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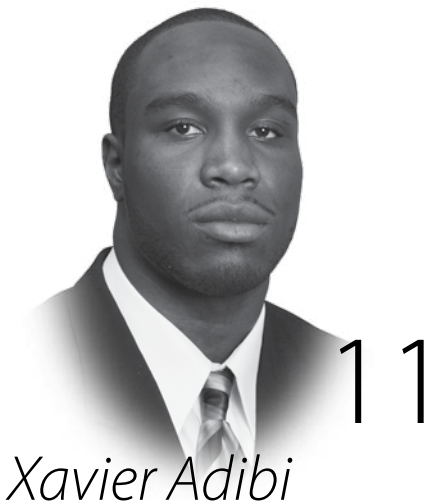
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# 2007 HOKIES



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Xavier Adibi

**Linebacker • 6-2 • 219 • r-Sr.  
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

A big-play man who earned second-team All-ACC honors last year ... Teams up with Vince Hall to form one of the top linebacking duos in the country ... Has started every game over the past two seasons ... Covers a lot of ground quickly ... Tech's best sideline-to-sideline defender ... Contributed key plays in each of the Hokies' last three conference games in 2006 ... Intercepted a pass to set up the winning touchdown at Miami ... Returned a fumble for a TD to ice a win at No. 14 Wake Forest ... Forced a fumble with a sack to pave the way for Tech's first touchdown against Virginia ... Was second on the team in tackles (82) and tied for second in interceptions (3) ... Shared the ACC lead in forced fumbles with three ... Plays fast, smart

### HOKIES Pronunciation Guide

- XAVIER ADIBI.....ZAY-vee-ur uh-DEE-bee
- KWAMAIN Battle.....Kwuh-MANE
- NEKOS Brown .....NEE-kose
- JAHRE Cheeseman ..... jah-REE
- Jared DEVELLI ..... duh-VELL-eee
- Chris DRAGER ..... DRAY-gurr
- Jud DUNLEVY..... DUN-lee-vee
- HIVERA Green..... Hah-vee-air (Javier)
- KHALIL LATIF ..... Kuh-LEEL Luh-TEEF
- ELAN Lewis ..... EE-lin
- ORION Martin .....Oh-RYE-in (O'Ryan)
- Greg NOSAL.....NO-zul
- QUILLIE Odom.....KWIL-ee
- Branden ORE ..... Orr
- BARQUELL Rivers..... Bar-KWELL
- CORDARROW Thompson ..... Core-DARE-oh
- STEPHAN Virgil ..... Steh-FAHN
- BEAU Warren ..... BO
- Jason WORILDS..... Worlds

and aggressive ... Is being counted on for leadership.

**2006:** Started all 13 games at the backer position, seeing action on 699 plays ... Also chipped in 97 plays on special teams ... Finished the season with 82 total tackles, three sacks, three interceptions, three passes broken up and three forced fumbles ... Had seven tackles, including one behind the line, in the opener against Northeastern ... Also picked up a quarterback hurry ... Intercepted a pass and returned it 40 yards to set up Tech's first touchdown at UNC ... Led the team with eight tackles ... Played every defensive down against Cincinnati ... Contributed 13 tackles and forced a fumble ... Was in for every defensive play against Georgia Tech, contributing nine tackles, including a sack ... Picked up a shoulder stinger in the Southern Miss game ... Came back against Clemson and set up a touchdown with an interception ... Also had five tackles and broke up two more passes ... Won ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors after posting nine tackles, two hurries, a sack, a forced fumble and an interception at Miami ... His pick in that game set up Tech's winning TD ... Was in on five tackles against Kent State ... Picked up a fumble and returned it 35 yards for a key touchdown at Wake Forest ... Set up Tech's first touchdown against Virginia by causing a fumble with a sack at the UVa 12, earning ACC Defensive Lineman of the Week honors again ... Also contributed eight tackles and another tackle for loss ... Had four tackles against Georgia in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

**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 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 quarterback 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 scrimmage ... 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 quarterback hurries ... Played 192 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the regular season ... Was lost for six games after suffering a torn tendon in his right biceps muscle during the opening game against USC ... Injury happened on his 23rd play as a collegian ... Had surgery the following week ... Made a remarkable recovery and returned to the field against Georgia Tech ... Played 43 snaps in that game, recording eight tackles, seven of which were solo stops ... Had a forced fumble on his first drive ... Also had 2.5 tackles for loss and two sacks ... Recorded his first career interception in the win over Maryland ... Recorded a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump, a 340-pound bench and a 4.5 40-yard dash in spring testing.

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

**High School:** Named an All-American by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman and an All-American by *SuperPrep* as a linebacker ... Played for Coach Bill Dee at Phoebus High ... Helped his team to back-to-back Group AAA championships ... Was a 2002 AAA first-team all-state selection by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... A first-team and defensive player of the year selection to the 2002 AAA coaches all-state team at the defensive end position ... Named to the VHSCA All-Eastern Region first team as a defensive end ... Named to the first-team *Newport News Daily Press* All-Star Team as a defensive lineman ... A three-time Daily Press All-Star ... Was the leader of a Phantoms' defense that held opponents to fewer than five points a game ... Finished with a team-best 13.5 sacks and 100-plus tackles, including 31 for loss ... Also rushed for 575 yards and 11 TDs at fullback ... A first-team all-region selection at end ... A first-team selection to the 2001 AAA Coaches and Associated Press all-state teams at defensive lineman 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.	Loss	Sacks
2004	7	21	4	25	4.5-	20 2.0-
2005	13	28	41	69	7.0-	17 3.0-
2006	13	29	53	82	5.5-	14 3.0-
Career	33	78	98	176	17.0-	51 8.0-

2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	3	4	7	1-	2 0- 0
at UNC	1	3	5	8	0.5-	1 0- 0
DUKE	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0
UC	1	2	11	13	0.5-	1 0- 0
GT	1	4	5	9	1- 2	1- 2
at BC	1	3	2	5	0- 0	0- 0
USM	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
CU	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	7	2	9	1- 5	1- 5
KENT	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0
at WF	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
UVa	1	1	7	8	1.5-	3 1- 2
UGA	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	7	1	0	0.0	0	0
2005	13	2	50	25.0	1	25
2006	13	3	49	16.3	0	40
Career	33	6	99	16.5	1	40



Jeff Beyer

**Quarterback • 6-4 • 218 • So.**  
Fairfax, Va. • W.T. Woodson

A smart player who joined the team during the fall ... Showed excellent work habits ... Hasn't been able to get a lot of reps, but could play an important role on the scout team this fall.

**2006:** Joined the team as a walk-on and worked on the scout and jayvee teams ... Improved in three of four major lifts during off-season strength and conditioning tests.

**High School:** Played quarterback for Coach Gerry Pannoni at Woodson ... Helped team defeat Langley High School for the Northern Regional Championship in 2004 ... Named Male Athlete of the Year by his high school as a junior.

**Personal:** Jeff Andrew Beyer ... Born 8/11/88 in Arlington, VA ... Son of Jerry and Lauri Beyer ... Majoring in engineering science and mechanics.



Barry Booker

**Defensive Tackle • 6-4 • 277 • r-Sr.**  
Amherst, Va. • Amherst H.S.

Played well during his first year as a starter ... Has shown steady progress and the ability to make plays since arriving on campus ... Used his athleticism to lead the defensive line in tackles in 2006 ... Made a key fourth-down stop during win at No. 14 Wake Forest ... Tied for fourth on the team in tackles with 52 ... Won the Coaches' Award for the best spring practice on defense.

**2006:** Moved into the starting lineup during the preseason and started every game ... Played 493 downs on defense and 31 on special teams during the regular season ... Posted 52 tackles, seven behind the line ... Tied for third on the team with 12 quarterback hurries ... Made his first collegiate start in the Northeastern game ... Played 29 defensive downs and posted two tackles ... Had three tackles, one for a loss, broke up a pass and had a quarterback hurry in the win at UNC ... Contributed a pair of quarterback hurries in the Duke game ... Was all over the field against Cincinnati, posting 10 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, a shared sack and a hurry ... Registered six tackles, including one for a 3-yard loss, against Georgia Tech ... Posted six tackles against Southern Miss, registering a sack for a 16-yard loss that caused a fumble ... Was in on four tackles against Clemson and added a fumble recovery and a QB hurry ... Registered three tackles, two hurries and a batted pass at Miami ... Also caused an interception in that game ... Had a key fourth-down stop near the Tech goal line at Wake Forest ... Finished the game with five tackles, one behind the line, and two hurries ... Was in on four tackles, including one behind the line, against Virginia ... Had three tackles against Georgia ... Turned in the fastest 10-yard time among the defensive tackles during spring testing with a time of 1.62 seconds.

**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
2006	13	16	36	52	7- 41	1.5- 21
Career	26	19	48	67	9- 50	1.5- 21

2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
at UNC	1	1	2	3	0.5-	2 0- 0
DUKE	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
UC	1	4	6	10	2.5-	12 0.5-
GT	1	1	5	6	1- 3	0- 0
at BC	1	2	1	3	1- 5	0- 0
USM	1	1	5	6	1- 16	1- 16
CU	1	0	4	4	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
KENT	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
at WF	1	4	1	5	0.5-	1 0- 0
UVa	1	0	4	4	0.5-	2 0- 0
UGA	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0





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## Greg Boone

**Tight End • 6-3 • 285 • r-So.**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Oscar Smith H.S.**

Had to make a major adjustment after accepting a move from quarterback to tight end prior to the 2006 season ... The transition did not prove to be an easy one, but he picked up valuable experience, while seeing action in 12 games ... Picked up nine starts, mostly in Tech's two tight end sets ... Possesses outstanding size and athleticism ... Maintaining his conditioning and concentration will be keys ... Posted a position record 595-pound back squat during spring testing ... His work in the spring earned him the Richard Bullock Award as the most improved offensive player ... Will be a leading candidate for the starting tight end job.

**2006:** Accepted a move from quarterback to tight end during the preseason ... Started



Greg Boone

and played 39 plays against Northeastern ... Caught one pass for 5 yards ... Started and caught a 41-yard touchdown pass from Ike Whitaker against North Carolina ... Was in for 29 plays against Duke and had a knockdown block ... Started and played 43 offensive snaps against Cincinnati ... Had a reception for nine yards ... Played 34 snaps at BC and 39 versus USM, but did not have a catch in either game ... Picked up 23 snaps in both the Clemson and Miami games ... Injured his ankle after 13 plays against Kent State ... Missed the Wake Forest game ... Had one play on special teams against Virginia ... Caught five passes for 68 yards and one TD on the season ... Caught a 10-yard pass in the bowl game against Georgia ... Saw action on 288 plays at tight end and 72 on special teams in the regular season ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during winter workouts and was named the most improved offensive player of the spring.

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

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

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006	12	5	68	13.6	1	41



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## Brent Bowden

**Punter • 6-2 • 205 • r-So.**  
**Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.**

Is poised to take over the punting duties after serving as the backup the past two seasons ... Has yet to see game action, but possesses all the essentials needed to handle the job ... Combines sound fundamentals with a strong leg ... Maintaining his consistency will be a key ... Also a leading candidate to handle the holding duties for field goals and PATs.

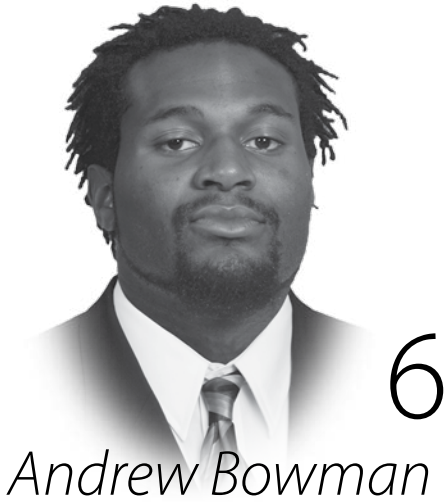
**2006:** Dressed for every game, but did not play ... Served as the backup to senior punter Nic Schmitt ... Also served as the back-up holder on kicks.

**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) ... Averaged 43.4 yards during that camp ... In 2003, at the Virginia Tech camp, was second MVP and won Most Consistent ... Older brother is Chris Hall, the former Florida State punter.

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





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## Andrew Bowman

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 240 • r-Jr.**  
**Glen Allen, Va. • Hermitage H.S.**

A backup to Vince Hall at the mike linebacker position ... Showed good improvement last fall ... Got better with the mental aspects of the game in the spring ... Is still working on some of the physical aspects ... Has good enough abilities ... Needs to prove he can be a consistent performer when the Hokies return to practice.

**2006:** Worked at linebacker ... Also served as a reserve on the kickoff team and the extra point and field goal block teams ... One of only five players to earn a superior rating for meeting all of his six goals during preseason strength and conditioning testing ... Saw limited duty in three games ... Was in for a play on special teams against Duke ... Saw action at linebacker on five plays against Southern Miss ... Also had a special team play in that game ... Was in briefly at linebacker against Kent State ... Posted a personal-best 500-pound back squat during spring testing.

**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.



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## Aaron Brown

**Offensive Tackle • 6-6 • 322 • r-Fr.**  
**Cincinnati, Ohio • Princeton H.S.**

Has a chance to provide the Hokies with depth at the left tackle position if he continues to make progress ... Was redshirted last fall after graduating from high school early and enrolling at Tech in January 2006 ... Has needed to get bigger, faster and stronger, and is doing that ... Is making good progress as a run blocker, but needs continued work as a pass protector ... If he improves there, it will be a real boost for the Hokies ... Possesses plenty of potential and the coaches feel he is headed in the right direction.

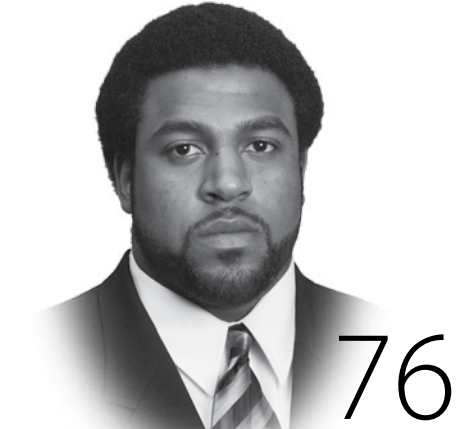
**2006:** Was redshirted while adjusting to the college game ... Posted a 505-pound back squat during spring max testing.

**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 *ivals.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 *ivals.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, OH ... Son of Donnieta Edwards and George Brown ... Enrolled in university studies.



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## Duane Brown

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 302 • r-Sr.**  
**Richmond, Va. • Hermitage H.S.**

A preseason pick for first team All-ACC honors by *Athlon Sports* ... Was on the field more than any other player on the team in 2006 ... Combined for 806 total plays between tackle and special teams during the regular season ... Earned second-team All-ACC recognition ... Voted state Offensive Lineman/End of the Year by the Richmond Touchdown Club ... A former tight end who is as athletic as they come at the tackle position ... Got downfield and made four tackles on punt coverage ... Also blocked a field goal ... Was switched from right tackle — where he started the past two seasons — to left tackle for spring practice ... Performed well at his new spot ... Earned the President's Award as the most outstanding leader on offense during the off season and spring ... Will be counted on to continue a leadership role this fall.

**2006:** Started every game at right tackle and on special teams ... Led the team in average grade (87 percent) and was third in knockdown blocks (22) ... Graded out at 92 percent on 40 plays during the opener with Northeastern ... Contributed three knockdown blocks ... Saw action on 47 offensive snaps and 13 special teams plays at UNC ... Graded 89 percent ... Had three knockdowns and graded out 85 percent on 56 offensive plays against Duke ... Graded over 90 percent on two special team units in back-to-back games against Duke and Cincinnati ... Played every offensive snap against UC ... Played all 87 snaps and posted three knockdowns ... Graded out 88 percent

*Duane Brown, continued*

at BC and 87 percent versus Southern Miss ... Went the entire way against Clemson, grading 88 percent with a pair of knockdowns ... Graded 89 percent while playing every offensive snap at Miami ... Also blocked a field goal and had a tackle on punt coverage ... Picked up a grade of 88 percent against Kent State ... Graded 90 percent at Wake Forest and contributed five knockdown blocks ... Played all but one series against Virginia ... Played all 53 snaps against Georgia in the bowl game.

**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 346-pound 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 326-pound push jerk in spring testing.

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

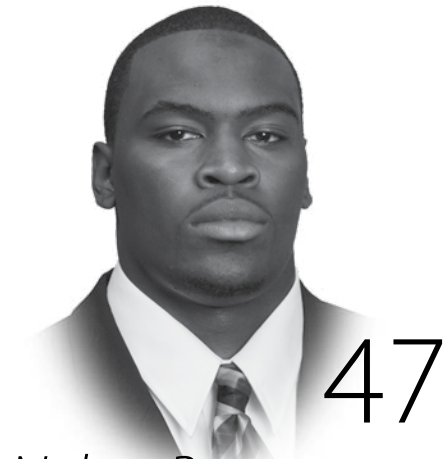
**High School:** A two-year letterman at tight end and defensive end for Coach Patrick Kane at Hermitage ... Played in the Panthers' first three games his senior year before suffering a broken leg ... Returned for the Central Region semifinal game ... Caught seven passes for just under 100 yards in his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



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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.



Nekos Brown

**Defensive End • 6-2 • 241 • So.**  
Brandywine, Md. • Thomas Stone H.S.

Another young player who could make an impact at defensive end ... Has made a positive impression with his hard work and desire ... Opened 2006 preseason workouts at linebacker and then moved to defensive end after the UNC game ... Earned his way into the rotation at end as a true freshman ... Saw action on defense in 10 games and on special teams in all 13 ... Made steady progress during the course of the season, while becoming a regular contributor ... Still has some things to learn, but picked up a lot of reps during the spring ... Athletic and explosive ... Will battle for the end position vacated by Noland Burchette.

**2006:** Earned a spot on special teams ... Started on the kickoff and punt return/block teams, seeing action on 13 plays against Northeastern and three at UNC ... Played at

end on 14 plays against Duke ... Recovered a fumble and returned it 12 yards ... Played 11 special teams snaps and was in on a tackle ... Was in on eight defensive plays at BC and contributed a tackle for loss ... Got a season-high 18 plays at end against Southern Miss, while adding a tackle ... Registered a tackle during 12 defensive plays against Clemson ... Added 10 plays on special teams ... Was in on 21 plays at Miami, including 11 on defense ... Contributed two tackles at end ... Posted three tackles during 16 defensive plays against Kent State ... Played 15 defensive snaps and 12 special teams plays in win over Wake Forest ... Had 11 plays on defense and 11 on special teams during the Virginia game ... Totaled three tackles in the bowl game against Georgia ... Finished the regular season with 106 plays on defense and 124 on special teams ... Had 12 total tackles ... Also had a fumble recovery and a 12-yard return.

**High School:** 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 all-conference 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 ... A management major.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2006	13	4	8	12	0.5- 1	0- 0



Chad Carlson

**Defensive End • 6-2 • 239 • r-So.**  
Poquoson, Va. • Poquoson H.S.

Was limited last year by a pair of hernia operations ... Showed progress his freshman year after joining the team as a walk-on ...





Has an excellent work ethic and a team-first attitude ... Will help provide depth at end.

**2006:** Did not see action on the varsity squad ... Was limited early after having hernia surgery ... Had another surgery following the season ... Returned to practice at end during the spring.

**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 biological sciences.



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Rashad Carmichael

Cornerback • 5-10 • 182 • r-Fr.  
Clinton, Md. • Gwynn Park H.S.

A speedy newcomer with a good work ethic and leadership capabilities ... Made some good contributions to the scout team while redshirting last fall ... Worked at field corner during the spring and showed potential ... Continues to develop his feel for the game ... Will be watched closely when practice resumes in August.

**2006:** Was redshirted while working on the scout team ... Turned in the fastest time in the 40 among the incoming freshmen with a time of 4.44 ... Showed improvement on all four major lifts during strength and conditioning testing.

**High School:** 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 passes 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 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 Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Derrick Hamilton ... Majoring in human development.

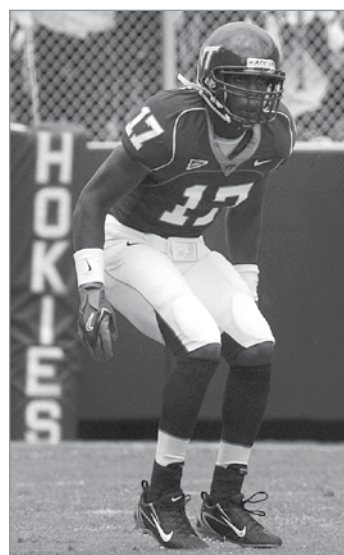


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Kam Chancellor

Rover • 6-4 • 219 • So.  
Norfolk, Va. • Maury H.S.

A talented young performer with a huge upside and the capability to help the Hokies at a number of positions ... Turned heads with his abilities during preseason practice last fall ... Ended up starting on three special team units and also saw action at cornerback ... Combines size, speed and athleticism with a good awareness of the game ... Took advantage of the strength and conditioning program during the winter ... Moved from corner to rover during the winter ... Finished the spring with a with a slight lead in the battle for the starting job ... Rates as a good tackler, who also has a good grasp of coverages ... Showed a knack for blocking kicks during practices last



Kam Chancellor

fall and went on to see action on a team-high 163 special team plays during the regular season ... Is in line to see a lot of action for the Hokies again in 2007.

**2006:** Worked at quarterback before moving to corner back prior to the season opener ... Saw 33 plays at field corner during the Northeastern game ... Had a pair of tackles and broke up a pass ... Also played 13 plays on special teams ... Intercepted a pass at UNC ... Also broke up a pass and added a tackle ... Turned in 16 defensive plays and 13 special teams plays in the Duke game ... Recorded a pair of tackles ... Picked up 15 plays on special teams ... Was in on 18 special teams plays against Georgia Tech ... Saw brief duty at corner back against Southern Miss ... Picked up four plays at corner and 12 on special teams in Clemson win, contributing a tackle in each capacity ... Saw action on defense and special teams against Kent State and Wake Forest ... Played 13 special teams downs in the Virginia game ... Was forced into action at cornerback in the bowl game against Georgia after starter Brandon Flowers went down with an injury ... Had a solo tackle in the game ... Played in all 13 games, posting nine tackles, two pass breakups and an interception ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room ... Led the defensive backs with a 355-pound bench press.

