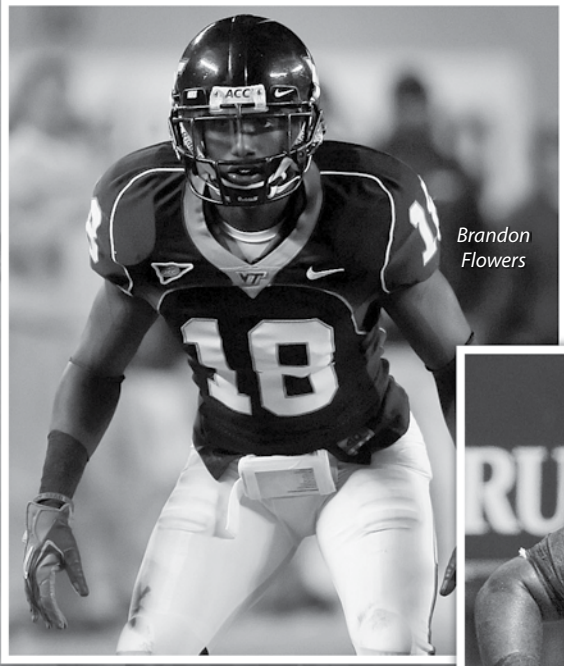




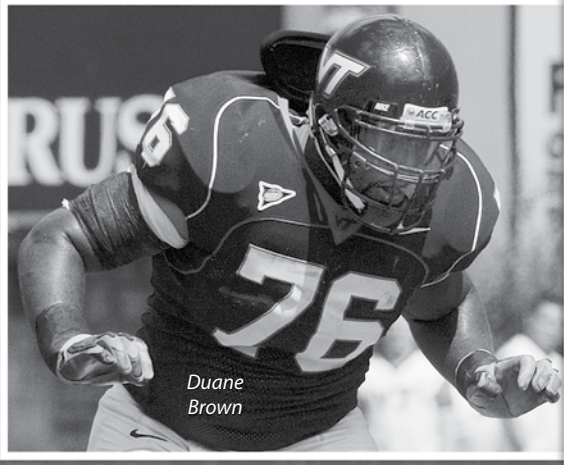
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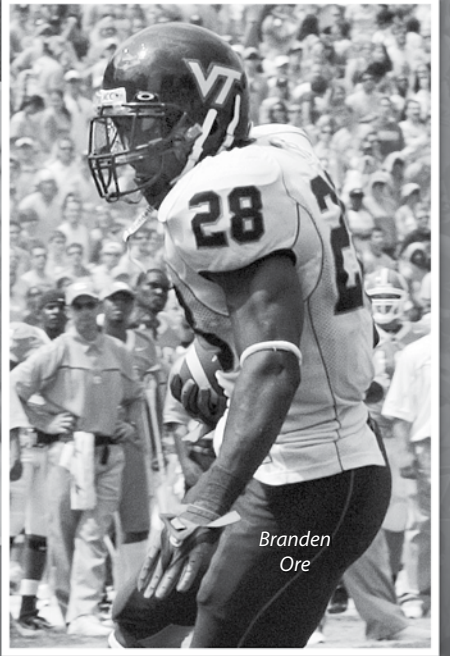
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Branden Ore

The Hokies are looking to build on their three straight seasons of 10 or more wins and have several candidates for national honors leading the way

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The 2007 Season Outlook

Shortened Spring

Frank Beamer and the Tech coaching staff, in conjunction with Director of Athletics Jim Weaver, made the decision to cancel the final week of spring practice following the on-campus events of April 16, thus shortening the off-season schedule by four practices. Although it could have been beneficial from a football standpoint to see how some of the inexperienced players responded to a full crowd at the spring game, all parties involved felt it was the right decision to make.

"I am pleased with the progress of the team as a whole," head coach Frank Beamer said. "We could've used those last four practices, but I think we got better, and the practices we did have were very good. I hope the guys work a little bit harder in the summer, because we need to be in great shape come August so we can get right back to work and make up for the time we lost during the spring."

Beamer said the group most affected by the absence of the spring game was probably the special teams unit, as that is what he typically uses as the final test for his kickers and punters.

"The only thing we lack is the experience of getting it done in front of people when it counts," he said. "However, I'm very confident that we'll be OK because our guys have kicked an awful lot in practice."

A Revamped Offensive Line

Another group that would have benefited from the spring game was the offensive line, which has undergone an almost complete makeover since the bowl game. However, unlike last season when the Hokies had to replace three full-time starters up front, the 2007 bunch features three returning starters — albeit with two in new positions — and two others who saw plenty of game action.

"We're better up front, but the question is how much better," offensive coordinator



Chris Ellis

Bryan Stinespring said. "I think some of the moves we made will benefit us, and a lot of guys had good springs, but we need them to continue that in the fall so we can ease some of our depth concerns."

The lone returnee at his position will be freshman All-America selection Sergio Render, who improved constantly in his role as the right guard. Duane Brown will move from right tackle to left tackle to protect Sean Glennon's blind side, and Ryan Shuman will assume the center duties after serving at left guard a year ago. The coaches are confident with all three of those players, but the questions arise with the two spots left vacant by the moves of Brown and Shuman.

The ideal candidate at left guard is Nick Marshman, who essentially backed up the entire line last season and got off to a good start in the spring. Arguably the most publicized move of the off-season, though, was former tight end and newly bulked-up Ed Wang's emergence as the right tackle. He had begun working there toward the tail end of 2006,

but impressed many with his off-season progression.

Position Changes

In addition to the moves along the offensive line, a pair of defensive players were shuffled around who could easily get regular playing time at their new spots.

Sophomore Kam Chancellor was moved from cornerback to rover prior to spring practice, and the coaches are excited about his potential not only to contribute, but to start.

"It was a great move for Virginia Tech, and for him," strong safeties and outside linebackers coach Jim Cavanaugh said. "He has the makings of becoming a phenomenal

football player."

Meanwhile, redshirt sophomore Cam Martin makes the switch from free safety to whip linebacker, where his pass coverage ability combines with his intelligence to give him a great shot at making an impact this season.

"Cam may be one of the smartest football players that I've ever coached," Cavanaugh said.

Fifth-year senior Corey Gordon currently owns the No. 1 spot vacated by Brenden Hill, but Martin should see action early in the season.

Other changes include Demetrius Taylor's transition from linebacker to defensive end, and Beau Warren switching from tight end to center.

Dominating Defense

The Hokies led the nation in total defense for the second consecutive year in 2006, and also ranked first in both pass

defense and scoring defense.

Unlike last season when they had to replace six starters, defensive coordinator Bud Foster's crew only loses three this time around and had the chance to create some depth in the off-season, which left him with just one concern — getting complacent.

"After leading the nation in defense for two straight years, I thought the guys might start to feel good about themselves — and they should — but we've got a lot left to accomplish," Foster said. "I feel good about their attitude, though, and I'm glad to say they were able to stay hungry."

Leading the pack will be Tech's top two tacklers from a year ago, All-ACC linebackers Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi. Foster thinks they might be the best tandem Tech has ever seen, but he expects even more out of them this season.

"Vince and Xavier have both worked really hard to become complete linebackers, but I've challenged both of them not only to become leaders of the defense, but leaders of the football team."

Newcomers

Although eight returning starters on each side of the ball means that Virginia Tech will be in good hands this season, it also means that there will be some talent to replace when 21 seniors depart at year's end. That is why the Tech coaching staff worked hard to compile one of its finest recruiting classes in recent memory.

"Not only do I think that this is a very talented incoming class, I think it's potentially one of the best classes we've ever signed," Beamer said.

None of the incoming freshmen will be rushed along, however, a sentiment expressed by many of the assistant coaches.

"I'm excited about the class we've put together," Foster said. "I think we've got some good football players coming in, and we need to have them grow and develop because we're going to lose some great seniors after this year. Some of them might take a year or two to develop from a physical standpoint, but I like the qualities, characteristics and abilities that they have."



Offensive Line

The Players

Left Tackle

DUANE BROWN (R-Sr.) – Is changing positions after starting for two years at right tackle ... Football is important to him, and he leads by example and practices very hard ... Coaches are excited about him leading the group, being the most valuable guy on the line and having a great season.

RICHARD GRAHAM (R-So.)

– Coaches feel good about him backing up Brown ... Has shown a lot of fight and gets after it ... Will also be in a battle for playing time at right tackle.

Left Guard

NICK MARSHMAN (R-Jr.) – Answered questions during the spring about being able to play guard ... Played tackle last year because of need ... Coaches felt he was the sixth-best lineman a year ago, and was a backup for each position.

ERIC DAVIS (R-So.) and **MATT WELSH (R-Jr.)** – Will both get reps and a look inside at both guard spots ... Welsh will also get some looks as a backup center.

