linebacker • 6-3 • 222 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.**

Became a big contributor in his first season as a full-time starter last year ... Moved from inside linebacker to the whip position and finished seventh on the team in tackles ... Is the only player in Tech football history to earn the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program — four times ... Has developed a knowledge of the position that allows him to put his speed and athleticism to full use ... Continued to shine during the spring ... Has worked hard to become the best player he can be ... Will be counted on as both a playmaker and a leader ...

**2004:** Played in 13 games, starting 12 ... Had 21 solo stops and 27 assists ... Included in those 48 tackles were 6.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks ... Also had one interception, two forced fumbles and a pass break up ... Played 368 snaps on defense and 117 on special teams in the regular season ... Got the start in the opener against USC, playing 41 snaps ... Recorded four total tackles, including .5 for loss, in the win over Western Michigan ... Intercepted his first collegiate pass against Maryland, returning it 14 yards ... Also had



Jesse  
Allen

## ANDERSON *Continued*

three tackles and a forced fumble ... Recorded seven tackles, including a sack, in the win over Virginia ... Had a sack against Miami that forced a fumble that was recovered by the Hokies ... Recorded four tackles in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 350-pound bench, a 530-pound back squat, a 326-pound power clean and a 336-pound push jerk in spring testing ... Also posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.48 40-yard dash ...

**2003:** Saw action in all 13 games ... Led the team in special teams tackles with 37 ... Also had four tackles on defense ... Had four tackles on defense and four tackles and a forced fumble on special teams against James Madison ... 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 Hokie honors in the spring ... Also had a personal-best 540-pound back squat ... 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 ... Caused a fumble and recorded five total tackles against LSU ... Saw extensive playing time at Western Michigan, recording five solo tackles, an assist, two quarterback hurries and a sack ... Made his first career start against Temple ... Recorded four solo tackles, seven assists and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Started and played all 100 defensive plays at Syracuse, recording four solo tackles and two assists ... Also played 14 snaps on special teams ... 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 ...

**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 ...

**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 ... Graduated with a degree in studio art and is enrolled in health and physical education in graduate school.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	28	20	48	3.0-	9 1.5-
2003	13	29	12	41	0-	0 0-
2004	13	21	27	48	6.5-	19 2.5-
Career	40	78	59	137	9.5-	28 4.0-

----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	2	4	6	0-	0 0-
WMU	1	1	3	4	.5-	1 0-
Duke	1	1	2	3	1.0-	1 0.5-
NCSU	1	1	4	5	1.0-	2 0-
WVU	1	3	2	5	0.5-	1 0-
at WFU	1	2	0	2	1.0-	2 0-
FAMU	1	0	0	0	0-	0 0-
at GT	1	1	2	3	0-	0 0-
at UNC	1	1	1	2	0-	0 0-
MD	1	3	0	3	0-	0 0-
UVa	1	3	4	7	1.0-	3 1.0-
at UM	1	2	2	4	1.0-	8 1.0-
vs AU	1	1	3	4	0.5-	1 0-

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	1	14	14.0	0	14



## Mason BAGGETT

**Offensive Tackle • 6-1 • 282 • Jr.**  
Richmond, Va. • James River H.S.

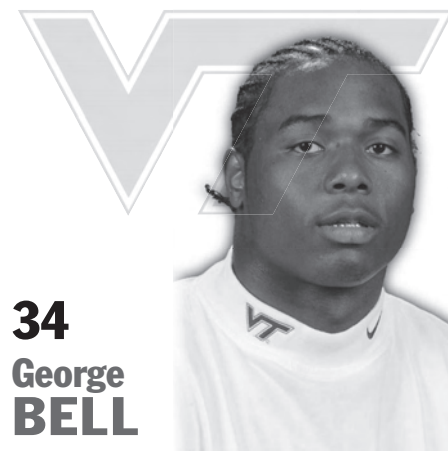
A walk-on who has worked hard to earn a spot on the team ... Will provide depth at the tackle position ... Has good size and is willing to put in the extra work on the scout team ... Needs to get adjusted to the speed of the college game ... Enters the fall as the No. 3 man at the right tackle spot ...

**2004:** Saw action in two games, playing seven offense snaps ... Was in for four snaps against Florida A&M and three against Maryland ... Played in the jayvee game against Fork Union ... Recorded a 410-pound bench and 316-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



## 34 George BELL

**Tailback • 5-10 • 221 • r-Fr.**  
Fayetteville, N.C. • Jack Britt H.S.

Made great improvements this past spring ... Is pain-free for the first time in years ... Is expected to see the field this fall ... A big, strong and tough player with an outstanding work ethic ... Finds the hole and is punishing when he runs the football ... Has become a really good blocker ... Was named one of the team's top offensive newcomers following spring practice ... Enrolled at Tech right after his final high school season and went through 2004 spring practice ...

**2004:** Redshirted last season, using the time to continue rehabilitation on his knee ... Led the Maroon squad with 37 yards on 10 carries in the Maroon-White game ... Given the Paul Torgersen Award, awarded to the top offensive newcomer, following spring practice ... Recorded a 321-pound power clean and a 331-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

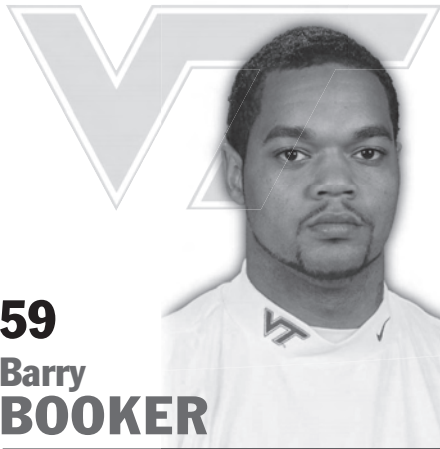
**2003:** Enrolled at Tech in January 2004 after completing his high school degree early ... Posted a 380-pound bench press during spring max testing and added a 341-pound push jerk that ranked second among Tech's running backs ... Earned Iron Hokie honors ... Began spring practice at fullback, then 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.



## 59 Barry BOOKER

**Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 294 • r-So.**  
Amherst, Va. • Amherst H.S.

Came on during the spring and put himself in contention for the backup duties behind senior Jonathan Lewis ... A young player with a good upside ... Showed some play-making ability ... Still has some work to do in terms of his body and getting stronger at the point of attack, but has a chance to help out this fall ... Should only get better with experience ...

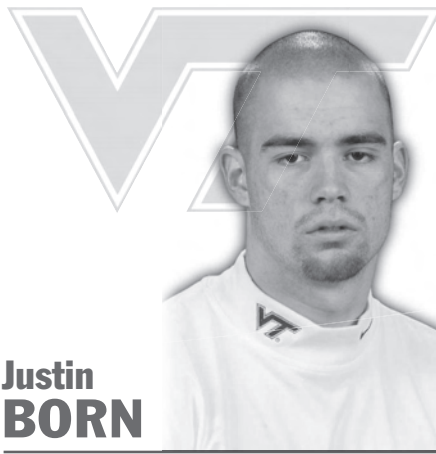
**2004:** Played in one game ... Recorded one solo tackle and one assist ... Also had a quarterback hurry and a forced fumble ... Recorded a 350-pound bench and a 316-pound power clean in spring testing ...

**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 ... 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.



## Justin BORN

**Split End • 6-0 • 195 • So.**  
Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.

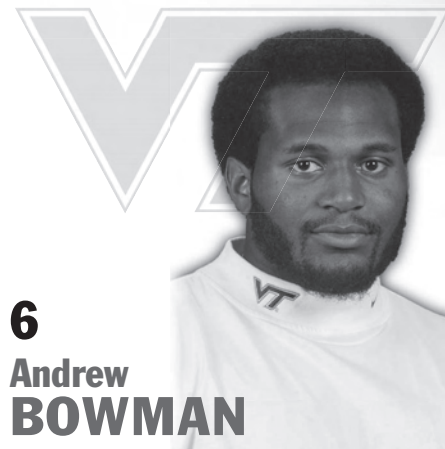
A walk-on receiver who will provide depth to the receiving corps ... Made some big strides this spring, but still has a way to go ... Will serve on the scout team this fall ... Could play either of the receiver positions ... Needs to get better, athletically, to play at this level ... Has good hands ...

**2004:** Joined the team for spring practice ... Had a 22-yard grab in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 290-pound bench, a 430-pound back squat, a 32 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.46 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**High School:** Played wide receiver for Coach Tom Verbanic at Westfield ... Was a teammate of current Hokies Eddie Royal, Brent Bowden and Sean Glennon ... Named all-district and all-region at wide receiver as a junior ... Won the Class AAA, Group 6 Virginia state championship with 14-0 record his final

year ... As a senior, totaled 570 yards receiving on 38 catches and 11 touchdowns ... For his career, totaled 83 receptions for 970 yards ...

**Personal:** Justin Thomas Born ... Born 2/10/86 in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO ... Son of Richard Born and Cathrine Rowe ... Enrolled in university studies.



## 6 Andrew BOWMAN

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 235 • r-Fr.**  
Glen Allen, Va. • Hermitage H.S.

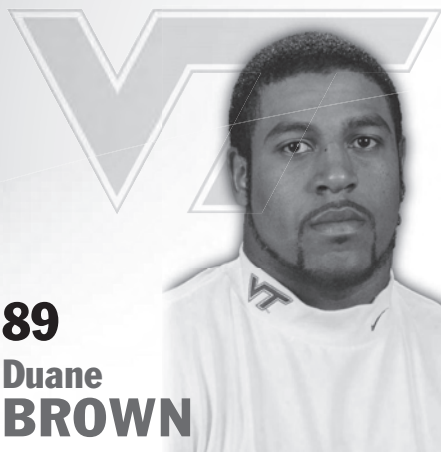
A promising young player who is still adjusting ... Showed flashes of his potential during the late stages of spring practice ... Has the ability to contribute at mike linebacker as he improves his strength and conditioning ... Could see his initial action on special teams ... Has a chance to make a move on the depth chart with a good summer preparation and preseason showing ...

**2004:** Was redshirted while working with the scout team ... Posted a 475-pound squat and a 320-pound bench in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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 ... Majoring in biology.

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**89**  
**Duane**  
**BROWN**

**Tight End • 6-5 • 280 • r-So. • 1VL**  
**Richmond, Va. • Hermitage H.S.**

A big, talented athlete who will look for more playing time this season ... Has a chance to challenge Jeff King for the starting job ... Will be used as Tech's second tight end in several sets ... Saw a lot of action on special teams last year ... The biggest of the tight ends ... Moves well for his size and has great hands ... Works extremely hard in the weight room ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, catching three passes for 64 yards and a touchdown ... Played 157 snaps on offense and 150 on special teams in the regular season ... Caught his first collegiate pass against Western Michigan, a 33-yarder from Sean Glennon that went for a touchdown ... Had a 26-yard reception in the win over FAMU ... Recorded a 530-pound back squat, a 316-pound power clean and a 326-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ...

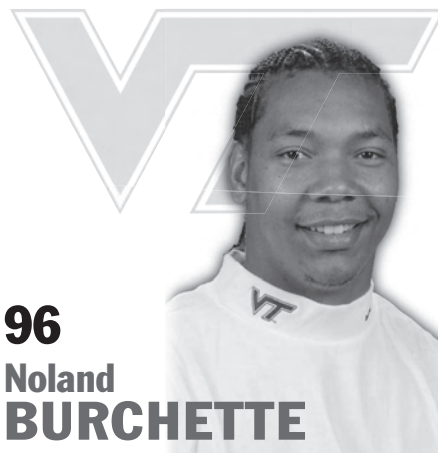
**High School:** A two-year letterman at tight end and defensive end for Coach Patrick Kane at Hermitage ... Played in the Panthers' first three games his senior year before suffering a broken leg ... Returned for the Central Region semifinal game ... Caught seven passes for just under 100 yards in his 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 apparel, housing, resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	3	64	21.3	1	33



**Duane**  
**Brown**



**96**  
**Noland**  
**BURCHETTE**

**Defensive End • 6-2 • 252 • r-Jr. • 2VL**  
**Richmond, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.**

Moved into the starting lineup and proved to be a steady performer with a knack for making plays ... Has good quickness and agility ... Mixes that with a non-stop motor ... Plays well in space and has become more physical ... Missed most of the spring workouts with a right triceps injury ... Is expected to return for full action for preseason practice ... Will be a prominent figure in the Hokies' defensive unit again this season ...

**2004:** Played in and started 12 games, recording 15 solo stops and 12 assists ... Included in those 27 tackles were six tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks ... Also had two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and 11 quarterback hurries ... Played 405 snaps on defense and



104 on special teams in the regular season ... Made his first career start against USC in the opener, playing 37 snaps ... Was credited with three total tackles, including 1.5 for loss ... Also had a quarterback hurry ... Had a sack, forced fumble and two tackles against WVU ... Had four tackles in the win at Wake Forest, but sprained his shoulder late in the game ... Injury forced him to miss the FAMU game ... Returned to start at Georgia Tech, playing 44 snaps ... Had five tackles and three quarterback hurries ... Picked up four tackles against Virginia ... Included in that total were 1.5 tackles for loss, one of which was a sack that caused a fumble on UVa's final drive ... Posted a 530-pound back squat, a 326-pound power clean and a 309-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Had three total tackles, a forced fumble and a QB hurry against James Madison ... Played 42 snaps on defense against UConn, recording six solo tackles, two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Was in on five tackles against California ... Bench pressed 360 pounds during spring max tests ... 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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2003	13	20	21	41	1.0- 8	1.0- 8
2004	12	15	12	27	6.0- 24	3.0- 17
Career	25	35	33	68	7.0- 32	4.0- 25

----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	1	2	3	1.5-	4 0- 0
WMU	1	0	0	0	0-	0 0- 0
Duke	1	0	2	2	1.0-	2 0- 0
NCSU	1	0	1	1	0-	0 0- 0
WVU	1	1	1	2	1.0-	2 1.0- 2
at WFU	1	2	2	4	0-	0 0- 0
FAMU					Did not play	
at GT	1	2	3	5	0-	0 0- 0
at UNC	1	1	0	1	0-	0 0- 0
MD	1	1	0	1	0-	0 0- 0
UVa	1	3	1	4	1.5-	3 1.0- 2
at UM	1	1	0	1	0-	0 0- 0
vs AU	1	3	0	3	1.0-113	1.0- 13



## 60 Chris BURNETT

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 280 • r-Jr.  
Blue Ridge, Va. • Liberty-Bedford H.S.**

Is looking to work his way up the depth chart at defensive tackle ... A very strong player who could battle for playing time ... Has 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 ...

**2004:** Played in two games ... Registered an assisted tackle and two quarterback hurries ... Set a new Tech football record with a 405-pound push jerk in the spring ... Also posted a 605-pound back squat and a 336-pound power clean ...

**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 sociology.



## 61 Reggie BUTLER

**Offensive Tackle • 6-6 • 344 • Sr. • 2VL  
Keswick, Va. • Monticello H.S.**

A key part of this year's offensive line ... Coaches are looking for him to be a more consistent football player ... Is critical for Tech at tackle ... Needs to have a big summer in the weight room ... Started the first six games at left guard last year ... A versatile player ... Mixes excellent size with a desire to succeed ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, starting six ... Played 425 offensive snaps, grading out at 78 percent with 17 knockdowns in the regular season ... Got the start at left guard in the opener, playing all 63 snaps ... Had three knockdown blocks in that game ... Was in for 37 snaps against Western Michigan, recording three knockdown blocks ... Played 55 snaps with two knockdowns against Duke ... Played

## BUTLER *Continued*

all 69 snaps with two knockdowns against N.C. State ... Graded out at 84 percent in the win over WVU ... Played 24 snaps on offense at Wake Forest ... Did not start against Florida A&M, but came in to play 20 snaps ... Had two knockdowns ... Came off the bench to play 22 snaps at Georgia Tech ... Played on the PAT unit at UNC ... Played 33 snaps against Maryland, grading out at 82 percent ... Played 12 snaps on offense against Virginia ... Played 54 snaps, grading out at 80 percent, with three knockdowns at Miami ... Posted a 600-pound squat and a 27-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

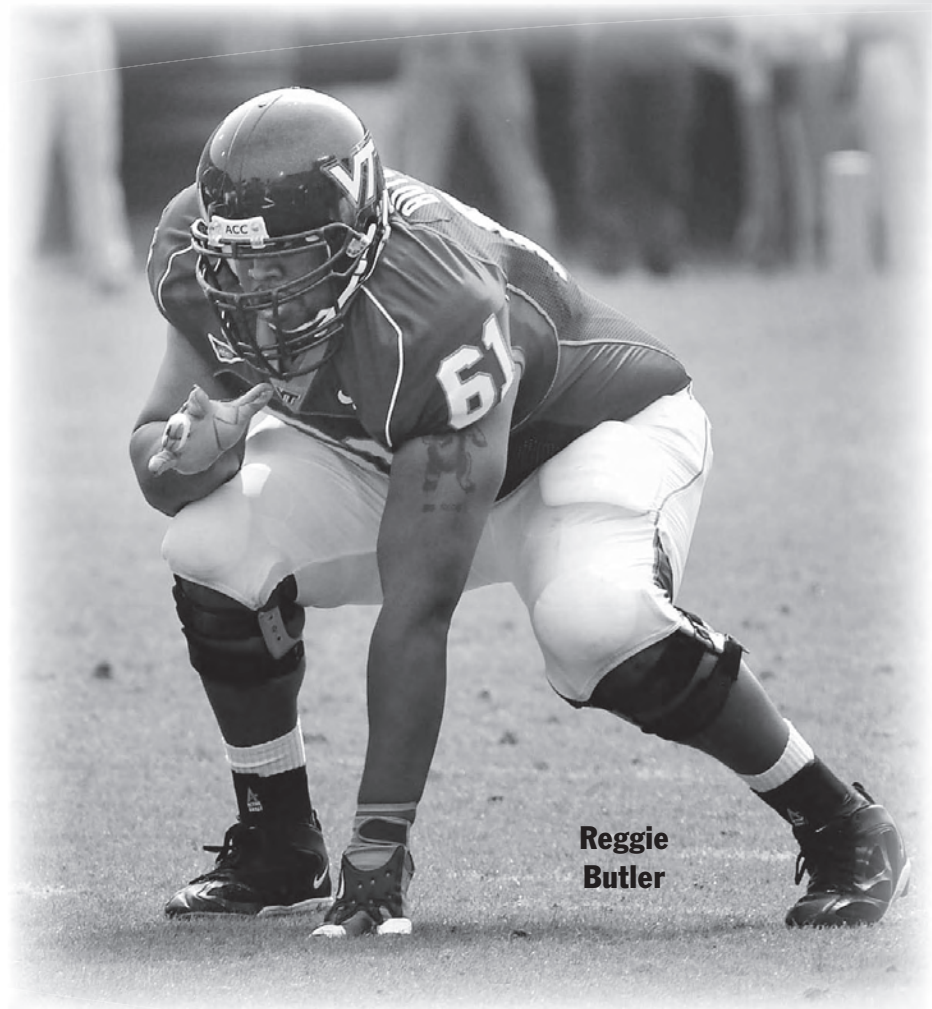
**2003:** Played in all 13 games ... Saw action on 70 offensive snaps and 77 on special teams ... Served primarily on the PAT and field goal teams ... Played 12 snaps against UCF, grading out at 83 percent ... Played 21 snaps on offense against James Madison ... Played three snaps on offense against 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 ...

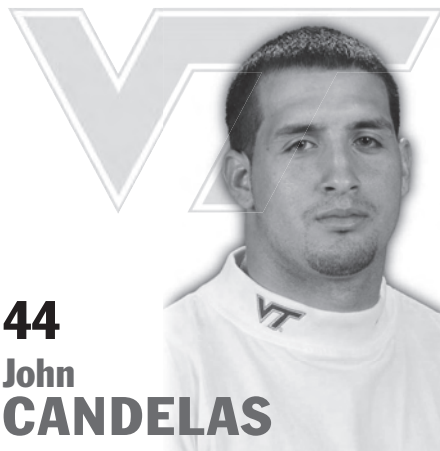
**2001:** Did not enter school until January ... Posted a 500-pound back squat and a 316-pound push jerk during spring athletic performance testing ... Bench pressed 370 pounds ... Worked at left tackle during spring practice ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



**Reggie  
Butler**



## 44 John CANDELAS

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

Helps provide depth at the tailback position ... An invaluable member of the team ... Called "one of the most valuable players that we have on this football team" by running backs coach Billy Hite ... Does a lot for the team ... Will look to get some special teams playing time this year ... Averaged 5.2 yards per carry last year ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Played in five games, rushing 32 times for 166 yards ... Led the team with 10 rushes for 52 yards in the win over Western Michigan ... Had a long of 14 yards ... Topped that mark in the FAMU game when he rushed for a career-high 84 yards on 14 carries ... Rushed eight times for 30 yards in the win over Maryland ... Carried the ball four times for 12 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 309-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**2003:** Saw action in four games ... Had 16 carries for 76 yards and a score ... Carried the ball nine times for 49 yards against the Dukes ... Scored a touchdown from 3 yards out ... 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 ... Majoring 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
2004	5	32	166	5.2	0	14
Career	11	55	268	4.9	2	20



## 57 Tripp CARROLL

**Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 298 • r-So. • 1VL  
Charlotte, N.C. • Andrew Jackson H.S. (Fla.)**

Missed spring practice with compartment syndrome in his left leg ... Will have some ground to make up once fall practice starts ... The starting short snapper for PATs and field goals last season ... Will be asked to continue those duties this year ... Has battled for playing time on the line ... Combines good size with excellent football instincts ... Entered school in January 2003 after his senior

season at Andrew Jackson High in Florida ... Got to go through winter workouts and spring practice ...

**2004:** Played all 13 games ... Was in for 32 offensive snaps and 71 on special teams ... Got in for four plays on offense in the win over Western Michigan ... Played 23 snaps on the offensive line with a knockdown against Florida A&M ... Played five snaps on offense against Maryland ... Posted a 410-pound bench press, a 304-pound clean and a 321-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

## 21 Chris CEASAR



**Cornerback • 5-11 • 178 • r-Jr.  
Delray Beach, Fla. • Spanish River H.S.**

Hopes to make a move at the boundary cornerback position with a good preseason showing ... Saw limited action on defense and special teams last fall ... Moved over from receiver prior to the 2004 season ... Has good athletic ability and work ethic ... Entered Tech in January 2002 and worked on the scout team while redshirting that fall ...

**2004:** Played in four games ... Picked up an assisted tackle ... Posted a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.49 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**2003:** Saw action in seven games ... Was in for five offensive snaps against James Madison ... 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 ...

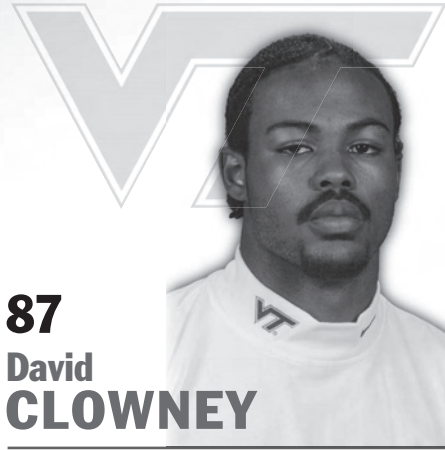
**2001:** Entered school in January ... Ran a 4.53 in the forty during spring testing ... Practiced at flanker during spring workouts ...

**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

## CEASAR *Continued*

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 ... Majoring in secondary education/physical education.



## 87 David CLOWNEY

Flanker • 6-1 • 179 • Jr. • 2VL  
Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S.

Was named the Hokies' top offensive hustler during a productive spring ... Established himself as a leader of the receiver group ... Worked very hard on his fundamentals and showed improvement in his route execution and press-release technique ... Showed the most improvement in his discipline and his consistency ... Made some big catches last season and is projected to play a vital role in the success of Tech's offense this fall ... Hurt his hand in the latter part of spring, which limited him a bit ... Showed a mental toughness and a resilience to get the job done despite the injury ... A speedster who provides the Hokies with a deep-ball threat ... Spent the winter working on his speed with the Tech track team ... Can also return kickoffs ...

**2004:** Played in 12 games, catching 20 passes for 263 yards and two touchdowns ... Had a 7-yard reception against USC ... Did not play against WMU ... Caught a big 38-yard pass on the final drive against N.C. State ... Earned his first collegiate start against Florida A&M ... Caught a 16-yard touchdown pass on Tech's first offensive play ... Finished the day with two catches for 34 yards and a 26-yard kickoff return ... Got the scoring started at Georgia Tech by hauling in a 34-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter ... Tied his career high with four catches at Miami for 54 yards ... Also had a 19-yard kickoff return ... Had a 7-yard catch in the Maroon-White game ... Given the Frank O. Moseley Award, awarded to the top offensive hustler, following spring practice ... Recorded a 450-pound back squat, a 36-inch vertical jump and a 4.33 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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 ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2003	12	5	67	13.4	1	27
2004	12	20	263	13.1	2	38
Career	24	25	330	13.2	3	38

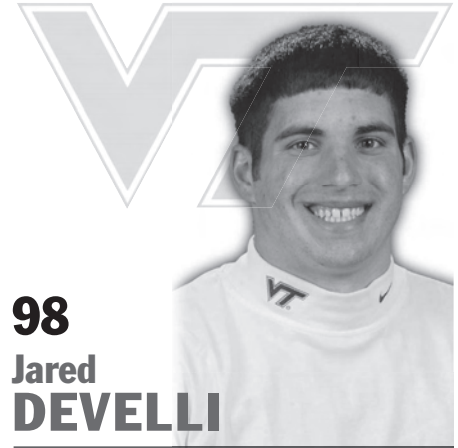
-----2004 Receiving Game-by-Game-----						
vs USC	1	1	7	7.0	0	7
WMU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Duke	1	2	11	5.5	0	7
NCSU	1	1	38	38.0	0	38
WVU	1	1	4	4.0	0	4
at WFU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
FAMU	1	2	34	17.0	1	18



David  
Clowney

at GT	1	4	65	16.3	1	34
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
MD	1	1	10	10.0	0	10
UVa	1	2	17	8.5	0	11
at UM	1	4	54	13.5	0	26
vs AU	1	2	23	12.5	0	13

K.O. Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	2	45	22.5	0	26



## 98 Jared DEVELLI

Place-kicker • 6-1 • 230 • So. • 1VL  
Sterling, Va. • Park View H.S.