**High School:** 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

quarterback ... 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2006	13	3	6	9	0- 0	0- 0
Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006	13	1	4	4.0	0	4



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## Jahre Cheeseman

**Tailback • 5-10 • 203 • r-So.**  
**Voorhees, N.J. • Eastern H.S.**

A tough, physical player who will be in the mix for backup duties at the tailback position when practice resumes in August ... Worked at cornerback during a redshirt season in 2005 ... Moved to tailback last fall and was on the brink of seeing some playing time when he suffered a season-ending left foot injury during a jayvee game ... Returned to action in the spring and showed flashes of being able to help the team ... Ran hard and broke a lot of tackles ... Is benefiting from Tech's strength and conditioning program ... Will get a chance to make his mark at a crowded position during preseason workouts.

**2006:** Entered the season competing at the boundary corner position and playing on special teams ... Saw action in three varsity games early in the season, posting three tackles ... Injuries at tailback led to his move to offense ... Fell victim to an injury of his own while playing tailback and missed the rest of the season ... Bench pressed 350 pounds during spring max testing.

**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 the 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



Jahre Cheeseman

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 apparel, housing and resource management.



## Ron Cooper

**Cornerback • 5-10 • 181 • So.**  
**Richmond, Va. • Meadowbrook H.S.**

Worked on both offense and defense last year after joining the team as a walk-on ... Finished up in the spring at field corner ... Is athletic, but needs to get stronger ...

His progress during the preseason will help determine his role.

**2006:** Worked at the split end position during the fall ... Also saw some action on defense during the jayvee games ... Posted a 36-inch vertical jump during strength and conditioning tests ... Worked at cornerback during the spring.

**High School:** Saw action at receiver, tailback and outside linebacker while playing for Coach Bill Bowles at Meadowbrook ... Earned first-team all-district honors as a running back and linebacker ... Was a second-team pick as a receiver ... Helped team to a state AAA title ... Rushed for over 500 yards and scored eight touchdowns as a senior running back ... Added 14 receptions for 200 yards ... Was a member of the Central Region All-Academic team ... Also played baseball.

**Personal:** Ronald Cooper ... Born 12/28/87 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Frederick and Angelia Cooper ... Enrolled in university studies.



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## Clark Crum

**Offensive Tackle • 6-7 • 280 • r-Fr.**  
**Dublin, Ohio • Scioto H.S.**

Is listed as the backup right tackle heading into the preseason ... Lacks experience, but works hard and picks things up quickly ... Must get bigger and stronger in order to hold his own ... Will benefit from more reps at the position ... Needs good summer preparation ... Still has some work to do, but has a chance to be successful.

**2006:** Was redshirted while working at right tackle ... Got a few reps at left tackle during the spring.

**High School:** 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 all-district, 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 all-state 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 ... A business major.



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*Eric Davis*

**Offensive Guard • 6-7 • 329 • r-So.**  
**Lorton, Va. • West Springfield H.S.**

Is competing for backup duties at guard after working on the scout and jayvee teams last fall ... Brings a good work ethic and attitude to the field ... Got a brief look on both guard spots after working at tackle as a freshman ... Has added bulk, but must continue working to get stronger and faster ... Needs to make a good summer preparation ... His showing during preseason practices will help determine the role he plays.

**2006:** Moved inside to guard and contributed on the practice squad ... Saw action on the scout and jayvee teams ... Worked at right guard during the spring.

**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 management.



*Paul Debnam*

**Flanker • 6-2 • 195 • So.**  
**Farmville, Va. • Prince Edward County H.S.**

Worked at flanker after joining the team as a walk-on ... Is working in the strength and conditioning program to get stronger ... Has had limited reps ... Is currently behind a number of more experienced players on the depth chart.

**2006:** A member of the scout and jayvee teams ... Posted a 33-inch vertical jump during spring max testing.

**High School:** Named all-state and all-region as a senior for Coach Terrence Edmonds ... Scored a school-record 16 touchdowns and accounted for 916 yards that season ... Also played basketball ... Averaged 20 points and eight rebounds per game his final season ... Set a school record of 46 points in one game ... Named Player of the Year and All-Region in basketball.

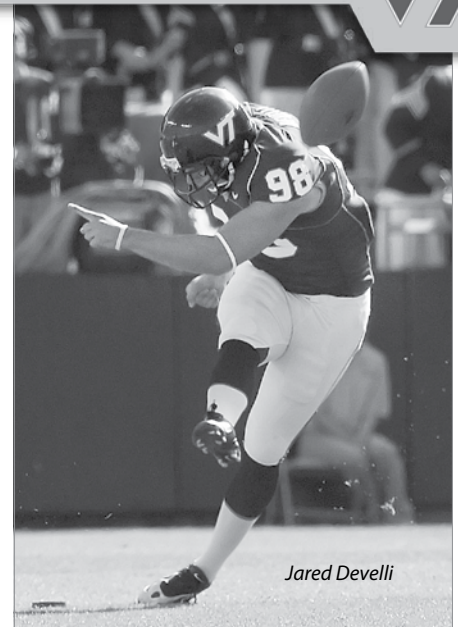
**Personal:** Paul Joshua Debnam ... Born 10/13/87 in Bronx, NY ... Son of Michelle Colbert ... A management major.



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*Jared Develli*

**Place-kicker • 6-0 • 230 • Sr.**  
**Sterling, Va. • Park View H.S.**

Is battling for the place-kicking duties after handling the bulk of Tech's kickoff duties for three straight seasons ... Has a good enough leg for the job, but consistency will be the



*Jared Develli*

key ... Sixty-one percent of his kickoffs last season resulted in touchbacks ... Led all ACC kickoff men with 35 touchbacks ... Helped Tech rank No. 1 in kickoff coverage among ACC teams.

**2006:** The primary kickoff man ... All five of his kickoffs against Northeastern resulted in touchbacks ... Also attempted a 34-yard field goal in that game, which was blocked ... Had two touchbacks in four kickoffs at UNC ... Registered four touchbacks on six kickoffs in the Duke game ... Picked up five more touchbacks in six kickoffs against Cincinnati ... Had three touchbacks in five kicks against Georgia Tech and touchbacks on both of his kickoffs at BC ... Put all three of his kickoffs at Miami in the end zone ... Had three more touchbacks in six kickoffs at Wake Forest ... Added a touchback against Virginia to close out the regular season with 35 ... Missed the bowl game after undergoing hernia surgery ... Returned to action in time for spring practice but was limited due to lingering effects of the surgery.

**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.

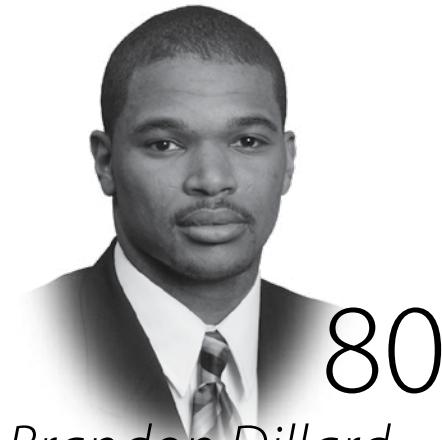
**2004:** Kicked off 70 times with 29 touchbacks ... Had three tackles on kickoff coverage ... Handled all four kickoffs in the opener against USC ... Put six of his kickoffs in the end zone, including two through the uprights, against Duke ... Had three touchbacks against NC State ... Had two touchbacks 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

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430-pound back squat in spring testing.

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

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



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*Brandon Dillard*

**Flanker • 5-10 • 176 • r-So.**  
**Martinsville, Va. • Bassett H.S.**

Was named the top offensive newcomer during spring practice ... Has become more physical and learned the offense ... One of the team's fastest players, who is learning to make plays ... Concentration and consistency will be keys for him this season ... Doesn't have the experience of the players ahead of him, but has a chance to contribute ... Could also be looked at on special teams.

**2006:** Dressed for several games, but did not see any action with the varsity squad ... Hauled in a 63-yard touchdown pass in a jayvee win over Fork Union ... Posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.37 clocking in the 40 ... Caught five passes for 71 yards during the first spring scrimmage ... Earned the Paul Torgersen Award as the best offensive newcomer of the spring.

**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 quarterback, defensive back and wide receiver for Coach James Gilbert ...

Named region and district player of the year as a senior ... Also named all-state, all-region and all-district in his career ... Rushed for 650 yards and passed for 380 yards during his senior season ... Had 16 all-purpose touchdowns ... Recorded 35 tackles and six interceptions ... Named team captain as a junior and a senior ... Also lettered four times in basketball, and track and field ... Won 2005 state championship in the 100 and 200 meters ... 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



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*Jud Dunlevy*

**Place-kicker • 5-9 • 189 • r-Sr.**  
**Roanoke Rapids, N.C. • Roanoke Rapids H.S.**

Heads into preseason practice as the leading candidate for the place-kicking duties after serving as a backup ... Holds the edge in experience after kicking in jayvee games the past three seasons ... Has also seen some action as a kickoff man ... Possesses a strong leg ... Made a 51-yard field goal during a jayvee game in 2005 ... Will need to be consistent in order to earn the job in August.

**2006:** Handled two kickoffs against Northeastern and two more at North Carolina ... Had a touchback in each game ... Kicked off twice in the bowl game against Georgia ... Kicked in jayvee games against Fork Union Military Academy and Hargrave.

**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 10/9/84 in Rocky Mount, NC ... Son of Keith and Denise Dunlevy ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.



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*Mario Edwards*

**Free Safety • 6-2 • 214 • r-Fr.**  
**Atlanta, Ga. • Westlake H.S.**

The No. 2 free safety heading into preseason practice ... Redshirted last fall ... Showed some ability and a willingness to tackle ... Took advantage of the strength and conditioning during the winter ... Got a lot of reps and made great progress during the spring ... Is still adjusting to the demands of the position ... Gives the Hokies a big presence at the position ... Will give the Hokies a boost if he picks up were he left off in the spring when practice resumes.

**2006:** Redshirted while working at free safety ... Added some weight and improved his speed through his work with the strength and conditioning staff ... Forced a fumble during the team's first scrimmage of the spring.

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



**Defensive End • 6-5 • 257 • r-Sr.  
Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.**

A key member of Tech's nationally ranked defense the past two seasons ... Did not participate in spring practice following off-season shoulder surgery ... Will be ready to go when practice resumes in August ... The most experienced of Tech's defensive linemen ... Is smart and highly motivated ... Has the athletic ability to pressure and run down quarterbacks ... Tied for the team lead in sacks last season with 3.5 ... Ranked second in QB hurries (15) and tied for second in tackles for loss (7.5) ... Caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown against Kent State ... Will be leaned on for leadership and playmaking ability.

**2006:** Made a good showing in the preseason, making five of his six goals in strength and conditioning tests ... Started against Northeastern and had three tackles ... Posted a sack for minus-14 yards, had two QB hurries and shared another tackle for loss ... Slowed by a sore shoulder in the UNC game ... Had a tackle for loss and shared another tackle behind the line on the way to five tackles against Duke ... Hurried the quarterback twice against Cincinnati and added three tackles ... Missed the Georgia Tech game following a violation of team policy ... Was in on just one tackle at BC ... Bounced back to post a sack and five tackles against Southern Miss ... Had a pair of hurries in both games ... Collected two tackles and another hurry in the win over Clemson ... Played one of his best games at Miami with five tackles, two hurries and two pass deflections, one of which resulted in the interception that set up Tech's winning TD

... Forced a fumble that was returned for a touchdown against Kent State and was in on four tackles behind the line, including two sacks ... Posted four tackles, two hurries and a pass breakup at Wake Forest ... Had two tackles and a hurry versus Virginia ... Recorded three tackles, including a sack, and a forced fumble against Georgia ... Closed out the season with 38 tackles ... Underwent shoulder surgery following the bowl game ... Did not participate in off-season or spring workouts.

**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 quarterback hurries ... Was credited with five tackles, including one for a loss, and four quarterback hurries against WMU ... Had three tackles, including a sack, against Duke ... Led the team with seven total stops against FAMU ... Included in that total were 3.5 tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had a forced fumble and a pass break up ... Had two tackles — 1.5 for loss — at Georgia Tech ... Recorded a big sack in the third quarter that resulted in a safety ... Also had a fumble recovery ... Given the George Preas Award, awarded to the most valuable player of spring practice ... Posted a 350-pound bench, a 304-pound push jerk and a 33 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing.

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



Chris Ellis

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
2006	12	18	20	38	8.5- 46	4.5- 38
Career	38	49	63	112	27.0- 120	13.5- 82
2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	1	2	3	1.5- 15	1- 14
at UNC	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
DUKE	1	2	3	5	1.5- 5	0- 0
UC	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
GT	Did not play					
at BC	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
USM	1	2	3	5	1- 2	1- 2
CU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	2	3	5	0- 0	0- 0
KENT	1	3	1	4	3.5- 15	1.5- 13
at WF	1	3	1	4	0- 0	0- 0
UVa	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
UGA	1	2	1	3	1- 9	1- 9



## Matt Finnegan

**Flanker • 6-1 • 195 • r-So.**  
**Yorktown, Va. • Grafton H.S.**

Contributed to the team as a member of the scout and jayvee teams ... Will likely continue that role this fall due to the number of more experienced players on the depth chart ... Has shown improvement in the weight room ... A hard worker who can be counted on for top effort ... Transferred to Tech from the University of Central Florida.

**2006:** Practiced at flanker ... Played quarterback on the jayvee team ... Has a 63-yard touchdown pass and a 1-yard TD run in a jayvee win against Fork Union ... Had a 350-pound back squat during spring max testing ...

**UCF:** Attended the University of Central Florida for a year, but did not play football.

**High School:** Played quarterback, safety and outside linebacker for coach David Walton ... Posted 90 tackles, two interceptions and two sacks as a senior ... Was in on 20 tackles in a game against Jamestown, adding a sack and a safety ... Won two letters in baseball ... Captain of both his football and baseball teams.



Brandon Flowers

**Personal:** Matthew Ryan Finnegan ... Born 7/28/85 in Newport News, VA ... Son of Sean and Patti Finnegan ... A political science major.



## Brandon Flowers

**Cornerback • 5-10 • 192 • r-Jr.**  
**Delray Beach, Fla. • Atlantic H.S. • Hargrave**

One of the nation's top cornerbacks ... Named a first-team preseason All-America by *The Sporting News* ... Selected third-team AP All-America and first-team All-ACC last season ... Was consistent, game-in and game-out ... Led the league in passes broken up (18) and passes defended (21) ... Tied for the team lead in sacks with 3.5 ... Played the most defensive downs of any member of the secondary with 642 in the regular season ... Injured his ankle in the Chick-fil-A Bowl and was slowed during the spring ... Combines a real feel for the game with excellent ability ... Coaches want to see him stay hungry and focused ... Will play a key role at the boundary corner position.

**2006:** Registered an interception, a pass break up and four tackles as the starting boundary corner against Northeastern ... Added three tackles, a tackle for loss and two pass breakups at North Carolina ... Had two sacks on the way to a six-tackle game against Duke ... Played on every defensive down against Cincinnati ... Contributed seven tackles, broke up a pass and forced a fumble ... Was in on two tackles in the loss to Georgia Tech ... Had a sack, two pass break ups and three tackles in the Southern Miss game ... Was outstanding against Clemson with six tackles, a tackle for loss and two pass breakups ... Had another big game at Miami with two interceptions, three pass breakups and a pair of tackles, including one for a loss ... Broke up three more passes against Kent State and shared a sack ... Posted six tackles, one behind the line, and broke up two passes in win over Wake Forest ... Played every defensive down and contributed three tackles against Virginia ... Had three tackles against Georgia in the bowl game before sustaining an ankle injury that forced him to miss the rest of the game ... Totaled 51 tackles and three interceptions during his 13 starts ...

Named second team All-America by Scout.com. ... Had four tackles in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring.

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

**Prep School:** Prepped at Hargrave in 2003 ... Intercepted three passes as a cornerback for Coach Robert Prunty ... Was rated the No. 18 JUCO/Prep cornerback in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Also ranked the No. 141 JUCO/Prep player by CFN.

**High School:** Played in the secondary for Coach Chris Bean at Atlantic ... Helped the team to a regional title in Class 5A his senior year, beating highly rated Ely High ... Intercepted five passes and posted three quarterback sacks ... Also blocked a punt and recovered a pair of fumbles ... Earned first-team all-area and all-conference honors ... Helped the team to a 36-4 record during his varsity career.

**Personal:** Brandon Lavar Flowers ... Born 2/18/86 in Delray Beach, FL ... Son of Patricia Flowers and Willie Flowers ... Enrolled in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0
2005	13	13	7	20	1.5-	6-0
2006	13	29	22	51	7.5-	41-3.5-
Career	27	43	29	72	9.0-	47-3.5-
<b>2006 Tackles Game-by-Game</b>						
NE	1	1	3	4	0-0	0-0
at UNC	1	2	1	3	1-1	0-0
DUKE	1	4	2	6	2-13	2-13
UC	1	4	3	7	0-0	0-0
GT	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0





USM	1	2	1	3	1-	6	1-	6
CU	1	4	2	6	1-	4	0-	0
at UM	1	2	0	2	1-	1	0-	0
KENT	1	2	2	4	0.5-	9	0.5-	9
at WF	1	4	2	6	1-	7	0-	0
UVa	1	1	2	3	0-	0	0-	0
UGA	1	2	1	3	0-	0	0-	0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	1	1	38	38.0	1	38
2005	13	1	15	15.0	0	15
2006	13	3	26	8.7	0	24
Career	27	5	79	15.8	1	38



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Steven Friday

**Linebacker • 6-4 • 218 • r-Fr.**  
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.

Moved from defensive end to whip linebacker for spring practice ... Faced a big adjustment, going from his hand on the ground to standing up ... Didn't get as many reps as he needed, but seems to be a good fit for the position ... Mixes good strength with athleticism ... A good summer preparation and continued progress in preseason workouts will be important to staying in the battle for action at a crowded position.

**2006:** Practiced at defensive end while redshirting in the fall ... Posted a personal-best 33 1/2-inch vertical jump during spring testing ... Put on some weight, but not enough to stay at end ... Worked at outside linebacker during the spring.

**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 ... 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.



Jacob Gardner

**Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 243 • r-So.**  
Wytheville, Va. • George Wythe H.S.

Is working primarily as a long snapper ... Has also spent some time at defensive end since joining the team as a walk-on ... Is taking advantage of the strength and conditioning program ... Works hard and has a chance to figure in on special teams ... His brother is a long snapper for Virginia.

**2006:** Was redshirted while concentrating on snapping ... Earned a superior rating by meeting all six goals in the strength and conditioning program when he returned in the fall.

**2005:** Practiced at defensive end ... Worked on the scout and jayvee teams.

**High School:** Played fullback and linebacker for Coach Donnie Pruitt at George Wythe High ... Earned all-district honors as a fullback and helped the team to a state Group A title in 2002 ... Posted 81 tackles and three interceptions as a senior ... Rushed for 121 yards and three touchdowns on four carries during one game his final season ... Blocked three punts ... Also lettered in basketball and earned all-district as an outfielder in baseball.

**Personal:** Jacob Tanner Gardner ... Born 8/29/85 in Wytheville, VA ... Son of Joe Gardner and the late Kathy Gardner ... Enrolled in crop and soil environmental sciences.



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Sean Glennon

**Quarterback • 6-4 • 227 • r-Jr.**  
Centreville, Va. • Westfield H.S.

Solidified his status as the starting quarterback with an excellent off-season and spring ... Was named the most valuable offensive player of spring practice ... Used a disappointing second half in the Chick-fil-A Bowl as motivation ... Played with confidence, performing well in both practices and scrimmages ... Worked to become more comfortable outside the pocket ... Does a good job of managing the game ... Combines a good work ethic with determination and competitiveness ... Set a position record with a 375-pound bench press during spring testing ... Picked up a lot of valuable experience during his first season as a starter ... Started all 13 games, playing over 750 snaps ... Became just the seventh Tech quarterback to pass for over 2,000 yards in a season ... Is anxious to lead the Hokies again in 2007.

**2006:** Won the starting job during the fall ... Hit on 170 of 302 passes for 2,191 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Was intercepted 11 times ... Six of his 11 touchdown passes covered 47 yards or more ... Completed 15 of 18 passes for 222 yards and three touchdowns against Northeastern in his first collegiate start ... Hit on TD passes of 54, 4 and 55 yards ... Tossed one interception ... Passed for just 66 yards in the win at UNC, completing 10 of 17 attempts ... Did not have a TD pass or an interception ... Threw for 301 yards against Duke ... Completed 15 of 25 passes in the game with one interception and two touchdowns ... Was sacked three times and intercepted once by Cincinnati, but tossed a key 47-yard touchdown pass to Justin Harper ... Completed 11 of 23 passes for 188 yards ... Passed for a career-high 339 yards in a losing cause against Georgia Tech ... Equaled a school record with 53 pass attempts, completing 27 ... Tossed one TD pass and did not have an interception ... Completed 23 of 34 passes for 148 yards at BC, but also tossed two interceptions in the loss ... Threw a 38-yard TD pass to Josh Morgan against Southern Miss ... Picked up his

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first rushing touchdown during the Clemson win with a 1-yard sneak ... Enjoyed perhaps his best game at Wake Forest, hitting 14 of 21 passes for 252 yards and touchdowns of 49 and 53 yards ... Connected on 12 of 18 passes for 146 yards and one touchdown against Virginia ... Picked up a key first down on a 19-yard run and finished with a personal-best 31 yards on the ground ... Threw a 49-yard TD pass to Eddie Royal for the second-straight game ... Struggled in the bowl game against Georgia, throwing three interceptions and losing a fumble during the fourth quarter ... Completed 13-of-26 passes for 94 yards in the contest ... Won the George Preas Award as the top offensive performer during the spring ... Was 18-for-30 passing during Tech's two spring scrimmages for 236 yards ... Tossed three touchdown passes in the second outing.