Center

RYAN SHUMAN (R-Jr.) – Is moving back to center after starting at left guard last year ... Coaches say it's more of a natural

position for him, and he worked there in each of the previous two springs ... Actually played a few snaps there in the bowl game ... Should be a vocal leader for the line.

Headlines

- **Key losses:** Left tackle Brandon Frye, center Danny McGrath and left guard Brandon Gore

- **Key returnees:** *Left tackle Duane Brown and center Ryan Shuman* – Both guys are being moved to new positions (Brown from right tackle and Shuman from left guard), but both are dependable veterans who will be looked to as leaders.

- **Battle to watch:** The starting five seems to be in place, but developing the second five – the backup players – into dependable guys who can win games is the biggest need.

- **Spring standout:** **Duane Brown** turned into the leader of the group, and is doing everything it takes to make himself better. Coaches say he practices so hard that it helps those around him to get better as well.

BEAU WARREN (R-Fr.) – A converted tight end who has gained 30 pounds since arriving on campus ... Coaches are excited to see what he can do ... Still has some work to do to be ready to contribute, but coaches feel it will end up being a good move.

Right Guard

SERGIO RENDER (So.) – A Freshman All-American who missed most of the spring after recovering from knee surgery ... Made it back for a few drills, and should be back healthy and better than last year come fall ... Coaches are very confident with him ... Has a great future and could be special.

BRANDON HOLLAND

(So.) – Repped with the first team in the spring during Render's absence ... Coaches think he's athletic enough, and he will also compete for the backup job at left guard.

Right Tackle

ED WANG (R-So.) – Began last season at tight end, but the move to tackle was in the works toward the end of the season ... Actually took as many snaps at tackle as he did at tight end leading up to the bowl game ... The move showed to be beneficial in the spring, and he had a great off-season in the weight room.

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
71	Aaron Brown	r-Fr.	OT
76	Duane Brown	r-Fr.	OT
57	Clark Crum	r-Fr.	OT
79	Eric Davis	r-So.	OG
64	Richard Graham	r-So.	OT
69	Hivera Green	r-So.	OT
66	Brandon Holland	So.	OG
	Nick Kaminski	r-Fr.	OG
67	Nick Marshman	r-Jr.	OG
	Barrett Mears	r-Fr.	OT
70	Sergio Render	So.	OG
58	Ryan Shuman	r-Jr.	C
77	Ed Wang	r-So.	OT
60	Beau Warren	r-Fr.	C
51	Matt Welsh	r-Jr.	OG/C

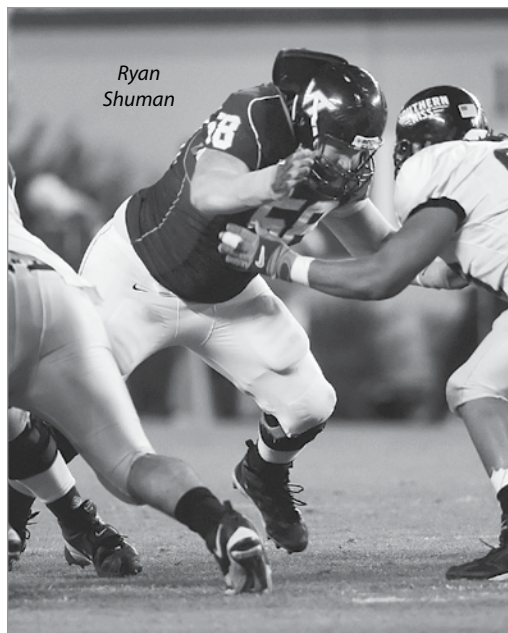
Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Will Alvarez	Fr.	OT
	Jaymes Brooks	Fr.	OG
	Blake DeChristopher	Fr.	OT
	Khalil Latif	Fr.	OG

AARON BROWN (R-Fr.) – Needed to get bigger, faster and stronger, and is doing that ... Fall camp will determine exactly what his status is, but coaches think he's going in the right direction ... Will battle as a backup tackle and continue to push Wang.

Other O-linemen

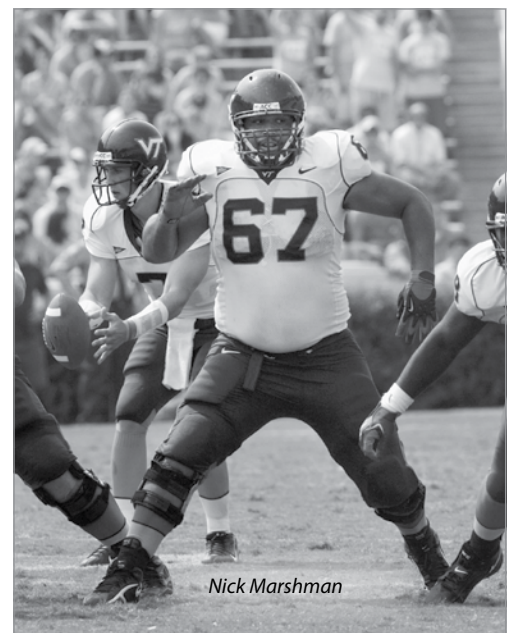
HIVERA GREEN (R-So.), CLARK CRUM (R-Fr.) – Will get quality reps and be given a thorough evaluation in the fall.



Ryan Shuman

Coach Newsome on the Offensive Line

"After spring practice, I thought we were better than we were when we finished the season. Are we where we need to be? Not yet — we need to have a good fall camp also. It's an enthusiastic group, they're hungry, and I feel good about how they practiced this spring. I think we'll be a more physical offensive line than we were a year ago. We've also got some strong freshmen coming in that are more physically ready to go than is typically the case."



Nick Marshman

Receivers & Tight Ends

The Players

Split End

JUSTIN HARPER (Sr.) – A tall, rangy guy who has shown flashes but needs to be more consistent on every play ... Has a world of talent and the potential to be one of the better receivers around ... Needs to get better at blocking, making plays and being a physical presence ... Really stepped up his play in the spring and made some eye-opening catches.

JOSH MORGAN (Sr.) – A big, strong and athletic player who wants to be great ... Can do a lot of good things and was very productive last fall ... If he masters the little things and does more after the catch, he can

produce the great season that coaches are expecting from him.

ZACH LUCKETT (R-Fr.) – Coaches considered playing him last year, but he needs to get better at the mental part of the game ... Has all the physical tools and is similar to Morgan in stature ... Will be counted to show up in the fall in the best shape of his life and contribute as the fifth or sixth receiver.

PRINCE PARKER (R-Fr.) – Very tall and athletic, and has shown some flashes ... Needs to improve his strength and foot speed, but has shown the willingness to become a good player ... His height (6-6) could get him on the field in jump-ball situations, as he resembles former Georgia Tech WR Calvin Johnson in that manner.

Flanker

EDDIE ROYAL (Sr.) – His productivity and consistency made the coaches proud last year, in addition to his performance on special teams ... Has the ability to run reverses, and has become a better route runner ... Can be an explosive player if he keeps improving.

JOSH HYMAN (R-Sr.) – Productivity dropped last year due to some nagging injuries, but started the spring well by pushing Royal at the flanker spot ... A physical player who can make the tough catch ... Has been in big games and made big plays, but needs to take advantage of opportunities ... Can also play split end.

BRANDON DILLARD (R-So.) – Shows a lot of potential and can really run ... Needs to catch a lot of footballs in the off-season, concentrate more, and get stronger ... Showed flashes in the spring and could see time in a backup role.

Tight End

GREG BOONE (R-So.) – Had a complete learning experience after playing QB and FS in high school ... Is good in the run-blocking game, but dropped a lot



Josh Morgan

of balls last year and needs to improve that ... Has gotten into better shape, and has unlimited potential ... Made great progress in the weight room in the off-season.

SAM WHEELER (R-So.) – Progressed the quickest of any tight end last year ... Can get down the field, has good hands and adjusts to the ball well ... Must get better at the point of attack in the blocking game in order to be trusted while running behind him ... During the spring,

he built on the experience he got in the fall, and along with Boone, didn't make the mistakes he made when thrust into the starting role last year.

ANDRE SMITH (R-Fr.) – Coaches are counting on him and are really excited about his potential ... They thought he was the most effective tight end in practices and drills, but was too far behind with the mental aspect ... Brings a lot to the table blocking-wise, but needs to become a viable passing option.

