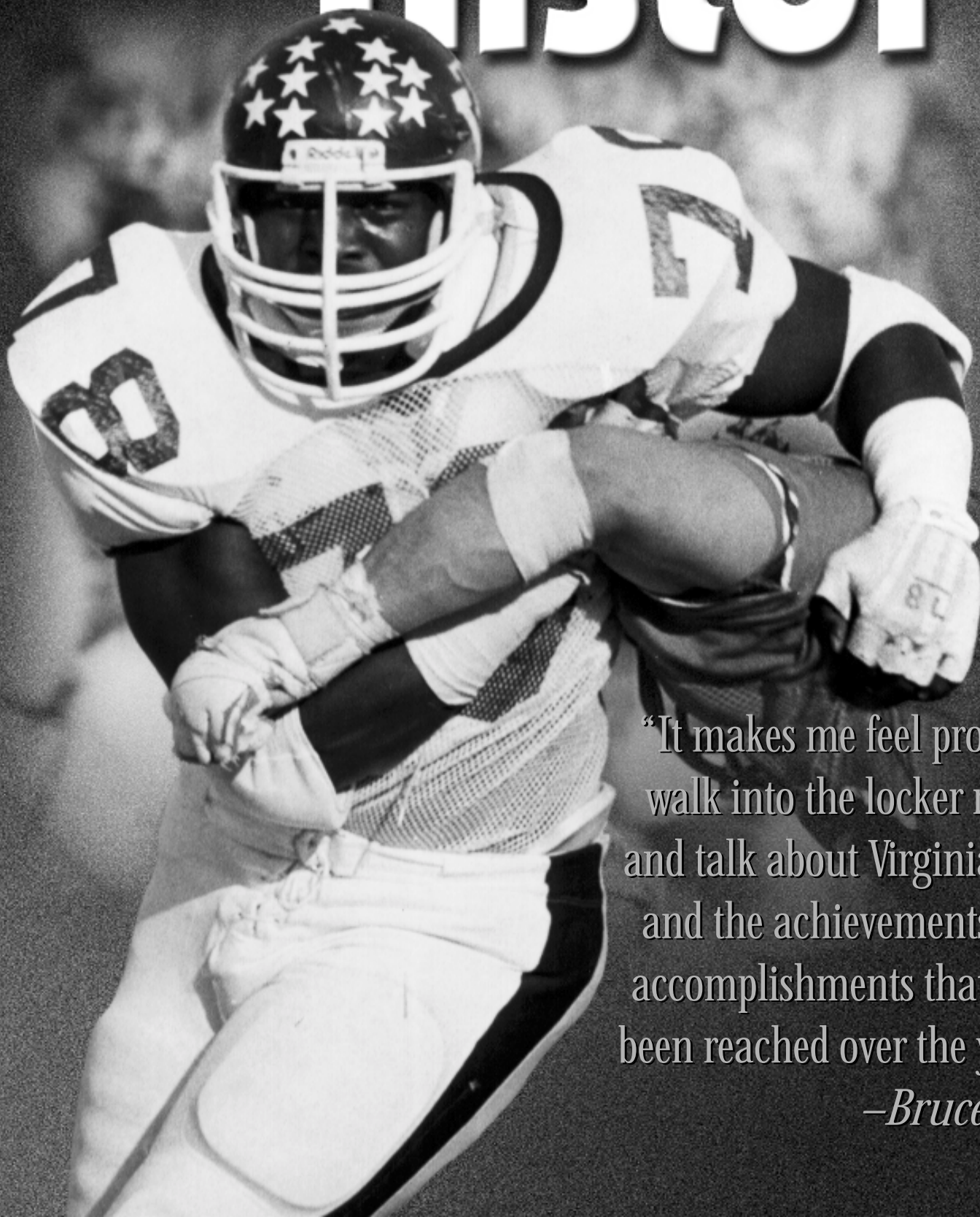


VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL

# History



“It makes me feel proud to walk into the locker room and talk about Virginia Tech and the achievements and accomplishments that have been reached over the years.”

—Bruce Smith

# Hokie Hall of Famers

*Former Virginia Tech Players and Coaches  
In the College Football Hall of Fame*

## **Hunter Carpenter**

back, 1900-03, '05 — Inducted in 1957

## **Carroll Dale**

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## **Frank Loria**

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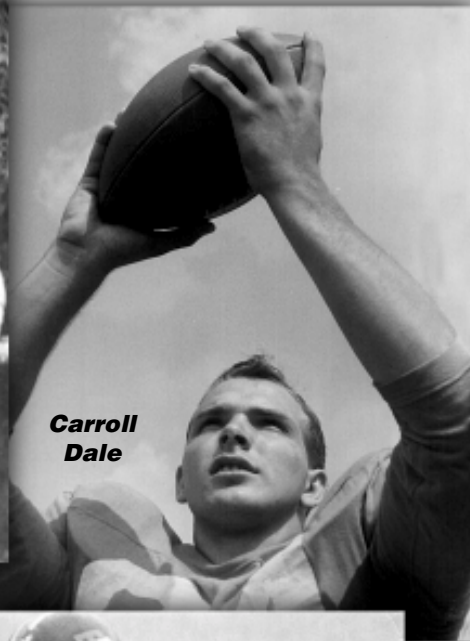
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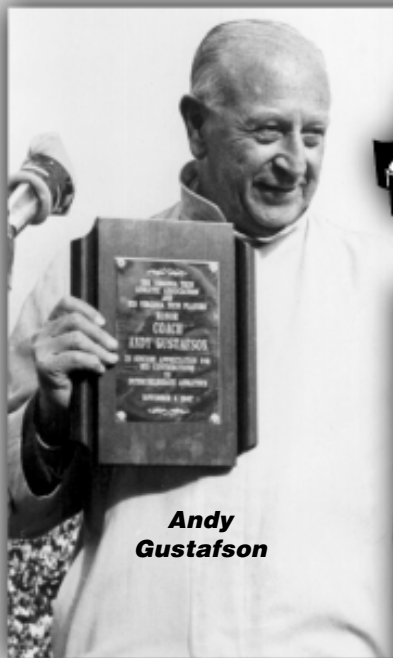
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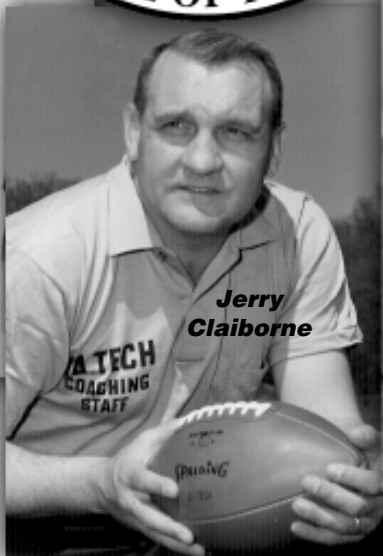
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# From Beginning to Beamer

## *The First 107 Years of Football at Virginia Tech*

*“It was not football and yet we had some fun ... suits were ordered, footballs of various descriptions bought and general enthusiasm prevailed.”*

— *The Bugle, Virginia Tech's Yearbook, describing the school's first football practices in 1892*

Football at Virginia Tech officially kicked off on Oct. 21, 1892 when the school was known as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. Its start, however, was slow.

With VAMC President John McBryde's approval and support, an athletic association was organized in September 1891. The major

efforts of this organization during its early years were concentrated on football.

At the urging of a few interested students and faculty during the fall of 1891, a number of students assembled on campus to play pick-up games of the new sport. A year later, largely through the efforts of Professor W.E. Anderson, Professor E.A. Smyth and cadets H.B. Pratt and J.W. Stull, Tech's first football team was organized. Anderson played right tackle and served as the captain. Smyth was the “trainer” (or coach) and business manager.

It was necessary for the organizers to go into the barracks every day and beg men to come out to play because those who were not placed on the first team one day would refuse to return the next.

The first game was scheduled with St. Albans of Radford and played on the

Blacksburg campus on Oct. 21. The game resulted in a 14-10 victory for VAMC with Anderson scoring the first touchdown in Tech history. After studying a book of rules, Professor Smyth took the leading role as the team's mentor. As a result, he came to be known as the father of modern football at Virginia Tech.

### **Old Hokie**

In 1896, the words Polytechnic Institute were added to the college's name and it became known as Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which in turn became Virginia Tech. With the change in names came other changes.

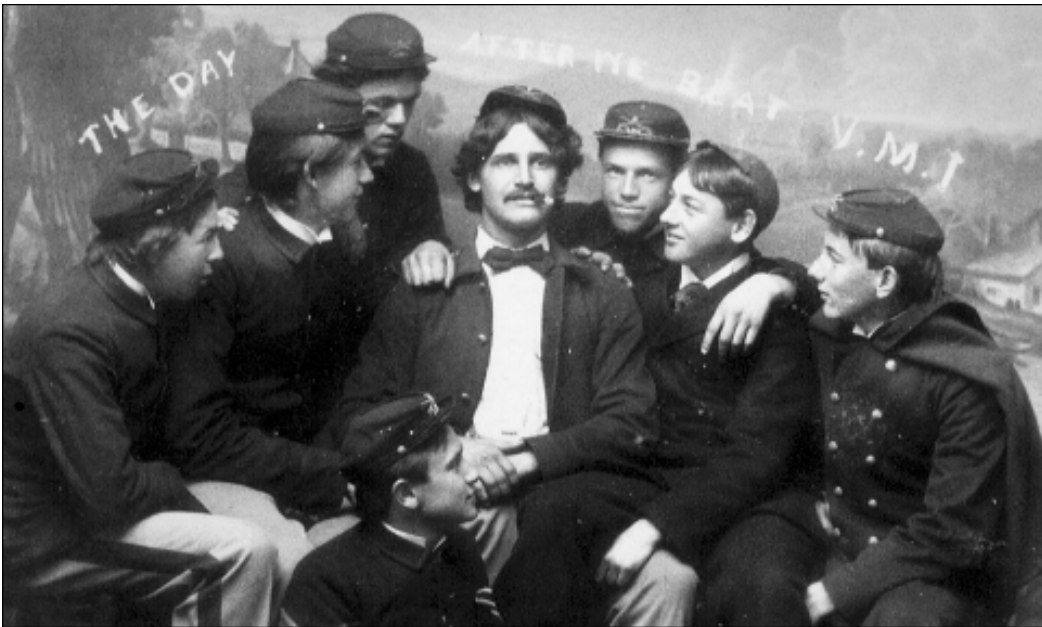
The school colors changed from black and gray to Chicago maroon and burnt orange. The colors were chosen by the Corps of Cadets and adopted as the official college colors in the fall of 1896. They were first

worn in a football game against Roanoke College on Oct. 26, 1896.

A student contest was held to produce a new school yell and O.M. Stull won a prize for his new yell, the now famous Old Hokie. Stull's yell, in its original form, was:

Hoki! Hoki! Hoki Hy!  
Tech! Tech! V.P.I. !  
Sola-Rex Sola-Rah  
Polytech-Vir-gin-i-a!  
Rae, Ri, V.P.I.

At some point an ‘e’ was added to Hoki and the name stuck as a nickname for Tech teams and the school's spirit. When asked about his yell, Stull admitted that the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning whatsoever, but had been thought up in an effort to grab attention. His effort was successful, as thousands of fans attending Tech athletic contests over the past century can testify.



**Earl Johnson (center) was the star of Tech's first win over VMI in 1895.**

### The Great Carpenter

A true Virginia Tech legend, Hunter Carpenter played in Blacksburg from 1900 to 1903 and again in 1905. His Tech career had intrigue, controversy and greatness.

Carpenter arrived at college at age 15 weighing 128 pounds. He waited two years before becoming Tech's starting right halfback. When he did get a chance to play, he used the alias Walter Brown because his father had forbidden him to play football. Not until his father saw him star in a 1900 game against VMI in Norfolk did he give approval to young Hunter's sport.

In 1903, Carpenter helped Tech defeat a powerful Navy club, 11-0. In that game, he kicked a 46-yard field goal and, according to published reports, played much of the game without jersey or stockings, which were torn from his body.

In 1905, he scored 82 points and helped boost Virginia Polytechnic Institute to a 9-1 record that included wins over Army, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Carpenter scored five touchdowns in the South Carolina game and helped the Hokies outscore their opponents 305 to 24.

Carpenter was never named to the All-America team because Walter Camp, who named the team at the time, said he would never name a player who he had not seen play. Others, including his former coach Sally Miles, placed him on a level with Red Grange and Jim Thorpe. He was named to the College Football Hall of Fame in 1957.

### The Military Classic of the South

For years, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Military Institute clashed in the "Military Classic of the South." Both schools had corps of cadets and a budding rivalry by the time the series was moved to Roanoke in 1913. Beginning in 1921, the VPI-VMI game was played on Thanksgiving Day and it became the centerpiece of a gala affair.

The Tech Corps of Cadets would march from the train station to the Hotel Patrick Henry and the VMI Corps would march to the Hotel Roanoke. On game day, both corps would march to Victory Stadium. The teams were playing for pride and a 22-inch high Chamber of Commerce trophy.

The VPI-VMI series continued as a Thanksgiving Day treat through 1969. The teams made their last appearance in Victory Stadium on a Saturday in 1971.

### Fast Company

During its early years, the Tech football team competed in the South Atlantic Conference. But things changed dramatically for the school with the announcement on Aug. 22, 1921, that it would

be a charter member of the newly formed Southern Intercollegiate Conference.

The other charter members were Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington & Lee. In 1922, the league added Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Tulane. The University of the South joined the conference in 1923 and in December of that year, the league's name was officially changed to the Southern Conference.

The membership shifted over the years. In 1932 the 13 southern-most members formed the Southeastern Conference. In '36, six new members — The Citadel, William & Mary, Davidson, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest — were added. Virginia withdrew in 1937, and George Washington and West Virginia joined in 1941 and 1950, respectively. In 1953, seven colleges withdrew to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Tech remained in the league until June 1965, when it withdrew to become an independent.



Tech's starting lineup in 1909 averaged just 172 pounds, but that didn't stop the Hokies from posting an outstanding 6-1 season that started with a 6-0 win against Clemson and ended with an 18-5 victory versus North Carolina State. New head coach Branch Bocock, who came to Tech from the University of Georgia, was the Hokies' first truly professional coach with a full-time salary.



**Miles Stadium was the home of Virginia Tech football from 1926 until Lane Stadium opened in 1965.**

**Prominent People**

Several Virginia Tech players from the early days reached prominent positions in Southern football. The 1916 Tech team featured fullback Henry "Puss" Redd who was Tech's head coach from 1932-40. Teammate William "Monk" Younger played defense so well in New Haven against Yale that college football kingmaker Walter Camp labeled him "the Southern Panther."

As Tech's athletic director in 1941, Younger saw his team upset defending national champion Georgetown, 3-0, on a field goal by Roger McClure.

The captain of the 1918 eleven, Hank Crisp, lost his right hand in a childhood accident, but became a star Tech running back and team captain. Crisp went on to become a



**Hank Crisp**

coach and athletic director at Alabama and was the man who recruited Paul "Bear" Bryant to play for the Crimson Tide. In 1926, a University of Pittsburgh graduate named Andy Gustafson took over the football reins at Tech and coached the "Hokies' "Pony Express" backfield. Gustafson would go on to build the University of Miami football machine as head coach and athletic director.



**Monk Younger**

**Frank Peake and the Pony Express**

After Virginia Tech's freshman team won a game by a wide margin in 1925, a sports publicist nicknamed the team's offensive backfield the "Pony Express", taking off on Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen."