A walk-on who made an impact handling the kickoffs as a true freshman ... Possesses a strong leg ... Has the ability to get the ball into the end zone on a consistent basis ...

**2004:** Kicked off 70 times with 29 touchbacks ... Had three tackles on kickoff coverage ... Handled all four kickoffs in the opener against USC ... Put six of his kickoffs in the end zone, including two through the uprights, against Duke ... Had three touchbacks against N.C. State ... Had two touchbacks against West Virginia ... Was busy against Florida A&M, kicking off nine times with two touchbacks ... Had three touchbacks at UNC and a solo tackle on kickoff coverage that saved a touchdown ... Had four touchbacks against Maryland and two against Virginia ... Posted a 430-pound back squat in spring testing ...

**High School:** Was a place-kicker, punter and safety for Coach Charlie Pierce at Park View ... Made 26 of 35 field goals during his career and was 90 of 91 on extra points ... Had a career average of 40.6 as a punter and posted six career interceptions on defense ... Made five field goals in a game his senior season, including the game-winner in overtime ... Had a total of four game-winning field goals during his three varsity seasons ... Was a three-time all-district and all-region selection and a two-time, first-team all-state pick ... Named to *Washington Post* all-Met team as a senior ... Holds school career records for field goals made in a season (12) and career (36) ... Also set a season mark for touchbacks as a kickoff man ... Played soccer, earning all-district honors twice ...

**Personal:** Jared Gabriel Develli ... Born 12/28/85 in Loudoun, VA ... Son of Gabe and Jan Develli ... Majoring in business.





**Chris Ellis**

**49**  
**Chris**  
**ELLIS**

**Defensive End • 6-4 • 255 • r-So. • 1VL**  
**Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.**

Will be hard to keep out of the lineup after excelling during the spring ... Saw considerable action and made an impact during his first season ... Named a third-team freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* ... Was an All-ACC Freshman Team selection by the same publication as a defensive end ... Carried his success over to the spring and was named the team's most valuable defensive performer ... Runs well and gets after the passer ... Has become more physical against the run ... Possesses the potential to get even better ... Is a player to watch on the Tech defense ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, recording 15 solo stops and 18 assists ... Included in those 33 tackles were 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks ... Also had a fumble recovery, a forced fumble, three pass break ups and 14 quarterback hurries ... Played 271 snaps on defense and 100 on special teams in the regular season ... Played 17 snaps in the opener against USC, registering three solo tackles and two quarterback hurries ... Was credited with five tackles, including one for a loss, and four quarterback hurries against WMU ... Had three tackles, including a sack, against Duke ... Led the team with seven total stops against FAMU ... Included in that total were 3.5 tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had a forced fumble and a pass break up ... Had two tackles — 1.5 for loss — at Georgia Tech ... Recorded a big sack in the third quarter that resulted in a safety ... Also had a fumble recovery ... Given the George Preas Award, awarded to the most valuable player of spring practice ... Posted a 350-pound bench, a 304-pound push jerk and a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**2003:** Worked at defensive end while redshirting ... Had the best vertical jump (31 1/2 inches) among the incoming freshmen linemen ... 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 ...

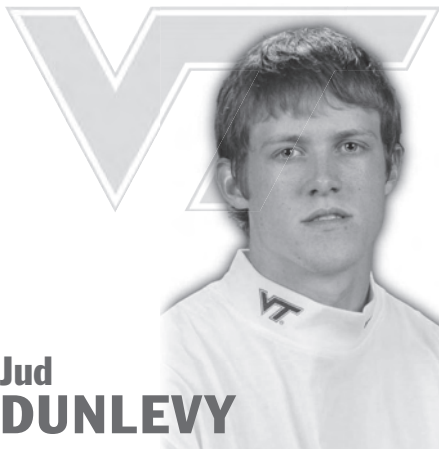
a strong leg, but consistency will determine his role ...

**2004:** Played in three games, kicking off seven times ... Kicked off three times against Western Michigan, twice against Florida A&M and twice against Maryland ... Handled place-kicking for the jayvee team ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



**Jud**  
**DUNLEVY**

**Place-kicker • 5-10 • 183 • r-So.**  
**Roanoke Rapids, N.C. • Roanoke Rapids H.S.**

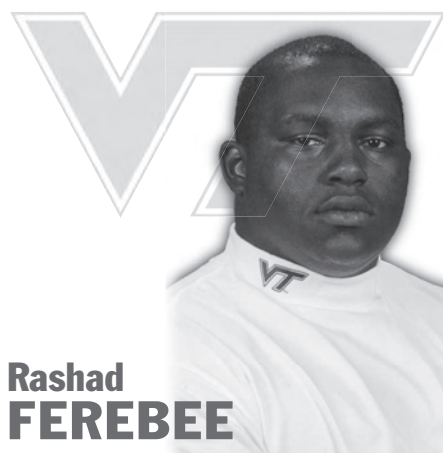
Will compete for the kickoff duties for the second straight year ... Was the chief back up for kickoffs and placements last season ... Has

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**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	15	18	33	7.5-	33 3.0-
----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	3	0	3	0-	0 0-
WMU	1	3	2	5	1.0-	3 0-
Duke	1	2	1	3	1.0-	5 1.0-
NCSU	1	1	1	2	0-	0 0-
WVU	1	0	1	1	0-	0 0-
at WFU	1	0	0	0	0-	0 0-
FAMU	1	3	4	7	3.5-	18 1.0-
at GT	1	1	1	2	1.5-	7 1.0-
at UNC	1	1	0	1	0-	0 0-
MD	1	0	2	2	.5-	1 0-
UVa	1	0	3	3	0-	0 0-
at UM	1	0	1	1	0-	0 0-
vs AU	1	1	2	3	0-	0 0-



## Rashad FEREBEE

**Offensive Guard • 5-8 • 273 • Sr.**  
Norfolk, Va. • Granby H.S.

Looking to bounce back from a broken right ankle that sidelined him for all of the 2004 season ... 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 ... Will help provide depth along the offensive line ...

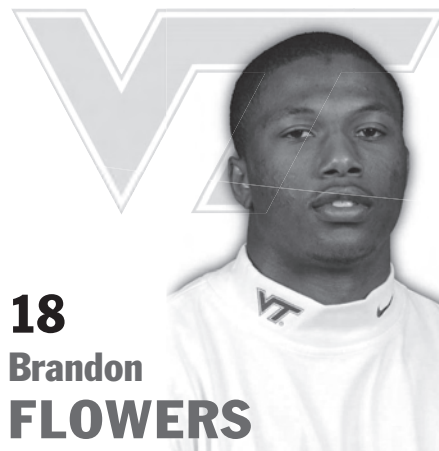
**2004:** Missed the entire season with an ankle injury ... Turned in a 316-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## 18 Brandon FLOWERS

**Cornerback • 5-10 • 186 • r-Fr.**  
Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S. • Hargrave

Was named the Hokies' top defensive newcomer following spring practice ... Is listed as the top backup at the field corner position ... Returned his first collegiate interception for a touchdown before sustaining a season-ending injury ... Received a medical redshirt ... A hard worker with great technique ... Has the potential to be a key contributor ...

**2004:** Played in one game before sustaining a right fibular fracture which sidelined him for the rest of the season ... Petition for a medical redshirt was granted ... Lone action came against Western Michigan ... Had a solo tackle and returned an interception 38 yards for a touchdown ... Given the Paul Torgersen Award, awarded to the top newcomer, following spring practice ... Posted a 300-

pound bench, a 435-pound back squat, a 35 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.49 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**Prep School:** 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 ...

**High School:** 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



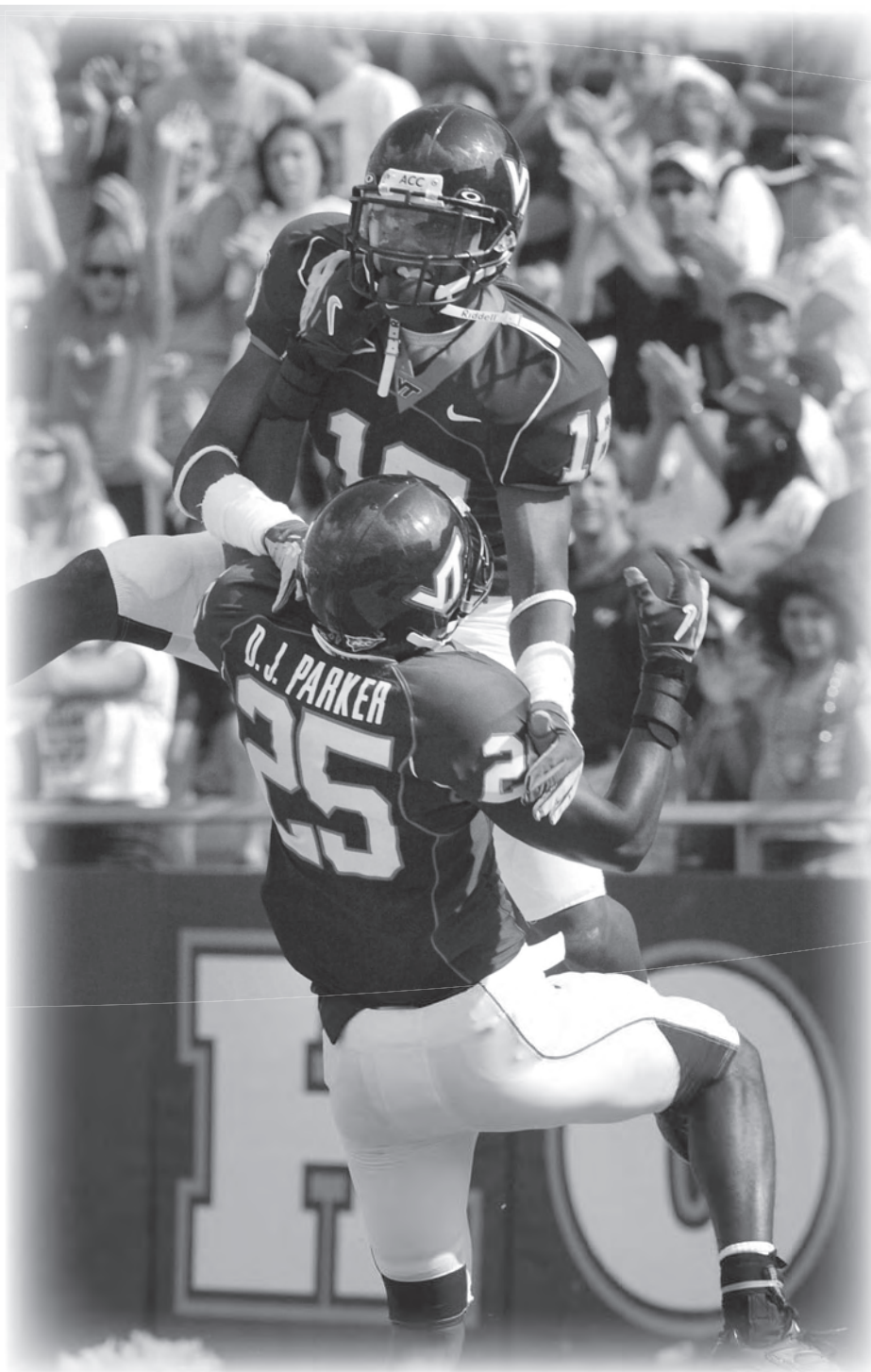
## 74 Brandon FRYE

**Offensive Tackle • 6-4 • 292 • r-Jr.**  
Myrtle Beach, S.C. • Myrtle Beach H.S.

Will be counted on to step up and help the team this year ... Began his Tech career on defense, but has worked to gain a good knowledge of the Hokies' offensive system ... Has a big frame to go with good work habits and athleticism ... Finished the spring No. 2 at left tackle ... Leads Tech's offensive linemen with a 40 time of 4.79 ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ... Also earned the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program — for the second time ...

**2004:** Played 62 offensive snaps and 46 on special teams in the regular season ... Graded out at 83 percent on 18 snaps in his first collegiate action, coming against Western Michigan ... Played four snaps on offense against Duke ... Played 35 snaps on offense with a knockdown in the win over Florida A&M ... Was in for five snaps on offense against Maryland ... Set a new position record in the squat (690) ... Mark was the sixth-best





**Brandon Flowers**

in program history ... Also had a 435-pound bench press ...

**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

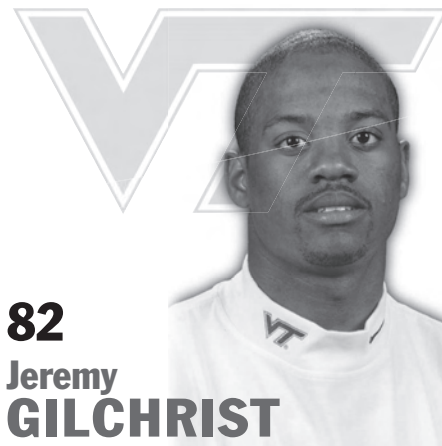
in the top vertical jump among the offensive linemen during spring testing at 33 1/2 inches ... Also had the top time in the forty (4.76) and the second-best showing in the NFL shuttle run (4.31) ... Improved his bench press to 400 pounds ... Was tried at right tackle during spring workouts ...

**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

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 ... Majoring in hospitality and tourism management.



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**Jeremy  
GILCHRIST**

**Wide Receiver • 5-9 • 175 • r-Fr.  
Virginia Beach, Va. • Landstown H.S.**

Another talented, young receiver ... Coming off an excellent spring ... Showed that he has the abilities to play at this level ... Has good hands and is intelligent ... Understands the game and really picked up the offense quicker than expected ... Still has a lot of work to do this summer in gaining a firmer knowledge of Tech's offense and concepts ... Still has to work very hard on his strength and explosiveness ... Needs to be able to separate from defenders at the line of scrimmage and also down field ...

**2004:** Was redshirted ... Had a 6-yard catch in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 31 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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) ...

## GILCHRIST *Continued*

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 ... Majoring in communications.



## 7 Sean GLENNON

Quarterback • 6-3 • 215 • So. • 1VL  
Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.

Served as Tech's top backup last season as a true freshman ... Is a highly competitive player ... Will enter the fall as Tech's No. 2 quarterback ... Has been impressive in the weight room ... Is bigger, stronger, faster and he has improved on his mechanics ... Is called "a high character guy" by quarterbacks coach Kevin Rogers ... Has to make more plays in the throwing game ... Coaches are confident in his abilities ... Saw action in four games last year ... Has a good sense for the game and is dedicated both in the film room and on the practice field ...

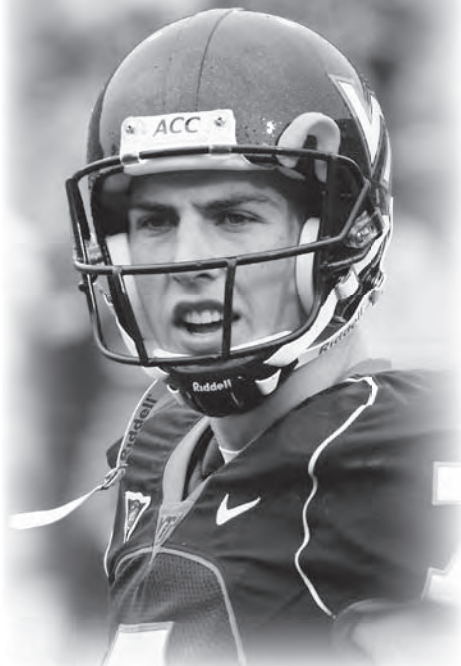
**2004:** Played in four games, completing 8-of-11 passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns ... Saw his first collegiate action in the second game of the season, against Western Michigan ... Completed all four of his passes, including one to himself, for 79 yards ... His first pass went to Justin Harper for a 34-yard touchdown ... Later connected with Duane Brown for a 33-yard touchdown pass ... Played 40 snaps on offense against FAMU, directing two touchdown

drives ... Completed 4-of-7 passes for 58 yards with a long of 26 yards ... Completed 7-of-17 or 38 yards with three interceptions in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 330-pound bench, a 410-pound back squat, a 285-pound power clean and a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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 ... Majoring in business.

Passing	G	Att-	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2004	4	11-	8	72.7	137	2	0



Sean Glennon



Corey Gordon



## 13 Corey GORDON

Linebacker • 6-2 • 200 • r-So. • 1VL  
Gainesville, Fla. • Gainesville H.S. • Hargrave

A hard hitter who made the move to the whip linebacker spot during spring practice ... Did a good job picking things up at the new position and got a lot of valuable reps over the last nine or 10 practice days ... Still has some things to learn, but appears to be a good fit ... Combines good size and athletic ability with a physical, aggressive style of play ... Enrolled at Tech in January 2003 and went through winter workouts and spring practice ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Saw action in 10 games, mostly on special teams ... Defensive action came at free safety ... Recorded one solo tackle and three assists ... Played 21 snaps on defense and 61 on special teams ... Posted a 340-pound bench, a 460-pound back squat, a 285-pound power



clean and a 304-pound push jerk in spring testing ... Also recorded a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump ...

**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 ... Majoring in human development.



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## Brandon GORE

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 340 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Warrenton, Va. • Liberty H.S.**

Will be counted on to step up and help out the line this year ... Coaches "want him to answer the bell" ... Will have to be a productive member of the line this year ... Had a good spring session and was named the team's most improved offensive player ... Will either figure into the starting role, or, become a significant backup ... Is critical that he has a great off season and is ready this fall ... Began last season at guard, but moved out to the edge ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during 2004 off-season workouts ... Serves on Tech's

PAT and field goal protection units ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room against this past spring ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Was in for 80 snaps on offense and 60 on special teams in the regular season ... Served on the PAT and field goal protection units ... Was in for 28 offensive snaps and nine special teams snaps in the win over WMU ... Was in for seven special teams plays and four offensive snaps against Duke ... Played eight snaps on special teams and 39 snaps on offense against FAMU ... Played eight snaps on offense against Maryland ... Got in for four offensive snaps against UVA ... Given the Dr. Richard Bullock Award, awarded to the most improved player, following spring practice ... Posted a 430-pound bench press, a 605-pound back squat, a 360-pound power clean and a 370-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**2003:** Played in 12 games ... Contributed mainly on the PAT and field goal teams ... Was in on 37 offensive snaps ... 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 ... 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 ... Majoring in sociology.



## Billy GORHAM

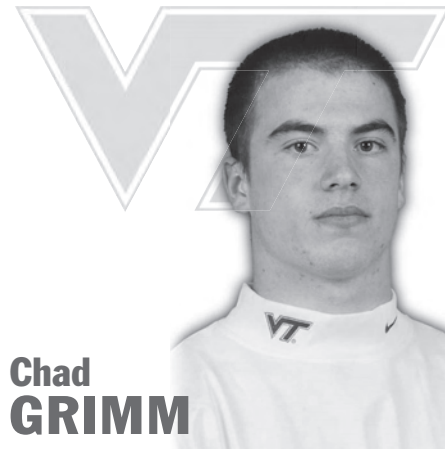
**Fullback • 5-10 • 232 • So.  
Francoa, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.**

A walk-on who serves on the scout team ... Enters the fall as the No. 3 fullback on the depth chart ... A strong athlete who will benefit from added time in the strength and conditioning program ...

**2004:** Did not see any varsity action ... Recorded a 300-pound push jerk and a 495-pound back squat in spring testing ...

**High School:** Played quarterback, linebacker and halfback for Coach Gerry Pannoni at Robert E. Lee ... Was a first-team all-district linebacker and an honorable mention quarterback his senior season ... Rushed for 490 yards and eight touchdowns his senior season, catching another three ... Recorded 91 tackles and six sacks in his final year ... As a junior, totaled 99 tackles, six rushing touchdowns and eight sacks while playing multiple positions ... For his career, totaled 1,232 yards rushing, 503 passing, 30 touchdowns and 321 total tackles ...

**Personal:** William Howard Gorham ... Born 3/11/85 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Rick and Debbi Gorham ... Majoring in sociology.



## Chad GRIMM

**Linebacker • 5-10 • 180 • Jr.  
Fairfax, Va. • Oakton H.S.**

A walk-on who has seen action on Tech's special teams ... Must continue to make strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Got some practice time at whip

## GRIMM *Continued*

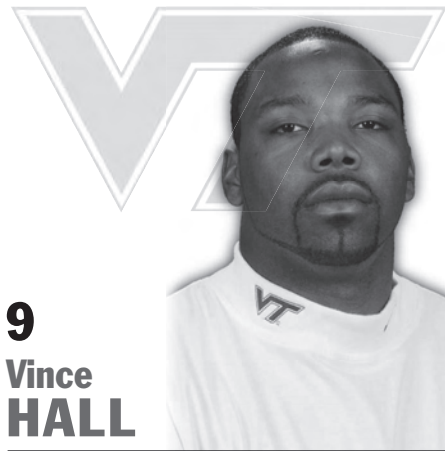
linebacker ... Also contributed on the scout and jayvee squads ... Will likely be called on to contribute on special teams once again this fall ...

**2004:** Played in just one game, coming against Florida A&M ... Posted a 32-inch vertical jump in spring testing ... Also had a 420-pound back squat ...

**2003:** Saw action in eight games, all on special teams ... Had three solo tackles on the season ... Was in for five kickoff coverages against Syracuse ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



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**Vince HALL**

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 246 • r-So. • 1VL Chesapeake, Va. • Western Branch H.S.**

Brings good football IQ, toughness, play-making skills and a nose for the football to the table at the mike linebacking spot ... Is always around the football ... Was really strong against the running game last season, finishing second on the team in tackles ... Needed improvement in the passing game and showed that during the spring ... Is becoming a complete linebacker ... Started 12 games last year as a freshman ... Named a third-team freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* ... Named an All-ACC Freshman Team selection by that same publication as a linebacker,

picking up ACC Freshman Defensive Player of the Year honors, as well ... Has a bright future with the Hokies ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, starting the last 12 ... Recorded 21 solo stops and 43 assists ... Included in those 64 tackles were 4.5 tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had a forced fumble, three pass break ups and seven quarterback hurries ... Played 522 snaps on defense and 22 on special teams in the regular season ... Picked up five tackles in his collegiate debut, coming against USC ... Made his first collegiate start the next week against Western Michigan, leading the team with 10 tackles ... Led the way with eight tackles and a break-up against Duke ... Had four tackles, a forced fumble and his first collegiate sack in the win over No. 6 West Virginia ... Led the team with 10 tackles and had a quarterback hurry against Virginia ... Once again led the way with eight tackles at Miami, picking up a pass break up as well ... Earned Iron Hokie honors after posting a 340-pound bench press, a 530-pound back squat, a 326-pound power clean and a 321-pound push jerk ... Also recorded a 33-inch vertical jump ...