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
8	Greg Boone	r-So.	TE
80	Brandon Dillard	r-So.	FL
	Matt Finnegan	So.	FL
81	Justin Harper	Sr.	SE/FL
19	Josh Hyman	r-Sr.	FL/SE
16	Zach Lockett	r-Fr.	SE
2	Josh Morgan	Sr.	SE
	Prince Parker	r-Fr.	SE
	Michael Reid	Jr.	SE
4	Eddie Royal	Sr.	FL
88	Andre Smith	r-Fr.	TE
	Jacob Sykes	Fr.	FL
83	Sam Wheeler	r-So.	TE

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Danny Coale	Fr.	FL
	Chris Drager	Fr.	TE
	Andrew Lanier	Fr.	TE
	Greg Nosal	Fr.	TE
	Patrick Terry	Fr.	SE

Headlines

- **Key loss:** Flanker David Clowney

- **Key returnees:** Flanker *Eddie Royal* and split end *Josh Morgan* – Each had very similar receiving stats in 2006, but Royal was more consistent, gets his number called in the running game (16 career carries for a 7.1 average), and even tossed a touchdown pass to Sam Wheeler in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

- **Battle to watch:** Although the fifth and sixth spots are up for grabs, Coach Sherman said the real competition goes on every day between the four seniors - **Justin Harper, Josh Hyman, Josh Morgan** and **Eddie Royal**. They push each other constantly, and any combination of the two can be paired out on the field. Sherman said he's never had this kind of depth before.

- **Spring standout:** **Justin Harper** was said to have had his most productive spring since he arrived at Tech after continuously showing signs of his potential. The key will be whether he can build on it and utilize his athletic ability.

Coach Sherman on the Wide Receivers

"I think we made some strides and improved within the offense. The four seniors have all been in the big games, made big plays and done a lot of good things, but I think the key with them is consistency and getting better at the little things. We were starting to click offensively toward the end of the spring on our timing with Sean Glennon, and we showed that we were on the same page. We've got the talent, but we've got to be able to make plays when we're called upon. We need to contribute, be physical and play with great effort."

Coach Stinespring on the Tight Ends

"I like where we finished up at tight end. I tried to illustrate to them that last year, we played as terrific backup tight ends. Even though they were starters by definition, they didn't necessarily perform as starters. They need to understand now that they are returning starters, and they need to progress in order to fit the bill that we want from our tight ends here at Virginia Tech. I think they responded very well to that."



Running Backs & Quarterbacks

Headlines

- **Key loss:** Fullback Jesse Allen
- **Key returnee:** *Tailback Branden Ore* – His 2006 totals of 17 touchdowns and 1,137 yards rank fourth and sixth, respectively, in the Tech record books, and he became the first-ever Hokie to register a pair of 200-yard performances. He accomplished the feat in back-to-back games, and was the only player in the nation last year to do so.
- **Battle to watch:** *Second TB* – Billy Hite would like to give Ore more of a rest during games this season, and wants to settle on a No. 2 between **Kenny Lewis, Jr., Jahre Cheeseman** and **Elan Lewis** who can fill in for 15-20 plays.
- **Spring standout:** **Sean Glennon** was said to have had a different air about him in the spring. The game has slowed down for him, and he stepped in and had complete control and command of the offense.

The Players

Tailback

BRANDEN ORE (R-Jr.) – Is coming off a first-team ALL-ACC season ... Coaches are proud of the way he's grown up on and off the field ... A great competitor and outstanding player with a great shot at playing at the next level if he continues to perform.

KENNY LEWIS, JR. (So.) – Has gotten better every time he's been on the field ... Made outstanding progress last year after being away from the game as a baseball player ... Coach Hite said he's never coached a kid who has worked as hard as him.

JAHRE CHEESEMAN (R-So.) – Hurt his foot in a jayvee game and had surgery not long after moving from CB last year ... Had an eye-opening spring and made great progress ... A special talent who could help out in the fall after getting more reps.

ELAN LEWIS (R-So.) – Was hampered by a knee injury last year but has shown promise ... Has great vision and strength ... Has good speed and can break tackles ... Is working hard to be more consistent and to keep extra weight off.

DUSTIN PICKLE (Jr.) – A walk-on who played special teams last year ... Coaches like what he's all about, and he is working hard in the weight room.

Fullback

CARLTON WEATHERFORD (R-Sr.) – Has gotten bigger, stronger and faster since walking on, and coaches can't say enough about him ... An outstanding blocker who also does a good job of catching the football.

KENNY JEFFERSON (R-So.) – Coming out of high school, coaches thought he was the best blocking fullback they'd seen in a long time ... Has made great improvement mentally and is everything the coaches want in an I-formation fullback.

DEVIN PEREZ (R-Jr.) – A bowling ball-like blocker with great strength and a mean streak ... Played on the goal-line offense last year.

BILLY GORHAM (Sr.) – A walk-on who has done well on special teams, but nagging injuries have kept him from playing more.

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
27	Jahre Cheeseman	r-So.	TB
7	Sean Glennon	r-Jr.	QB
40	Billy Gorham	Sr.	FB
12	Cory Holt	r-Jr.	QB
42	Kenny Jefferson	r-So.	FB
38	Elan Lewis	r-So.	TB
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.	So.	TB
30	Josh Oglesby	Fr.	TB
28	Branden Ore	r-Jr.	TB
44	Devin Perez	r-Jr.	FB
35	Dustin Pickle	Jr.	TB
29	Devin Radford	r-Fr.	TB
14	Grant Throckmorton	r-Sr.	QB/H
39	Carlton Weatherford	r-Sr.	FB
3	Ike Whitaker	r-So.	QB
	Kenny Younger	So.	FB

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Darren Evans	Fr.	TB
	Tyrod Taylor	Fr.	QB

Quarterback

SEAN GLENNON (R-Jr.) – Coaches thought he did a good job running the offense and managing the game last fall ... They like his competitiveness, determination, work ethic and consistency ... Needs to work on ball-carrying and delivering the ball more quickly when he's on the move ... Had a great spring, and demonstrated leadership, confidence and a complete control of the game.

IKE WHITAKER (R-So.)

– Missed the bowl game after leaving the team to undergo rehab for alcohol abuse last December ... Coaches think he's doing what he needs to do and has changed for the better ... A tremendous athlete who can make things happen, but needs to learn the offense better and be more consistent ... Has a better knowledge of how the system works after spring, where he was very productive in scrimmage situations.

CORY HOLT (R-Jr.)

– Coaches like his temperament and the way he competes, and is much improved with his consistency throwing the football following the spring ... Understands the offense, but didn't get a chance to display it in limited action.



Kenny Lewis

Coach Hite on the Running Backs

"I feel so much better coming out of this spring than I did last year at this time. I feel very comfortable with both the fullbacks and the tailbacks, and I'm looking forward to all of them having a great year for us. More specifically, I've always played two tailbacks and I like doing that. Last year, I played Branden Ore a lot more than I wanted to, but I think we're at a point right now where the other guys are closing the gap a little bit, and I think that's important to us because now I am more comfortable inserting someone else in there to give Branden a breather. In addition, I have 3-4 good fullbacks who are all pretty even with each other. The depth that we have at these positions this coming season, as compared to last year, is remarkable."

Coach O'Cain on the Quarterbacks

"I was really pleased with the spring, and I felt that our top three guys all improved from the fall. Not only are my players improved, but so am I. I feel more comfortable coaching them. Last spring, I had just come in and I was learning a new system. In some ways, they knew the system better than I did. Now we are all comfortable with each other, and Sean Glennon in particular exuded confidence, which in turn has made the entire team more confident in him."

Defensive Line

The Players

Defensive End

CHRIS ELLIS (R-Sr.) – Did not participate in spring practice following off-season shoulder surgery, but is anxious to get back on the field and is working hard ... Is the most experienced player coming back ... A highly motivated guy who will be leaned on for leadership and playmaking ability ... Should be an impact player in the ACC.

ORION MARTIN (R-Jr.) – His playing experience gives him an advantage in the starting end spot vacated by Noland Burchette ... Has playmaking ability and plays extremely hard ... A player who is trusted and looks very solid on film ... Repped in Ellis' spot during the spring and continues to prove himself.

NEKOS BROWN (So.) – Plays extremely hard and had a fantastic

spring ... Was moved from linebacker early last season, and wound up playing almost 20 plays in the bowl game ... Effort is never an issue with him, just needs to get more reps and to learn techniques of the position.

JASON WORILDS (R-Fr.) – Had shoulder surgery after the UNC game last year and used a medical redshirt ... Is 100 percent now ... An explosive, powerful prospect who needs to play fast all of the time ... Can be a little bit tentative when making decisions, but can really go once everything gets processed.

DEMETRIUS TAYLOR (R-So.) – Was moved from linebacker to add depth ... Isn't quite where he needs to be yet, but has good enough abilities to get there, and the spring showed it was a good move.

Defensive Tackle

CARLTON POWELL (R-Sr.) – A physical guy at the point of attack who always plays hard ... Is a lot more athletic than is sometimes given credit for, and is always running to the football ... Could increase his pass rush ability ... Will be leaned on as a senior, and coaches were pleased with his effort and leadership in the spring.