**Frank Peake**

The leader of that group was Frank Peake. He was joined by Scotty MacArthur, Herbert "Mac" McEver and Tommy Tomko.

Peake was a fleet back who loved the open field. He scored three touchdowns in his first varsity game against Roanoke College and two more in the next game against Hampden-Sydney. When the Techmen played VMI in the season finale, he scored both touchdowns in Tech's 14-7

victory. As a junior, he rushed for almost 200 yards and scored the lone touchdown in Tech's 6-0 upset of the Colgate Red Raiders in New York. During one three-game stretch, he accumulated rushing and return yardage of 306, 314 and 353 yards.

Peake's coach, Andy Gustafson, said he had never seen Peake's equal under a punt. In the 1928 season, Peake injured a hip. Though still recovering, he came off the bench in the Virginia game to run back a punt for a touchdown on his first play of the game. Peake was named an All-Southern halfback his senior year and is still considered one of the greatest players ever to play the game for Tech.

**The 1932 Team**

Virginia Tech's 1932 eleven was one of Tech's finest teams. That team won eight games and lost to Alabama in a game that decided the Southern Conference championship.

The Techmen defeated several top teams in 1932. The Gobblers upset Georgia in Athens by a 7-6 count when team captain Bill Grinus blocked a Bulldogs' extra-point kick that would have tied the game. Tech also downed an undefeated Kentucky squad, 7-0, in Blacksburg to run its record to 5-0.

The next big game came when the team traveled to Tuscaloosa to play Alabama for the Southern Conference title. It was 'Bama's Homecoming game and the crowd of 11,000 was the second largest in the history of Denny Stadium. Tech took a 6-0 lead in the game, but could not hold the lead as Alabama's bigger offensive line wore the Gobblers down, and the Tide came back for a 9-6 victory.

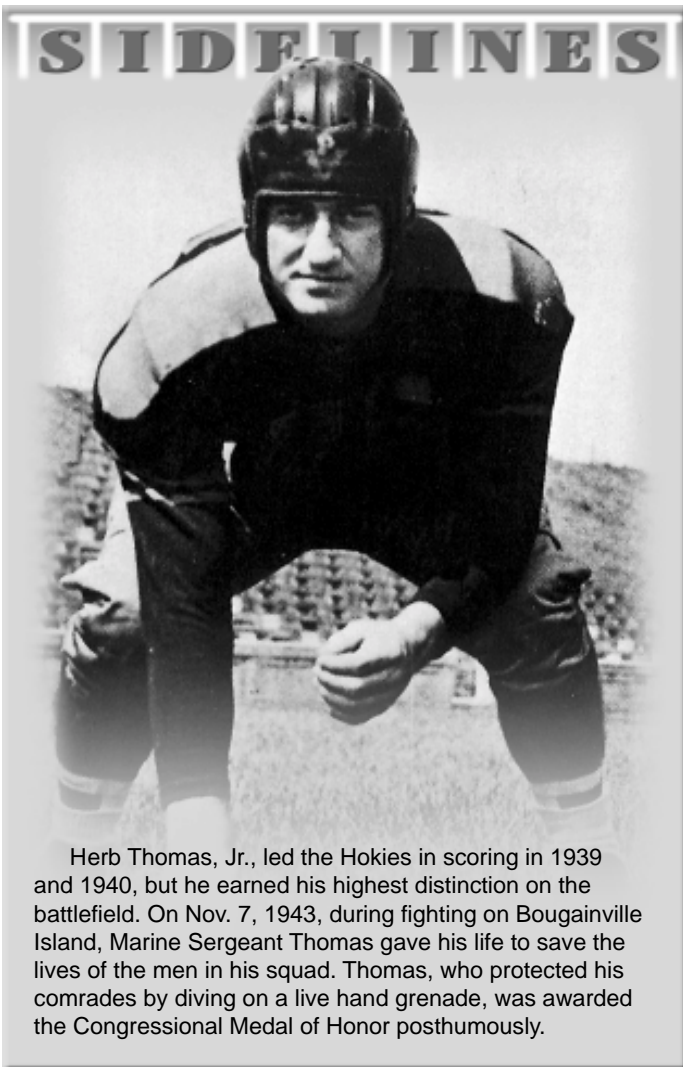
Despite the disappointing loss, Tech went on to shut out Virginia and Washington & Lee to finish with an 8-1 record.



**In 1932, Tech (on offense) upset Georgia in Athens on the way to an 8-1 record.**



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Herb Thomas, Jr., led the Hokies in scoring in 1939 and 1940, but he earned his highest distinction on the battlefield. On Nov. 7, 1943, during fighting on Bougainville Island, Marine Sergeant Thomas gave his life to save the lives of the men in his squad. Thomas, who protected his comrades by diving on a live hand grenade, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

## The Beardless Wonders

With several Tech players serving overseas in World War II, the 1945 team was filled with 17- and 18-year olds known as the "Beardless Wonders." The youngsters fared poorly, posting a 2-6 record on the season. One of the two wins engineered by Ralph Beard and his fellow wonders came against a coaching legend named Paul "Bear" Bryant.

The Tech offense had practiced against a defense called the Blackboard Six. Practicing against the Blackboard Six did not ready the offensive team for the opposition as Tech was whitewashed by other defenses in its first two games. Bryant's assistant at Maryland, Frank Moseley, soon to become Tech's own head coach, scouted the Hokies' early-season loss to William & Mary

and told Bryant that Maryland need not worry about the Techmen.

Bryant eschewed preparations for the Tech game and looked ahead to his next opponent. When he came to Blacksburg, the Terrapin coach lined up his defense in the Blackboard Six, and Tech ran over Maryland in a 21-13 victory. The Beardless Wonders recorded Tech's only victory ever over "Bear" Bryant that day.

## Frank Moseley

When Frank Moseley was named head football coach and athletic director at Virginia Tech in 1951, *The Techgram*, the university newsletter, ran the headline, "Va. Tech Football – A Job To Do." The Techmen had posted an abysmal 1-25-3 record over the previous three years.

Coach Moseley brought to Blacksburg exactly what the Tech administration wanted in a coach. He had coached in winning programs. As an assistant at Maryland and Kentucky, he worked under "Bear" Bryant.

Moseley was tough and confident. The 1951 *Techgram* said that Moseley "... carries about him the air of a man who would do well in a battle with the devil himself." He coached toughness and preached physical conditioning and after the players went through his drills, many went out the back window. His staples were the running game and a stingy defense.

From 1951 to 1953, Moseley's teams won 12 games. In 1954, Tech went undefeated with an 8-0-1 mark and finished 16<sup>th</sup> in the final Associated Press poll. The coach was named the AP Coach of the Year in Virginia. In 1956, he was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year. By July 1955, he had turned down three offers to coach elsewhere.

Moseley stayed and made a career as Tech's coach and athletic director. When he gave up the head coach's job after the 1960 season, he had a career mark of 54-42-4, which was the best mark of any Tech coach at the time. As athletic director, Moseley headed the Lane Stadium construction drive. He retired in 1978. Today, in the shadows of Lane Stadium, Tech's practice site is named Frank O. Moseley Field.

## Preas and Nutter

Buzz Nutter and George Preas wound up in the same place — on the 1958 National Football League champion Baltimore Colts. The two offensive linemen also came from the same place — Virginia Tech. The two players had different experiences, however, in getting from Blacksburg to Baltimore.

Nutter played on the 1950-52 Gobbler teams that turned in a 7-25 three-year record. He became the first Tech player drafted by a NFL team and played for the Washington Redskins his first year. After being cut by the Redskins, he signed with the Colts. He played in Baltimore for 11 years and helped the team to NFL championships in 1958 and 1959.

The right tackle on those championship teams was Preas, who passed up offers from Georgia Tech and Army to play in Blacksburg. He played on the outstanding 1954 Tech team. He was named to the All-Southern Conference second team as a junior and the first team as a senior. Preas set a league mark by starting 40 consecutive games in his career.

Preas was at tackle for the Colts in the '58 championship game. He helped clear the way for Alan Ameche's winning touchdown in sudden death of what is considered by many as the greatest NFL game. Preas played 11 years for Baltimore.



**Coach Frank Moseley (with football) demanded toughness and physical conditioning.**

## The 1954 Team

The 1954 Virginia Tech team was one of the school's best elevens. That year, the Techmen posted an 8-0-1 record and narrowly missed out on the Southern Conference championship won by a West Virginia team led by Sam Huff. One of the keys to the team's success was something that would become a staple of Tech football in the late 1990s — speed.

Halfbacks Billy Anderson and Howie Wright were two of the speedsters in the backfield. They were joined by Leo Burke and Dickie Beard. Beard was referred to as "The Cumberland Flash" and led the Southern Conference in rushing with 647 yards. He was named to the all-conference team and was voted the Associated Press Athlete of the Year in Virginia.

That tough '54 team also included end Tom Petty who merited all-conference honors after catching five touchdown passes and guard Billy Kerfoot, the team captain, who joined Petty on the all-conference team. Tackle George Preas, a future NFL standout, was also an all-league honoree.

Senior Johnny Dean and sophomore Billy Cranwell quarterbacked the team, and Don Divers played a key role in the offensive and defensive backfields. That year, Divers intercepted two passes against VMI and returned both for touchdowns — a feat that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it against Vanderbilt in 1983.

Tech knocked off Clemson in Death Valley that year and shut out Virginia. The squad's only blemish was a 7-7 Homecoming tie against William & Mary. Tech accumulated 366 yards in total offense against the Tribe but could only muster one fourth-quarter score. The Tribe scored its only points on an interception return for a touchdown.

## Carroll Dale

Carroll Dale, Virginia Tech Class of 1960, was one of the finest football players in school history. He was an outstanding collegian and a successful pro.

Despite playing in Moseley's run-oriented offense, Dale became Tech's all-time leading receiver to that point with 64 career receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Tech end started the second game of his freshman year against Tulane and did not come out of the lineup for the rest of his college career.

In 1957, the *Saturday Evening Post* named Dale the best sophomore lineman in the nation. After his junior season, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and a second-team Associated Press All-American. As a senior, Dale became the first Tech football



**All-American Carroll Dale with the Jacobs Blocking trophy.**

player to gain first-team All-America honors. The consummate team player, Dale won the Southern Conference's Jacobs Blocking Trophy in both 1958 and 1959.

Dale went on to have an outstanding career in the National Football League. He spent five seasons with the Los Angeles Rams before being traded to Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers. He played on the 1965 NFL title team and the

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Tech's football program started reaching more people during the 1950s. The Hokies' 1954 season opener against North Carolina State marked the first Tech game to be broadcast over the Virginia Tech radio network. In 1959, the Tech-Florida State game at Miles Stadium was televised regionally on 33 stations from Baltimore, Md., to Miami, Fla. It was the first football game ever televised from a Southern Conference stadium.

1966 and 1967 Packer teams that won Super Bowls. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 1970 and made the game-winning catch. Dale returned to the Pro Bowl in 1971. He also played in Super Bowl IV for the Minnesota Vikings.

## Jerry Claiborne

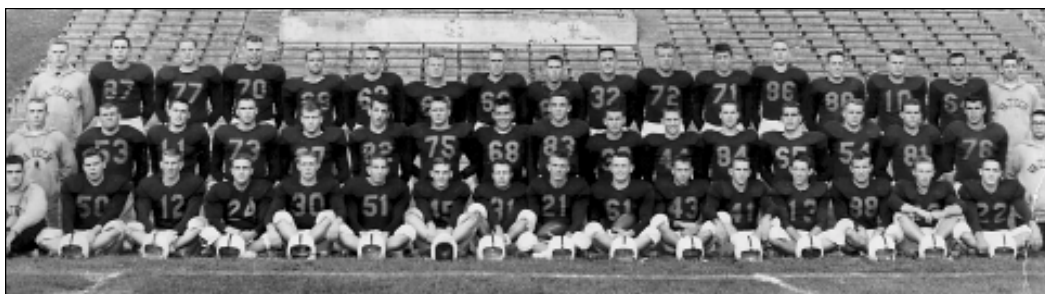
Jerry Claiborne was hired by Athletic Director Frank Moseley in 1961 to run the Virginia Tech football program. In the 10 seasons he coached in Blacksburg, Claiborne eclipsed his boss' record and became the school's winningest coach to that point with a 61-39-2 mark.

Claiborne, like Moseley, was an assistant under Paul "Bear" Bryant. He coached Bryant's defense at Alabama after working with the defense for a Missouri team coached by Frank Broyles. Claiborne played safety and offensive end at Kentucky under Bryant.

Tech's new coach adhered to Moseley's principles of tough defense and a strong running game. Tech led the Southern Conference in total defense and pass defense in 1961 and 1962. In 1963, Tech was second in the nation in pass interceptions and fourth in punt return defense.

Claiborne was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year in 1963 after the Techmen won their only outright league title. He took the 1966 and 1968 Tech squads to bowls.

From 1963-67, Virginia Tech was the 12<sup>th</sup> winningest program in the country under Claiborne. With 36 wins, 13 losses and one tie, the Gobblers were ranked right behind Notre Dame.



**The 1954 team finished 8-0-1 and ranked 16th in the final Associated Press poll.**

## 1963 Southern Conference Champions

The 1963 Gobblers captured Virginia Tech's only outright Southern Conference football championship. The '63 edition went 8-2 and featured the all-star running combination of quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz.

Tech beat nationally-ranked Florida State, 31-23, in Tallahassee that year. Newt Green, who was twice named to the all-conference team during his Tech career, blocked a punt against the Seminoles. Jake Adams, a fine end, caught the ball in the air and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to help Tech seal its victory.

Schweickert, Utz, Green and lineman Gene Breen were all named first-team all-conference, while end Tommy Marvin was a second-team pick. Senior Mike Cahill led the club in interceptions and turned in a key defensive stop by picking off a two-point conversion pass to preserve a 14-13 win over Richmond. And running back Tommy Walker helped Tech win the season finale against VMI by catching a 26-yard scoring pass from Schweickert and running a kickoff back 99 yards.

### Schweickert and Utz

Quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz drove the Tech offense in the early 1960s. Schweickert was Tech's Mr.

Outside, while Utz was Mr. Inside. Together, they combined for over 6,000 yards of offense during their three varsity seasons.

Schweickert served notice of things to come in a late-season 1962 game at Tulane. The sophomore had missed four games with a shoulder injury, but that day in New Orleans he rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another. With Tech trailing, 17-14, Schweickert danced through the Green Wave defense on a game-winning 74-yard touchdown run.

The Tech quarterback danced around a lot of would-be tacklers during the '63 season when he helped lead the team to an 8-2 record and the school's only Southern Conference football title. On his way to being named the SC Player of the Year, Schweickert ran for 839 yards to set a conference record.

His total offense mark of 1,526 yards that year also set a league standard.

Utz led Tech in scoring with 10 touchdowns during the '63 season and joined Schweickert on the all-conference team. Two of his TDs came in a road win against nationally-ranked Florida State.

The backfield duo returned in 1964 to lead the Techmen to a 6-4 record. Utz rushed for 777 yards to lead the squad, while Schweickert ran and threw for 1,409 yards of total offense. The highlight of the season came when Tech downed 10<sup>th</sup>-ranked Florida State, 20-11, at Miles Stadium. Schweickert punted eight times for a 47.4-yard average that day, prompting

FSU coach Bill Peterson to say it was the first time a quarterback had ever beaten him with a foot.