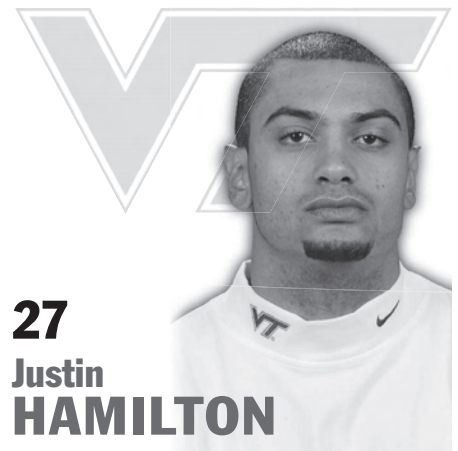
**2003:** Practiced at the mike linebacker position while redshirting ... Turned in a 305-pound jerk and a 340-pound clean during spring max testing ... Posted five tackles, three tackles for loss, a sack, a pass broken up and forced a fumble during the Hokies' first scrimmage of the spring ... Was also 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	21	43	64	4.5- 11	1.0- 3
----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	1	4	5	0- 0	0- 0
WMU	1	5	5	10	1.5- 6	0- 0
Duke	1	0	8	8	0- 0	0- 0
NCSU	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
WVU	1	3	1	4	1.0- 3	1.0- 3
at WFU	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
FAMU	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
at GT	1	2	2	4	0.5- 1	0- 0
at UNC	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
MD	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
UVa	1	0	10	10	0.5- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	2	6	8	0- 0	0- 0
vs AU	1	1	1	2	1.0- 1	0- 0



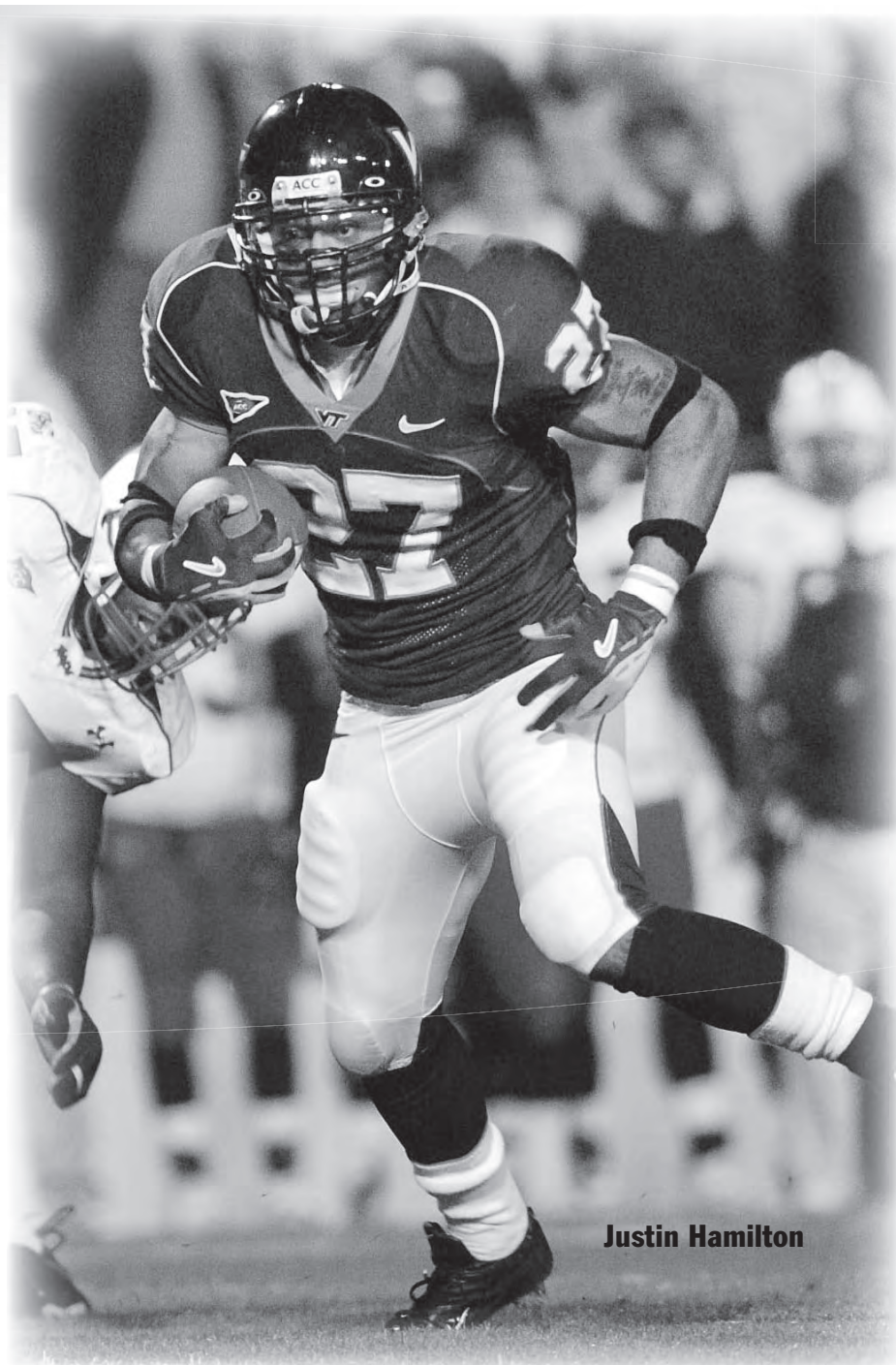
**27**  
**Justin HAMILTON**

**Free Safety • 6-3 • 230 • r-Sr. • 3VL Clintwood, Va. • Clintwood H.S.**

A true team player who is working at his third position in five years ... Moved to free safety in the spring after contributing as a tailback and as a receiver ... Missed most of the spring with right peroneal tendon injury in his ankle ... Is expected to be back running the first of July and be ready for preseason practice ... Has a lot of catching up to do at the new position, but has the smarts and football savvy to get the job done ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room prior to his injury ... Is expected to be one of the Hokies' top senior leaders ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, rushing 75 times for 336 yards and three touchdowns ... Also caught six passes for 31 yards ... Played 33 snaps against USC, rushing the ball eight times for 33 yards ... Scored his first touchdown of the season against WMU, a





**Justin Hamilton**

... Caught his first collegiate pass against Arkansas State, a 5-yard reception ... Also played 11 snaps on special teams ... Blocked a punt against LSU that resulted in a Tech touchdown ... Missed the Syracuse game with a sprained left ankle ... Blocked his second punt of the year against Virginia, which was picked up and returned for a touchdown ... 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 ...

**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 ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	75	336	4.5	3	24

----- 2004 Rushing Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	8	33	4.1	0	16
WMU	1	12	41	3.4	1	8
Duke	1	13	64	4.9	1	12
NCSU	1	3	-1	-0.3	0	3
WVU	1	2	3	1.5	0	2
at WFU	1	8	58	7.2	0	24
FAMU	1	10	59	5.9	0	16
at GT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UNC	1	3	7	2.3	0	4
MD	1	8	48	6.0	1	22
UVa	1	4	8	2.0	0	4
at UM	1	3	11	3.7	0	6
vs AU	1	1	5	5.0	0	5

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	13	5	56	11.2	0	23
2003	13	23	282	12.3	1	29
2004	13	6	31	5.2	0	11
Career	39	34	369	10.8	1	29

1-yard plunge ... Finished the game with 41 yards on 12 carries ... Rushed 13 times for 64 yards and one TD against Duke ... Rushed for 48 yards and a touchdown in the win over Maryland ... Missed most of the spring with an ankle injury that required surgery ... Set a new position record in both the vertical jump (37 1/2) and power clean (295) ... Had a 340-pound bench, a 470-pound squat and a 304-pound push jerk ...

**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 ... 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 ... 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 ... 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

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## Justin HARPER

Split End • 6-3 • 206 • So. • 1VL  
Catawba, N.C. • Bandys H.S. • Hargrave

One of four freshmen who saw action at receiver last year ... Was a consistent performer at the beginning of spring practice ... Showed maturity, consistency and the ability to make big plays ... Coaches say he leveled off the last five practices ... Has to learn to stay focused ... Is a very talented player with a lot of skill ... Has to attack the weight room and develop more mental toughness ... Combines good size with true receiver skills ... Has a tremendous upside ...

**2004:** Played in 11 games, catching five passes for 84 yards and a touchdown ... Saw brief action on offense against USC, but came back to play 30 snaps against Western Michigan



Justin Harper

... Caught three passes for 57 yards, including a 34-yard touchdown, in that game ... Had a 25-yard catch at Wake Forest ... Caught two touchdown passes in Tech's 15-7 jayvee win over Fork Union ... Played 10 snaps against both Virginia and Miami ... Caught two passes for 39 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 36-inch vertical jump and a 4.36 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

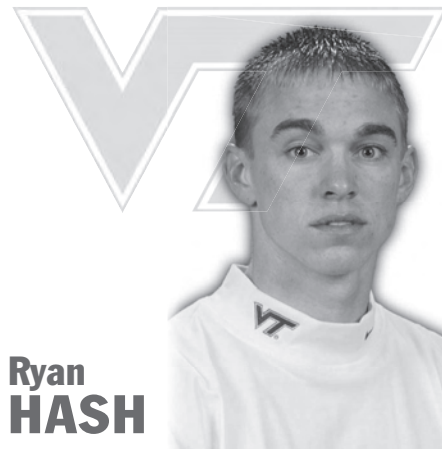
**2003:** Entered Tech in January 2004 ... Participated in the off-season strength and conditioning program ... Had a 10-yard reception in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Hauled in touchdown passes of 30 and 45 yards during the Hokies' second scrimmage ... Had a 47-yard catch in scrimmage three ...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

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	11	5	84	16.8	1	34



## Ryan HASH

Cornerback • 5-9 • 176 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Springfield, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.

A hard worker who contributed to the Hokies' success last season as a member of the special teams ... Has practiced at cornerback the past two seasons ... Missed the spring due to a knee injury that required surgery ...

**2004:** Played in eight games, all on special teams ... Saw action on 37 special teams snaps ... Had one solo tackle ... Had surgery in November on his right knee ...

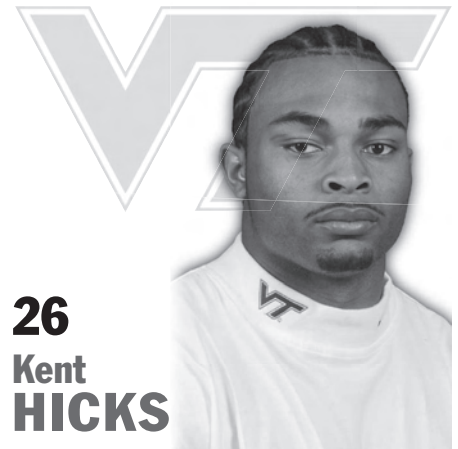
**2003:** Opened practice working at the field corner position ... Took a redshirt year after

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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## 26 Kent HICKS

Free Safety • 6-2 • 208 • r-Fr.  
Culpeper, Va. • Culpeper H.S.

A late addition to the 2004 roster who brings size and excellent potential to the Tech secondary ... Was redshirted last year while working at rover during the fall and free safety in the spring ... Still has work to do in order to earn playing time at safety ... Possesses the ability to succeed once he adjusts to the Tech system ...

**2004:** Was redshirted while working with the scout team ... Started at the rover position ... Moved to free safety in the spring ... Posted a 480-pound back squat, a 280-pound power clean and a 36-inch vertical jump ...

**High School:** A three-year letterwinner and starter at Culpeper High School for Coach Randy Bove ... Saw time at safety, wide receiver,



quarterback, tailback, punter and kick returner in his three years ... Recorded 109 tackles, two interceptions, 291 yards rushing, three rushing TDs, 26 receptions, 505 yards receiving and six receiving touchdowns as a senior ... Also had a 37.7-yard punting average in '03 ... Posted over 100 tackles in each of his three years ... Finished with 18 career interceptions — including 10 as a junior — and an average of over 20 yards per punt return ... Was an all-conference and all-region selection each of his three years ... Was named all-state as a senior by the Associated Press and the High School Football Coaches Association ... Earned defensive MVP honors for the West squad at the VHSCA All-Star game ... Was his conference's defensive player of the year ... An All-America and Mid-Atlantic all-region selection by SuperPrep who was rated as the fifth-best player in the state of Virginia and the 19th-best defensive back in the nation ... Was a PrepStar All-American ... Team went beyond the regional finals in two of his three years ... Lettered two years in basketball ...

**Personal:** Kent Noel Hicks was born 12/12/1985 in Boston, VA ... Son of William and Clara Morton ... Enrolled in university studies.



## 31 Brenden HILL

**Free Safety • 6-2 • 197 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.**

Has seen action on special teams, serving as one of the main cover men on kickoffs ... Moved from receiver to rover early last season ... Now settles in at free safety ... Showed good progress at the position during the spring ... His ability to read keys enables him to play quicker ... Has a chance to battle for playing time at the position when fall camp opens ... Must continue working in the athletic performance program to enhance his strength and speed ...

**2004:** Played in nine games, seeing action on 44 special teams plays in the regular season ... Had two solo tackles ... Was suspended for the first three games of the season ... Saw his first collegiate action against N.C. State, serving on the kickoff team ... Was also on the field for kickoffs for the eight remaining games ... Posted a 275-pound push jerk and a 36-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

## 12 Cory HOLT



**Quarterback • 6-4 • 216 • r-Fr.  
Lexington, N.C. • Lexington H.S. • Hargrave**

An exceptional athlete who served as the No. 3 quarterback last fall while redshirting ... Made big strides this past spring, but still has a ways to go ... Got hurt in the spring, limiting his reps down the stretch ... Missed the spring game with a right rotator cuff injury ... Has to work on consistency ... Needs to improve his football knowledge and IQ and continue to make better decisions all of the time ... Enrolled at Tech in January, 2004 and participated in spring practice ... Throws a great ball ... The biggest of Tech's returning quarterbacks ...

**2004:** Dressed for all of the games, but did not play, preserving his redshirt ... Recorded a 450-pound back squat and a 35-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 ...

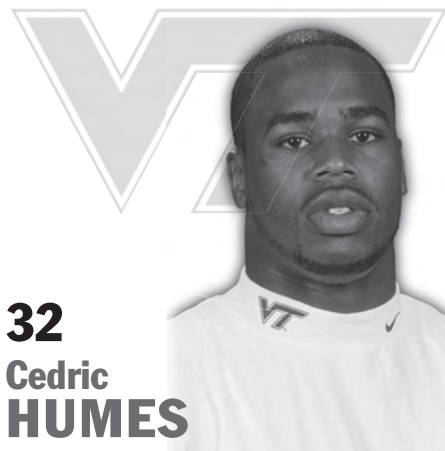
**High School:** Accounted for more than 6,000 yards of total offense during his career at Lexington High ... Lettered four years as a quarterback for Coach Billy Hunt ... Passed for 1,738 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior ... Added 953 yards on the ground and scored 17 rushing touchdowns ... Had two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

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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.



## 32 Cedric HUMES

Tailback • 6-1 • 233 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Virginia Beach, Va. • Princess Anne H.S.

Enters the fall as the co-No. 1 at tailback with Mike Imoh ... A senior leader in the backfield ... Saw limited action in the spring to give the younger backs more reps ... A key guy in Tech's offense ... Takes a lot of pressure off of the quarterback ... Was slow to recover 100 percent from a broken leg suffered in the first scrimmage of the 2004 spring, but came on strong late in the season ... Started the first three games at tailback ... A big, powerful runner who is hard to bring down ... Mixes good athletic ability with outstanding speed ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Started the first three games and played in all 13 ... Carried the ball 130 times for 605 yards and five touchdowns ... Also had eight catches for 46 yards ... Carried the ball nine times for 26 yards and caught two passes for nine yards in the opener against USC ... Had a 51-yard touchdown and caught two passes for 14 yards against WMU ... Carried the ball 17 times for 74 yards and a score against Duke ... Rushed for a career-high 120 yards on

17 carries with two touchdowns against FAMU ... Rushed for 85 yards on 18 carries in the win over Maryland ... Provided a big spark off the bench against Virginia, carrying the ball 15 times for 95 yards ... Had a 37-yard touchdown run to seal the victory ... Was the workhorse at Miami, rushing a career-high 27 times for 110 yards ... Had a long of 29 yards ... Finished with a game-high 44 yards rushing on five carries in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 590-pound back squat and a 341-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Filled in for an injured Kevin Jones against James Madison, carrying the ball 15 times for 74 yards and three touchdowns ... Carried the ball five times for 74 yards, including a 58-yard touchdown run against UConn ... Ran six times for 43 yards at Rutgers, including a 35-yard touchdown run ... 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



Cedric  
Humes



all 14 games, carrying the ball 16 times for 68 yards ... Also caught seven passes for 76 yards ... Caught a 15-yard pass against Pittsburgh ... 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 ...

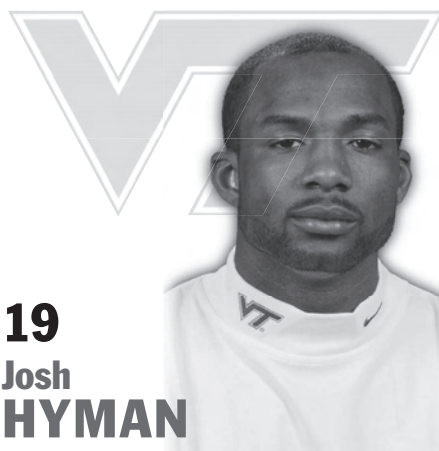
**2001:** Was redshirted as a true freshman ... Worked at tailback during the fall ... Earned Iron Hokie status during the off-season ... Turned in a 320-pound bench press and 500-pound back squat ... Ran a 4.42 forty and posted a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Rushed for two touchdowns during one scrimmage 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	14	16	68	4.2	0	9
2003	13	65	380	5.9	5	58
2004	13	130	605	4.7	5	37
Career	40	211	1053	5.0	10	58

----- 2004 Rushing Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	9	26	2.9	0	8
WMU	1	10	51	5.1	1	21
Duke	1	17	74	4.4	1	18
NCSU	1	5	2	0.4	0	4
WVU	1	2	6	3.0	0	3
at WFU	1	1	10	10.0	0	10
FAMU	1	17	120	7.1	2	15
at GT	1	1	3	3.0	0	3
at UNC	1	2	13	6.5	0	10
MD	1	18	85	4.7	0	19
UVa	1	15	95	6.3	1	37
at UM	1	27	110	4.1	0	29
vs AU	1	6	10	1.7	0	8
Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	14	7	76	10.9	0	26
2003	13	4	31	7.8	0	14
2004	13	8	46	5.8	0	11
Career	40	19	153	8.1	0	26



## 19 Josh HYMAN

Flanker • 5-11 • 188 • r-So. • 1VL  
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S. • Fork Union

An All-ACC Freshman Team selection by *The Sporting News* as a receiver last season ... Started 11 games at the flanker position and one at split end ... His five touchdown receptions were the most for a Tech freshman or redshirt freshman since 1972, when freshmen became eligible to play ... Also led the team in receiving yards with 491 and was second in receptions with 27 ... Started the spring slow ... Came around late to refocus and rededicate himself to become the complete receiver the coaches need him to be ... A good summer of preparation is important for him ... Needs to work on improving his top end speed and his conditioning ... The oldest of Tech's receivers ... Coaches have high expectations for him ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, starting 12 ... Had 27 receptions for 491 yards and a team-high five touchdowns ... Earned the start and played 42 snaps against USC ... Caught a 12-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter ... Moved over to start at split end against WMU and caught four passes for 89 yards ... Led the way with four catches for 89 yards in the win over Duke ... Caught a 34-yard score from Richard Johnson on a receiver pass ... Had just one catch against FAMU, but it went for a 20-yard touchdown ... Caught four passes

for a career-high 93 yards and two touchdowns against Virginia ... Had scoring receptions of 45 and 32 yards ... Performance earned him ACC Rookie of the Week honors ... Did not start against Miami due to an injury, but played 14 offensive snaps ... Caught five passes for 71 yards in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Caught three passes for 22 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 295-pound bench, a 450-pound back squat, a 35-inch vertical jump and a 4.41 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

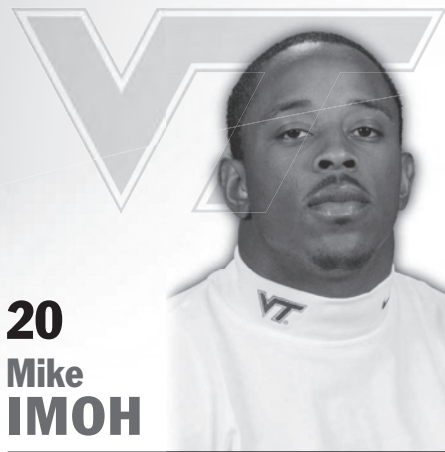
**2003:** Worked with the scout team while taking a redshirt year ... Did well during spring strength and conditioning tests earning Iron Hokie honors ... Posted a 320-pound bench press and 450-pound back squat ... Ran a 4.37 in the 40 and added 37 1/2 vertical jump ... Caught four passes for 40 yards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

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

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	27	491	18.2	5	45
----- 2004 Receiving Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	1	12	12.0	1	12
WMU	1	4	89	22.6	0	42
Duke	1	4	89	22.6	1	38
NCSU	1	1	8	8.0	0	8
WVU	1	1	32	32.0	0	32
at WFU	1	1	3	3.0	0	3
FAMU	1	1	20	20.0	1	20
at GT	1	3	34	11.3	0	16
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
MD	1	2	40	20.0	0	20
UVa	1	4	93	23.3	2	45
at UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs AU	1	5	71	14.2	0	31
K.O. Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	3	66	22.0	0	33



## 20 Mike IMOH

**Tailback • 5-7 • 195 • Sr. • 2VL  
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.**

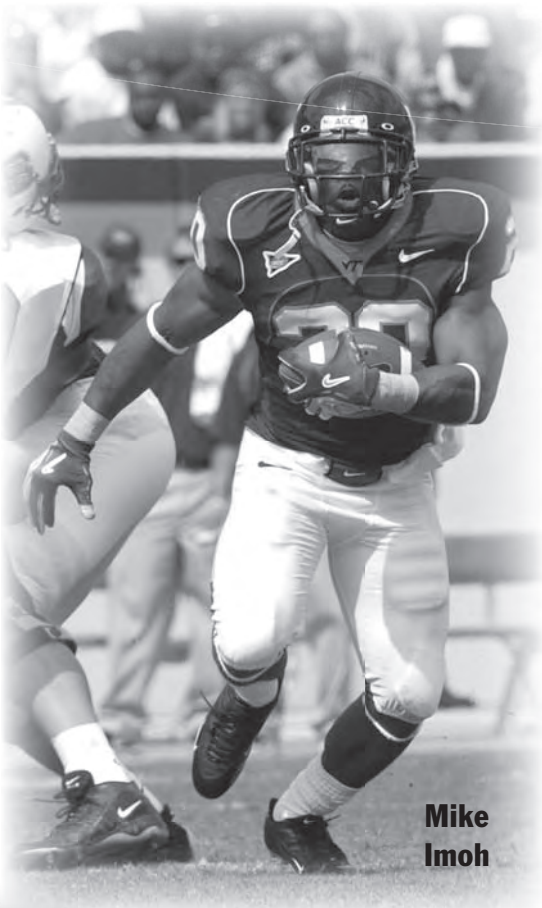
A speedy player who ended up being the spark plug Tech's running game was looking for last season ... Enters the fall as the co-No. 1 at tailback with Cedric Humes ... A senior leader in the backfield ... Saw limited action in the spring to give the younger backs more reps ... A key cog in Tech's offense ... Takes a lot of pressure off of the quarterback ... Set the school record for rushing yards in a game at North Carolina last year ... Does an excellent job in all phases of the game ... A tough runner with good speed and quickness ... Also returns kickoffs and punts ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Started nine of the last 10 games ... Was suspended the first three games of the season ... Carried the ball 158 times for 720 yards and six touchdowns ... Also had eight catches for 4 yards ... Returned for the N.C. State game, rushing for 74 yards and putting up 51 yards on kickoff returns ... Earned his first collegiate start the next week against West Virginia ... Responded with 206 all-purpose yards ... Carried the ball 30 times for 115 yards ... Rushed for 100 net yards on 29 carries in the win at Wake Forest ... Scored the game-winning touchdown on a 7-yard run with 2:10 left ... Set the Virginia Tech single-game rushing record at North Carolina, carrying the ball 32 times for 243 yards ... Also scored a career-best two touchdowns and finished with 294 all-purpose yards ... Performance earned him unanimous ACC Offensive Back of the Week honors ... Was on his way to another big game against Maryland before sustaining a strained hamstring in the first quarter ... Had 35 yards and two touchdowns on just seven carries before the injury ... Started against UVa, but played just 20 snaps, carrying the ball seven times for 22 yards ... Tried to go at Miami, but re-aggravated the injury early ... Played just three snaps ... Recorded a

515-pound back squat and a 316-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... 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 ... Made the move to receiver for the Rutgers game and came up with two big plays ... Caught a pair of 10-yard touchdown passes ... 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



**Mike  
Imoh**

the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught a team-high four passes for 28 yards, including a 19-yard pass for his first collegiate touchdown ... Was the workhorse in Tech's jayvee win over Fork Union, carrying the ball 31 times for 164 yards ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	5	10	38	3.8	0	18
2003	12	22	86	3.9	0	13
2004	10	158	720	4.6	6	47
Career	27	190	844	4.5	6	47

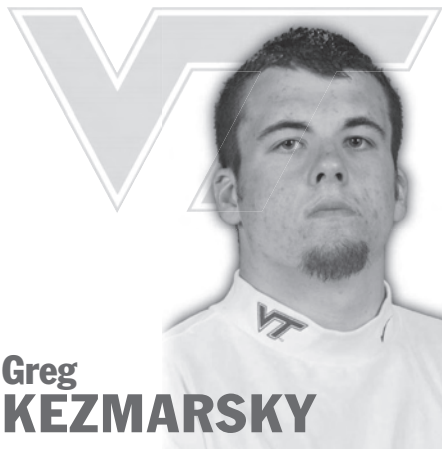
----- 2004 Rushing Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC					Did not play	
WMU					Did not play	
Duke					Did not play	
NCSU	1	14	74	5.3	0	41
WVU	1	30	115	3.8	0	13
at WFU	1	29	100	3.4	1	10
FAMU	1	8	42	5.2	1	10
at GT	1	22	77	3.5	0	34
at UNC	1	32	243	7.6	2	47
MD	1	7	35	5.0	2	21
UVa	1	7	22	3.1	0	11
at UM	1	3	-4	-1.3	0	0
vs AU	1	6	14	2.7	0	5



Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	5	4	28	7.0	1	19
2003	12	9	113	12.6	3	43
2004	10	8	4	0.5	0	13
Career	27	21	145	6.9	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
2004	10	12	256	21.3	0	42
Career	27	30	805	26.8	1	91

Punt Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	10	7	50	7.1	0	32



## Greg KEZMARSKY

**Defensive End • 6-3 • 239 • Sr.**  
**Voorhees, N.J. • Eastern H.S.**

Will help provide depth at the defensive end positions ... A hard worker who can always be counted on for his top effort ... Knows the Tech system ... Has used that knowledge to contribute to Hokies' success through his work as a member of the scout and jayvee teams the past three seasons ...

**2004:** Played in two games ... Saw action on five defensive snaps against Florida A&M and three against Maryland ...

**2003:** Played on the scout and jayvee 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 ... Majoring in marketing.