**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 8-of-11 passes for 137 yards and two touchdowns ... Saw his first collegiate action in the second game of the season, against Western Michigan ... Completed all four of his passes, including one to himself, for 79 yards ... His first pass went to Justin Harper for a 34-yard touchdown ... Later connected with Duane Brown for a 33-yard touchdown pass ... Played 40 snaps on offense against FAMU, directing two touchdown drives ... Completed 4-of-7 passes for 58 yards with a long of 26 yards ... Completed 7-of-17 or 38 yards with three interceptions in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 330-pound bench, a 410-pound back squat, a 285-pound power clean and a 36 1/2-inch vertical jump in spring testing.

**High School:** Was named the District of Columbia Metropolitan Player of the Year for 2003 ... Led his team to the Virginia AAA Group 6 state championship as a senior ... Passed for 1,840 yards with 26 touchdowns and only four interceptions his senior season ... Also rushed for four TDs ... Earned All-America honors from both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ... Ranked the No. 10 pro-style quarterback in the nation by Rivals ... Selected to *The Washington Post* All-Metro first team ... Was the first-team quarterback on the All-ACC Area Offensive Team selected by G&W Recruiting Report ... Rated No. 21 on the All Mid-Atlantic team picked by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... A first-team all-state selection by both the AP and coaches ... Accumulated over 4,800 yards passing during his career for Coach Tom Verbanic ... Ranked 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, TX ... Son of John and Nancy Glennon ... Majoring in finance.

Passing	G	Att	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2004	4	11-	8	72.7	137	2	0
2006	13	302-	170	56.3	2191	11	11
Career	17	313-	178	56.9	2328	13	11
2006 Passing Game-by-Game							
NE	1	18-	15	.833	222	3	1
at UNC	1	17-	10	.588	66	0	0
DUKE	1	25-	15	.600	301	2	1
UC	1	23-	11	.478	188	1	1
GT	1	53-	27	.509	339	1	0
at BC	1	34-	23	.676	148	0	2
USM	1	11-	4	.364	100	1	1
CU	1	15-	9	.600	108	0	0
at UM	1	19-	5	.263	86	0	1
KENT	1	22-	12	.545	141	0	0
at WF	1	21-	14	.666	252	2	0
UVa	1	18-	12	.666	146	1	1
UGA	1	26-	13	.500	94	0	3



Corey Gordon

**Linebacker • 6-2 • 226 • r-Sr.**  
**Gainesville, Fla. • Gainesville H.S. • Hargrave**

Heads into preseason practice at the top of the depth chart at the whip linebacker position ... Has gained plenty of experience while serving as a top back up at the position the past two seasons ... Has also been an important contributor on special teams ... A physical player with good size and speed ... Ranks as a Super Iron Hokie in the strength and conditioning program ... Was recognized for putting the team first during spring practice.

**2006:** Saw action in all 13 games on either defense or special teams ... Recorded seven tackles on the year ... Had two tackles and a pass broken up on 20 defensive plays against Northeastern ... Also broke up a pass at North Carolina ... Contributed two tackles against Duke ... Played on special teams versus

Cincinnati and Georgia Tech ... Saw action on four defensive plays in the win over Southern Miss ... Played at both whip linebacker and on special teams against Clemson ... Contributed a tackle against Kent State, while seeing some action on both defense and special teams ... Played on all four kickoffs against Virginia and four against Georgia ... Won the Don Williams Team United Award as the defensive player that put the team first during spring practice ... Was in on four tackles during the Hokies' second scrimmage of the spring.

**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.





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## Billy Gorham

**Fullback • 5-10 • 243 • Sr.**  
**Franconia, Va. • Robert E. Lee H.S.**

A special teams contributor who is also competing for backup duties at fullback ... Has been slowed at times by injuries, but can always be counted on for his top effort ... A solid runner, he has also seen some work at tailback during his time with the Hokies ... Rates as a solid blocker and receiver.

**2006:** Saw action in seven games, all on the kickoff return team ... Picked up some extra reps as a back during two jayvee games.

**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 495-pound back squat in spring testing.

**High School:** Played quarterback, linebacker and halfback for Coach Gerry



Billy Gorham

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

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



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## Richard Graham

**Offensive Guard • 6-6 • 295 • r-So.**  
**Richmond, Va. • St. Christopher's**

His ability to play several different positions along the offensive line makes him a valuable asset ... Still needs to get stronger, but is extremely smart and works as hard as anyone on the team ... Practiced at both tackle positions during the fall, while seeing limited game action ... Moved to guard during the spring and is currently listed at No. 2 on the right side ... A real battler who the Hokies are counting on to play an important role this fall.

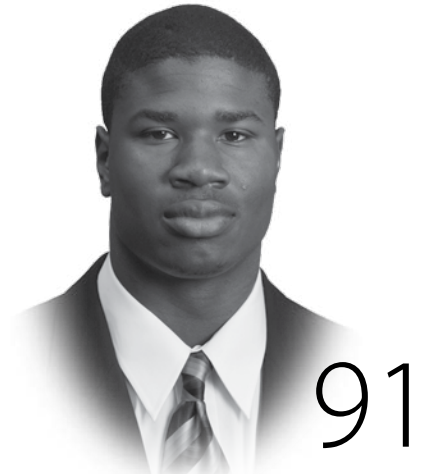
**2006:** Moved into the No. 2 spot at right tackle during the preseason ... Played 17 snaps against Northeastern and two at North Carolina ... Picked up seven offensive snaps against Duke ... Registered his first knockdown block while playing nine snaps against Southern Miss ... Was in for one offensive series at Wake Forest ... Got four more plays under his belt against Virginia ... Switched to guard during the spring.

**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 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 finance.



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## John Graves

**Defensive Tackle/End • 6-3 • 273 • r-Fr.**  
**Richmond, Va. • Meadowbrook H.S.**

A highly regarded young player with a bright future ... Was Tech's top defensive newcomer during the spring ... Worked mainly at tackle while redshirting last fall, then picked up some reps at end during the spring ... Plays hard and has quickness and strength ... Could end up in the five-man rotation at both positions ... Is definitely slated to see some action at tackle ... Should continue to get better as he gains experience ... Has the ability to become a playmaker for the Hokies.

**2006:** Was redshirted while working at defensive tackle ... Posted a 390-pound bench press and 360-pound push jerk during spring max testing ... Led the tackles with a 34 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Got some work at end during spring practice ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the top defensive newcomer in the spring.

**High School:** 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

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fumbles, three fumble recoveries and five blocked kicks ... Named first-team all-state by The Associated Press as a defensive lineman ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as both an offensive guard 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 four-year career.

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



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*Hivera Green*

**Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 312 • r-So.**  
Conway, S.C. • Conway H.S.

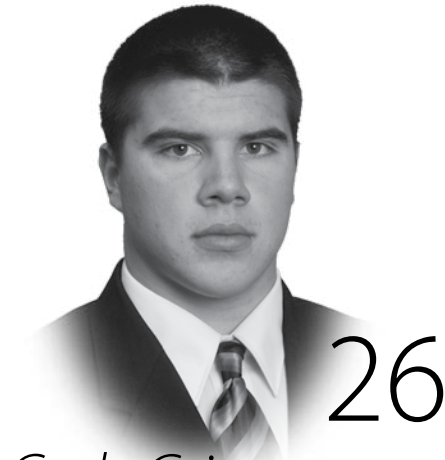
Is still making the adjustment to the offensive line after moving over from defense during preseason practice last August ... Possesses good athletic ability ... Has added some size, but must continue to improve his strength ... Spent the fall at the left tackle position ... Was tried at guard during the spring and is expected to work on the left side of the line when practice resumes in August.

**2006:** Was working at defensive tackle when practice opened ... Moved to offense during the first week ... Worked on the scout and jayvee teams while learning the new position ... Showed some improvement during winter workouts ... Got some reps at guard in the spring.

**2005:** Took a redshirt year while working at the nose tackle position ... Was slowed by injuries during spring strength and conditioning 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 guard in the nation and the No. 11 player in South Carolina by rivals.com ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior for Coach Chuck Jordan at Conway ... Was on a defense that allowed just 10 points per game ... Earned a spot on the South Carolina Shrine Bowl team ... Had 72 tackles, a forced fumble, two recovered fumbles and a pair of pass breakups despite being hampered by the high-ankle sprains his final year ... Totaled 112 stops 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.



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*Cody Grimm*

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 203 • r-So.**  
Fairfax, Va. • Oakton H.S.

A top-notch special teams player who is also hoping to make a mark at whip linebacker ... Has a nose for the football and a good football IQ ... Led the team in tackles on kickoffs last season with 10 ... Also started on the return teams for kickoff and punts ... Shows good speed and quickness ... Got some reps at linebacker during spring practice, but needs to develop a little more consistency ... Traded the No. 2 spot on the depth chart back-and-forth with Cam Martin throughout the spring ... Will continue to battle for some

playing time there when practice resumes.

**2006:** A starter on three different special team units ... Was in on 13 special teams plays in the opener with Northeastern ... Made a tackle on a kickoff at UNC ... Leveled a Duke return man ... Got 11 special teams plays in the Cincinnati game and 11 more versus Georgia Tech ... Posted two tackles on special teams against Southern Miss ... Was in on a special team tackle versus Clemson ... Added another tackle in the Kent State game, playing 14 plays on special teams ... Had a tackle and played 15 special team plays at Wake Forest ... Made two tackles on returns against Virginia ... Ended the season with 10 total tackles ... Showed some improvement during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Was in on five tackles in the team's first spring scrimmage.

**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 ... Brother Chad played at Tech ... Enrolled in university studies.



*Cody Grimm*





# Vince Hall

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 238 • r-Sr.**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Western Branch H.S.**

One of the nation's top linebackers ... A preseason second-team All-America pick by *The Sporting News* ... Selected the preseason Defensive Player of the Year in the ACC by *Blue Ribbon Yearbook* ... Led the Hokies and the ACC in tackles last season with 128 ... Also topped the team in tackles for loss with 10.5 ... A first-team All-ACC performer and winner of the 2006 Dudley Award, given to the state's top player ... Named the state's top linebacker/defensive back by the Richmond Touchdown Club ... A first-team All-America pick by collegefootballnews.com ... Earned honorable mention All-America honors from SI.com ... Has started 38 straight games ... His 702 plays were the most on the team for a defensive player ... Also started on the punt team and the extra point and field goal block units ... A veteran who runs well and hits hard ... Has a nose for the football ... Will be looked to for strong leadership this fall.

**2006:** Started the season with four tackles against Northeastern and six at North Carolina ... Had a tackle for loss and a pass break up against the Tar Heels ... Led the team with seven tackles against Duke ... Had a wisdom tooth pulled the following week, then returned to post 13 tackles and a QB hurry against Cincinnati ... Registered eight stops, including a sack and another tackle for loss against Georgia Tech ... Led the team with nine tackles at BC and 12 against Southern Miss ... Also had a sack and forced a fumble against USM ... Turned in another 12-tackle performance in the Clemson game and was in on two tackles behind the line and a hurry ... Had nine tackles, one behind the line, at Miami ... Led the team with a career-high 15 stops against Kent State ... Forced a fumble and recovered a fumble in that game ... Was in on eight tackles, two behind the line, at Wake Forest and added a quarterback hurry ... Posted 12 tackles, one for a loss, against Virginia ... Tallied 13 more tackles against Georgia in the bowl game ... Ended the season with 128 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, eight quarterback hurries, two sacks, two forced

fumbles, a fumble recovery and a pass broken up ... Posted eight tackles and a sack in Tech's second scrimmage of the spring.

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

**Personal:** Vincent Larry Hall ... Born 12/3/84 in Kingsville, TX ... Son of Wilbert and Cathy Hall ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	21	43	64	4.5- 11	1.0- 3
2005	13	43	69	112	8.5- 25	3.0- 16
2006	13	61	67	128	10.0- 35	2.0- 21
Career	39	125	179	304	23.0- 71	6.0- 40

2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
at UNC	1	2	4	6	0.5- 3	0- 0
DUKE	1	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0
UC	1	4	9	13	0.5- 1	0- 0
GT	1	6	2	8	2- 17	1- 15
at BC	1	6	3	9	1- 1	0- 0
USM	1	5	7	12	1- 6	1- 6
CU	1	6	6	12	1.5- 2	0- 0
at UM	1	6	3	9	1- 1	0- 0
KENT	1	3	12	15	0- 0	0- 0
at WF	1	5	3	8	1.5- 2	0- 0
UVa	1	5	7	12	1- 2	0- 0
UGA	1	9	4	13	0.5- 0	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	13	2	13	6.5	1	13
2006	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	39	2	13	6.5	1	13



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## Justin Harper

**Split End • 6-4 • 195 • Sr.**  
**Catawba, N.C. • Bandys H.S. • Hargrave**

A big, physical receiver with a world of talent ... Is coming off an outstanding spring practice ... Has shown the ability to make big plays, and the coaches are hoping to see that ability displayed on a more consistent basis this fall ... Established personal bests for both receptions and yardage in 2006 ... His 15.4 yards per reception was the second best on the squad ... Continues to work on his blocking and being a physical presence on the field ... Can play split end or flanker ... Has a chance to make a big impact in 2007.

**2006:** Played in every game, starting three ... Fourth in receptions with 21 for 324 yards ... Was on the receiving end of three passes for 35 yards against Northeastern ... Pulled in two passes for 30 yards, while playing 38 snaps against Duke ... Caught a 47-yard touchdown pass in the Cincinnati game ... Finished with two catches for 64 yards ... Registered a personal-best 109 yards receiving in the Georgia Tech game ... Caught four passes, including a 49-yarder ... Had one catch in consecutive games against BC, USM and Clemson ... Hauled in a pair of receptions for 30 yards in win over Kent State ... Caught four passes at Wake Forest for 29 yards ... Got the start in the bowl game against Georgia, catching a 6-yard pass ... Ran the fastest 40 time during spring testing at 4.33 ... Won the Coaches Award for the most exceptional spring for an offensive player ... Caught four passes for 108 yards and two TDs in the Hokies' second spring scrimmage.

**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 33-yard 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



Justin Harper

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 teammate 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.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	11	5	84	16.8	1	34
2005	13	16	295	18.4	2	43
2006	13	21	324	15.4	1	49
Career	37	42	703	16.7	4	49

2006 Receiving Game-by-Game						
NE	1	3	35	11.7	0	20
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
DUKE	1	2	30	15.0	0	15
UC	1	2	64	32.0	1	47
GT	1	4	109	27.3	0	49
at BC	1	1	6	6.0	0	6
USM	1	1	11	11.0	0	11
CU	1	1	4	4.0	0	4
at UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
KENT	1	2	30	15.0	0	20
at WF	1	4	29	7.3	0	12
UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UGA	1	1	6	6.0	0	6



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## Victor Harris

**Cornerback • 6-0 • 195 • Jr.**  
**Highland Springs, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.**

An exceptional talent who has really matured at the field corner position ... Got better and better as the 2006 season progressed ... Started every game during the season and then turned in an outstanding spring ... Teams with Brandon Flowers to give the Hokies a pair of quality corners ... Has developed a good understanding of the position





... A solid tackler and a good playmaker ... Led the team in interceptions last year with four ... Returned one of those picks 72 yards for a touchdown ... Started on the punt return team, as well as on the punt, field goal and extra point block units ... Will be looked to for a big season.

**2006:** Took over the starting field cornerback duties ... Made his first start against Northeastern ... Played 39 plays on defense and seven on special teams ... Was in on a pair of tackles ... Posted four tackles during win at North Carolina ... Had two tackles in the Duke game ... Named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against Cincinnati ... Intercepted two passes during the



Macho Harris

final stages of the game ... Sealed the win with a 72-yard return for a touchdown on the first pick ... Added three tackles ... Picked off another pass in the Georgia Tech game ... Also had five tackles against the Yellow Jackets ... Had two tackles and a breakup at BC ... Registered three tackles in the Clemson game ... Injured his shoulder making a one-handed interception in the Kent State game ... Returned the next week at Wake Forest and played 34 plays with three tackles ... Was in on three tackles against Virginia ... Had three solo tackles, including one for a loss, in the bowl game against Georgia ... Had a total of 34 tackles on the season ... Turned in the fastest NFL shuttle time on the team during spring testing at 3.69 seconds ... Earned the Frank O. Moseley Award as the top defensive hustler during spring practice.

**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.	Loss	Sacks
2005	13	7	5	12	0- 0	0- 0
2006	13	22	12	34	1- 2	0- 0
Career	26	29	17	46	1- 2	0- 0

2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
at UNC	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
DUKE	1	1	1	2	0- 0	0- 0
UC	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0
GT	1	4	1	5	0- 0	0- 0
at BC	1	1	2	3	0- 0	0- 0
USM	1	2	0	2	0- 0	0- 0
CU	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
KENT	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
at WF	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0
UVa	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
UGA	1	3	0	3	1- 2	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2005	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006	13	4	75	18.8	1	72
Career	26	4	75	18.8	1	72



## Brandon Holland

**Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 322 • So.**  
Roanoke, Va. • Northside H.S. • Hargrave

Finished the spring No. 3 at right guard ... Has the ability to move higher, but his summer preparation and preseason performance will determine if he does ... Appeared headed for a redshirt year in 2006, then suddenly found himself on the dress squad due to continued depth problems along the line ... Played in jayvee games to get some extra work ... Saw brief duty in three games ... Got a lot of reps during spring practice, including some with the first unit ... Ended the spring much better than he started it ... Could give the Hokies a boost on the line if he shows continued progress.

**2006:** Spent time working with the scout team at left guard ... Made the dress squad for the Cincinnati game ... Saw his first varsity action with nine snaps against USM ... Got to play an offensive series at Wake Forest ... Picked up four plays against Virginia ... Improved in all four major lifts during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Improved his back squat by 60 pounds to 565.

**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.

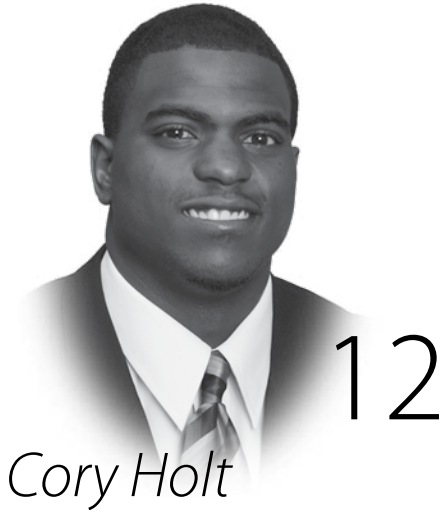
**Prep School:** Spent the fall semester playing defensive end for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave.

**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.

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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.



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Cory Holt

**Quarterback • 6-4 • 225 • r-Jr.**  
**Lexington, N.C. • Lexington H.S. • Hargrave**

Is expected to resume his battle with Ike Whitaker for the No. 2 quarterback duties when practice resumes ... Finished slightly behind Whitaker at the end of spring practice ... Improved his throwing and did well in pass skeleton drills, but lacked consistency in scrimmages ... Has a good understanding of the offense to go with a strong arm, speed and excellent athletic ability ... Competed for the starting quarterback duties during the spring and preseason last year ... Finished second in a close battle with Sean Glennon ... Stayed involved with the offense during the games, helping signal in the plays ... Coaches like his temperament and the way he competes ... Will be watched closely in the preseason.

**2006:** Led the quarterbacks with a 500-pound back squat during preseason testing ... Made a bid for the starting quarterback job, but was slowed after injuring his hand in a scrimmage ... Got some reps in practice at receiver to utilize his size and athleticism ... Closed out the last series at Wake Forest ... Served as the back-up in the bowl game against Georgia ... Ran the fastest 40 time among the quarterbacks during spring testing at 4.52.

**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-yard 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 off-season and spring with fellow quarterback Sean Glennon.

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

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

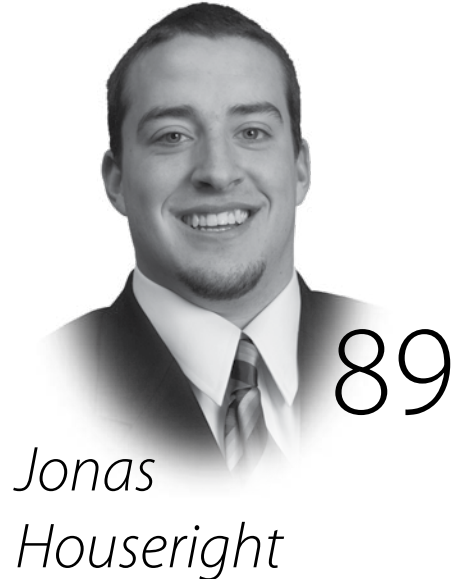
**Prep School:** Spent the fall semester playing for Coach Robert Prunty at Hargrave ... Connected on 4-of-10 passes for 66 yards in a win over the Virginia Tech jayvee squad ... Hit fellow Hokie Justin Harper for a 47-yard touchdown on the third play of that game ... Had a rushing touchdown against 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 apparel, housing and resource management.

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



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Jonas Houseright

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 205 • r-Jr.**  
**Gate City, Va. • Gate City H.S.**

A smart player who has developed into a steady contributor on special teams ... Was especially successful on the punt and kickoff coverage units last fall ... Also plays a backup role at the backer position ... Combines good athletic ability with a tough, hard-nosed approach ... Is working to add more strength ... Has gained the coaches' trust with steady play ... Comes from a family of Tech football players.

**2006:** Earned a starting spot on the punt team and worked on three other units ... Saw brief action in games against Northeastern, UNC and Duke ... Was in for three special teams plays against Cincinnati ... Turned in a tackle, while working 11 special teams plays against Georgia Tech ... Picked up another special team tackle against USM and was in on two more versus Clemson ... Had 12 special team plays at Miami and 11 against Kent State ... Posted a tackle during 12 special team plays at Wake Forest ... Picked up five plays on the punt team and four on the kickoff unit against Virginia ... Played in every game, posting three tackles on kickoff and two on punt returns ... Improved on three of the four major lifts during spring max testing.

**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



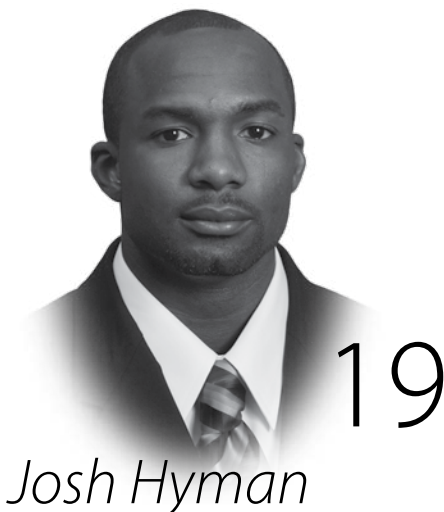


during the spring Maroon-White game.