BARRY BOOKER (R-Sr.) – Surprised coaches with his stellar junior year ... Won the starting job in the spring a year ago ... Can use an athletic, finesse approach, but has gotten a lot stronger at the point of attack ... Coaches like his work ethic and his day-to-day approach ... Is great in space and can rush the passer.

KORY ROBERTSON (R-Sr.) – Has the capability to be a starter, but needs to consistently step up and beat somebody out instead of being content as a backup ... A gifted athlete with great explosiveness, footwork, quickness and power ... Excites coaches because he keeps taking steps and improving, and has the ability to be a nationally known guy if he plays up to his potential.

JOHN GRAVES (R-Fr.) – Proved in the spring that he's athletic enough to be a backup defensive end, but is in the mix at defensive tackle ... Has the ability to play at both positions, and likely will ... Can be a force inside, but needs to get to the point where he is instinctive and turning it loose.

CORDARROW THOMPSON (R-So.) – Had a pretty good spring and will battle with Graves as the fourth tackle ... Saw regular action last season, playing in every game and recording 14 tackles and two sacks.

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
43	Jason Worilds	r-Fr.	DE
59	Barry Booker	r-Sr.	DT
47	Nekos Brown	So.	DE
49	Chris Ellis	r-Sr.	DE
91	John Graves	r-Fr.	DT/DE
90	Orion Martin	r-Jr.	DE
99	Carlton Powell	r-Sr.	DT
55	Daryl Robertson	r-Fr.	DT
75	Kory Robertson	r-Sr.	DT
56	Demetrius Taylor	r-So.	DE
95	Cordarrow Thompson	r-So.	DT

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Kwamaine Battle	Fr.	DT
	Courtney Prince	Fr.	DT
	Justin Young	Fr.	DE

Headlines

- **Key loss:** Defensive end Noland Burchette
- **Key returnees:** *Chris Ellis, Carlton Powell and Barry Booker* – Other than maybe the receiving corps, the defensive line is the most experienced group on the team. This trio of redshirt seniors has combined for a total of 247 tackles, 49.5 tackles for loss, and 18 sacks throughout their careers.
- **Battle to watch:** *End – Orion Martin, Nekos Brown and Jason Worilds* (formerly Adjepong) will all compete for Burchette's old role. Each of them will play, but the starter will be determined by how they are working and performing on a week-to-week basis.
- **Spring Standout:** The coaches thought **Orion Martin** showed a lot of character, and he's hungry to start at the end position. They say his work ethic is unmatched, and they were impressed with his consistency and the way he approached the spring.



Orion Martin

Coach Wiles on the Defensive Line

"Anytime you've got experience coming back, that's a positive. I think we've got a really competitive situation going on. We've got plenty of guys who can develop into big-time football players, and we're going to play eight or nine defensive linemen. I'm very excited about the steps we made during the spring, and how hungry we are. Everybody's ready to play on Saturdays, but it's during the winter, spring and summer that the work goes into being competitive at this level. If we can stay healthy, we've got a chance to be really good up front."

Linebackers

Headlines

- **Key loss:** Whip Brenden Hill
- **Key returnees:** *Linebackers Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi* – Bud Foster thinks they could both be in the mix for the Butkus Award. Hall has made more tackles (304) than any player in the ACC since the Hokies joined the league three years ago, while Adibi is Tech's active leader in the turnover game (6 INT, 1 FR, 4 FF).
- **Battle to watch:** *Backup Whip* – Cam Martin begins fall practice second on the depth chart, but Cody Grimm is a close No. 3. The two traded spots throughout the spring, and the winner will definitely see playing time when the season starts.
- **Spring standout:** **Purnell Sturdivant** had a great off-season and earned the Excalibur Award — the highest honor given in the weight room. He carried that onto the field, and the coaches were proud of the way he improved.

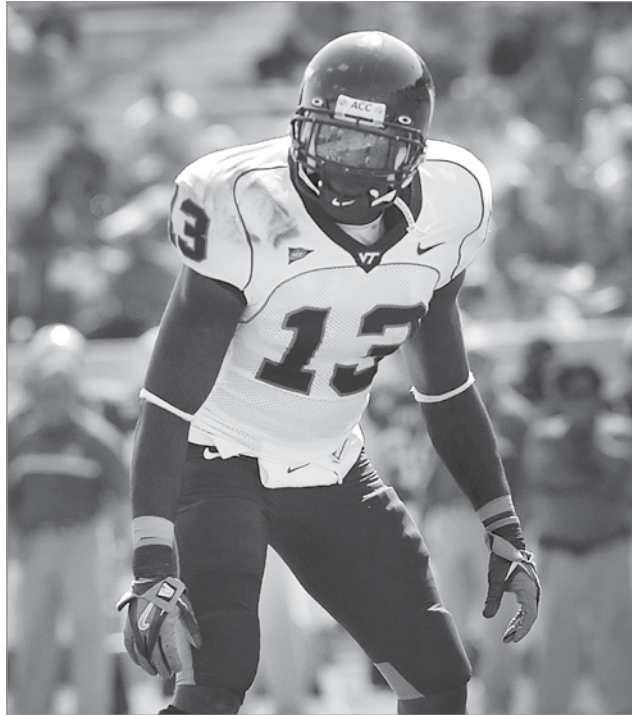
The Players

Mike

VINCE HALL (R-Sr.) – A first-team All-ACC selection a year ago after leading the league in tackles ... A complete linebacker who can still improve ... Foster says he's the best LB in his 20 years, and probably one of the best in Tech history ... Has incomparable vision and instincts ... Has great quickness and a nose for the football.

BRETT WARREN (R-Jr.) – Made the most improvement of any LB last spring and summer, and had another outstanding spring in 2007 ... Used a medical redshirt after hurting his foot vs. UNC ... Has gotten better in the coverage game ... Should be the top backup to Hall.

ANDREW BOWMAN (R-Jr.) – A smart and intelligent player who



Corey Gordon

is trusted ... Knows what to do, but needs to work hard at his physical abilities to be able to do it.

Backer

XAVIER ADIBI (R-Sr.) – Combines with Hall to make the best tandem of linebackers in Foster's tenure ... Possesses all of the abilities, but can afford to get physically stronger ... Has great speed to go with good coverage and blitzing ability ... Has a knack for being around the football and creating big plays ... Tidied up a lot of

things in the spring, including his key reads.

PURNELL STURDIVANT (R-Jr.) – Was one of the most improved during the spring ... Has become more comfortable with understanding the position and not letting his mind tie up his feet.

JONAS HOUSERIGHT (R-Jr.) – A hard worker who should excel on special teams ... Is very intelligent with a high football IQ ... Needs to get stronger ... A

Coach Foster on the Linebackers

"All in all, I thought we made good improvement. Obviously, I feel good about the return of Vince Hall and Xavier Adibi, but the biggest focus for us was to create a little bit of depth at that position, and I think we did that. I really feel good about Brett Warren and Purnell Sturdivant, and I think they give us quality depth that we can win with. We needed to get them up to par where they could keep us competing at a high level should they be called upon, and I think we closed the gap in that regard."

Coach Foster on the Defense

"As an overall defense, I was pleased with our effort. We've got eight starters coming back who have been really good football players for us, but we really targeted creating some depth. If we start off the fall where we left off in the spring, we're going to be in good hands. We would've liked to have gotten that last week of practice in to see how the young guys would respond to 40,000 people in the stands at the spring game, but I feel confident about them and I think we'll be in good shape when it's all said and done."

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
11	Xavier Adibi	r-Sr.	ILB
6	Andrew Bowman	r-Jr.	ILB
82	Steven Friday	r-Fr.	OLB
13	Corey Gordon	r-Sr.	OLB
26	Cody Grimm	r-So.	OLB
9	Vince Hall	r-Sr.	ILB
52	Jonas Houseright	r-Jr.	ILB
41	Cam Martin	r-So.	OLB
	Mark Muncey	r-Fr.	ILB
45	Purnell Sturdivant	r-Jr.	ILB
33	Brett Warren	r-Jr.	ILB

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Quillie Odom	Fr.	LB
	Hunter Ovens	Fr.	LB
	Barquell Rivers	Fr.	LB
	Alonzo Tweedy	Fr.	LB

dependable and steady guy who can be trusted.

MARK MUNCEY (R-Fr.) – A walk-on without a defined role, but had a great off-season and showed a big improvement from a year ago ... Will work at both mike and backer.

Whip

COREY GORDON (R-Sr.) – Backed up Brenden Hill last year and enters fall practice as the starter after a very good and consistent spring ... Needs to have better awareness and reaction to the plays unfolding before him ... Does a good job once he reacts, but needs to compute the information quicker.