## 90 Jeff KING

**Tight End • 6-5 • 246 • r-Sr. • 3VL**  
**Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.**

A second-team All-ACC selection at tight end last year who will be counted on for big things this season ... Spent the winter playing with Tech's basketball team ... Conditioning helped him trim down ... Was named Tech's most valuable offensive player during spring practice ... The most experienced player at tight end ... Is also a good leader on the team ... Has the chance to be a special tight end, according to the coaches ... Brings a toughness to the team ... Is able to get the edge most of the time in the running game ... Very seldom makes a mistake ... Started all 13 games last year ... Had four touchdown receptions, the most for a Tech tight end since 1990 ... Excels as a blocker and has outstanding hands ...

**2004:** Saw action on 622 offensive snaps and 200 on special teams — tops on the team — in the regular season ... Caught 25 passes for 304 yards and four touchdowns ... Had a big opener, catching four passes for 65 yards, against USC ... Had a 25-yard catch against N.C. State ... Had two catches, both for first downs, for 19 yards in the win over West Virginia ... Led the team with three catches for 37 yards in the win at Wake Forest ... Caught 5-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive of that game ... Caught one pass against Florida A&M, recording his second touchdown of the season ... Caught two passes for 53 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown, against Maryland ... Scored Tech's first touchdown at Miami, catching a 3-yard pass ... Finished with three catches for 26, including a key third down reception on the final drive to move the chains ... Played 16 games with the Hokie basketball team, averaging 6.1 minutes, 1.1 points and 1.6 rebounds per game ... Had eight rebounds and six points at Duke ... Had an 11-yard catch in the Maroon-White game ... Given the George Preas Award, awarded to the most valuable player of spring practice ...

**2003:** Played in all 13 games, starting two ... Had six receptions for 109 yards and a touchdown ... Had a 31-yard reception late against James Madison ... Caught a 10-yard touchdown pass to open the scoring against Texas A&M ... Blocked a field goal against Rutgers ... 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 ... Had a season-high five knockdowns in 51 plays against Marshall ... Blocked a field goal at Western Michigan, the first of his career ... Got his first start against Pittsburgh, playing 36 snaps on offense and 21 on special teams ... Led the tight ends with a 500-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Mixed in some work at fullback during spring practice ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as the top offensive hustler during off-season and spring workouts ...

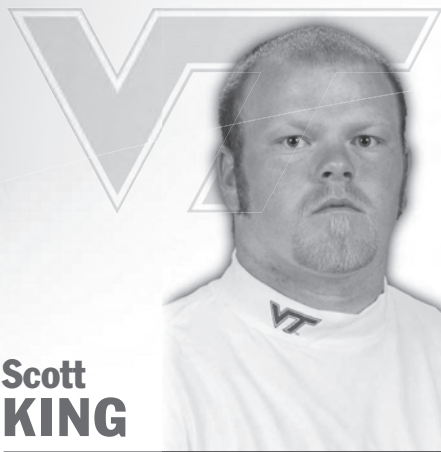
**2001:** Worked at tight end while redshirting as a true freshman ... Posted a 360-pound back squat during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Also ran a 4.8 forty ...

**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 ... Graduated with a degree in finance and is enrolled in health and physical education in graduate school.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	14	1	19	19.0	1	19
2003	13	6	109	18.2	1	31
2004	13	25	304	12.2	4	35
Career	40	32	432	13.5	6	35

-----2004 Receiving Game-by-Game-----						
vs USC	1	4	65	16.3	0	22
WMU	1	1	12	12.0	0	12
Duke	1	2	21	10.5	0	18
NCSU	1	1	25	25.0	0	25
WVU	1	2	19	9.5	0	11
at WFU	1	3	37	12.3	1	24
FAMU	1	1	10	10.0	1	10
at GT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
MD	1	2	53	26.5	1	35
UVa	1	3	24	8.0	0	12
at UM	1	3	26	8.7	1	12
vs AU	1	3	12	4.0	0	5



**Scott KING**

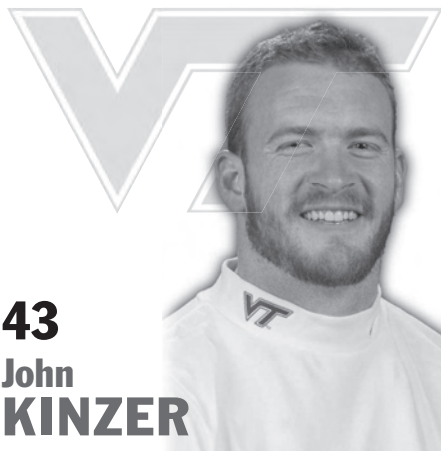
**Defensive Tackle • 6-0 • 274 • So.**  
**Radford, Va. • Radford H.S.**

A walk-on who serves as a member of the scout team ... Provides depth along the defensive line ... Is listed at the nose tackle position on the depth chart ...

**2004:** Saw action on the jayvee team ... Posted a 360-pound bench press and a 304-pound power clean in spring max testing ...

**High School:** Played linebacker, fullback and punter for Coach Norm Lineburg at Radford ... Was a second team all-state linebacker his senior season ... Set a Radford record with a 81-yard interception return for a touchdown ... Recorded 103 tackles and two sacks in his senior year ... Named all-state in track and field his junior and senior season ... Set records for shot put and discus at Radford ... Was an all-district and all-region first baseman for head coach Darden Freeman ... Was class president each of his high school years ...

**Personal:** Robert Scott King ... Born 8/26/85 in Radford, VA ... Son of William King and Judy Cox ... His brother, Billy, played football for the Hokies in the '70s ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



**43 John KINZER**

**Tight End • 6-2 • 257 • r-So. • 1VL**  
**Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.**

Made the move from fullback to tight end in the spring ... Had two touchdown catches last season ... Ended the spring on a high

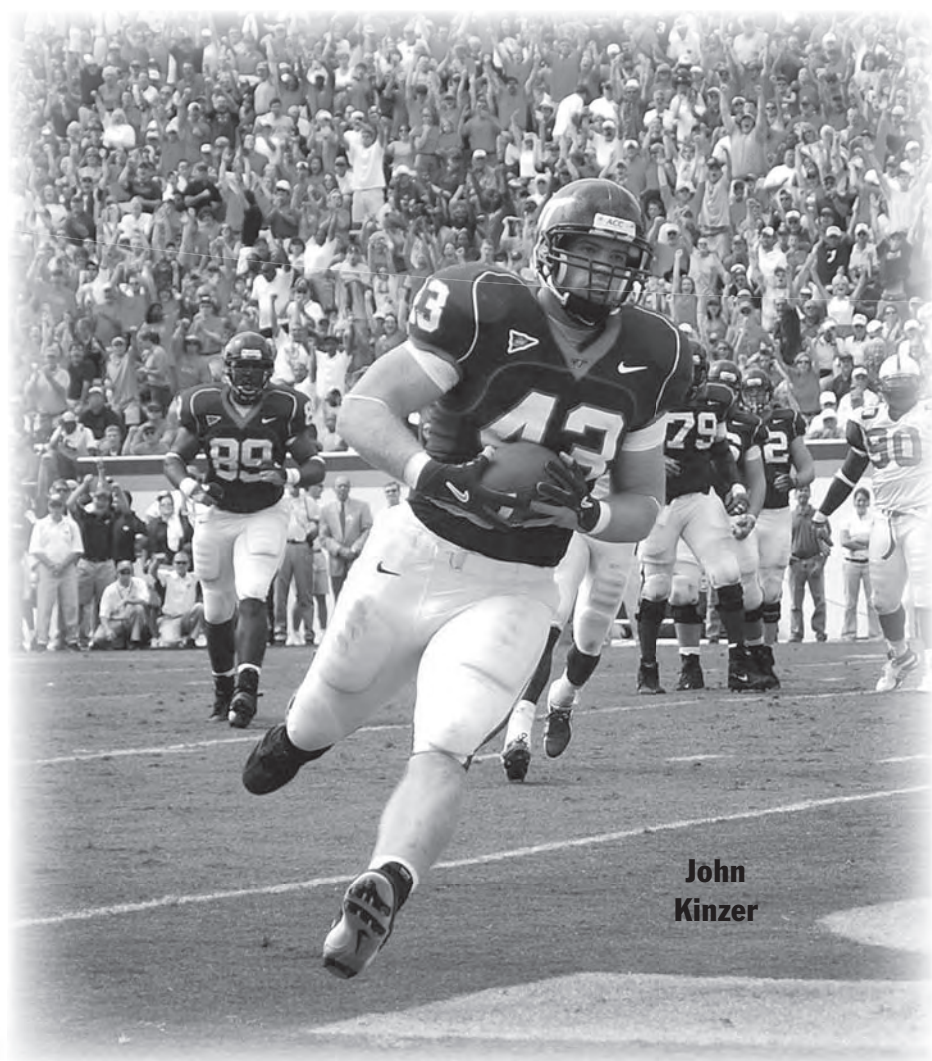
note ... Still has work to do to learn his new position ... Is a conscientious athlete who enjoys playing ... Runs well and has good hands ... Needs to catch some more balls this summer to make sure he is sharp when fall practice opens ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ... Also earned the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, catching seven passes for 26 yards and two touchdowns ... Played on 150 offensive snaps and 82 on special teams in the regular season ... Started four games ... Played 17 snaps against Western Michigan, catching two passes for six yards, including a 3-yard touchdown ... Earned his first start against Duke ... Caught a 4-yard scoring pass against N.C. State ... Saw limited action due to a neck injury over the final four games ... Played on the field goal and PAT teams, but not at fullback ... Had a 15-yard catch in the Maroon-White game ... Set a new tight end record in the push jerk (366), vertical jump (37") and power clean (390) ... Power clean mark was the eighth-best in program history ... Also recorded a 380-pound bench

and a 550-pound squat in spring testing ...

**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 ...

**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



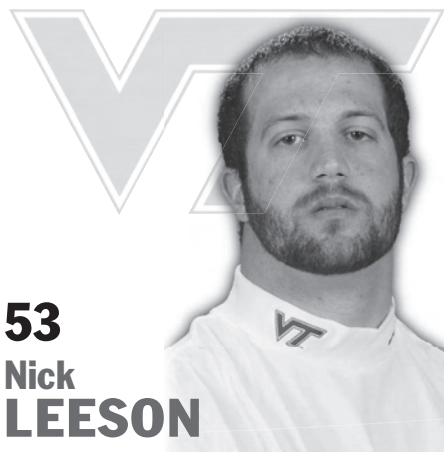
**John Kinzer**



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 ... Majoring in building construction.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	7	26	3.7	2	8



## 53 Nick LEESON

**Deep Snapper • 6-1 • 255 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Abingdon, Va. • Abingdon H.S.**

Is the frontrunner for Tech's long snapping job ... Handled most of Tech's PAT and field goal snaps in 2003, but did not play last year ... 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 ... A steady performer whose dad played for the Hokies in the early 1980s ...

**2004:** Dressed for all 13 games, but did not see any varsity action ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors after posting a 370-pound bench, a 550-pound squat, a 316-pound power clean and a 309-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ...

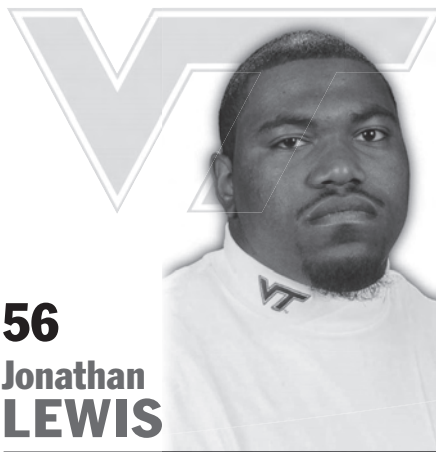
**2002:** Practiced at the backer position during the fall and served as a reserve deep snapper ... Did not see action and was

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) ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



## 56 Jonathan LEWIS

**Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 308 • Sr. • 3VL  
Richmond, Va. • Varina H.S.**

An honorable mention All-ACC selection as a defensive lineman ... Had a big season on Tech's defensive line ... A big, strong player who moves well ... Finished eighth on the team in tackles and third in sacks ... Has the ability to be a force on Tech's defensive line ... Possesses explosiveness and power at the point of attack ... Has started 29 straight games, the second-longest active streak on the team entering the season ...

**2004:** Played in and started all 13 games, recording 18 solo stops and 22 assists ... Included in those 40 tackles were 11.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks ... Also had two fumble recoveries, one pass break up and 14 quarterback hurries ... Played 434 snaps on defense and five on special teams in the regular season ... Played 31 snaps against Western Michigan, registering a fumble recovery ... Played his best game against West Virginia, recording seven tackles, including 1.5 for loss ... Had five total tackles at Wake Forest ... Included in those five stops were three tackles for loss, including two sacks ... Had three tackles, including two for loss and a sack, in the win over Maryland ... Had two tackles and

a fumble recovery against Virginia ... Broke his finger in that game and was slowed for the Miami game ... Still started, and had two tackles, both for losses, against the Hurricanes ... Also had a sack ... Posted a 340-pound bench, a 600-pound back squat, a 326-pound power clean and a 370-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Played 40 snaps against Texas A&M, recording four solo tackles, five assists and a quarterback hurry ... 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 ... Had six solo tackles, three assists and 2.5 sacks against No. 2 Miami ... 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 ...

**2002:** A true freshman who saw action right away ... Started the last two games of the regular season and the San Francisco Bowl game vs. Air Force ... 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* ... 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 ... Got his first collegiate start against Virginia ... Recorded four solo tackles and two assists in the win ... Turned in a 550-pound back squat during spring testing ... Ran a 4.9 forty ...

**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

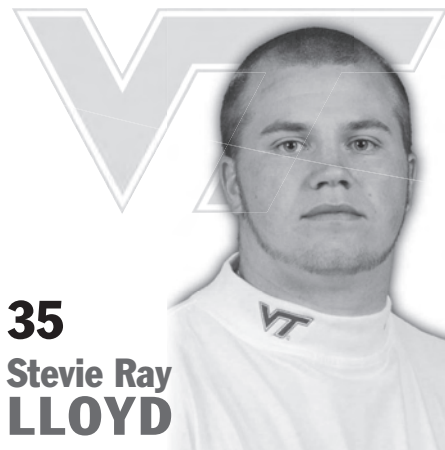
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he had 96 tackles and 11 sacks ... Registered over 300 career tackles and 46 sacks ... Helped Coach Gary Chilcoat's team to a 46-7 record and three regional championships during his varsity career ... Also played center on the basketball team ...

**Personal:** Jonathan M. Lewis ... Born 7/12/84 in Richmond, VA ... Son of David and Gale Lewis ... Brother, Kevin, is a former defensive tackle for the Hokies ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	33	23	56	7.0-	23 2- 12
2003	13	36	33	69	7.0-	16 4- 14
2004	13	18	22	40	11.0-	35 5.0- 26
Career	40	87	78	165	25.0-	74 11.0- 52

----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----							
vs USC	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0- 0
WMU	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0- 0
Duke	1	2	3	5	1.0-	2	0- 0
NCSU	1	1	3	4	0.5-	1	0- 0
WVU	1	4	3	7	1.5-	2	0- 0
at WFU	1	4	1	5	3.0-	12	2.0- 11
FAMU	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0- 0
at GT	1	1	4	5	0.5-	1	0- 0
at UNC	1	2	0	2	0-	0	0- 0
MD	1	1	2	3	2.0-	6	1.0- 4
UVa	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0- 0
at UM	1	1	1	2	1.5-	8	1.0- 7
vs AU	1	1	1	2	1.0-	4	1.0- 4



## 35 Stevie Ray LLOYD

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 235 • r-So. • 1VL  
Lynchburg, Va. • Jefferson Forest H.S.**

A tough young player who came to Tech as a walk-on ... A regular on the kickoff coverage last season ... Impressed the coaches with his work ethic ... Has made strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Second on the team in special teams tackles, including a team-high nine on kickoff coverage ... Missed the spring after having arthroscopic surgery to repair a meniscus tear in his right knee ... Has some ground to make up but will be in the mix for the backup duties at mike linebacker if he can return to form ...

**2004:** Played in 13 games, recording 11 tackles ... Played 57 snaps on special teams and 12 on defense in the regular season ... Was in for four kickoff coverages, recording a solo tackle, against USC ... Had a career-high four tackles against Florida A&M ... Played six

plays on special teams at Georgia Tech ... Had a solo tackle on kickoff coverage against both Maryland and Virginia ... Posted a 340-pound bench press, a 575-pound squat, a 304-pound power clean and a 321-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	12	5	6	11	0-	0 0- 0



## Zac LOWE

**Offensive Guard • 6-1 • 273 • Jr.  
Bridgewater, Va. • Turner Ashby H.S.**

A walk-on who serves as a member of the scout team ... Provides depth along the offensive line ... Is listed at the right guard position on the depth chart ...

**2004:** Saw action in two games ... Played four snaps against Florida A&M and three against Maryland ... Played in the jayvee game against Fork Union ... Recorded a 316-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**High School:** Played offensive line for Coach Joe Taylor at Turner Ashby ... Was named team most valuable player his senior season ... Also played forward on the men's basketball team at Turner and participated in track and field ...

**Personal:** Zachary Earl Lowe ... Born 12/25/84 in Bangor, ME ... Son of Max and Barbara Lowe ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.



## 67 Nick MARSHMAN

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 346 • r-Fr.  
Harrisonburg, Va. • Turner Ashby H.S.**

One of the biggest pieces to the offensive line puzzle ... A young lineman who will be thrust into the thick of things when practice opens ... Will enter the fall as the No. 2 man at the right tackle spot ... Has good size for the position ...

**2004:** Redshirted while using the time to get bigger and strong in the weight room ... Recorded a 690-pound back squat in the spring, the seventh-best mark in program history ... Also posted a 341-pound power clean, a 341-pound push jerk and a 29-inch vertical jump ...

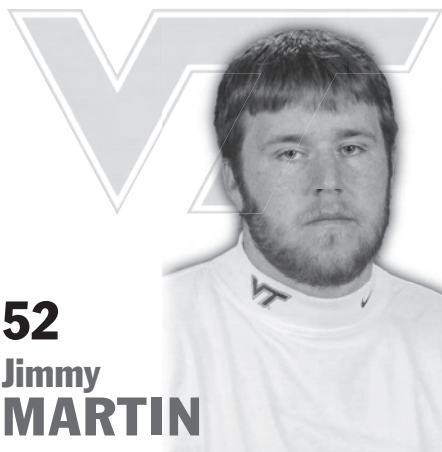
**2003:** Entered school in January ... Went through the winter off-season program ... Worked at offensive tackle during spring practice ...

**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.



## 52 Jimmy MARTIN

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 305 • Sr. • 3VL**  
Fairfax, Va. • Chantilly H.S.

One of the main cogs on the offensive line this year ... An honorable mention All-ACC selection as an offensive tackle ... An All-ACC pick by Rivals.com at the tackle spot ... Started all 13 games at left tackle last year ... 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 started 33 straight games, the longest active streak on the team entering the season ...

**2004:** Played 665 snaps on offense, grading out at a 86 percent with 18 knockdowns in the regular season ... Was in for all 63 offensive snaps in the opener against USC ... Had a knockdown block against the Trojans ... Played only 26 snaps in the big win over FAMU ... Played all 65 snaps at Georgia Tech, grading out at 95 percent with two knockdowns ... Graded out at 90 percent with a knockdown on 69 snaps at UNC ... Earned ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors after grading out at 90 percent with a knockdown on 58 snaps in Tech's big win over Maryland ... Played 56 snaps against Virginia, grading out at 84 percent with a knockdown ... Suffered a high ankle sprain and was slowed for the game against Miami ... Started, but could only play 14 snaps, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown ... Recorded a 32-inch vertical jump and a 370-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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



**Jimmy Martin**

grading out at 87 percent with a knockdown on 70 snaps against UCF ... Played 62 snaps against Texas A&M, grading out at 88 percent with two knockdowns ... Graded out at a team-high 94 percent with a knockdown block at Rutgers ... Played 55 snaps at West Virginia, grading out at 89 percent with three knockdowns ... Graded out at 90 percent on 66 snaps with two knockdowns against Boston College ... 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 ... Earned his first career start against Temple ... Played 58 snaps and had a knockdown block against the Owls ... 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 ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## 91 Orion MARTIN

**Defensive End • 6-1 • 243 • r-Fr.**  
Martinsville, Va. • George Washington H.S.

A pleasant surprise in spring practice ... Put himself in contention for playing time at defensive end with his play-making ability ... Opened some eyes with 3.5 sacks during the spring game ... A raw talent who plays well in space, but still needs work at the point of attack ... Should benefit from exposure to the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Joined the team as a walk-on, but earned a scholarship after just 15 spring practices ... Attended Hargrave for a semester before enrolling at Norfolk State in the spring of 2004 ... Transferred to Tech and sat out the 2004 season ... Joined Brandon Flowers as the Hokies' top defensive newcomers of the spring ...

**2004:** Joined the team as a walk-on for spring practice ... Had a game-high seven tackles, including 3.5 for a loss and two sacks in the Maroon-White game ... Given the Paul Torgersen Award, awarded to the top newcomer, following spring practice ... Posted a 350-pound bench, a 550-pound back squat and a 34-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**Norfolk State:** Attended NSU for 2004 spring semester ...

**Prep School:** Played defensive end for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave for one semester ...

**High School:** Played tight end and defensive end for Coach Everett Woods at George Washington ... As a senior, three sacks, eight receptions for 190 yards and one interception ... Was named first team all-Western Valley as a senior ... Also lettered in basketball as a forward ...

**Personal:** David Orion Martin ... Born 9/2/85 in Danville, VA ... Son of David and Denese Martin ... Brother, Cam, is an incoming freshman signee with the Tech football squad ... Uncle, Bobby Martin, played for Tech from 1986-1989 ... Majoring in sociology.



**69**  
**Danny**  
**McGRATH**

Center • 6-2 • 283 • r-Jr.  
 Herndon, Va. • Herndon H.S.

Enters the fall as the top man at the center position after a very good spring session ... A strong, smart player who has been working in the athletic performance program to improve his quickness ... Has already received his degree in the classroom ... Brings a good work ethic and toughness to the position ... Was one of Tech's top leaders during the spring ... Will have to step up and have a great year for the Hokies to be successful ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Played in four games, seeing action on 72 offensive snaps and picking

up four knockdowns ... Saw his first action of the year against Western Michigan ... Played 18 snaps, grading out at 91 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 39 snaps on offense against Florida A&M, grading out at 85 percent with two knockdowns ... Given the Don Williams TEAM UNITED Award, awarded for outstanding leadership, following spring practice ... Posted a 455-pound bench, a 316-pound power clean and a 351-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ...

**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 ... Graduated with a degree in physical education and is enrolled in health and physical education in graduate school.



**54**  
**Bart**  
**McMILLIN**

Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 218 • r-So.  
 Bristol, Tenn. • Tennessee H.S.

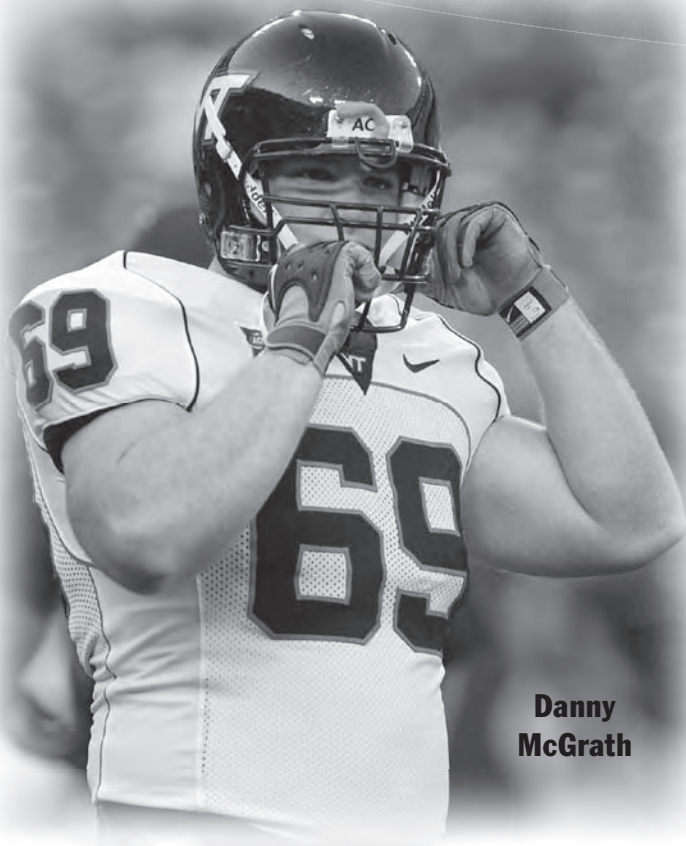
Competed for the long snapping duties during the spring ... Will resume his battle with Nick Leeson when practice resumes ... Played on the scout and jayvee teams last fall ... Came to Tech as a walk-on ... Originally signed with East Tennessee State but was released from his obligation when ETSU announced it would drop football ...

**2004:** Did not see any varsity action ... Posted a 455-pound back squat in spring testing ...

**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 ...

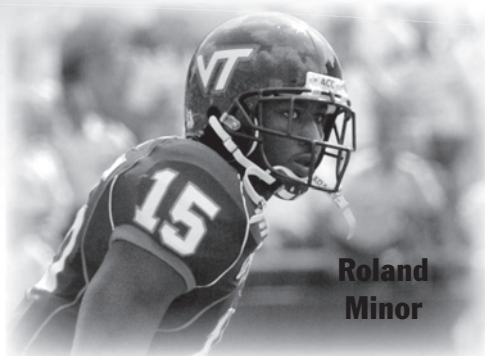
**High School:** Lettered four seasons for Coach Greg Stubbs at Tennessee High ... Saw action at middle linebacker, fullback and long snapper ... Had 80 solo tackles, 38 assists, 13 sacks, four fumbles caused and three fumble recoveries his senior season ... Also averaged 7.7 yards a carry at fullback 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.