**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 engineering.



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Josh Hyman

**Split End • 5-11 • 193 • r-Sr.**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S. • Fork Union**

Is being looked to for big things this season after being hampered by little nagging injuries in 2006 ... Has the ability to play split end or flanker ... A physical player who can make the tough catch ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Underwent shoulder surgery during spring 2006 ... Bounced back to make 16 catches last fall ... Plays hard and works hard ... The oldest member of Tech's sure-handed receiving corps at 24 ... Will be counted on for leadership.

**2006:** Pulled in three passes against North Carolina for 12 yards ... Had an 18-yard grab in the Duke game ... Caught two passes for 10 yards against UC ... Set a personal best with six catches in the Georgia Tech game, gaining 58 yards ... Was suspended for the BC game after a violation of team policy ... Did not have a catch against USM or Clemson ... Caught three passes for 9 yards in the regular season finale against Virginia ... Played in 12 games, catching 16 passes for 111 yards.

**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



Josh Hyman

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 quarter ... Moved over to start at split end against WMU and caught four passes for 89 yards ... Led the way with four catches for 89 yards in the win over Duke ... Caught a 34-yard score from Richard Johnson on a receiver pass ... Had just one catch against FAMU, but it went for a 20-yard touchdown ... Caught four passes for a career-high 93 yards and two touchdowns against Virginia ... Had scoring receptions of 45 and 32 yards ... Performance earned him ACC Rookie of the Week honors ... Did not start against Miami due to an injury, but played 14 offensive snaps ... Caught five passes for 71 yards in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Caught three passes for 22 yards in the Maroon-White game ... Recorded a 295-pound bench, a 450-pound back squat, a 35-inch vertical jump and a 4.41 40-yard dash in spring testing.

**2003:** Worked with the scout team while taking a redshirt year ... Did well during spring strength and conditioning tests earning Iron

Hokie honors ... Posted a 320-pound bench press and 450-pound back squat ... Ran a 4.37 in the 40 and added 37 1/2 vertical jump ... Caught four passes for 40 yards during the 2004 Maroon-White game.

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

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

**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
2006	12	16	111	6.9	0	20
Career	38	56	799	15.1	5	45



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Kenny Jefferson

**Fullback • 5-9 • 223 • r-So.**  
**Port Tobacco, Md. • DeMatha Catholic H.S.**

Is starting to play up to his potential ... Had a good showing in the spring and enters preseason practice No. 2 at fullback ... Saw brief action in six games last fall ... An excellent blocker, he was used mainly on goal-line and short yardage situations ... Excels in the weight room and the class room ... Has a chance to see

*Jefferson, continued*

more action in 2007 if he continues to exhibit the physical style of play he showed during the spring.

**2006:** Picked up some limited snaps during early season games against Northeastern, UNC and Duke ... Was in for four snaps in the Southern Miss game ... Got five snaps on short-yardage situations against Clemson ... Got his first collegiate carry against Virginia and picked up 3 yards ... Broke a tackle on that play ... Was an Iron Hokie during the off-season program ... Bench pressed 390 pounds and had a back squat of 535.

**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 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.



Kenny Jefferson



*Nick Kaminski*

**Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 270 • r-Fr.  
Bolling AFB, D.C. • Bishop O'Connell H.S.**

A young offensive lineman with a good frame ... Practiced at left guard during the fall and got some time at right guard in the spring ... Must continue working to improve his strength and quickness ... Still has a lot to learn but will help provide depth on the line this fall.

**2006:** Redshirted while working at guard ... Improved in three of his four major lifts during spring testing ... Got a look at both guard spots in the spring.

**High School:** Played offensive tackle for Coach Steve Trimble at O'Connell ... Lettered four seasons, earning all-conference honors each of his last three seasons.

**Personal:** Nicholas James Kaminski ... Born 2/17/88 in San Antonio, TX ... Son of Arthur and Joyce Kaminski ... An electrical engineering major.



*Dustin Keys*

**Place-kicker • 6-2 • 195 • r-So.  
Stafford, Va. • Brooke Point H.S.**

Is in the mix for the place-kicking duties ... Has ability, but will have to display consistency when the competition resumes in August to make an impact.

**2006:** Redshirted during the fall ... Competed for the place-kicking duties during spring practice.

**2005:** Kicked during spring practice ... Made an extra point in the 2006 spring game ... Missed on a 46-yard field goal attempt.

**High School:** Was a punter and place-kicker for Coach Jeff Berry at Brooke Point ... Set multiple records during his career, including a single season mark for yards punting (1,988) ... Also had the longest punt in a game (51 yds.), longest field goal (42 yds.) and most field goals made in a season (6) ... Scored the most points his senior season with 32 points ... Lettered two years in soccer ... Member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Dustin Duane Keys ... Born 2/6/86 in Woodbridge, VA ... Son of Jack and Brenda Keys ... Cousin Rod Emmons played baseball for Virginia Tech from 1986-1990 ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.



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*Scott King*

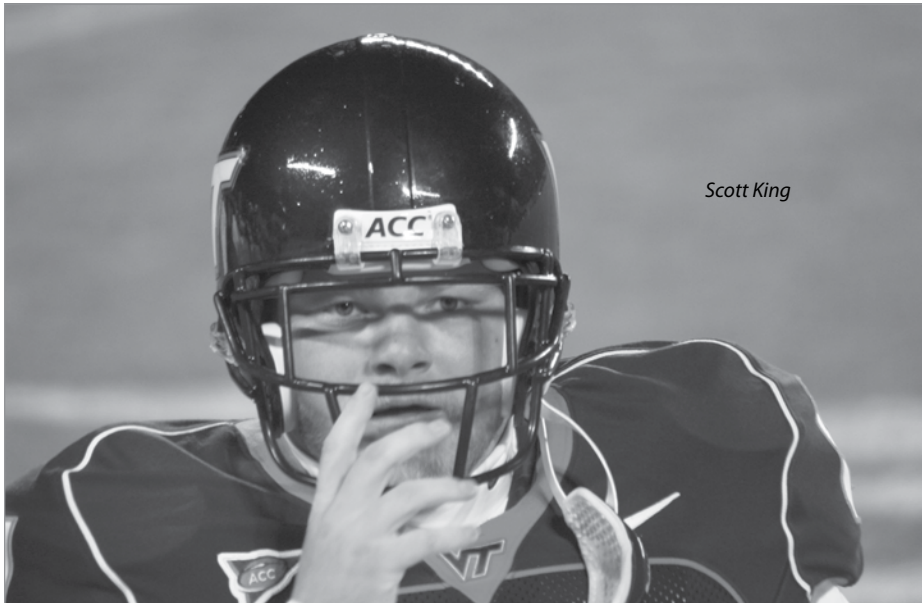
**Snapper • 6-0 • 265 • Sr.  
Radford, Va. • Radford H.S.**

An extremely hard worker who returns as the Hokies' short snapper ... Can also help out with the long snapping duties if needed ... Earned the short snapping duties during the preseason last fall ... Handled snaps for all of the Hokies' field goal and extra point attempts during the season ... Was an important factor in Brandon Pace's record-tying 17 consecutive field goals made last season ... Has benefited from his hard work in the strength and conditioning program ... Can always be counted on for top effort.

**2006:** Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in preseason testing ... Bench pressed 375 pounds ... Won the starting job as snapper for field goals and extra points ... Saw action on 60 snaps ... Worked at both snapping positions during the spring.

**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.





Scott King

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

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

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



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Elan Lewis

**Tailback • 5-8 • 233 • r-So.**  
**Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

Battled a nagging knee injury and extra weight last year in an effort to earn playing time ... Saw limited action in eight games ...

Scored his first collegiate touchdown during the Georgia Tech game ... Has great vision and the ability to break tackles ... Showed continued progress in the strength and conditioning program during the off-season ... Needs to make a good summer preparation ... Has the ability to help the Hokies' running game if he can return to form.

**2006:** Slowed in preseason by extra weight and a sore knee ... Saw action on six plays against Northeastern ... Carried the football twice for 11 yards ... Got three carries for 2 yards at UNC ... Got six carries against Duke, but netted just 2 yards ... Had a carry for 2 yards in his only play against Cincinnati ... Picked up 19 yards on five rushes against Georgia Tech ... Played a total of 34 snaps and scored his first collegiate TD on a 1-yard plunge ... Had one carry for a 1-yard gain against Southern Miss ... Carried the ball eight times for 7 yards versus Clemson ... Ran the football eight times for 7 yards against Clemson ... Did not travel to Miami due to a sore knee ... Missed the Kent State game ... Carried the football two times for 3 yards against Virginia ... Was an Iron Hokie during spring max testing ... Had personal bests in three of the four major lifts, including a 535-pound back squat ... Ripped off an 18-yard run in the team's second spring scrimmage.

**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.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006	8	28	47	1.8	1	9



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Kenny Lewis, Jr.

**Tailback • 5-9 • 193 • So.**  
**Danville, Va. • George Washington H.S.**

Came out of spring practice as the No. 2 man at the tailback position ... Has made tremendous progress in his short time at Tech ... Works extremely hard in the film room, as well as on the field ... Is seeing things quicker and reading his blocks better ... Is fast and athletic, and continues to get stronger ... Was

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called on to contribute when injuries depleted the depth at tailback last fall ... Played a key role in the Hokies' last two regular season games after starter Brandon Ore was injured ... Contributed 153 yards on 36 carries in helping Tech to wins in those two games ... 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 and entered Tech in January 2006 ... His dad, Kenny, Sr., is a member of the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

**2006:** Was slated for a redshirt year ... Did not play in the first two games ... Coaches changed their minds after injuries limited the production at the No. 2 tailback spot ... Played 10 snaps against Duke and scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 2-yard run ... Picked up some added reps and game experience by participating in jayvee games against Fork Union and Hargrave ... Gained 161 yards on 31 carries against Hargrave and scored the game-winning TD with just over a minute remaining ... Rushed two times for 19 yards in the Southern Miss game ... Scored on a 14-yard run ... Posted a 17-yard run and 23 total yards rushing during the win over Clemson ... Saw brief action against Kent State ... Shared time at tailback with George Bell at Wake Forest after starter Brandon Ore was injured ... Picked up 74 yards on 17 carries ... Turned in a season-best 26-yard run ... Made his first collegiate start in the Virginia game and ran for a personal-best 79 yards ... Ranked second on the team in rushing with 215 yards on 54 carries ... Won the Frank O. Moseley Award as the top offensive hustler during the off-season and spring workouts.

**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, first-team 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 Eugene Lewis, Jr. ... Born 10/13/84 in Manhasset, NY ... Son of Kenny and Theresa Lewis ... Father played football and ran track at Virginia Tech, and played football for the New York Jets ... Enrolled in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006	7	54	215	4.0	2	26



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Zach Lockett

**Split End • 6-3 • 217 • r-Fr.**  
**Mays Landing, N.J. • Holy Spirit H.S.**

A talented young receiver who is trying to find his way into the playing rotation at the senior-laden receiver positions ... Has a chance to succeed if he maintains his concentration ... Possesses all the physical tools, but must continue working on his ball skills and the mental aspects of the position ... Really came along during the spring and needs to continue it through his summer preparation ... Could become a big, physical presence in the passing game as he picks up more reps and experience at the position.

**2006:** Worked at the split end position ... Coaches considered playing him early, but decided on a redshirt ... Led the receivers with a 475-pound back squat on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Caught four passes for 40 yards in the opening scrimmage of spring practice.

**High School:** 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 three-sport athlete, he played football, basketball and ran track (100, 200, and 4x400 events).

**Personal:** Zachary Lance Lockett ... Born 12/8/87 in Somers Point, NJ ... Son of Jeffrey and Cynthia Lockett ... A communication major.

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Nick Marshman

**Offensive Guard • 6-5 • 355 • r-Jr.**  
**Harrisonburg, Va. • Turner Ashby H.S.**

Will be a key figure on the Hokies' offensive line this fall after moving inside to the left guard position ... Played an important utility role along the offensive line last season as the top backup at guard and tackle ... Started two games at left tackle when starter Brandon Frye was injured ... Coaches feel he is more suited for guard and were encouraged by his performance in the spring ... Showed he was physical enough for the position ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Has good feet and moves well for his size, but must watch his weight ... Is being counted on to help solidify the offensive front.

**2006:** Saw action on 39 plays against Northeastern as the No. 2 left tackle ... Was pressed into a starting role at North Carolina due to an injury to Brandon Frye ... Played 47 downs in that game ... Started on the extra point and field goal team ... Saw limited offensive duty against Duke ... Was in for five plays on the field goal team against Georgia Tech ... Picked up a knockdown block while playing nine snaps against Southern Miss ... Was thrust into a starting role at tackle for the Kent State game ... Replaced Frye and played every down ... Contributed two knockdown blocks ... Played a series in the Wake Forest game ... Contributed a knockdown block on four plays against Virginia ... Saw extensive action in the bowl game against Georgia ... Ran a personal-best 5.09 in the 40 during spring testing ... Moved from tackle to guard for spring practice.

**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 guard 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 341-pound push jerk and a 29-inch vertical jump.

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

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

**Personal:** Nicholas Chase Marshman ... Born 2/13/85 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Frank and Janet Marshman ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.



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Cam Martin

**Linebacker • 6-1 • 216 • r-So.**  
Martinsville, Va. • George Washington H.S.

Seems to have found a good fit when he moved from free safety to whip linebacker in the spring ... Is still learning the position, but made good progress ... Should continue to improve as he gets more reps ... Has a chance



Cam Martin

to contribute at the position if he can avoid the injury bug that has limited his playing and practice time the past two years ... The majority of his action has come on special teams ... Saw some reserve duty at free safety in four games last season before missing the final two regular season games with an ankle injury ... Possesses both ability and savvy ... Enters preseason practice No. 2 at the whip position.

**2006:** Missed the opening game after undergoing a second surgery to repair a hernia ... Returned to see action on 16 plays at free safety against North Carolina ... Contributed three tackles ... Had two tackles in the Duke game ... Played 11 plays on special teams against Cincinnati ... Worked on three different special team units against Georgia Tech, seeing action on 18 plays and contributing a tackle ... Was injured while playing in Tech's jayvee game against Fork Union ... Returned to special teams duty against Southern Miss and got a snap on defense ... Saw action on both defense and special teams in the Clemson game ... Played on special teams at Miami ... Missed the Wake Forest and Virginia games after injuring his foot against Kent State ... Returned for the bowl game ... Had a total of six tackles ... Had a 450-pound back squat during spring testing ... Switched to whip linebacker for spring practice ... Posted a sack and a quarterback hurry in the team's second spring scrimmage.

**2005:** Spent the fall working at free safety while redshirted ... 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 junior on the Tech football squad ... Uncle, Bobby Martin, played for Tech from 1986-1989 ... Majoring in management.



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Orion Martin

**Defensive End • 6-2 • 255 • r-Jr.**  
Martinsville, Va.  
George Washington H.S. • Hargrave

Heads into preseason practice No. 1 at the end spot vacated by Noland Burchette ... Was named the Hokies' most valuable defensive performer of spring practice ... Was extremely consistent with his approach during winter and spring workouts ... Combines experience with a non-stop motor and a lot of desire ... Was in the playing rotation at end last fall, contributing 12 quarterback hurries ... Also started on three special teams units and was a backup on three others ... His 149 plays on

*Orion Martin, continued*

special teams were the second highest total on the team ... Is expected to be an important contributor in 2007.

**2006:** Contributed 29 tackles on the season, including 1.5 sacks ... Was in on 23 defensive plays in the opener against Northeastern ... Had two quarterback hurries and a tackle ... Contributed two tackles at UNC ... Shared a sack and was in on five tackles during the Duke game ... Made his first collegiate start in the Georgia Tech game ... Shared a sack in the Cincinnati game and finished the contest with four tackles ... Was in on three tackles and posted a quarterback hurry against Southern Miss ... Had a hurry and a tackle in the Clemson game ... Had three special teams tackles and one on defense against Kent State ... Also contributed a pair of QB hurries ... Played 20 downs on defense with a tackle and two quarterback hurries ... Added 17 plays on special teams ... Had a hurry and a tackle in the Virginia game ... Had two tackles against Georgia in the bowl game ... Finished second on the team in special team tackles with eight, all on punt returns ... Had two quarterback hurries in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Added five tackles, two hurries and a sack in the second scrimmage ... Earned the George Preas Award, presented to the most valuable defensive player of the spring.

**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 sophomore on the Tech football squad ... Uncle, Bobby Martin, played for Tech from 1986-1989 ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2005	13	11	12	23	1.5-	6 0.5-
2006	13	9	20	29	1.5-	10 1.0-
Career	26	20	32	52	3.0-	16 1.5-



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*Bart McMillin*

**Deep Snapper • 6-0 • 230 • r-Sr.  
Bristol, Tenn. • Tennessee H.S.**

Is slated to move into the starting role at deep snapper after serving as the backup the past two seasons ... Came out of spring practice listed as No. 1 at the position ... Has dressed for every game, but has not seen varsity action ... Worked in jayvee games for additional experience ... Will be counted on for a consistent performance ... A transfer from East Tennessee State ... Came to Tech when ETSU dropped football.

**2006:** Backed up Nick Leeson as the long snapper on punts ... Saw action in both jayvee games ... Turned in personal bests in the clean and the push jerk during spring max testing ... Moved to the top of the depth chart as the long snapper during the spring.

**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



*Bart McMillin*

a 490-pound back squat during spring max testing.

**High School:** Lettered four seasons for Coach Greg Stubbs at Tennessee High ... Saw action at middle linebacker, fullback and long snapper ... Had 80 solo tackles, 38 assists, 13 sacks, four fumbles caused and three fumble recoveries his senior season ... Also averaged 7.7 yards a carry at fullback and scored seven touchdowns ... Set a school career record for individual tackles with 238 and sacks with 18 ... Had a career total of 356 tackles, including 118 assists ... Caused 10 fumbles during his career and blocked two punts ... Was a three-time all-conference and all-region pick ... Named Northeast Tennessee Defensive Player of the Year his junior and senior years by the *Bristol Herald-Courier* ... Selected to all-state teams picked by the Tennessee Sports 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.



*Barrett Mears*

**Center • 6-5 • 282 • r-Fr.  
Richmond, Va. • Mills Godwin H.S.**

A young offensive lineman who is working to get bigger, faster and stronger ... Has ability but needs more exposure to the Tech system





... Combines a good work ethic with a positive attitude.

**2006:** Worked at center during a redshirt year.

**High School:** Lettered two seasons as a tackle for Coach Will Kitchen at Godwin ... Also competed as a heavyweight on the wrestling team.

**Personal:** Barrett James Mears ... Born 2/22/88 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Jerry and Lauri Beyer ... Majoring in accounting and information systems.



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## Roland Minor

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

Practiced sparingly during the spring, while concentrating on academics ... His status may be uncertain, but his ability and experience are

well known ... Can play either corner position ... Started all but one game at field corner in 2005 ... Got a late start on the 2006 season after sustaining injuries in a car wreck ... Eventually saw his first action in the Georgia Tech game ... Had to adjust to a new role, serving as the No. 2 man at field corner for the second half of the season ... Saw playing time in a total of eight games ... Plays aggressively and hits hard ... His playmaking ability could give the Hokies a boost.

**2006:** Injuries sustained in a late-summer car accident sidelined him for preseason practices and the first four games ... Returned to action for the Cincinnati game ... Was in on one defensive down and two special teams plays against Georgia Tech ... Played six defensive snaps at BC, contributing a tackle ... Recovered a fumble and broke up a pass in the Southern Miss game ... Played 13 snaps at corner and eight on special teams against Clemson ... Was in on eight plays at corner against Miami, registering a tackle ... Had a tackle during eight plays at corner during the Kent State game ... Got 29 plays at corner against Wake Forest, contributing three tackles ... Had a total of six tackles to go with a pass break up and a fumble recovery ... Most of his attention during the spring was on schoolwork, but he did contribute four tackles and two passes broken up in the team's first scrimmage.

**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 resource management.



Roland Minor

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	7	8	15	0- 0	0- 0
2005	13	20	13	33	0.5- 1	0- 0
2006	8	5	1	6	0- 0	0- 0
Career	34	32	22	54	0.5- 1	0- 0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	13	2	63	31.5	1	64
2005	13	3	62	20.7	1	25
2006	8	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	34	5	125	25.0	2	64



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## Josh Morgan

**Split End • 6-1 • 216 • Sr.**  
**Washington, D.C.**  
**H.D. Woodson H.S. • Fork Union**

A physical player who can make big plays in both the passing game and on special teams ... Led the Hokies in touchdown catches last season with four and blocked two kicks ... Is big, tall and athletic ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Can make the tough catches ... Has the ability to pick up yards after a catch, and the coaches are looking for him to do that on a more consistent basis ... Carries a career average of 16.6 yards per catch on 76 catches ... Is tied for sixth in career touchdown receptions at Tech with 11 ... Can have a big season if he remains focused.

**2006:** Caught a personal-best 33 passes for 448 yards and four touchdowns ... Gained 6 yards on a reverse ... Was one of two deep men on kickoffs ... Started at split end and on two special teams units ... Caught two passes for 65 yards in the opening game against Northeastern ... Scored on a 54-yard pass from Sean Glennon ... Returned two punts for 17 yards in the UNC game ... Also blocked a punt to set up a touchdown against the Heels ... Hauled in a 25-yard scoring pass against Duke ... Finished with four catches for 69 yards ... Added four more grabs in the Cincinnati game for 27 yards ... Also blocked a punt that resulted in a safety ... Was suspended for the Georgia Tech game due to a violation of team rules ... Led the team with six catches for 35 yards at BC ... Caught a 38-yard TD pass against USM ... Hauled in four passes for 23 yards against Clemson ... Set up Tech's first touchdown with a 30-yard catch at Miami ... Had four catches for 50 yards against Kent State ... Out-jumped a defender and then broke two tackles on the way to a 53-yard touchdown at Wake Forest ... Made two catches for 24 yards against Virginia ... Had two catches for 14 yards in the bowl game against Georgia ... Was a Super Iron Hokie during spring max testing ... Caught six passes for 30 yards in the team's first spring scrimmage ... Had three grabs for 16 yards and a TD in the second scrimmage.