CAM MARTIN (R-So.) – Is moving from free safety, and will only get better with more reps ... Ended the spring second on the depth chart, and along with Cody Grimm, is right on Gordon's heels ... Is very intelligent and picks things up quickly.

CODY GRIMM (R-So.) – Played whip on the scout team and was among the ACC leaders in special teams tackles ... Intrigues the coaches and they want to see what he can do with a lot of reps ... Has a good football IQ to go with good quickness and speed.

STEVEN FRIDAY (R-Fr.) – Was moved from defensive end because he was too light ... It will be a new experience for him as he has always played down as a rusher ... Has great strength and moved around well for a defensive end ... Will be a good whip, but has a lot to learn.

Defensive Secondary

The Players

Boundary Corner

BRANDON FLOWERS (R-Jr.) – A returning third-team AP All-American who led the ACC with 21 passes defended ... Wasn't entirely healthy during spring due to an ankle injury sustained in the Chick-fil-A Bowl, but will be good to go come August ... Needs to stay hungry and focused despite the recognition he's received ... Already good at everything, needs to keep working to be great at everything.

STEPHAN VIRGIL (So.) – Gained some experience on special teams, and heads into the fall as Flowers' backup ... Took some time to understand coverages and adjustments, but a year of sitting in the meeting room will give him a head-start on that when fall comes around ... Coaches liked the way he progressed in the spring.

Field Corner

VICTOR "MACHO" HARRIS (Jr.) – A starter who led the team with four interceptions a year ago ... Progressed tremendously last season, and took another step forward in the spring ... Coaches could see him starting to understand the game and get better as the year went on ... An exceptional talent, but can still improve on some of the mental nuances of the game ... A solid tackler and very good playmaker when the opportunity presents itself.

Headlines

- **Key losses:** Rovers Aaron Rouse and Cary Wade
- **Key returnee:** *Cornerback Brandon Flowers* – He is the latest in a recent line of All-America defensive backs (Anthony Midget, Ronyell Whitaker, DeAngelo Hall, Jimmy Williams), but is the first to return following the honor since Whitaker in 2001, and the first ever to do so with two remaining years of eligibility.
- **Battle to watch:** If **Roland Minor** stays focused in the classroom, he is a super-talented guy who will contend with **Stephan Virgil** for the third cornerback spot.
- **Spring standout:** **Macho Harris** was the most consistent guy from the first practice to the last practice, and he really made an effort to get better from a mental and technique standpoint. **Kam Chancellor** was also a pleasant surprise in his first workouts as a rover.

RASHAD CARMICHAEL (R-Fr.) – Redshirted last year and is still learning the position ... Performed very well on the scout team, and is doing a good job in the strength and conditioning program ... Has shown a lot of leadership qualities, and has great speed.



D.J. Parker

ROLAND MINOR (R-Sr.) –

Started in 2005 but missed the first half of 2006 due to a wrist injury sustained in a car accident ... Handled his injury recovery pretty well, but it limited how aggressive he could be with his hand, thus taking away some of his confidence ... Was fully healed by the bowl practices, which was when he finally started to buy into his new backup role, let loose and play football.

Free Safety

D.J. PARKER (Sr.) – A starter who did a great job last season ... Coaches know he's always going to be consistent, and they looked to him for leadership among the defensive backs ... Embraced his role as a leader, and coaches appreciated how he handled the group ... As a senior, will be expected to be more of a team leader as opposed to strictly a secondary leader.

MARIO EDWARDS (R-Fr.) –

Another redshirt who has shown some ability and a willingness to tackle ... Has worked hard in

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
21	Rashad Carmichael	r-Fr.	CB
17	Kam Chancellor	So.	ROV
23	Mario Edwards	r-Fr.	FS
18	Brandon Flowers	r-Jr.	CB
1	Victor Harris	Jr.	CB
15	Roland Minor	r-Sr.	CB
25	D.J. Parker	Sr.	FS
24	Dorian Porch	r-So.	ROV
	Matt Reidy	r-Fr.	ROV
22	Stephan Virgil	So.	CB

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Cris Hill	Fr.	CB
	Davon Morgan	Fr.	FS

the weight room, but still needs to pick up the mental part of the game ... The free safety position demands leadership and comfort in making calls and checks, and he really got better and did some good things as the spring went on.

Rover

KAM CHANCELLOR (So.) – Moved to rover from cornerback, where he backed up Brandon Flowers as a freshman ... Started on three special teams units ... Did a great job in the spring and showed an impressive level of ability at such an early stage in the position change ... Made plenty of eye-opening plays.

DORIAN PORCH (R-So.) – Is the most experienced returnee at rover ... Didn't get a lot of playing time having served behind Aaron Rouse and Cary Wade, but got a lot of practice time and should benefit from that ... Improved in the spring, but needs to develop consistency.

Coach Gray on the Defensive Backs

"I thought the spring went well for the first group — Brandon Flowers, Macho Harris and D.J. Parker — the guys who had lots of experience after last season. Those guys are in sync, and they know what my expectations are with practices and meetings. I really liked the way that they approached things. The younger guys still have a ways to go, but I think Stephan Virgil could end up being a solid backup for us, and I was pleased with Mario Edwards as a free safety."

Coach Cavanaugh on the Rovers & Whips

"At least at the start of the season, I see us using two guys at both rover and whip. If we played tomorrow, Kam Chancellor would start the game at rover, but Dorian Porch would also play. It would be similar with the whips. Last year, Brenden Hill played the whole game, and I don't see that happening again. Corey Gordon would start, and whoever ends up at No. 2 would play as well. I wanted to establish a depth chart with my guys, and I think I've done that to a degree. If you came in and asked them where they stand right now, I think they could tell you the same things that I'm thinking."



Dorian Porch

Special Teams

Headlines

• **Key losses:** Kicker Brandon Pace, punter/holder Nic Schmitt and long snapper Nick Leeson

• **Key returnee:** *Punt/kick returner* **Eddie Royal** – He has been the primary returner for three years now, and made the ALL-ACC second team as a specialist in 2006. He is just 31 yards shy of becoming Tech’s all-time leader in punt return yards, and just 388 yards shy in the kick return department.

• **Battle to watch:** *Place-kicker* – **Jud Dunlevy** and **Jared Develli** will compete for Pace’s old duties. Dunlevy has an edge after serving as the jayvee kicker for three seasons and getting a lot of work in the spring, but Develli has honed his leg as the kickoff guy on the big stage.

• **Spring standout:** **Brent Bowden** had a great spring not only punting the ball, but also fielding erratic snaps and getting rid of the ball in a quick fashion.

Coach Beamer on the Special Teams

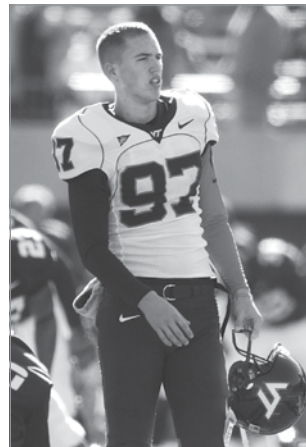
“I think we’ve got a strong group of kickers. The shortened spring probably hurt us more in the kicking game than anywhere else, because we like to build up our kicking slowly during the spring until it all culminates with the spring game. That’s when it would’ve been a pressure-filled situation, because we’d be performing in front of other people as opposed to just ourselves during practice. We’ve got good snappers and kickers, but the only thing we lack is the experience of getting it done in front of people when it counts. However, I’m very confident that we’ll be OK because our guys have kicked in practice a lot.”

The Players

Place-kickers

JUD DUNLEVY (R-Sr.) – Leads the charge for the FG/PAT duties following spring practice, and the only thing he lacks is game experience and the confidence that comes from it ... Has kicked on the jayvee team for three seasons and nailed a 51-yard, game-winning, last-second field goal against Hargrave in 2005 ... He has also kicked off sparingly for the varsity.

JARED DEVELLI (Sr.) – Didn’t kick much during the spring as he dealt with lingering effects of hernia surgery ... Has been the primary kickoff guy for the Hokies for the last three seasons, and was 0-for-1 on FG attempts in 2006.



Brent Bowden

DUSTIN KEYS (R-So.) and MATT WALDRON (R-So.) – A pair of walk-ons who showed ability and will continue to compete.

Punters

BRENT BOWDEN (R-So.) – Has been the No. 2 punter for the past two years, but has yet to see game action ... Enters the fall as the starter after having a great all-around spring ... Has exceptional talent and could be very good once he gets into the groove of the game.

BRIAN SAUNDERS (r-Fr.) – A walk-on who also works as a scout team quarterback ... Was better in the spring than he was in the fall ... Impressed Coach Beamer, who looks forward to seeing what he does this fall.