**Danny**  
**McGrath**





**Roland  
Minor**

**15**

**Roland  
MINOR**

**Cornerback • 6-0 • 198 • r-So. • 1VL  
Washington, D.C. • H.D. Woodson H.S.**

Saw a lot of action as Tech's nickel back last year and was an All-ACC Freshman Team selection by *The Sporting News* as a defensive back ... Had two key interceptions at Georgia Tech, including one he returned for a touchdown ... Enters 2005 preseason practice as the No. 1 man at field corner after an outstanding showing during spring workouts ... An aggressive player who isn't afraid to play the football ... Hits hard and makes plays ... Has improved his concentration and worked hard to develop better technique and fundamentals ... Ran a 4.35 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, recording 15 tackles, four pass break ups and two interceptions ... Made his first collegiate start against FAMU when the Hokies opened up in a nickel package ... Played 55 snaps on defense in that game, recording three tackles and three break ups ... Earned ACC Defensive Back of the Week honors for his play at Georgia Tech ... Had two key interceptions late in the game, returning the last one 64 yards for a touchdown ... Recorded four tackles in the Maroon-White game ...

**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 ...

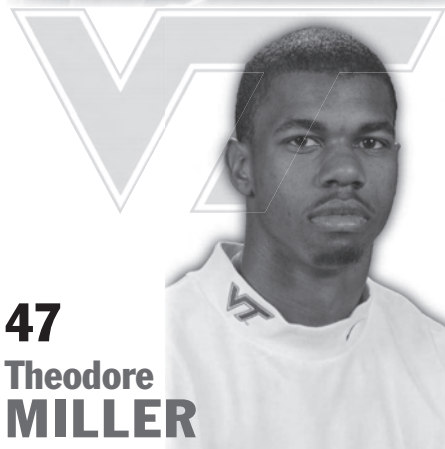
**High School:** Earned first-team All-Metro honors from *The Washington Post* as a senior ... Was a wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner for Coach Greg Fuller at H.D. Woodson ... Registered 53 tackles and seven interceptions, including three for touchdowns, during his senior season ... Also 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 ... Majoring in management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	7	8	15	0- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	2	63	31.5	1	64



**47**

**Theodore  
MILLER**

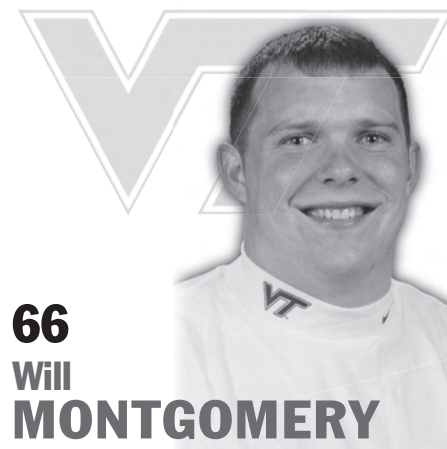
**Cornerback • 6-2 • 179 • r-Fr.  
Washington, D.C. • Woodson H.S.**

A young player who is trying to work his way into the playing rotation at cornerback ... Showed flashes of ability while redshirting, but still has some work to do ... Possesses excellent athleticism, but needs to focus and develop more consistency ... Should benefit from the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... His progress during the summer and preseason will determine his status ...

**2004:** Was redshirted while working at cornerback on the scout team ... Intercepted a pass in the fourth quarter of the Maroon-White game ... Posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.48 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



**66**

**Will  
MONTGOMERY**

**Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 301 • r-Sr. • 2VL  
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.**

Makes the move to right guard, but could still be used at center if needed ... A versatile player who could start at either of those positions ... Was an honorable mention All-ACC selection as a center last year after replacing All-American Jake Grove ... Originally joined the team as a walk-on defensive tackle and earned a scholarship ... Has started 23 consecutive games on the line, starting 10 at guard in 2003 ... Had a great spring in making the transition back to guard and was named the team's top leader on offense ... Is fundamentally sound and uses good technique ... Takes an aggressive, no-nonsense approach to football ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ... Also earned the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program — for the second time ...

**2004:** Made a successful move to the center position ... Started all 13 games, playing 734 offensive snaps in the regular season ... Graded out at 89 percent with a team-high 46 knockdowns ... Made his first collegiate start at center in the opener against USC ... Had a team-high seven knockdowns and graded out at 90 percent in the win over Duke ... Graded out at 86 percent with three knockdowns on 65

## MONTGOMERY *Continued*

snaps at Wake Forest ... Played just 26 offensive snaps in the big win over FAMU, grading out at 92 percent with four knockdown blocks ... Had three knockdowns on 65 snaps while grading out at 89 percent at Georgia Tech ... Graded out at 90 percent with five knockdowns on 69 snaps at UNC ... Played 58 snaps against Maryland, grading out at 90 percent with two knockdowns ... Played 60 snaps against Virginia, grading out at 95 percent with four knockdowns ... Played 67 snaps at Miami, grading out at 95 percent with four knockdowns ... Given the President's Award, awarded for outstanding leadership, following spring practice ... Set a new position record in both the push jerk (391) and power clean (390) ... Power clean mark was the second-best in program history while push jerk marks the fifth-best ... Also had a 460-pound bench press, a 625-pound back squat, a 29 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.85 40-yard dash ...

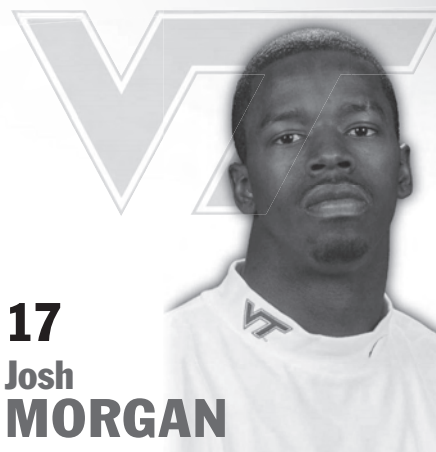
**2003:** Played in all 13 games, starting 10 ... Saw action on 668 offensive snaps, grading out at 88.8 percent with 35 knockdown blocks in the regular season ... Made his first collegiate start against UCF ... Played 81 snaps, grading out at 90 percent with a knockdown ... Played 31 snaps, grading out at 94 percent with a team-high four knockdown blocks against JMU ... Played 34 snaps against Syracuse, grading out at 94 percent with two knockdowns ... Got the start at West Virginia and graded out at 90 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Played all 61 snaps on offense at Pittsburgh, grading out at 91 percent with three knockdowns ... 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 ...

**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 baseball ... A member of the National Honor Society ...

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



## 17 Josh MORGAN

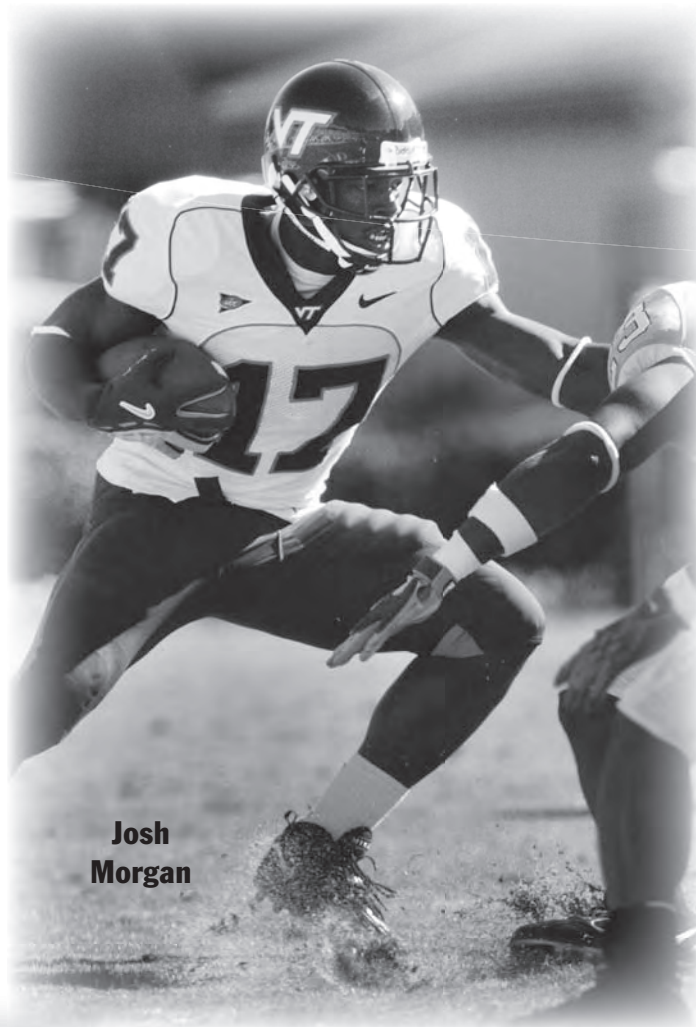
**Split End • 6-1 • 210 • So. • 1VL**  
**Washington, D.C. • H.D. Woodson H.S. • Fork Union**

Became a dependable receiver last year as a true freshman ... Has shown the ability to make big plays ... Grabbed two touchdown passes during the Sugar Bowl ... Didn't have a great spring, but coaches are still excited about his abilities ... Battled some injuries, which slowed him down ... Still needs to learn technique and fundamentals and he has to give great effort every single play ...

Needs to develop a consistency in his game ... Is very athletic, but is still raw ... Could be used on kick returns ...

**2004:** Played in 12 games, starting one ... Had 15 catches for 346 yards and three touchdowns ... Saw his first collegiate action against Western Michigan, playing 29 snaps ... Caught two passes for 31 yards in that game ... Had a key 23-yard catch on the final drive against N.C. State ... Had a big 18-yard catch on the opening drive at Wake Forest ... Scored the game-winning touchdown at Georgia Tech, catching a 51-yard score ... Finished the game with two catches for 79 yards ... Made his first collegiate start at Miami ... Caught three passes for a Tech bowl record 126 yards and two touchdowns in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Second score was an 80-yarder ... Recorded a 310-pound bench, a 505-pound back squat, a 260-pound power clean and a 36-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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



Josh  
Morgan



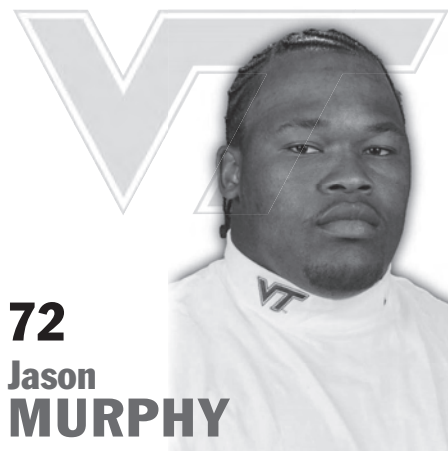
pass during the Maroon-White game and ran for a 6-yard gain on a reverse ... Underwent surgery for a fractured left foot in May ...

**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 ... Majoring in business.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	15	346	23.1	3	80
-----2004 Receiving Game-by-Game-----						
vs USC			Did not play			
WMU	1	2	31	15.5	0	21
Duke	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
NCSU	1	1	23	23.0	0	23
WVU	1	1	15	15.0	0	15
at WFU	1	1	18	18.0	0	18
FAMU	1	1	9	9.0	0	9
at GT	1	2	79	39.5	1	51
at UNC	1	1	12	12.0	0	12
MD	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UVa	1	3	33	11.0	0	21
at UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
vs AU	1	3	126	42.0	2	80



## 72 Jason MURPHY

**Offensive Guard • 6-2 • 303 • r-Sr. • 2VL  
Baltimore, Md. • Edmondson Westside H.S.**

Started the last seven games at left guard ... Finished the spring strong with a good spring game ... A physical player who brings good athleticism and footwork to the position ... Started his Tech career on the defensive line ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 right guard ... Is focused on being successful ... Has improved his strength through the athletic

performance program ... Will be counted on to help anchor the line this year and provide senior leadership ...

**2004:** Played 405 snaps on offense, grading out at 78 percent with 28 knockdowns in the regular season ... Started the last seven games ... Played 40 offensive snaps against West Virginia, notching two knockdowns ... Played 41 snaps against Wake Forest, picking up a knockdown block ... Earned his first collegiate start against Florida A&M the next week ... Played 29 snaps in that game ... Started at Georgia Tech and played 43 snaps ... Picked up a team-high four knockdowns ... Played 27 snaps against Maryland, picking up three knockdowns ... Played all 67 snaps at Miami, picking up a career-high six knockdown blocks ... Posted a 400-pound bench press and a 360-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**2003:** Played in three regular season games ... Saw action on 27 offensive snaps ... Missed the first two games with a sprained ankle ... Saw his first action of the season against UConn, playing eight snaps on offense ... 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 20 snaps against Marshall, registering a "big hit" ... Had a solo stop and five assists at Texas A&M ... Played 12 snaps against West Virginia, recording a solo stop and an assist ... 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## 28 Branden ORE

**Tailback • 5-11 • 207 • r-Fr.  
Chesapeake, Va. • Indian River H.S.**

A talented young player who the coaches are excited to get on the field ... Has great quickness and speed ... Made some big plays this past spring and has gotten better ... Coaches want him to become more consistent ...

**2004:** Was redshirted ... Had five rushes for 14 yards and two catches for 4 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 324-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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

## ORE *Continued*

All-America honors from both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ...

**Personal:** Brandon Kary-Allen Ore ... Born 2/17/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of James and Karey Ore ... Majoring in management.



## 46 Brandon PACE

Place-kicker • 5-10 • 199 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Virginia Beach, Va. • Kellam H.S.

A first-team All-ACC selection as the place-kicker ... A semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, the award for the nation's top collegiate kicker ... Finished second overall in the ACC in scoring and was first among kickers with an average of 8.2 points per game ... Was ranked 10th nationally in field goals, averaging 1.62 per game ... Has a good work ethic ... Was named the team's most valuable special teams performer during the spring ... Gets quick height on the ball ... A former walk-on who earned a scholarship ...

**2004:** Was 43-for-44 on PATs and 21-for-27 on field goals, scoring 106 points ... Had a long of 46 yards ... Had a successful debut as Tech's kicker, making all three kicks in the opener against top-ranked Southern California ... Made field goals of 35 and 42 yards, as well as his lone PAT ... Kicked two field goals and five PATs against Duke ... Was 3-for-5 on field goals and 1-for-1 on PATs against N.C. State ... Missed the game-winning 43-yarder as time expired ... Came back a week later to hit 4-of-5 field goal attempts, including a career-long 46-yarder, in Tech's 19-13 win over No. 6 West Virginia ... Was named one of the Lou Groza Award "Stars of the Week" for his performance ... Made both of his field goals — from 44 and 32 yards — and all six PATs in the big win over Florida A&M ... Made all three of his PATs, as well as two field goals in Tech's three-point win at North Carolina ... Made a pair of field goals — 27 and 34 yards — along with all seven PATs against Maryland ... Drilled a 45-yard field goal to end the first half at Miami ... Kicked field goals of 34 and 32 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Given the George Preas Award, awarded to the most valuable player of spring practice ... Posted a 450-pound back squat and a 4.66 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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 ...

**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 ...

**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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Scoring	G	EP-A	FGM-A	LG	TP
2003	12	4- 4	0- 0	0	4
2004	13	43-44	21-27	46	106
Career	25	47-48	21-27	46	110
Field Goals	18-29 yds	30-39	40-49	50+	
2004	7- 8	10-13	4- 6	0- 0	



**D.J. Parker**



## 25 D.J. PARKER



**Free Safety • 5-11 • 181 • So. • 1VL  
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at free safety ... Will be challenged by Justin Hamilton when practice resumes ... Saw a lot of action on special teams last year as a true freshman, playing over 100 snaps ... Also earned some playing time at cornerback ... Was one of eight true freshmen to play for the Hokies last year ... Moved to safety for spring practice and started building confidence and an understanding of the position ... Is just starting to scratch his full potential ... Will get added reps when practice resumes in August ... Is being counted on to help fill a key position for the Hokies ...

**2004:** Played in 12 games, recording 10 tackles ... Saw action on four special teams plays in the opener against USC ... Played 15 snaps on defense against WMU, recording two solo tackles ... Had a tackle and forced fumble against Duke ... Played 19 snaps on defense against Maryland ... Posted a 300-pound bench press, a 265-pound power clean and a 4.37 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	12	7	3	10	0- 0	0- 0

## 22 Robert PARKER



**Free Safety • 6-1 • 212 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Chesapeake, Va. • Oscar Smith H.S.**

Has bounced around since moving from wide receiver to defense during the spring ... Will begin preseason practice working at free safety after spending the spring at whip linebacker ... Is expected to continue his role as a special team player, while making the adjustment to his new position ... Combines good size with outstanding speed ... Has made strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Coaches love his attitude and character ...

**2004:** Played in 12 games, recording two tackles ... Was in for 13 snaps on special teams against USC ... Had an assisted tackle in that game ... Had a tackle on special teams at Wake Forest ... Saw brief action on offense against Florida A&M ... Posted a 530-pound back squat and a 4.33 40-yard dash in spring testing ... Also recorded a team-best 39 1/2-inch vertical jump ...

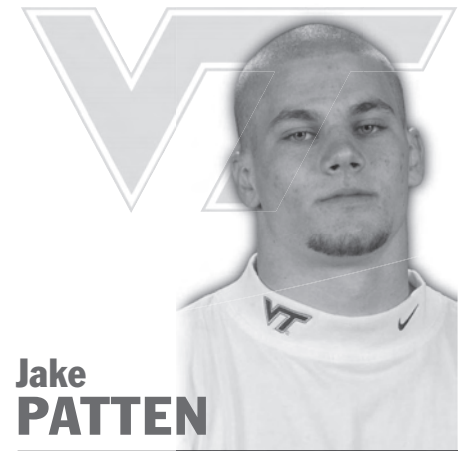
**2003:** Suffered a foot injury in the preseason ... Missed the first four games ... Came back to dress against Rutgers, but did not play ... Was in for four offensive snaps against Syracuse, his only action of the season ... Turned in a 37-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Had a 17-yard 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## Jake PATTEN

**Free Safety • 6-0 • 207 • Jr.  
Chantilly, Va. • Chantilly H.S.**

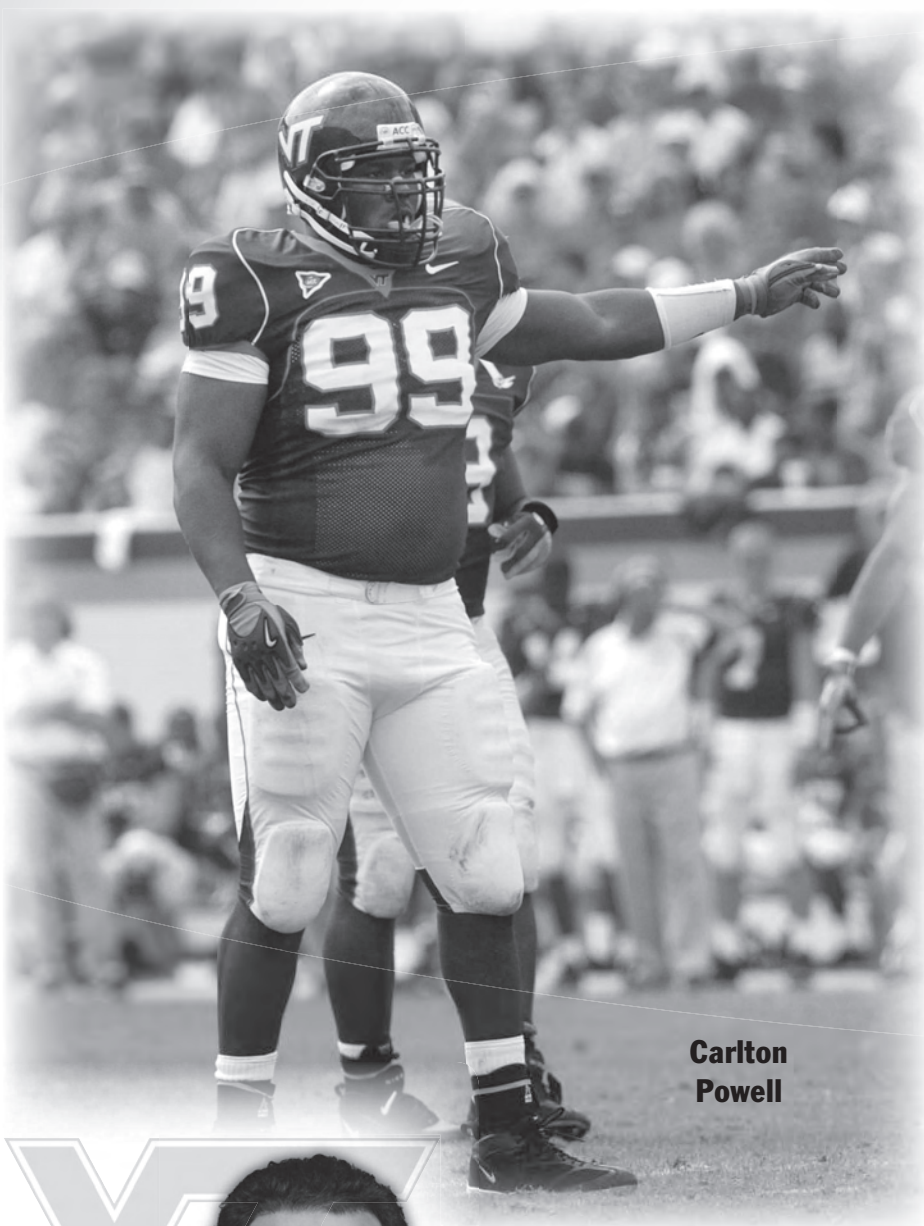
A walk-on who has been working at free safety ... Has contributed as a member of the scout and jayvee teams ... Will be a candidate for special teams ... Brings a good work ethic to the field ... Turned in his best lifts in all four major categories during spring strength and conditioning workouts ...

**2004:** Did not see any varsity action ... Posted a 310-pound bench, a 400-pound back squat and a 294-pound power clean in spring testing ...

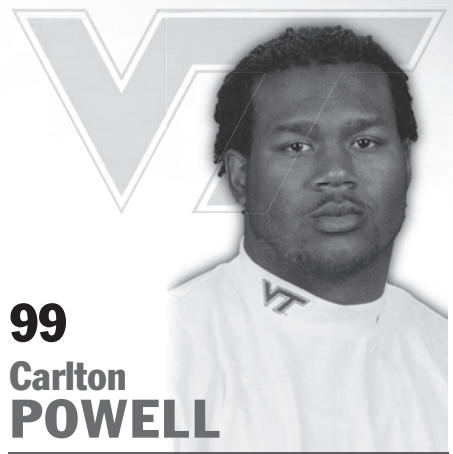
**2003:** Worked at free safety ... Recorded a 385-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

**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.



**Carlton Powell**



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**Carlton POWELL**

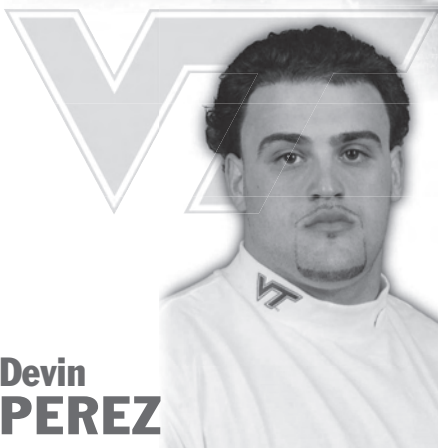
**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 285 • r-So. • 1VL**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Great Bridge H.S.**

A young player who saw a lot of action as the back up to Jim Davis last year ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at the nose tackle position ... Was named Tech's top defensive hustler following spring practice ... Shows a knack for getting off blocks and making plays ... Can play either tackle position ... Plays hard and possesses good strength and instincts ... Is being counted on to step in and make some big contributions ...

**2004:** Saw action in all 13 games, recording seven solo stops and 10 assists ... Included in those 17 tackles were 6.0 tackles for loss ... Also has six quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Had two stops, including 1.5 for loss, against N.C. State ... Had three tackles, including 1.5 for loss, against WVU ... Earned his first collegiate start against Florida A&M ... Played just 14 snaps in the big win ... Had a tackle and a forced fumble at Georgia Tech ... Had three tackles, including two for loss, in the win over Maryland ... Had a sack in the Sugar Bowl ... Given the Frank O. Moseley Award, awarded to the top defensive hustler, following spring practice ... Posted a 410-pound bench, a 600-pound back squat and a 316-pound power clean in spring testing ...

**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



**Devin PEREZ**

**Fullback • 5-7 • 240 • r-Fr.**  
**Sparta, N.J. • Pope John XXIII H.S. • Fork Union**

A walk-on who has been a surprise with his performance in the strength and conditioning program ... Will have his work cut out for him to move up the depth chart at fullback, but will be a nice addition to the team ...

**2004:** Joined the team for winter workouts and went through spring practice ... Recorded a 360-pound power clean in the spring, the seventh-best mark in program history ... Also had a 605-pound back squat and a 341-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**Prep School:** Attended Fork Union Military Academy for one year ...

**High School:** Played defensive line for Pope John XXIII High School for Vic Paternostro ... Also wrestled and threw shot on the track and field team ... Helped lead football team to state championships in 2001 and 2002 ... Was named all-state, all-West Jersey and all-league in football ... Named all-state in wrestling with a 102-19 career record and all-league in track and field ...