**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 yards ... Made his first collegiate start at Miami ... Caught three passes for a Tech bowl record 126 yards and two touchdowns in the Sugar Bowl against Auburn ... Second score was an 80-yarder ... Recorded a 310-pound bench, a 505-pound back squat, a 260-pound power clean and a 36-inch vertical jump in spring testing.

**2003:** Entered school in January 2004 ... Went through the winter strength and conditioning program ... Caught a 20-yard touchdown pass during Tech's third scrimmage of the spring ... Led the receivers with three catches for 45 yards in the final scrimmage ... Pulled in a 6-yard 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 Lewis Morgan ... Born 6/20/85 in Washington, D.C. ... 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
2006	12	33	448	13.6	4	54
Career	37	76	1265	16.6	11	80
2006 Receiving Game-by-Game						
NE	1	2	65	32.5	1	54
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
DUKE	1	4	69	17.3	1	25
UC	1	4	27	6.8	0	11
GT	Did not play					
at BC	1	6	35	5.8	0	11
USM	1	2	49	24.5	1	38
CU	1	4	23	5.8	0	9
at UM	1	2	39	19.5	0	30
KENT	1	4	50	12.5	0	15
at WF	1	1	53	53.0	1	53
UVa	1	2	24	12.0	0	18
UGA	1	2	14	7.0	0	7



## Mark Muncey

**Linebacker • 5-11 • 225 • r-So.**  
**Tazewell, Va. • Tazewell H.S.**

A tough, aggressive player who has excelled in the strength and conditioning program ... Set a position record in the power clean with a lift of 360 pounds during spring testing ... Worked at the mike linebacker position during the fall and switched to backer in the spring ... Contributed as a member of the scout and jayvee teams ... Has made steady progress since joining the team as a walk-on ... Figures to see some time on special teams this fall.

**2006:** Worked at mike linebacker during the season ... Played in both jayvee games ... Posted five tackles in a win against Fork Union and was in on six during a victory over Hargrave ... Earned Iron Hokie honors during the off-season ... Posted the ninth-best power clean in Tech football history (360) during spring max test ... Also had a personal-best 39 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Got a look at the backer position in spring practice.

**2005:** Practiced at the backer position during a redshirt season ... Set a record for inside linebackers in the power clean with a lift

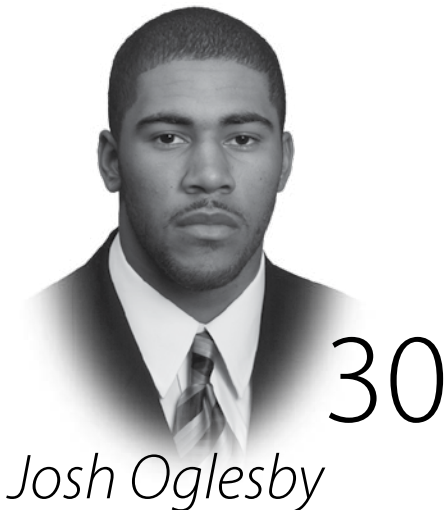




of 341 pounds during spring testing ... Posted eight tackles in first spring scrimmage.

**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 management.



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*Josh Oglesby*

**Tailback • 5-11 • 212 • Fr.**  
**Garner, N.C. • Garner H.S.**

A promising young tailback who opted to start college early ... Entered Tech last January after finishing his senior football season ... Made a good impression with his work in the off-season strength and conditioning program ... Also showed real promise during spring workouts, despite missing time with an ankle injury ... A strong player with a burst ... Has a lot to learn, but looks to have a bright future.

**2006:** Joined the team in January ... Turned in a 355-pound bench press during spring max testing ... Did well in early spring practices before injuring an ankle.

**High School:** Was selected to the NC/SC Shrine Bowl his senior year after rushing for 1,004 yards and 18 touchdowns ... Rushed for over 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior ... Added 230 yards receiving as well ... Recorded 45 tackles and three interceptions ... Listed as the No. 34 running back in the country and the No. 18 player in the state of North Carolina by Rivals ... Listed as the No. 32 overall player on the North Carolina 35 by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 33 player in the state of North Carolina by Scout ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... A member of the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic Team.

**Personal:** Joshua Gray Oglesby ... Born 9/23/88 in Garner, NC ... Son of Ike and Monya Oglesby ... Father, Ike, is No. 13 on the North Carolina all-time rushing records with 1,773 yards in 1970-72 ... Enrolled in university studies.



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*Branden Ore*

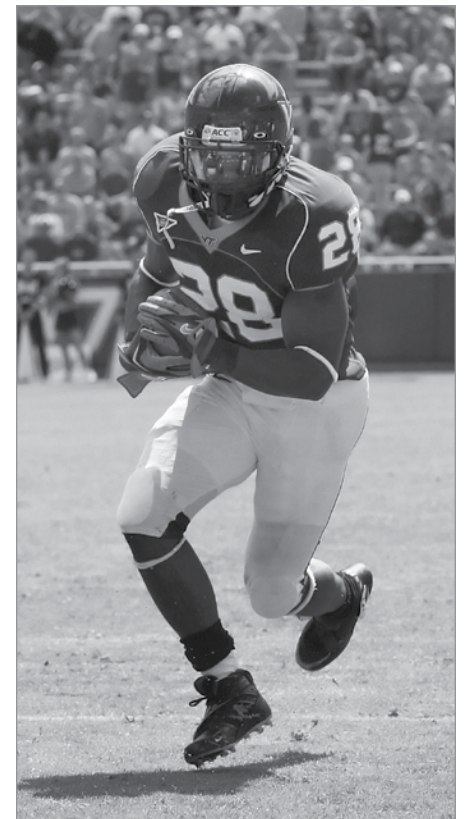
**Tailback • 5-11 • 207 • r-Jr.**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Indian River H.S.**

Has grown into a complete player who has the opportunity to become one of the premier running backs in the country ... Blends speed, strength and toughness with great vision ... Can catch the ball out of the backfield and has worked hard to improve his blocking ... Was the leading rusher in the ACC last fall until suffering a high ankle sprain on his second carry at Wake Forest ... Missed the Virginia game, but still earned first-team All-ACC honors at tailback and finished the season ranked second in rushing and first in both scoring and all-purpose yards ... Named the state's top offensive back by the Richmond Touchdown Club ... Earned honorable mention All-America honors from SI.com ... Became the first Virginia Tech player to post two 200-yard rushing performances — in a season, in a career, in a row ... Accomplished the feat in back-to-back games — five days apart — against Southern Miss and Clemson ... Is averaging 5.3 yards per carry for his two seasons at Tech ... A big-play threat, who will be one of the focal points of the Tech offense.

**2006:** Opened the season with 54 yards rushing and a touchdown on 11 carries against Northeastern ... Also caught two passes for 81 yards in that game, including a screen pass he turned into a 55-yard TD ... Ran for 111 yards and three touchdowns at UNC ... Carried the ball 22 times ... Added two catches for 37 yards on the way to ACC Offensive Back of the Week honors ... Rushed for 64 yards and a touchdown on 15 carries in the Duke game ... Picked up a career-high 170 yards on the ground against UC ... Had a career-high 25 carries in the game and scored a touchdown ... Broke 12 tackles ... Also caught a pass for a 34-yard gain ... Scored on a 26-yard run against Georgia Tech ... Posted back-to-back 200-yard games against USM and Clemson ...

Had a career-high 207 yards and two touchdowns against the Golden Eagles, including a 70-yard TD run ... Gained 203 yards on a career-high 37 carries in win over the Tigers five days after the USM game ... Also scored twice in that game... Posted two touchdowns for the third-straight game, including the game-winner with less than two minutes left at Miami ... Gained 79 yards on 29 carries and caught two passes for 19 yards ... Accounted for 72 yards and a touchdown on the ground versus Kent State ... Suffered a high ankle sprain on Tech's sixth offensive play at Wake Forest and missed the rest of the game ... Had just one carry for 5 yards before leaving ... Sat out the Virginia game ... Returned for the bowl game against Georgia, carrying the ball 20 times for 42 yards and two touchdowns ... Posted 1,137 yards on 241 carries ... Had 16 touchdowns rushing and one receiving ... Had 18 pass receptions for 214 yards, an average of 11.9 yards a catch ... Turned in a personal-best 37-inch vertical jump during off-season testing ... Posted a 48-yard touchdown run during the second spring scrimmage ... Finished the day with 57 yards and two TDs on just three carries.

**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



*Branden Ore*

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

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

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2005	12	109	647	5.9	6	45
2006	12	241	1137	4.7	16	70
Career	24	350	1784	5.1	22	70

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006 Rushing Game-by-Game						
NE	1	11	54	4.9	1	14
at UNC	1	22	111	5.0	3	19
DUKE	1	15	64	4.3	1	15
UC	1	25	170	6.8	1	46
GT	1	14	59	4.2	1	26
at BC	1	19	71	3.7	0	10
USM	1	23	207	9.0	2	70
CU	1	37	203	5.5	2	40
at UM	1	29	79	2.7	2	16
KENT	1	25	72	2.9	1	13
at WF	1	1	5	5.0	0	5
UVa			Did not play			
UGA	1	20	42	2.1	2	6

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2005	12	5	36	7.2	0	13
2006	12	18	214	11.9	1	55
Career	24	23	250	10.9	1	55

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006 Receiving Game-by-Game						
NE	1	2	81	40.5	1	55
at UNC	1	2	37	18.5	0	22
DUKE	1	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
UC	1	1	34	34.0	0	34
GT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at BC	1	5	26	5.2	0	10
USM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
CU	1	1	7	7.0	0	7
at UM	1	2	19	9.5	0	13
KENT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at WF	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UVa			Did not play			
UGA	1	4	11	2.8	0	7



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D.J. Parker

**Free Safety • 5-11 • 190 • Sr.**  
**Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S. • Hargrave**

Took over the leadership role in the secondary during the 2006 season ... Was very consistent, while starting every game at free safety ... Continued to practice with a good mindset during the spring ... Plays with maturity and poise ... Does a good job of communicating and getting everyone lined up properly ... Always gives great effort ... Turned in 601 plays at safety and added 34 more on special teams in the regular season ... Will be asked to expand his leadership role to the team as a senior.

**2006:** Tied for the best bench press among the defensive backs with a lift of 340 pounds during preseason testing ... Started and played 39 downs at free safety in the opener against Northeastern ... Posted his first interception and added two tackles ... Was in on three tackles during the win at UNC ... Collected two tackles and broke up a pass against Duke ... Picked up five tackles in the Cincinnati game ... Forced a fumble, posted eight tackles and broke up a pass versus Georgia Tech ... Posted seven tackles and forced another fumble during the Southern Miss game ... Had two tackles at Miami and three against both Kent State and Wake Forest ... Collected an interception, two tackles and two passes broken up against Virginia ... Had 41 total tackles, two interceptions, six passes broken up and a pair of forced fumbles ... Posted four tackles during the team's second spring scrimmage.

**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.

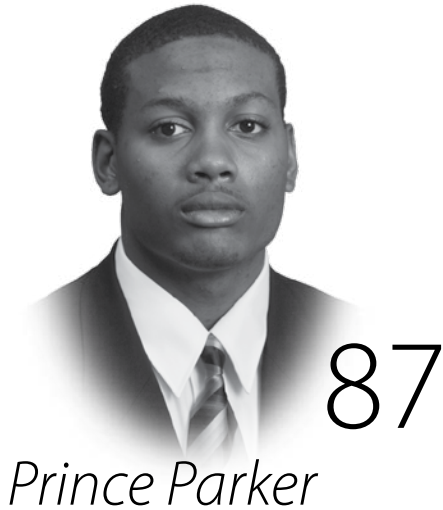
**Personal:** Dorian James Parker ... Born 4/18/85 ... Son of Angela Parker ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	12	7	3	10	0-0	0-0
2005	13	11	23	34	0-0	0-0
2006	13	13	28	41	0-0	0-0
Career	38	31	54	85	0-0	0-0

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0
at UNC	1	0	3	3	0-0	0-0
DUKE	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0
UC	1	0	5	5	0-0	0-0
GT	1	5	3	8	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0
USM	1	1	6	7	0-0	0-0
CU	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0
at UM	1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0
KENT	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0
at WF	1	2	1	3	0-0	0-0
UVa	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0
UGA	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	13	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006	13	2	28	14.0	0	18
Career	38	2	28	14.0	0	18





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## Prince Parker

**Split End • 6-5 • 224 • r-Fr.**  
**Norfolk, Va. • Maury H.S.**

A big, tall receiver who also played basketball in high school ... Needs to use the strength and conditioning program to get stronger and faster ... Picked up some reps last year, but still has a lot to learn ... His height could make him a factor as he continues to improve.

**2006:** Joined the team as a walk-on ... Worked at split end while redshirting ... Showed some improvement during off-season workouts.

**High School:** Played football for Coach Dealton Cotton at Maury ... Earned the coaches' award for the most improved player ... Was named the most valuable player on the basketball team.

**Personal:** Prince Innocent Parker ... Born 12/21/87 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Diane Parker ... Enrolled in university studies.



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## Devin Perez

**Fullback • 5-8 • 248 • r-Jr.**  
**Sparta, N.J. • Pope John XXIII H.S.**  
**Fork Union**

A strong, physical player who will have a role on the team ... Was utilized as a blocker on short yardage and goal-line situations last season ... Will likely be called on in similar



Devin Perez

situations this fall ... A standout in the weight room, he posted the fourth-best power clean for a Tech football player with a lift of 380 pounds during the spring ... One of the toughest competitors on the team, he will help provide dependable depth at the fullback position.

**2006:** Worked at fullback ... His 605-pound back squat was the fourth-best on the team during preseason testing ... Played one offensive snap against Northeastern and two at North Carolina ... Got three snaps against Duke ... Also saw brief action in the Southern Miss game ... Was in for four snaps at fullback against Clemson ... Played two snaps in goal-line situations at Miami ... Got in for a play against Virginia ... Played two snaps, both of which resulted in Branden Ore touchdowns, in the bowl game against Georgia ... A Super Iron Hokie during spring strength and conditioning tests ... Turned in personal bests in all four major lifts ... His 610-pound back squat was the second-best on the team.

**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.



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## Dustin Pickle

**Tailback • 5-10 • 185 • Jr.**  
**Salem, Va. • Salem H.S.**

A player who loves the game and finds a way to get things done ... Is in the mix for backup duties at tailback, but may see the field first on special teams ... Has worked on both sides of the ball since joining the team as a walk-on ... Is benefiting from the strength and conditioning program ... A team-first player who will help the Hokies.

**2006:** Saw action on the field goal and extra-point block team early ... Finished the season as a starter on the punt return and kickoff return teams ... Played 11 snaps on special teams at North Carolina ... Graded 90 percent or better on two special team units in the Duke game ... Got nine plays on special teams against Cincinnati ... Saw action on 12 special team plays in the Georgia Tech game ... Was on the field for 13 special team plays at BC and nine at Miami ... Picked up eight more plays at WFU ... Carried the football for a 3-yard loss in the Virginia game ... Was also in for nine special team plays ... His 3.88 second NFL shuttle time was tops among the running backs during spring testing ... Gained 17 yards on five carries during the Hokies' second spring scrimmage.

**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 O. 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

*Pickle, continued*

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 interdisciplinary studies.



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*Dorian Porch*

**Rover • 5-11 • 200 • r-So.**  
**Calhoun, Ga. • Gordon Central H.S.**

A close second in the battle for the starting rover job heading into the preseason ... Has an edge in experience after providing backup at the position last fall, but most of that experience came in practice ... Possesses the physical skills needed for the position, including speed, strength and athleticism ... Is also a valuable player on special teams ... Produced the best vertical jump on the team for the second-straight year with a leap of 40 1/2 inches during spring tests ... Also had the best back squat among the defensive backs (505) ... Coaches are hoping to see him play with more confidence and abandon when he resumes the battle in August.

**2006:** Saw action at rover and on special teams in the opening game against Northeastern ... Contributed five tackles ... Played special teams only at UNC and had a tackle ... Got 16 snaps at rover in the Duke game and was in on a tackle ... Was in on 11 special teams plays against both UC and Georgia Tech ... Saw brief duty at rover against USM ... Played four special teams plays at Miami ... Worked 11 plays on special teams and saw limited action at rover against Kent State ... Was on the field for 12 special team plays in the win over Wake Forest ... Played on the punt return team against Virginia ... Had two tackles on special teams in the bowl game against Georgia ... Had a season total of nine tackles, six on defense ... An Iron Hokie in off-season testing ... Led the way with six tackles



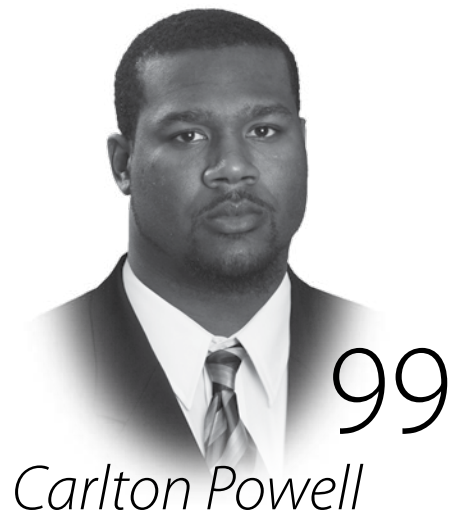
*Dustin Pickle*

in Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Picked off a pass during the second scrimmage.

**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 quarterback ... Helped team to an 8-2 record and a spot in the state playoffs for the first time since 1993 ... Rallied his team from a 24-0 halftime deficit to a 34-24 win during the season ... Named a first-team all-state AAAA performer by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* ... Was a two-time all-area honoree at defensive back ... Excelled in football, basketball and baseball ... 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 Jeremiah Porch ... Born 3/16/87 in Calhoun, GA ... Son of Lynette Porch and Michael Gregory ... Enrolled in university studies.



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*Carlton Powell*

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 301 • r-Sr.**  
**Chesapeake, Va. • Great Bridge H.S.**

Showed outstanding leadership during the off-season program and spring practice ... Will be expected to carry that role over to the fall as a returning starter ... His steady play at tackle contributed to the success of the defense last season ... Enjoyed his best season, while starting every game ... Likes playing the game, and plays it hard and physical ... Doesn't back down, especially at the point of attack ... Strong and athletic ... Will be an important cog in what the Hokies are hoping will be another stout defense.

**2006:** A starter at tackle ... Worked 30 defensive plays against Northeastern and contributed a tackle ... Turned in five tackles at North Carolina, including two behind the line ... Also had a QB hurry ... Had seven tackles in the Cincinnati game with a shared sack and a shared tackle for loss ... Was in on four tackles against Georgia Tech ... Registered a sack, six tackles and forced a fumble in the Southern Miss game ... Had two tackles, one behind the line, and a QB hurry against Clemson ... Broke up a pass and registered a hurry in the Miami game ... Posted a sack against Kent State ... Had a tackle and hurry at Wake Forest ... Contributed six tackles, a tackle for loss, a fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry in the win over Virginia ... Had 38 total tackles, 2.5 sacks, two fumble recoveries and a pass broken up ... Also contributed 6.5 tackles behind the line and seven quarterback hurries ... Earned the President's Award for his leadership on defense during off-season and spring workouts.

**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 O. Moseley Award, awarded to the top defensive hustler, following spring practice ... Posted a 410-pound bench, a 600-pound back squat and a 316-pound power clean in spring testing.

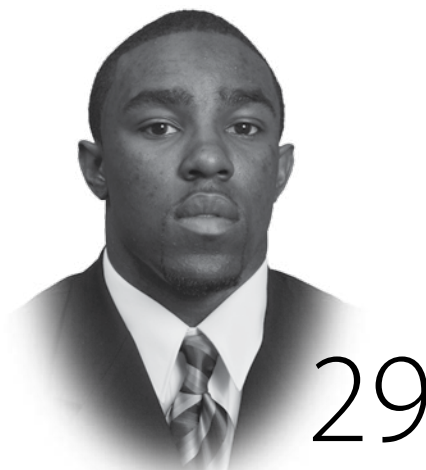
**2003:** His 390-pound bench press in August was the top among Tech's reporting freshmen ... Spent a redshirt year working at defensive tackle ... Upped his bench to 415 pounds during scout team maxing during the fall ... Had a 575-pound back squat in spring testing ... Picked up four tackles in the 2004 spring game ... Two of his tackles were behind the line, including a sack for a loss of four yards.

**High School:** Played inside linebacker for three years at Great Bridge before moving to defensive tackle as a senior ... Also played along the offensive line for Coach Noble Palmer ... Suffered through some nagging injuries his senior year, but still managed to post 60 tackles, five sacks and five fumble recoveries ... Blocked a punt ... Named an all-region selection for the Atlantic region by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Made the honorable 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 ... Has graduated with a degree in human nutrition, foods and exercise.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	13	7	10	17	6.0- 16	0- 0
2005	12	3	10	13	1.5- 7	0.5- 4
2006	13	16	22	38	6.5- 25	2.5- 19
Career	38	26	42	68	14.0- 48	3.0- 23
2006 Tackles Game-by-Game						
NE	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
at UNC	1	1	4	5	2- 4	0- 0
DUKE	1	0	0	0	0- 0	0- 0
UC	1	1	6	7	1- 2	0.5- 1
GT	1	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
at BC	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0

USM	1	3	2	5	1- 9	1- 9
CU	1	0	2	2	0.5- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
KENT	1	1	1	2	1- 9	1- 9
at WF	1	1	0	1	0- 0	0- 0
UVa	1	3	3	6	1- 1	0- 0
UGA	1	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0



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## Devin Radford

**Tailback • 5-9 • 190 • r-Fr.**  
**Fayetteville, N.C. • E.E. Smith H.S.**

One of several young players trying to earn a spot in the rotation for playing time at tailback ... Had the fastest 40 time of the group (4.31) during spring testing, and that makes him a threat ... Has added some weight and is working to become stronger ... Finished high school early and entered Tech in January 2006 ... Was moved around before settling at tailback ... Also got looks in the secondary and at receiver ... Coaches are hoping to find a way to best utilize his speed.