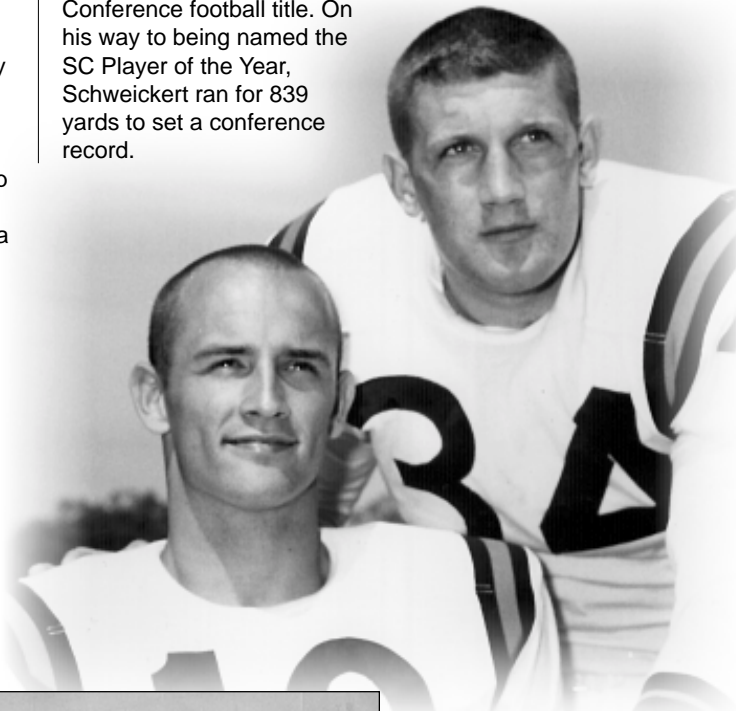
### Frank Loria

Statistics alone do not reveal the gridiron value of Frank Loria, Tech's first consensus All-American. The 5-9, 175-pound safety was a big hitter with a "sixth-sense".

Loria, who also excelled as a punt returner, helped the 1966 Tech team to an 8-1-1 regular-season record and a Liberty Bowl bid. The Clarksburg, W.Va., native was named All-America by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. That year, he returned three punts for touchdowns, including one 80 yards against Florida State that helped Tech beat the Seminoles, 23-21, in Blacksburg. He saved the William & Mary game with a fourth-quarter interception.

His senior season, Loria was ranked eighth in the nation in punt returns and picked off three passes. Tech's star was named to the top six All-America first teams. For his career, Loria started all 31 games in which he was eligible to play on the varsity.

In 1970, a plane carrying the Marshall University football team crashed in West Virginia, killing all passengers. Assistant coach Frank Loria was on the plane. In 1972, Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, dedicated an award in the memory of Frank Loria for the Tech student-athlete who exemplifies citizenship, leadership and athletic and academic achievement.



**Bob Schweickert and Sonny Utz.**



**Jerry Claiborne (front right) directed the Hokies to their only Southern Conference football title in 1963.**

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The Hokies took their longest regular-season football trip ever in October of 1959, traveling to Canyon, Texas to be West Texas State's homecoming foe. Tech shook off any ill effects of the long trip to spoil the Buffaloes' party with a last-second, 26-21 victory. The winning touchdown came when Tech's Terry Strock grabbed a 25-yard pass from quarterback Frank Eastman with just 11 seconds left in the game. The only time a Tech football team traveled farther was following the 1946 season when the Hokies played Cincinnati in the Sun Bowl game at El Paso, Texas.



# SIDELINES

Tech and Florida State provided some of the biggest thrills for Hokie football fans during the 1960s. In 1964, Tech defeated the nationally 10th-ranked Seminoles, 20-11, at Miles Stadium in a game that featured the heroics of quarterback Bob Schweickert. Two years later, the Hokies and Seminoles treated a 1966 Tech homecoming crowd to a classic battle that saw the home team preserve a 23-21 victory with a goal-line stand and an interception in the final quarter. The thrills kept coming for Tech fans in 1968 when a 3-3 Tech team turned its season around with a stunning 40-22 upset of 14-point favorite FSU in Tallahassee. That win, fueled by linebacker-turned-tailback Kenny Edwards, keyed a five-game Tech winning streak that led to a Liberty Bowl bid.

## Liberty Bowl Teams

Coach Jerry Claiborne took Tech teams to the Liberty Bowl in 1966 and 1968. The Techmen went 8-1-1 in '66 to earn a spot opposite the Miami Hurricanes in the Memphis, Tenn., bowl. Two years later, Tech finished with five straight wins for a 7-3 regular-season mark that secured it a return trip to the Liberty Bowl to play the University of Mississippi.

Tech earned respect with its two bowl visits, but fell short of getting what it wanted most — a victory. Jimmy Richards blocked a Miami punt to set up a Tech touchdown in the 1966 game, but it wasn't enough as the Gobblers fell 14-7 to the ninth-ranked Hurricanes. In '68, Tech built a 17-0 first-quarter lead, only to see Ole Miss storm back behind a quarterback named Archie Manning for a 34-17 win.

The bowl experience left an indelible mark on at least one of the Tech players. Frank Beamer, a starting defensive back on the 1966 and '68 teams, would return to guide the school to unprecedented postseason success in the 1990s.

## Charlie Coffey

When Charlie Coffey arrived in Blacksburg in 1971, he set the program awash in orange, made a whirlwind media tour of the state to promote the Virginia Tech football team and improved the athletic facilities. Most significantly, the new coach

broke with Tech tradition and installed a pass-happy offense.

Coffey, the defensive coordinator at Arkansas before coming to Tech, turned over his offense to Dan Henning. Henning, who had starred at William & Mary and went on to become the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, put the ball in the air. He tutored a rangy right-hander by the name of Don Strock who smashed all of Tech's previous passing records. Strock threw to tight end Mike Burnop who caught a team-record 46 passes, and Donnie Reel who led the team in reception yardage with 705 in 1971. Tech's air excitement and Coffey's promotion prompted Hokie fans to purchase 1972 season tickets in record numbers to witness "Explosion '72."

The highlight of the '72 season came when Tech upset 19th-ranked Oklahoma State in Blacksburg. Dave Strock, Don's brother, kicked the game-winning field goal with 12 seconds remaining to lift Tech to a 34-32 victory. That season, Strock threw to Ricky Scales, J.B. Barber and Craig Valentine in addition to Burnop and Reel. He led the nation in passing and total offense, and his 3,170 yards passing was the fourth-highest total in NCAA history at the time.

After a disappointing 1973 campaign, Coffey left Blacksburg and took his aerial show with him.

## The 1975 Season

The Tech football program went from one extreme to the other when Jimmy Sharpe took the reins in 1974 and installed a wishbone offense.

The Techmen struggled to adjust at first, losing their first four games of '74. Then, in game five at South Carolina, things started to click. Three different Tech players rushed for over 100 yards as the Hokies surprised the Gamecocks, 31-17. The team went on to win four of its last seven games. Two of the losses came by one point and the other by seven.

In 1975, Sharpe's team posted Tech's best record of the decade and the school's best mark since 1966. Tech rebounded from two season-opening losses to win eight of its last nine games. That stretch produced some of the decade's most memorable wins.

Tech shocked Auburn, 23-16, at Jordan-Hare Stadium in Alabama. Running back Roscoe Coles had an 89-yard touchdown run and quarterback Phil Rogers threw for one touchdown and ran for another to lead the Tech offense. It was the defense, however, that saved the day. With two

minutes left in the contest, Auburn drove from its own 20-yard line to the Tech 5. Auburn had first and goal but could not score.

The Techmen gobbled up Auburn on two running plays before the Tigers threw an incomplete pass. On fourth down, the Auburn quarterback dropped back to pass, could not find an open receiver and was forced to run out of bounds. Linebacker Rick Razzano, noseguard Bill Houseright, tackle Tom Beasley and end Keith McCarter keyed that Tech defense.

Against Florida State in a Homecoming tilt, senior kicker Wayne Latimer boomed a school-record 61-yard field goal to knock off the Seminoles, 13-10. The defense stood tall again, holding FSU on downs from the Tech 12-yard line in the final minutes.

The defense also turned in the big play in a 24-17 win over Virginia that year. The Wahoos had the ball on Tech's 14-yard line with one minute left in the game when Beasley forced a fumble with a sack of UVa quarterback Scott Gardner.



**Bill Houseright (center) and Rick Razzano (38) keyed a goal-line stand as Tech shocked Auburn in 1975.**

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Tech's mascot has experienced some changes over the past 35 years, evolving from a Gobbler to a Fighting Gobbler to a HokieBird. The first Gobbler mascot was a real, live gobbler introduced to the Tech sidelines by Floyd "Hard Times" Meade in 1912.



## Bill Dooley

When Tech President Bill Lavery offered Bill Dooley the dual role of head football coach and athletic director in the winter of 1977, Tech fans were excited. Dooley had annually taken the best high school talent from the Old Dominion and brought it to Chapel Hill to build fine teams at the University of North Carolina.

Dooley was brought to Blacksburg to rebuild the Tech eleven. He would do that with a strong running game and a very good defense. Under Dooley, the nickname Hokies came to the forefront and the Gobblers faded away; the Gobbler mascot was transformed into the HokieBird; and a new VT logo was adopted.

Dooley started the 1978 season with some players he inherited from the previous staff. Safety Gene Bunn broke the school interception record in '78. Kenny Lewis, a fleet tailback, set a school single-game rushing record with 223 yards vs. VMI. Fullback Mickey Fitzgerald was a power runner and blocker who carried the nickname "The

Incredible Hulk." Wingback Sidney Snell emerged under Dooley. A strong recruiter, Dooley brought in running back Cyrus Lawrence, tight end Mike Shaw, defensive tackle Padro Phillips, and offensive linemen Wally Browne and George Evans for the 1979 season.

Dooley would go on to compile the best record of any Tech head coach to that point. He would guide the Hokies to three bowl games and their first-ever bowl victory before leaving the program under a cloud of controversy following the 1986 season.

## 1980 Peach Bowl

Virginia Tech got the decade rolling with an 8-3

regular-season record in 1980 and a date in Atlanta for the Peach Bowl. Coach Bill Dooley's Hokies opened the season with a 16-7 road victory over Wake Forest in front of a regionally-televised ABC-TV audience. The Techmen whitewashed archrival Virginia, 30-0, at Lane Stadium in front of the state's first 50,000 crowd for football. The Hokies then bested West Virginia, 34-11. Tech made its first bowl appearance since the 1968 season when it was invited to play 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Miami in the Peach Bowl. The Hurricanes defeated the Dooley gang, 20-10, in a hard-fought game.

## Cyrus Lawrence

On the second carry of his collegiate career, tailback Cyrus Lawrence ran 59 yards for a touchdown. It would be the longest run of his Tech career. But that didn't stop Lawrence from going on to become the Hokies' all-time rushing leader. He did it the hard way with four- and five-yard gains. He turned in just 14 runs of more than 20 yards while at Tech and had only three runs over 40 yards.

In 1980, Lawrence rushed for 1,221 yards in 10 games to set a Tech single-season rushing mark. The 1,221 yards ranked him eighth nationally. Lawrence set another school record with six 100-yard games.

Lawrence was tough enough to carry the ball 29 times a game his junior year after averaging 27 carries in '80. During the 1981 season, Lawrence gained 1,403 yards

to break his own school record and finish seventh in the country. He gained 202 yards against Virginia.

The star back suffered a season-ending knee injury just four games into his senior season. He totaled 3,767 yards in his 35-game Tech career to establish the school's career record. He averaged 107.6 yards rushing per game and turned in a school-record 16 100-yard rushing games in his career.

## Bruuuuuuuuce

Coach Bill Dooley loved defense and Dooley, as well as Tech fans everywhere, loved Bruce Smith.

At 6-3, 276 pounds, Smith had tremendous agility and speed for a player of his size. During his four-year Tech career at tackle, Bruce became the most honored football player in school history. As a junior in 1983, the Norfolk, Va., native recorded 22 quarterback sacks and was a first-team All-American.

Smith didn't get any easier to block his senior year as he registered 16 more sacks and made a career-high 69 tackles in leading Tech to an Independence Bowl appearance. The Sack Man won the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses, totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards).

In 1985, the Buffalo Bills made Bruce Smith the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.



**All-American Bruce Smith posted an amazing 22 sacks in 1983.**



**Chris Kinzer's 40-yard field goal gave Tech its first bowl win.**

### The Kick

With four seconds left in the New Peach Bowl at Atlanta on Dec. 31, 1986, Virginia Tech trailed North Carolina State, 24-22. Pass interference was called on the Wolfpack as it was defending Tech wingback David Everett.

The penalty moved the football to State's 23-yard line. The Hokies were within field goal range — the range of kicker Chris Kinzer.

State called a timeout to rattle the Tech sophomore. Tech finally snapped the ball for the 40-yard field goal attempt. Kinzer kicked and was knocked down on his follow through. The ball sailed through the uprights as time expired and Tech won, 25-24.

It was Tech's first bowl victory ever.

### Frank Beamer

Frank Beamer roamed the Tech defensive backfield for teams that went to Liberty Bowls in 1966 and 1968. After he left Blacksburg, he embarked on a coaching career that included stops as an assistant at Maryland, The Citadel and Murray State. He was promoted to head coach at Murray State in 1981 and ran the Racer program for six years.

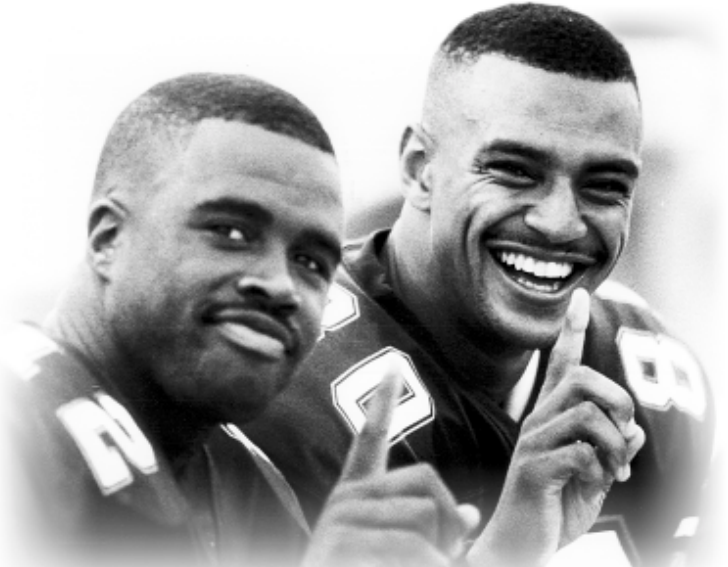
The ex-cornerback came back to Tech as the first alumnus to guide the Tech football program since 1945. In replacing the departed Bill Dooley, he brought back to Blacksburg the trademark

defense that he learned as a Tech player under Jerry Claiborne and a healthy respect for the importance of special teams. He also brought back to Blacksburg some of the best teams in the land.

In his first five years on the job, Beamer's squads faced 29 bowl-bound teams and 18 Top 20 opponents. Nine of his first 27 games at the helm were against Top 10 teams. In 1987, the Tech slate was rated the most difficult in the nation.

Tech pulled off two big upsets over two of those top teams. The Hokies knocked off a Major Harris-led West Virginia team in Morgantown, 12-10, in 1989, behind four Mickey Thomas field goals and a fired-up defense. The victory over the ninth-ranked Mountaineers started a three-game winning streak over West Virginia — the first time Tech had reeled off three consecutive wins over WVU.

