Brandon Frye

> Aaron Rouse and Chris Ellis

Virginia Tech has a host of talented players on both sides of the ball this season

MEET THE HOKIES

2006 Player Profiles



Has developed into a steady playmaker at the backer position ... Is coming off an outstanding spring practice ... Was voted one of the team's spring MVPs ... Picked up some valuable experience and maturity while starting every game last season ... Finished fourth on the team in tackles with 69 ... Returned an interception for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... Plays fast, smart and aggressive ... As a freshman in 2004, he came back from what was thought to be a season-ending injury to contribute in Tech's last six games ... Listed as a preseason second-team All-ACC performer by *The Sporting News* ... Will be looked to for leadership on a young defensive unit.

2005: Compiled 69 total tackles, including seven behind the line ... Also had three sacks, two interceptions, four pass breakups and four QB hurries ... Played 592 defensive plays during the regular season and was in on 71 special teams plays ... Made his first collegiate start in the opener at NC State ... Played every defensive down and contributed eight tackles ... Had four tackles, including one for a loss against Duke ... Picked off a pass and returned it 25 yards in win over Ohio ... Registered his second interception of the season against Georgia Tech and took it 25 yards for a touchdown ... Had a personal-best 10 tackles at West Virginia, including a guarterback sack ... Repeated those numbers against Maryland ... Picked up his third sack of the season in the Boston College game ... Had seven tackles against both BC and Miami ... Collected six tackles, including one for a loss, in win over UNC ... Was in on four tackles, one behind the line, against Florida State ... Had four tackles in the Gator Bowl against Louisville ... Turned in the fastest time among the linebackers in the 40 during spring testing with a 4.41 clocking ... Posted five tackles and broke up a pass in first spring srimmage ... Was in on six tackles during the spring game, including two

behind the line ... Shared the George Preas Award as the most valuable defensive player in the spring with Chris Ellis.

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 guarterback 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 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 340pound 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 and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Lo		52	cks
2004	7	21	4	25	4.5-		2.0-	
2005	, 13	28	41	69	7.0-	17	3.0-	7
Career	20	49	45	94		37		21
Caleel			kles Ga			57	5.0-	21
- NICCU								
at NCSU	1	4	4	8	0-	0	0-	0
at Duke	1	1	3	4	1-	3	0-	0
OHIO	1	0	5	5	0.5-	0	0-	0
GT	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0
at WVU	1	4	6	10	1-	4	1-	4
MU	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0
at MD	1	4	6	10	1.5-	4	1-	2
BC	1	2	5	7	1-	1	1-	1
UM	1	5	2	7	0-	0	0-	0
at UVa	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0
UNC	1	0	6	6	1-	3	0-	0
FSU	1	3	1	4	1-	2	0-	0
UL	1	3	1	4	0-	0	0-	0
Interceptio	ons	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	1	TD	LG
2004		7	1	0	0.0		0	0
2005		13	2	50	25.0		1	25
Career		20	3	50	25.0		1	25

Pronunciation Guide

XAVIER ADIBI	.ZAY-vee-ur uh-DEE-bee
Jason ADJEPONG	ADD-juh-pong
LADI AJIBOYE	LAH-dee AA-jih-boy
Mason BAGGETT	BAG-it
NEKOS Brown	NEE-kose
Noland BURCHETTE	bur-CHET
JAHRE Cheeseman	jah-REE
Jared DEVELLI	duh-VELL-eee
Jud DUNLEVY	DUN-lee-vee

Mike GEE li	ke the letter G
HIVERA GreenHah-w	ee-air (Javier)
ELAN Lewis	EE-lin
ORION MartinOh-R	YE-in (O'Ryan)
Aaron ROUSE rhyn	nes with house
CORDARROW Thompson	Core-DARE-oh
STEPHAN Virgil	STEFF-un
BEAU Warren	ВО

37 Jesse Allen

Fullback • 6-0 • 252 • r-Sr. Monson, Mass. • Pathfinder Regional H.S.

A powerful blocker who handles the bulk of the fullback duties when the Hokies opt to use a two-back set ... Has worked hard to become a good all-around player ... Can catch the ball out of the backfield ... Could get more opportunities to carry the football this fall ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Mixes that strength with a physical style of play ... Started his career as a walk-on and earned a scholarship ... Will be looked to for senior leadership.

2005: Saw limited action during the first two games ... Caught a 3-yard touchdown pass in the Ohio game ... Played 13 snaps against Marshall ... Had a 7-yard reception at Maryand ... Was in for 11 offensive snaps at Virginia ... Got a season-high 22 offensive plays against UNC ... Contributed several key blocks against the Tar Heels ... Caught a 5-yard pass in the Florida State game ... Played in all 13 games with three starts ... Missed out on some of spring strength and conditioning tests due to a wrist surgery.

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 secondbest 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 apparel, housing and resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	10	3	24	8.0	1	13
2005	13	3	15	5.0	1	7
Career	23	6	39	6.5	2	13

Mason Baggett

Offensive Tackle • 6-1 • 275 • Sr.

Richmond, Va. • James River H.S.

to play several positions along the line ...

... Picked up some valuable experience last

hard to earn a spot on the depth chart

backup role this fall.

during spring practice.

Joined the team as a walk-on and has worked

season in a reserve role at tackle ... Has good

size and a great work ethic ... Can fill a solid

2005: Played in six games for a total of

59 snaps ... Saw his first varsity action against

Graded 84 percent on 13 plays in the the Ohio

Tech and got seven snaps against Marshall ...

Saw brief action against Virginia and UNC ...

and conditioning testing ... Worked at center

seven offense snaps ... Was in for four snaps

Earned Iron Hokie status during spring strength

2004: Saw action in two games, playing

against Florida A&M and three against Maryland

Duke, grading 88 percent on 17 snaps ...

game ... Picked up 15 plays versus Georgia

A knowledgeable player with the versatility

... 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.



Tailback • 5-10 • 223 • r-So. Fayetteville, N.C. • Jack Britt H.S.

Played with confidence and poise during the spring ... Impressed the coaches with his performance ... A strong runner who is a load to tackle ... Has improved his blocking and is becoming a solid option in the passing game ... Gained some important experience while playing a reserve role last fall ... Saw action in nine games, averaging 4.6 yards on 42 carries ... Has made great improvements and shown an outstanding work ethic since enrolling at Tech in January 2004 — right after his final high school season ... Has battled back from a severe knee injury during his junior year in high school ... Was named one of the team's top offensive newcomers following 2005 spring practice ... Is the leading candidate for a share the tailback duties ... Has a chance to be an outstanding back.

2005: Bench pressed 390 pounds during preseason testing ... Saw his first playing time at Duke and ran for 15 yards on six carries ... Scored his first collegiate TD on a 3-yard run in that game ... Rushed four times for 15 yards in the Georgia Tech game ... Carried five times for 25 yards in the Marshall game, scoring on a 2-yard run ... Carried two times for 10 yards

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against Maryland and two times for 5 yards in the BC game ... Ran for a personal-best 74 yards on 12 carries during the Virginia game ... Added 40 yards on seven attempts versus UNC ... Rushed for 192 yards and two touchdowns

... Was an Iron Hoke during spring testing ... Turned in a 34-inch vertical jump, second-best among the running backs ... Rushed 13 times for 34 yards and a touchdown during second spring scrimmage ... Carried just six times for 14 yards in the Maroon-White spring game.

2004: Redshirted, 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 iniury 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 human development.

Rushing 2005	G 11 - 2005	No. 42 Rushin	Yds. 192	Avg. 4.6	TD 2	LG 27			
at NCSU Did not play									
at Duke	1	6	15	2.5	1	5			
OHIO	1	3	4	1.3	0	3			
GT	1	4	15	3.8	õ	12			
at WVU	1	1	4	4.0	0	4			
MU	1	5	25	5.0	1	9			
at MD	1	2	10	5.0	0	6			
BC	1	2	5	2.5	0	4			
UM		Die	d not play						
at UVa	1	12	74	6.2	0	27			
UNC	1	7	40	5.7	0	17			
FSU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0			
UL	1	0	0	0.0	0	0			



59 Barry Booker

Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 275 • r-Jr. Amherst, Va. • Amherst H.S.

One of the leading candidates for a starting spot at defensive tackle ... A real competitor who has become a more physical player ... May be the team's most athletic defensive tackle ... Can rush the passer ... Has worked to add strength ... Showed the demeanor the coaches like during the spring ... Backed up starter Jonathan Lewis at tackle last year ... Gained some valuable experience while seeing action in every game ... An instinctive player with good size and play-making ability ... Figures to be an important contributor along the defensive front this fall.

2005: Saw action in 12 games ... Posted 13 total tackles, including two behind the line ... Had four QB hurries ... Recovered a fumble against NC State ... Played on 25 plays in each of the Hokies' first two games ... Had four tackles, including one for a loss at Duke ... Added four more against Ohio ... Posted a tackle for a 4-yard loss in the West Virginia game ... Assisted on three tackles against Marshall ... Was in for 18 plays at Maryland and 17 versus Miami ... Had 12 plays at Virginia and 11 against UNC ... Turned in the best 40 time among the defensive tackles during the spring at 4.82 ... Had three tackles, including a tackle for loss in first spring scrimmage ... Earned the Coaches' Award as the defensive player who had an exceptional spring.

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 apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks	
2004	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0-	0
2005	12	2	11	13	2- 9	0-	0
Career	13	3	12	15	2- 9	0-	0



A talented newcomer who missed a lot of valuable practice time last year due to injuries ... Has agreed to make a temporary move from quarterback to tight end for the 2006 season ... Could vie for the starting job at that position ... Never really got a chance to get acclimated at quarterback ... Was slowed by a sore knee and too much weight when he arrived in August ... Shortly after reporting underwent a tonsilectomy ... Was able to drop some weight and ended up quarterbacking the scout team while redshirting ... Excelled in strength and conditioning tests during early spring ... Was hampered by a sore knee once again during the first eight or nine practices in the spring ... Is big and strong ... Has a tremendous arm and all the tools to play quarterback ... Also athletic enough to succeed at tight end.

2005: Was redshirted ... Worked at quarterback with the scout team ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during off-season workouts ... Set a position record for the push jerk at 334 pounds ... Bench pressed 355 pounds and had a back squat of 535 ... Was 2-for-2 in the spring game for 13 yards ... Scrambled for a 6-yard gain on one of his four carries.

High School: Named a postseason All-American by SuperPrep, which also rated him the No. 15 guarterback 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Is competing for a spot on the depth chart at split end ... A walk-on who has solid skills and is working to improve at running his routes ... Missed some valuable time during the spring with a sprained ankle ... Could be a candidate for some special teams duty.

2005: Worked on the scout and jayvee teams ... Caught two passes for 36 yards in the JV win over Hargrave ... Scored two touchdowns in a win against Fork Union, recovering a fumbled snap in the end zone for one score and hauling in a 17-yard pass for the other ... Turned in a personal-best 33-inch vertical jump during off-season tests.

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.

97 Brent Bowden

Punter • 6-2 • 192 • r-Fr. Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.

Has all the essentials to be a good punter ... Traveled as the No. 2 punter last season ... Did not see action and was redshirted ... Will compete with Nic Schmitt for the duties again this season ... Has sound fundamentals and a good leg ... Just needs to concentrate on maintaining his consistency.

2005: Was redshirted ... Dressed for all 13 games, serving as the back-up punter ... Punted three times for a 44.7-yard average during the Maroon-White spring game ... Had a long punt of 48 yards and had one punt inside the 20.

High School: 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)

My and won Most Consistent ... Older brother is Chris Hall, the former Florida State punter.

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

Andrew Bowman

Linebacker • 5-11 • 233 • r-So. Glen Allen, Va. • Hermitage H.S.

A linebacker candidate who could contribute if he performs at a consistent level ... Showed steady progress early last year, but slowed down after getting nicked up with a shoulder injury ... Needed to improve in the coverage aspect of the mike position, which he did ... Trimmed some weight through his work in the strength and conditioning program ... Improved his speed and agility numbers ... A good summer preparation will be important ... His performance during the preseason will determine his place on the depth chart.

2005: Played in two games ... Was in for five special teams plays against Ohio ... Slowed by an ankle injury the second half of the season ... His 360-pound bench press was second-best among the inside linebackers during spring testing ... Was in on two tackles during the Maroon-White spring game.

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 apparel, housing and resource management.



Aaron Brown

Offensive Tackle • 6-6 • 294 • Fr. Cincinnati, Ohio • Princeton H.S.

A true freshman who has everything you want in an offensive lineman ... Graduated from high school early and enrolled at Tech in January ... Has been watched closely by the coaches due to the Hokies' lack of depth along the offensive front ... Got some valuable work during spring practice ... Has a 6-6 frame, good feet and a strong will to succeed, but needs to be bigger and stronger ... A good summer preparation will be important ... His development once practice resumes in August could determing his status ... Could end up providing much-needed depth at tackle or redshirting ... Either way, he has a chance to become a special player for the Hokies.

2005: Graduated high school in December ... Entered Tech for second semester ... Participated in the winter off-season program ... Worked at left tackle during spring practice.

High School: Played his last two years of high school football at Princeton High ... Was a preseason and postseason SuperPrep All-American offensive lineman for Coach Brian Dodds ... Was used on defense in short-yardage and goal-line situations ... Also named to PrepStar's "Dream Team" ... Rated the No. 7 offensive tackle in the nation by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 52 overall player in the country by USA Today ... Ranked the No. 120 player in the country and the No. 14 offensive lineman in the country by collegefootballnews. com ... Listed as the No. 17 offensive lineman in the country by *PrepStar* ... Listed as the No. 7 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Rated the No. 24 player in the Midwest by SuperPrep ... Ranked the No. 25 postseason prospect on the scout.com Midwest Region Hot 100 ... A member of the Ohio News Network/Ohio High Magazine All-Ohio football team ... Was his team's MVP as a senior ... Also played basketball and ran track during his high school career.

Personal: Aaron Phillip Brown ... Born 3/16/88 in Cincinnati, Ohio ... Son of Donnieta Edwards and George Brown ... Enrolled in university studies.



Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 286 • r-Jr Richmond, Va. • Hermitage H.S.

Is athletic as they come at the tackle position ... Played an important role in the Hokies' success last season, both at tackle and on special teams ... Agreed to move from tight end to right tackle just weeks before the season opener at NC State ... Got on-the-job training, while starting every game ... Was hurt by his inexperience at the position, but his size and athletic ability were a real plus ... Continues to learn more about the position every day ... Was named the offensive MVP during 2006 spring practice ... Will be the Hokies' most experienced lineman this fall and will be counted on to play a key leadership role.

2005: Started preseason as No. 2 tight end ... Was moved to offensive tackle two weeks before the opening game ... Ended up playing 673 offensive snaps during the regular season ... Started all 13 games ... Also had 148 plays on special teams where he started on three different units ... Started at right tackle against NC State and played every snap ... Posted two knockdown blocks and graded 80 percent at Duke ... Added three knockdowns against Ohio and two versus Georgia Tech ... Graded 81 percent with three knockdowns on 66 plays at WVU ... Played 54 snaps against Marshall, grading out at 87 percent with two knockdowns ... Worked 83 plays in the BC game with a pair of knockdowns ... Was in for every offensive down against Miami ... Picked up three knockdowns at Virginia ... Graded 88 percent on 67 plays against North Carolina ... Worked a season-high 90 snaps against FSU ... Was in for all 69 offensive snaps against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... His 346pound push jerk was the third-best among the offensive linemen during spring testing ... Also turned in a 32 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Won the George Preas Award as the most valuable offensive performer during spring practice.

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 326pound 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 and resource management.



Defensive End • 6-2 • 261 • r-Sr. Richmond, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.

An important member of the starting rotation at defensive end the past two seasons ... Suffered a fractured bone in his left forearm during spring practice, but should be at full strength when practice resumes ... Brings experience to the position along with quickness, agility and a non-stop motor ... Has a knack for making plays ... Is a Super Iron Hokie in the strength and conditioning program ... Played in every game last fall, despite a nagging shoulder injury ... A valuable member of the defensive unit who will be counted on as a player and leader.

2005: Turned in three guarterback hurries and two big hits during the opening game win at NC State ... Had three tackles, three hurries and a fumble recovery in the Ohio game ... Shared a sack and had a pair of hurries in the Georgia Tech game ... Played 25 downs at WVU and contributed a pair of tackles ... Registered four tackles, 1.5 sacks and forced a fumble against Marshall ... Picked up two hurries against Boston College ... Played 30 downs against Miami with two tackles and a hurry ... Added three hurries and a pair of tackles against UNC ... Had two tackles for loss, including a sack, in Tech's Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Had 25 tackles, including three sacks ... Finished third on the team in hurries with 18 ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring testing ... Turned in a career-best 560-pound back squat, best among the defensive ends ... Posted two sacks and an additional tackle for loss during first spring scrimmage, but was sidelined by a broken forearm for much of the spring and did not play in the Maroon-White game.

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 guarterback 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

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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 guarterback 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.	Lo	ss	Sa	cks			
2003	13	20	21	41	1.0-	8	1.0-	8			
2004	12	15	12	27	6.0-	24	3.0-	17			
2005	13	8	17	25	4.5-	27	3.0-	25			
Career	38	43	50	93	11.5-	59	7.0-	50			
2005 Tackles Game-by-Game											
at NCSU	1	1	2	3	0.5-	0	0-	0			
at Duke	1	0	3	3	0-	0	0-	0			
OHIO	1	1	2	3	0-	0	0-	0			
GT	1	1	2	3	0.5-	2	0.5-	2			
at WVU	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0-	0			
MU	1	2	2	4	1.5-	15	1.5-	15			
at MD	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0			
BC	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0			
UM	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0			
at UVa	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0			
UNC	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0			
FSU	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0			
UL	1	1	1	2	2-	10	1-	8			



Blue Ridge, Va. • Liberty-Bedford H.S.