**2006:** Redshirted in the fall while working at tailback ... Improved in all four major lifts during off-season strength and conditioning workouts ... Posted 18 yards on two carries during the Hokies' first scrimmage of the spring.

**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.



## Michael Reid

**Split End • 6-3 • 201 • Jr.**  
**Martinsville, Va. • Martinsville H.S.**

Has been an important contributor on the scout team the past two seasons ... Works hard and always gives top effort ... Has picked up some experience by playing for the jayvee team ... Possesses a good frame, and continues working to improve his strength ... Helps give the Hokies good depth at the split end position.

**2006:** Practiced at split end ... Saw action in both jayvee games ... Caught three passes for 25 yards in a win over Hargrave ... Contributed on the scout team ... Improved his speed and quickness during the off-season program, with his best times in the 40 and NFL shuttle.

**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.



## Matt Reidy

**Rover • 6-0 • 219 • r-So.**  
**Gaithersburg, Md. • Damascus H.S.**

Worked a lot at free safety during the spring after spending most of his time in the fall at the rover position ... A smart player with an outstanding work ethic and team-first attitude ... Showed solid improvement in the strength and condition program during the off-season ... Will help provide backup at both safety positions.

**2006:** Helped out on the scout and jayvee teams ... Made a leaping interception and seven tackles to help Tech secure a jayvee win over Hargrave ... Earned Iron Hokies honors in the weight room during the off-season ... Worked at free safety in the spring.

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

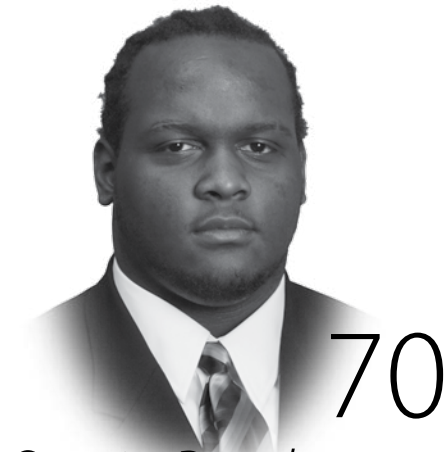
**High School:** Lettered four times in football at running back/safety for Coach Dan Makosy ... Named to George Michael's Golden 11 as



Sergio Render

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 ... Enrolled in finance.



## Sergio Render

**Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 320 • So.**  
**Newnan, Ga. • Newnan H.S.**

Is slated to start at right guard despite seeing only limited work during the spring following off-season knee surgery ... Started every game last season as a true freshman ... Had his share of ups and downs, but earned first-team freshman All-America honors from scout.com and second-team honors from Rivals.com ... Also selected to the ACC all-freshman team named by *The Sporting News* ... Led the line in knockdown blocks with 37 ... Would have benefited from some more reps in the spring, but has the size, strength and athletic ability to be a special player.

**2006:** Earned the starting right guard job during the preseason ... Graded 80 percent over 40 plays during the opener against Northeastern ... Had one knockdown block in that game ... Played 47 snaps in the UNC game, posting four knockdowns ... Had four more knockdowns against Duke ... Played all but one offensive down against Cincinnati ... Picked up three knockdowns in consecutive games against Georgia Tech, BC and Southern Miss ... Graded 82 percent in the USM game ... Had a season-best six knockdowns against No. 10 Clemson ... Play every offensive snap at Miami, grading 84 percent and posting three knockdown blocks ... Named ACC Offensive Lineman of the Week for his performance at Wake Forest ... Posted six knockdowns and a season-high grade of 90 percent ... Ended the regular season with a pair of knockdowns

against Virginia that pushed his total to a team-leading 37 ... Got the start in the bowl game against Georgia in his home state ... Played 663 plays on offense during the regular season ... Underwent arthroscopic knee surgery following the season ... Saw only limited work during off-season and spring workouts.

**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 his last 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.



## Tim Richardson

**Linebacker • 5-9 • 233 • r-Fr.**  
**Hampton, Va. • Hampton H.S.**

Worked at the backer position while redshirting last fall ... Picked up some exposure to the mike linebacker spot in the spring ... Made some strides in the strength and conditioning program ... Should continue to improve as he picks up some experience.

**2006:** Worked at both inside linebacker positions during the course of the year ... Bench pressed 350 pounds during spring testing.

**High School:** Played linebacker, fullback, defensive end and offensive line for Coach Mike Smith at Hampton ... Earned first-team all-state honors as both a defensive end and an



offensive guard following his senior season ... Was a two-time *Daily Press* All-Star ... Helped team to a state title as a senior ... Played in the Virginia High School League All-Star game ... Also a wrestler, who helped his team to a district title his sophomore year, taking third at 215 pounds.

**Personal:** Timothy Macarthur Richardson ... Born 216/87 in Hampton, VA ... Son of Tracy Richardson ... Majoring in building construction.



## Daryl Robertson

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 296 • r-Fr.**  
Bedford, Va. • Liberty H.S.

A young player who is still making the adjustment to the college level ... Missed some valuable time in the fall ... Needs to continue working to improve his strength ... Still has a lot to learn, but has a chance to become a contributor in time if he remains focused.

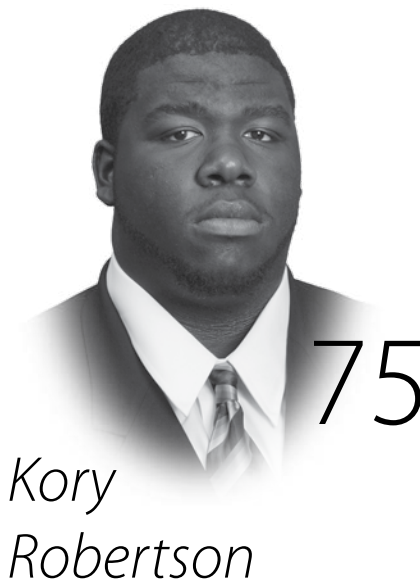
**2006:** Took a redshirt year while working at tackle ... Was suspended from the team for part of the fall ... Rejoined the program after the bowl game and went through off-season and spring drills.

**High School:** Named first-team AA all-state by the VHSCA as a defensive lineman and second-team all-state 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 ... A communication major.



Kory Robertson



## Kory Robertson

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 338 • r-Sr.**  
Martinsville, Va. • Magna Vista H.S.

A gifted athlete in a big body ... Played well last fall as a top backup ... Missed practice time during the spring due to class conflicts, but has the skills to challenge

for a starting spot in the fall ... Possesses explosiveness, footwork, quickness and power, which make him hard to handle when he puts his mind to it ... Needs to hold his weight down ... A great summer preparation and a show of consistency in the preseason could help him reach his full potential in 2007.

**2006:** Blocked a field goal to preserve Tech's shutout on the final play against Northeastern ... Added three tackles, including one for loss in that game ... Played 32 snaps at North Carolina ... Had a tackle and a hurry during 30 plays against Duke ... Had a QB hurry and a tackle versus UC ... Was in on a pair of tackles at BC ... Registered two hurries and two tackles against Southern Miss ... Added a tackle in the Clemson game ... Saw action on 17 defensive plays at Miami with a tackle ... Had two tackles in the Kent State game ... Posted a sack at Wake Forest ... Had 16 tackles, a sack, two tackles for loss and six QB hurries ... Set a position record during spring max testing with a 405-pound power clean ... Earned Iron Hokie honors ... Saw limited practice time in the spring due to classes.

**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

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Tech game ... Had quarterback 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 quarterback 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.	Loss	Sacks
2004	5	1	3	4	0- 0	0- 0
2005	11	2	3	5	0.5- 1	0- 0
2006	13	9	7	16	2.0- 13	1- 10
Career	29	12	13	25	2.5- 14	1- 10



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*Eddie Royal*

**Flanker • 5-10 • 181 • Sr.  
Herndon, Va. • Westfield H.S.**

A threat any time he touches the football ... Led the team in receiving yards (497), punt returns (13.2 ypr) and kickoff returns (22.7 ypr) ... Earned honorable mention All-America honors as a punt returner from SI.com ... Scored three touchdowns receiving and one on a punt return last year ... Also passed for a TD ... Led the ACC in punt returns ... Was named second-team All-ACC as a return specialist ... Currently ranks second at Tech in career punt return yards, third in career kickoff return yards and tied for 10th in career pass receptions ... Pound-for-pound one of the strongest players on the team with a 390-pound bench press ... Has real football savvy to go with all the skills needed to be a game-breaker ... Will be looked to for leadership and another outstanding season.

**2006:** Hauled in 31 passes for 497 yards and three touchdowns ... Also had 24 yards on five rushes, 304 yards on 23 punt returns, 53 yards on one completion and 431 yards on 19 kickoff returns ... Caught two passes for 8 yards against Northeastern ... Also returned three punts for 24 yards, had a 16-yard kickoff return and rushed once for a 9-yard gain ... Sprained a big toe in that game and played sparingly at UNC ... Saw a 20-game starting streak broken ... Did have two kickoff returns against the Tar Heels for 47 yards ... Picked up his first touchdown on a punt return with a 58-yarder against Duke ... Finished with six returns for 138 yards ... Added two receptions for 55 yards ... Had a catch for 44 yards in the Cincinnati game ... Also returned four kickoffs for 72 yards ... Had career-best seven catches and 102 yards receiving in the Georgia Tech game ... Scored on a 21-yard pass ... Caught five passes at BC for 44 yards ... Had a 40-yard catch in the Southern Miss game ... Returned a kickoff for 27 yards at Miami ... Posted three catches for 24 yards and three punt returns for 49 yards against Kent State ... Hauled in a 49-yard touchdown pass on Tech's first series at Wake Forest and added a career-best 55-yard kickoff return ... The Virginia game marked his second-straight game with a 49-yard TD catch

... Finished the contest with four grabs for 72 yards ... Had a huge bowl game for the Hokies against Georgia ... Caught four passes for 45 yards with a long of 28 yards ... Had a 53-yard punt return that set up a touchdown ... Took a lateral pass and completed a 53-yard strike to tight end Sam Wheeler for a touchdown in the second quarter, becoming the first non-quarterback in Tech history to throw a touchdown pass in a bowl game ... Caught four passes for 19 yards during first spring scrimmage ... Had a 12-yard catch in the second scrimmage.

**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 yards ... 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 game-winning, 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 47-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 1-yard TD run on a reverse in the state title game ... Hauled in 48 passes as a junior for 905 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Scored 10 TDs on kick returns during his career ... Rated the No. 1 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* and the No. 2 player by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 13 wide receiver in the nation by Rivals ... Was picked first-team all-state by the state coaches as a receiver and kick returner.

**Personal:** William Edward Royal ... Born 5/21/86 in Alexandria, VA ... Son of Pearl Royal ... Majoring in sociology.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	28	470	16.8	3	80
2005	13	27	315	11.7	2	42
2006	13	31	497	16.0	3	49
Career	38	86	1282	15.1	8	80

**2006 Receiving Game-by-Game**

NE	1	2	8	4.0	0	7
at UNC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
DUKE	1	2	55	27.5	0	41
UC	1	1	44	44.0	0	44
GT	1	7	102	14.6	1	30
at BC	1	5	44	8.8	0	16
USM	1	1	40	40.0	0	40
CU	1	1	14	14.0	0	14
at UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
KENT	1	3	24	8.0	0	11
at WF	1	1	49	49.0	1	49
UVa	1	4	72	18.0	1	49
UGA	1	4	45	11.3	0	28

Passing	G	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2006	13	3-1	33.3	53	1	1

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	1	11	11.0	1	11
2005	13	10	79	7.9	1	17
2006	13	5	24	4.8	0	10
Career	38	16	114	7.1	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
2006	13	19	431	23.0	0	55
Career	38	45	1060	23.6	0	55

Punt Ret.	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2004	12	25	274	11.0	0	58
2005	13	32	263	8.2	0	29
2006	13	23	304	13.2	1	58
Career	38	80	841	10.5	1	58



## Brian Saunders

**Quarterback/Punter • 6-0 • 212 • r-Fr.**  
**Roseland, Va. • Nelson County H.S.**

Did a good job helping out as a quarterback on the scout team after joining the team as walk-on ... Competed for the punting duties during spring practice ... A team-first guy with great work habits ... Can be counted on for top effort ... Could be the Hokies' No. 2 punter.

**2006:** Worked at quarterback while redshirting in the fall ... Put extra emphasis on punting during spring practice.

**High School:** Named first-team all-district, all-region and all-state in football for Coach Tim Crawford ... Was first-team all-district and second-team all-state in baseball.

**Personal:** Brian Carroll Saunders ... Born 2/23/88 ... Son of Joyce and Massie Saunders ... Majoring in horticulture.



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## Ryan Shuman

**Center • 6-3 • 309 • r-Jr.**  
**Fork Union, Va. • Fork Union M.A.**

Moved to center during the spring and is expected to start there this fall ... Appears much more comfortable at the position than at left guard where he started last season ... Had picked up some reps at center during the previous two springs ... Played with a lot of

confidence this past spring ... Missed the Hokies' last four regular season games in 2006 after injuring his left knee early in the Clemson game ... Underwent arthroscopic surgery ... Returned for the Chick-fil-A Bowl ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Coaches are hoping his move will provide a vocal leader and help solidify the offensive line.

**2006:** Took over the starting left guard position ... Got some occasional snaps at center during practice ... Graded 87 percent on 40 plays at guard against Northeastern ... Posted one knockdown block ... Added another knockdown at UNC, while playing 47 snaps ... Was in for 56 snaps against Duke ... Played every offensive snap against Cincinnati and Georgia Tech ... Struggled at BC, but came back to grade 95 percent with two knockdowns against Southern Miss ... Injured his knee seven plays into the Clemson game ... Underwent arthroscopic surgery to his left knee and sat out the rest of the regular season ... Returned for the bowl game against Georgia ... Made the move to center for the start of spring practice.

**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 300-pound push jerk and a 550-pound back squat in spring testing.

**High School:** Played center and defensive end for two seasons for Coach Mickey Sullivan at Fork Union after transferring from Fluvanna High School ... Earned all-prep, all-Central Virginia and all-state honors his junior and senior years at FUMA ... Was named second-team all-district following his sophomore season at Fluvanna ... Helped FUMA to the VISFA state championship in 2002 ... Contributed 76 tackles on defense his senior season ... Registered 10 sacks, two fumble recoveries and blocked a punt ... Turned in 56 tackles and six sacks as a junior ... Returned a fumble 61 yards for a touchdown that season ... Ranked the No. 22 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the state's No. 24 prospect by *SuperPrep* ... Lettered two years in basketball and one in baseball ... A member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** John Ryan Shuman ... Born 7/8/86 in Charlottesville, VA ... Son of John and Patricia Shuman ... His dad, John, is the head coach of the postgraduate football team at Fork Union Military Academy ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.



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## Andre Smith

**Tight End • 6-4 • 256 • r-Fr.**  
**Germantown, Md. • Seneca Valley H.S.**

Was almost thrown into the battle for the tight end job last season as a freshman, but was redshirted instead ... Is in the battle for real now and ranks a close third behind returnees Greg Boone and Sam Wheeler ... Has a chance to be a good blocker ... Needs to get stronger, but is effective at the point of attack ... Provides a big target in the passing game ... Must still prove he will be a consistent receiver, but is closing fast on the leading candidates.

**2006:** Was redshirted while working at tight end ... Picked up some valuable reps on the scout team ... Added some bulk through the strength and conditioning program ... Turned in the best NFL shuttle time among the tight ends at 4.19 seconds.

**High School:** 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 second-team 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 ... Enrolled in university studies.



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## Purnell Sturdivant

**Linebacker • 5-10 • 230 • r-Jr.**  
**Norfolk, Va. • Lake Taylor H.S.**

Made big strides during off-season and spring workouts ... Won the Excalibur Award — the top honor in the strength and conditioning program — during the winter ... Carried that over to the field in the spring and was named the team's most improved defensive player ... Has become a solid No. 2 man at the backer position ... Also contributes as a starter



Purnell Sturdivant

on special teams ... Combines speed and athleticism with good strength ... Will play an important role for the Hokies this fall.

**2006:** Saw reserve duty at linebacker ... Started on the kickoff return team and worked with three other units ... Played 19 defensive plays in the opener against Northeastern ... Was in on four tackles ... Had two tackles on defense at UNC ... Registered three total tackles in the Duke game ... Saw action on 10 special team plays versus UC ... Saw action on 13 plays against Southern Miss, registering a tackle ... Graded over 90 percent on two special team units and got a brief stint on defense against Kent State ... Turned in a big hit on special teams during the Wake Forest game ... Had 10 total tackles on the season ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during spring testing ... Posted a personal-best 39 1/2-inch vertical jump ... Won the Dr. Richard Bullock Award as the most improved defensive player of spring practice.

**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 ... First-team All-Tidewater linebacker by the *Norfolk Virginian-Pilot* ...





Rated the No. 13 prospect in the state by both *SuperPrep* and *The Roanoke Times* ... Named All-Atlantic region by *PrepStar* ... Competed in the long jump, shot put, 200 meters and 4x100 relay as a member of the track team.

**Personal:** Purnell Joshua Sturdivant ... Born 3/19/86 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Purnell and Terry Sturdivant ... Enrolled in apparel, housing and resource management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2005	13	4	5	9	0- 0	0- 0
2006	13	4	6	10	0- 0	0- 0
Career	26	8	11	19	0- 0	0- 0



## Jacob Sykes

**Flanker • 6-0 • 187 • Fr.**  
**Goldsboro, N.C. • Goldsboro H.S.**

Will likely be redshirted after joining the Hokies in January ... Showed good speed during off-season testing, but will need to continue working to improve his strength ... Picked up some valuable reps and exposure to the Tech system during spring practice ... Will get a chance to learn from being around an experienced group of veteran receivers this fall.

**2006:** Enrolled at Tech in January and participated in spring workouts ... Ran 4.48 in the 40 during spring max tests ... Worked at the flanker position during spring practice.

**High School:** 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 return ... 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 County, NC ... Son of Jerry and Deborah Sykes ... A business major.



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## Demetrius Taylor

**Defensive End • 6-0 • 247 • r-So.**  
**Virginia Beach, Va. • Kellam H.S.**

Seems to have benefited from a move to defensive end during the spring ... Progressed as the spring went along, despite playing with his hand on the ground for the first time ... Showed some play-making ability ... Will get an even closer look when practice resumes in August ... Works hard, runs well and plays physical ... Excels in the weight room ... Began his Tech career as a linebacker.

**2006:** Played in eight games, recording an assisted tackle ... Worked a season-high 12 plays on defense against Duke ... Was in on 10 special teams plays in the Georgia Tech game ... Picked up Super Iron Hokie status during the off-season ... Registered a position record for a linebacker with a 365-pound push jerk ... Also posted the 10th best all-time power clean for a Tech football player at 360 pounds ... Had a personal-best 415-pound bench press ... Contributed five tackles and blocked a punt in the Hokies second scrimmage of the spring.

**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 fifth-best 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 ... A sociology major.



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## Cordarrow Thompson

**Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 325 • r-So.**  
**Stafford, Va. • North Stafford H.S.**

Is competing for playing time at defensive tackle ... Made progress last season and was one of the Hokies' best linemen at the point of attack during the spring ... Still needs work on his technique and ability to play in space ... Has a chance to make an impact if he continues to work hard and keeps his weight down ... Saw action on nearly 200 defensive plays as the backup for starter Barry Booker last fall ... Possesses some quickness and play-making ability ... Will be watched closely when practice resumes.

**2006:** Earned a backup role at tackle ... Played 30 plays against Northeastern, posting a sack for a 6-yard loss ... Added another sack at UNC ... Collected a tackle for loss and three total hits versus Duke ... Had a quarterback hurry during nine plays against UC ... Played six defensive plays at BC with three tackles and 18 plays against Southern Miss with two more ... Got 12 plays against No. 10 Clemson and 11 at Miami ... Contributed three tackles during 16 plays at tackle ... Played 12 snaps at Wake Forest and seven against Virginia ... Finished the season with 14 tackles ... Had three tackles for loss, including a pair of sacks ... Also had three QB hurries ... Had personal bests in three of the four major lifts during off-season strength and conditioning tests, including a 550-pound back squat ... Had a sack and a

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quarterback hurry in the first spring scrimmage.

**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.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2006	12	7	7	14	3- 9	2- 8



Cordarrow Thompson

be counted on to help the team out anywhere he is needed.

**2006:** Missed the season after breaking his leg in the preseason ... Did not return until the spring when he worked as a holder.

**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 350-pound back squat in spring max testing.

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

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

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

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

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Grant Throckmorton

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

A team player who has filled a variety of important roles for the Hokies ... Broke his ankle last summer and missed the 2006 season ... Quarterbacked on the scout and jayvee teams in 2005, and also saw brief action in a varsity game ... Helps signal in plays from the sidelines ... Is expected to battle for the holding duties for field goals and extra points this fall ... A former Tech baseball player who joined the football squad as a walk-on ... Can



Grant Throckmorton

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Stephan Virgil

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 185 • So.**  
**Rocky Mount, N.C. • Rocky Mount H.S.**

Was a pleasant surprise during spring practice ... Developed into a solid third cornerback for the Hokies ... Holds down the No. 2 spot at the boundary corner heading into the preseason ... Entered school in January 2006 and saw action on special teams in 11 games as a freshman ... Picked up some valuable experience ... Started on the punt





team as one of the gunners ... Has good ball skills and athleticism ... Is still learning, but figures to see his share of action in the fall.

**2006:** Played 17 defensive snaps against Northeastern ... Had four tackles ... Was slowed by an ankle injury and picked up just one special teams play against North Carolina ... Worked five plays on special teams in the Duke game and four plays against Cincinnati ... Played in a jayvee game against Fork Union to pick up some extra reps ... Scored touchdowns in the game on a 46-yard interception return and a 22-yard fumble return ... Also saw special teams duties against BC, Southern Miss and Clemson ... Did not play at Miami, but returned to special teams duty against Kent State ... Had seven special teams plays at Wake Forest ... Downed two punts inside the 20 against Virginia ... His 470-pound back squat was the second-best among the defensive backs during spring max testing ... Also had the second-fastest time in the 40 at 4.39 ... Had three tackles, two behind the line in the first scrimmage of the spring.