Snappers

SCOTT KING (Sr.) – Handled all short snapping duties last season, and will continue to do so ... Coaches have been really pleased with his work habits ... May figure into the long snapping competition as well.

Returners

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
97	Brent Bowden	r-So.	P
98	Jared Develli	Sr.	PK
92	Jud Dunlevy	r-Sr.	PK
	Jacob Gardner	r-Fr.	DS
	Dustin Keys	r-So.	PK
61	Scott King	Sr.	DS
54	Bart McMillin	r-Sr.	DS
	Brian Saunders	r-Fr.	P/QB
	Matt Waldron	r-Fr.	PK

Newcomers

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Collin Carroll	Fr.	DS/C

BART McMILLIN (R-Sr.) – Is a bit erratic at times, but should take over for Nick Leeson as the long snapper ... Has dressed for every game for two years, but has yet to see game action.

JACOB GARDNER (R-Fr.) – Will work as a long snapper after practicing as a defensive lineman last year ... His brother snaps at Virginia ... Must work at his protection following the snap.

Holders

GRANT THROCKMORTON (R-Sr.) – Has worked at quarterback in the past, but missed 2006 with a broken ankle ... Has a confident way about him, and has served as a backup holder in the past.

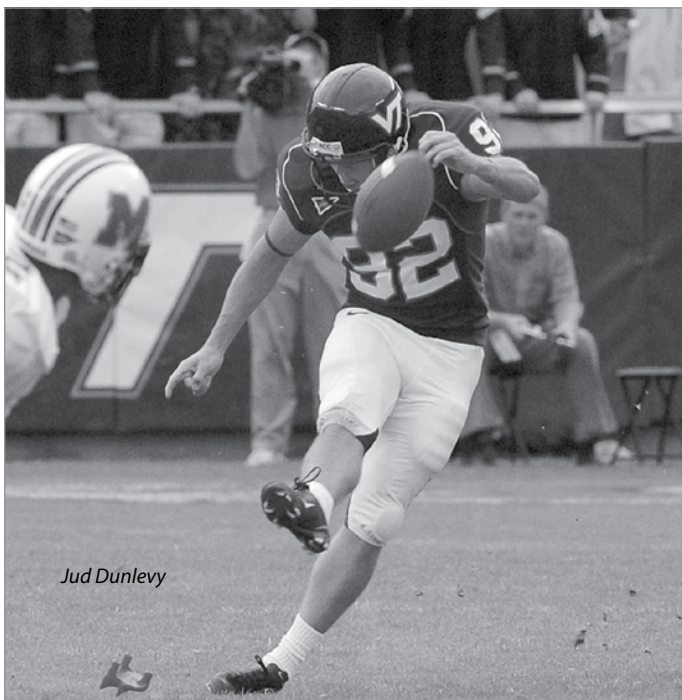
BRENT BOWDEN (R-So.) – A logical option since Schmitt was the punter/holder ... Has held for Dunlevy and Develli in practice games ... Is used to catching snaps for his punting duties.

Kickoffs

JUD DUNLEVY (R-Sr.) and JARED DEVELLI (Sr.) – Have competed for the job in the past, and will continue to do so ... Develli has the edge, having handled most of the kickoffs for three years, but was limited in the spring after having hernia surgery in December and missing the bowl game.

Returners

EDDIE ROYAL (Sr.), JOSH MORGAN (Sr.) and VICTOR “MACHO” HARRIS (Jr.) – All three could share duties in the fall ... Royal has led the team in kickoff and punt return yardage for three straight seasons, but Morgan had a career-high in kickoff return yardage last year, and Harris began working as a return man in practice last year.



Jud Dunlevy



Hokie Preseason Rosters

Roster changes are expected before the season opens. An updated roster will be available from the Athletics Communications Office prior to the season.

No.	Name	vl	Pos	DOB	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
11	Xavier Adibi	3	LB	10/18/84	6-2	219	r-Sr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
	Jeff Beyer	-	QB	8/11/88	6-4	218	So.	Fairfax, Va.	W.T. Woodson	Gerry Pannoni
59	Barry Booker	2	DT	11/13/85	6-4	277	r-Sr.	Amherst, Va.	Amherst	Scott Abell
8	Greg Boone	1	TE	9/14/86	6-3	285	r-So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Oscar Smith	Richard Morgan
97	Brent Bowden	-	P	5/21/87	6-2	205	r-So.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
6	Andrew Bowman	-	LB	3/6/86	5-11	240	r-Jr.	Glen Allen, Va.	Hermitage	Patrick Kane
71	Aaron Brown	-	OT	3/16/88	6-6	322	r-Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Princeton	Brian Dodds
76	Duane Brown	3	OT	8/30/85	6-5	302	r-Sr.	Richmond, Va.	Hermitage	Patrick Kane
47	Nekos Brown	1	DE	2/18/88	6-2	241	So.	Brandywine, Md.	Thomas Stone	Steve Lindsey
	Chad Carlson	-	DE	12/11/86	6-2	239	r-So.	Poquoson, Va.	Poquoson	Don Ward
21	Rashad Carmichael	-	CB	9/9/88	5-10	182	r-Fr.	Clinton, Md.	Gwynn Park	Danny Hayes
17	Kam Chancellor	1	ROV	4/3/88	6-4	219	So.	Norfolk, Va.	Maury	Dealton Cotton
27	Jahre Cheeseman	-	TB	1/11/87	5-10	203	r-So.	Voorhees, N.J.	Eastern	Dan Spittal
	Ron Cooper	-	CB	12/28/87	5-10	181	So.	Richmond, Va.	Meadowbrook	Bill Bowles
57	Clark Crum	-	OT	2/22/88	6-7	280	r-Fr.	Dublin, Ohio	Scioto	Karl Johnson
79	Eric Davis	-	OG	5/23/87	6-7	329	r-So.	Lorton, Va.	West Springfield	Bill Renner
	Paul Debnam	-	FL	10/13/87	6-2	195	So.	Farmville, Va.	Prince Edward County	Terrence Edmonds
98	Jared Develli	3	PK	12/28/85	6-0	230	Sr.	Sterling, Va.	Park View	Charlie Pierce
80	Brandon Dillard	-	FL	2/3/87	5-10	176	r-So.	Martinsville, Va.	Bassett	James Gilbert
92	Jud Dunlevy	-	PK	10/9/84	5-9	189	r-Sr.	Roanoke Rapids, N.C.	Roanoke Rapids	Tim Bennett
23	Mario Edwards	-	FS	7/14/88	6-2	214	r-Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake	Dallas Allen
49	Chris Ellis	3	DE	2/11/85	6-5	257	r-Sr.	Hampton, Va.	Bethel	Tracy Parker
	Matt Finnegan	-	FL	7/28/85	6-1	195	r-So.	Yorktown, Va.	Grafton	David Walton
18	Brandon Flowers†	2	CB	2/18/86	5-10	192	r-Jr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Atlantic	Chris Bean
82	Steven Friday	-	LB	8/9/86	6-4	218	r-Fr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
	Jacob Gardner	-	DS	8/29/85	6-0	243	r-So.	Wytheville, Va.	George Wythe	Donnie Pruitt
7	Sean Glennon	2	QB	9/5/85	6-4	227	r-Jr.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
13	Corey Gordon†	3	LB	6/9/84	6-2	226	r-Sr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville	Rick Swain
40	Billy Gorham	1	FB	3/11/85	5-10	243	Sr.	Franconia, Va.	Robert E. Lee	Gerry Pannoni
64	Richard Graham	-	OG	3/30/87	6-6	295	r-So.	Richmond, Va.	St. Christopher's	Paul Padalino
91	John Graves	-	DT/DE	6/25/87	6-3	273	r-Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Meadowbrook	Bill Bowles
69	Hivera Green	-	OG	8/1/87	6-3	312	r-So.	Conway, S.C.	Conway	Chuck Jordan
26	Cody Grimm	1	LB	2/26/87	5-11	203	r-So.	Fairfax, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
9	Vince Hall	3	LB	12/3/84	6-0	238	r-Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Western Branch	Lew Johnston
81	Justin Harper†	3	SE	2/24/85	6-4	195	Sr.	Catawba, N.C.	Bandys	Randy Lowman
1	Victor Harris	2	CB	2/16/86	6-0	195	Jr.	Highland Springs, Va.	Highland Springs	Scott Burton
66	Brandon Holland†	-	OG	4/1/86	6-4	322	So.	Roanoke, Va.	Northside	Jim Hickam
12	Cory Holt†	2	QB	6/17/85	6-4	225	r-Jr.	Lexington, N.C.	Lexington	Billy Hunt
89	Jonas Houseright	1	LB	5/17/85	6-0	205	r-Jr.	Gate City, Va.	Gate City	Nic Colobro
19	Josh Hyman†	3	FL	4/18/83	5-11	193	r-Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
42	Kenny Jefferson	-	FB	7/9/87	5-9	223	r-So.	Port Tobacco, Md.	DeMatha Catholic	Bill McGregor
	Nick Kaminski	-	C	2/17/88	6-4	270	r-Fr.	Bolling AFB, D.C.	Bishop O'Connell	Steve Trimble
	Dustin Keys	-	PK	2/6/86	6-2	195	r-So.	Stafford, Va.	Brooke Point	Jeff Berry
61	Scott King	1	DS	8/26/85	6-0	265	Sr.	Radford, Va.	Radford	Norm Lineburg
38	Elan Lewis	-	TB	5/7/86	5-8	233	r-So.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.	1	TB	10/13/84	5-9	193	So.	Danville, Va.	George Washington	Everett Woods