An extremely strong player who has excelled in the strength and conditioning program ... Has spent time on both the offensive and defensive lines during his time at

Tech ... 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 ... Will provide the Hokies with added depth along the defensive front this season.

2005: Worked at the nose tackle position, playing in three games ... Was in on eight defensive plays at Duke ... Also saw brief action on special teams in that game ... Saw limited action against Ohio and Georgia Tech ... Played in the Hokies' jayvee games, posting two tackles for losses and a sack against Fork Union ... Also caused a fumble, recovered fumble and blocked a punt ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the spring.

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.



Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 239 • r-Fr. Abingdon, Va. • Abingdon H.S.

A walk-on who is working hard to become a good snapper ... Has shown ability, along with the desire to help the team ... Brings an excellent work ethic to the field ... Made progress in the strength and conditioning program ... Must continue working to develop consistency.

2005: Worked with the snappers while redshirting ... Improved in all four major lifts during spring strength and conditioning tests.



High School: Lettered four years in football as a tight end/defensive end for Coach Scott Allen ... Named first-team alldistrict and second-team all-region as a senior ... Led team to a district title ... Also lettered four times in basketball ... Served as football and basketball team captain as a senior.

Personal: Cory Charles Byrd ... Born 1/8/86 in Abingdon, VA ... Son of Tony Byrd and Rhonda Byrd ... Sister Kelli Byrd attended Virginia Tech from 2000-04 ... Plans to major in mathematics.



Defensive End • 6-2 • 212 • So. Poquoson, Va. • Poquoson H.S.

Got a lot of reps at end in the spring due to the injury to Noland Burchette ... Took advantage of the opportunity to get better ... Showed some quickness ... Has a chance to become a solid contributor if he continues to make progress.

2005: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Played on the scout and jayvee teams ... Posted a pair of tackles in the Hokies' JV win against Fork Union ... Contributed a tackle in the spring Maroon-White game.

High School: Lettered three years in football as a linebacker/fullback for Coach Don Ward ... Earned second-team all-state honors as a senior ... Led his team to the state championship game in 2005 ... Had 1,000 yards rushing and seven touchdowns as a senior ... Also had 100 tackles, four interceptions, two sacks, five fumble recoveries and a blocked punt in 2005 ... Also lettered three times in soccer and twice in swimming. **Personal:** Chad R. Carlson ... Born 12/11/86 in Upper Hayford, England ... Son of Thomas and Anne Carlson ... Majoring in biology.



A tatented young player who made a good impression during the spring after redshirting last fall ... Mixes good ability with toughness ... Worked hard and showed improvement each practice during the spring ... Has the potential to be a playmaker ... Coaches considered trying him at tailback after injuries at the position, but liked his future on defense too much to make the move ... Is already showing the benefits of Tech's strength and conditioning program ... Will compete for playing time at boundary corner, as well as special teams ... Has a bright future.

2005: Was redshirted while working at the boundary cornerback position ... Turned in the best bench press among the defensive backs during spring testing with a lift of 340 pounds ... Tied for the top back squat at 500 pounds ... Ran a 4.35 in the 40 ... Turned in four tackles, including one for a loss in first spring scrimmage ... Was in on four tackles and forced a fumble during the spring Maroon-White game.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Split End • 6-1 • 175 • Sr. Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S.

The lone senior in the receiving corps ... Is being looked to for a big season ... Has worked hard to get where he is ... Tech's top receiver in 2005 ... Contributed a key fourthquarter touchdown catch in season-opening win at NC State ... Had a productive spring ... A playmaker ... Possesses breakaway speed, but also contributes down field as a blocker ... Can return kickoffs if needed ... Has spent his winters working with the Tech track team ... Coaches are looking for him to take more of a leadership role.

2005: Led the team in receptions (34), receiving yards (619) and was second in average yards per catch (18.2) ... Caught three TD passes ... Got off to a fast start, catching a 19-yard touchdown pass that provided the winning margin in the season opener at NC State ... Finished the game with three catches for 30 yards ... Hauled in three passes for 62 yards and a TD at Duke ... Had a 52-yard catch against Ohio ... Posted two knockdown blocks versus Georgia Tech ... Grabbed three passes for 47 yards at WVU ... Hauled in a 48-yard TD catch versus Marshall ... Caught three passes for 76 yards at Maryland and three for 58 yards versus BC ... Had three catches for 42 yards at Virginia ... Posted four catches for 35 yards in the Florida State game ... Caught two passes for 69 yards, including a career-long 54-yarder, in the Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Started all but one game, compiling the most regular-season plays among the receivers with 373 ... Caught five passes for 52 yards in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring ... Had a 6-yard grab during the Maroon-White game.

2004: Played in 12 games, catching 20 passes for 263 yards and two touchdowns ... Had a 7-yard reception against USC ... Did not

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play against WMU ... Caught a big 38-yard pass on the final drive against NC 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

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

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 Elv 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 and 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				
2005	13	34	619	18.2	3	54				
Career	37	59	949	16.1	6	54				
———— 2005 Receiving Game-by-Game ————										
at NCSU	1	3	30	10.0	1	19				
at Duke	1	3	62	20.7	1	35				
OHIO	1	2	57	28.5	0	52				
GT	1	3	47	15.7	0	31				
at WVU	1	3	47	15.7	0	29				
MU	1	2	56	28.0	1	48				
at MD	1	3	76	25.3	0	48				
BC	1	3	58	19.3	0	43				
UM	1	1	22	22.0	0	22				
at UVa	1	3	42	14.0	0	35				
UNC	1	2	18	9.0	0	13				
FSU	1	4	35	8.8	0	52				
UL	1	2	69	34.5	0	54				



Lorton, Va. • West Springfield H.S.

A young player who worked at tackle last year while redshirting ... Got a lot of reps there during the spring, but is expected to move inside to guard when practice resumes in August ... Possesses excellent size, but is still learning the speed of the game ... Mixes a good work ethic with the will to succeed ... Will benefit from continued exposure to the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Could help provide depth at guard if he continues to develop.

2005: Worked at the right offensive tackle position while redshirting in the fall ... Continued to work as a tackle during spring practice.

High School: 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 ... Majoring in business.



Place-kicker • 6-0 • 237 • Jr. Sterling, Va. • Park View H.S.

Has handled the bulk of Tech's kickoff duties for the past two seasons ... Is competing to continue those duties again this fall ... Possesses a strong leg that can get the ball into the end zone on a consistent basis... Has 59 career touchbacks ... Will work on field goals and PATs over the summer to prepare for the future as well as possible backup duties to Brandon Pace.



2005: Kicked in every game but one (FSU) ... Fifteen of his first 25 kicks were touchbacks ... Kicked off eight times against Georgia Tech ... Had 64 kickoffs for the season with the average return starting on the 2-yard line ... Finished with 29 touchbacks ... Did not have a kickoff go out of bounds ... Bench pressed 300 pounds and had a 430-pound squat during spring testing ... Kicked off three times in the spring game with all three kicks downed in the end zone.

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 NC 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 alldistrict 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 history.



Flanker • 5-10 • 174 • r-Fr. Martinsville, Va. • Bassett H.S.

Will be in the mix at the flanker position when practice opens in August ... Joined the team as a walk-on ... Possesses outstanding speed, but must concentrate on catching the football ... Needs to get more reps ... A good summer preparation will be important ... Will be watched in August ... Could help provide depth or help on special teams ... Has potential for the future.

2005: Got a look at both wide receiver spots while redshirting ... Registered a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Spent time at the flanker position during spring practice.

High School: Lettered four times in football at guarterback. defensive back and wide receiver for Coach James Gilbert ... Named region and district player of the year as a senior ... Also named allstate, all-region and all-district in his career ... Rushed for 650 yards and passed for 380 yards during his senior season ... Had 16 allpurpose touchdowns ... Recorded 35 tackles and six interceptions ... Named team captain as a junior and as a senior ... Also lettered four times in basketball and track and field ... Won 2005 state championship in the 100 and 200 meter ... Also named state Runner of the Year ... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Brandon Antonio Dillard ... Born 2/3/87 in Martinsville, VA ... Son of Anthony and Linda Dillard ... A university studies major.



Place-kicker • 5-9 • 185 • r-Jr. Roanoke Rapids, N.C. • Roanoke Rapids H.S.

Will battle Jared Develli for the kickoff duties ... Has served as the backup for those duties each of the past two seasons ... Is also capable of handling the place-kicking duties if needed ... Made a 51-yard field goal in a jayvee game in 2005.

2005: Saw action in eight games ... Kicked off twice in games against Duke, Ohio and Georgia Tech ... Had four kickoffs in the Marshall game, one of which was a touchback ... Kicked a



last-second, game-winning 51-yard field goal in a jayvee game against Hargrave ... Had a kickoff for a touchback in the BC game ... Kicked off four times in the Florida State game ... Had two touchbacks on five kickoffs against Louisville ... Had a personal-best 425-pound back squat during spring testing ... Kicked off three times during the spring game with all three kicks reaching the end zone, including two that were touchbacks.

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 and resource management.

Chris Ellis

Defensive End • 6-4 • 260 • r-Jr. Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.

Has a chance to be one of the nation's top defensive ends this fall ... Continues to show outstanding ability as a playmaker ... Excels as a pass rusher ... Combines good technique with outstanding athleticism, speed and agility ... Works hard and plays aggressively ... Ranked second on the team in tackles for loss and sacks last season ... Returned an interception for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... Has been named one of the team's most valuable defensive performers of spring practice each of the last two years ... Listed as the nation's No. 19 defensive end heading into the 2006 season by *The Sporting News* ... *TSN* also lists him as a second-team All-ACC pick.

2005: Picked up his first collegiate start in the opener at NC State ... Had three tackles and two quarterback hurries ... Posted two tackles for losses, including a sack at Duke ... Added another sack in the Ohio game and returned an interception 29 yards for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... Had a career-high eight tackles in the Marshall game, including a sack ... Also caused a fumble and broke up a pass ... Turned in a tackle for loss and four total tackles against BC ... Had a tackle for loss, two hurries and three total tackles at Virginia ... Picked up six tackles, including a sack, to go with three hurries and a pass breakup against UNC ... Had three tackles, including two for loss and 1.5 sacks, along with a forced fumble and two pass break ups in Tech's Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Had a total of 41 tackles, 10.5 TFL, 6.0 sacks and 14 hurries ... Turned in personal-best lifts in the clean (331) and the push jerk (320) during spring max testing ... Had a sack and three tackles during first spring scrimmage ... Added five tackles, two behind the line, in the second scrimmage ... Was in on three tackles and recovered a fumble in the Maroon-White game ... Shared the George Preas Award as the most valuable defensive player in the spring with Xavier Adibi.

2004: Earned third-team Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News* ... 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 guarterback hurries ... Was credited with five tackles, including one for a loss, and four guarterback 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 guarter 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 304pound 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.

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 and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	. Loss		Sacks		
2004	13	15	18	33	7.5-	33	3.0-	11	
2005	13	16	25	41	11.0-	41	6.0-	33	
Career	26	31	43	74	18.5-	74	9.0-	44	
	- 200	5 Tack	les Ga	me-by	-Game				
at NCSU	1	1	2	3	0-	0	0-	0	
at Duke	1	3	0	3	2-	10	1-	7	
OHIO	1	1	0	1	1-	2	1-	2	
GT	1	0	2	2	1-	3	0.5-	2	
at WVU	1	1	1	2	0.5-	1	0-	0	
MU	1	3	5	8	1.5-	5	1-	5	
at MD	1	1	2	3	0-	0	0-	0	
BC	1	2	2	4	1-	1	0-	0	
UM	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0-	0	
at UVa	1	0	3	3	1-	2	0-	0	
UNC	1	2	4	6	1-	7	1-	7	
FSU	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0	
UL	1	2	1	3	2-	10	1.5-	10	

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Cornerback • 5-10 • 187 • r-So. Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S. • Hargrave

Is the leading candidate for the starting boundary corner job, following an outstanding spring ... Was both consistent and productive ... Won the Don Williams TEAM UNITED Award for his team-first attitude ... A smart player with excellent ability ... Played well in Tech's Gator Bowl win against Louisville when he was called on to replace starter Jimmy Williams ... Can play the boundary or the field position ... Saw his share of action as the top backup at cornerback last year ... Was also used in the Hokies' nickel package ... Named the Hokies' top defensive newcomer following 2005 spring practice ... Played briefly during the 2004 season before receiving a medical redshirt ... A player to watch this fall.

2005: Played in every game, posting 20 tackles and five pass breakups ... Served as No. 2 man at boundary corner ... Also the first man in on the field side ... Played 15 defensive plays at NCSU ... Broke up a pass in the Ohio game ... Was in on a tackle for loss against Georgia Tech and got 25 snaps ... Picked up his first start in the Marshall game ... Contributed a pair of tackles ... Had two tackles and a pass breakup against BC and was in on four tackles versus Miami ... Played on 41 snaps against the 'Canes ... Had a tackle for loss and three tackles at Virginia ... Was in on two tackles versus FSU ... Played a majority of the Gator Bowl, recording two tackles, two pass break ups and an interception ... Turned in a 36-inch vertical jump during spring testing ... Had five tackles, a sack and a pass breakup during first spring scrimmage ... Turned in four tackles, two behind the line in second scrimmage ... Was in on a TFL in the Maroon-White game ... Won the Don Williams TEAM UNITED Award as the defensive player who put the team first during spring workouts.

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 300pound 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 firstteam 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 sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Los	55	Sa	cks
2004	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0-	0
2005	13	13	7	20	1.5-	6	0-	0
Career	14	14	7	21	1.5-	6	0-	0
Intercepti 2004 2005 Career	ons	G 1 13 14	No. 1 1 2	Yds. 38 15 53	Avg. 38.0 15.0 22.5	TD 1 0 1		LG 38 15 38

Steven Friday Defensive End • 6-4 • 213 • Fr. Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.

A promising young player who picked up a lot of reps during spring practice ... Did not enter school until January ... Began work in the strength and conditioning program during the winter to add strength and bulk to his 6-4 frame ... Saw extra duty in the spring when senior starter Noland Burchette was injured ... Gives outstanding effort and runs well ... Is a year away body-wise.

2005: Entered school at the beginning of the second semester in January ... Participated in the winter program ... Worked at the stud end

position during the spring ... Posted a pair of tackles, including a quarterback sack during the spring Maroon-White game.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



performance in the Gator Bowl when he was pressed into starting duty for injured senior Jimmy Martin ... Picked up a big boost in confidence and carried it over to spring practice ... Showed continued improvement in run blocking ... Is athletic enough to be a good pass protector ... Heads into the season as the starting left tackle after serving as the No. 2 man at both offensive tackle positions in 2005 ... Combines a big frame with a good work ethic and athleticism ... Earned the Excalibur Award — the top honor in Tech's strength and conditioning program — for the third time during the spring ... Is expected to be one of the big keys to the Hokies' offensive line this fall.

2005: Worked some at both tackle spots ... Saw his first action at Duke ... Graded 89 percent on 29 snaps against Ohio and posted a knockdown block ... Was in on eight plays at WVU ... Played 25 snaps versus Marshall, grading 92 percent ... Got limited work against Maryland and BC ... Was in for 10 snaps at Virginia ... Saw limited time in the UNC game ... Was thrust into the starting lineup for the Gator Bowl when starter Jimmy Martin went down with a knee injury in practice three days before the game ... Ended up playing all 69 offensive snaps against Louisville ... Set a position record with a 705-pound back squat during strength and conditioning testing ... Topped the offensive linemen with a 34-inch vertical jump and a 470-pound bench press ... Moved into the top spot at left tackle during spring practice.

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 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

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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 finance.



Quarterback • 6-4 • 215 • r-So. Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.

Heads into preseason practice on top of the depth chart at quarterback ... Will be challenged for that spot ... Earned an edge with a very consistent spring ... Showed leadership ... Improved in the weight room ... Has a good understanding of the Tech offense

... Posseses the ability to make the proper reads and checks at the line of scrimmage ... Takes care of the football ... Has a good arm and can make the necessary throws ... Dressed for every game last season, while redshirting ... Was considered the top backup to Marcus Vick at quarterback, but was only scheduled to see action if Vick was sidelined by an injury ... Did see action in four games in 2004 as a true freshman ... Doesn't have a lot of game experience, but that could change rapidly.

2005: Got a lot of reps in practice and stayed game-ready ... Asked to be held out of action and redshirted ... Bench pressed 350 pounds on the way to Iron Hokie honors during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Was 7-for-11 passing in first spring scrimmage for 44 yards ... Completed 8-of-21 passes for 96 yards in the second scrimmage ... Hit five passes in six attempts during the spring Maroon-White game for 36 yards.

2004: Played in four games, completing 8of-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- Co	mp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2004	4	11-	8	72.7	137	2	0



A physical player who is in the thick of the battle for playing time at the whip linebacker position ... Is coming off a good spring ... Got better each practice ... Has the size and speed that you want for the position ... Just needs to become more consistent ... Rates as



a good tackler ... Still has some work to do in pass coverage ... Started on the kickoff team last season and is an important contributor on special teams ... Should see his share of playing time.