The Hokies also registered a momentous victory over Virginia in the 1990 season finale. The Wahoos had been ranked No. 1 in the nation for part of the season and 54,157 spectators, the largest football



**Quarterback Maurice DeShazo (1) and receiver Antonio Freeman formed a record-setting passing combo for Tech from 1992 through 1994.**

crowd in the history of the state, came to see the two teams tangle. ESPN also came and televised the tilt nationally. Vaughn Hebron rushed for 142 yards to lead the Hokie offense, and quarterback Will Furrer threw three touchdown passes in the 38-13 win.

Those upsets were just a hint of things to come under Beamer.

### The 'BIG' Break

After competing as a football independent for 26 years, the Hokies became a charter member of the BIG EAST Football Conference in 1991. The football-only conference, which also included Boston College, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple and West Virginia, was formally announced on Feb. 5, 1991, by Commissioner Michael Tranghese.

No team in the newly-formed league benefited from the alliance as much as Virginia Tech. The Hokies finally had a stage for their football program, and it would only be a short time before they seized the spotlight.

Starting in 1993, the first season of round-robin play in the conference, Tech began an eight-year span that saw it register the most wins of any team in the league. During that stretch, the Hokies were the only BIG EAST school to participate in a bowl each season. Tech would win the conference title in 1995 and 1999 and share it in 1996. The Hokies also would represent the league in the Bowl Alliance each of those three seasons.



**Larry Austin (24) blocks a punt at UAB in 1998.**

One of the trademarks of Coach Frank Beamer's teams at Virginia Tech has been outstanding special teams — most notably, blocking kicks. In the 1990s, no Division I-A team blocked more kicks than the Hokies. Tech blocked a total of 63 kicks during the decade, including 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 field goals. Blocked kicks played key roles in Tech bowl wins against Indiana in the 1993 Independence Bowl and versus Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl. From 1990 through 1999, thirty-one different Tech players blocked kicks while playing for Beamer.

## Heading to Another Level

Beamer's success at Tech was not immediate. And it did not come without hard times. Shortly after Beamer took over the reins in Blacksburg, the Tech football program was hit with NCAA sanctions for problems that occurred during the previous regime. Those sanctions included two years of scholarship reductions that impeded Beamer's success into the next decade. In 1992, the Hokies suffered through a gut-wrenching season that saw them hold fourth-quarter leads in seven of their 11 games, but win just two games. The final record was 2-8-1.

Out of the ashes of the 1992 season came a rebirth that would ultimately mark the beginning of the most successful period in the history of the program. During the spring of '93, the Hokies made some changes. They added some new faces to the coaching staff. They adopted an attacking style of defense that emphasized speed and aggressiveness. They fine-tuned the offense and turned it over to quarterback coach Rickey Bustle, who was elevated to offensive coordinator. Tech's faith in Frank Beamer was about to pay off.

The result was an 8-3 regular-season record and a rousing 45-21 victory over Indiana of the Big Ten in the Independence Bowl. It was the first year of round-robin play in the BIG EAST Conference, and the Hokies finished a surprising fourth. The Tech offense rewrote the school record book, accumulating 4,885 total yards, scoring 400 points and averaging 36.4 points per game.

## Sweet Success

One of the most memorable seasons in Virginia Tech football history did not start out memorably.

First there was a 20-14 home loss to Boston College. Then there was a forgettable 16-0 home whitewashing at

the hands of Cincinnati. With Miami — an opponent Tech had never beaten in 12 tries — on the horizon, prospects for a third straight bowl trip didn't appear to be bright.

As it turned out, that appearance was deceiving. Fueled by the leadership of a strong senior class, Tech defeated Miami for the first time ever, 13-7, in a heart-stopping finish. And the Hokies didn't stop there. They won their last nine regular-season games in a row capped by a sensational comeback victory over archrival Virginia. Along the way, the Hokies also collected their first BIG EAST championship.

Not only did Tech get its third straight bowl trip, it got a big one. As the BIG EAST representative in the Bowl Alliance, the Hokies earned a trip to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl. Over 25,000 Tech fans went along for the ride.



**Tech won the prestigious Lambert Trophy (above), symbolizing Eastern football supremacy, following the Sugar Bowl win over Texas in 1995 that set off a Hokie celebration in New Orleans.**

On New Year's Eve 1995, the Tech football program scored its biggest victory to date when it came from behind to defeat Texas, 28-10. The stirring victory capped a 10-2 season and helped the Hokies to their highest ever finish in the national polls at the time.

Tech followed by winning a school-record 10 regular-season games on the way to another 10-2 mark in 1996. The Hokies appeared in the Orange Bowl and held their own before losing to powerful Nebraska. Winning records and bowl games followed again in 1997 and 1998.

## A Stepping Stone

Of all the successful Tech football teams of the 1990s, the 1998 squad may have been the most surprising. It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the men in orange and maroon. No one gave them a chance to win big or to challenge for the BIG EAST championship — but they did both.

Tech fooled the experts that season and actually finished just three or four plays away from an unbeaten record. The Hokies "rebuilt" with a 9-3 record and suffered their three losses by a total margin of 10 points. In a showdown with Syracuse for

the BIG EAST title, Tech lost in heart-breaking fashion at the Carrier Dome on the last play of the game.

The team benefited from both great leadership and great character. It bounced back from each tough loss to win its next game. The Hokies capped their unexpected run with a dominating 38-7 victory against tradition-rich Alabama in the inaugural American General Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn. The Crimson Tide entered the game with an all-time 10-0 record against Tech and more bowl wins than any other college program. They exited with the second-worst bowl loss in their storied gridiron history.

Following the game, Coach Frank Beamer was beaming with pride as he addressed the large following of Tech fans whose enthusiasm was never dampened by the evening's wind and freezing rain.

"This is for the future," the Tech coach said. "We've talked about trying to get up that ladder (to the top of the college football ranks). I think we took another step, maybe two steps, because when you beat a team like Alabama it means something."

For Virginia Tech it meant a lot. The victory set the stage for the Hokies' greatest football season ever.





**Lee Corso (donning the HokieBird head) and the ESPN GameDay crew came to Blackburg twice in 1999.**

### Sign of the Times

The sign was simple. It was written in block letters and taped to a door in the football offices. It read: "Preparing to Win a National Championship".

It seemed a bold thought for a program that just seven years earlier had produced only two wins. But Tech's 1999 team took it to heart. They lived and breathed the thought.

There were plenty of reasons for the Hokies to be excited about the '99 season. Thirteen starters were returning, including seven on defense. The special teams were loaded with experienced performers. The preseason

rankings were Tech's highest ever. Season ticket sales were soaring. And there was this new kid at quarterback named Michael Vick.

All the excitement was tempered, however, by reminders of the recent past. A year earlier, Tech had started fast with a 5-0 record only to have its hopes dashed by an upset loss to Temple. Memories of that loss served as fuel to stay focused in 1999.

From the first day of practice, the 1999 squad set out to take the season one game at a time, to prepare the same way for each opponent. And that is exactly what they did — 11 games in a row.

The season unfolded in storybook fashion with Vick and All-American defensive end Corey Moore playing leading roles. Among the prominent chapters were a hard-fought 31-11 Thursday night victory against Clemson on ESPN, a stunning 62-0 victory against Syracuse and a fifth-consecutive win against the Miami Hurricanes, this time by a score of 43-10. The Hokies defeated state-rival Virginia on the road, 31-7, and escaped with an unforgettable, last-second 22-20 victory at West Virginia. Along the way, Tech was visited by the ESPN GameDay crew twice and drew media attention from coast-to-coast. The Hokies rose to No. 2 in both national polls and capped their first ever 11-0 regular season with a convincing 38-14 win over Boston College.

As for the sign, it remained posted on the office door throughout the season.

### A Shot at the Title

Tech's reward for its first unbeaten, untied regular-season mark since 1918 was an invitation to the Nokia Sugar Bowl where the Hokies would battle No. 1 Florida

State for the title of national champions. The Tech football program was breaking new ground once

again with yet-another first under Coach Frank Beamer.

Before a crowd of 79,280 — the largest crowd ever to view a Sugar Bowl game at the Superdome — the two teams staged a grand finale to the season.

Although Tech's offense was able to gobble up yardage in the early going, the Hokies were stung by uncharacteristic mistakes in the kicking game. FSU struck quickly from touchdowns on a blocked punt and a punt return. With six minutes left in the first half, Tech trailed 28-7.

A defensive stand deep in Tech territory gave the Hokies one last chance in the first half. Sparked by quarterback Michael Vick, Tech marched 80 yards. Vick capped the drive with a 3-yard TD run to narrow the score to 28-14 at the half.

Vick's touchdown started a run of 22 straight points that vaulted Tech into a 29-28 lead in the third quarter. In the end, however, it was the Seminoles' ability to produce big plays that made the difference. Led by MVP Peter Warrick, FSU scored 18 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to gain its first 12-0 season and its second national title with a 46-29 win.

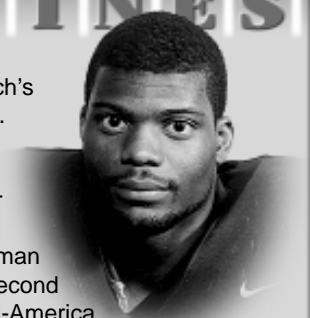
Tech's 1999 dream season did not end the way it had hoped, but the Hokies proved without a doubt that they belonged in the top echelon of college football.



**Coach Frank Beamer and the Hokies were on college football's grandest stage when Virginia Tech took on Florida State for the national championship in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl.**

## SIDELINES

Following the 1999 season, Corey Moore became Virginia Tech's most honored football player ever. The senior defensive end earned the Bronko Nagurski Award as college football's defensive player of the year and won the Lombardi Award as the college football lineman of the year. He became just the second Tech player to gain unanimous All-America honors and was named the *Football News*' Defensive Player of the Year. He finished the season with 60 tackles, 17 quarterback sacks, 11 additional tackles for loss, 25 hurries, three pass deflections, three fumbles caused and a fumble return for a touchdown.



## Michael Vick

Although his stay in Blacksburg was relatively brief, Michael Vick's impact on the Virginia Tech football program figures to be long-lasting.

During the mercurial quarterback's two seasons under center, the Hokies enjoyed unprecedented success. Tech posted back-to-back 11-1 seasons, appeared in a national championship game and finished with its highest-ever national rankings. The two-year period produced skyrocketing ticket sales, increased contributions and an incredible flurry of media exposure that extended from coast to coast. All but two of Vick's games at Tech were televised. Every home game of his career was played before a sellout crowd.

Vick didn't create all the success and exposure single-handedly. He had plenty of help. But every time he took the field, he generated the type of excitement that comes with special players.

Tech's coaches realized early-on that Vick was a special player. However, it wasn't until the 1999 season that they found out just how special he would be.

Coach Frank Beamer promised to redshirt Vick during his first year at Tech and held to that promise during a rash of injuries at quarterback early in the 1998 season.

Bolstered by the redshirt season, the 6-1, 207-pound left-hander from Newport News made the most anticipated debut in school history when the Hokies opened their 1999 season against James Madison.

In his first collegiate game, Vick dazzled the fans with three touchdown runs in just over a quarter of play. The last of those three scores ended with a national highlight reel

mesmerizing performance against No. 1 Florida State in the national championship game. Vick accounted for 322 yards of offense against the Seminoles' vaunted defense, and even though FSU came on to win the game in the final quarter, he was the talk of a nation. In the blink of an eye, Michael Vick became a household name.

The honors rolled in. Vick won an ESPY as the nation's

filled the highlights again with his quick feet and powerful arm. There was an amazing 82-yard touchdown run at Boston College and a pair of long TD passes against West Virginia. As the season progressed, however, swarming defenses and a troublesome high ankle sprain began to take their toll.

Vick bounced back from six sacks to ice Tech's first win at Syracuse since 1986 with a 55-yard touchdown run with less than two minutes remaining. A week later

against Pittsburgh, he was knocked out of the game in the second quarter. The Hokies went on to win that game, but the following week, with Vick limited to 19 plays off the bench against Miami, Tech suffered its lone loss of the 2000 season.

After starting a home victory against Virginia, Vick returned to form in the Toyota Gator Bowl, helping the Hokies to a 41-20 victory over Clemson and gaining MVP honors in the process. It would be his last game in a Tech uniform.

In early January, the Tech star announced his intentions to turn pro during a press conference at the Hampton Road's Boys and Girls Club near his old neighborhood. On that day he assured Tech fans he would "always be a Hokie."

On Apr. 21, Hokie fans everywhere couldn't have been prouder when Vick was named the No. 1 pick in the 2001 NFL draft.



**Michael Vick appeared on numerous national magazine covers during his two years at Tech.**

flip into the end zone. It was the first of many highlights for the young quarterback.

Vick accounted for five first-half touchdowns in a win at Rutgers. He stunned West Virginia with his last-minute heroics to set up a game-winning field goal. His 75-yard touchdown run against Temple was shown coast-to-coast. He accounted for four more touchdowns and 366 yards of offense in the regular-season finale against Boston College.

Vick's reputation was building. On Jan. 3, 2000, he captivated a national audience with a

top college player. He was awarded the first-ever Archie Griffin Award as the nation's most valuable player in college football. He finished third in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy and second in the voting for The Associated Press Player of the Year. He was named first-team All-America by The Sporting News and second team by AP.

By the time his sophomore season began, Vick had appeared on practically every preseason magazine cover and been touted as a Heisman favorite. Early on, he

**Tech fans everywhere were riding high with Michael Vick when the freshman quarterback led the Hokies to an undefeated regular season in 1999 and a berth in the 2000 Sugar Bowl national championship game.**



# Hokie All-Americans

## Virginia Tech's Unanimous All-America Selections



**Jim Pyne**

**Center • 1993**

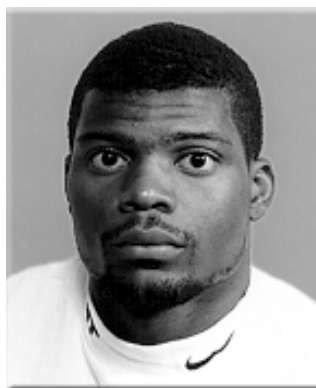
In 1993, Jim Pyne achieved something even Bruce Smith failed to do — earn unanimous All-America honors. Pyne helped pave the way for a Virginia Tech

offensive unit that set school season marks for total offense and scoring in 1993.

The Hokies averaged 444.1 yards and 36.4 points per game and finished 14th nationally in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and 10th in rushing.

Pyne was named first-team All-America by AP, UPI, Walter Camp, the Football Writers Association and the Football Coaches Association (Kodak). He was one of the 12 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award, which goes to the nation's top lineman.

In four seasons at Tech, Pyne played more than 2,700 snaps and allowed just one quarterback sack. He started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 games in which he played.



**Corey Moore**

**Defensive End  
1998, 1999 (Unanimous)**

Following an outstanding senior season, Corey Moore became the most honored football player in school history. Moore was voted first-team on all six major All-America teams to become the Hokies' second unanimous All-American.

He also won the 1999 Bronko Nagurski Trophy as college football's defensive player of the year and captured the Lombardi Award as the college football lineman of the year.

Moore was selected first-team All-America by The Associated Press, the Football Writers Association, the Football Coaches Association, Walter Camp, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*.

He posted a BIG EAST record 17 sacks during the '99 season to go with 11 other tackles behind the line and 60 total tackles.