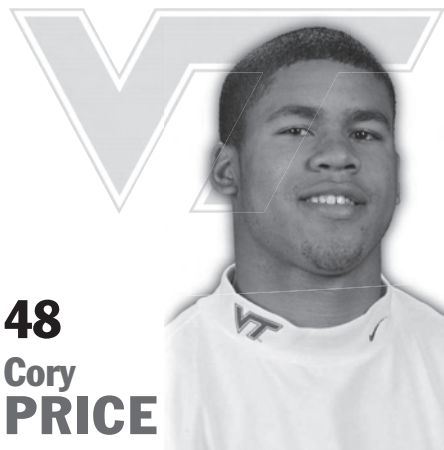
**Personal:** Devin Victor Perez ... Born 6/1/85 in North Bergen, NJ ... Son of Victor and Ana Perez ... Majoring in business.



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 ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	7	10	17	6.0- 16	0- 0
----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
WMU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
Duke	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
NCSU	1	1	1	2	1.5- 4	0- 0
WVU	1	1	2	3	1.5- 3	0- 0
at WFU	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
FAMU	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
at GT	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
at UNC	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
MD	1	1	2	3	2.0- 8	0- 0
UVa	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
vs AU	1	1	0	1	1.0- 1	0- 0



## 48 Cory PRICE

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 184 • Jr.**  
**Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S.**

A good athlete who could see action on special teams ... Worked as a receiver after joining the team as a walk-on, but has since moved to the boundary cornerback position ... Has the work ethic and desire to make the transition ... Turned in the top forty time among the defensive backs during spring testing with a 4.33 clocking ... Has contributed as a member of the scout and jayvee teams during his first two seasons ... Had surgery in the offseason to repair a left wrist fracture ... Should be ready for preseason practice ...

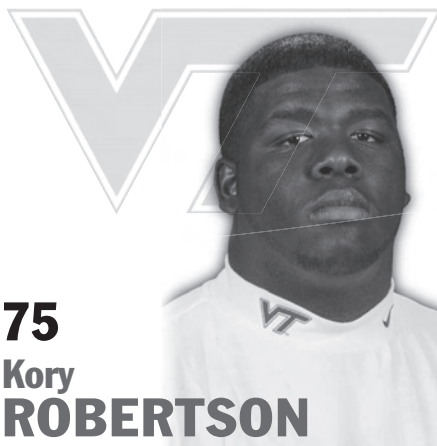
**2004:** Saw action in five games, playing 21 special teams plays ... Was in against Duke, Western Michigan, North Carolina State, Florida A&M and Maryland ... Posted a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.33 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

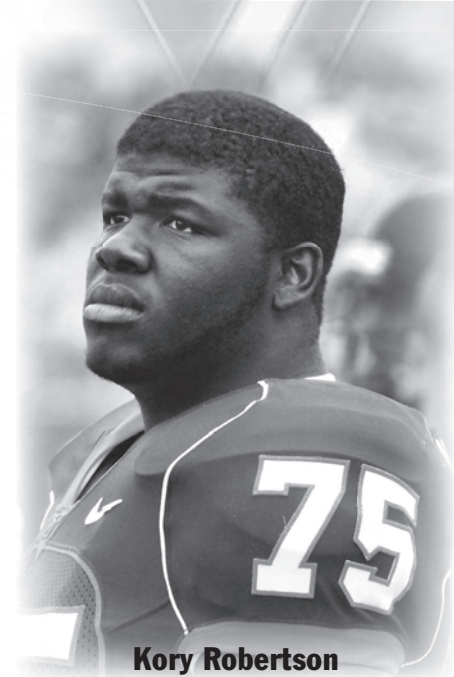


## 75 Kory ROBERTSON

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 331 • r-So.**  
**Martinsville, Va. • Magna Vista H.S.**

Saw action in five games as a backup defensive tackle last season ... Possesses excellent potential, but has yet to display it on a consistent basis ... Needs to focus on conditioning and trimming some weight ... Can make some things happen inside when he puts his mind to it ... Moves well for his size ... Has a chance to play a bigger role this season if he puts things together during the summer and preseason ...

**2004:** Played in five games, recording four tackles ... Played two snaps in the opener against USC, recording an assisted tackle ... Played 32 snaps on defense against FAMU, picking up a solo tackle ... Posted a 350-pound bench, a 625-pound back squat, a 326-pound power clean and a 351-pound push jerk in spring testing ...



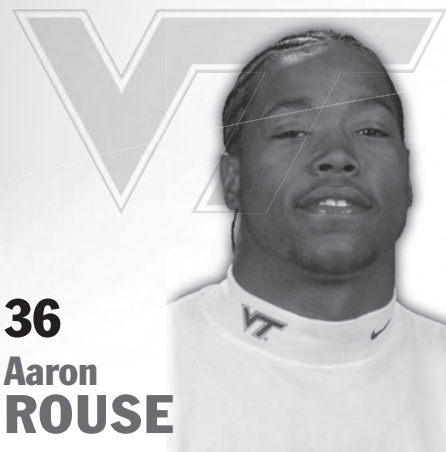
## Kory Robertson

**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.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	5	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0



## 36 Aaron ROUSE

Rover • 6-3 • 222 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Virginia Beach, Va. • First Colonial H.S.

Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at rover, as well as the top backup at whip linebacker, where he spent last season ... Moved to rover during the spring and showed promise ... Will be given a chance to show what he can do at the new position ... Must get acclimated to playing the pass ... Is also likely to continue seeing some action at whip ... Combines size and speed with good instincts and play-making ability ... Also contributes on special teams ... Will be an important player in the Hokies' defensive plans this fall ...

**2004:** Saw action in all 13 games, recording 16 solo stops and 21 assists ... Was in for 284 defensive plays and 50 on special teams in the

regular season ... Included in those 37 stops were 2.5 tackles for loss ... Also had one forced fumble ... Played 36 snaps on defense against WMU, recording two solo tackles, an assist and a forced fumble ... Had five total tackles against Duke ... Was in on five tackles, including .5 for loss, against N.C. State ... Had four tackles, including one for a loss, in the win over Maryland ... Had five tackles in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Scored the spring game's lone touchdown on a 29-yard interception return of a Sean Glennon pass in the second half ... Posted a 550-pound back squat, a 300-pound push jerk, a 35 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.44 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**2003:** Played in all 13 games, starting one ... Named to the 2003 Rivals.com Freshman All-America football team as an honorable mention selection ... 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 ... 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 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 ... Contributed a quarterback sack and three total tackles during the Maroon-White game ... Also broke up a pass ...

### High School: A PrepStar

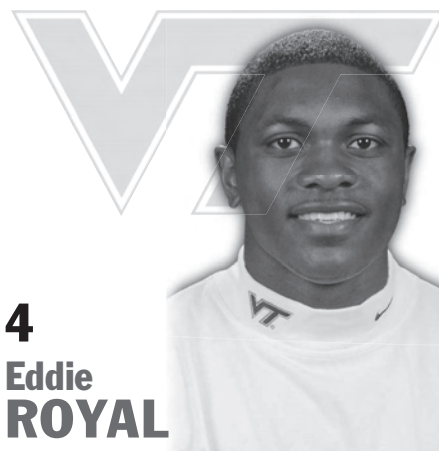
All-American who was named the defensive player of the year in the Beach District as a senior ... Saw action as a wide receiver, safety, linebacker, running back and cornerback during his varsity career for coaches Sam Scarborough and Frank Webster at First Colonial ... Posted 85 tackles in 2001, including 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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2003	13	19	27	46	3.0-	8 0- 0
2004	13	16	21	37	2.5-	15 0- 0
Career	26	35	48	83	5.5-	23 0- 0

----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----							
vs USC	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0- 0
WMU	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0- 0
Duke	1	1	4	5	0-	0	0- 0
NCSU	1	1	4	5	0.5-	1	0- 0
WVU	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0- 0
at WFU	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0- 0
FAMU	1	1	0	1	1.0-	7	0- 0
at GT	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0- 0
at UNC	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0- 0
MD	1	1	3	4	1.0-	7	0- 0
UVa	1	2	0	2	0-	0	0- 0
at UM	1	1	3	4	0-	0	0- 0
vs AU	1	3	2	5	0-	0	0- 0



## 4 Eddie ROYAL

Flanker • 5-10 • 174 • So. • 1VL  
Herndon, Va. • Westfield H.S.

Led the team in receptions last fall as a true freshman ... A tremendous athlete who stepped in and took over the starting flanker position ... Also topped the team in punt and kickoff returns ... Started 11 of 13 games, playing in 12 ... A second-team freshman All-America pick as a utility man by Rivals.com ... Missed the spring practice session after having surgery over the winter ... Suffered from compartment syndrome in his left leg ... Coaches want him to get stronger and more explosive over the summer ... Needs to become dedicated in the weight room ... Will be asked to return punts once again ... Saw the most action of any of the true freshman last year ...

**2004:** Led the team with 28 catches for 470 yards and three touchdowns ... Also averaged 28.8 on kick returns and 11.0 on punt returns ... Saw action on 328 snaps on offense and 85 on special teams in the regular season ... Got his first collegiate start against Western



Aaron  
Rouse





**Eddie Royal**

return to set up that drive ... Had a 48-yard kickoff return in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Set a new position record in the bench press with a 365-pound mark ...

**High School:** 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 ... Majoring in liberal arts and human sciences.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	28	470	16.8	3	80
-----2004 Receiving Game-by-Game-----						
vs USC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
WMU	1	2	67	33.5	1	35
Duke	1	2	19	9.5	0	14
NCSU	1	2	47	23.5	0	32
WVU	1	6	45	7.5	0	12
at WFU	1	2	15	7.5	0	9
FAMU	1		Did not play			
at GT	1	3	91	30.3	1	80
at UNC	1	4	84	21.0	0	43
MD	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UVa	1	2	21	10.5	0	11
at UM	1	2	44	22.0	1	39
vs AU	1	3	37	10.1	0	23
<b>K.O. Ret.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>
2004	12	12	346	28.8	0	48
<b>Punt Ret.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Yds.</b>	<b>Avg.</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>
2004	12	25	274	11.0	0	58

Michigan ... Scored the game's first touchdown on an 11-yard reverse ... Later scored on a 35-yard touchdown pass ... Had a big day returning punts against N.C. State ... Had a long of 58 yards ... Finished with 107 yards on three returns ... Also caught two passes for 47 yards ... Caught an 8-yard pass on Tech's first offensive possession against WVU, but suffered a slight concussion on that play ... Missed the rest of the first half ... Returned in the second half to catch five passes for 37 yards ... Finished the game with a career-high six receptions for 45 yards ... Missed the FAMU game due to an illness ... Started at Georgia Tech and scored on a big 80-yard touchdown catch-and-run ... The 80-yard score was the longest by a Tech freshman since freshmen were eligible to play in 1972 ... Finished the game with three catches for 91 yards ... Did suffer a fumble on a kickoff return ... Had four catches for 84 yards, as well as a 25-yard kickoff return, at North Carolina ... Caught two passes for 44 yards, including the game-winning, 39-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, at Miami ... Had an 18-yard punt



## 71 Tim SANDIDGE

**Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 310 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Madison Heights, Va. • Amherst County H.S.**

An experienced defensive tackle who will be counted on for senior leadership ... Coming off a very good spring ... Put himself in position to see playing time in the defensive line rotation this fall ... Has six starts in his career ... Possesses good quickness and athletic ability for a 300-pounder ... Has made some strides in the strength and conditioning program, winning the 2003 Ironman competition ... Only played two seasons of football in high school ...

**2004:** Played in nine games ... Recorded three solo tackles and four assists ... Included in those seven tackles were 1.5 tackles for loss and .5 sacks ... Also had three quarterback hurries ... Was in for 17 snaps on defense against Western Michigan, recording an assisted tackle ... Had two stops, including one for a loss, against Duke ... Had two tackles against Florida A&M ... Played just three snaps at Georgia Tech, but had half a sack in that span ... Posted a 380-pound bench, a 660-pound back squat and a 316-pound power clean in spring testing ...

**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 three solo stops and an assist in the win over Texas A&M ... Played 36 snaps on defense against UConn, recording a solo tackle, two assists, two quarterback hurries and a pass broken up ... 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

## SANDIDGE *Continued*

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 ... Did not travel to Western Michigan due to a sprained ankle ... Played 13 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording two solo tackles, an assist, a quarterback hurry and a sack ... Played 39 snaps on defense at Syracuse, registering five tackles, including a sack, and a quarterback hurry ... Made his first career start against Virginia, recording four solo stops and two assists ... Ran a 4.79 forty during spring max testing and added a 31-inch vertical jump ... Also had a 605-pound back squat ...

**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 ...

**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 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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	13	17	30	5.0- 28	4.0- 25
2003	13	21	26	47	3.0- 3	1.0- 1
2004	10	3	4	7	1.5- 3	.5- 2
Career	36	37	47	84	9.5- 34	5.5- 28



## 23 Nic SCHMITT

Punter/Place-kicker • 6-1 • 254 • r-Jr.  
Salem, Va. • Salem H.S.

Enters the fall as the No. 1 punter ... Showed consistency in his kicking motion during the spring, the one thing he had been lacking ... Already possessed the talent and ability to be outstanding ... His left leg could

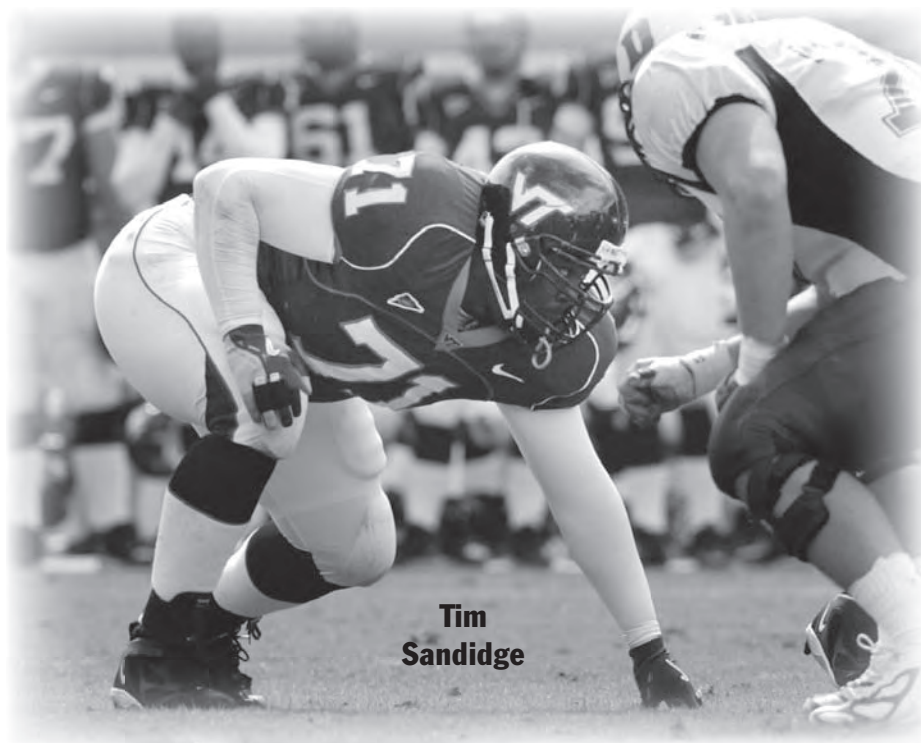
become a powerful weapon for the Hokies ... Has worked as a punter and place-kicker, but concentrated on his punting this past spring ... Was named the team's most improved specialist following 2005 spring practice ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Saw his first action of the year against Florida A&M, making both of his PATs ... Had a 43-yard punt in the win over Maryland ... Kicked off once in the Sugar Bowl ... Punted seven times for an average of 42.0 yards with a long of 55 yards and three downed inside the 20-yard line in the Maroon-White game ... Given the Dr. Richard Bullock Award, awarded to the most improved player, following spring practice ... Set a new position record in both the push jerk (360) and power clean (360) ... Power clean mark was the ninth-best in program history ... Also recorded a 390-pound bench and a 605-pound back squat in spring testing ...

**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 ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season with a 340-pound bench press and 530-pound back squat ...

**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



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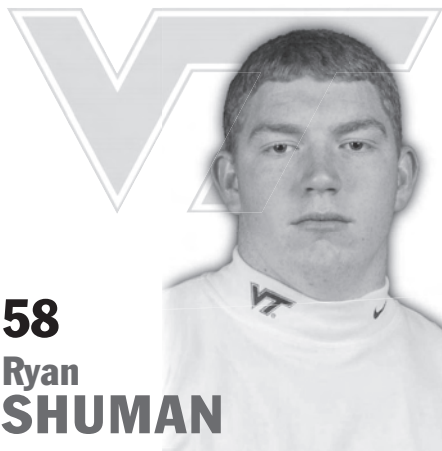
action as a defensive back and a receiver ... Intercepted three passes his senior season and six his junior year ... Selected second-team all-state as a kicker by both The Associated Press and the state coaches his senior year ... Was also an all-state pick as a junior ... Named All-Blue Ridge District 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 ... Majoring in sociology.

Scoring	G	EP-A	FGM-A	LG	TP
2002	5	14-14	2-6	22	20
2004	3	2- 2	0-0	0	2
Career	8	16-16	2-6	22	22

Field Goals	10-29 yds	30-39	40-49	50+
2002	2-2	0-1	0-3	0-0

Punting	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	I20
2004	3	1	43	43.0	43	0



## 58 Ryan SHUMAN

**Center • 6-3 • 290 • r-Fr.**  
Fork Union, Va. • Fork Union Military Academy

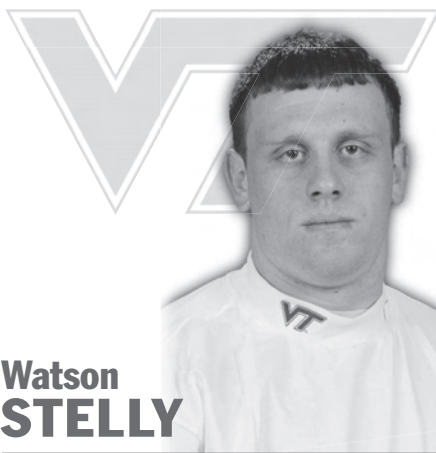
One of the biggest pieces to the offensive line puzzle ... Was named one of Tech's top offensive newcomer following spring practice ... Enters the fall as the No. 2 man at center ... A young lineman who will be thrust into the thick of things when practice opens ... Will be counted on to be a quality contributor ... Needs a good summer of preparation ... Could also be used at tackle if needed ...

**2004:** Was redshirted ... Given the Paul Torgersen Award, awarded to the top newcomer, following spring practice ... Posted a 300-pound push jerk and a 550-pound back squat in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



## Watson STELLY

**Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 270 • So.**  
Richmond, Va. • Benedictine H.S. • Hargrave

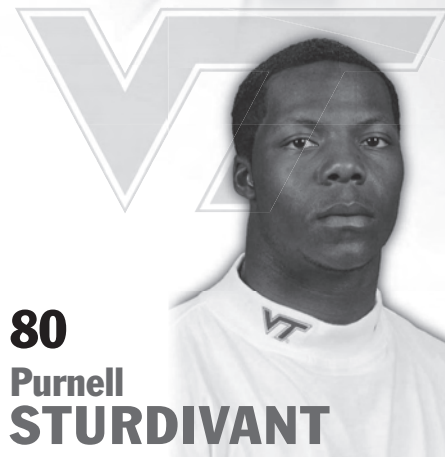
A walk-on defensive lineman who provides depth along the line ... Serves on the scout team ... Has been working at the tackle spot ...

**2004:** Saw action for the jayvee team ... Worked as an end during the fall and a tackle in the spring ... Turned in a 550-pound back squat during spring testing ...

**Prep School:** Played fullback for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Caught two passes for 20 yards in five games before missing remainder of the season due to illness ...

**High School:** Played linebacker for Coach Gene Smith at Benedictine ... High school won the 2000 and 2001 independent class III state championships ... As a senior, totaled 110 tackles and 10 sacks, while recovering three fumbles ... His junior season, totaled over 100 tackles and eight sacks along with a blocked field goal ... Also lettered in track and field while hurling the shot put for coach Joe Arnold ...

**Personal:** Albert Watson Stelly ... Born 4/12/85 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Tony and Pratt Stelly ... Majoring in business.



## 80 Purnell STURDIVANT

**Linebacker • 5-10 • 209 • r-Fr.**  
Norfolk, Va. • Lake Taylor H.S.

An athletic young player who is looking to work his way onto the field ... Has good speed and some explosiveness, but is still learning the system ... Finished the spring No. 3 at the backer position ... Will likely see his first action on special teams ...

**2004:** Was redshirted while working with the scout team ... Practiced at rover, but was moved to the backer linebacker spot in the spring ... Posted a 530-pound back squat, a 294-pound push jerk and a 37 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**High School:** 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

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# 55 Darryl TAPP



**Defensive End • 6-1 • 268 • Sr. • 3VL**  
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

One of the nation's top defensive ends ... A preseason All-America pick by *Athlon* ... An explosive performer who is coming off a big season ... Was a first-team All-ACC pick ... Led the team in sacks, tackles for loss and quarterback hurries last year ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 man at the end position ... Plays hard and fast ... Has made himself an outstanding player through hard work ... Has dedicated himself to the strength and conditioning program ... Was named the team's top defensive leader during the spring ... Will be counted on to carry that leadership role over to the 2005 season ...

**2004:** Started all 13 games, registering 26 solo tackles and 34 assists ... Included in those 60 tackles were 16.5 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks ... Also had 23 quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries, a forced fumble, a pass break up, an interception and a blocked kick ... Saw action on 440 defensive snaps and 104 on special teams in the regular season ... Led the team with nine tackles, including a sack and 1.5 tackles for loss, in the opener against USC ... Had four assisted tackles and three quarterback hurries against WMU ... Also blocked a punt, his first career block ... Recorded six tackles, including 2.5 sacks, in the win over Duke ... Had five tackles, including one for a loss, and five quarterback hurries in the win over West Virginia ... Had a busy first eight minutes against Florida A&M ... Picked up a sack, forced fumble, fumble recovery, quarterback hurry and interception ... Played just 15 snaps in the game ... Had four tackles, including two sacks, at North Carolina ... Had just one tackle against Maryland, but it was for a loss ... Picked up five tackles, including 1.5 for loss, and a fumble recovery, in the win over Virginia ... Had two tackles at Miami, both of which were for losses ... Included in that total was a sack ... Had five tackles in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Given the President's Award, awarded for outstanding leadership, following spring practice ... Missed the early part of spring practice with a bruised clavicle ...

**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 ... 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 ... Had five solo tackles and four assists at West Virginia ... 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 ...

**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 ... Also had three quarterback hurries and a pass broken up ... Scored the game's first touchdown against Virginia, scooping up a blocked punt and returning it 11 yards for the score ... 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 ... 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 ... Majoring in marketing.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	9	12	21	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	32	26	58	9.0- 40	3.0- 27
2004	13	26	34	60	16.5- 82	8.5- 54
Career	40	67	72	139	25.5-122	11.5- 81

2004 Tackles Game-by-Game						
vs USC	1	3	6	9	1.5-	7 1.0- 6
WMU	1	0	4	4	0-	0 0- 0
Duke	1	2	4	6	2.5-	16 2.5- 16
NCSU	1	2	2	4	1.5-	5 0- 0
WVU	1	2	3	5	1.0-	9 0- 0
at WFU	1	3	3	6	2.0-	5 1.0- 3
FAMU	1	1	0	1	1.0-	12 1.0- 12
at GT	1	2	6	8	1.0-	2 0- 0
at UNC	1	4	0	4	2.0-	11 2.0- 11
MD	1	1	0	1	1.0-	4 0- 0
UVa	1	3	2	5	1.5-	4 0- 0
at UM	1	1	1	2	2.0-	7 1.0 6
vs AU	1	2	3	5	0-	0 0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	1	0	0.0	0	0

# 14 Grant THROCKMORTON



**Quarterback • 6-3 • 217 • r-So**  
Wytheville, Va. • George Wythe H.S.

A former Tech baseball player who joined the football squad as a walk-on last year ... Serves as a valuable member of the squad ... One of the scout team quarterbacks ... Will battle for the holder position on field goals and PATs this season ... Came from a high school program that didn't throw the ball a lot, yet he has the ability ... A good player to have in the meeting room ...

**2004:** Joined the team, but didn't dress or play in any varsity games ... Recorded a 350-pound back squat in spring max testing ...

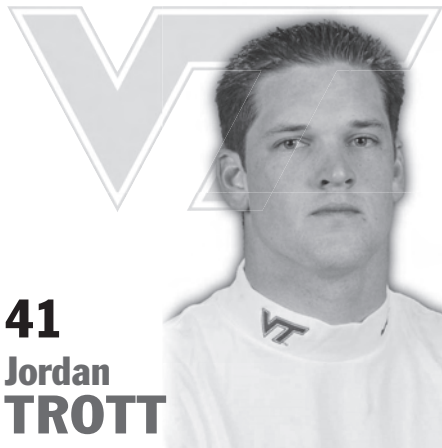
**2003:** Made the Tech baseball team as a walk-on pitcher and was redshirted ...

**High School:** Played quarterback, defensive end, punter and kicker for Coach Donnie Pruitt at George Wythe ... Was a first team all-state punter and first team all-district kicker as a senior ... Named second team all-district quarterback ... Led team to Class A state championships in 2002 and a 13-1 record ... Also helped basketball team to a final four appearance in 2003 under Coach Al Copenhaver ... For his career totaled 2,672 yards passing ...



and 40 touchdowns ... Finished 60-for-65 on extra points, 8-of-12 field goals, with a longest of 47 yards his senior season ... Holds his high school single-season records for most touchdowns (19), passing yards (1,222), pass attempts (168) and longest TD pass (79 yards) ... Played shortstop, pitcher and catcher for his high school baseball team ...