2005: Played in all 13 games ... Saw his first action at whip linebacker in the Duke game ... Contributed two tackles and broke up a pass against Ohio ... Played 23 downs on defense and eight more on special teams against Marshall ... Only saw special teams action in the final seven games of the season ... Had four tackles and a pass breakup to his credit ... Posted a personal-best 336-pound push jerk during spring testing ... Also ran a 4.48 in the 40 ... Had two tackles and recovered a fumble in first major scrimmage of spring practice ... Was in on three tackles during Maroon-White game and broke up a pass.

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.



Offensive Guard • 6-5 • 358 r-Sr. Warrenton, Va. • Liberty H.S.

Missed the Gator Bowl game after suffering a broken ankle in the Florida State game ... Underwent surgery the following day and sat out the entire spring ... Saw action in seven games at guard last season ... Has also worked at tackle and could see some work at that position when he returns ... Will be counted on to play along the offensive front in 2006, either as a starter or a utility man ... Needs to have a good summer preparation and be ready to go when practice opens in August.

2005: Made his first collegiate start, opening at left guard against NC State ... Played 52 snaps ... Saw backup duty in the Duke, Ohio, Georgia Tech and WVU games ... Just saw special teams duty against Marshall ... Played 10 plays at Virginia ... Saw brief action against UNC ... Suffered a broken ankle during the FSU game ... Posted a position-record 460-pound bench press during spring strength and conditioning tests, but was unable to participate in any of the other lifts ... Sat out spring practice while recovering from his injury.

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 370pound 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, 600pound 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 Loudoun 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 • 235 • Jr. Francoa, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.

Has moved back and forth between tailback and fullback over the past year ... Figures to be back at fullback in August ... Has made good progress since joining the team as a walk-on ... Is benefiting from the strength and conditioning program ... A good runner who has developed into a solid blocker and receiver ... Has a chance to be a factor in Tech's goalline offense.

2005: Worked with the scout and jayvee teams ... Practiced mainly as a fullback, but got to see action as a tailback in the JV games ... Rushed for 139 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries during jayvee win against Fork Union ... Also had a touchdown and 32 yards on 12 rushes in win over Hargrave ... Registered personal bests in the bench press (340) and back squat (535) during spring max testing ... Carried four times for nine yards in the spring Maroon-White game.

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

High School: Played quarterback, linebacker and halfback for Coach Gerry Pannoni at Robert E. Lee ... Was a firstteam 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.

64 Richard Graham

Offensive Tackle • 6-6 • 281 • r-Fr. Richmond, Va. • St. Christopher's

Moved around while redshirting last season ... Started out at tackle and then got a look at tight end when spring rolled around ... Will move back inside as soon as practice resumes in August ... Has a good frame ... Is working to add muscle and bulk through the stength and conditioning program ... His progress in preseason practice will determine his spot on the depth chart.

2005: Was redshirted during the fall while working at the left offensive tackle position ... Had a 445-pound back squat during spring testing ... Switched to tight end during spring practice.

High School: 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



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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 ... Majoring in business.



Detensive End • 6-3 • 293 • r-Fr Conway, S.C. • Conway H.S.

Was hard to evaluate during the spring due to nagging heel and thumb injuries that limited his practice time ... Never really cut it loose on the field ... Did show promise during the fall ... Possesses good athletic ability along with some speed and quickness ... Will compete for the fourth tackle position when practice resumes, if he makes a good summer preparation ... Coaches will keep an eye on his progress.

2005: Took a redshirt year while working at the nose tackle position ... Was slowed by injuries during spring strength and condidioning tests ... Had four tackles and a sack during first spring scrimmage ... Missed some more time due to injuries, but was in on a tackle behind the line in the spring Maroon-White game.

High School: 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 quard 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 and 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.

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





Linebacker • 5-10 • 185 • Sr. Fairfax, Va. • Oakton H.S.

A good tackler with football savvy ... Knows the game and has been a solid contributor on special teams ... Also an important scout and jayvee teams performer as a whip linebacker.

2005: Saw action on special teams against Ohio, Georgia Tech, Marshall and UNC ... Worked three plays at whip linebacker in the Georgia Tech game and was in on a tackle ... Also played for the jayvee team, posting two fumble recoveries and a sack in a win against Fork Union ... Broke up a pass in the spring Maroon-White game.

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, earning Pro Bowl honors four consecutive years ... Enrolled in sociology.

Cody Grimm

Linebacker • 5-10 • 198 • r-Fr. Fairfax, Va. • Oakton H.S.

A walk-on with the potential to earn a scholarship ... Caught the coaches' attention during spring scrimmages ... Has made strides while working at whip linebacker ... Runs well and makes things happen ... Comes from a good football background ... Could see playing time on special teams.

2005: Redshirted while working on the scout team as a whip linebacker ... Was in on five tackles during the spring game.

High School: Lettered three years in football as a strong safety for Coach Joe Thompson ... Earned first-team all-state and Northern Region Defensive Player of the Year honors as a senior ... Finished senior season with 127 tackles, seven interceptions and three sacks ... Caught 17 passes for 278 yards and six touchdowns as a wide receiver ... Also lettered three times in lacrosse and led team to three state championships.

Personal: Cody James Grimm ... Born 2/26/87 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Russ and Karen Grimm ... Father was a member of the Washington Redskins, earning Pro Bowl honors in four consecutive seasons ... Enrolled in university studies.

2005 AU-ACC Second Team 9 Vince Hall

Linebacker • 6-0 • 244 • r-Jr. Chesapeake, Va. • Western Branch H.S.

Rated the No. 5 inside linebacker in the nation by The Sporting News prior to the 2006 season ... Also listed as a first-team All-ACC pick by TSN ... A physical player who knows the Tech defense ... Runs well and hits hard ... Is motivated to get better ... Will be counted on for leadership ... Had a productive sophomore season ... Started every game at mike linebacker and led the team in tackles with 112 ... Scored two defensive touchdowns ... Ranked fourth in the ACC in tackles per game at 8.6 ... A second-team All-ACC pick ... A two-time ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week selection ... Played on more defensive snaps (612) than any other Tech player during the regular season ... Also started on the extra point and field goal block team.

2005: Had 43 solo and 69 assisted tackles ... Included in those 112 stops were 8.5 TFL, three sacks, two interceptions, eight passes broken up and 15 QB hurries ... Opened the season with 10 tackles against NC State ... Played all 77 defensive plays in that game ... Contributed six tackles and two quarterback hurries at Duke ... Added eight tackles and another hurry versus Ohio ... Had a tackle for loss, a hurry, a pass breakup and four tackles in the Georgia Tech game ... Led the Hokies with 11 tackles at WVU ... Grabbed a fumble in mid-air and ran 15 yards for a touchdown against Marshall ... Also added 10 tackles and a QB hurry on the way to ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors ... Earned ACC honors again after registering a sack, a pass breakup and 14 tackles at Marvland ... Scored his second TD of the year when he picked off a BC pass and returned it 13 yards for a score ... Added seven tackles — one for loss — and two pass breakups ... Collected 10 tackles, a sack and an additional TFL at UVa ... Had 10 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, an interception, two passes broken up and a pair of QB hurries against UNC ... Contributed seven tackles and a pass breakup during the Florida State game ... Led the way with nine stops, including a sack, along with a pass break up and a QB hurry in the Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Was one of the Frank O. Moseley Award winners for his

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hustle during off-season and spring workouts ... Picked off a pass and returned it 18 yards to set up a touchdown in the spring Maroon-White game.

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 breakups 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, iunior 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 MidAtlantic 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 and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.			Sacks				
2004	13	21	43	64	4.5-	11	1.0-	3			
2005	13	43	69	112	8.5-	25	3.0-	16			
Career	26	64	112	176	13.0-	36	4.0-	19			
2005 Tackles Game-by-Game											
at NCSU	1	3	7	10	0-	0	0-	0			
at Duke	1	1	5	6	0-	0	0-	0			
OHIO	1	4	4	8	0-	0	0-	0			
GT	1	0	4	4	1-	3	0-	0			
at WVU	1	4	7	11	0.5-	1	0-	0			
MU	1	3	7	10	0-	0	0-	0			
at MD	1	6	8	14	1-	7	1-	7			
BC	1	3	4	7	1-	1	0-	0			
UM	1	3	3	6	1-	1	0-	0			
at UVa	1	6	4	10	1.5-	3	1-	1			
UNC	1	3	7	10	1.5-	1	0-	0			
FSU	1	3	4	7	0-	0	0-	0			
UL	1	4	5	9	1-	8	1-	8			



A player who has the potential to add another dimension to the receiving corp with his combination of size and receiving skills ... Has improved his speed and strength ... Possesses big-play ability but must keep pushing himself ... Saw action in every game last season, averaging 18.4 yards per catch, the top average on the squad ... Is expected to see a lot of action at the split end position.

2005: Caught 16 passes for 295 yards and a score ... Caught two passes for 36 yards at NC State ... Hauled in three passes for 31 yards against Ohio and added a 20-yard reception in Tech's win over Georgia Tech ... Caught two passes for 18 yards at WVU ... Grabbed two passes for 53 yards against BC ... Added two more catches for 31 yards in the Miami game ... Had a 9-yard catch in the UNC game ...



Caught two passes for 62 yards, including a 33yard touchdown, in the win over Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... Turned in the fastest shuttle run among the receivers at 3.9 during spring testing ... Also had a 37-inch vertical jump ... Led all receivers with six catches for 79 yards in the spring game ... Caught a 49-yard touchdown pass in the game from Ike Whitaker.

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

G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG						
11	5	84	16.8	1	34						
13	16	295	18.4	2	43						
24	21	379	18.0	2	43						
2005 Receiving Game-by-Game											
1	2	36	18.0	0	25						
1	0	0	0.0	0	0						
1	3	31	10.3	0	17						
1	1	20	20.0	0	20						
1	2	18	9.0	0	11						
1	0	0	0.0	0	0						
1	0	0	0.0	0	0						
1	2	53	26.5	0	43						
1	2	31	15.5	0	22						
1	0	0	0.0	0	0						
1	1	9	9.0	0	9						
1	1	35	35.0	0	35						
1	2	62	31.5	1	33						
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Cornerback • 6-0 • 186 • So. Highland Springs, Va. Highland Springs H.S.

A skilled young player with a great upside ... Heads into the preseason as the top candidate for the starting field corner position ... Spent the first half of spring working at tailback before returning to defense ... Moved to the top of the depth chart with his playmaking ability and eagerness to learn ... Should become an excellent cover corner as he gets more reps ... The only true freshman to see action last season for the Hokies ... Started on Tech's punt return and kickoff teams ... Saw spot duty at cornerback ... Has a chance to make a big impact this season.

2005: Got the majority of his snaps on special teams ... Had five plays on special teams during opening game at NC State ... Played 11 defensive plays and 17 special teams plays at Duke ... Had 12 plays on special teams and 13 on defense against Ohio, contributing a tackle ... Turned in a big hit in the Georgia

Tech game ... Was in on 10 special teams plays at West Virginia ... Broke up a pass in the Marshall game and collected four tackles ... Chipped in three special teams tackles against Boston College ... Saw brief action in the secondary against UNC and broke up a pass in the end zone ... Was in on 13 special teams plays in that game, blocking a punt and posting a pair of tackles ... Posted a tackle in the Gator Bowl against Louisville ... Had 12 total tackles for the season ... Turned in a 36-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Saw some action at running back during the first part of spring practice ... Rushed for 47 yards on 10 carries during the first scrimmage ... Moved back to the field corner spot for the final half of the spring ... Was in on three tackles during the Maroon-White game, including one sack and another tackle for loss.

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

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Lo	ss	Sac	:ks
2005	13	7	5	12	0-	0	0-	0

Ryan Hash

Springfield, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.

A team player who has filled an important role on special teams for the Hokies the past two seasons ... Started on the kickoff unit and also worked on the punt return team ... Will be counted on to continue that role ... Has also been a contributor on the scout team ... Practices at the boundary cornerback position ... Bounced back after missing 2005 spring practice with a knee injury that required surgery ... Works hard and can always be counted on for top effort.

2005: Played in every game on special teams, contributing seven tackles ... Contributed two tackles in Tech's win against Georgia Tech and one versus Ohio ... Had a special teams tackle against Marshall ... Added another at Virginia, playing nine special teams plays ... Was in on a tackle against Florida State and had a solo stop against Louisville ... His 3.82 clocking in the NFL shuttle run was the best on the team.

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



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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 and resource management.



Place-kicker • 5-10 • 181 • r-Jr. Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

An accurate kicker who is vying for the backup role to starter Brandon Pace ... Has kicked in Tech's jayvee games, but has yet to see varsity action ... Also handled the punting in JV games last fall.

2005: Averaged 45 yards on three punts and kicked a PAT in a jayvee win against Hargrave ... Added three extra points in victory over Fork

Union ... Connected on a PAT in spring game, but missed a 31-yard field goal try.

2004: Attended school but did not participate in football.

2003: Booted field goals of 39 and 45 yards during spring Maroon-White game ... Also connected on both PAT tries in the game.

High School: Three-year letterwinner as a kicker and punter at Pulaski County High School for coach Joel Hicks ... Scored 170 points in his career ... Set a record as a junior for most PAT's in a season with 59 ... Had nine PAT's in a game for a school record ... Was the MVP kicker of the 4th Down Sports camp as a junior ... Went 5-for-7 in field goals as a junior ... Played in the Division 4 AA state championship game in 2001 as a junior varsity player ... Participated in track and wrestling at Pulaski.

Personal: John Warren Hedge ... Born 7/22/84 in Radford, VA ... Son of John and Melody Hedge ... Enrolled in business.



Cornerback • 6-2 • 207 • r-So. Culpeper, Va. • Culpeper H.S.

Moved to the field cornerback position late in the spring and is still adjusting ... Needs more reps to make the transition ... Made some strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Has the size and physical tools needed, but has yet to establish consistency ... Was redshirted in 2004 ... Worked at rover that fall and free safety the following spring ... Returned to rover last season before moving to corner ... Coaches are hoping to find a position where he can best fit in and contribute.

2005: Moved back to the rover position ... Played on the jayvee and scout teams ... Earned Iron Hokie honors during spring testing ... Posted a 38-inch vertical jump and a 490-pound back squat ... Got some work at the field cornerback spot during spring practice ... Registered a sack for an 11-yard loss during the spring Maroon-White game.

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.

Brenden Hill

Linebacker • 6-2 • 204 • r-Sr. Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.

A fifth-year senior who was one of the most pleasant surprises in the spring ... Moved to the top of the depth chart at whip linebacker where he is expected to share time with junior Corey Gordon ... Has a good understanding of the game and his role on defense ... Makes very few mistakes ... Has good range and speed ... Is good in pass coverage and working to become more physical versus the run ... Did a good job tackling during the spring ... Began last year third on the depth chart at whip ... Moved into the No. 2 spot during the season, but saw most of his action on special teams ... Will see that change this fall.

2005: Didn't see his first action until the Georgia Tech game ... Was in for six plays at rover and added 11 more on special teams ... Was in on four tackles, three on kickoff

coverage ... Added a tackle at WVU, on 10 special teams plays ... Played 11 downs at rover against Marshall and 17 plays on special teams ... Collected four tackles ... Had two special teams tackles in back-to-back games against Maryland and BC ... Saw action on 14 special teams plays against both Virginia and North Carolina ... Contributed a tackle in the Gator Bowl ... Had a total of 16 tackles for the season ... Moved to whip linebacker when spring practice opened ... Posted four tackles in first scrimmage ... Was in on a tackle for loss during the spring game.

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 NC 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 Shawn Hill and Merle Askew ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.



Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 320 • Fr. Roanoke, Va. • Northside H.S. • Hargrave

A newcomer who will make the transition to offense after enjoying most of his success on defense in high school ... Joined the team in January ... Worked at offensive guard during the spring and showed some natural ability that just needs to be harnessed ... Should benefit from exposure to Tech's strength and conditioning program ... Has a chance to be a factor for the Hokies in the future.

2005: Enrolled at Tech for the winter semester ... Went through winter strength and conditioning program ... Posted a 505-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Worked at the right offensive guard position during spring practice.

Prep School: Spent the fall semester playing defensive end for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Quarterback • 6-4 • 221 • r-So. Lexington, N.C. • Lexington H.S. • Hargrave

Will continue his close race with Sean Glennon for the quarterback duties when practice opens in August ... Made good progress during the spring ... Impressed the coaches with his competitiveness, drive and leadership ... An exceptional athlete with good size and a strong arm ... Is also a threat as a runner ... Has a good knowledge of the Tech offense, just needs to be a little more consistent ... Saw action in six games last fall as one of the backups to Marcus Vick ... Picked up some valuable reps ... Still lacks overall game experience, something he hopes to change with a good preseason showing.

2005: Finished out the action in six games ... Completed 4-of-12 passes for 80 yards and one touchdown ... Did not throw an interception ... Took 14 snaps at Duke ... Was 1-for-3 passing for 10 yards ... Engineered a 96-vard scoring drive against Ohio ... Capped the drive with a 38-yard touchdown pass, the first of his Tech career ... Finished the game 2-for-3 for 57 yards ... Also had a 7-yard run ... Played 17 snaps in the Georgia Tech game, but did not connect on any of his four passing attempts ... Hit on a 13-yard pass in two attempts against Marshall ... Was in for 12 snaps at Virginia and saw brief action against UNC ... Recorded a 505-pound back squat during spring testing ... Completed 6-of-12 passes in first scrimmage for 46 yards and one interception ... Was 5-for-10 passing in second scrimmage for 36 yards ... Hit 4-of-12 passes in the spring Maroon-White game for 83 yards ... Tossed a 50-yard touchdown pass to Josh Morgan and had one pass intercepted ... Also finished as the leading rusher in the game with nine carries for 31 yards ... Shared the the President's Award for offensive player who showed outstanding leadership during the offseason and spring with fellow guarterback Sean Glennon.