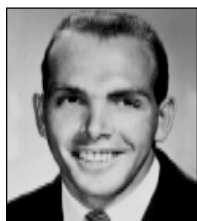
Moore also earned All-America honors as a junior in 1998. That season, Moore's first as a starter, he led the BIG EAST with 13.5 sacks, contributed 67 tackles, hurried the quarterback 20 times and blocked three kicks.

He gained first-team All-America recognition from the Football Coaches Association in '98. Moore was a second-team pick by the AP and *The Sporting News* and a third-team choice of *Football News*. He was named the most valuable player in the Hokies' 38-7 victory over Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl. Moore was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year in both 1998 and '99.



# Hokie All-Americans

## Virginia Tech's First-Team Honorees

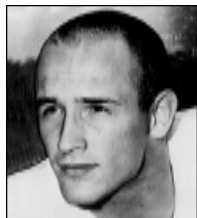


### Carroll Dale

**E • 1959**

After earning second-team Associated Press All-America honors as a junior in 1958, Carroll Dale went on to become the first Virginia Tech football player to earn first-team All-America honors following the 1959 season. Dale was named to the

Football Writers Association (*LOOK Magazine*) and Newspaper Enterprise Association first teams as a senior and was once again a second-team choice by AP. A two-way end for the Hokies, Dale earned most of his notoriety as a receiver. He led Tech in receiving four straight years and finished the '59 season with 17 receptions for 408 yards and six touchdowns.

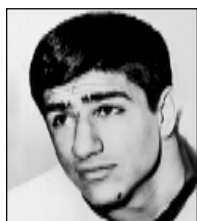


### Bob Schweickert

**QB • 1964**

One of the finest triple-threat quarterbacks in the history of the Southern Conference, Bob Schweickert was named to the *LOOK* All-America team picked by the Football Writers Association following the 1964 season. Schweickert fought off

injuries during the '64 season to rush for 576 yards and nine touchdowns and pass for 833 yards and nine more TDs. He led the team in total offense with 1,409 yards and also handled the punting duties with a 37.7-yard average. Schweickert played a big role in Tech wins against Florida State and North Carolina State during the season. As a junior in 1963, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and earned third-team All-America honors from The Associated Press.



### Frank Loria

**S • 1966, 1967 (Consensus)**

Defensive safety Frank Loria was the first Tech football player to gain first-team All-America honors in back-to-back seasons and became the Hokies' first consensus All-America pick in 1967. As a junior in 1966, Loria helped Tech to the

Liberty Bowl as a defender and punt return man. He ranked as one of the team's top hitters and contributed three interceptions from his safety position. Loria also contributed three touchdowns on punt returns, including a pair of 80-yard runbacks. He was named to first-team A-A squads picked by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association and was a second-team selection by the Helms Athletic Foundation. Loria was named to six major All-America squads following a 1967 season in which he made big play after big play. He finished the year with three interceptions and 420 yards on punt returns, including a 95-yard return for a touchdown against Miami. His first-team honors came from AP, United Press International, Newspaper Enterprise Association, the Football Coaches Association, the Football Writers Association and the Walter Camp Foundation.



### Mike Widger

**LB • 1968**

Mike Widger capped an incredible junior season by earning first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. Widger compiled a record 825 tackling points and was among the

national leaders in pass interceptions (7) and return yardage (203 yards). He returned two of his interceptions for touchdowns and scored another TD after pulling the football loose from a Kansas State running back and racing 46 yards to the end zone. He was named the *Sports Illustrated* National Lineman of the Week after helping Tech to a 17-6 win at South Carolina. Widger posted 15 unassisted tackles, 14 assists and trapped Gamecock quarterback Tommy Suggs five times behind the line for losses of 41 yards.



### Bruce Smith

**DT • 1983, 1984 (Consensus)**

Bruce Smith was named to first-team All-America squads picked by the Football Coaches Association (Kodak) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association after registering an incredible 22 quarterback sacks as a junior in 1983.

Smith, who also was named to the Associated Press second team that year, finished the '83 season with a total of 55 tackles, 31 of which were behind the line scrimmage for losses of 223 yards. As a senior in 1984, Smith accumulated 16 sacks and nine other tackles behind the line despite being double and triple teamed. He finished the year with 69 total tackles and was a consensus All-America pick, making first teams selected by AP, the Football Writers of America, Kodak and Walter Camp. He missed being a unanimous A-A when UPI named him second team. Smith capped his honors by winning the Outland Trophy as the nation's top interior lineman. He was the first player picked in the 1985 NFL draft.



### Eugene Chung

**OT • 1991**

When Eugene Chung was named to the Football Writers Association All-America team following his senior season, he became the first Tech offensive lineman to win first-team All-America honors. Chung

started every game at tackle for the Hokies in 1991, allowing just one quarterback sack in 730 plays. He was rated the top collegiate offensive lineman in the NFL draft by *The Sporting News* and was listed as one of the five most-draftable players overall in the college ranks by the NFL Scouting Combine. The Washington Gridiron Club honored Chung as the National Lineman of the Year.





## Cornell Brown

**DE • 1995 (Consensus), 1996**

Cornell Brown became the first Virginia Tech football player to gain consensus All-America honors as a junior when he was named to five first teams in 1995. Brown, who was named the BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in sacks with 14, was a first team A-A pick by AP, UPI, the Football Writers Association, *The Sporting News* and *Football News*. He finished the year with 103 total tackles, 25 of them behind

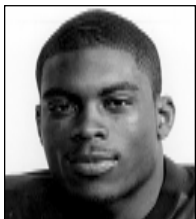
the line of scrimmage. He was selected National Defensive Player of the Year by *Football News* and was one of five finalists for the Defensive Player of the Year selected by the Football Writers' Association of America. In 1996, Brown missed three games, but still earned first-team honors from Walter Camp and second-team recognition from AP. He posted eight sacks, five other tackles behind the line, 19 quarterback hurries and 58 total tackles during the '96 season.



## Billy Conaty

**C • 1996**

Considered one of the top offensive linemen in school history, Bill Conaty saw action on 98 percent of Virginia Tech's offensive plays in 1996 and went on to earn first-team All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. Conaty helped the Hokies to a 10-2 record and a trip to the Orange Bowl that season, grading a winning percentage in 10 of the 12 games and leading the squad with 65 knockdown blocks. He finished his career by setting an all-time school record for starts and consecutive starts with 48.



## Michael Vick

**QB • 1999**

In a spectacular freshman season that saw him lead Virginia Tech to its first-ever 11-0 regular season and its first appearance in the national championship game, Michael Vick became the first Tech freshman football player to earn first-team All-America honors. Vick was named first-team by *The Sporting News*. He also was a second-team pick by The Associated Press. The redshirt freshman quarterback was third in the voting for the 1999 Heisman Trophy and second in

the voting for the AP Player of the Year. Vick led Division I-A in passing efficiency (180.37), setting an NCAA record for a freshman in the process. He was voted both the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He completed 59.2 percent of his passes for 1,840 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also contributed 585 yards and eight TDs rushing.



## André Davis

**PR • 2000**

A year after showing he had big-play ability as a receiver, André Davis proved he also was dangerous as a punt returner. Davis finished

the 2000 season second in the Division I-A ranks in punt returns and earned first-team All-America honors on the American Football Coaches Association team as a return specialist. Davis returned 18 punts for 396 yards for a school-record average of 22-yards per return. He tied another school season mark when he returned three punts for touchdowns. His 87-yard TD return against East Carolina was the second-longest in school history. He also had a 76-yard touchdown return against West Virginia and a 71-yard return versus Boston College.

**André Davis earned first-team All-America honors as a punt returner in 2000**



## Tech All-Americans

(listed by year)

### Unanimous All-Americans

- 1993 Jim Pyne, c
- 1999 Corey Moore, de

### Consensus All-Americans

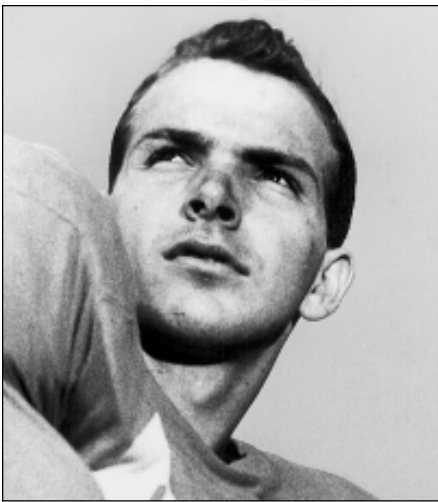
- 1967 Frank Loria, s
- 1984 Bruce Smith, dt
- 1995 Cornell Brown, de

### All-Americans

- 1958 Carroll Dale, se
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- 1964 Bob Schweickert, qb
- 1966 Frank Loria, s  
George Foussekis, de
- 1967 Frank Loria, s
- 1968 Mike Widger, lb
- 1972 Don Strock, qb
- 1981 Robert Brown, de
- 1983 Bruce Smith, dt
- 1984 Bruce Smith, dt
- 1986 Chris Kinzer, pk
- 1991 Eugene Chung, ot
- 1993 Jim Pyne, c
- 1995 Cornell Brown, de  
J.C. Price, dt
- 1996 Cornell Brown, de  
Billy Conaty, c
- 1997 Pierson Prioleau, rov
- 1998 Corey Moore, de  
Derek Smith, ot
- 1999 Corey Moore, de  
Michael Vick, qb  
John Engelberger, de  
Jamel Smith, lb  
Anthony Midget, cb
- 2000 André Davis, pr  
Matt Lehr, og  
Lee Suggs, tb  
Ben Taylor, lb

# Hokie All-Americans

## Second- and Third-Team All-Americans



**Carroll Dale**

### Carroll Dale

E • 1958

2<sup>nd</sup> team Associated Press

### George Foussekis

DE • 1966

2<sup>nd</sup> team Associated Press

### Don Strock

QB • 1972

3<sup>rd</sup> team Associated Press

### Robert Brown

DE • 1981

2<sup>nd</sup> team Newspaper Enterprise Association

### Chris Kinzer

PK • 1986

2<sup>nd</sup> team Associated Press

2<sup>nd</sup> team United Press International

### J.C. Price

DT • 1995

3<sup>rd</sup> team Associated Press

### Pierson Prioleau

ROV • 1997

3<sup>rd</sup> team *The Sporting News*

### Derek Smith

OT • 1998

3<sup>rd</sup> team *Football News*

### John Engelberger

DE • 1999

2<sup>nd</sup> team Associated Press

### Jamel Smith

LB • 1999

2<sup>nd</sup> team Associated Press

### Anthony Midget

CB • 1999

3<sup>rd</sup> team *Sporting News*

### Matt Lehr

OG • 2000

2<sup>nd</sup> team Walter Camp

### Lee Suggs

TB • 2000

3<sup>rd</sup> team Associated Press

3<sup>rd</sup> team *Football News*

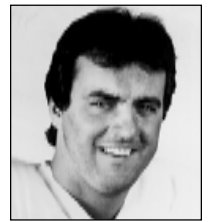
### Ben Taylor

LB • 2000

3<sup>rd</sup> team Associated Press



**George Foussekis**



**Don Strock**



**Robert Brown**



**Chris Kinzer**



**J.C. Price**



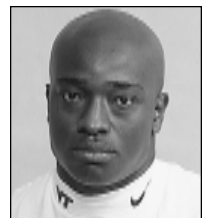
**Pierson Prioleau**



**Derek Smith**



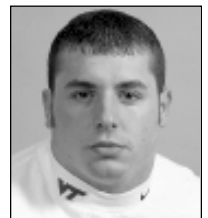
**John Engelberger**



**Jamel Smith**



**Anthony Midget**



**Matt Lehr**



**Lee Suggs**



**Ben Taylor**

# Retired Football Jerseys

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### Carroll Dale

A native of Wise, Va., Carroll Dale entered Virginia Tech in 1956 as an offensive and defensive end. After seeing varsity action as a reserve in the first game of the '56 season, Dale went on to start the remaining 39 games of his college career and became Tech's first bona fide All-American. As a junior in 1958, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy. In 1959, Dale was captain of the Tech team and earned first-team All-America honors from the Football Writers of America and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. He was named to the Associated Press second-team All-America squad in both 1958 and 1959. Dale led the Hokies in pass receiving each of his four seasons and finished his Tech career with 67 pass receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. He went on to a professional football career that lasted more than a decade and included a stint with the Green Bay Packers. During his time with the Packers, Dale started on three consecutive championship teams for legendary coach Vince Lombardi. Dale was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in 1987.



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### Frank Loria

Despite his 5-9, 175-pound frame, Frank Loria was one of the most tenacious football players ever to play for Virginia Tech. Loria, who started every game at safety from 1965-67, rapidly established himself as one of Tech's all-time greats with his uncanny ability to diagnose plays and pass patterns. He played every defensive play of his sophomore season. During his junior year, he helped the Hokies to the Liberty Bowl and earned first-team All-America honors from the Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. As a senior in 1967, Loria became Tech's first consensus All-American, making seven first-team All-America squads. He also was named a first-team Academic All-American. Loria finished his Tech career with seven interceptions and still holds Tech records for most touchdowns on punt returns for a season (3) and career (4) and the best punt return average for a career (13.3 ypr). His 95-yard punt return for a touchdown against Miami in 1967 is still the longest in school history. After his playing career, Loria joined the coaching staff at Marshall University where he became the offensive coordinator. In 1970, at age 23, he died in an airplane tragedy that claimed the lives of the Marshall football team and staff. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 7, 1999.



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### Bruce Smith

Known as "The Sack Man" of Virginia Tech football and hailed by thunderous roars of "BRUUUUUCE" during games' at Lane Stadium, Bruce Smith capped his sensational college career in 1984 as the most honored player in Hokie history. As a Tech player, Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). Smith had 46 career quarterback sacks, including 22 during his junior season in 1983 when he was named first-team All-America by Kodak (coaches) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. In 1984, the Norfolk, Va., native won the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith was the No. 1 player picked in the 1985 National Football League draft. During a 15-year career with the Buffalo Bills, he established himself as one of the greatest defensive players ever to play the game. Smith signed with the Washington Redskins before the 2000 season and is still a force to reckon with in the NFL.



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### Jim Pyne

Center Jim Pyne became Virginia Tech's first unanimous All-American when he made all five major teams that were selected in 1993. Pyne clinched the unanimous vote when he made the Associated Press team. He already had become the Hokies' third consensus All-American by making teams picked by The Football Writers of America, The Walter Camp Foundation, United Press International and The Coaches' Association for Kodak. In addition to All-America honors, Pyne was named winner of the Dudley Award as Virginia's Player of the Year. During his four seasons at Tech, he established himself as one of the Hokies' top linemen of all time, leading the charge for the 1993 team that rewrote the school record books for scoring and total offense. Pyne started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 Tech games in which he played. He allowed just one quarterback sack by the man he was assigned to block during more than 2,700 career snaps. Pyne is heading into his eighth season as an NFL lineman.



# The Outland Trophy

## Tech's Bruce Smith Was Named America's Top Lineman in 1984

Bruce Smith, "The Sack Man" of Virginia Tech football, capped his sensational college career in 1984 by winning the Outland Trophy as America's top lineman.

The big announcement was made by Wilt Browning at a press luncheon in Tech's Bowman Room. Browning, a sports columnist of *The Greensboro Daily News* and a committee member of the Football Writers' Association of America, began by reading a long list of former Outland Trophy winners. He then said, "Add to that list today,

the 1984 winner — Bruce Smith of Virginia Tech."