2007 Numerical Roster

1	Victor Harris	CB	21	Rashad Carmichael	CB	44	Devin Perez	FB	71	Aaron Brown	OT
2	Josh Morgan	SE	22	Stephan Virgil	CB	45	Purnell Sturdivant	LB	75	Kory Robertson	DT
3	Ike Whitaker	QB	23	Mario Edwards	FS	47	Nekos Brown	DE	76	Duane Brown	OT
4	Eddie Royal	FL	24	Dorian Porch	ROV	49	Chris Ellis	DE	77	Ed Wang	OT
6	Andrew Bowman	LB	25	D.J. Parker	FS	51	Matt Welsh	OG	79	Eric Davis	OG
7	Sean Glennon	QB	26	Cody Grimm	LB	54	Bart McMillin	DS	80	Brandon Dillard	FL
8	Greg Boone	TE	27	Jahre Cheeseman	TB	55	Daryl Robertson	DT	81	Justin Harper	SE
9	Vince Hall	LB	28	Branden Ore	TB	56	Demetrius Taylor	DE	82	Steven Friday	LB
11	Xavier Adibi	LB	29	Devin Radford	TB	57	Clark Crum	OT	83	Sam Wheeler	TE
12	Cory Holt	QB	30	Josh Oglesby	TB	58	Ryan Shuman	C	87	Prince Parker	SE
13	Corey Gordon	LB	33	Brett Warren	LB	59	Barry Booker	DT	88	Andre Smith	TE
14	Grant Throckmorton	QB/H	35	Dustin Pickle	TB	60	Beau Warren	C	89	Jonas Houseright	LB
15	Roland Minor	CB	38	Elan Lewis	TB	61	Scott King	DS	90	Orion Martin	DE
16	Zach Luckett	SE	39	Carlton Weatherford	FB	64	Richard Graham	OG	91	John Graves	DT/DE
17	Kam Chancellor	ROV	40	Billy Gorham	FB	66	Brandon Holland	OG	92	Jud Dunlevy	PK
18	Brandon Flowers	CB	41	Cam Martin	LB	67	Nick Marshman	OG	95	Cordarrow Thompson	DT
19	Josh Hyman	FL	42	Kenny Jefferson	FB	69	Hivera Green	OG	97	Brent Bowden	P
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.	TB	43	Jason Worlids	DE	70	Sergio Render	OG	98	Jared Develli	PK
									99	Carlton Powell	DT



Virginia Tech's 2007 Football Recruiting Class

Name	Pos	DOB	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
Will Alvarez	OT	6/11/89	6-5	315	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va.	C.D. Hylton	Lou Sorrentino
Kwamaine Battle	DT	8/24/89	6-1	260	Fr.	Spring Hope, N.C.	Southern Nash	Brian Foster
Jaymes Brooks	OG	7/31/89	6-3	290	Fr.	Newport News, Va.	Denbigh	Tracy Harrod
Collin Carroll	DS/C	5/24/89	6-4	260	Fr.	Hopkins, Minn.	Edina	Kim Nelson
Danny Coale	FL	6/27/88	6-0	200	Fr.	Lexington, Va.	Episcopal	Mark Gowin
Blake DeChristopher	T	9/8/88	6-6	310	Fr.	Midlothian, Va.	Clover Hill	Sean O'Hare
Chris Drager	TE	8/23/88	6-4	235	Fr.	Jefferson Hills, Pa.	Thomas Jefferson	Bill Cherpak
Darren Evans	TB	11/9/88	6-1	217	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind.	Warren Central	Steve Tuttsie
Cris Hill	CB	8/29/89	5-11	190	Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Highland Springs	Scott Burton
Andrew Lanier	TE	2/14/89	6-5	250	Fr.	Moore, S.C.	Dorman	Dave Gutshall
Khalil Latif	OG	10/7/89	6-3	280	Fr.	Chesterfield, Va.	Manchester	Tom Hall
Davon Morgan	FS	1/28/89	6-2	190	Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Varina	Gary Chilcoat
Greg Nosal	TE	4/25/89	6-5	255	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kellam	Chris Dewitt
Quillie Odom	LB	5/7/89	6-2	205	Fr.	Manassas, Va.	Osborn Park	Brian Beaty
Hunter Ovens	LB	11/3/88	6-2	220	Fr.	Bradenton, Fla.	Cardinal Mooney	Mike Dowling
Kendrick Pressley	ATH	8/5/89	6-0	170	Fr.	Sumter, S.C.	Sumter	Paul Sorrells
Courtney Prince	DT	6/13/89	6-2	252	Fr.	Mitchellville, Md.	Gwynn Park	Danny Hayes
Barquell Rivers	LB	12/19/88	6-2	185	Fr.	Wadesboro, N.C.	Anson County	Jody Groom
Tyrod Taylor	QB	8/3/89	6-2	185	Fr.	Hampton, Va.	Hampton	Mike Smith
Patrick Terry	SE	11/12/88	5-11	180	Fr.	South Boston, Va.	Halifax County	John Lacy Harris
D.J. Thomas	TB	3/28/89	5-9	175	Fr.	Ashland, Va.	Patrick Henry	Ray Long, Jr.
Alonzo Tweedy	LB	7/27/89	6-2	185	Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Hermitage	Patrick Kane
Justin Young	DE	11/21/89	6-5	255	Fr.	Germantown, Md.	Northwest	Randy Trivers