2004: Dressed for all of the games, but did not play, preserving his redshirt ... Recorded

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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 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.

Passing	G	Att- Co	omp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2005	6	12-	4	33.3	80	1	0

Jonas Houseright

Linebacker • 5-11 • 192 • r-So. Gate City, Va. • Gate City H.S.

A walk-on who has shown steady improvement ... A tough, hard-nosed player with a good upside ... Combines intelligence with good athletic ability ... Moved from whip linebacker to the backer position ... Really came on the last two weeks of spring practice and played well in the Maroon-White game ... Is still adjusting to his new position, but will likely be a candidate for special teams duty ... Could help the Hokies in that capacity this year ... His father and two brothers all played football for the Hokies.

2005: Played on the jayvee and scout teams ... Contributed four tackles during a JV victory against Fork Union ... Improved on three of his four major lifts in the weight room during the winter ... Moved to the backer position for spring practice ... Had a pair of tackles and a pass interception during first spring scrimmage ... Was in on five tackles during the spring Maroon-White game.

2004: Joined the team as a walk-on ... Redshirted while working to add strength and bulk through the strength and conditioning program ... Practiced at the whip linebacker position during the spring.

High School: Played linebacker and tight end for coach Nick Colobro at Gate City High School ... Was named all-state, all-region and all-district as a tight end as a senior ... Also named all-district as a linebacker ... Helped lead team to 2003 Tennessee state championship in Class A Division II ... Participated in track and field in the 400 meter dash, and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

Personal: Jonas Ian Houseright ... Born 5/17/85 in Kingsport, TN ... Son of Bill and Jenny Houseright ... Father Bill played football for Tech, as well as brothers Jake and Billy, uncle Tom Beasley and cousin Chad Beasley ... Enrolled in mining and minerals engineering.



Another talented receiver who is capable of making big plays ... A hard-nosed, competitive player ... Possesses a great work ethic ... Does a good job running routes and catching the football ... Averaged 15.2 yards per catch in 2005 ... Played extremely well in the spring until being sidelined by a shoulder injury ... Underwent surgery and is expected to be ready when practice resumes in August ... Is expected to compete for the split end duties when he returns ... Gives the Hokies another valuable option in their passing game.

2005: Saw action in every game, including a start against NC State ... Posted four knockdown blocks and caught a 10-yard pass during the Duke game ... Grabbed two passes for 52 yards in win over Georgia Tech ... Equalled his career-best with five receptions in the Boston College game for a total of 58 yards ... Had two catches for 19 yards against UNC ... Hauled in two passes for 44 yards in the Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Had a total of 13 catches for 197 yards, an average of 15.2 yards per catch ... Was bothered by a shoulder injury during the off-season program and missed contact work in the spring after undergoing surgery.

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 guarter ... 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. **Personal:** Joshua Leonard Hyman ... Born 4/18/83 in Chesapeake, VA ... Son of Delphia Hughes ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	
2004	13	27	491	18.2	5	45	
2005	13	13	197	15.2	0	35	
Career	26	40	688	17.2	5	45	
	2005	Receivi	ing Game-	by-Game			
at NCSU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
at Duke	1	1	10	10.0	0	10	
OHIO	1	1	17	17.0	0	17	
GT	1	2	52	26.0	0	35	
at WVU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
MU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
at MD	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
BC	1	5	58	11.6	0	20	
UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
at UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
UNC	1	2	16	8.0	0	13	
FSU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	
UL	1	2	44	22.0	0	24	

A promising young player who is still adjusting to the college game and the Tech system ... Has yet to really turn himself loose in practice and scrimmages ... Was an outstanding blocker in high school and the coaches are looking for him to carry that over

Kenny

Jefferson

Fullback • 5-10 • 222 • r-Fr.

Port Tobacco, Md. • DeMatha Catholic H.S.

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... Is working to improve as a receiver ... A good summer preparation will be important ... His role this fall will be determined by his progress when practice resumes.

2005: Was redshirted while working as a fullback ... Turned in a 500-pound back squat during spring strength and conditioning testing ... Had one carry in the spring game for a loss of a yard.

High School: 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

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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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 283 • Jr Radford, Va. • Radford H.S.

A hard worker who has been an important contributor as a member of the scout team the past two seasons ... Is expected to compete for snapping duties this fall after helping provide depth at defensive tackle in the past ... Has made big strides in the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Joined the team as a walk-on.

2005: Worked as a defensive tackle on the scout team ... Registered a sack in a jayvee win against Fork Union ... Earned Iron Hokie status following the winter off-season program ... Turned in a 390-pound bench press and 575-pound back squat ... Tied for the best push jerk among the defensive tackles with a lift of 341 pounds ... Was in on a tackle in the spring Maroon-White game.

2004: Saw action on the jayvee team ... Posted a 360-pound bench press and a 304pound 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.



Deep Snapper • 6-1 • 249 • r-Sr. Abingdon, Va. • Abingdon H.S.

Will be expected to help anchor Tech's special teams this fall ... Brings experience to the long snapping duties ... Did an excellent job last year as the Hokies' long snapper ... Was accurate and consistent ... Could add the short snapping duties in 2006 ... Handled most of Tech's PAT and field goal snaps in 2003, but did not play in 2004 ... Has improved himself through hard work in the strength and conditioning program ... Joined the team as a walk-on in 2002 ... His dad played for the Hokies in the early 1980s.

2005: Handled the long snapping for all 52 punts by Nic Schmitt, none of which were blocked ... Was limited during the off-season by a sprained wrist ... Worked at both the short and long snapping duties during spring practice.

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 fouryear 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.



Tailback • 5-9 • 235 • r-Fr. Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.

A tough inside runner who should be ready to compete for playing time when practice resumes barring any setbacks ... Suffered a knee injury during spring practice ... Surgery in May found a slightly torn meniscus and a frayed — but not torn — ACL ... The meniscus and ACL were trimmed ... Was making good progress in practices prior to being sidelined ... A special talent coming out of high school ... Arrived at Tech with a sore knee and a little extra weight and was redshirted ... Earned Iron Hokie honors in the winter strength and conditioning program ... Is comfortable with the football in his arms ... Also rates as an outstanding receiver out of the backfield ... Will compete for carries if healthy ... Has the ability to give the Tech running game a boost.

2005: Redshirted during the fall ... Improved in three of the four major lifts during winter strength and conditioning ... Posted 515-pound back squat during spring testing ... Had seven carries for 27 yards in first spring scrimmage ... Suffered a knee injury that sidelined him for the rest of the spring.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Originally signed with Virginia Tech in February 2003, but spent time in the Cincinnati Reds minor league system after being drafted in the fourth round that year ... Decided to give up baseball last fall and entered Tech in January ... Went through the off-season strength and conditioning program, but suffered a high ankle sprain after just four days of spring practice ... Had enough time to impress the coaches with his speed, maturity and work ethic ... Can catch the football and has the ability to make people miss ... Possesses a strong desire to be successful and the skills to do it ... An all-around athlete who can help the Hokies at tailback and as a kick returner ... His dad was a track and football

star for the Hokies in the late 1970s and is a member of Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

2005: Entered school for second semester ... Turned in the top 40 time among the running backs at 4.37 ... Rushed for 68 yards on 14 carries during the Hokies' first scrimmage of the spring ... Was slowed by a sprained ankle and did not play in the spring game.

High School: Scored 40 career touchdowns at George Washington High School for Coach Everett Woods ... Totaled 2,114 total rushing yards in high school, with 1,040 his senior season ... Set a school record for touchdowns on returns, with four on kick returns and two on punt returns ... First-team all-state, firstteam all-district and first-team all-region as a running back and return specialist ... Also named All-Metro ... Offensive Player of the Year and Most Outstanding Player of the Year in the district ... Returned a punt for 100 yards as a junior ... Also played baseball and ran track in high school ... Ran the 55 meters in 6.15.

Personal: Kenneth E. Lewis ... Born 10/13/84 in Manhassett, NY ... Son of Kenny and Theresa Lewis ... Father played football and ran track at Virginia Tech, and played football for the New York Jets ... Kenny Sr. is a member of the Virginia Tech Hall of Fame ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.



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

An intelligent player who can fill in anywhere along the offensive front ... Worked at guard and center last year ... Has worked hard in the strength and conditioning program ... An important contributor on the scout team since joining the Hokies as a walk-on.

2005: Worked at right guard ... Played on the scout and jayvee teams ... Turned in a personal-best 395-pound bench press during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Moved to center for spring practice.

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.

Nick Marshman

Offensive Guard • 6-5 • 354 • r-So. Harrisonburg, Va. • Turner Ashby H.S.

Came out of spring practice with the opportunity to be a starter ... Is becoming a more physical player ... Needs to carry the momentum he built over the final two weeks of the spring through his summer workouts ... Has a big body and great feet for his size ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Saw limited action as a backup at right guard, but gained some much needed experience ... Worked at left guard during spring practice ... Also a starter on special teams ... Could be a key factor for the Hokies if he plays with consistency.

2005: Started on extra point and field goal teams ... Saw action in seven games at guard ... Got 11 snaps on offense at Duke and 13 against Ohio ... Worked at guard on 15 plays during the Georgia Tech win ... Saw brief duty against Marshall ... Picked up 10 offensive snaps at Virginia ... Also saw limited time on offense versus UNC ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max testing ... Bench pressed 400 pounds and had a 665-pound back squat ... Second among the linemen with a 360-pound push jerk ... Moved from right guard to left quard during the spring.

2004: Redshirted while using the time to get bigger and stronger 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 341pound push jerk and a 29-inch vertical jump.

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

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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 apparel, housing and resource management.



Safety • 6-1 • 209 • r-Fr. Martinsville, Va. • George Washington H.S.

A talented young player who is expected to compete for playing time at free safety when practice resumes ... Made a good impression while redshirting in the fall, but missed some valuable time during the spring following a hernia operation ... A smart player with ability and savvy ... Is working to get stronger ... His summer preparation will be important ... Does things right, both on and off the field ... Has a bright future with the Hokies.

2005: Spent the fall working at free safety while redshirting ... Played on the scout team ... Turned in a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump during scout team maxing during the fall ... Improved

in all four major lifts during the winter program ... Sat out spring practice after undergoing surgery for a hernia.

High School: 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 sophomore on the Tech football squad ... Majoring in management.





Picked up some valuable experience last season as a member of the four-man rotation at defensive end ... Was also one of the top performers on special teams, where he started on two units and was a top backup on three more ... Figures to be right in the thick of the battle for playing time this fall ... Got his weight and strength up during the winter program ... Played extremely well during the spring ... Plays hard and makes plays ... Transfered to Tech and joined the team as a walk-on ... Earned a scholarship in spring 2005



... Can be an important contributor in the fall. 2005: Played in all 13 games ... His 152 plays on special teams ranked second-highest on the team during the regular season ... Had a total of 23 tackles, seven quarterback hurries and three passes broken up ... Broke up a pass in the opening game at NC State ... Shared a sack at Duke and contributed four tackles ... Added three tackles and a pass breakup against Ohio ... Was in on a tackle for loss against Georgia Tech ... Had two special teams tackles at West Virginia ... Contributed three tackles and a QB hurry in the Marshall game ... Played 26 downs on defense and 14 on special teams ... Had a tackle and a hurry in 13 defensive plays at Maryland ... Also had a hurry against Miami ... Saw action on 14 special teams plays in the BC game ... Played 15 snaps at end and 12 on special teams at UVa, contributing three tackles and a QB hurry ... Had 13 special teams plays against UNC with a tackle ... Picked up two solo tackles against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... Turned in the best 40 by a defensive end during spring testing with a clocking of 4.52 ... Posted four tackles, two sacks and an additional tackle for loss during Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Blocked a field goal in the second scrimmage ... Also had three tackles, a TFL and a shared sack in that outing ... Was in on five tackles during the spring Maroon-White game, including two behind the line.

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, had 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 a redshirt freshman on the Tech football squad ... Uncle, Bobby Martin, played for Tech from 1986-1989 ... Majoring in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss		Sacks	
2005	13	11	12	23	1.5-	6	0.5-	2



Center • 6-2 • 300 • r-Sr. Herndon, Va. • Herndon H.S.

Gave the Hokies a real lift last season when he moved into the starting center spot early in the season, allowing veteran Will Montgomery to move to guard ... Held his own, posting 24 knockdown blocks and allowing just one sack ... Is expected to hold down the starting duties again this fall despite missing spring practice ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the season and is expected back at full strength by the start of the summer ... Has excelled in strength and conditioning ... Brings a good work ethic and toughness to the position ... Named to the 2005 All-ACC Academic Football



team ... Will be looked to for senior leadership.

2005: First action of the season came at Duke, where he graded 94 percent and had a knockdown block during 18 snaps ... Worked 32 plays in the Ohio game, posting three knockdowns and grading out at 84 percent ... Made his first collegiate start in the Georgia Tech game ... Played 51 snaps and picked up three more knockdown blocks ... Started at center against Marshall and played 39 downs ... Had three knockdowns ... Remained in the starting lineup the next four games ... Graded 90 percent at Maryland and had five knockdowns in the BC game ... Picked up three knockdowns against UNC ... Made his seventh start in the FSU game ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the season and missed winter workouts and spring practice.

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 firstteam 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 quard 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.

Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 225 • r-Jr.

Bristol, Tenn. • Tennessee H.S.

Dressed for every game last season as the backup for deep snapper Nick Leeson, but did not play ... Is competing with Leeson for the job again this season ... Came to Tech as a walk-on linebacker ... Originally signed with East Tennessee State but was released from his obligation when ETSU announced it would drop football.

2005: Served as the backup long snapper but did not see varsity action ... Played in the Hokies' two jayvee games ... Continued to work as a long snapper during spring practice.

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

Personal: William Bart McMillin ... Born 2/25/85 in Johnson City, TN ... Son of Jeff and Debbie McMillin ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.

Brian McPherson

Cornerback • 5-10 • 183 • r-Sr. Madison Heights, Va. • Amherst H.S.

A player who has filled a number of roles during his Tech career ... Has spent time at both cornerback spots, most recently the boundary position ... Got a taste of action on special teams as a freshman and sophomore ... Has also been a contributor on the scout and jayvee teams ... A good athlete who showed glimpses of his ability during the spring ... Must continue working to improve his strength during the summer ... Will be a candidate for special teams and backup duties at corner when practice resumes.

2005: Played in the jayvee games and worked at cornerback on the scout team during the fall ... Was in on three tackles in JV win against Fork Union ... Registered two tackles and broke up a pass during the first spring scrimmage ... Was in on three tackles during the spring Maroon-White game.

2004: Saw special teams action against Duke and Maryland ... Also contributed on the scout and jayvee teams ... Improved in all four major lifts during the winter off-season program ... Was in on six tackles during first spring scrimmage.

2003: Played in nine games ... Had three solo tackles and an assist ... Saw limited action on defense and special teams against UCF ... Had two solo tackles ... Played three total plays against James Madison, recording two solo tackles ... Was in for just one play against Texas A&M, but came up with a huge play ... Recovered a muffed kickoff to set up the game-clinching touchdown ... Was in on eight tackles during a jayvee game with Hargrave ... Registered a tackle in the 2004 spring game.

2002: Practiced at the boundary cornerback position while redshirting in the fall ... Was tried briefly at field corner during spring practice ... Posted two tackles during one of the Hokies' spring scrimmages.

High School: Played cornerback, wide receiver and running back during his three varsity seasons for Coach Mickey Crouch at Amherst ... Rushed for over 1,300 yards as a senior and scored nine touchdowns ...

Contributed 245 yards and two touchdowns rushing against Staunton River ... Carried 17 times for 243 yards and three TDs in a win over William Fleming ... Earned PrepStar All-America honors ... Ranked the No. 6 defensive back in the Atlantic Region by PrepStar ... Listed the No. 20 prospect in Virginia by SuperPrep and No. 23 by The Roanoke Times ... Selected the offensive player of the year in his area by The Lynchburg News & Advance ... Seminole District and Region III Offensive Player of the Year his senior year ... A first-team all-district and all-region selection ... A second-team Group AA all-state pick by the coaches ... Won all-district and all-region honors as a wide receiver his junior season ... Rushed for over 700 yards and caught 17 passes for 435 yards and three touchdowns that year ... Rushed for 2,616 yards during his career ... Also contributed 28 pass receptions for 576 yards and scored 27 career touchdowns ... Helped football team to district title in 1999 ... Also ran track, helping team to district title as a sophomore ... Finished third in the 100-meters at the 2002 state outdoor track meet ... Was clocked at 6.45 seconds in the 60 meters.

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



Cornerback • 6-0 • 203 • r-Jr. Washington, D.C. • H.D. Woodson H.S.

Started all but one game at the field corner spot last season, but finds himself trailing sophomore Victor Harris for the starting position heading into preseason practice ... Gained a lot of game experience in 2005 ... Possesses plenty of ability, just needs to stay focused ... Brings good size and skills to the position ...Plays aggressively and hits hard ... Returned an interception for a touchdown at Duke and earned ACC Defensive Back of the Week honors ... Needs to make a good summer preparation and be ready to compete for the top spot in the fall.