**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



Stephan Virgil

... 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 Denard Virgil ... Born 4/3/87 in Rocky Mount, NC ... Son of Richard and Sandra Virgil ... Enrolled in university studies.



## Matt Waldron

**Place-kicker • 5-11 • 186 • r-Fr.**  
**Oakfield, N.Y. • Oakfield-Alabama H.S.**

A transfer from Penn State, who joined the Hokies last fall ... Sat out the 2006 season ... Joined in the battle for the starting place-kicking duties during the spring ... Will be in the mix for the job when practice resumes in August.

**2006:** Enrolled at Tech and was redshirted ... Competed for the place-kicking duties during the spring.

**Penn State:** Attended Penn State as a freshman ... Traveled with the football team as the No. 2 kicker.

**High School:** Was an all-state kicker for Coach John Dowd at Oakfield-Alabama High ... Set a school record for scoring during his career, making 109 of 114 PATs and 11 of 13 field goals for 142 points ... Also handled the punting duties for his team, averaging 40.1 yards as a senior ... Ninety-five percent of his non-squib kickoffs were touchbacks ... Became the first kicker selected for the Gannett Rochester Super-22 team ... Was selected the East squad kicker for the US Army All-American Bowl where he accounted for his team's only points with a 35-yard field goal ... A high school All-America pick by Tom Lemming ... An outstanding student who was treasurer of his class for four years.

**Personal:** Matt Dean Waldron ... Born 5/11/88 in Oakfield, NY ... Son of Dean and Lisa Waldron ... A history major.



## Ed Wang

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 309 • r-So.**  
**Ashburn, Va. • Stone Bridge H.S.**

Currently penciled in as a starter ... Could play a big role in solidifying the offensive line after moving from tight end to right tackle during the spring ... Embraced the move with hard work and a willingness to learn ... Did a good job in the off-season strength and conditioning program, getting bigger and stronger ... Has a lot of athletic ability ... Was one of three freshmen who shared duties at tight end during the season ... Saw action in 10 games, picking up two starts when the Hokies opened in two tight end sets ... Also started on special teams ... Must continue to get better and play a little faster, but appears to have a bright future at the position.

**2006:** Played 10 plays at tight end during the season opener with Northeastern ... Started in a two tight end set at UNC ... Had a knockdown block in the Duke game ... Saw action on 28 offensive snaps and five special team plays against Georgia Tech ... Was in for three plays against USM and seven versus Clemson ... Got six snaps at Miami ... Practiced at tackle following an injury to Brandon Frye ... Played nine snaps at tight end against Kent State ... Was in for 30 plays in the Wake Forest game and contributed a pair of knockdown blocks ... Saw action on 27 plays in the Virginia game ... Began taking some snaps at tackle during practice late in the season ... Added weight during the off-season ... Turned in a 341-pound push jerk ... Began practicing solely at tackle when spring practice opened.

**2005:** Worked at tight end during a redshirt year his first 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 second-team all-state team by The Associated Press

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as a tight end ... Named to the Virginia All-Group AA first-team all-state team by the VHSCA as a tight end ... Earned All-Dulles District honors as a tight end and a defensive end ... Ranked the No. 7 player in the state by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 14 tight end in the nation and the No. 10 player in the state by rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 14 player in the state of Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 81 offensive lineman in the nation and the No. 18 player in the state by scout.com ... Rated the No. 26 tight end in the nation by collegefootballnews.com ... Ranked the No. 65 player on the East Hot 100 by scout.com ... Rated the No. 100 player in the Mid-Atlantic Coast by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* as a defensive lineman ... Named to *PrepStar's* postseason All-Atlantic Region team.

**Personal:** Ed Wang ...

Born 3/12/87 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Robert and Nancy Wang ... His parents were both members of the Chinese Olympic team in the 1970s ... Majoring in apparel, housing and resource management.



Ed Wang

course of the year, and must continue to get bigger and stronger in order to handle the demands of the position ... Possesses a bright future, but lacks experience ... Is likely to pick some up this fall.

**2006:** Practiced at tight end while redshirting during the fall ... Turned in the third-best NFL Shuttle run time among the offensive linemen at 4.37 seconds ... Made the move to center when spring practice opened.

**High School:** 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 all-district 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 ... A psychology major.



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Beau Warren

**Center • 6-3 • 275 • r-Fr.**  
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

Found himself working at the center position during spring practice after redshirting as a tight end in the fall ... Worked hard at learning his new position ... Is listed No. 2 behind Ryan Shuman heading into preseason practice ... Added nearly 30 pounds over the



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Brett Warren

**Linebacker • 6-1 • 230 • r-Jr.**  
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

Had a good spring after missing the majority of the 2006 season with a foot injury ... Has always been a solid defender against the run ... Showed marked improvement in pass coverage during spring practice ... Has a nose for the ball and plays a physical brand of football ... Played as a true freshman in 2004 ... Gives the Hokies a good No. 2 man behind Vince Hall at mike linebacker.

**2006:** Played in three games before sustaining a foot injury that kept him out the rest of the season ... Was granted a medical redshirt ... Had 10 tackles before he was injured ... Returned to action in the spring ... Posted four tackles and a sack in the first spring scrimmage.

**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 scrimmage ... 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 first-team All-ACC Area linebacker by the preseason *G&W Recruiting Report* ... The No. 19 prospect in Virginia as ranked by *SuperPrep* magazine ... Ranked the No. 17 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Ranked the No. 56 player in the Mid Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... Picked as the No. 19 player in Virginia during the preseason by *SuperPrep* ... His 250 tackles during his junior and senior seasons were a school mark for a two-year period ... Blocked a punt for a touchdown and led the district in sacks with eight his junior year ... Helped team to a state Group AAA title in 2000 and a 31-5 record during his career.

**Personal:** Brett Paul Warren ... Born 3/7/85 in Huntington Beach, CA ... Son of Don and Irene Warren ... His father, Don, played 14 seasons with the Washington Redskins ... Brother of former Hokie linebacker Blake Warren ... Enrolled in sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2004	12	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0
2005	13	2	12	14	1.0-	5 0- 0
2006	3	4	6	10	0- 0	0- 0
Career	28	9	22	31	1.0-	5 0- 0



Carlton Weatherford

Presented the Don Williams Team United Award as the offensive player who put the team first during spring drills.

**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.



## Carlton Weatherford

**Fullback • 5-10 • 227 • r-Sr.  
Danville, Va. • Tunstall H.S.**

Takes over the starting fullback duties after serving as the top backup at the position the past two seasons ... Gives the Hokies the perfect combination of strength and toughness ... Has gotten bigger, faster and stronger during his time at Tech ... An outstanding blocker who also knows how to run the football ... Benefits from his high school days as a tailback ... Has a real desire to succeed ... Joined the team as a walk-on and earned a scholarship with his hard work ... Saw action in every game last season, contributing a touchdown reception against Northeastern ... Was named Tech's top offensive team player during 2007 spring practice ... Is what coaches want a fullback to be.

**2006:** A fullback and member of the kickoff return team ... Saw his first collegiate action in the opener ... Caught three passes for 19 yards, including a 4-yard touchdown catch ... Also ran once for a 2-yard gain ... Played three plays against UNC and 12 versus Duke ... Had an 8-yard run against the Blue Devils ... Played six offensive downs in the Georgia Tech game ... Got six snaps at BC and six more versus Southern Miss ... Had a carry for 1 yard in the USM game ... Played 15 snaps against No. 10 Clemson and 13 versus Kent State ... Caught a 6-yard pass at Wake Forest and also posted a 24-yard kickoff return ... Played a total of 25 offensive snaps ... Was in for 11 plays versus Virginia ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors during both fall and spring testing ...



Brett Warren



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## Matt Welsh

**Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 303 • r-Jr.**  
**Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.**

Put himself in position to get some playing time with his best spring practice ... Worked at both guard positions during the fall, but heads into the fall No. 2 on the left side ... Needs to play a little faster, but has all the tools to be successful ... Has benefited from the strength and conditioning program ... Has a chance to give the offensive line a boost if he carries his spring performance over to the fall.

**2006:** Worked some at both guard spots ... Played 12 snaps in the opener against Northeastern ... Also saw some special teams duty ... Was in on two offensive plays at UNC ... Picked up three plays in the Wake Forest game ... His 575-pound back squat during spring testing was the second-best among the offensive linemen.

**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

guard in the nation by Rivals100.com ... Rated the No. 10 player in Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 12 player in Virginia by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 39 player in the Mid Atlantic region by *Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report* ... A preseason *SuperPrep* All-American, rated the No. 9 player in Virginia and the No. 38 offensive lineman in the country.

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



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## Sam Wheeler

**Tight End • 6-3 • 258 • r-So.**  
**Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S. • Hargrave**

Enters the preseason in a head-to-head battle with Greg Boone for the starting tight end duties ... Got seven starts during the 2006 season as a freshman and saw the most snaps among the three young tight ends, with over 450 ... Made the most improvements of the tight ends down the stretch ... Led the position in receptions with 13 ... Combines good hands with the ability to get down field ... Needs to get stronger and improve his blocking at the point of attack ... Figures to see a lot of action for the Hokies again in 2007.

**2006:** Slowed by a toe injury in the preseason ... Played 12 snaps in the opener at tight end and had a knockdown block ... Worked 15 plays at UNC and had another knockdown ... Started in the Duke game and caught two passes for 25 yards, including a 17-yard TD grab ... Was in for 16 plays against UC ... Caught three passes for four yards, while playing 69 snaps against Georgia Tech ... Had a catch against both BC and Southern Miss ... Grabbed a key 41-yard pass to help set up a touchdown in the Clemson game ... Played 30 downs at Miami ... Had a touchdown reception erased by a penalty against Kent State ... Was in for 52 snaps at Wake Forest, catching two passes for 38 yards and grading out at 81 percent ... Started and played 60 snaps against Virginia ... Hauled in two passes for 29 yards ... Caught a pass from Eddie Royal in the bowl game against Georgia for 53 yards and a touchdown ... Had 13 catches for 199 yards and two touchdowns ... Also contributed as a

starter on the extra point and field goal teams ... Had a 500-pound back squat during spring testing ... Caught two passes for 33 yards, including one for 19 yards and a touchdown, during the team's second scrimmage.

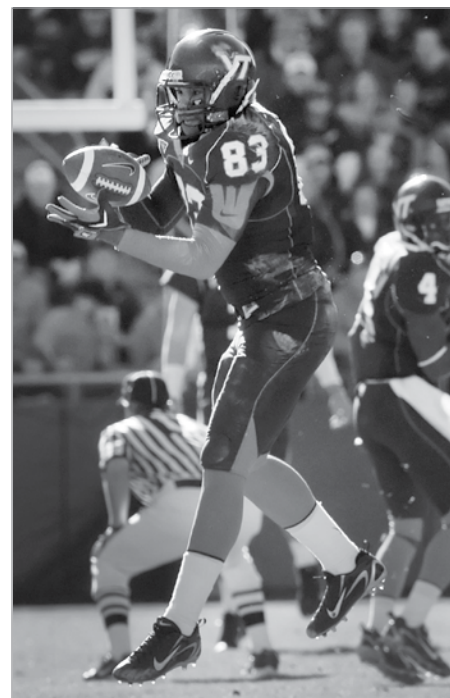
**2005:** Redshirted while working at tight end ... Posted a 450-pound back squat during scout team max tests during the fall ... Ran a 4.64 in the 40 during spring testing ... Caught a pass for 4 yards in Tech's first spring scrimmage.

**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 apparel, housing and resource management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2006	13	13	199	15.3	2	53



Sam Wheeler





Ike Whitaker



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Ike Whitaker

Quarterback • 6-4 • 231 • r-So.  
Germantown, Md. • Northwest H.S.

Came out of spring practice with a slight lead for the No. 2 quarterback spot on the strength of his production in scrimmages ... Improved his knowledge of the offense and was in tune with his reads and where he wanted to go with the ball ... Needs to become more

consistent at throwing the football ... Showed good accuracy in August and the early part of the season, but tailed off as the season progressed ... Threw the ball better near the end of the spring ... Admitted to a problem with alcohol after the regular season and missed the Chick-fil-A Bowl after checking himself into an alcohol rehabilitation program ... Returned for the second semester and went to work improving on and off the field ... Had a good off-season in the weight room and carried it over to spring workouts ... Combines athleticism with good arm strength and the ability to make things happen with his feet.

**2006:** Completed 10 of his 16 passing attempts for 119 yards and one touchdown ... Saw 44 snaps while playing in five games ... Got in for 17 snaps against Northeastern ... Hit on 6-of-9 passes for 49 yards ... Threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Greg Boone in late duty at North Carolina ... Completed his only pass attempt in the Duke game for 15 yards ... Played 15 snaps in the Southern Miss game ... Hit on just two of five passes for 12 yards, but added 26 yards on five rushes ... Appeared for three snaps in the Kent State game, rushing once for 1 yard ... Improved in all four major lifts during spring max testing ... Completed nine of 10 passes for 49 yards and ran six times

for 28 yards during Tech's first spring scrimmage ... Passed for one touchdown and ran for another during the second scrimmage.

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

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

Passing	G	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2006	5	16- 10	62.5	119	1	0

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## Jason Worilds

**Defensive End • 6-1 • 261 • r-Fr.**  
**Rahway, N.J. • Carteret H.S.**

A talented young player who is explosive, powerful and can run ... Missed some valuable time last fall due to a shoulder injury ... Was healthy when he returned to action in the spring ... Plays with a good motor, but is still tentative at times ... Coaches expect that to change with added reps and experience ... Should be right in the middle of the competition for playing time at defensive end.

**2006:** Was seeing a lot of action on defense and special teams before undergoing season-ending shoulder surgery early on ... Was granted a medical redshirt ... Played in two games, recording four tackles ... Recovered a blocked punt and returned it 7 yards at North Carolina ... Was limited during spring max testing, but turned in a 505-pound back squat and posted the best vertical jump among the ends at 35 1/2 inches ... Returned to contact work in the spring ... Had three tackles, two for losses, in the first scrimmage.

**High School:** 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 his 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 New Jersey 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 Adjepong Worilds ... Went by Jason Adjepong last year, but legally changed his last name to Worilds in the summer ... Born 3/3/88 in Rahway, NJ ... Son of Sandra Worilds ... Enrolled in university studies.



Jason Worilds



## Kenny Younger

**Fullback • 5-11 • 227 • So.**  
**Richmond, Va. • Mills Godwin**

One of Tech's strongest freshmen last season ... Was used as a defensive end on the scout team during the fall because of Tech's needs at the position ... Moved to fullback for the spring ... Has made a positive impression since joining the team as a walk-on ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room ... Could find a spot on special teams this fall ... Will also be given a close look at fullback when practice resumes.

**2006:** Practiced at defensive end during the fall ... Was in on a pair of tackles in the jayvee win over Hargrave ... Bench pressed 400 pounds and had a 600-pound back squat during spring strength and conditioning testing ... Worked at fullback during the spring.

**High School:** Earned all-district honors as a running back for Coach Will Kitchen ... Rushed for 591 yards on 67 carries as a senior ... Added 392 yards on 41 attempts his junior season ... Helped the team to a district title in 2003 ... Also competed in baseball, wrestling and track and field.

**Personal:** Kenny Wayne Younger ... Born 5/11/88 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Ken and Jamie Younger ... A sociology major.

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# 2007 Recruiting Class

## Will Alvarez

**Offensive Lineman, 6-5, 315, Fr.**  
Woodbridge, Va., C.D. Hylton H.S.

A three-year letterman as an offensive and defensive lineman for Coach Lou Sorrentino at Hylton ... A first-team all-state offensive line selection on the AAA team, as selected by The Associated Press ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as an offensive guard ... Named first-team All-Met as an offensive lineman by *The Washington Post* ... Helped the team to a pair of regional championships ... Rated the No. 5 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 6 offensive tackle in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 12 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 15 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 28 offensive tackle in the country and the No. 12 player in the state by Rivals ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team.

**Personal:** William Armondo Alvarez, Jr. ... Born 6/11/89 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of William, Sr., and Wanda Alvarez.

## Kwamaine Battle

**Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 260, Fr.**  
Spring Hope, N.C., Southern Nash H.S.

Earned all-state honors as a defensive lineman for Coach Brian Foster at Southern Nash ... Posted 16 tackles for loss and 8.5 sacks during his senior season ... Finished the year with 91 tackles and blocked a pair of punts ... Named the 2006 NEW 6 3-A Conference Co-Defensive Player of the Year ... Played in the NC/SC Shrine Bowl game ... Rated the No. 28 player in the state of North Carolina by Rivals ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Also named first-team all-conference ... Missed most of his junior season with a torn PCL and MCL ... Registered 51 tackles, 12 behind the line, as a sophomore ... Tallied 168 career tackles, with 31 TFL, 13.5 sacks, seven forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

**Personal:** Ricky Kwamaine Battle ... Born 8/24/89 in Nash County ... Son of Ricky and Karen Battle.

## Jaymes Brooks

**Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 290, Fr.**  
Newport News, Va., Denbigh H.S.

As a senior for Coach Tracy Harrod, was named second-team Associated Press Group AAA all-state as an offensive guard ... Also named to the first-team Newport News *Daily Press* All-Star squad as an offensive lineman ... Helped lead a Denbigh running game that averaged 282 yards per game in last four games of the season ... Scored a touchdown on a run from the fullback position in his last career game ... Also saw action as a defensive end and tackle ... Rated the No. 9 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 24 offensive guard in the country by Scout ... Ranked the No. 12 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 36 offensive guard in the country and the No. 25 player in the state by Rivals ... Listed as the No. 14 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Finished second in both the shot put and discus at the State Outdoor Track & Field Championship meet his senior year ... Won the Group AAA state indoor track & field shot put title as a sophomore.

**Personal:** Jaymes Marquis Brooks ... Born 7/31/89 in Zweibrucken, Germany ... Son of Marva Brooks.

## Collin Carroll

**Long Snapper/Center, 6-4, 260, Fr.**  
Hopkins, Minn., Edina H.S.

Lettered two seasons as a center and long snapper for Coach Kim Nelson at Edina ... Listed as the No. 9 snapper in the country by Chris Sailer Kicking ... Won his school's Special Teams Award as a senior and also earned the Jack Helgren Service Award for football at his school ... Competed in weight lifting, winning All-America honors in the deadlift ... Also lettered in baseball.

**Personal:** Collin James Carroll ... Born 5/24/89 in Minneapolis, MN ... Son of Jay and Kari Carroll ... Father, Jay, played tight end for the University of Minnesota in the early '80s and played in the NFL with Tampa Bay and Minnesota ... Is the oldest of seven children, with four younger brothers and two younger sisters.

## Danny Coale

**Wide Receiver, 6-0, 200, Fr.**  
Lexington, Va., Episcopal H.S.

Did a little bit of everything for Coach Mark Gowin at Episcopal ... Played wide receiver and defensive back ... Returned punts and kickoffs ... Also handled the place-kicking and punting duties ... Caught 27 passes for 564 yards and nine scores as a senior ... Scored twice on returns ... Kicked 18 extra points and four field goals ... Averaged 40.3 yards per punt ... Recorded 27 catches for 780 yards and 14 touchdowns as a junior ... Had four interceptions as a junior, returning one for a touchdown ... Compiled 109 career catches for 2,367 yards and 33 touchdowns ... Earned all-state honors three-straight seasons, including first-team honors his last two years ... Was a second-team All-Met pick by *The Washington Post* as a senior ... Listed as the No. 17 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 21 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 26 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 97 wide receiver in the country by Scout ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a lacrosse player.

**Personal:** Daniel Kinsman Coale ... Born 6/27/88 in Lexington, VA ... Son of Jimmy and Kathy Coale.

## Blake

## DeChristopher

**Offensive Lineman, 6-6, 310, Fr.**  
Midlothian, Va., Clover Hill H.S.

Ranked the No. 6 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Lettered three seasons as an offensive and defensive tackle for Coach Sean O'Hare ... Named a second-team All-Metro offensive tackle by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* ... Was first-team All-Dominion District at offensive tackle and second team at defensive tackle his final year ... Had 14 tackles, including 2.0 sacks and 4.0 tackles for loss ... An all-academic performer in the Dominion District his junior season ... A member of the Rivals250 Team ... Listed as the No. 21 offensive tackle in the country and the No. 7 player in the state by Rivals ... Rated the No. 10 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 42 offensive tackle in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 10 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic

*DeChristopher, continued*

Region selection by *PrepStar* ... As a member of the track and field team, was the Dominion District and Central Region champion in the shot put his junior year, finishing third overall in the state.

**Personal:** Blake Edward DeChristopher ... Born 9/8/88 at Dover AFB, DE ... Son of Robert and Renee DeChristopher.

## Chris Drager

**Tight End, 6-4, 235, Fr.**  
**Jefferson Hills, Pa., Thomas Jefferson H.S.**

A standout tight end and defensive end at Jefferson for Coach Bill Cherpak ... Was the team's leading receiver in 2006 with 29 catches for 563 yards ... Set a school single-season record for a receiver with 12 touchdowns ... Also registered 57 tackles, six sacks and three fumble recoveries ... Named to The Associated Press Class AAA all-state first team as a TE ... Earned first-team all-section honors at tight end as a senior ... Named to the Pennsylvania Big 33 Team, by *The Patriot News* ... Named to the Pittsburgh *Post Gazette* Fabulous 22 Squad ... Earned first-team All-Big Seven Conference on offense a year after being chosen on defense ... Ranked the No. 16 player in the state of Pennsylvania by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 21 player in the state of Pennsylvania and the No. 29 tight end in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 28 tight end in the country and the No. 20 player in the state by Rivals ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Northeast Team ... An All-East Region selection by *PrepStar* as a defensive lineman ... Caught 17 passes for 264 yards and one touchdown as a junior ... On the defensive side of the ball, had 53 tackles and nine sacks ... Helped team to a state AAA championship in 2004 ... Earned all-conference all three seasons as the team posted a 39-5 record ... Averaged 17.9 yards per reception during his career ... Finished with 21 career sacks on defense ... Also lettered in basketball and track ... A member of the National Honor Society.

**Personal:** Christopher John Drager ... Born 8/23/88 in Pittsburgh, PA ... Son of John and Melanie Drager ... His older brother, Jon, played at Kent State and faced the Hokies in 2006.