**Personal:** Grant Campbell Throckmorton ... Born 10/27/84 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Dennis and Missy Throckmorton ... Both his father, Dennis, and brother, Cole, graduated from Virginia Tech ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



## 41 Jordan TROT

**Defensive End • 6-4 • 249 • r-Sr. • 2VL  
Torrance, Calif. • Loyola H.S.**

Battled back from off-season back surgery to dress for the last three games of 2004 ... Made up some ground during the spring but still wasn't 100 percent ... Will continue working to regain flexibility and strength during the summer ... Is expected to be in the battle for playing time when preseason practice opens in August ... Got one start and played in all 13 games as a linebacker in 2003 ... Moved from linebacker to end prior to the 2004 season ... A tough, physical player with smarts and good football savvy ... The first football player from the state of California to sign with Virginia Tech straight out of high school ...

**2004:** Played in one game, dressing for three ... Had two assisted tackles ... Had back surgery in the preseason and missed the first nine games ... Returned to the practice field before the Maryland game ... Ended up dressing and playing eight snaps on defense, picking up two assisted tackles ... Posted a 350-pound bench in spring testing ...

**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 ... Registered a career-high eight solo tackles against UConn ... Got his first collegiate start against No. 2 Miami and registered four solo



**Jordan Trott**

tackles, including two for a loss, six assists and two quarterback hurries ... Was in for 36 snaps at Virginia ... Had five solo tackles and an assist, along with a pass break up and a forced interception ... Moved to defensive end for spring practice ...

**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 26 snaps on defense at Western Michigan, recording three solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Turned in a personal-best 350-pound bench press during off-season testing ...

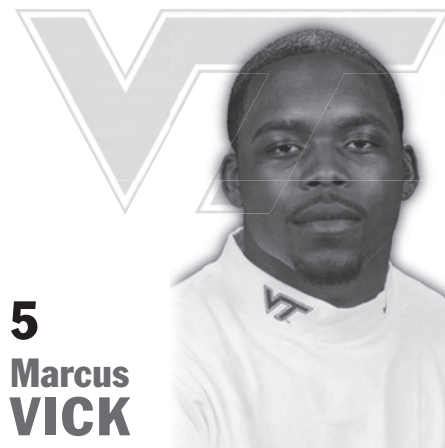
**2001:** Was redshirted while working at mike linebacker ... Turned in a 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Was in on five tackles during one of the team's spring scrimmages ... Contributed two tackles in the Maroon-White game ...

**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 ... Graduated with a degree in finance and is enrolled in health and physical education in graduate school.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	11	8	19	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	30	18	48	5.0- 6	0- 0
2004	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
Career	27	41	28	69	5.0- 6	0- 0



## 5 Marcus VICK

**Quarterback • 6-0 • 212 • r-Jr. • 1VL  
Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.**

A gifted young quarterback who is looking to put the past behind him ... Enters the fall as the No. 1 quarterback after entering the spring at No. 3 on the depth chart ... Is an incredible athlete who can turn heads with his abilities ... Continues to get better ... 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 ... Has to work on some of his mechanics at times ... Has an uncanny knack of throwing the ball accurately in a very small place ... Has got to prove trust and confidence ... Ran a 4.28 40-yard dash in the spring, the seventh-best time in program history ...

**2004:** Was suspended from all university activities for the fall of 2004 ... Returned to the team for the 2005 spring practice ... Completed 9-of-17 for 107 yards, with one interception in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 300-pound bench, a 450-pound back squat, a 265-pound power clean, a 275-pound push jerk, and a 35-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 ...

## VICK *Continued*

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 ... Completed 2-of-6 passes for 37 yards, including a 35-yarder to Ernest Wilford, at Rutgers ... Also threw two interceptions in that game ... 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 ... Saw action at both receiver and quarterback at Virginia ... Rushed the ball three times for 28 yards in that game ... Added a new dimension to his game against Cal in the Insight Bowl ... Caught four passes

**Marcus Vick**



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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

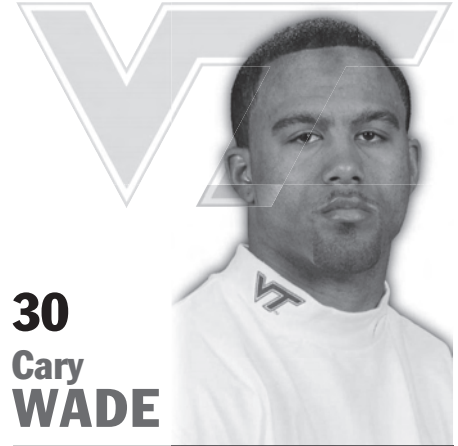
Passing	G	Att-	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2003	11	57-	30	52.6	475	2	5

----- 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



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**Cary**  
**WADE**

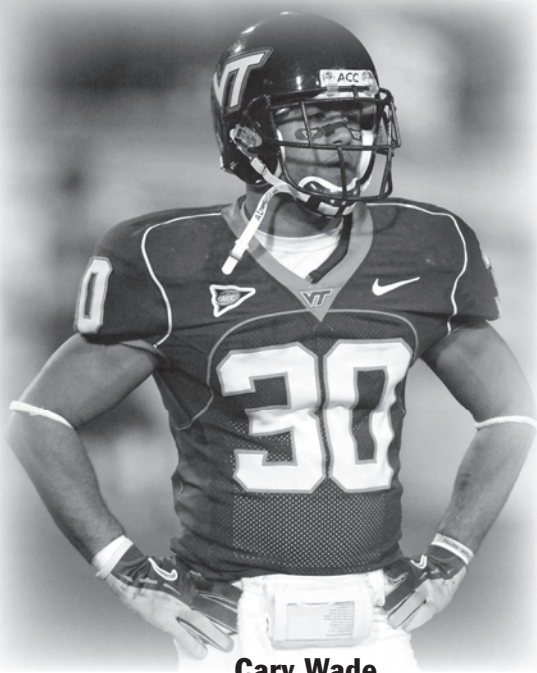
Rover • 5-10 • 184 • r-Jr. • 2VL  
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.

Will battle Aaron Rouse for the starting rover position when practice resumes ... Is coming off a good spring that saw him named the Hokies' most improved defensive player ... Provided good run support and played the pass well ... Must guard against the big play ... Began his career as a corner, before moving to rover ... Also a solid contributor on special teams ... Has worked hard to improve his skills ... Figures to get his share of playing time this season ...

**2004:** Played in all 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Saw action on 35 defensive snaps and 83 on special teams in the regular season ... Had four solo tackles and two assists ... Had a solo tackle on defense against FAMU ... Had a big solo tackle on kickoff coverage at Georgia Tech to pin the Jackets inside the 20 ... Played 19 snaps on defense against Maryland, recording three tackles ... Given the Dr. Richard Bullock Award, awarded to the most improved player, following spring practice ... Posted a 475-pound back squat, a 285-pound power clean and a 34-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 ...





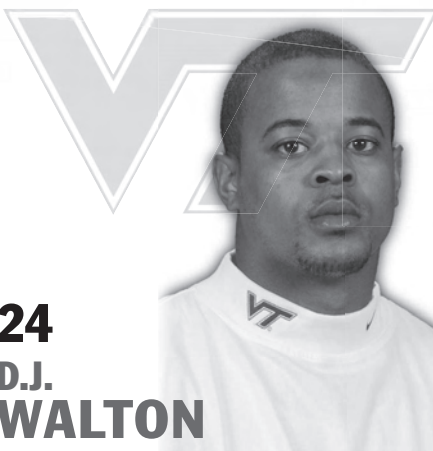
**Cary Wade**

**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 ... Had two solo tackles on special teams at Texas A&M ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams at Miami ... Had a solo tackle in the San Francisco Bowl ...

**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 ... Majoring in communication.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	9	2	11	0- 0	0- 0
2004	13	4	2	6	0- 0	0- 0
Career	26	13	4	17	0- 0	0- 0



## 24 D.J. WALTON

Rover • 5-10 • 193 • r-Sr. • 1VL  
Woodbridge, Va. • C.D. Hylton H.S.

Will be counted on to provide solid depth at the rover position ... 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 the 2003 spring session ... Sat out the 2003 season ... Returned in January 2004 ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room this past spring ...

**2004:** Saw action in two games, recording eight tackles ... Was in for 13 defensive plays against Western Michigan, recording two assists ... Played 41 snaps on defense against Florida A&M, picking up five solo tackles and an assist ... Posted a 320-pound bench, a 475-pound back squat, a 265-pound power clean and a 275-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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



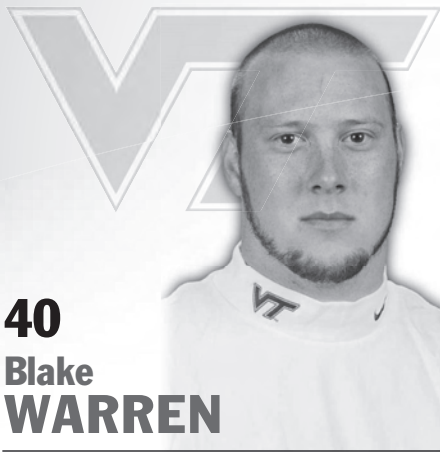
**D.J. Walton**

on special teams ... Tallied seven solo stops and three assists on the season ... 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 ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams against West Virginia ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.



## 40 Blake WARREN

Linebacker • 6-3 • 238 • r-Sr. • 3VL  
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

Started the 2004 opener at the backer spot and played in all 13 games last year ... Enters fall as the No. 2 man at the position behind Xavier Adibi ... An experienced player, who posted two interceptions last year, including one he returned for a score ... Comes from a good football background ... His father, Don, played 14 years for the Washington Redskins ... Also a valuable player on special teams ... Will be counted on for consistent play and senior leadership this fall ...

**2004:** Played in 13 games, starting one ... Registered 12 solo stops and 16 assisted tackles ... Also had two interceptions, one pass break up and one quarterback hurry ... Earned his first collegiate start in the opener against USC ... Played 36 snaps, recording six total tackles ... Had three tackles and an interception, which he returned 40 yards, against Duke ... Had six stops against FAMU ... Also returned an interception 46 yards for his first collegiate touchdown ... Recorded four tackles in the Maroon-White game ... Posted a 500-pound back squat and a 31 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 three solo tackles, two of which were for a loss, and two assists in the win over James Madison ... 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 ... 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 ... Did not travel to Texas A&M, Western Michigan or Boston College due to a strained back ... Tallied three solo tackles on special teams at top-ranked Miami ... Had an assisted tackle against Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl ...



Blake Warren

Improved his back squat to 450 pounds during the spring and ran a 4.56 forty ...

**2001:** Was redshirted as a freshman ... Worked at the backer position the entire year ... Turned in a 400-pound back squat during spring testing ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the top defensive newcomer of the spring ...

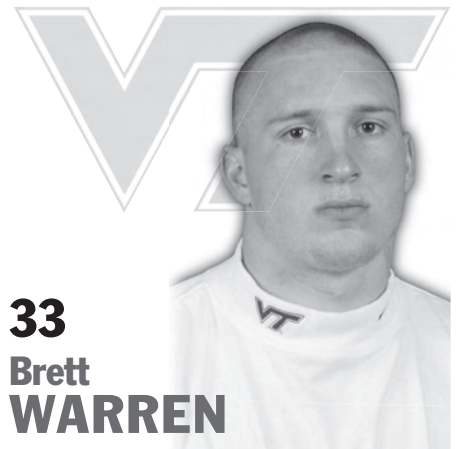
**High School:** Named the Group AAA Defensive Player of the Year in Virginia by the state coaches ... Helped Centreville post eight shutouts and win the state Division 6 championship in 2000 ... Contributed 14 tackles against Deep Creek in the title game ... For the season, he registered 103 tackles, 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 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 sophomore linebacker on the Hokie squad ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	9	5	7	12	0- 0	0- 0
2003	13	29	14	43	3.0- 9	0- 0
2004	13	12	16	28	.5- 0	0- 0
Career	35	46	37	83	3.5- 9	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
2004	13	2	86	43.0	1	46
Career	35	4	90	22.5	1	46



## 33 Brett WARREN

Linebacker • 6-1 • 224 • So. • 1VL  
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

A physical young player who enters the fall as the No. 2 man at the mike linebacker spot behind Vince Hall ... Saw most of his action last year on special teams as a true freshman ... Made big strides during the spring ... Needs to get stronger and improve in the passing game, but has shown a knack for finding the ball and making plays ... Needs a good summer of preparation in order to be a valuable contributor in the fall ...

**2004:** Played in 12 games, registering seven tackles ... Played 72 snaps on special teams ... Saw his first collegiate action in the opener against USC, playing four snaps on special teams ... Saw his first action of the season on defense against Maryland ... Posted a 500-pound back squat, a 321-pound power clean and a 31-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	12	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0



**39**  
**Carlton**  
**WEATHERFORD**

**Fullback • 5-9 • 226 • r-So.**  
**Danville, Va. • Tunstall H.S.**

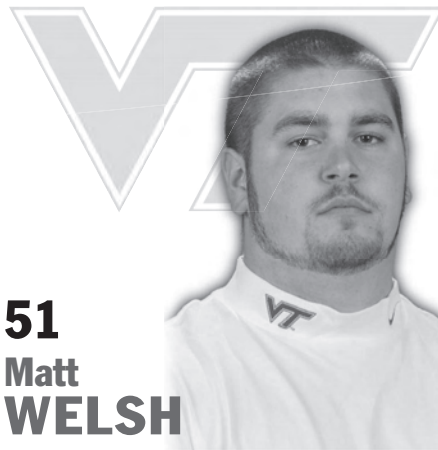
A walk-on who will battle for playing time at fullback this year ... Gives great effort all the time ... Size is limited, but his toughness isn't ... Comes after you every chance he gets ... Catches the ball well coming out of the backfield ... Coaches are pleased with the progress he is making ... Works extremely hard in the film room ...

**2004:** Played in four games, earning 24 total snaps ... Played against Western Michigan, Duke, Florida A&M and Maryland ... Had a 4-yard catch out of the backfield in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 530-pound back squat and a 304-pound push jerk in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in sociology.



**51**  
**Matt**  
**WELSH**

**Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 290 • r-Fr.**  
**Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.**

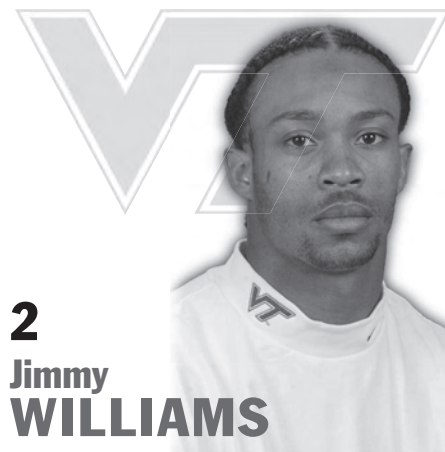
A highly recruited lineman from Virginia who enrolled at Tech in January, 2004 ... Went through spring practice with the team, but redshirted in the fall ... Was originally scheduled to be with the team for the 2003 season, but suffered a torn ACL in his right knee during preseason practice ... Took a deferred enrollment and came in as a freshman in January ... Is expected to provided depth at the guard spot this season ... 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 ...

**2004:** Redshirted while working to gain strength in the weight room ... Recorded a 400-pound bench press, a 326-pound push jerk and a 30 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing ...

**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 ... Majoring in business information technology.



**2**  
**Jimmy**  
**WILLIAMS**

**Cornerback • 6-3 • 206 • Sr. • 3VL**  
**Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.**

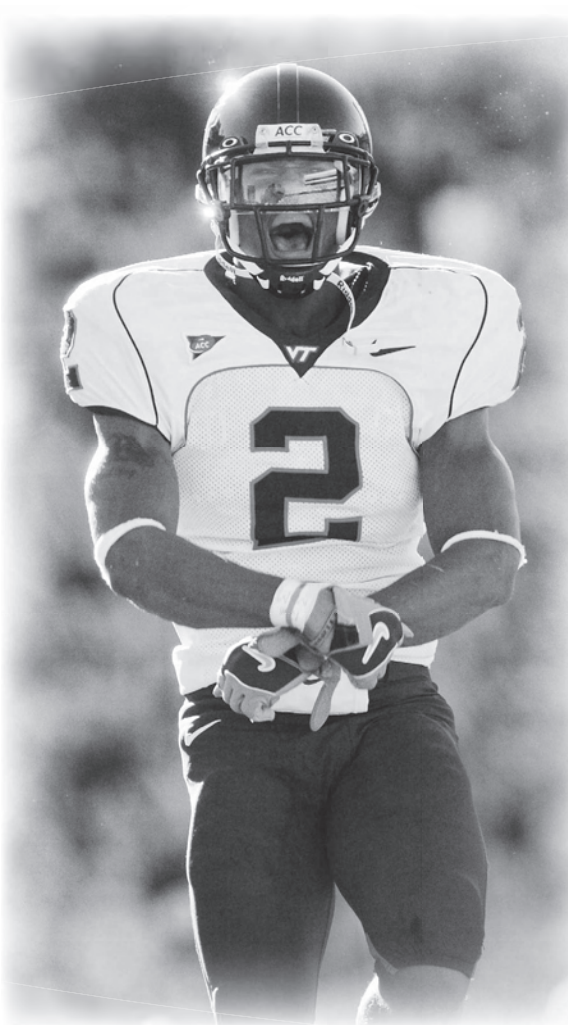
One of the top corners in the collegiate ranks ... A preseason All-America pick by *Playboy* and *Athlon* ... A first-team All-ACC selection as a defensive back last year and one of 12 semifinalists for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top collegiate defensive back ... Has started 26 straight games, the third-longest active streak on the team entering the season ... Started at free safety in 2003 before being moved to cornerback

## WILLIAMS *Continued*

during 2004 spring practice ... Led the team and the ACC in interceptions with five last fall, including one for a score against Maryland ... Tied for third on the team in tackles ... Showed continued improvement at the position during 2005 spring practice ... Combines excellent size with outstanding speed ... Rated the top cornerback in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News* ... Earned the Don Williams TEAM UNITED Award for outstanding leadership following spring practice ... Will be counted on to continue as a leader this fall ...

**2004:** Played in and started all 13 games at cornerback ... Had 37 solo tackles and 23 assists ... Included in those 60 tackles were 5.5 tackles for loss ... Led the team with five interceptions ... Also had 14 pass break ups and a quarterback hurry ... Saw action on 638 defensive snaps and 121 on special teams in the regular season ... Played 59 snaps on defense in the opener against USC, recording four tackles and a pass break up ... Recorded his fourth collegiate interception in the Western Michigan game, setting up Tech's first touchdown of the game ... Had six tackles and a break up against Wake Forest ... Also had an interception, which he returned 15 yards ... Had three tackles and a break up at North Carolina ... Also had an interception in which he returned 11 yards ... Had three tackles, including one for a loss, and two pass breakups against Maryland ... Also intercepted a pass and returned in 34 yards for a touchdown ... Had seven tackles against Virginia, including a touchdown-saving run-down of Alvin Pearman on a 78-yard run ... Had five total tackles in the big win at Miami ... Led the team with 10 tackles, including 3.5 for loss, in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Also had an interception ... Intercepted a pass in the Maroon-White game, returning it 39 yards, that led to a field goal ... Ran a 4.36 40-yard dash in spring testing ...

**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 ... Registered seven solo tackles and five assists in the win over Texas A&M ... Scored his first collegiate touchdown at Rutgers, returning an interception 55 yards for a score ... Also had five solo tackles and two assists ... Played 83 snaps against No. 2 Miami, recording six solo tackles, six assists, two tackles for loss and a pass broken



**Jimmy Williams**

up ... 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 ...

**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 ... 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 ... 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 ... Ran a 4.4 forty during spring testing ... Was named the team's most improved player on defense following spring ball ...

**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 ... Majoring in apparel, housing, resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	14	29	17	46	1.0-	1 0- 0
2003	13	63	51	114	4.0-	11 0- 0
2004	13	37	23	60	5.5-	13 0- 0
Career	40	129	91	220	10.5-	25 0- 0

----- 2004 Tackles Game-by-Game -----						
vs USC	1	2	2	4	0-	0 0- 0
WMU	1	3	2	5	1.0-	3 0- 0
Duke	1	0	1	1	0-	0 0- 0
NCSU	1	2	2	4	0-	0 0- 0
WVU	1	3	1	4	0-	0 0- 0
at WFU	1	5	1	6	0-	0 0- 0
FAMU	1	1	3	4	0-	0 0- 0
at GT	1	2	2	4	0-	0 0- 0
at UNC	1	3	0	3	0-	0 0- 0
MD	1	3	0	3	1.0-	3 0- 0
UVa	1	5	2	7	0-	0 0- 0
at UM	1	3	2	5	0-	0 0- 0
vs AU	1	5	5	10	3.5-	7 0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	14	1	9	9.0	0	9
2003	13	2	83	41.5	1	55
2004	13	5	81	16.2	1	34
Career	40	8	173	21.6	2	55



# 2005 Recruiting Class

## Greg BOONE

Quarterback • 6-4 • 240  
Oscar Smith H.S. • Chesapeake, Va.

Named a postseason All-American by *SuperPrep*, which also rated him the No. 15 quarterback in the nation and the No. 8 player in the state of Virginia ... Passed for 1,285 yards, rushed for 949 yards and accounted for 35 touchdowns his senior year for Coach Richard Morgan at Oscar Smith ... Named first-team all-state by both The Associated Press and the VHSCA ... Rated the No. 5 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Was named the Southeastern District Offensive Player of the Year ... Guided Oscar Smith to its first outright district title in 40 years and a 10-0 regular season ... Accounted for 334 of the Tigers' 335 yards in a 40-39 loss to Landstown in the Eastern Region Division 6 championship game ... Rated the No. 36 athlete in the nation and the No. 12 player in the state by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 36 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 65 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 40 linebacker in the nation and the No. 8 player in the state by scout.com ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team ... Listed first-team All-Tidewater by *The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* ... Named first-team all-district at quarterback and second-team all-district at defensive back and punter as a senior ... Named first-team all-region ... Was first-team All-Tidewater at defensive back as a junior ... Earned first-team all-district honors as a junior.

**Personal:** Greg E. Boone ... Born 9/14/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Nora and Larry Evans.

## Brent BOWDEN

Punter • 6-2 • 180  
Westfield H.S. • Centreville, Va.

Was ranked as high as the No. 4 punter in the nation by scout.com ... Averaged 44 yards on 29 punts with a net of 37 and a long of 58 as a senior for Coach Tom Verbanic at Westfield ... Had 16 punts downed inside the 20-yard line, nine downed inside the 10-yard line, five inside the 5-yard line and eight fair catches ... Named first-team all state by both the Associated Press and the VHSCA as a punter following his senior year ... Named first-team All-Concorde District, first-team All-Northern Region, and first-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* ... In 2003, Westfield's state championship year, averaged 40 yards, with a 38-yard net and a long of 64 yards, along with 11 fair catches and seven downed inside the 20 ... Was the MVP of the Virginia Kicking Camp in 2004 with a 47.7 yard average ... At the 2004 University of Michigan Camp, was second MVP and won Most Consistent, most inside the 20 and highest single punt hang time (4.95 seconds) ... Averaged 43.4 yards during that camp ... In 2003, at the Virginia Tech camp,

was second MVP and won Most Consistent ... Older brother is Chris Hall, the current Florida State punter.

**Personal:** Brent Michael Bowden ... Born 5/21/87 in Huntsville, AL ... Son of Tim and Denise Bowden.

## Jahre CHEESEMAN

Cornerback • 5-9 • 180  
Eastern H.S. • Voorhees, N.J.

Was a running back and defensive back for Coach Dan Spittal at Eastern ... Also returned kicks ... Rushed for 1,167 yards and 15 touchdowns on 183 carries as a senior ... Averaged 6.4 yards per carry ... Added 1,444 yards and 18 TDs his junior year ... Was instrumental in his team's march to the New Jersey Group 4 title during his junior season ... Earned second-team all-state honors ... Rated as the No. 9 all-purpose back in the nation and the No. 11 player in New Jersey by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 49 running back in the nation and the No. 22 player in the state of New Jersey by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 20 player in the state of New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-East Region team.

**Personal:** Jahre T. Cheeseman ... Born 1/11/87 in Vallejo, CA ... Son of Acintia and Mario Robinson.

## Eric DAVIS

Offensive Tackle • 6-7 • 315  
West Springfield H.S. • Lorton, Va.

Named the Sleeper of the Year among in-state prospects by *The Roanoke Times* ... Earned honorable mention all-district honors as a senior offensive lineman for Coach Bill Renner at West Springfield ... Helped his team to a sixth-place finish in a region of 30 teams ... Allowed only five sacks in 278 passing attempts his final year ... Did not start playing football until the ninth grade ... Missed some time his sophomore and junior seasons with wrist and foot injuries.

**Personal:** Eric Andrew Davis ... Born 5/23/87 in Alexandria, VA ... Son of Richard and Karen Davis.

## Steven FRIDAY

Defensive End • 6-4 • 215  
Phoebus H.S. • Hampton, Va.

Helped Phoebus to the state championship game his sophomore and junior seasons ... Missed two games his senior season because of a bruised knee, but finished with 89 tackles, including 21 for loss and 17 sacks, his senior year ... Also had three forced fumbles and three blocked kicks ... Has over 30 sacks his final two seasons for Coach Bill Dee ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... Named to the AAA all-state first team as a defensive end by the VHSCA ... Named to the *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team ...