2005: Starter at field corner ... Had 33 total tackles, three passes broken up and



three interceptions ... Was in on eight tackles during the opener at NCSU ... Picked off a pass and returned it 23 yards for a touchdown at Duke ... Was named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance in that game ... Intercepted another pass in the Ohio game and returned it 14 yards ... Had two tackles against Georgia Tech ... Was in on three tackles in the victory over Marshall ... Was in on two tackles, including one behind the line, at Maryland ... Had four tackles against Miami ... Registered a pair of tackles and a fumble recovery at Virginia ... Picked up three tackles against UNC ... Had four tackles, a pass break up and an interception against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... Contributed a pair of tackles during the spring Maroon-White game.

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 apparel, housing and management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Los	ss	Sa	cks	
2004	13	7	8	15	0-	0	0-	0	
2005	13	20	13	33	0.5-	1	0-	0	
Career	26	27	21	48	0.5-	1	0-	0	
	- 200)5 Tacl	kles Ga	me-by	-Game				
at NCSU	1	6	2	8	0-	0	0-	0	
at Duke	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0	
OHIO	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0	
GT	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0	
at WVU	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0	
MU	1	3	0	3	0-	0	0-	0	
at MD	1	1	1	2	0.5-	1	0-	0	
BC	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0	
UM	1	3	1	4	0-	0	0-	0	
at UVa	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0-	0	
UNC	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0-	0	
FSU	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0	
UL	1	3	1	4	0-	0	0-	0	
Interceptio	ons	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TC)	LG	
2004		13	2	63	31.5	1	L	64	
2005		13	3	62	20.7	1	L	25	
Career		26	5	125	25.0	2	2	64	



Is at the top of the depth chart at split end heading into preseason workouts ... A physical receiver who can make the tough catches ... Combines size and strength with play-making ability ... Has excellent body control ... Contributes as a blocker in the running game ... Can be outstanding if he maintains his focus and plays with consistency ... Came on strong down the stretch last season, catching 16 passes for 234 yards and three touchdowns over the Hokies' last six games ... Had career highs of seven catches and 128 yards against Florida State in the ACC Championship game ... Has also seen action as a return man ... An integral part of the Hokies' offense.

2005: Had 28 catches for 471 yards and four touchdowns ... Caught one pass for 27 yards against NC State ... Grabbed a 37-yard touchdown pass at Duke ... Saw action as a punt returner in that game and had three returns for 81 yards, with a long of 44 ... Had a 33-yard catch against Ohio and two receptions for 14 yards versus Georgia Tech ... Led the team with four catches for 63 yards against Marshall ... Caught three passes for 63 yards



at Maryland, with 39 of those yards coming after the catch ... Pulled in a key 3-yard touchdown pass against BC ... Had a 17-yard punt return in the Miami game ... Hauled in five passes for 56 yards and a touchdown during win at Virginia ... Caught seven balls for 128 yards and a TD against FSU

... Turned in two kickoff returns for 45 yards during the Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Was a Super Iron Hokie in the weight room during the winter ... Had three catches in the first spring scrimmage

for 17 yards ... Added two catches for 14 yards in scrimmage two ... Hauled in five passes for 99 yards in the Maroon-White game, including a 50-yard TD grab.

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 NC 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 vards ... 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-varder ... 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

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catches for 45 yards in the final scrimmage ... Pulled in a 6-yard pass during the Maroon-White game and ran for a 6-yard gain on a reverse ... Underwent surgery for a fractured left foot in May.

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

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

Personal: Joshua L. Morgan ... Born 6/20/85 in Washington, DC ... Son of Dennis Morgan and LaWanda Ware ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG					
2004	12	15	346	23.1	3	80					
2005	13	28	471	16.8	4	50					
Career	25	43	817	19.0	7	80					
2005 Receiving Game-by-Game											
at NCSU	1	1	27	27.0	0	27					
at Duke	1	1	37	37.0	1	37					
OHIO	1	1	33	33.0	0	33					
GT	1	2	14	7.0	0	7					
at WVU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0					
MU	1	4	63	15.8	0	25					
at MD	1	3	63	21.0	0	28					
BC	1	2	21	10.5	1	18					
UM	1	1	18	18.0	0	18					
at UVa	1	5	56	11.2	1	21					
UNC	1	1	11	11.0	0	11					
FSU	1	7	128	18.3	1	50					
UL	1	0	0	0.0	0	0					



A solid performer who joined the team as a walk-on ... Showed improvement over the course of his first year ... Enjoyed success in the winter strength and conditioning program ... May have a chance to help the team down the road if he continues to work hard.

2005: Practiced at the backer position during a redshirt season ... Set a record for inside linebackers in the power clean with a lift of 341 pounds during spring testing ... Posted eight tackles in first spring scrimmage.

High School: Lettered four times in football as a linebacker/fullback for Coach Bobby Wyatt ... Selected all-state and All-Southwest Virginia as a senior ... Named all-region twice and all-district three times ... Led his team to a region championship over Virginia High as a senior ... Captained team during his junior and senior seasons ... Rushed for 495 yards and five touchdowns during senior season ... Also had 143 tackles, four interceptions, four sacks and three fumble recoveries ... Finished high school career with over 300 tackles, six interceptions and seven sacks ... Lettered three years in track and field while participating in the shot put and discus.

Personal: Mark Anthony Muncey ... Born 11/22/85 in Bluefield, WV ... Son of Mark and Vickie Muncey ... Majoring in business management.



Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 338 • r-Fr. Cheltenham, Md. • DeMatha Catholic H.S.

A young lineman with potential for the future ... Is working at right guard ... Made progress while redshirting last year, but still needs to get stronger ... Has a big body and a good work ethic ... Has a chance to be a good player.

2005: Worked at right guard during a redshirt year ... Had a 475-pound back squat during spring max testing.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Stafford, Va. • North Stafford H.S.

Another young lineman who is working at the guard position ... Picked up some valuable reps during the spring, but is still developing ... Should benefit from added exposure to the strength and conditioning program ... His summer preparation and performance during the preseason will help determine his spot on the depth chart.

2005: Was redshirted ... Worked at the left guard position ... Bench pressed 370 pounds during scout team testing in fall ... Improved that to 385 in the spring ... Continued to work on the left side during spring practices.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in sociology.



Tailback • 5-11 • 204 • r-So. Chesapeake, Va. • Indian River H.S.

Can give Tech the total package at tailback if he returns to the team focused and healthy after sitting out the spring semester ... Combines great ability with outstanding speed, quickness, great vision and toughness ... A preseason second-team All-ACC pick by The Sporting News ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the 2005 season ... Went home during his rehab and did not take part in winter workouts or spring practice ... Returned to Blacksburg for the summer to begin preparing for the season ... Stepped up big when injuries slowed Mike Imoh and Cedric Humes in 2005 ... Rushed for 478 yards on 70 carries over the Hokies' last six regular-season games ... Posted three 100-yard rushing games during that stretch, including a 146-yard effort against Marshall ... Averaged 5.9 yards a carry for the season and finished second on the team in rushing (647) and tied for second in touchdowns (6) ... Does a good job catching the ball out of the backfield, but is still working on his blocking responsibilites.

2005: Finished second on the team in rushing with 647 yards on 109 carries for an average of 5.9 yards per carry ... Scored six touchdowns ... Caught five passes for 36 yards ... Ran for 51 yards on 10 carries at Duke ... Scored on a 4-yard touchdown run ... Carried six times for 34 yards against Ohio and picked up 11 yards on six tries in the Georgia Tech win ... Had a 10-yard run against West Virginia ... Took over when Cedric Humes was injured in the Marshall game and ran for 146 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries ... Had a career-best 45-yard run ... Also caught a pass for 13 yards

... Rushed for 48 yards and a TD on nine carries at Maryland ... Had six carries for 30 yards in the BC game and 35 yards on four carries against Miami ... Led the team in rushing with 115 yards on 15 carries at Virginia ... Scored two touchdowns in that game ... Gained 104 yards and scored a TD during win over North Carolina ... Named ACC Rookie of the Week after both games ... Had 11 carries for 56 yards against Louisville ... On 109 carries for the season, had just two rushes for negative yards, totaling two yards ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the season ... Went home to rehab the shoulder during the spring semester.

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 vards and two touchdowns in a win over twotime defending state champion Phoebus ... Was a first-team all-state pick by The Associated Press ... Named second-team all-state by the coaches ... First-team all-district as a running back and second team as defensive back ... Picked first-team All-Tidewater at a defensive back by The Virginian-Pilot ... Ran for 963 yards and 11 touchdowns his junior season ... Also contributed 15 pass receptions for 282 yards ... Rated the No. 7 player in the state by *The* Roanoke Times ... Listed as the No. 26 running back in the nation by SuperPrep ... Earned All-America honors from both SuperPrep and PrepStar.

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

Rushing 2005	G 12	No. Yds. 109 647		Avg. 5.9	TD 6	LG 45				
			ng Game-		-					
at NCSU										
at Duke	1	10	51	5.1	1	19				
OHIO	1	6	34	5.7	Ō	11				
GT	1	6	11	1.8	Ő	4				
at WVU	1	1	10	10.0	Ő	10				
MU	1	19	146	7.7	1	45				
at MD	1	9	48	5.3	1	10				
BC	1	6	30	5.0	0	9				
ŬM	1	4	35	8.8	Ő	11				
at UVa	1	15	115	7.7	2	31				
UNC	1	17	104	6.1	1	26				
FSU	1	5	7	1.4	0	7				
UL	1	11	56	5.1	0	11				
Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avq.	TD	LG				
2005	12	5	36	7.2	0	13				



2005 All-ACC Honorable Mention 466 Brandon Pace Place-kicker • 5-10 • 201 • r-Sr.

Virginia Beach, Va. • Kellam H.S.

One of the nation's top kickers ... Combines a strong leg with consistency ... A two-time Lou Groza Award semifinalist ... Set a school single-season record for points by a kicker with 108 points in 2005 ... Was second in the ACC in points per game (8.3) ... Made at least one field goal in every game but Maryland and Miami ... Stands seventh in career scoring at Tech with 218 points ... Is 9-for-12 on field goals of 40 yards or more ... Was first-team All-ACC in 2004 ... Named to the 2005 All-ACC Academic Football team ... Ranked the No. 13 kicker in the nation preseason by *The Sporting News*.

2005: Was 51-for-52 on extra point kicks ... Made 19-of-22 field goal attempts ... Made kicks of 44 and 28 yards in win at NC State ... Was 3-for-3 on field goals in the Georgia Tech game ... Made good on two short field goal attempts against Marshall ... Missed his only attempt at Maryland, then made 3 of 4 tries in the Boston College game ... Did not get an attempt for the first time all season during the Miami game ... Scored 10 points at Virginia ... Missed just the second PAT of his Tech career during the UNC game, but connected on a 44yard field goal ... Made a season-best 45-yard field goal against FSU ... Scored nine points against Louisville in the Gator Bowl to finish the season with 108 points ... Kicked a 49-yard field goal during the spring Maroon-White game ... Also added an extra point.

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 NC 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

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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 offseason strength and conditioning program.

2002: Joined the team as an invited walkon ... 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 health, physical education and recreation.

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Scoring	G	EP-	A	FGM	-A	LG	TP				
2003	12	4-	4	0-	0	0	4				
2004	13	43-4	4	21-	27	46	106				
2005	13	51-5	52	19-	22	45	108				
Career	38	98-10	00	40-	49	46	218				
2005 Scoring Game-by-Game											
at NCSU	1	2-	2	2-	2	44	8				
at Duke	1	6-	6	1-	2	31	9				
0HI0	1	6-	6	1-	1	35	9				
GT	1	6-	6	3-	3	40	15				
at WVU	1	4-	4	2-	2	41	10				
MU	1	5-	5	2-	2	23	11				
at MD	1	4-	4	0-	1	0	4				
BC	1	3-	3	3-	4	32	12				
UM	1	1-	1	0-	0	0	1				
at UVa	1	7-	7	1-	1	32	10				
UNC	1	3-	4	1-	1	44	6				
FSU	1	1-	1	1-	1	45	4				
UL	1	3-	3	2-	2	36	9				
Field Goals	18-2	29 yds		30-39	40-	49	50+				
2004		7-8		10-13	4-	6	0- 0				
2005		7-8		7-8	5-	6	0- 0				
Career		14-16		17-21	9-	12	0- 0				



Free Safety • 5-11 • 182 • Jr. Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S. • Hargrave

Finished spring practice as the leader of the secondary ... Took control and performed at a high level ... Was asked to be more vocal and responded ... Did a good job of getting players lined up and playing fast ... Started six games as a sophomore and played over 300 snaps at safety ... Also had over 130 plays on special teams ... Turned in a game-changing play when he returned a blocked field goal 78 yards for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... Saw some playing time at cornerback as a freshman before moving to safety during 2005 spring practice ... Will be an important performer this fall.

2005: Saw action in every game at free safety and on special teams ... Contributed four tackles and a pass breakup at NC State in his first start ... Was in on five tackles at Duke and had a pass breakup against Ohio ... Scooped up a blocked field goal and raced 78 yards for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... Also posted five tackles in that game ... Registered two tackles and a 5-yard fumble return at WVU ... Helped out on four tackles versus Marshall ... Contributed two tackles against both Boston College and Miami ... Started at Virginia and had four tackles ... Posted three tackles in the Gator Bowl against Louisville ... Registered 34 total tackles for the season ... Earned the Coaches' Award for the defensive player who had an exceptional spring.

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 ... Brother of Tech freshman Matt Wright ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Los	s	Sac	ks				
2004	12	7	3	10	0-	0	0-	0				
2005	13	11	23	34	0-	0	0-	0				
Career	25	18	26	44	0-	0	0-	0				
2005 Tackles Game-by-Game												
at NCSU	1	1	3	4	0-	0	0-	0				
at Duke	1	2	3	5	0-	0	0-	0				
OHIO	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0-	0				
GT	1	1	4	5	0-	0	0-	0				
at WVU	1	2	0	2	0-	0	0-	0				
MU	1	0	4	4	0-	0	0-	0				
at MD	1	0	0	0	0-	0	0-	0				
BC	1	0	2	2	0-	0	0-	0				
UM	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0				
at UVa	1	1	3	4	0-	0	0-	0				
UNC	1	1	0	1	0-	0	0-	0				
FSU	1	0	1	1	0-	0	0-	0				
UL	1	1	2	3	0-	0	0-	0				



Rover • 6-0 • 200 • Sr. Chantilly, Va. • Chantilly H.S.

A valuable contributor on the scout team who can always be counted on for top effort ... Will get a look on special teams ... Moved to rover last season after spending time at free safety his first two seasons ... Joined the team as a walk-on ... Has benefited from the strength and conditioning program ... Brings a good work ethic to the field.

2005: Moved to the rover position ... Saw action in both jayvee games ... Contributed 11 tackles in a JV win against Hargrave ... Was in on a sack and had two tackles behind the line

... Added seven tackles and a pass interception during a victory over Fork Union ... Posted a 35-inch vertical jump during spring testing.

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 alldistrict 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 sociology.



Fullback • 5-7 • 247 • r-So. 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 ... Mixes an outstanding work ethic with toughness ... Possesses a strong desire to succeed ... Contributed on the scout and jayvee teams last fall ... Picked up some extra reps during spring practice ... Gives the Hokies added depth at fullback and could earn some action.

2005: Played fullback on the scout and jayvee teams ... Rushed five times for 36 yards in a jayvee win against Fork Union ... Scored a touchdown in that game on a 3-yard run ... Had a 360-pound push jerk on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors following spring max testing ... Turned in a 7-yard run and a 6-yard pass reception during first spring scrimmage ... Caught a 3-yard pass in the spring game.

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 apparel, housing and resource management.



A versatile walk-on who worked on both sides of the ball last year ... Practiced as a linebacker during fall, while seeing some duty at tailback for the jayvee team ... Was moved to tailback during spring practice after injuries depleted the position ... A hard worker who puts the team first ... Could be a candidate for special teams this season.

2005: Worked at whip linebacker on the scout team during the fall ... Played tailback in jayvee wins against Fork Union and Hargrave ... Ran for 61 yards on 10 carries versus FUMA ... Scored on a 14-yard run ... Rushed four times for 14 yards against Hargrave ... Moved from linebacker to tailback during spring ... Carried eight times for 23 yards in second spring scrimmage and caught a 10-yard pass ... Won the Frank 0. Moseley Award as the top offensive hustler during the spring.

High School: Lettered four years in football at running back/linebacker for Coach Stephen Magenbauer ... Named all-district and all-region in his career ... Led team to a 2A state championship as a senior ... Rushed for 350 yards and caught 30 passes for 400 yards as a senior ... Also had 145 tackles, seven interceptions, three sacks and seven fumble recoveries as a senior ... Also lettered three years in baseball and one in track and field ... Named all-state, all-region and all-district in baseball ... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Dustin Michael Pickle ... Born 7/16/86 in Salem, VA ... Son of Mike and Sandra Pickle ... Majoring in building construction. Bover • 5-11 • 198 • r-Fr.

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Calhoun, Ga. • Gordon Central H.S.

A promising newcomer who had some ups and downs last season ... Got a lot of work in the preseason with thoughts that he might be needed as a freshman ... Was ultimately redshirted, but showed good knowledge and quickness, while gaining some valuable experience ... Posted a team-best 40-inch vertical jump during spring testing ... Wasn't the same in the spring after tweeking a hamstring in an early practice ... His summer preparation will be extremely important ... Needs a good showing during the preseason to put himself into contention for special teams action and possible playing time at rover.

2005: Practiced at the rover position while redshirting ... Had a 480-pound back squat during scout team maxing in the fall ... Was in on a tackle in the Maroon-White game.