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16	Zach Luckett	-	SE	12/8/87	6-3	217	r-Fr.	Mays Landing, N.J.	Holy Spirit	Bill Walsh
67	Nick Marshman	2	OG	2/13/85	6-5	355	r-Jr.	Harrisonburg, Va.	Turner Ashby	Joe Taylor
41	Cam Martin	1	LB	4/19/87	6-1	216	r-So.	Martinsville, Va.	George Washington	Dan Newell
90	Orion Martin††	2	DE	9/2/85	6-2	255	r-Jr.	Martinsville, Va.	George Washington	Everett Woods
54	Bart McMillin	-	DS	2/25/85	6-0	230	r-Sr.	Bristol, Tenn.	Tennessee	Greg Stubbs
	Barrett Mears	-	C	2/22/88	6-5	282	r-Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Mills E. Godwin	Will Kitchen
15	Roland Minor	3	CB	8/1/84	6-0	203	r-Sr.	Washington, D.C.	H.D. Woodson	Greg Fuller
2	Josh Morgan‡	3	SE	6/20/85	6-1	216	Sr.	Washington, D.C.	H.D. Woodson	Greg Fuller
	Mark Muncey	-	LB	11/27/85	5-11	225	r-So.	Tazewell, Va.	Tazewell	Bobby Wyatt
30	Josh Oglesby	-	TB	9/23/88	5-11	212	Fr.	Garner, N.C.	Garner	Nelson Smith
28	Branden Ore	2	TB	2/17/86	5-11	207	r-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Indian River	Cadillac Harris
25	D.J. Parker†	3	FS	4/18/85	5-11	190	Sr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
87	Prince Parker	-	SE	12/21/87	6-5	224	r-Fr.	Norfolk, Va.	Mauzy	Dealton Cotton
44	Devin Perez‡	-	FB	6/1/85	5-8	248	r-Jr.	Sparta, N.J.	Pope John XXIII	Vic Paternostro
35	Dustin Pickle	1	TB	7/16/86	5-10	185	Jr.	Salem, Va.	Salem	Stephen Magenbauer
24	Dorian Porch	1	ROV	3/16/87	5-11	200	r-So.	Calhoun, Ga.	Gordon Central	Bill Long
99	Carlton Powell	3	DT	8/14/85	6-2	301	r-Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge	Noble Palmer
29	Devin Radford	-	TB	1/13/88	5-9	190	r-Fr.	Fayetteville, NC	E.E. Smith	Milton Butts
	Michael Reid	-	SE	9/28/87	6-3	201	Jr.	Martinsville, Va.	Martinsville	Taylor Edwards
	Matt Reidy	-	ROV	1/8/87	6-0	219	So.	Gaithersburg, Md.	Damascus	Dan Makosy
70	Sergio Render	1	OG	9/13/86	6-3	320	So.	Newnan, Ga.	Newnan	Robert Herring
	Tim Richardson	-	LB	2/16/87	5-9	233	r-Fr.	Hampton, Va.	Hampton	Mike Smith
55	Daryl Robertson	-	DT	7/15/88	6-2	296	r-Fr.	Bedford, Va.	Liberty	Chris Watts
75	Kory Robertson	2	DT	12/12/84	6-2	338	r-Sr.	Martinsville, Va.	Magna Vista	Joe Beckelheimer
4	Eddie Royal	3	FL	5/21/86	5-10	181	Sr.	Herndon, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
	Brian Saunders	-	QB/P	2/23/88	6-0	212	r-Fr.	Roseland, Va.	Nelson County	Tim Crawford
58	Ryan Shuman	1	C	7/8/86	6-3	309	r-Jr.	Fork Union, Va.	Fork Union	Mickey Sullivan
88	Andre Smith	-	TE	9/26/88	6-4	256	r-Fr.	Germantown, Md.	Seneca Valley	Fred Kim
45	Purnell Sturdivant	2	LB	3/19/86	5-10	230	r-Jr.	Norfolk, Va.	Lake Taylor	Hank Sawyer
	Jacob Sykes	-	FL	4/27/88	6-0	187	Fr.	Goldsboro, N.C.	Goldsboro	Maurice Jackson
56	Demetrius Taylor	-	DE	11/22/86	6-0	247	r-So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kellam	Chris DeWitt
95	Cordarrow Thompson	1	DT	10/2/87	6-2	325	r-So.	Stafford, Va.	North Stafford	Eric Cooke
14	Grant Throckmorton	-	QB/H	10/27/84	6-3	213	r-Sr.	Wytheville, Va.	George Wythe	Donnie Pruitt
22	Stephan Virgil	-	CB	4/3/87	5-11	185	So.	Rocky Mount, N.C.	Rocky Mount	B.W. Holt
	Matt Waldron‡‡	-	PK	10/16/87	5-11	186	r-Fr.	Oakfield, N.Y.	Oakfield-Alabama	John Dowd
77	Ed Wang	1	OT	3/12/87	6-5	309	r-So.	Ashburn, Va.	Stone Bridge	Mickey Thompson
60	Beau Warren	-	C	12/31/87	6-3	275	r-Fr.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
33	Brett Warren	2	LB	3/7/85	6-1	230	r-Jr.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
39	Carlton Weatherford	1	FB	1/5/85	5-10	227	r-Sr.	Danville, Va.	Tunstall	Buddy Brown
51	Matt Welsh	-	OG	9/12/84	6-4	303	r-Jr.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
83	Sam Wheeler†	1	TE	5/27/86	6-3	258	r-So.	Blacksburg, Va.	Blacksburg	Dave Crist
3	Ike Whitaker	-	QB	6/5/87	6-4	231	r-So.	Germantown, Md.	Northwest	Randy Trivers
43	Jason Worlids	-	DE	3/3/88	6-1	261	r-Fr.	Carteret, N.J.	Carteret	Bob Molarz
	Kenny Younger	-	FB	5/11/88	5-11	227	So.	Richmond, Va.	Mills Godwin	Will Kitchen

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‡‡ also attended Penn State University

Preseason Depth Chart

The depth chart is subject to change.

Offense (Multiple)

SE	81	Justin Harper (6-4, 204, Sr.)
	2	Josh Morgan (6-1, 219, Sr.)
TE	8	Greg Boone (6-3, 281, r-So.)
	83	Sam Wheeler (6-3, 252, r-So.)
LT	76	Duane Brown (6-5, 310, r-Sr.)
	71	Aaron Brown (6-6, 300, r-Fr.)
LG	67	Nick Marshman (6-5, 351, r-Jr.)
	51	Matt Welsh (6-4, 295, r-Jr.)
D	58	Ryan Shuman (6-3, 318, r-Jr.)
	60	Beau Warren (6-3, 275, r-Fr.)
RG	70	Sergio Render (6-3, 320, So.)
	64	Richard Graham (6-6, 290, r-So.)
RT	77	Ed Wang (6-5, 304, r-So.)
	57	Clark Crum (6-7, 280, r-Fr.)
TB	28	Branden Ore (5-11, 202, r-Jr.)
	20	Kenny Lewis, Jr. (5-9, 195, So.)
FB	39	Carlton Weatherford (5-10, 230, r-Sr.)
	42	Kenny Jefferson (5-9, 222, r-So.)
QB	7	Sean Glennon (6-4, 221, r-Jr.)
	3	Ike Whitaker (6-4, 204, r-So.)
FL	4	Eddie Royal (5-10, 181, Sr.)
	19	Josh Hyman (5-11, 192, r-Sr.)
PK	92	Jud Dunlevy (5-9, 188, r-Sr.)
	98	Jared Develli (6-0, 230, Sr.)



Barry Booker

Defense (4-3)

DE	49	Chris Ellis (6-5, 260, r-Sr.)
	47	Nekos Brown (6-2, 240, So.)
DT	99	Carlton Powell (6-2, 294, r-Sr.)
	75	Kory Robertson (6-2, 335, r-Sr.)
DT	59	Barry Booker (6-4, 280, r-Sr.)
	95	Cordarrow Thompson (6-2, 334, r-So.) OR
	91	John Graves (6-3, 257, r-Fr.)
DE	90	Orion Martin (6-2, 260, r-Jr.)
	43	Jason Worlids (6-1, 245, r-Fr.)
OLB	13	Corey Gordon (6-2, 226, r-Sr.)
	41	Cam Martin (6-1, 207, r-So.)
ILB	9	Vince Hall (6-0, 240, r-Sr.)
	33	Brett Warren (6-0, 227, r-Jr.)
ILB	11	Xavier Adibi (6-2, 226, r-Sr.)
	45	Purnell Sturdivant (5-10, 216, r-Jr.)
CB	1	Victor "Macho" Harris (6-0, 200, Jr.)
	21	Rashad Carmichael (5-10, 182, r-Fr.) OR
	15	Roland Minor (6-0, 203, r-Sr.)
FS	25	D.J. Parker (5-11, 194, Sr.)
	23	Mario Edwards (6-2, 200, r-Fr.)
ROV	17	Kam Chancellor (6-4, 217, So.)
	24	Dorian Porch (5-11, 203, r-So.)
CB	18	Brandon Flowers (5-10, 190, r-Jr.)
	22	Stephan Virgil (5-11, 185, So.)
P	97	Brent Bowden (6-2, 197, r-So.)
	13	Brian Saunders (6-0, 200, r-Fr.)

2006 Lettermen and Returning Starters

Total Lettermen; 61; Lost 19/Returning 42
(2006 starters in bold; starts in parentheses)

Lost - 9		Defense		Returning - 21	
Noland Burchette (13)	E			Chris Ellis (12)	
				Orion Martin (1)	
				Nekos Brown	
Chris Burnett	T			Carlton Powell (13)	
				Barry Booker (13)	
				Kory Robertson	
				Cordarrow Thompson	
Brenden Hill (13)	OLB			Corey Gordon	
Chad Grimm				Cody Grimm	
	ILB			Vince Hall (13)	
				Xavier Adibi (13)	
				Jonas Houseright	
				Purnell Sturdivant	
Ryan Hash	CB			Brandon Flowers (13)	
				Macho Harris (13)	
				Roland Minor	
				Kam Chancellor	
Aaron Rouse (11)	ROV			Stephen Virgil	
Jake Patten				Dorian Porch	
Cary Wade (2)					
Cory Price	S			D.J. Parker (13)	
				Cam Martin	

Lost - 7

Brandon Frye (11)

Brandon Gore (5)

Zac Lowe

Danny McGrath (13)

Mason Baggett

Jesse Allen (6)

David Clowney (5)

Lost - 3

Brandon Pace (13)

Nic Schmitt (13)

Nick Leeson (13)

Offense

Returning - 19	
SE	Josh Morgan (11)
	Justin Harper (3)
	Josh Hyman
TE	Greg Boone (9)
	Sam Wheeler (4)
	Ed Wang (5)
OT	Duane Brown (13)
	Nick Marshman (2)
OG	Ryan Shuman (8)
	Sergio Render (13)
C	
QB	Sean Glennon (13)
	Cory Holt
	Ike Whitaker
FB	Carlton Weatherford
	Billy Gorham
TB	Branden Ore (12)
	Kenny Lewis, Jr. (1)
	Dustin Pickle
FL	Eddie Royal (9)

Specialists

Returning - 2	
PK	Jared Develli (11)
KO	
P	
DS	
SS	Scott King (13)