Smith, bright and articulate, was at his very best as he answered newsmen's questions that day.

What about the double-teaming and triple-teaming he received from opposing blockers throughout his senior season?

"Oh, it didn't bother me that much," Smith replied. "I took it as a compliment. But it did upset my mother."

Reporting in *The Roanoke Times & World News*, Bill Brill wrote: "The human side of Smith was

reflected at the news conference. Not many collegians feel comfortable behind a microphone, but Bruce not only handled himself with aplomb, he also demonstrated the qualities that make him a special person."

Browning explained how the nine-member Outland committee selected Smith as the nation's top lineman. The Greensboro writer said a factor that influenced his decision to vote for Smith was a release that quoted opposing coaches and players about the Hokie tackle. "The one thing though, that stuck in my mind was the statistic on his tackles for losses," Browning said. "In four years at

Virginia Tech, he accounted for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). That's amazing."

Smith was a consensus All-American and was the first Virginian to win one of the national awards (including the Heisman and the Lombardi).



Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith in the backfield with Duke quarterback Ben Bennett.

### What Football People Were Saying About Bruce:

"Bruce Smith is a man eater. In my years in coaching college football, I don't remember a defensive lineman who is more difficult to block."

— Al Groh, Wake Forest coach

"There is no question that Bruce Smith is the premier pass rusher in college football."

— Don Nehlen, West Virginia coach

"Smith and I talked about my family, his family, world affairs, just about everything. We had plenty of time to get to know each other. He spent the afternoon with me. I've played against a lot of great defensive players and Smith has got to be one of the best, if not the best."

— Ben Bennett, Duke quarterback

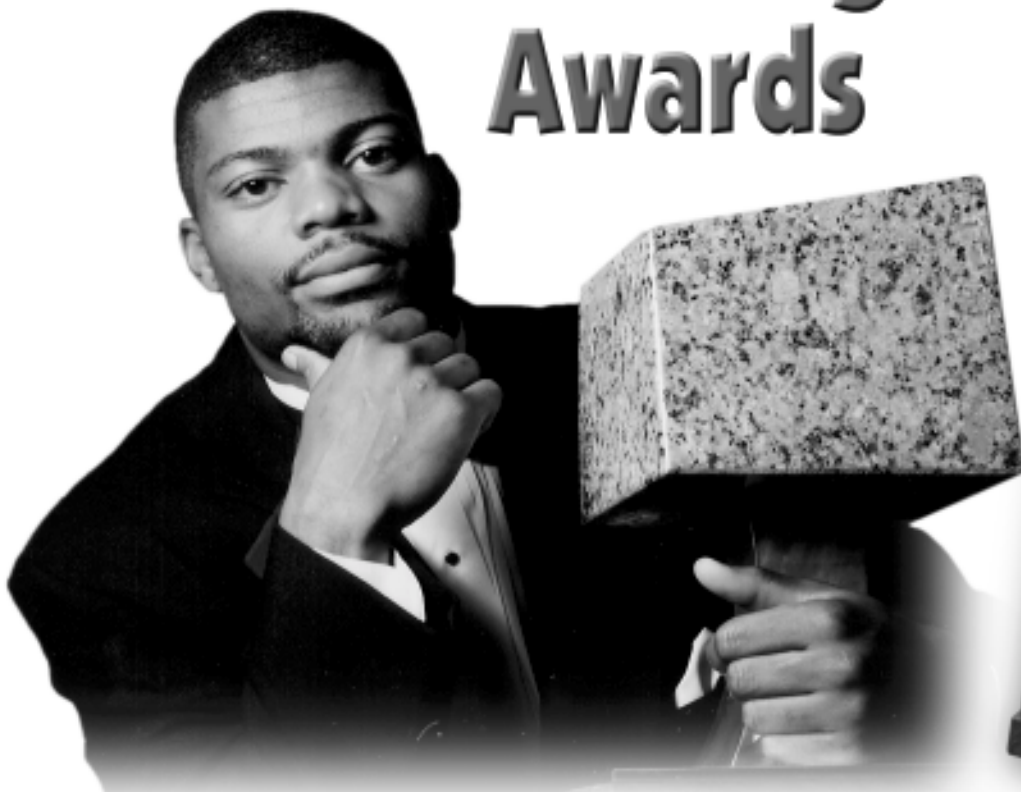
"I've never seen anyone like Bruce Smith in college. He's the best pass rusher in my time."

— Wally English, Tulane coach

"Smith is a one-man wrecking crew."

— Billy Reed, *The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal*

# Lombardi & Nagurski Awards



## Corey Moore Won Two Top Trophies in 1999

When Corey Moore first came to the Virginia Tech campus, all people saw was a guy who had been labeled as “too small” his whole life. What they ended up getting was one of the best defensive ends to ever play the position in college football.

In his first year as a starter, he was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year after posting 13.5 sacks and 69 tackles. He followed that campaign up with a senior season people will be talking about for years to come. The Brownsville, Tenn., native recorded 17.0 sacks and 11 tackles for loss.

In three years on campus, Moore amassed 35.0 sacks for losses totalling 292 yards. He also left town as the most decorated player ever to put on the Hokie uniform. He won the 1999 Bronko

Nagurski Award as college football’s defensive player of the year. Moore also won the 1999 Lombardi Award as college football’s lineman of the year. He became Tech’s second-ever unanimous All-American, joining Jim Pyne. Moore won the Dudley Award as the top college player in Virginia, the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year award again and was selected as *Football News’* Defensive Player of the Year.

But through all of the awards and accolades, Moore always stayed humble, directing the spotlight toward his teammates.

“I’m very uncomfortable with all of the attention, but I don’t want to be rude,” Moore said. “I just think it’s unfortunate that everyone wants to throw all the attention on me when the defensive line as a whole deserves the attention.”

Moore will always be remembered as a terror on the field and the exact opposite off the field.

“Corey Moore is a special player,” Coach Frank Beamer said, “but more importantly, he is a great person.”

At 6-foot, 225 pounds, Moore was constantly

questioned about his size. But his heart and athleticism more than made up for that. Despite being double and even triple-teamed most of his senior year, Moore was a wrecking ball on the top-rated defense in America and helped lead the Hokies to their first 11-0 regular season.

### What Football People Were Saying About Corey:

“Moore is everything he’s built up to be ... We couldn’t stop the guy. Good players like that will themselves in the fourth quarter to make big plays.”

— Tommy Bowden, Clemson coach

“He has the speed of a cornerback. This is the fastest potential (NFL) speed linebacker I ever remember.”

— Charlie Casserly, former general manager of the Washington Redskins.

“I’ve seen no better. This guy is just unbelievable. This guy is Superman.”

— Lee Corso, ESPN analyst

“He was almost on me as fast as I got the ball.”

— Brandon Streeter, Clemson quarterback

# Tech Sports Hall of Fame

The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame was established in 1982 to honor and preserve the memory of athletes, coaches, administrators and staff members who have made outstanding contributions to athletics at the university. A total of 106 individuals have been inducted to the Tech Hall of Fame during special annual ceremonies held each fall. Following is a list of the inductees. Although many of the athletes competed in more than one sport, only their primary sport(s) is listed.

**1982**  
 Hunter Carpenter ..... Football  
 Carroll Dale ..... Football  
 Frank Loria ..... Football  
 C.P. Miles ..... Football, Coach,  
 Administrator  
 Frank Moseley ..... Football Coach,  
 Administrator  
 Chris Smith ..... Basketball

**1983**  
 G.F. (Red) Laird ..... Baseball Coach  
 H.M. McEver ..... Football, Coach,  
 Administrator  
 Johnny Oates ..... Baseball  
 Frank Peake ..... Football  
 George Preas ..... Football  
 Bob Schweickert ..... Football

**1984**  
 Allan Bristow ..... Basketball  
 Paul (Buddy) Dear ..... Baseball,  
 Basketball  
 William (Monk) Younger ..... Football,  
 Coach, Administrator

**1985**  
 Leo Burke ..... Football, Baseball  
 Tim Collins ..... Golf  
 Madison (Buzz) Nutter ..... Football  
 Don Strock ..... Football  
 John Wetzel ..... Basketball

**1986**  
 Harry Bushkar ..... Basketball, Baseball  
 Mel Henry ..... Football, Basketball,  
 Baseball  
 George Parrish ..... Football, Basketball  
 Henry Redd ..... Football  
 Football Coach  
 Howie Wright ..... Football, Baseball

**1987**  
 Dickie Beard ..... Football  
 Glen Combs ..... Basketball  
 Hank Crisp ..... Football  
 Ed Motley ..... Trainer  
 Sonny Utz ..... Football

**1988**  
 Tom Beasley ..... Football  
 Dr. Wilson Bell ..... Baseball  
 Brandon Glover ..... Wrestling  
 Mike Widger ..... Football

**1989**  
 George Foussekis ..... Football  
 Stuart Johnson ..... Track  
 Leland (Lee) Melear .. Basketball, Baseball  
 Herb Thomas ..... Football

**1990**  
 Bob Ayersman ..... Basketball  
 Bill Buchanan ..... Tennis, Coach, Staff  
 Jack Burrows ..... Tennis  
 Dick Esleeck ..... Football, Coach  
 Jerry Gaines ..... Track  
 Bill Grossmann ..... Swimming  
 Ken Whitley ..... Football, Wrestling

**1991**  
 Mac Banks ..... Track  
 Al Casey ..... Football  
 Lewis Mills ..... Basketball  
 Joe Moran ..... Football  
 Wendy Weisend ..... Sports Information

**1992**  
 William Grinus, Jr. .... Football  
 Earl (Bus) Hall ..... Basketball  
 H.V. (Byrd) Hooper ..... Football, Baseball  
 James Franklin Powell ..... Football,  
 Baseball  
 Keith Neff ..... Track  
 Howard Pardue ..... Basketball  
 Franklin Stubbs ..... Baseball

**1993**  
 Lucy Hawk Banks ..... Track  
 Roy Beskin ..... Tennis  
 Bucky Keller ..... Basketball  
 Bill Matthews ..... Basketball, Coach,  
 Administrator  
 Jack Prater ..... Football, Coach,  
 Administrator



**Frank Beamer addresses the crowd at the ceremony when he was inducted into the Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1997.**

**1994**  
 Milton Andes ..... Wrestling  
 Richard Bullock ..... Team Physician  
 Mike Johnson ..... Football  
 Neff McClary ..... Golf  
 Dale Solomon ..... Basketball  
 Ginny Lessman Stonick ..... Volleyball

**1995**  
 Waddey Harvey ..... Football  
 Tony Paige ..... Football  
 Louis P. Ripley ..... Team Surgeon  
 Bruce Smith ..... Football  
 Linda King Steel ..... Track  
 Frank Teske ..... Wrestling Coach

**1996**  
 Dick Arnold ..... Track  
 Dell Curry ..... Basketball  
 Connie Sellers ..... Golf  
 George Smith ..... Football

**1997**  
 Frank Beamer ..... Football, Coach  
 Renéé Dennis ..... Basketball  
 Cyrus Lawrence ..... Football  
 Rick Razzano ..... Football  
 Jim Stewart ..... Baseball  
 Sterling Wingo ..... Football, Baseball  
 Track

**1998**  
 Robert Brown ..... Football  
 Berkeley (Berky) Cundiff ..... Baseball  
 Don Divers ..... Football  
 Loyd King ..... Basketball  
 Kenny Lewis ..... Football, Track

**1999**  
 Ken Barefoot ..... Football  
 Eddie Ferrell ..... Trainer  
 Bob Phillips ..... Track  
 Steve Taylor ..... Cross Country, Track  
 Ted Ware ..... Basketball

**2000**  
 Mike Burnop ..... Football  
 Bimbo Coles ..... Basketball  
 Ken Edwards ..... Football  
 Ki Luczak ..... Football  
 Bobby Smith ..... Football  
 Lori McKee Taylor .... Cross Country, Track

**2001**  
*(Will be inducted October 26, 2001)*  
 Amy Byrne Feathers ..... Basketball  
 George Canale ..... Baseball  
 Don Oakes ..... Football  
 Ricky Scales ..... Football  
 Margaret Soulen Gilbert ..... Swimming  
 Sherman Vandevender ..... Wrestling

# Hokie All-Stars

## Blue-Gray All-Star Classic

### Montgomery, Alabama

1939 H.W. Gosney  
1954 Tom Petty, E  
1954 George Preas, L  
1954 Howie Wright, HB  
1954 Frank Mosely, Coach  
1955 Jack Prater, C  
1958 Billy Holsclaw, QB  
1959 Carroll Dale, SE  
1963 Jake Adams, E  
1964 Bob Schweickert, QB  
1964 Sonny Utz, FB  
1964 Jerry Claiborne, Coach  
1967 Donald Thacker, DE  
1969 Mike Widger, LB  
1970 Jack Simcsak, P  
1972 Mike Burnop, TE  
1972 Don Strock, QB  
1972 Craig Valentine, WR  
1972 Charlie Coffey, Coach  
1975 Phil Rogers, RB  
1976 Tom Beasley, DL  
1978 Gene Bunn, CB  
1979 Kenny Lewis, RB  
1979 Doug McDougald  
1979 Bill Dooley, Coach  
1982 Padro Phillips, DT  
1983 Mike Johnson, LB  
1983 Mike Shaw, TE  
1983 Bill Dooley, Coach  
1984 Ashley Lee, FS  
1984 Jesse Penn, DE  
1984 Bruce Smith, DE  
1987 Carter Wiley, S  
1989 Roger Brown, CB  
1991 William Boatwright, OL  
1991 Will Furrer, QB  
1991 Frank Beamer, Coach  
1992 Vaughn Hebron, RB

## East-West Shrine Football Classic

### Palo Alto, California

1967 Frank Loria, DB  
1969 Jerry Green, OT  
1980 Doug McDougald, DL  
1994 Tyrone Drakeford, CB  
1995 Ken Brown, OLB  
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR  
1998 Marcus Parker, FB  
1998 Shawn Scales, WR  
1999 Derek Smith, OT

## Tyco Gridiron Classic

### Orlando, Florida

1999 Loren Johnson, CB  
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S  
2000 Carl Bradley, DT  
2000 Anthony Midget, CB/S  
2000 Jamel Smith, LB

## Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Football Classic

### Honolulu, Hawaii

1968 Frank Loria, DB  
1973 Don Strock, QB  
1982 Robert Brown, DE  
1992 Eugene Chung, OG  
1992 Damian Russell, FS

1994 Jim Pyne, OL  
1995 Ken Brown, LB  
1998 Ken Oxendine, RB  
1998 Shawn Scales, WR  
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S  
2000 Jimmy Kibble, P/PK  
2001 Matt Lehr, OG  
2001 Dave Kadela, OT  
2001 Frank Beamer, Coach



**Cory Bird played in the Senior Bowl and was picked in the third round of the 2001 NFL Draft.**

## Senior Bowl

### Mobile, Alabama

1956 Jim Locke, T  
1960 Carroll Dale, E  
1961 Allen Whittier, T  
1961 Mike Zeno, G  
1964 Jake Adams, E  
1965 Bob Schweickert, B  
1965 Sonny Utz, B  
1968 Ken Barefoot, E  
1985 Joe Jones, TE  
1992 Eugene Chung, OL  
1992 John Granby, DB  
1992 Will Furrer, QB  
1992 Damian Russell, DB  
1994 Tyrone Drakeford, DB  
1994 Jim Pyne, OL  
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR  
1996 J.C. Price, DL  
1997 Cornell Brown, DL  
1997 Jim Druckenmiller, QB  
1997 Torrian Gray, DB  
1997 Jay Hagood, OL  
1998 Todd Washington, OL  
1999 Derek Smith, OL  
2000 Shayne Graham, PK  
2000 Corey Moore, DE  
2000 Nathaniel Williams, DT  
2001 Cory Bird, DB