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

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Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 303 • r-Jr. Chesapeake, Va. • Great Bridge H.S.

A mentally tough player who doesn't back down ... Has the most experience of the defensive tackle candidates ... Combines an outstanding work ethic with a strong desire to succeed ... Plays hard ... Has good strength and football instincts ... Was slowed by a sprained ankle early last season, but gave the Hokies steady play at tackle ... Started four games, including the opener at NC State ... Played nearly 300 snaps during the regular season ... Is being counted on to help anchor the line this season.

2005: Saw action in 12 games, five as a starter ... Started and played 36 snaps at NC State ... Suffered an ankle injury during that contest and missed the Duke game ... Returned for 20 plays against Ohio and 17 versus Georgia Tech ... Was in on two tackles, including one behind the line, against the Yellow Jackets ... Shared a sack in the Marshall game ... Returned to the starting lineup at Maryland ... Had two tackles and a QB hurry ... Also had two tackles against both BC and Miami ... Got 25 snaps at Virginia and 28 against UNC ... Was in on a tackle for loss against FSU ... Started against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... Had 13 total tackles for the season and three QB hurries ... During the spring turned in two tackles and a sack in the first scrimmage ... Was in on three tackles during the Maroon-White game, including a sack ... Was one of two defensive players to earn the Frank O. Moseley Award for his hustle during the off-season and spring practice.

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 had six quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Had two stops, including 1.5 for loss, against NC 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 0. Moseley Award, awarded to the top defensive hustler,



following spring practice ... Posted a 410pound 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 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	Sacl	ks
2004	13	7	10	17	6.0- 16	0-	0
2005	12	3	10	13	1.5- 7	0.5-	4
Career	25	10	20	30	7.5- 23	0.5-	4



A smart player who can play corner or free safety if needed ... Works with four different special teams units ... Has also been a key contributor on the scout team ... Saw brief action on special teams ... Has benefited from the strength and conditioning program ... Combines a good work ethic with a strong desire to succeed ... Will be a plus for the Hokies in several areas this season.

2005: Saw some playing time on special teams in six games ... Also worked at the

boundary cornerback position ... Had tackles on kickoff returns against Duke and Georgia Tech ... Recovered a fumble on a punt by the Yellow Jackets ... Had a personal-best 500pound back squat and 38 1/2-inch vertical jump during spring max testing ... Got a look at field corner and free safety during spring practice ... Had two tackles in first spring scrimmage and one in the Maroon-White game.

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 offseason 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 alldistrict 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.



A speedy newcomer who finished high school early and entered Tech in January ... Was moved around during the spring before settling at tailback ... Also got looks in the secondary and at receiver ... Possesses great speed, but needs to get stronger ... Is still adjusting to the transition and the Tech system ... His progress during the preseason will determine his role this fall.

2005: Enrolled at Tech after completing his senior season ... Went through the off-season program ... Turned in the second-best time in the 40 among the running backs during spring max testing with a 4.4 ... Got a look at several positions during the spring ... Played tailback in the Maroon-White game ... Rushed for 17 yards on two carries and caught a pass for a 9-yard gain ... His 17-yard run was the longest run of the game ... Also had a 16-yard kickoff return.

High School: Tallied 55 tackles and four interceptions his senior season at E.E. Smith High School for Coach Milton Butts ... Named defensive player of the year by the coaches ... Team had a 40-7 record during his time ... Averaged 8.9 rushing yards per game on offense, going for 12 touchdowns as a senior ... Named second-team all-Two Rivers Conference as a running back ... Caught five passes for 205 yards, scoring three touchdowns in 2005 ... On special teams, blocked a punt and scored three touchdowns as a return specialist as a senior ... Team captain in 2005 ... Also played basketball and ran track ... Won first place in the 100 meters with a time of 10.82 in the Cumberland County Championship meet.

Personal: Devin Maurice Radford ... Born 1/13/88 in Frankfurt, Germany ... Son of Zelbert and Cynthia Radford ... Enrolled in university studies.



A walk-on reciever with potential for the future ... Needs a little more exposure to the position after missing time in the spring ... Has good size but needs to build his strength ... Summer work and preseason progress will determine his role for the fall.

2005: Worked on the scout and jayvee teams as a receiver ... Caught two passes for 33 yards in a jayvee win over Fork Union ... Caught an 8-yard pass in first spring

scrimmage, but sat out the second half of the spring following a knee injury.

High School: Lettered one year in football as a wide receiver for Coach Taylor Edwards ... Caught seven passes for 120 yards and two touchdowns as a senior ... Also completed 7-of-13 passes ... Lettered three years in basketball and two in baseball ... Captained basketball team to a state finals appearance as a senior ... A member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Michael Brennan Reid ... Born 9/28/87 in Salem, VA ... Son of James Reid and Mitzi Reid ... Enrolled in university studies.



A hard worker who spent last season working at the rover position ... Showed some progress in the strength and conditioning

program, but needs to continue working to add strength ... Could play a role on the scout team this fall. 2005: Worked at the rover postition while

2005: Worked at the rover postition while redshirting ... Registered a pair of tackles in the first spring scrimmage.

High School: Lettered four times in football at running back/safety for Coach Dan Makosy ... Named to George Michael's Golden 11 as a senior ... A two-time all-state, all-metro, all-county selection ... Named All-County Player of the Year as a junior ... Led his team to a 4A state championship in 2003 and a region championship in 2004 ... Rushed for 1,866 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior

... Also had 80 tackles, five interceptions and two blocked punts during senior season ... Finished career with over 3,593 yards rushing

... Also lettered twice in baseball and once in basketball.

Personal: Matthew S. Reidy ... Born 1/8/87 in Shady Grove, MD ... Son of Denny and Sue Reidy ... Plans to pursue a degree in business.



70 Sergio Render

Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 328 • Fr. Newnan, Ga. • Newnan H.S

A gifted freshman who could make a significant impact along the offensive line this fall ... Joined the team in January and was named the Hokies' top offensive newcomer following spring practice ... Suffered through some growing pains, but finished the spring on top of the depth chart at right guard ... Will have to battle to retain that spot when practice resumes ... Possesses a good combination of size and strength ... Plays physical and has good feet ... Was picked the preseason ACC Offensive Newcomer of the Year by *The Sporting News* ... Has a chance to be a special player.

2005: Entered school for the second semester ... Went through off-season program ... Turned in a 430-pound bench press, third best on the entire squad ... Added a 550-pound back squat and 334-pound push jerk on the way to Iron Hokie honors ... Worked at right guard during spring practice and earned the Paul Torgersen Award as the top offensive newcomer during the spring.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

75 Kory Robertson

Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 339 • r-Jr. Martinsville, Va. • Magna Vista H.S.

A talented lineman who is extremely good when he turns it on ... Is finally showing signs he may be ready to "turn it on" on a consistent basis ... Played with more consistency during spring practice and put himself in the mix for a starting job at tackle ... Has always had the physical ability, but not the focus ... Is maturing and starting to put it all together on the field ... Has great quickness and change of direction ... An Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Can make things happen inside when he puts his mind to it ... Backed up at both defensive tackle positions last season, seeing action in 11 of the team's 13 games ... Can be a special player if he puts his mind to it.

2005: Played in 11 games ... Was in on a tackle behind the line in the opening game at NCSU ... Made two solo tackles in the Georgia Tech game ... Had guarterback hurries against NC State and Ohio ... Was in for 20 plays against Marshall ... Had a tackle and a QB hurry ... Saw limited action against Maryland and Boston College ... Turned in a guarterback hurry at Virginia ... Played briefly against UNC ... Finished the season with five tackles and four quarterback hurries ... Also shared a sack ... Set a Tech record in the power clean with a lift of 400-pounds during spring testing ... Also bench pressed 370 pounds on the way to Iron Hokie honors ... Was in on a pair of tackles during the spring Maroon-White game, including one behind the line ... Won the Richard Bullock Award as the most improved defensive player during spring workouts.

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.

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 apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Lo	ss	Sac	:ks
2004	5	1	3	4	0-	0	0-	0
2005	11	2	3	5	0.5-	1	0-	0
Career	16	3	6	9	0.5-	1	0-	0



Took on more of a leadership role during the spring and is expected to be one of the key players on the 2006 team ... Is ranked the No. 3 strong safety in the nation by *The Sporting News*, which also selected him a first-team preseason All-ACC player ... Made an impact as the Hokies' starting rover last fall ... Ranked third on the team in tackles with 77 ... Led the squad in interceptions with four ... Preserved Tech's opening-game win at NC State with a last-second pick ... Had 13 tackles against No. 5 Miami ... A hard hitter with great range and speed ... Improved on reading his keys during the spring, which allows him to play even faster ... A good tackler who excels in run support ... Has also become a good pass defender ... Mixes good football instincts with bigplay ability ... Has come into his own as a player and a person.

2005: The starter in every game at rover ... Was named the ACC Defensive Back of the Week after intercepting two passes and causing a fumble in the opening game against NC State ... Also had eight

tackles and broke up two other passes in that game ... Turned in three tackles and broke up a pass at Duke ... Recovered a fumble that set up a touchdown and posted three tackles against West Virginia ... Had four tackles, including one for a loss, versus Marshall ... Posted a tackle for loss and five total tackles at Maryland ... Led the team with 13 tackles versus Miami ... Also broke up a pass in that game ... Picked off two passes against Virginia ... Also had eight tackles, one for a loss, in that game ... Had 10 tackles and broke up a pass against North Carolina ... Added 10 more tackles in the FSU game ... Had four tackles against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... Finished the season with 77 total tackles to go with 4.5 TFL, four interceptions and five pass breakups ... Had a sack and two tackles during the first scrimmage of the spring ... Contributed three tackles during the Maroon-White game ... Won the President's Award for the defensive player who showed the most outstanding leadership during off-season program and spring practice.

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 NC 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 1/2inch 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 secondteam 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 secondteam 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	AT Tot. Loss		Loss		ks
2003	13	19	27	46	3.0-	8	0-	0
2004	13	16	21	37	2.5-	15	0-	0
2005	13	35	42	77	4.5-	7	0-	0
Career	39	70	90	160	10.0-	30	0-	0
	- 200	5 Tack	les Ga	me-by	-Game			
at NCSU	1	4	4	8	0-	0	0-	0
at Duke	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0-	0
OHIO	1	2	1	3	0.5-	1	0-	0
GT	1	1	1	2	0-	0	0-	0
at WVU	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0-	0
MU	1	1	3	4	0.5-	2	0-	0
at MD	1	3	2	5	1-	1	0-	0
BC	1	2	2	4	0-	0	0-	0
UM	1	4	9	13	0-	0	0-	0
at UVa	1	5	3	8	1-	1	0-	0
UNC	1	4	6	10	0.5-	1	0-	0
FSU	1	2	8	10	4.5-	7	0-	0
UL	1	3	1	4	0-	0	0-	0

Eddie Royal Flanker • 5-10 • 178 • Jr. Herndon, Va. • Westfield H.S.

A versatile player who gives the Hokies a big-play threat in several phases of the game ... Is one of the team's most dangerous receivers ... Has run for two career touchdowns on reverses ... Led the squad in punt and kickoff returns last fall ... Was third on the team in receptions after leading the Hokies as a freshman in 2004 ... Combines great hands with a knack for picking up extra yards after a catch ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room who has bench pressed 380 pounds ... Has excellent athletic ability and speed to go with football savvy ... Was a consistent performer during the spring ... Moved into the starting lineup as a true freshman in 2004 ... Named a second-team freshman All-American by Rivals.com ... Missed 2005 spring practice with compartment syndrome in his left leq, but returned to start every game last season at flanker ... A key figure in Tech's offensive plans.

2005: Was third on the team in receptions with 27 for 315 yards and two touchdowns ... Carried the football 10 times for 79 yards and a TD ... Averaged 8.2 yards on punt returns and 20.9 yards on kickoff returns ... Broke his own position record for the bench press with a lift of 380 when the players returned in August ... Returned a punt 19 yards against NC State in the season opener ... Caught a pass for an 18-yard gain in the Duke game ... Posted two catches for 44 yards against Georgia Tech ... Also had a 36-yard kickoff return and four punt returns for 35 yards in that game ... Tied a career-high with six catches at West Virginia, including a 15-yarder for a TD ... Also had 20 yards rushing on a pair of reverses ... Caught three passes for 34 yards in win over Marshall ... Had two punt returns for 38 yards and two kickoff returns for 43 at Maryland ... Also had three receptions for 33 yards and a rush for 8 vards ... Scored on a 15-yard reverse in the BC game ... Returned the opening kickoff against Miami, but was sidelined the rest of the game by a hamstring injury ... Caught three passes at Virginia for 47 yards and a touchdown ... Hauled in four passes for 43 yards against FSU ... Caught two passes against Louisville in the

Gator Bowl ... Gained Super Iron Hokie honors during spring max tests ... Had a personal-best 450-pound back squat and a 39-inch vertical jump ... Also turned in the best 40 time at 4.22 ... Hauled in three passes for 52 yards in Tech's second spring scrimmage ... Scored the first touchdown of the Maroon-White game on a 4-yard reverse ... Had one catch in the game for 12 yards and two punt returns for 26 yards.

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 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 NC 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 gamewinning, 39-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter, at Miami ... Had an 18-yard punt return to set up that drive ... Had a 48-yard kickoff return in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Set a 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 47yard 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 sociology.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	28	470	16.8	3	80
2005	13	27	315	11.7	2	42
Career	25	55	785	14.3	5	80
	2005	Receiv	ing Game-	by-Game		
at NCSU	1	1	-3		0	0
at Duke	1	1	18	18.0	0	18
OHIO	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
GT	1	2	44	22.0	0	42
at WVU	1	6	71	11.8	1	15
MU	1	3	34	11.3	0	13
at MD	1	3	33	11.0	0	15
BC	1	2	27	13.5	0	15
UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UVa	1	3	47	15.7	1	24
UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
FSU	1	4	43	10.8	0	18
UL	1	2	1	0.5	0	3
Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	1	11	11.0	1	11
2005	13	10	79	7.9	1	17
Career	25	11	90	8.2	2	17
K.O. Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	12	346	28.8	0	48
2005	13	14	283	20.9	0	36
Career	25	26	629	24.2	0	48
Punt Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	25	274	11.0	0	58
2005	13	32	263	8.2	0	29
Career	25	57	537	9.4	0	58



Punter • 6-2 • 273 • r-Sr. Salem, Va. • Salem H.S.

One of the nation's top punters ... Selected to the preseason *Playboy* All-America team ... Was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award last fall ... Was a big weapon in the field position battle for the Hokies in 2005 ... Ranked third in the ACC with a 43.2-yard average ... His average was the second-highest single-season average in school history ... Became just the fifth Tech punter since 1950 to finish a season with an average of 42 yards or more ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Serves as the holder for field goals and PATs ... An extremely valuable member of Tech's special teams.

2005: Averaged 43.2 yards per punt on 52 kicks ... Placed 15 kicks inside the opponents' 20-yard line ... Did not have a kick blocked during the season ... Averaged 45.7 yards on six kicks in the opening game at NCSU ... Put three of those kicks inside the 20 ... Had a punt of 61 yards against Georgia Tech ...

Posted a 49.2 average on six kicks against the Yellow Jackets ... Hit a career-long punt of 65 yards against Marshall ... Averaged 50.3 yards on three kicks in the UNC game earning ACC Specialist of the Week honors ... Punted six times in the Gator Bowl for an average of 50 yards with a long of 54 yards ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season program ... Punted once in the spring Maroon-White game for 46 yards.

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 390pound 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 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 2002 2004 Career	G 5 3 8	EP- 14- 2- 16-	14 2	-		TP 20 2 22
Field Goals		10-29 y	ds	30-39	40-49	50+
2002		2-2		0-1	0-3	0-0
Punting	G	No.	Yds.	Av	g. LG	I20
2004	3	1	43			0
2005	13	52	2244	43	.2 65	15
Career	16	53	2287	43	2 65	15
	2005	Punting	g Gam	e-by-Gan	1e ———	
at NCSU	1	6	274	45	.7 59	3
at Duke	1	3	93	31	.0 33	3
OHIO	1	4	166	41	.5 50	0
GT	1	6	295	49	.2 61	1
at WVU	1	3	107	35	.7 43	0
MU	1	2	104	52	.0 65	2
at MD	1	2	86	43	.0 60	0
BC	1	4	154	38	.5 48	1
UM	1	4	146	36	.5 46	1
at UVa	1	2	76	38	.0 41	1
UNC	1	3	151	50	.3 54	1
FSU	1	7	292	41	.7 55	1
UL	1	6	300	50	.0 54	1



Guard/Center • 6-3 • 307 • r-So. Fork Union, Va. • Fork Union M.A.

A key figure in Tech's plans to solidify the offensive line ... Really came into his own during the spring when he was asked to handle the center duties in the absence of injured starter Danny McGrath ... Stepped right in and took control ... Was named the team's most improved offensive player ... A tough guy who plays hard ... Is taking full advantage of the strength and conditioning program ... Will benefit from his exposure to the system last season ... Is expected to step in and start at

one of the guard spots when practice resumes in August.

2005: Saw limited action in six games at center ... Was in for 17 plays at center against Duke and had a knockdown block ... Got 13 plays against Ohio and 15 versus Georgia Tech ... Saw action on seven snaps against Marshall ... Got 10 snaps in the Virginia game and saw limited action against UNC ... Earned Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Posted a personal-best 620-pound back squat, which was third-best on the team ... Continued to work at center during spring drills ... Won the Richard Bullock Award as the most improved offensive player.