## Darren Evans

**Running Back, 6-1, 217, Fr.**  
**Indianapolis, Ind., Warren Central H.S.**

The 2006 EA SPORTS National Player of the Year ... A *PARADE* All-American as a running back for Coach Steve Tutsie ... An All-America and All-Midwest Region selection by *PrepStar* ... As a senior, rushed for 2,806 yards and a state record 61 touchdowns, the No. 4

total in U.S. prep football history ... Voted *The Indianapolis Star* Indiana Mr. Football his final year, earning 94 percent of the votes cast by coaches and media across the state ... As a junior, rushed for 2,148 yards and 39 touchdowns en route to earning all-state honors ... Earned Player of the Year honors as a sophomore after rushing for over 2,000 yards ... Rushed for 7,220 yards and 127 touchdowns for his career, leading his team to four Class 5A state championships ... Had 40 runs of 50 or more yards in his career ... Rated the No. 2 player in the state of Indiana and the No. 27 running back in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 26 running back in the country and the No. 2 player in the state of Indiana by Rivals ... Listed as the No. 41 overall player on the Midwest 130 (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin) by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Midwest Team.

**Personal:** Darren Evans ... Born 11/9/88 in Indianapolis, IN ... Son of Darren and Shirley Evans.

## Cris Hill

**Cornerback, 5-11, 190, Fr.**  
**Richmond, Va., Highland Springs H.S.**

An All-America defensive back at Highland Springs, who also played wide receiver for Coach Scott Burton ... Ranked the No. 3 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... A *SuperPrep* postseason All-American ... An All-America and All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Listed as the No. 17 cornerback in the country and the No. 6 player in the state by Rivals ... Ranked the No. 20 defensive back in the country by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 3 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the Rivals250 Team ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... As a senior, caught 39 passes for 569 yards and rushed for 237 yards, scoring 10 total touchdowns ... Returned punts as well ... At cornerback, totaled 27 tackles, three interceptions (one for a TD) and five pass breakups ... Had 110 yards receiving and a touchdown to go with an interception in a game against Varina ... Caught a pair of TD passes against both Lee-Davis and Henrico ... Played in the US Army All-American Bowl ... A first-team all-state defensive back selection on the AAA team, as selected by The Associated Press ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as a defensive back ... Named All-Metro by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* as a utility pick because of outstanding play on both sides of the ball ... For his senior season performance, earned Capital District Player of the Year honors on offense as a wide receiver ... Earned first-team all-district honors at wide receiver and defensive back and second-team honors at kick returner ... Had an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown against Meadowbrook as a

junior ... Caught five touchdown passes on offense that season and broke up 12 passes on defense ... Lettered three years as a sprinter and jumper in track.

**Personal:** Cristopher Aaron Hill ... Born 8/29/89 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Ed and Emma Hill.

## Andrew Lanier

**Tight End, 6-5, 250, Fr.**  
**Moore, S.C., Dorman H.S.**

Was selected to the NC/SC Shrine Bowl after recording nine catches for 152 yards and three touchdowns his senior season at Dorman ... Was the team's MVP on offense ... Named to the 2006 Palmetto Champions All-Star Team as the Upper State Lineman of the Year by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association (SCFCA) ... Earned all-region honors as a tight end his last two seasons ... Caught seven passes as a junior with five of them good for touchdowns ... Also saw some action at wide receiver, fullback and defensive end ... Played three seasons for Coach Dave Gutshall ... Won all of the school's blocking awards as a junior and senior ... Listed as the No. 25 overall player on the South Carolina 35 by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 29 player in the state of South Carolina by Scout ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... Also lettered in track and tennis.

**Personal:** Andrew William Lanier ... Born 2/14/89 in Springfield, TN ... Son of David and Cathy Lanier.

## Khalil Latif

**Offensive Lineman, 6-3, 280, Fr.**  
**Chesterfield, Va., Manchester H.S.**

Played offensive and defensive tackle for Coach Tom Hall at Manchester ... Registered over 90 pancake blocks from his tackle position as a senior and had 80 or more his junior season ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as an offensive tackle in 2006 and was selected second-team by The Associated Press ... Was also a second-team pick as a junior ... A two-time first-team All-Metro pick by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* at offensive tackle ... Ranked the No. 10 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 30 offensive guard in the country and the No. 21 player in the state by Rivals ... Rated the No. 14 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 52 offensive guard in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 15 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar*.

**Personal:** Ibn Khalil Latif ... Born 10/7/89 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Khalil and Treva Latif.





## Davon Morgan

**Safety, 6-2, 190, Fr.**  
**Richmond, Va., Varina H.S.**

Played quarterback and free safety for Coach Gary Chilcoat at Varina ... A *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* postseason All-American, despite playing in just four games during his senior season due to a broken leg ... Had two interceptions and eight tackles during those four games ... Posted nine interceptions (3 for touchdowns), 30 tackles and a fumble return for a score his junior year ... Completed 70-of-138 passes for 1,402 yards and 20 touchdowns with six interceptions as a junior ... Rushed 75 times for 505 yards and seven touchdowns, earning 2005 offensive player of the year honors in his district ... Accounted for five touchdowns in a game against Hermitage — three passing, one rushing and one on a fumble return ... Also had an interception in that game ... Was named to the first-team All-Metro defense by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* ... Ranked the No. 24 defensive back in the country by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 5 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Rated the No. 6 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 21 safety in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 6 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... Listed as the No. 33 "athlete" in the country and the No. 14 player in the state by Rivals ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team.

**Personal:** Davon T. Morgan ... Born 1/28/89 in Richmond, VA ... Lives with his grandmother, Mary Barlow.

## Greg Nosal

**Tight End, 6-5, 255, Fr.**  
**Virginia Beach, Va., Kellam H.S.**

Was key blocker for Coach Chris Dewitt's Kellam team that led the Beach District in rushing (233 ypg) in 2006 ... Had 19 catches for 416 yards and five touchdowns ... Two of those touchdowns came in a game against Ocean Lakes ... Named first-team All-Beach District, All-Tidewater and Group AAA all-state as a tight end ... Ranked the No. 16 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 21 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 22 player in the state of Virginia and the No. 57 offensive tackle in the country by Scout ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team.

**Personal:** Greg Michael Nosal ... Born 4/25/89 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Greg and Elizabeth Nosal.

## Quillie Odom

**Linebacker, 6-2, 205, Fr.**  
**Manassas, Va., Osbourn Park H.S.**

Posted over 70 tackles and recovered four fumbles for Coach Brian Beaty at Osbourn Park as a senior linebacker ... Listed as the No. 18 inside linebacker in the country and the No. 11 player in the state by Rivals ... Rated the No. 37 middle linebacker in the country by Scout ... Named honorable mention All-Met by *The Washington Post* at linebacker as a senior ... Named district player of the year ... Recorded 72 tackles in eight games as a junior, before missing the rest of the season with a broken thumb ... Earned first-team all-district and all-region honors for his junior season performance ... Ranked the No. 19 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... Listed as the No. 24 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar*.

**Personal:** Quillie Odom ... Born 5/7/89 in Woodbridge, VA ... Son of Quillie, Jr., and Angela Odom.

## Hunter Ovens

**Linebacker, 6-2, 220, Fr.**  
**Bradenton, Fla., Cardinal Mooney H.S.**

A *SuperPrep* All-American ... Lettered all four years for Coach Mike Dowling, while seeing action at outside linebacker, tailback and as a punter and kicker ... Rushed for 783 yards and 24 touchdowns his senior season ... Threw a TD pass and caught two ... Compiled 138 tackles and 18 sacks from his linebacker spot ... Also intercepted five passes and recovered nine fumbles ... Averaged 40.8 yards per punt ... Helped the team to a regional championship, scoring two TDs in the title game ... A first-team all-state utility selection to the Class 2B All-State Football team as selected by the Florida Sports Writers Association his final year ... Listed as the No. 18 overall player on the Florida 100 by *SuperPrep*, which also rated him the No. 19 linebacker in the country ... Rated the No. 24 player in the state of Florida and the No. 14 strongside linebacker in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 31 outside linebacker in the country and the No. 56 player in the state of Florida by Rivals ... Rated the No. 96 prospect in the state of Florida by *The Sun-Sentinel* ... An All-Southeast Region selection by *PrepStar* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Dixie Team ... Earned second team all-state honors as a junior as a defensive lineman ... Rushed for 492 yards and nine touchdowns that year ... Recorded 119 tackles, including 10 for loss and 8.0 sacks and averaged 44.7 yards per punt for the Class 2B-Region 3 runner-up ... Was also a standout baseball player, batting .530 with 27 runs batted in and 24 stolen bases in 25 attempts ... He hit .527 with 10 doubles, three triples, five home runs and 42 RBI, plus stole

17 bases as a junior ... Named all-state first-team ... A 25th-round draft choice of the Colorado Rockies.

**Personal:** Hunter Kane Ovens ... Born 11/3/88 in Bradenton, FL ... Son of Robert and Julie Ovens.

## Kendrick Pressley

**Athlete, 6-0, 170, Fr.**  
**Sumter, S.C., Sumter H.S.**

Selected to the NC/SC Shrine Bowl Game ... Named to the 2006 Palmetto Champions All-Star Team as the Big 16 Lower State Back of the Year ... Played quarterback for Coach Paul Sorrells at Sumter ... Completed 112 of 210 passes for 1,274 and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Also rushed 135 times for 829 yards and seven TDs ... For his career, threw for 3,818 yards and 26 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,911 yards and 24 TDs ... Ranked the No. 33 prospect on the SC High School Sports Report's South Carolina Top 100 ... Also excelled as a sprinter on the track team.

**Personal:** Kendrick Javarius Pressley ... Born 8/5/89 in Sumter, SC ... Son of Rosalind Pressley and Elton Hickmon.

## Courtney Prince

**Defensive Tackle, 6-2, 252, Fr.**  
**Mitchellville, Md., Gwynn Park H.S.**

Named second-team All-Met by *The Washington Post* as a defensive lineman his final year ... Saw action at defensive end and tackle, as well as offensive tackle for Coach Danny Hayes ... Contributed 108 tackles, nine sacks, seven pass deflections and three forced fumbles as a senior ... Earned first-team all-league, all-county and all-state honors ... Listed as the No. 15 overall player on the Mid-Atlantic 36 (Washington D.C., Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia) by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 19 player in the Maryland/DC/Delaware area by Scout ... Helped the team to 14-0 record and the Maryland 3A state championship in 2005 ... Posted 87 tackles and 11 sacks that season ... Earned honorable mention all-state and All-Met honors along the defensive line ... Also earned first-team all-county and all-league.

**Personal:** Courtney Pierre Prince ... Born 6/13/89 in Washington, DC ... Son of Christopher and Sharon Prince.

## Barquell Rivers

**Linebacker, 6-0, 220, Fr.**  
**Wadesboro, N.C., Anson County H.S.**

An All-America and All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Had 171 tackles and five interceptions (three for touchdowns) as a senior for Coach Jody Groom ... As a

*Rivers, continued*

junior, recorded 130 tackles and had three interceptions ... Holds the school records in tackles and starts ... In his best game as a senior, he registered 21 tackles, blocked a field goal and took part in a goal-line stand ... Earned all-state honors at the linebacker position both seasons ... Was named all-conference his last three seasons ... Earned a spot on the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team ... Listed as the No. 14 overall player on the North Carolina 35 by *SuperPrep* ... Rated the No. 19 player in the state of North Carolina and the No. 25 middle linebacker in the country by Scout ... Listed as the No. 63 outside linebacker in the country by Rivals ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team his senior year ... Also played basketball and baseball.

**Personal:** Barquell Rivers ... Born 12/19/88 in Wadesboro, NC ... Son of Norma Rivers and Ronnie Hall.

*Tyrod Taylor*

**Quarterback, 6-2, 185, Fr.**  
**Hampton, Va., Hampton H.S.**

A PARADE All-American as an all-purpose player ... Rated the No. 1 dual threat quarterback in the nation by Rivals ... In three years as a starter for Coach Mike Smith at Hampton, accounted for 7,690 yards of total offense and 100 touchdowns ... Passed for 5,144 yards and 44 touchdowns while rushing for 2,546 yards and 56 scores in his time as a starter ... A two-time first-team all-state performer who finished his senior year with over 2,300 total yards and 36 touchdowns ... Completed 85 of 164 passes for 1,538 yards and 15 touchdowns with just four interceptions and ran for 788 yards and 21 scores ... Named the 2006 Gatorade Player of the Year in Virginia as a senior ... Named first-team all-state by the AP as a utility player ... Named first-team all-state by the VHSCA as a quarterback ... A first-team quarterback and a second-team defensive back on the *Daily Press* All-Stars Football Team ... Rushed for 1,044 yards and 21 touchdowns while passing for 1,544 yards and nine scores as a junior, leading Hampton to its 17th state championship ... For his junior year performance, earned VHSCA and AP first-team all-state honors ... The Offensive Player of the Year and first-team quarterback on the *Daily Press* All-Stars Football team ... As a sophomore, earned first-team quarterback *Daily Press* All-Stars Football honors after passing for 2,062 yards and 20 touchdowns and running for 714 yards and 14 scores ... Named a second-team all-state selection by the AP as a quarterback ... Ranked the No. 6 quarterback in the country by *PrepStar* ... Rated the No. 16 player in the country on the ESPN 150 ... Listed as the No. 20 overall player in the country and the No. 1 athlete in the country by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 27 player overall in the nation by that same publication

... A *SuperPrep* Postseason All-American ... A member of the *PrepStar* Dream Team ... Earned a spot in the 2006 Nike Elite 11 quarterbacks camp ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Elite 50 ... Ranked the No. 1 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times*, Rivals, *SuperPrep* and Scout ... Listed as the No. 4 quarterback in the country by Scout ... A member of the Rivals100 ... Named to the Velocity/*PrepStar* 100 squad ... An All-America and All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Named to the Super Southern 100 by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, which lists the top 100 high school football players in the south, regardless of position.

**Personal:** Tyrod Taylor ... Born 8/3/89 in Hampton, VA ... Son of Rodney and Trina Taylor.

*Patrick Terry*

**Wide Receiver, 5-11, 180, Fr.**  
**South Boston, Va., Halifax County H.S.**

Lettered three seasons as a receiver for Coach John Lacy Harris ... Also saw some time in the secondary ... Caught 38 passes for 568 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior ... Caught six of those passes in Halifax's Group AAA Division 5 playoff game ... Named second-team All-Western Valley District his final year ... As a junior, recorded 46 catches for 829 yards and scored nine touchdowns ... Had eight catches for 236 yards and four TDs in a game against Patrick Henry in 2005 ... Earned first-team All-Western Valley District honors for his performance ... Ranked the No. 31 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times* ... A standout in track, winning the district 55-meter indoor title as a junior and finishing seventh in the state.

**Personal:** Patrick Lamar Terry ... Born 11/12/88 in Halifax County, VA ... Son of Cheryl Terry.

*D.J. Thomas*

**Running Back, 5-9, 175, Fr.**  
**Ashland, Va., Patrick Henry H.S.**

A two-time first-team All-Metro utility pick by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* ... Also named the Colonial District offensive player of the year twice ... Rushed for 1,595 yards and scored 18 TDs on offense for Coach Ray Long, Jr. ... Had 26 tackles and three interceptions on defense his senior year ... Rushed for 243 yards and five touchdowns in a game against Atlee High ... Named honorable mention all-state by the VHSCA as both a running back and a defensive back ... During his junior year, rushed for 1,318 yards and had 161 yards receiving on offense, while also posting nine interceptions on defense ... Returned three kickoffs for TDs ... Named second-team all-state by the AP as a utility pick ... Finished his

career with 3,642 yards on the ground and 43 touchdowns ... Listed as the No. 53 athlete in the country and the No. 20 player in the state by Rivals ... Listed as the No. 33 overall player on the Virginia 33 by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... A four-year letterman as a sprinter in track.

**Personal:** Dean Antonio Thomas ... Born 3/28/89 in Ashland, VA ... Son of Dean Thomas and Deborah Coleman.

*Alonzo Tweedy*

**Linebacker, 6-2, 185, Fr.**  
**Richmond, Va., Hermitage H.S.**

Played linebacker for Coach Patrick Kane at Hermitage ... Totaled 73 tackles (51 solo), six forced fumbles, two sacks, seven tackles for loss and two pass breakups as a senior ... Scored touchdowns in four different ways (87-yard kick return, interception, fumble return, reception) ... Blocked two punts ... A first-team All-Colonial District selection as a senior ... Was also named second-team All-Metro by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* ... Ranked the No. 33 player in the state of Virginia by *The Roanoke Times*.

**Personal:** Alonzo Lontá Tweedy ... Born 7/27/89 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Alonzo, Jr., and Terry Tweedy.

*Justin Young*

**Defensive End, 6-5, 255, Fr.**  
**Germantown, Md., Northwest H.S.**

As a senior defensive lineman for Coach Randy Trivers, he recorded 46 tackles, including three sacks and three other tackles for loss ... Forced three fumbles and picked off two passes ... Preserved a win over Damascus High with a quarterback sack ... Had a touchdown reception and a two-point conversion catch as a tight end ... Named honorable mention All-Met by *The Washington Post* as a defensive lineman ... Earned second-team "Big School" all-state honors ... Had 23 tackles, including four for loss as a junior ... Returned an interception and a fumble for touchdowns ... Helped team to a state title in 2004 and a region championship in 2006 ... Listed as the No. 33 strongside defensive end in the country and the No. 9 player in the state of Maryland by Rivals ... Rated the No. 10 player in the Maryland/DC/Delaware area by Scout ... Listed as the No. 10 overall player on the Mid-Atlantic 36 (Washington D.C., Maryland, Delaware and West Virginia) by *SuperPrep* ... A member of the *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic Team ... An All-Atlantic Region selection by *PrepStar* ... Also played basketball and was a weight man on the track and field team.

**Personal:** Justin Marcell Young ... Born 11/21/89 in Silver Spring, MD ... Son of Damon and Karen Young.



# 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 for example. The San Francisco 49ers selected Engelberger in the second round of the 2000 NFL Draft.

Engelberger, who arrived in Blacksburg as a walk-on in 1995, was following in the footsteps of tight end John Burke, who graduated from Tech's walk-on program as a fourth-round draft pick of the New England Patriots in 1994.

Two years ago, former walk-on Will Montgomery was taken by the Carolina Panthers and ended up starting four games at offensive guard last year as a rookie.

This past year, another former walk-on achieved success. Jesse Allen turned down offers from Division I-AA schools to walk on at Tech as a fullback. After hitting the weight room hard and breaking several records, he ended up starting for two years. While he wasn't drafted in April, he signed a multi-year deal with the New York Jets in May of 2007.

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



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that doesn't mean there isn't an opportunity for those individuals, especially at Virginia Tech, where walk-on athletes have a history of contributions.

The walk-ons at Virginia Tech are treated in the same first-class manner as the rest of the squad. Former walk-ons have eventually earned scholarships, earned starting positions, gained all-conference and All-America honors, and some eventually played pro football.

"The important thing for a walk-on, is to know he's going to be given a chance," said Tech head coach Frank Beamer. "The way you track that is to look at programs around the country to see how many scholarships are given to walk-ons.

"We're one of the top two or three programs in the country in that category. So for a guy who's interested in walking on, there's not a better place than right here at Virginia Tech. We give people a chance and we treat them the same as everybody else."

Engelberger was a recruited walk-on, meaning he was invited to try out for the team. He arrived in Blacksburg in 1995 as a 6-foot-4, 210-pound tight end from Springfield, Va. He got into the weight room and transformed his body into that of a big-time college football player. After his redshirt year, he earned a scholarship for his tireless work ethic. Thanks to endless hours of work on the practice field and in the weight room, Engelberger finished his career as one of the best defensive ends in Tech history. Over his career, he was named an Associated Press All-American, was an All-BIG EAST selection three times, and was one of the best players in the state of Virginia as a senior.

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

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



John Engelberger is one of many Tech walk-ons who earned a scholarship.

Chargers and the Oakland Raiders.

They 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." *Continued on next page*





*Will Montgomery (66, below), Jesse Allen (37) and John Burke (85) all started out in Tech's walk-on program.*



### *Walk-ons, continued*

Tech's walk-on program has provided countless young men a chance to play collegiate football and prove that the evaluation and recruiting process is far from flawless. It allows a young man to mature physically, improve his football skills, and contribute to the success of Virginia Tech football.

"No one really knows the difference between a walk-on and a scholarship player because each person is treated exactly the same," Ballein said. "Players know they have an opportunity to earn a scholarship and that they'll be in the best weight program in the country. Combine all those factors and you have the reason why Tech's walk-on program has been successful."

There are two types of walk-ons at Virginia Tech: the invited walk-on and the true walk-on. The invited walk-ons are players recruited by coaches to come into the Tech program. The true walk-ons are students already enrolled at Tech who try to earn a spot in the program. Tech has two workouts (one in the spring and one in the fall) for these players. From there, some are invited back to try and earn a spot on the team.

Hokie walk-ons not only get the chance to play in one of the best programs in the nation, they get a chance to play for one of the best coaches in college football, as well.

"I think our walk-on program is successful because we work at it," Beamer says. "We work at recruiting guys who will have a chance to be a player in our program. We evaluate them very carefully. We only have so many spots for walk-ons now and so it is very important that we get kids who have a chance to earn a scholarship."

"I've always liked walk-ons because a lot of them have something to prove and they work harder and they go right by some scholarship guys as far as playing time."

Looking at this year's roster, there are five former walk-ons who have already earned scholarships and that number could increase. Orion Martin, Bart McMillin, Jared Develli, Jud Dunlevy and Carlton Weatherford all came to Tech as walk-ons and have earned scholarships for their valuable contributions.

Last year, three former walk-ons earned spots in all-star games: Brandon Pace, Allen and Nick Leeson. Pace and Allen played in the East-West Shrine Bowl game while Leeson was one of two long snappers selected for the Senior Bowl. All three signed with NFL teams as free agents shortly after the draft.

The success of the Tech walk-on program continues to grow right along with the success of the football program. This year the Hokies will welcome another class of walk-ons who are each anxious to prove they could be the next Will Montgomery, John Burke, Jesse Allen or John Engelberger.