## All-Southern Conference Honors

### Virginia Tech's All-Southern Conference football players from 1933-1964:

1933 — Red Negri, end; Al Casey, back  
1934 — Dave Thomas, end  
1935 — Herman "Foots" Dickerson, fullback  
1946 — John Maskas, tackle  
1951 — Second team: Ki Luczak, center  
1952 — Second team: Buzz Nutter, linebacker  
1953 — Second team: George Preas, tackle; Harold Grizzard, guard  
1954 — First team: Tom Petty, end; George Preas, tackle; Dickie Beard, back;  
Second team: Howie Wright, back  
1955 — First team: Jim Locke, guard; Jack Prater, center;  
Second team: Grover Jones, end; Dickie Beard, back  
1956 — First team: Jimmy Lugar, back;  
Second team: Grover Jones, end; John Hall, center; Bobby Wolfenden, back  
1957 — Second team: Carroll Dale, end; Jim Burks, tackle; Corbin Bailey, back  
1958 — First team: Carroll Dale, end; Billy Holsclaw, back;  
Second team: Jim Burks, tackle; Nick Mihalas, center  
1959 — First team: Carroll Dale, end; Mike Zeno, guard; Alger Pugh, back;  
Second team: Bernie Vishneski, tackle  
1960 — First team: Allen Whittier, tackle; Mike Zeno, guard;  
Second team: Don Oakes, tackle; Warren Price, back  
1961 — First team: Gene Breen, tackle;  
Second team: Joe Moss, tackle; Warren Price, back  
1962 — First team: Newt Green, guard;  
Second team: Kyle Albright, end  
1963 — First team: Gene Breen, tackle; Newt Green, guard; Bob Schweickert, back;  
Sonny Utz, back;  
Second team: Tommy Marvin, end  
1964 — First team: Tommy Marvin, end; Bob Schweickert, back; Sonny Utz, back;  
Second team: Ken Whitley, linebacker

# Varsity Lettermen

## Tech's Football Monogram Winners Since 1932

### A

Abraham, Jack 1969-71  
Adams, Jim 1946-47  
Adams, Jake 1961-63  
Adams, Paul 1972, 74-76  
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Agemy, Jamel 1984-87  
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Albrittain, Chris 1977-78  
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Allen, Bobby 1979-81  
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Austin, Larry 1998-00



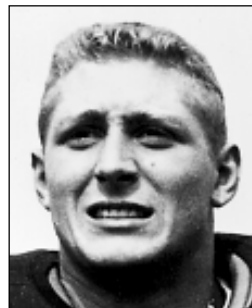
**Paul Adams**

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Barnes, Mitcheal 1974-76  
Barnette, Clyde 1958  
Barns, Clinton 1945  
Baron, Jim 1994-95  
Barry, Chris 1990-93  
Barton, Bill 1968  
Bartrug, Ed 1957-59  
Basham, Bernard 1990-93  
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Beamer, Frank 1966-68  
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Berish, Jason 1995-96  
Bertovich, Tony 1971  
Bianchin, Mike 1993-95  
Bigelow, Jud 1964, 67  
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**Dickie Beard**

Blackburn, Preston 1967-69  
Blacken, Malcolm 1985-88  
Blackmon, Tony 1979  
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Blankenship, Charlie 1959  
Blankenship, Herb 1954  
Bledsoe, Brent 1973-74  
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Bocko, Steve 1967-69  
Boitnott, Tim 1987-89  
Bolton, Jeff 1979-81  
Bond, Bob 1971  
Booth, Don 1952-53  
Booth, Jack 1973  
Borden, Karl 1987-90  
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Bosiack, Tim 1969-71  
Boswell, I.W. 1939  
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Bowe, Nigel 1982-84  
Bowen, Rich 1995  
Bowles, Floyd Jr. 1945-47  
Bowling, Andy 1964-66  
Bowling, Herb 1961  
Bowser, Franklin 2000  
Boyle, Dean 1950-51  
Bradley, Carl 1996-99  
Bradley, Frank 1951  
Bradley, Henry 1974-77  
Bradley, Nate 1987  
Bradshaw, Bill 1935  
Brammer, Mike 1974  
Branch, Tyrone 1984  
Breen, Gene 1961-63  
Breheny, Chris 1992-93  
Bria, Sammy 1969-71  
Briggs, Wayne 2000  
Brilliant, Ricky 1979  
Brinkley, Ed 1956-58  
Briscoe, Mark 1987-88  
Britts, Bill 1979  
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Brown, Geoff 1980-82  
Brown, Glenn 1972  
Brown, Ken 1991-94  
Brown, Ralph 1987-88, 90  
Brown, Robert 1980-81  
Brown, Roger 1986-89  
Brown, Todd 1989-90  
Brown, Wilson 1935-36  
Browne, Wally 1979-82  
Brownell, Jud 1967-68  
Bruce, Donnie 1964-66  
Bruce, George 1987



**Leo Burke**

Bruce, Maynard 1946-47  
Bryant, Phil 1988-91  
Bryant, Tommy 1951  
Bryson, Jimmy 1989-90  
Booth, G.S. 1939  
Buckland, Jason 1998  
Buie, Chris 2000  
Bulheller, Eddie 1964-66  
Bunn, Gene 1976-78  
Burke, John 1990-93  
Burke, Leo 1952-55  
Burks, Jim 1956-58  
Burleigh, Bryan 1982-84  
Burleson, Hayes 1954-55  
Burnell, Keith 2000  
Burnette, Gene 1950  
Burnop, Mike 1970-72  
Burns, Tommy 1945-46, 48  
Bush, Rickey 1974  
Buskirk, Blair 1974-76  
Butler, Tee 1999-00  
Byrd, Ken 1957-59  
Byrd, Melendez 1989-92



**Bryan Campbell**

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Cahill, Mike 1962-63  
Callison, Mike 1975  
Camaioni, Alex 1962-63  
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Camp, Cass 1979-81  
Camp, Don 1954  
Campbell, Bo 1989-92  
Campbell, Bryan 1988-91  
Campbell, David 1998

Campbell, Johnny 1950  
Cannaday, Mike 1980-81  
Cannon, Steve 1975-76  
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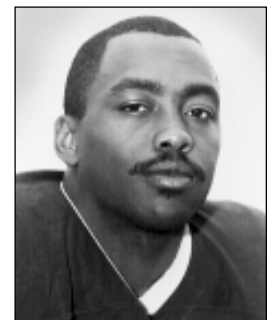
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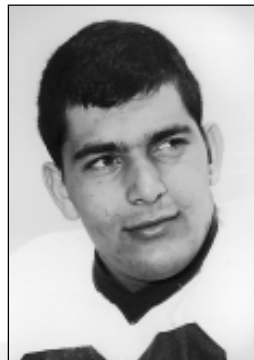
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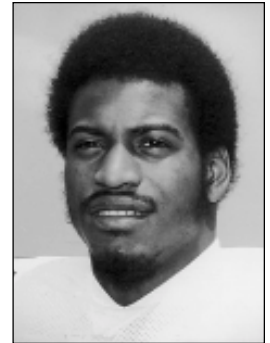
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# Coaches, Captains & Records

Coach	Year (W-L-T)	Captain(s)
E.A. Smyth	1892 (1-1-0)	W.E. Anderson
E.A. Smyth	1893 (0-2-0)	S.V. Lovenstein
J.A. Massie	1894 (4-1-0)	T.D. Martin
A.C. Jones	1895 (4-2-0)	J.L. Ingles
A.C. Jones	1896 (5-2-1)	J.L. Ingles
Charles Firth	1897 (5-2-0)	H.A. Johnson
J.L. Ingles	1898 (3-2-0)	C.M. Wood
Dr. James Morrison	1899 (4-1-0)	W.F. Cox
Dr. Davis	1900 (3-3-1)	J.B. Huffard
Dr. A.B. Morrison, Jr.	1901 (6-1-0)	C.J.B. DeCamps
R.R. Brown	1902 (3-2-1)	C.H. Carpenter
Dr. C.A. Lueder	1903 (5-1-0)	C.P. Miles
J.C. O'Connor	1904 (5-3-0)	G.C. Wilson
C.P. Miles	1905 (9-1-0)	T.W. Lewis
C.P. Miles	1906 (5-2-2)	J.A. Nutter
C.R. Williams	1907 (7-2-0)	C.E. Diffendal
R.M. Brown	1908 (5-4-0)	Joe Luttrell
Branch Bocock	1909 (6-1-0)	E.R. Hodgson
Branch Bocock	1910 (6-2-0)	V.B. Hodgson
L.W. Reiss	1911 (6-1-2)	A.G. Gibbs
Branch Bocock	1912 (5-4-0)	W.H. Burruss
Branch Bocock	1913 (7-1-1)	L.A. Pick
Branch Bocock	1914 (6-2-1)	M.F. Peak, Jr.
Branch Bocock	1915 (4-4-0)	V.F. Dixon
Jack Ingersell	1916 (7-2-0)	J.S. Caffee
Charles Bernier	1917 (6-2-1)	H.T. Parrish
Charles Bernier	1918 (7-0-0)	H. Crisp, D. Roden
Charles Bernier	1919 (5-4-0)	J.T. Hardwick
Stanley Sutton	1920 (4-6-0)	H.B. Redd
Ben Cabbage	1921 (7-3-0)	S.D. Tilson
Ben Cabbage	1922 (8-1-1)	H.J. Hardwick
Ben Cabbage	1923 (6-3-0)	H.M. Sutton
Ben Cabbage	1924 (4-2-3)	S.O. Graham
Ben Cabbage	1925 (5-3-2)	J.H. Moran
Andy Gustafson	1926 (5-3-1)	J.H. Moran
Andy Gustafson	1927 (5-4-0)	V.E. Miles
Andy Gustafson	1928 (7-2-0)	A.E. Bailey
Andy Gustafson	1929 (5-4-0)	L.B. Nutter
O.E. Neale	1930 (5-3-1)	H.V. Hooper
O.E. Neale	1931 (3-4-2)	C.E. Brown
H.B. Redd	1932 (8-1-0)	W. Grinus, Jr.
H.B. Redd	1933 (4-3-3)	Bill Porterfield
H.B. Redd	1934 (5-5-0)	George Smith
H.B. Redd	1935 (4-3-2)	Louis Fittro
H.B. Redd	1936 (5-5-0)	Dave Jones
H.B. Redd	1937 (5-5-0)	C.L. Shockey
H.B. Redd	1938 (3-5-2)	Frank Pierce
H.B. Redd	1939 (4-5-1)	Dave Pitts, Jim Coleman
H.B. Redd	1940 (5-5-0)	John Henderson, William Zydiak
J.R. Kitts	1941 (6-4-0)	William M. Tate
H.M. McEver	1942 (7-2-1)	W. James, S.D. Tilson
H.M. McEver	1945 (2-6-0)	Floyd Bowles
James Kitts	1946 (3-4-3)	Elmer Wilson
James Kitts	1947 (4-5-0)	Bill Barbour, Bobby Smith
Robert McNeish	1948 (0-8-1)	Tom Burns, Oren Hopkins
Robert McNeish	1949 (1-7-2)	Jack Ittner, Bruce Fisher
Robert McNeish	1950 (0-10-0)	Ron Casto
Frank Moseley	1951 (2-8-0)	(none)
Frank Moseley	1952 (5-6-0)	(none)
Frank Moseley	1953 (5-5-0)	(none)
Frank Moseley	1954 (8-0-1)	Billy Kerfoot, Howie Wright
Frank Moseley	1955 (6-3-1)	Dickie Beard, Jack Prater
Frank Moseley	1956 (7-2-1)	Don Divers
Frank Moseley	1957 (4-6-0)	Corbin Bailey
Frank Moseley	1958 (5-4-1)	Jim Burks
Frank Moseley	1959 (6-4-0)	Carroll Dale
Frank Moseley	1960 (6-4-0)	Allen Whittier
Jerry Claiborne	1961 (4-5-0)	Terry Strook, Joe Moss
Jerry Claiborne	1962 (5-5-0)	Dave Gillespie, Aster Sizemore
Jerry Claiborne	1963 (8-2-0)	Gene Breen, Newt Green
Jerry Claiborne	1964 (6-4-0)	Vic Kreiter, Darrell Page, Bob Schweickert
Jerry Claiborne	1965 (7-3-0)	Billy Edwards, Bobby Owens, Mike Saunders

Coach	Year (W-L-T)	Captain(s)
Jerry Claiborne	1966 (8-2-1)	Dave Farmer, Tommy Groom, Sands Woody
Jerry Claiborne	1967 (7-3-0)	Bob Griffith, Frank Loria
Jerry Claiborne	1968 (7-4-0)	Frank Beamer, Ron Davidson, Waddey Harvey
Jerry Claiborne	1969 (4-5-1)	Jerry Green, Pete Dawyot, Steve Bocko
Jerry Claiborne	1970 (5-6-0)	Jim Pigninelli, Perry Tiberio
Charlie Coffey	1971 (4-7-0)	Game Captains
Charlie Coffey	1972 (6-4-1)	Game Captains
Charlie Coffey	1973 (2-9-0)	Game Captains
Jimmy Sharpe	1974 (4-7-0)	Randy Vey, Charlie Martin
Jimmy Sharpe	1975 (8-3-0)	Doug Thacker, Phil Rogers
Jimmy Sharpe	1976 (6-5-0)	Paul Adams, Mitcheal Barnes, Tom Beasley
Jimmy Sharpe	1977 (3-7-1)	Rick Razzano, Roscoe Coles, Bill Housewright, George Roberts
Bill Dooley	1978 (4-7-0)	Dennis Scott, Chip Keatley
Bill Dooley	1979 (5-6-0)	Kenny Lewis, Mickey Fitzgerald, Mike Faulkner, Danny Hill
Bill Dooley	1980 (8-4-0)	Sidney Snell, Paul Davis, Lewis Stuart
Bill Dooley	1981 (7-4-0)	Steve Casey, Robert Brown
Bill Dooley	1982 (7-4-0)	Padro Phillips, Rick Miley, Mark Udinski
Bill Dooley	1983 (9-2-0)	Mike Johnson, Tony Paige
Bill Dooley	1984 (8-4-0)	Ashley Lee, Bruce Smith, Joe Jones
Bill Dooley	1985 (6-5-0)	Kent Thomas, Rainer Coleman
Bill Dooley	1986 (10-1-1)*	Maurice Williams, Curtis Taliaferro
Frank Beamer	1987 (2-9-0)	Erik Chapman, Steve Johnson, Kevin Keffee, Carter Wiley
Frank Beamer	1988 (3-8-0)	Todd Grantham, Randy Cockrell, Scott Hill, Horacio Moronta, Bobby Martin

Coach	Year (W-L-T)	Captain(s)
Frank Beamer	1989 (6-4-1)	Scott Hill, Randy Cockrell, Bobby Martin, Brian McCall
Frank Beamer	1990 (6-5-0)	Nick Cullen, Jimmy Whitten, Archie Hopkins, Al Chamblee
Frank Beamer	1991 (5-6)	Phil Bryant, Eugene Chung, William Boatwright, Wooster Pack
Frank Beamer	1992 (2-8-1)	Mark Poindexter, Rusty Pendleton, Melendez Byrd, Jerome Preston
Frank Beamer	1993 (9-3)	Jim Pyne, Tyrone Drakeford, John Burke, Joe Swarm, Bernard Basham
Frank Beamer	1994 (8-4)	Ken Brown, Maurice DeShazo, Antonio Freeman, Damien McMahon, Ranall White
Frank Beamer	1995 (10-2)	J.C. Price, George DelRico, Hank Coleman, Mike Bianchi, Jermaine Holmes
Frank Beamer	1996 (10-2)	Jim Druckenmiller, Billy Conaty, Myron Newsome, Cornell Brown, Waverly Jackson, Brandon Semones
Frank Beamer	1997 (7-5)	Gennaro DiNapoli, Kerwin Hairston, Ken Oxendine, Marcus Parker, Steve Tate, Todd Washington
Frank Beamer	1998 (9-3)	Al Clark, Pierson Prioleau, Keion Carpenter, Derek Smith, Dwight Vick
Frank Beamer	1999 (11-1)	Cory Moore, Keith Short, Michael Hawkes, Anthony Midget, John Engelberger
Frank Beamer	2000 (11-1)	Cory Bird, Matt Lehr, Phillip Summers, André Kendrick, Dave Meyer

\* Includes a forfeit by Temple.