2004: Was redshirted ... Given the Paul Torgersen Award, awarded to the top newcomer, following spring practice ... Posted a 300pound 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 secondteam 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 Fork Union Military Academy ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.



Richmond, Va. • Benedictine H.S. • Hargrave

A competitor who works hard and can always be counted on for top effort ... Has contributed on the scout and jayvee teams each of his first two seasons ... Shows the desire

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coaches like ... Joined the team as a walk-on ... Has taken advantage of the strength and conditioning program ... Could help add depth at the defensive tackle position.

2005: Played on the scout and jayvee teams ... Contributed two tackles, a tackle for loss and fumble recovery in a jayvee win over Fork Union ... His 10-yard sprint time of 1.74 during spring testing was the third-best among offensive linemen.

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.

Personal: Albert Watson Stelly ... Born 5/12/85 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Tony and Pratt Stelly ... Majoring in interdisciplinary studies.

Purnell Sturdivant

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Linebacker • 5-9 • 221 • r-So. Norfolk, Va. • Lake Taylor H.S.

An explosive player whose continued development is important to the defense ... Made marked improvement during the second half of the 2005 season ... Picked up where he left off during the first week of spring practice ... Was sidelined the rest of the spring while battling mononucleosis ... Has outstanding strength to go with good speed and athleticism ... Spent last season working at the backer position, but made an impact as a starter on special teams ... Was one of the team's top tacklers on kickoff returns ... Has a chance to be the No. 2 man at backer ... Needs to have a great summer to get himself caught up both physically and mentally.

2005: Playing time was limited to special teams ... Practiced at the backer position ... Started every game on the kickoff team ... Had one tackle each against NCSU, Ohio, Georgia Tech, Virginia and UNC ... Posted four tackles in the ACC Championship game against Florida State ... Finished the season with nine total tackles ... Earned Iron Hokie recognition during the off-season ... Improved in all four major lifts, including a 580-pound back squat ... Also posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump, which was the third-best on the team ... Missed most of spring practice while battling mono.

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 ... Firstteam 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 apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Lo	ss	Sacks	
2005	13	4	5	9	0-	0	0-	0



56 Demetrius Taylor

Linebacker • 6-1 • 239 • r-Fr. Virginia Beach, Va. • Kellam H.S.

A strong, young player with the ability to be a good linebacker ... Showed flashes of that ability while redshirting last season, but has yet to display it consistently ... Has a tremendous upside ... Works hard, runs well and plays physical ... A standout in the strength and conditioning program ... Should continue to improve with added reps ... The key is having a great summer and a good early preseason camp to see what his role will be on this year's team ... Is likely to begin as a special teams player and a backup at the mike linebacker position.

2005: Was redshirted while working at the mike linebacker position ... Gained Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Bench pressed 400 pounds and turned in the fifthbest push press on the team at 346 pounds ... Had a back squat of 570 pounds to go with a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump.

High School: 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 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 316 • r-Fr. Stafford, Va. • North Stafford H.S.

Will compete for a spot in the defensive tackle rotation when practice opens in August ... Reported overweight in the fall, then caught the coaches' eye with his commitment, by losing much of that weight to get into better playing shape ... Has some quickness and play making ability ... Must continue to work hard in the strength and conditioning program ... Is still maturing mentally and physically ... Needs to focus on his assignments ... Should get better and better as he gains added reps at the position ... His summer preparation will be extremely important ... Has the ability to help the Hokies.

2005: Worked at the tackle position while redshirting ... Had a 351-pound power clean during scout team max in the fall ... Registered three tackles and a pair of sacks during the Hokies' first scrimmage of the spring.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

Grant Throckmorton

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Quarterback • 6-3 • 213 • r-Jr. Wytheville, Va. • George Wythe H.S.

An unselfish player whose importance to the team is not always reflected on the field

... Quarterbacked on the scout and jayvee teams last year, and also saw brief action in a varsity game ... Serves as a backup holder ... A potential candidate for personal protector on the punt team ... Helps signal in plays from the sidelines ... A former Tech baseball player who joined the football squad as a walk-on ... Came from a high school program that didn't throw the ball a lot, yet he has solid passing ability ... A team-first player with leadership skills ...

Will fill a variety of roles again this fall. 2005: Saw action in one game, coming on the road against Duke ... Went in for the final

drive at quarterback ... Was 2-for-5 passing for 14 yards in first spring scrimmage.2004: Joined the team, but didn't dress or

play in any varsity games ... Recorded a 350pound 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 guarterback ... 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.

THROCKMORTON,

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.



Matt Tilley

Defensive End • 6-2 • 257 • So. Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

A smart player who joined the team as a walk-on last year ... Played in the jayvee games during the fall ... Got a lot of reps at end during spring practice ... A valuable contributor on the scout team.

2005: Joined the team when school started and worked at the stud end position ... Played in Tech's two jayvee games and also worked on the scout squad ... Contributed a pair of tackles in a jayvee win over Fork Union ... Moved to the end position in the spring ... Had two tackles in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Was in on two tackles, including a sack in the Maroon-White game.

High School: Lettered three years for Coach Joel Hicks at Pulaski County High School ... Had 140 career tackles (72 solo) on the defensive line ... Had six quarterback sacks and 15 tackles for loss ... Named the team's defensive player of the year in 2003 ... Second-team all-region as a defensive lineman in 2003 ... As a tight end, had 103 career yards with six catches ... All-district first-team defensive lineman in 2003 ... Alldistrict second-team tight end in 2002 and 2003 ... Played in the Division 4 AA state championship game in 2001 ... Also lettered in basketball and track in the shot put and discus events ... Had 235 career rebounds as a post player in basketball.

Personal: Matthew Christopher Tilley ... Born 6/20/86 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Mike and Che Tilley ... Majoring in management. 43 Stephan Virgil

Cornerback • 5-11 • 176 • Fr. Rocky Mount, N.C. • Rocky Mount H.S.

A newcomer with a good upside ... Entered school in January ... Made progress during spring practice while working at the field corner position ... Is still adjusting to the Tech system but should become more consistent at his assignments as he gets more reps ... Coaches like his ability and potential ... Will benefit from the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Could put himself in position for a backup role or special teams duty with a good showing in August.

2005: Entered school for the second semester and went through the off-season program ... Worked at the field corner position during spring practice ... Contributed a tackle in the Hokies' first spring scrimmage ... Posted three tackles in the Maroon-White game, including one for a 2-yard loss.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

3C Cary Wade

Rover • 5-10 • 178 • r-Sr. Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.

Really improved his stock during the spring ... Pushed Aaron Rouse for the rover job and will continue to do so in the fall ... Has really fought to be a good player ... Played well in Tech's Gator Bowl win over Louisville ... Is coming off an excellent spring, which saw him spend some time at free safety as well as rover ... Has taken advantage of the strength and conditioning program ... Wants to do what's right for the team ... Has contributed as a top backup at rover and a starter on special teams



Tech Jayvee Games

Fork Union Military Academy...... Monday, Oct. 2, Noon......Lane Stadium Hargrave.....Lane Stadium

the past two seasons ... Started his career at cornerback ... Has played in every game during his three seasons ... Will be counted on for steady play and leadership this fall.

2005: Started on the punt return and kickoff teams ... The No. 2 man at rover ... Played 22 downs at rover against Duke and 24 versus Ohio ... Contributed three tackles in the Georgia Tech game ... Posted six tackles during the Marshall game ... Worked 14 plays on special teams against BC and was in on a pair of tackles ... Collected two tackles on special teams against North Carolina ... Played in every game, registering 15 total tackles ... Was slowed some by an ankle injury during the off-season ... Worked some at free safety, as well as rover, during the spring ... Turned in six tackles, including one behind the line, during the second spring scrimmage ... Added two tackles in the Maroon-White game.

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.

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 alldistrict 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 sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Lo	ss	Sad	cks
2002	13	9	2	11	0-	0	0-	0
2004	13	4	2	6	0-	0	0-	0
2005	13	7	8	15	0-	0	0-	0
Career	39	20	12	32	0-	0	0-	0

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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

Atlantic Team by Tom Lemming's Prep Football

Ed Wang
Tight End • 6-5 • 268 • r-Fr.
Ashburn, Va. • Stone Bridge H.S.

A young player who is in the mix for playing time at the tight end position ... Has good size and ability, but will have to get stronger ... Needs to buy into the Hokies' strength and conditioning program ... Also has to continue learning the system ... A good summer preparation will be crucial ... His performance during the preseason will determine his role.

2005: Worked at tight end during a redshirt year his final season ... Turned in a 400-pound back squat during scout team maxing in the fall ... Posted a 314-pound push jerk during spring testing ... Caught two passes for 28 yards in the Hokies' first spring scrimmage.

High School: 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 secondteam 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.

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Defensive End • 6-3 • 243 • r-Fr. Washington, D.C. H.D. Woodson H.S. • Hargrave

A talented newcomer who will battle for a spot in the four-man rotation at defensive end when practice resumes ... Showed some flashes of his ability while redshirting last year, but lacked consistency ... Was outstanding in the spring Maroon-White game ... Combines a good body with speed and ability ... Needs to attack his conditioning during the summer ... Has the attitude and desire to succeed ... Should get better and better as he gains some experience ... Coaches will keep their eye on him in preseason practice.

2005: Was redshirted during the fall, but did not practice ... Participated in off-season strength and condidioning program ... Posted a 450-pound back squat during max testing

... Had six tackles and a sack in each of the Hokies' first two spring scrimmages \ldots Registered a sack and a tackle for loss in the spring Maroon-White game.

Prep School: Committed to the Hokies out of high school and recommitted while at Hargrave ... 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.

High School: 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-

WANG, Continued

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 ... Majoring in communication.



Linebacker • 6-0 • 224 • Jr. Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

Stepped up during the spring ... Had as good a spring practice as anyone on the squad ... Worked hard to become a complete linebacker ... Made his biggest improvement in his pass coverage ... Has always been good against the run ... Has a nose for the ball and plays a physical brand of football ... Will be the top man behind Vince Hall at mike linebacker ... Played as a true freshman in 2004 ... Is slated to play an important role this fall.

2005: Contributed at mike linebacker and on special teams ... Had a total of 14 tackles, including one behind the line ... Posted three tackles, including a TFL at Duke ... Collected two tackles in the win over Georgia Tech ... Helped on four tackles while playing 25 downs against Marshall ... Picked up a tackle on coverage while playing 10 special teams plays against BC ... Got limited time at linebacker versus Virginia and contributed a tackle ... Registered a special teams tackle in the UNC game ... Had a tackle against Louisville in the Gator Bowl ... His 3.93 time in the NFL shuttle during spring testing was the best among the inside linebackers ... Posted five tackles in the first spring scrimmage ... Added six tackles, a sack and a pass break up in the second srimmage ... Was in on two tackles in the Maroon-White game.

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 firstteam 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 former Hokie linebacker Blake Warren ... Enrolled in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss		Sac	:ks
2004	12	3	4	7	0-	0	0-	0
2005	13	2	12	14	1.0-	5	0-	0
Career	25	5	16	21	1.0-	5	0-	0



39 Carlton Weatherford

Fullback • 5-9 • 221 • r-Jr. Danville, Va. • Tunstall H.S.

The No. 2 man at the fullback position ... A very physical player with outstanding strength ... Possesses a great work ethic and desire to be successful ... Worked his way back from a severe knee injury he suffered as a freshman ... Has gotten better every year ... Does things right on and off the field ... Joined the team as a walkon.

2005: Picked up 13 snaps at fullback at Duke ... Also saw limited action against Ohio and Marshall ... Had a season-best 16 snaps in the Georgia Tech game ... Played briefly against Maryland ... Was in for 11 plays at fullback during the win at Virginia ... Also saw brief action against UNC in the backfield ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Turned in a personal-best 550-pound back squat and 33 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Rushed for a touchdown in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring ... Rushed two times for four yards in the spring Maroon-White game and caught a 10-yard pass.

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.



Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 296 • r-So. Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

Put himself in position to help along the offensive line with a solid spring ... Has worked at guard, tackle and center during his time at Tech ... Improved his strength through the strength and conditioning program ... Needs to keep developing his knowlege of the system ... Has shown a great attitude ... Can help supply some muchneeded depth along the offensive line.

2005: Worked at left guard on the scout and jayvee teams ... Saw action in both jayvee games ... Had a 300-pound power clean and 550-pound back squat during spring max testing ... Contined to work at left guard during the spring.

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 quard 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

WELSH, Continued

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.

Personal: Matthew Edward Welsh ... Born 9/12/84 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Ed and Maryann Welsh ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.



Tight End • 6-2 • 259 • r-Fr. Blacksburg, Va. Blacksburg H.S. • Hargrave

A newcomer who finds himself the leading candidate for the starting tight end duties ... Is still learning the offense and adjusting to the speed of the game ... Has good athletic ability and catches the ball well ... Made progress during spring practice ... Shows a willingness to get into a defender and block ... Has made some improvement in the weight room, but is still not ready physically ... Must make a good summer preparation ... Appears likely to find himself getting some on the job training this fall.

2005: Redshirted while working at tight end ... Posted a 450-pound back squat during scout team max tests during the fall ... Ran a 4.64 in the 40 during spring testing ... Caught a pass for 4 yards in Tech's first spring scrimmage.

Prep School: Saw action at linebacker, fullback and tight end while playing for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Listed as the No. 24 prep school player in the nation by rivals. com.

High School: 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

Ite WhitakeBuarterback • 6-4 • 212 • r.Fr.Guarterback • 6-4 • 212 • r.Fr.Germantown, Md. • Northwest HS.

A highly-promising young quarterback candidate ... Finds himself third on the depth chart after missing valuable time during the spring due to a suspension ... Will be given the opportunity to compete for the starting job, but has a lot of ground to make up ... Has all the tools to get there ... Possesses tremendous athleticism in terms of both throwing the football and running the football ... Has a way to go from a mental aspect — learning how the offense operates and what is expect of him within the system ... His summer preparation will be extremely important ... Will be watched closely when practice resumes.

2005: Worked on the scout squad while redshirting ... Posted a 360-pound back squat during fall testing ... Turned in a 32-

inch vertical jump during the spring ... Was suspended for a violation of team rules and missed half of spring practice ... Rushed for 23 yards on three carries during final scrimmage of spring ... Completed 2 of 9 passes for 18 yards ... Was 6-for-6 passing in the spring Maroon-White game for 85 yards ... Tossed a 49-yard touchdown pass to Justin Harper.

High School: A three-year starter for Coach Randy Trivers at Northwest ... Passed for nearly 5,000 vards 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 vards 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 guarterback in the nation and the No. 4 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by SuperPrep ... Ranked the No. 8 guarterback 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 guarterback 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

2006 Recruiting Class

Jason Adjepong

Defensive End, 6-3, 248, Fr. Rahway, N.J., Carteret H.S.

A SuperPrep and PrepStar All-American ... Rated the No. 7 strongside defensive end in the nation by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 8 defensive end in the country by scout.com ... Listed as the No. 15 defensive lineman in the country by SuperPrep ... Rated the No. 17 defensive lineman in the country by PrepStar ... Named the No. 90 player in the country and the No. 9 defensive end in the country by collegefootballnews.com ... Earned AP first-team all-state honors at defensive end his senior year for Coach Bob Molarz ... Also saw action at fullback and linebacker during this varsity career ... Posted 107 total tackles, 18 tackles for loss and 10 sacks as a senior ... Had five forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and one interception ... As a fullback, ran for 468 yards as a senior, and 849 yards and 15 touchdowns in his career ... Finished his junior season with 87 tackles, including 22 TFL and 12 sacks, earning first-team all-state honors ... Also had 61 carries for 330 yards and four touchdowns ... Finished his prep career with 292 tackles, three interceptions, 42 tackles for loss, 14 forced fumbles, and 31 sacks ... Listed as the No. 4 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Ranked the No. 26 postseason prospect on the scout.com East Region Hot 100 ... Rated the No. 4 player in New Jersey by SuperPrep ... A member of the Rivals250 2006 team ... In a game against Perth Amboy his senior year, he contributed 183 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 11 carries ... Also had two sacks, three TFL, forced a fumble and had a fumble return for a TD ... Was the first player from his high school to be selected first team all-state two consecutive seasons ... A weight man and sprinter on the track team.

Personal: Jason Worilds-Adjepong ... Born 3/3/88 in Rahway, NJ ... Son of Sandra Worilds.

Ladi Ajiboye

Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 290, Fr. College Park, Ga., Banneker H.S.

A four-year defensive and offensive lineman for Coach Benny Crane, Jr., at Banneker ... Named to the South Metro Super 11 team as a senior ... Named all-district, all-region and first-team Class AAA all-state ... Racked up 85 total tackles including 60 solo efforts, 20 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks in 2005 ... Had 80 tackles, including 10 sacks, as a junior ... Rated the No. 27 defensive tackle in the nation by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 18 prospect in the state of Georgia by rivals.com in its postseason rankings ... An All-Southeast Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Played in the GACA North-South Senior All-Star game.

Personal: Olufemi Oladipopu Ajiboye ... Born 9/15/87 in Houston, TX ... Son of Linda Owens and Olufemi Ajiboye.

Nekos Brown

Linebacker, 6-3, 225, Fr. Brandywine, Md., Thomas Stone H.S.