Ranked the No. 11 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 9 weak-side defensive end in the nation and the No. 7 player in the state by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 11 player in the state by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 11 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 38 defensive end in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Rated the No. 45 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 96 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Named an All-American and an All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar*.

**Personal:** Steven J. Friday ... Born 8/9/86 in Melbourne, FL ... Son of Cynthia and Delmont Friday.

## Richard GRAHAM

Offensive Tackle • 6-6 • 255  
St. Christopher's H.S. • Richmond, Va.

Played tight end and along the defensive line for Coach Paul Padalino at St. Christopher's ... Caught four passes for 51 yards as a senior in a run-oriented offense ... Contributed 51 tackles on the defensive side, including three quarterback sacks and seven tackles for losses ... Earned first-team VISFA Division 3 all-state honors as a tight end his senior year ... Helped team to an 8-2 record and state prep league championship ... Was school's first title since 1991 ... Was a quarterback and free safety early in his career before growing out of the positions ... Also excelled in basketball ... Ranked the No. 66 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times*.

**Personal:** Richard Warwick Graham, Jr. ... Born 3/30/87 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Elizabeth Graham and Dr. Richard W. Graham.

## Hivera GREEN

Defensive End • 6-5 • 258  
Conway H.S. • Conway, S.C.

Earned postseason All-America honors from *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 32 defensive lineman in the country and the No. 5 player in South Carolina by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 26 offensive guard in the nation and the No. 11 player in South Carolina by rivals.com ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior for Coach Chuck Jordan at Conway ... Was on a defense that allowed just 10 points per game ... Earned a spot on the South Carolina Shrine Bowl team ... Had 72 tackles, a forced fumble, two recovered fumbles and a pair of pass breakups despite being hampered by the high-ankle sprains his final year ... Totaled 112 stops, six sacks, his junior year ... Earned all-region honors as a junior ... A weight man on the track team ... Rated the No. 42 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 63 player on the East Hot 100 and the No. 5 player in South Carolina by scout.com ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

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**Personal:** Hivera Green ... Born 8/1/87 in Conway, SC ... Son of Robert Lee and Demetria Green ... Lives with his grandmother, Mary Green.

## Victor HARRIS

**Defensive Back • 6-0 • 180**  
**Highland Springs H.S. • Highland Springs, Va.**

A PARADE All-American as an "athlete" ... Led the Richmond metro area in rushing his senior year with 225 carries for 2,346 yards for Coach Scott Burton at Highland Springs ... Averaged 10.4 yards per carry, scoring 27 touchdowns ... Caught four passes for 90 yards and four touchdowns ... Racked up 751 yards and four touchdowns on 28 returns ... Contributed 22 tackles and three interceptions as a defensive back ... Scored TDs six different ways as a senior ... The Central Region's career leading ground gainer with 5,320 yards ... Scored a total of 70 touchdowns his final two seasons ... Ranked the No. 1 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named the Offensive Player of the Year in the state's AAA grouping by the VHSCA ... Named a first-team running back and defensive back, as well as second-team as a kick returner, by the coaches ... Selected a postseason All-American by *SuperPrep* ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by the Associated Press as a running back ... Participated in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio ... Ranked the No. 2 athlete in the nation by *PrepStar* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason Dream Team (top 100 in the nation), as well as an All-American and an All-Atlantic Region selection ... Ranked the No. 8 defensive back in the nation and the No. 1 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 28 overall player in the nation, the No. 3 "athlete" in the nation and the No. 1 player in the state by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 14 player in the nation and the No. 2 cornerback by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 24 player in the nation, the No. 4 cornerback and the No. 1 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 22 player in the nation and the No. 3 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Listed first-team All-American by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Named a second-team All-USA by *USA Today*.

**Personal:** Victor Harris ... Born 2/16/86 ... Son of Victor Harris and the late Maritza Harris ... Nicknamed "Macho".

## Brandon HOLLAND

**Offensive Line • 6-4 • 285**  
**Northside H.S./Hargrave M.A. • Roanoke, Va.**

Rated as the No. 23 prep school player in the nation by rivals.com following a season at Hargrave ... Originally signed with Tech as part of the 2004 class ... Played defensive end and tight end for Coach Jim Hickam at Northside ... Named first-team AA all-state by the Associated

Press and the VHSCA ... Posted 46 tackles and three sacks during his senior season ... Named the district's defensive player of the year ... Had 75 tackles as a junior and scored a touchdown in a game against Liberty ... Ranked the No. 29 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* in 2004 ... Ranked No. 20 in Virginia by rivals100.com ... Ranked No. 26 in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Named an All-Atlantic Region selection as a tight end by *PrepStar* ... Took third place in the shot put at the Group AA state track & field meet as a junior ... Was 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.

## Kenny JEFFERSON

**Fullback • 5-10 • 230**  
**DeMatha Catholic H.S. • Port Tobacco, Md.**

Averaged nearly 11 yards per carry as a fullback for Coach Bill McGregor at DeMatha ... Also excelled on defense, posting 111 tackles and nine sacks as a linebacker ... Won the Charles Mann Good Samaritan Defensive Player of the Year Award ... Named first-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* as a linebacker ... Led team to a 10-1 record and a second straight WCAC title ... Team finished ranked among the top 25 in the nation by *USA Today* ... Rated the No. 9 fullback in the nation and the No. 12 player in Maryland by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 11 player in the state of Maryland by scout.com ... Rated the No. 6 fullback in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 16 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 41 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Wrestled for three seasons.

**Personal:** Kenneth Neill Jefferson ... Born 7/9/87 in St. Petersburg, FL ... Son of Ken and Tania Jefferson.

## Elan LEWIS

**Tailback • 5-8 • 210**  
**Phoebus H.S. • Hampton, Va.**

Rushed for 2,323 yards and 35 touchdowns his senior season for Coach Bill Dee at Phoebus ... Rushed for 2,472 yards and a state-record 40 touchdowns as a junior, leading Phoebus to a Group AAA, Division 5 state title ... Finished with 7,156 career rushing yards, good for fourth-best in Virginia AAA history ... Broke former UVa running back Antwoine Womack's all-time Peninsula District rushing record ... A two-time Peninsula District Player of the Year ... Rushed for 100 or more yards in 37 consecutive games ... Rushed for 2,000 yards in the regular season twice, a feat no other Peninsula District back has accomplished ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by the Associated Press and the VHSCA as a running back ... Selected to the *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team ... The *Daily Press'* Offensive Player of the Year ... Ranked the No. 2 player in

the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Participated in the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio ... Ranked the No. 12 running back in the nation and the No. 4 player in the state by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 41 player in the nation and the No. 5 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 18 running back in the nation and the No. 2 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 15 running back in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 22 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 18 running back in the nation and the No. 2 player in the state by scout.com ... Named an All-American by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* and picked an All-American and an All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Also named a postseason All-American by *SuperPrep*.

**Personal:** Elan Monte Lewis ... Born 5/7/86 in Hampton, VA ... Son Cheryl Scott and Richard Lewis.

## Cam MARTIN

**Safety • 6-1 • 180**  
**George Washington H.S. • Martinsville, Va.**

Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by The Associated Press as a defensive back ... Named to the AAA all-state second team as a defensive back by the VHSCA ... Had over 70 tackles and earned all-area honors for the second year in a row ... Also played quarterback for Coach Dan Newell, completing 39 of 90 passes for 759 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Rushed for 683 yards and 10 TDs on 86 carries, a 7.9-yard average per carry ... Was picked team MVP after a 9-2 season and Valley District title ... Ranked the No. 13 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 20 safety in the nation and the No. 11 player in the state by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 39 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Rated the No. 13 safety in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 13 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 25 safety in the nation and the No. 13 player in the state by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 84 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team as a defensive back.

**Personal:** Cameron Olin Martin ... Born 4/19/87 in Danville, VA ... Son of David and Denese Martin ... Brother, Orion, is a redshirt freshman on the Tech football squad.

## Todd NOLEN

**Wide Receiver • 6-3 • 175**  
**Hampton H.S. • Hampton, Va.**

Caught 53 passes for 1,370 yards and 16 touchdowns his final season for Coach Mike Smith at Hampton ... Had seven 100-yard games, including a 248-yard receiving night against Phoebus ... Scored a season-high four



touchdowns in Hampton's 700th victory, a 44-3 win over Kecoughtan ... Earned first-team all-state honors from both the Associated Press and the VHSCA ... Named to the *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team ... Won first-team all-state honors as a junior ... Ranked the No. 10 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 9 player in the state by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 24 wide receiver in the nation and the No. 5 player in the state by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 49 wide receiver in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Rated the No. 38 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 66 player on the East Hot 100 and the No. 7 player in the state by scout.com ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

**Personal:** Todd L. Nolen ... Born 11/21/85 ... Son of Linda Nolen.

## Robert NORRIS

**Offensive Lineman • 6-4 • 300**  
DeMatha Catholic H.S. • Cheltenham, Md.

Started at guard for two seasons for Coach Bill McGregor at DeMatha ... Helped team to a 10-1 record and spot in the nation's top 25 high school teams ... Graded out at 85 percent in his blocking assignments ... Play on defense occasionally on defense in short-yardage and goal-line situations ... Rated the No. 72 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 17 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 18 player in the state of Maryland by scout.com ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

**Personal:** Robert Lee Norris, Jr. ... Born 11/28/86 in Honolulu, HI ... Son of Sonya Norris.

## Antonio NORTH

**Offensive Lineman • 6-4 • 310**  
North Stafford H.S. • Stafford, Va.

A four-year starter at guard for Coach Eric Cooke at North Stafford ... Helped lead his team to a 13-1 record and the state title game ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by the Associated Press as a guard ... Named to the AAA all-state first team as an offensive guard by the VHSCA ... Named first-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* as an offensive lineman ... An all-Commonwealth District and all-Northwestern Region selection ... Saw some action on defense in short-yardage situations ... Ranked the No. 15 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 23 offensive guard in the nation and the No. 13 player in the state by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 58 offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 12 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 42 offensive lineman in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 16 player in the state of Virginia by

*SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 79 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Rated the No. 47 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report*.

**Personal:** Antonio Djuan North ... Born 12/11/86 in Jacksonville, NC ... Son of Joseph and Mary North.

## Dorian PORCH

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 180**  
Gordon Central H.S. • Calhoun, Ga.

Totaled 48 tackles and six interceptions his senior year for Coach Bill Long at Gordon Central ... Also rushed for 825 yards and 10 touchdowns and threw for 930 yards and nine TDs ... Started three years in the secondary and two years at quarterback ... Helped team to an 8-2 record and a spot in the state playoffs for the first time since 1993 ... Rallied his team from a 24-0 halftime deficit to a 34-24 win during the season ... Named a first-team all-state AAAA performer by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... Was a two-time all-area honoree at defensive back ... Excelled in football, basketball and baseball ... Could be drafted in baseball ... Ranked the No. 46 cornerback in the nation and the No. 36 player in Georgia by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 50 player in the state of Georgia by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 57 player in the state of Georgia by scout.com ... Rated the No. 81 player in the Southeast Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Southeast Region team ... Named to *PrepStar's* All-Southeast Region team as a defensive back.

**Personal:** Dorian Porch ... Born 3/16/87 in Calhoun, GA ... Son of Lynette Porch and Michael Gregory.

## Sergio RENDER

**Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 290**  
Newnan H.S. • Newnan, Ga.

A two-way lineman for Coach Robert Herring at Newnan High ... Graded out at 85 percent in his blocking assignments and recorded over 100 pancake blocks the past two seasons ... A two-time all-area honoree ... Helped his team to a 12-2 record and place in the state playoffs his junior year ... Played in the Georgia North-South All-Star game ... Rated as the No. 7 center in the nation and the No. 27 player in Georgia by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 67 offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 22 player in the state of Georgia by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 41 player in the state of Georgia by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 91 player in the Southeast Region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Southeast Region team ... Competed as a heavyweight on the school's weight lifting team ... Helped the school to a state title ... Was also a weight man on the track team.

**Personal:** Sergio Orlando Render ... Born 9/13/86 in LaGrange, GA ... Lives with his aunt and uncle, Kerri and Eric Geter.

## Deveon SIMMONS

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 221**  
Landstown H.S. • Virginia Beach, Va.

Led Landstown to the Virginia AAA Group 6 state championship, recording over 100 tackles, including 21 for loss and eight sacks ... Also played running back for Coach Chris Beatty, rushing for 474 yards and 13 touchdowns ... Selected the Defensive Player of the Year in the state's AAA grouping by the VHSCA ... Also named a first-team all-state linebacker by the coaches ... Voted to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by the Associated Press as a linebacker ... Named a first-team All-Tidewater selection by *The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* ... First-team All-Tidewater and first-team all-state as a junior after compiling 142 tackles, including 32 behind the line ... A two-time Beach District Defensive Player of the Year ... Ranked the No. 4 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 93 overall player and the No. 8 outside linebacker in the nation, as well as the No. 3 player in the state by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 10 linebacker in the nation by *PrepStar* ... Rated the No. 110 player in the nation and the No. 17 linebacker by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 23 linebacker in the nation and the No. 5 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 25 linebacker in the nation and the No. 5 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 175 player in the nation and the No. 20 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 34 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Selected an All-American by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* and *SuperPrep* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason Dream Team (top 100 in the nation), as well as an All-American and an All-Atlantic Region selection ... Also excelled in track and field.

**Personal:** Deveon Simmons ... Born 7/3/86 in Virginia Beach, VA ... Son of Sharon Simmons.

## Demetrius TAYLOR

**Linebacker • 6-1 • 220**  
Kellam H.S. • Virginia Beach, Va.

Averaged more than 10 tackles per game as a senior linebacker for Coach Chris DeWitt at Kellam ... Forced five fumbles, recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass ... Also played tailback and rushed for 927 yards and 20 touchdowns ... Helped the team to an 8-2 record on the way to first-team All-Beach District honors as both a linebacker and running back ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AAA first-team all-state team by the Associated Press as a linebacker ... Named to the AAA all-state second team as a linebacker by the VHSCA ... Named a first-team All-Tidewater selection by *The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* ... Ranked the No. 20 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 38 inside linebacker in the nation and the No. 16 player in the state by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 19 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the

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## TAYLOR *Continued*

No. 20 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 40 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team ... A sprinter on the track team.

**Personal:** Demetrius A. Taylor ... Born 11/22/86 in Jacksonville, FL ... Son of Demetrius and Charmaine Taylor.

## Cordarrow THOMPSON

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 318**  
**North Stafford H.S. • Stafford, Va.**

Had over 100 tackles, including 43 for loss and nine sacks during his final season for Coach Eric Cooke at North Stafford ... Helped team to the Virginia AAA Group 5 title game ... Also had a strong junior year from his nose guard position, finishing with 64 tackles, including 16 for loss and five sacks, and two blocked field goals ... Scored two touchdowns as a fullback in goal-line situations ... Named the Defensive Player of the Year by *The Washington Post*, as well as first-team All-Met ... Named first-team all-state by both the Associated Press and the VHSCA ... Named the Defensive Player of the Year in both the Commonwealth District and the Northwestern Region Led his team to the Virginia AAA Group 5 championship game ... Ranked the No. 18 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

**Personal:** Cordarrow Eugene Thompson ... Born 10/2/87 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Eugene and Wanda Thompson.

## Stephan VIRGIL

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 165**  
**Rocky Mount H.S. • Rocky Mount, N.C.**

Played in a school-record 47 games during his career and was the only freshman to start for Rocky Mount ... Helped Coach B.W. Holt's team to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the 4A state semifinals in 2004 ... Played on offense, defense and special teams ... Posted 31 career touchdowns — 14 rushing, 10 receiving, three on kickoff returns, two on interception returns and two on punt returns ... Had 13 career interceptions and 363 tackles ... Contributed 98 tackles with two sacks and four interceptions and also had 293 yards receiving, his senior season ... Tallied 900 yards (rushing and receiving) and 13 touchdowns as a junior ... Earned first-team all-state defensive honors after totaling 81 tackles, four interceptions and four fumble recoveries as a junior ... Ranked the No. 25 player in the state of North Carolina by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 30 high school player in the state of North Carolina by rivals100.com ... Ranked the No. 45 safety in the nation and the No. 29 player in the state of North Carolina by scout.com.

**Personal:** Stephan D. Virgil ... Born 4/3/87 in Rocky Mount, NC ... Son of Richard and Sandra Virgil.

## William WALL

**Defensive End • 6-3 • 255**  
**H.D. Woodson H.S./Hargrave M.A. • Washington, D.C.**

Committed to the Hokies out of high school and recommitted while at Hargrave, last season ... Ranked the No. 17 prep school player in the nation by rivals100.com ... Collected over 20 tackles and six sacks for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Was ranked the No. 18 player in the Maryland/Washington D.C. area by rivals100.com following his senior season at Woodson, where he played for Coach Greg Fuller ... Finished the season with 63 tackles and 11 sacks ... Ranked the No. 26 defensive end in the nation by scout.com ... Named an All-American by *SuperPrep* ... Named an All-East Region selection as a defensive lineman by that publication ... Ranked No. 34 on the All Mid-Atlantic Team by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked No. 31 in the Mid-Atlantic by *SuperPrep*.

**Personal:** William Anthony Wall ... Born 12/31/84 in Washington, DC ... Son of Kristy Wall and William Wall.

## Ed WANG

**Tight End • 6-5 • 260**  
**Stone Bridge H.S. • Ashburn, Va.**

Selected the Gatorade State Player of the Year ... A three-year starter for Coach Mickey Thompson at Stone Bridge ... Grabbed 30 passes as a tight end his senior season, helping the team to an 11-1 record ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AA second-team all-state team by the Associated Press as a tight end ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AA first-team all-state team by the VHSCA as a tight end ... Earned All-Dulles District honors as a tight end and a defensive end ... Ranked the No. 7 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 14 tight end in the nation and the No. 10 player in the state by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 14 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 81 offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 18 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 26 tight end in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 65 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Rated the No. 100 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* as a defensive lineman ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

**Personal:** Ed Wang ... Born 3/12/87 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Robert and Nancy Wang ... His parents were both members of the Chinese Olympic team in the 1970s.

## Sam WHEELER

**Tight End • 6-3 • 240**  
**Blacksburg H.S./Hargrave M.A. • Blacksburg, Va.**

Originally committed to Tech as part of the 2004 class, but spent last year at Hargrave ... Listed as the No. 24 prep school player in the nation by rivals.com ... Saw action at linebacker, fullback and tight end while playing

for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Lettered three seasons for Coach Dave Crist at Blacksburg, while playing running back, wide receiver, linebacker and tight end ... Also punted for the Bruins ... Rushed for over 300 yards his senior year and caught 14 passes for 293 yards and four touchdowns ... Also contributed 98 tackles on defense ... Caught three passes, including two for TDs, in a game against Northside ... Earned all-district honors three straight years ... Ranked the No. 33 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* in 2004 ... Ranked No. 69 on the All Mid-Atlantic Team by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* as a senior ... Named an All-Atlantic Region selection as a defensive lineman by *PrepStar* ... Earned all-district, region and state honors in basketball ... Pulled down 31 rebounds in a game against Patrick Henry as a senior ... Averaged 16.8 points and 8.7 rebounds a game.

**Personal:** Samuel Ryan Wheeler ... Born 5/27/86 in Bluefield, WV ... Son of Anthony and Linda Wheeler.

## Ike WHITAKER

**Quarterback • 6-4 • 200**  
**Northwest H.S. • Germantown, Md.**

A three-year starter for Coach Randy Trivers at Northwest ... Passed for nearly 5,000 yards and 56 scores in his career, leading his team to a 30-6 record ... Completed 157-of-262 passes his senior season for a school-record 2,586 yards and 28 touchdowns ... Threw just 10 interceptions ... Also ran for 432 yards and 10 scores his senior year ... Led his team to a 13-1 record and the Maryland 3A championship ... Hit 20 of 27 passes for 207 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the championship game ... Won the Art Monk Good Samaritan Offensive Player of the Year Award ... Named first-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* ... Named the Post's Offensive Player of the Year ... Selected to the first-team All-Montgomery 3A/2A/1A team ... Listed as the No. 3 dual-threat quarterback in the nation and the No. 3 player in the state of Maryland by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 5 quarterback in the nation and the No. 4 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 8 quarterback in the nation by *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 16 quarterback in the nation and the No. 4 player in the state of Maryland by scout.com ... Rated the No. 14 quarterback in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Rated the No. 119 player in the nation and the No. 15 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Ranked the No. 47 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Listed an All-American by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Named a postseason All-American by *SuperPrep* ... A member of *PrepStar's* postseason Dream Team (top 100 in the nation), as well as an All-American and an All-Atlantic Region selection ... Named a preseason All-American by *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... Played basketball and runs track.

**Personal:** Dewight Allan Whitaker ... Born 6/5/87 in Takoma Park, MD ... Son of Derrick Whitaker and Maria Thomas.



# 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-conference and All-America 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 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 five years, he has started 58 games and played in 83. He has 148 total tackles and 17.5 sacks. Last year, he registered a career-high

44 stops and six 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."

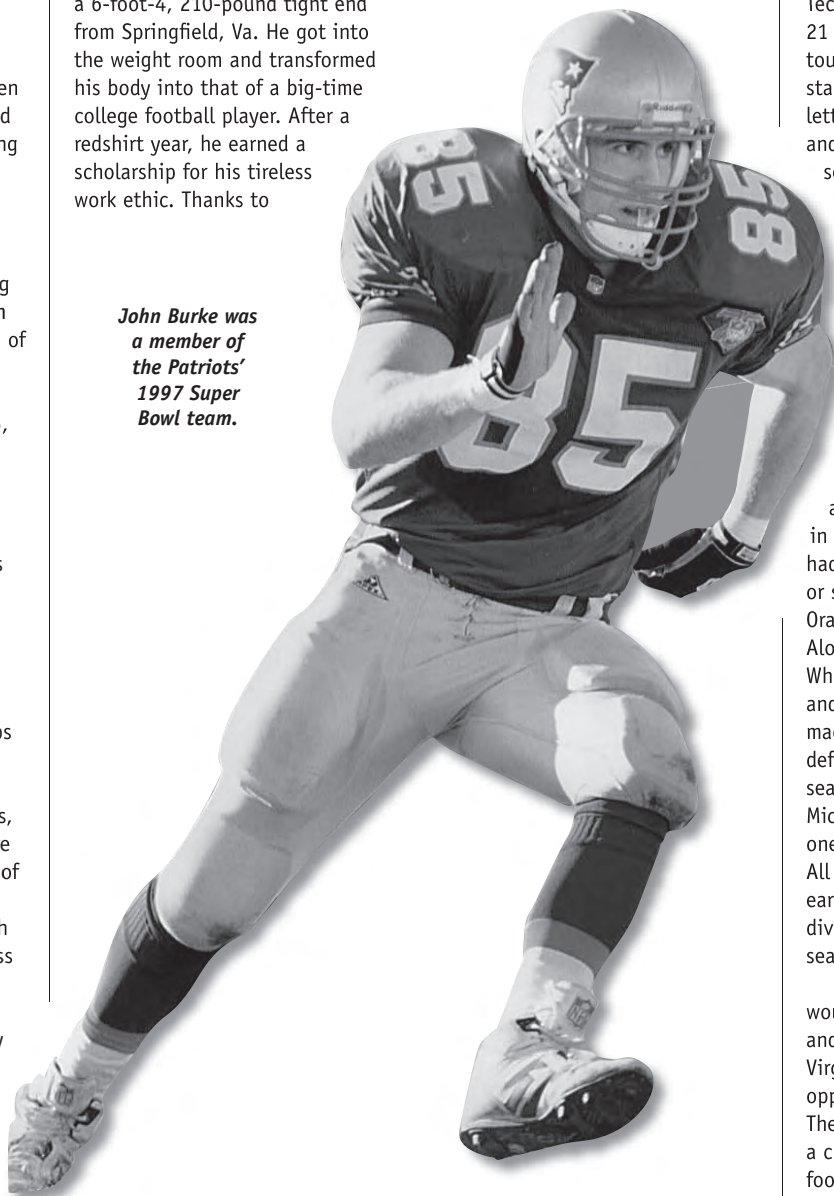
Burke walked on in 1989 and eventually earned a starting position for the Hokies. He was a four-year letterman at Virginia Tech (1990-93) where he caught 21 passes for 303 yards and two touchdowns. He moved into the starting lineup in 1992 after lettering as a special teams player and backup tight end 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 also saw 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 Burke was a member of the Patriots' 1997 Super Bowl team.*

John Ballein, the associate athletics director for football operations, 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.

"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



Senior Will Montgomery came to Tech as a walk-on.

Division I-A. While in the Big East, Beamer was rated first four times. *TSN* named Beamer the top coach in the ACC in its 2005 preseason edition.

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." Last year, Beamer was awarded the ACC's Coach of Year award after leading a young squad to a conference title and berth in the Sugar Bowl.

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 Easlick, who started 25 consecutive games. He too signed a free agent deal, signing with the Miami Dolphins and ending up starting two games last year.

"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 roster, there are four former walk-ons who have already earned scholarships and that number could increase. Brandon Pace, Orion Martin, Jesse Allen, and Will Montgomery all came to Tech as walk-ons and have earned scholarships for their valuable contributions.

Montgomery started all 13 games a year ago and is projected to be the starting guard while Pace earned first-team All-ACC honors for a spectacular season. Martin earned his scholarship after just 15 spring practices and Allen earned his this past off-season after showing his dedication in the weight room and on the field.

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 Easlick, Jarrett Ferguson or John Engelberger.