An all-conference and all-state selection for Coach Steve Lindsey ... Missed two games with a knee injury his senior year, but still made 110 tackles, including 15 tackles for loss and three sacks ... Intercepted two passes ... Played defensive tackle as a junior ... Led the team with seven sacks and earned second-team allconference honors ... In three varsity seasons, he made 390 tackles and had 12 sacks and three interceptions ... Rated the No. 19 weakside defensive end in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 17 player on the Mid-Atlantic 47 team by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 14 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by PrepStar ... Also competed in track and field and basketball.

Personal: Nekos Laprae-Brooks Brown ... Born 2/18/88 in Prince George's, MD ... Son of Chuck and Jocelyn Brown.

Rashad Carmichael

Defensive Back, 5-9, 175, Fr. Clinton, Md., Gwynn Park H.S.

A three-year letterman for Coach Danny Hayes at Gwynn Park ... Played running back and defensive back ... Helped team to a 14-0 mark and a state championship in 2005, rushing for over 800 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Caught 15 pass for 109 yards ... Had three interceptions and 30 tackles on defense ... Only played seven games due to injury ... Rushed for 157 yards and two TDs in one of those games ... Named all-conference and all-region ... Had five interceptions as a junior ... Compiled 1,785 career rushing yards and 19 touchdowns ... Posted 12 career interceptions and 115 tackles

... Was named a scholar athlete (3.0 GPA or better) all three varsity seasons ...Rated the No. 23 player on the Mid-Atlantic 47 team by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 24 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Was a sprinter in track, turning in a 10.55 time in the 100 meters and a 21.00 in the 200m.

Personal: Rashad Bernard Carmichael ... Born 9/9/88 in Laurinburg, NC ... Son of Bernard and Mae Carmichael ... Cousin is former Clemson and current San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Derrick Hamilton.

Kam Chancellor

Quarterback, 6-4, 210, Fr. Norfolk, Va., Maury H.S.

Passed for over 2,000 yards and rushed for 500 his senior season for Coach Dealbert Cotton at Maury ... Team finished 10-2 after losing in the Group AAA Division 5 playoffs ... During one of the playoff games, he rushed for 89 yards and two touchdowns and threw for 224 yards and two more TDs ... Also played safety for Maury ... Was team MVP ... Named the first-team all-Eastern District guarterback ... Earned second-team all-Tidewater accolades from The Virginian Pilot ... Missed half of his junior season with a thumb injury ... Returned to throw for 1,000 yards ... Passed for 369 yards in a game against Granby ... Rated as the No. 27 pro-style quarterback in the nation by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 20 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Rated the No. 21 player in Virginia by SuperPrep ... Ranked the No. 21 player in the state by The Roanoke Times in its postseason list ... Played on the basketball team.

Personal: Kameron Darnel Chancellor ... Born 4/3/88 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Karen Lambert.

Clark Crum

Offensive Tackle, 6-7, 282, Fr. Dublin, Ohio, Scioto H.S.

Rated the No. 40 offensive tackle in the country by rivals.com ... Played tight end as a freshman and then lettered three seasons as an offensive lineman at Dublin Scioto High for Coach Karl Johnson ... Helped team to conference and regional titles as a sophomore ... Named first-team All-Ohio by Ohio Prep as a senior ... Named the district offensive player of the year his senior season ... First-team alldistrict, all-conference and all-Ohio ... Named to PrepStar Midwest all-region team ... Listed as the No. 45 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Rated the No. 58 player in the Midwest by SuperPrep ... Ranked the No. 65 postseason prospect on the scout. com Midwest Region Hot 100 ... Lettered three years in basketball ... Set a number of school records, including a career mark for rebounds and games played ... Was second all-time in points, with over 1,000 ... Two-time all-conference and all-district ... Named to allstate academic team ... Team MVP his last two seasons.

Personal: Clark Charles Crum ... Born 2/22/88 in Hettinger, ND ... Son of Lee and Jenni Crum.

Mario Edwards

Defensive Back, 6-1, 181, Fr. Atlanta, Ga., Westlake H.S.

An all-state defensive back for Coach Dallas Allen at Westlake ... Also saw action as a wide receiver ... Registered 98 tackles as a senior ... Had four interceptions, six sacks, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt ... Caught six passes for 123 yards ... Helped team to a region title ... Contributed 12 tackles, an interception, two pass deflections and a forced fumble during a playoff game against Banneker ... An all-city and all-state selection ... Rated the No. 25 safety in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 83 safety in the country by scout.com ... Listed as the No. 27 prospect in the state of Georgia in the rivals.com postseason rankings ... Had 75 tackles, two interceptions, 10 pass break ups, four forced fumbles and three sacks as a junior.

Personal: Mario Edwards ... Born 7/14/88 in Atlanta, GA ... Son of William and Maudestia Edwards ... As a youngster, won the state of Georgia 200-meter dash for the 11 and under age group.

Mike Gee

Defensive End, 6-1, 228, Fr. Englewood, N.J., Dwight Morrow H.S.

A SuperPrep preseason and postseason All-American ... An All-America selection by PrepStar ... Posted 40 tackles and six sacks as a defensive end his senior season for Coach Bill Davis ... Named to Group 2 all-state team ... Played at Queen of Peace High as a junior ... In six games, ran for 119 yards and a score and had 45 tackles, including 12 tackles for loss and six sacks, along with one interception ... Rated the No. 11 weakside defensive end in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 27 defensive end in the country by scout.com ... Listed as the No. 32 defensive lineman in the country by SuperPrep ... Ranked the No. 139 player in the country and the No. 13 defensive end in the country by collegefootballnews.com ... Rated the No. 7 player in New Jersey by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 10 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Ranked the No. 44 postseason prospect on the scout.com East Region Hot 100.

Personal: Michael Edward Nathan Gee ... Born 1/19/88 in Englewood, NJ ... Son of Sandra Gee and Wardell Hampton.

John Graves

Defensive End, 6-3, 249, Fr. Richmond, Va., Meadowbrook H.S.

An All-America selection by *PrepStar* and *SuperPrep* ... Played defensive end and offensive guard as a four-year starter for Coach Bill Bowles at Meadowbrook ... Ranked the No. 7 player in the state by The Roanoke Times in its postseason list ... Ranked the No. 7 player in Virginia by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 11 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Had 65 tackles as a senior, including nine sacks and 12 tackles for loss, in earning district defensive player of the year honors ... Also had two forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and five blocked kicks ... Named first-team allstate by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as both an offensive quard and defensive end ... Earned first-team All-Metro honors from the Richmond Times-Dispatch ... Named first-team all-Central District as both an offensive guard and a defensive end ... Set a school record by blocking 12 kicks during his career ... Scored defensive touchdowns this past season on an interception and a fumble return ... As a junior, was the Central District, region and All-Metro defensive player of the year in leading his team to a State AAA, Group 5 state title ... Rated the No. 21 strongside defensive end in the country by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 32 defensive lineman in the country by SuperPrep ... Rated the No. 34 defensive tackle in the country by scout.com ... Rated the No. 90 player in the country and the No. 22 defensive end in the country by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 54 postseason prospect on the scout.com East Region Hot 100 ... Started every game on varsity during his fouryear career.

Personal: John Walter Graves ... Born 6/25/87 in Richmond, VA ... Son of John and Joyce Graves.

Joey Hall

Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 246, Fr. Sanford, N.C., Lee County H.S.

Earned all-conference honors threestraight years for Coach Jody Stouffer at Lee County ... Played defensive end and tight end ... Posted 75 tackles, including 10 guarterback sacks his senior season ... Contributed three of those sacks in a game against Southern Durham ... Had five fumble recoveries in 2005 ... Caught four passes as a tight end that season for 162 yards and one TD ... Tied for the top performance among defensive ends in the bench press with 29 reps at the Nike Combine held in Blacksburg ... As a junior, had 68 tackles, eight sacks, four forced fumbles, three fumble recoveries and two blocked punts ... Earned all-conference honors in the shot put as a member of the track team ... Won a conference championship in that event.

Personal: Thomas Joseph Hall ... Born 11/19/87 in Orlando, FL ... Son of John and Bunni Hall.

Zach Luckett

Wide Receiver, 6-3, 190, Fr. Mays Landing, N.J., Holy Spirit H.S.

Played tailback and free safety at Holy Spirit for Coach Bill Walsh ... An All-America selection by PrepStar ... Rushed for over 700 yards on 100 carries as a senior ... Had 32 pass receptions for 622 yards and also recorded three interceptions ... Had 92 rushes for 587 yards and 10 touchdowns, and 22 receptions for 684 yards and six touchdowns as a junior ... Rated the No. 33 athlete in the country by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 57 wide receiver in the country by scout.com ... Rated the No. 11 player in New Jersey by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 12 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... Ranked the No. 95 postseason prospect on the scout.com East Region Hot 100 ... A threesport athlete, he played football, basketball and ran track (100, 200, and 4x400 events).

Personal: Zachary Lance Luckett ... Born 12/8/87 in Somers Point, NJ ... Son of Jeffrey and Cynthia Luckett.

Douglas McNeil

Wide Receiver, 6-4, 190, Fr. Randallstown, Md., New Town H.S.

Had 31 receptions for 687 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior, earning all-state honors ... Played both wide receiver and free safety for Coach Richard Stichel ... Caught eight passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns in a game against Owings Mill ... Also returned a punt for a TD in that game ... Posted 61 tackles, two sacks and a fumble recovery as a senior ... Earned all-division honors his junior year ... Caught 28 passes for 341 yards ... Averaged 12.3 yards on punt returns that year and added 47 tackles, two sacks and three forced fumbles ... Contributed four catches for 70 yards and a touchdown against Southside Academy ... Forced two fumbles on defense in that game ... Also lettered in basketball and track.

Personal: Douglas McNeil III ... Born 7/22/88 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Helen McNeil and Douglas McNeil, Jr.

Todd Nolen

Wide Receiver, 6-3, 185, Fr. Hampton, Va., Hampton H.S./Fork Union

Signed with Tech in February, 2005, but enrolled at Fork Union Military, where he played for Coach John Shuman ... Rated as the No. 13 prep school player in the country by rivals.com ... Listed as the No. 24 wide receiver in the country by scout.com ... As a senior for Coach Mike Smith at Hampton High in 2004-05, he was named to *PrepStar*'s postseason All-Atlantic Region team ... Selected first-team all-state by both The Associated Press and the VHSCA ... Caught 53 passes for 1,370 yards and 16 touchdowns his final year ... 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 ... Named to the *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a junior ... As a senior, 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. 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 area 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.

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

Daryl Robertson

Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 285, Fr. Bedford, Va., Liberty H.S.

Named first-team AA all-state by the VHSCA as a defensive lineman and second-team allstate as an offensive guard ... Also a first-team all-state pick by AP ... Played four seasons for Coach Chris Watts at Liberty, helping the school to a 41-9 combined record, one state title, a region championship and a pair of district titles ... Was in on 87 tackles as a senior ... Had nine sacks, two fumble recoveries and blocked a punt ... Finished with 75 tackles as a junior ... Rated the No. 27 defensive tackle in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 71 defensive tackle in the country by scout.com ... Listed as the No. 16 player in Virginia by rivals. com in its final state rankings ... Ranked the No. 18 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* in its postseason list ... Rated the No. 18 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by PrepStar.

Personal: Daryl Leon Robertson ... Born 7/15/88 in Bedford, VA ... Son of George and Pearl Robertson.

Andre Smith

Tight End, 6-4, 235, Fr. Germantown, Md., Seneca Valley H.S.

Caught 18 passes for 278 yards and six touchdowns as a senior tight end for Coach Fred Kim ... Also played defensive end and linebacker ... Had 44 solo tackles, including five sacks, despite missing three games with an injury in 2005 ... Was all-league and secondteam all-state ... Made the game-saving tackle in a triple-overtime win over Urbana ... Had 12 catches for 276 yards and five touchdowns, and 70 tackles at defensive end, as a junior ... Posted a 4.28 shuttle time at the Nike camp at Penn State (second-fastest among tight end recruits) ... Also posted a 29-inch vertical leap at the same event ... Rated the No. 51 tight end in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 20 player on the Mid-Atlantic 47 team by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 18 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar*.

Personal: Andre Phillip Smith ... Born 9/26/88 in Savannah, GA ... Son of the late Julida Kilafwakun.

Devven Sutton

Linebacker, 6-0, 239, Fr. Elizabeth City, N.C., Northeastern H.S.

Played fullback and linebacker for Coach Antonio Moore at Northeastern ... Lettered three seasons and helped team to a conference title as a senior ... Contributed 91 tackles that season and recovered three fumbles ... Had 14 tackles and a sack against Farmville Central in the state playoffs ... Rushed for 573 yards and three touchdowns his final year ... Also registered a touchdown receiving ... Was allconference and first-team all-state ... Named the defensive player of the year ... Was in on 76 tackles as a junior and intercepted two passes ... Ranked the No. 35 player in North Carolina by SuperPrep ... Selected to play in the North Carolina Shrine Bowl game ... Posted 217 tackles and five interceptions during his career ... Collected 823 career rushing yards on 55 carries ... Registered 70 victories in three seasons as a heavyweight wrestler ... Also lettered in track ... Set a school record with a 475-pound bench press.

Personal: Devven O'Neal Sutton ... Born 2/2/89 in Elizabeth City, NC ... Son of Valerie Sutton.

Jacob Sykes

Wide Receiver, 6-0, 180, Fr. Goldsboro, N.C., Goldsboro H.S.

Served as a wide receiver, free safety and return man for Coach Maurice Jackson at Goldsboro ... As a senior, he caught 24 passes for three touchdowns ... Averaged over 20 yards per catch ... Added 107 yards and one TD on the ground, as well as 68 tackles and two interceptions on defense ... Also contributed over 300 yards on punt returns and 475 yards on kickoff return ... Scored on a 75-yard kickoff returns ... Named all-area, all-conference and all-state ... Caught 22 passes for 400 yards and two TDs as a junior ... Finished his career with nearly 3,000 all-purpose yards during his career, including 1,086 yards receiving ... Listed as the No. 28 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by PrepStar.

Personal: Forrest Jacob Sykes ... Born 4/27/88 in Wake City, NC ... Son of Jerry and Deborah Sykes.

Beau Warren

Offensive Line, 6-4, 250, Fr. Clifton, Va., Centreville H.S.

A three-year letterman as an offensive tackle for Coach Mike Skinner at Centreville ... Named first-team AAA all-state by both The Associated Press and the Virginia High School Coaches Association as an offensive tackle ... Rated the No. 55 offensive guard in the country by rivals.com ... Rated the No. 73 offensive lineman in the country by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 23 player in the state by The Roanoke Times in its postseason list ... Rated the No. 20 player in Virginia by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 23 player in his state by rivals.com in its final state rankings ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by PrepStar ... Was a two-time alldistrict and all-region selection ... Named the team's most outstanding offensive lineman as a senior ... An honorable mention all-Metro pick by The Washington Post ... Lettered two years in lacrosse.

Personal: Beau Louis Warren ... Born 12/31/87 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Don and Irene Warren ... Brother of current Hokie Brett Warren and former Tech linebacker Blake Warren ... Dad played 14 years in the NFL for the Washington Redskins.

Matt Wright

Linebacker, 6-2, 215, Fr. Hampton, Va., Phoebus H.S.

The Peninsula District Defensive Player of the Year ... Played four seasons for Coach Bill Dee at Phoebus, working as a linebacker and tight end ... Was in on 107 tackles as a senior, including three sacks ... Turned in four fumble recoveries and blocked a punt ... Named firstteam AAA all-state by The Associated Press as a linebacker ... Named second-team all-state by the VHSCA as a linebacker ... Named to the All-Peninsula District team as both a tight end and an inside linebacker ... Rated the No. 24 inside linebacker in the nation by rivals. com ... Ranked the No. 16 player in the state by The Roanoke Times in its postseason list ... Listed as the No. 78 linebacker in the country by scout.com ... Ranked the No. 89 postseason prospect on the scout.com East Region Hot 100 ... Ranked the No. 16 player in Virginia by SuperPrep ... Listed as the No. 17 player in the state by rivals.com in its final state rankings

... Named an All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... As a junior, was all-district, all-metro, first-team all-region and second-team all-state after catching 25 passes for 310 yards and six TDs, along with making 121 tackles, 13 TFLs, 10 sacks and three interceptions ... Helped team to a 46-5 record during his career.

Personal: Matthew Quinten Wright ... Born 3/30/88 in Hampton, VA ... Son of Reginald Wright and Angela Parker ... Brother of current Hokie D.J. Parker.

Walk-ons at Virginia Tech

From walk-on to NFL draftee. Sound improbable? Not at Virginia Tech, where it's happened numerous times.

Take John Engelberger. The San Francisco 49ers selected Engelberger in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft. Fullback Jarrett Ferguson was drafted in 2002, and this past year, former walk-on Will Montgomery was taken by the Carolina Panthers.

Engelberger, who arrived in Blacksburg as a walk-on in 1995, followed 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 making big 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 as a 6-foot-4, 210pound 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



Will Montgomery

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.

Burke walked on in the spring of 1990 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.

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 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 walkons 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.

"I think our walk-on program is successful because we work at it," Beamer says. "We work to recruit 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 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 six former walk-ons who have already earned scholarships and that number could increase. Brandon Pace, Orion Martin, Nick Leeson, Bart McMillin, Jared Develli and Jesse Allen all came to Tech as walk-ons and have earned scholarships for their valuable contributions.

Pace has been a two-time All-ACC performer and holds the school record for points by a kicker in a season. Martin earned his scholarship after just 15 spring practices in 2005 and Allen earned his last off-season after showing his dedication in the weight room and on the field.

The success of the Tech walkon 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 Will Montgomery, John Burke or John Engelberger.