## Virginia Tech Coaching Records

(Listed in order of number of victories)

Name	Seasons	W	L	T	Pct.	Years	Name	Seasons	W	L	T	Pct.	Years
Frank Beamer	14	99	61	2	.617	1987-1987	Jack Ingersell	1	7	2	0	.778	1916
Bill Dooley	9	†64	37	1	.632	1978-86	A.B. Morrison, Jr.	1	6	1	0	.857	1901
Jerry Claiborne	10	61	39	2	.608	1961-70	L.W. Reiss	1	6	1	2	.778	1911
Frank Moseley	10	54	42	4	.560	1951-60	C.A. Lueder	1	5	1	0	.833	1903
H.B. Redd	9	43	37	8	.534	1932-40	Charles Firth	1	5	2	0	.714	1897
Branch Bocock	6	34	14	2	.680	1909-10; 1912-15	John C. O'Conner	1	5	3	0	.625	1904
Ben Cabbage	5	30	12	6	.688	1921-25	R.M. Brown	1	5	4	0	.556	1908
Andy Gustafson	4	22	13	1	.625	1926-29	J.A. Massie	1	4	1	0	.800	1894
Jimmy Sharpe	4	21	22	1	.489	1974-77	James Morrison	1	4	1	0	.800	1899
Charles Bernier	3	18	6	1	.740	1917-19	Stanley Sutton	1	4	6	0	.400	1920
C.P. Miles	2	14	3	2	.737	1905-06	J.L. Ingles	1	3	2	0	.600	1898
James Kitts	3	13	13	3	.500	1941; 1946-47	R.R. Brown	1	3	2	1	.583	1902
Charlie Coffey	3	12	20	1	.379	1971-73	Dr. Davis	1	3	3	1	.500	1900
A.C. Jones	2	9	4	1	.679	1895-96	E.A. Smyth	2	1	3	0	.250	1892-93
H.M. McEver §	2	9	8	1	.528	1942 & 1945	Robert McNeish	3	1	25	3	.086	1948-50
O.E. Neale	2	8	7	3	.528	1930-31							
C.R. Williams	1	7	2	0	.778	1907							

† Includes a forfeit by Temple during the 1986 season.  
§ Shared head coaching duties with S.D. Tilson in 1942 when team finished 7-2-1.

# Year-by-Year Scores & Results

## 1890s

### 1892 (1-1)

**Coach: E.A. Smyth**

O 21 hW 14- 0 St. Albans  
O 29 aL 0-10 St. Albans  
VT 14-20

### 1893 (0-2)

**Coach: E.A. Smyth**

O 21 aL 0- 6 Emory & Henry  
N 11 nL7 6-34 Randolph-Macon  
VT 6-40

### 1894 (4-1)

**Coach: Joseph Massie**

O 20 hW 16- 0 Emory & Henry  
O 29 hW 36- 0 Roanoke College  
N 10 hW 42- 0 St. Albans  
N 17 aW 12- 0 St. Albans  
N 30 nL8 6-10 VMI  
VT 112-10

### 1895 (4-2)

**Coach: A.C. Jones**

O 05 aL 0-38 Virginia  
O 12 hW 12- 0 St. Albans  
O 26 aW 30- 0 W&L  
N 09 aW 16- 2 Roanoke YMCA  
N 16 nL9 5-32 UNC  
N 28 nW3 6- 4 VMI  
VT 69-76

### 1896 (5-2-1)

**Coach: A.C. Jones**

O 10 hW 20- 0 Alleghany Inst.  
O 20 hW 12- 0 Roanoke College  
O 24 nT10 0- 0 UNC  
O 31 aL 0-44 Virginia  
N 02 nW3 46- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
N 14 aL 4- 6 Tennessee  
N 16 nW11 52- 0 Maryville College  
N 26 nW1 24- 0 VMI  
VT 158-50

### 1897 (5-2)

**Coach: Charles Firth**

O 16 hW 54- 0 King College  
O 30 nW10 4- 0 UNC  
N 02 hW 41- 0 Roanoke College  
N 06 nL4 4-18 Maryland  
N 13 aW 36- 0 Richmond  
N 15 aW 10- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
N 25 nL1 0-18 Tennessee  
VT 149-36

### 1898 (3-2)

**Coach: J. Lewis Ingles**

N 04 nL5 6-28 UNC  
N 05 aW 17- 0 Guilford  
N 07 nL3 0-23 Maryland  
N 11 hW 58- 0 King College  
N 12 hW 29- 0 Bellevue  
VT 110-51

### 1899 (4-1)

**Coach: James Morrison**

O 13 hW 21- 0 St. Albans  
O 27 aW 5- 0 Tennessee  
N 11 aL 0-28 Virginia  
N 18 nW1 45- 0 Roanoke College  
N 25 nW1 35- 0 W&L  
VT 106-28

## 1900s

### 1900 (3-3-1)

**Coach: Dr. Davis**

O 06 hW 21- 0 St. Albans  
O 20 aW 16- 6 St. Albans  
O 25 aW 18- 2 N.C. State  
O 27 aT 0- 0 UNC  
N 14 aL 5-17 Virginia  
N 24 nL9 5-12 Clemson  
N 25 nL1 0- 5 VMI  
VT 65-42

### 1901 (6-1)

**Coach: A.B. Morrison**

S 28 aW 16- 0 Roanoke College  
O 12 hW 11- 0 W&L  
O 19 aW 32- 6 Georgetown  
O 26 hL 0-16 Virginia  
O 31 nW12 17-11 Clemson  
N 16 nW2 18- 0 Maryland  
N 28 nW4 21- 0 VMI  
VT 115-33

### 1902 (3-2-1)

**Coach: R.R. Brown**

O 11 nL3 0- 6 W&L  
O 18 hW 11- 6 N.C. State  
O 25 nT1 0- 0 UNC  
N 08 hW 28- 0 Georgetown  
N 15 aL 0- 6 Virginia  
N 27 nW4 50- 5 VMI  
VT 89-23

### 1903 (5-1)

**Coach: C. A. Lueder**

O 14 hW 29- 0 St. Albans  
O 17 hW 21- 0 N.C. State  
O 24 nL2 0-21 Virginia  
N 07 nW4 21- 0 UNC  
N 21 aW 11- 0 Navy  
N 25 nW1 26- 0 Davidson  
VT 108-21



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### 1904 (5-3)

**Coach: John O'Connor**

O 01 hW 18- 0 Richmond  
O 07 hW 24- 0 W&L  
O 12 hW 32- 0 Nashville  
O 22 hW 30- 0 Wm & Mary  
O 29 hL 0- 6 UNC  
N 05 nL2 0- 5 Virginia  
N 19 aL 0-11 Navy  
N 24 nW1 17- 5 VMI  
VT 121-27

### 1905 (9-1)

**Coach: C.P. Miles**

S 30 hW 86- 0 Roanoke College  
O 06 hW 12- 0 Cumberland  
O 14 aW 16- 6 Army  
O 21 hW 56- 0 Gallaudet  
O 28 nW2 35- 6 UNC  
N 04 aW 11- 0 Virginia  
N 11 hW 15- 0 W&L  
N 18 nW1 34- 0 South Carolina  
N 25 aL 6-12 Navy  
N 30 nW2 34- 0 VMI  
VT 305-24

### 1906 (5-2-2)

**Coach: C.P. Miles**

O 06 nW1 12- 0 Wm & Mary  
O 08 hW 28- 0 Wm & Mary  
O 13 aT 0- 0 Clemson  
O 27 nT2 0- 0 UNC  
N 03 hW 18- 0 Roanoke College  
N 10 nL4 0-10 Bucknell  
N 17 hW 10- 0 Davidson  
N 24 aL 0- 5 Navy  
N 29 nW2 6- 0 N.C. State  
VT 74-15

### 1907 (7-2)

**Coach: C.R. Williams**

O 05 hW 33- 0 Roanoke College  
O 12 hW 18- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
O 19 nW3 5- 0 W&L  
O 20 nL1 5-12 Davidson  
N 02 nW2 20- 0 Georgetown  
N 09 nW1 22- 0 VMI  
N 16 hW 34- 0 G-W  
N 23 aL 0-12 Navy  
N 28 nW2 20- 6 UNC  
VT 157-30

### 1908 (5-4)

**Coach: R.M. Brown**

O 03 hW 50- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
O 10 aW 6- 0 Clemson  
O 17 aL 4-10 Princeton  
O 24 nW1 10- 0 VMI  
O 31 nW3 15- 4 W&L  
N 10 nW2 10- 0 UNC  
N 14 hL 0- 6 G-W  
N 21 aL 4-15 Navy  
N 26 nL4 5- 6 N.C. State  
VT 104-41

### 1909 (6-1)

**Coach: Branch Bocock**

O 02 hW 6- 0 Clemson  
O 13 aL 6- 8 Princeton  
O 23 aW 52- 0 Richmond  
O 30 nW3 34- 6 W&L  
N 06 nW2 15- 0 UNC  
N 13 aW 17- 8 G-W  
N 25 nW4 18- 5 N.C. State  
VT 148-27

## 1910s

### 1910 (6-2)

**Coach: Branch Bocock**

O 01 hW 18- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
O 05 hW 16- 6 Davidson  
O 15 hW 13- 0 Western Md.  
O 22 aL 0- 3 Navy  
O 29 nW1 23- 0 W&L  
N 05 nW2 20- 0 UNC  
N 12 nW3 16- 5 G-W  
N 24 nL4 3- 5 N.C. State  
VT 109-19

### 1911 (6-1-2)

**Coach: L.W. Reiss**

S 30 hW 16- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
O 06 nW4 12- 0 Maryland  
O 14 aL 0-33 Yale  
O 21 hW 94- 0 Roanoke College  
O 28 nT1 5- 5 W&L  
N 04 nT2 0- 0 UNC  
N 11 hW 36-11 Tennessee  
N 18 hW 10- 3 Morris Harvey  
N 30 nW4 3- 0 N.C. State  
VT 176-52

**1912 (5-4)****Coach: Branch Bocock**

S 30 hW 40- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 05 hW 42- 7 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 12 aL 0-31 Princeton  
 O 19 hW 44- 0 Western Md.  
 O 26 nW1926- 0 UNC  
 N 02 hL 0-10 MCV  
 N 09 nL1 6-20 W&L  
 N 16 hW 41- 0 West Virginia  
 N 28 aL 3-24 Georgetown  
 VT 202-92

**1913 (7-1-1)****Coach: Branch Bocock**

S 27 hW 26- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 04 hW 14- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 11 hW 34-13 Mississippi  
 O 18 hW 20-12 VPI Stars  
 O 25 nW5 14- 7 UNC  
 N 01 nL1 0-21 W&L  
 N 08 hW 47- 0 Marshall  
 N 15 hW 14- 0 Morris Harvey  
 N 27 nT1 6- 6 VMI  
 VT 175-59

**1914 (6-2-1)****Coach: Branch Bocock**

S 26 hW 35- 0 King College  
 O 03 hW 13- 0 Randolph-Macon  
 O 10 hW 22- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 17 nL16 0-13 W. Va. Wesleyan  
 O 24 hT 7- 7 Roanoke College  
 O 31 nL1 6- 7 W&L  
 N 07 hW 54- 6 Marshall  
 N 14 nW1 3- 0 N.C. State  
 N 26 nW1 3- 0 VMI  
 VT 143-33

**1915 (4-4)****Coach: Branch Bocock**

S 26 hW 26- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 02 hW 19- 3 Randolph-Macon  
 O 09 hW 19- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 16 nL1 0-13 W&L  
 O 23 aL 0-20 Navy  
 O 30 aL 0-45 Cornell  
 N 13 aL 0-19 West Virginia  
 N 25 nW1 27- 9 VMI  
 VT 91-109

**1916 (7-2)****Coach: Jack Ingersoll**

S 30 hW 13- 0 Richmond  
 O 07 hW 10- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 14 nL16 0-20 West Virginia  
 O 20 aL 0-19 Yale  
 O 28 nW4 40- 0 N.C. State  
 N 04 nW1 14- 7 UNC  
 N 11 hW 52- 0 Wake Forest  
 N 18 hW 41- 0 Roanoke College  
 N 30 nW1 23-14 VMI  
 VT 193-60

**1917 (6-2-1)****Coach: Charles Bernier**

O 06 hW 12- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 13 hW 59- 6 Emory & Henry  
 O 20 hW 13- 7 Davidson  
 O 27 aL 0-28 Georgetown  
 N 03 hW 50- 0 Wake Forest  
 N 10 nL13 3-27 West Virginia  
 N 17 nT4 7- 7 N.C. State  
 N 24 hW 70- 0 Roanoke College  
 N 29 nW1 6- 0 VMI  
 VT 220-75

**1918 (7-0)****Coach: Charles Bernier**

O 19 hW 30- 0 Belmont Ath. Club  
 O 26 hW 33- 6 Camp Humphreys  
 N 02 nW1 13- 0 W&L  
 N 09 hW 27- 0 Wake Forest  
 N 16 nW4 25- 0 N.C. State  
 N 23 aW 18- 7 UNC  
 N 28 nW1 6- 0 VMI  
 VT 152-13

**1919 (5-4)****Coach: Charles Bernier**

O 04 hW 13- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 11 hW 21- 0 Richmond  
 O 18 aL 7-33 Georgetown  
 O 25 aW 6- 0 Maryland  
 N 01 nL3 0- 3 W&L  
 N 08 hW 40- 0 Wake Forest  
 N 15 nL4 0- 3 N.C. State  
 N 22 hW 99- 0 Emory & Henry  
 N 27 nL1 0-13 VMI  
 VT 186-52

**1920s****1920 (4-6)****Coach: Stanley Sutton**

S 25 hW 35- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 02 hW 21- 0 Wm & Mary  
 O 09 hW 75- 6 Emory & Henry  
 O 16 aL 6-19 Rutgers  
 O 23 hL 0- 7 Maryland  
 O 30 nL3 0-13 W&L  
 N 06 aW 21- 0 Richmond  
 N 11 nL4 6-14 N.C. State  
 N 20 nL17 0-28 Centre  
 N 25 nL1 7-24 VMI  
 VT 171-111

**1921 (7-3)****Coach: B.C. Cabbage**

S 24 hW 14- 6 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 01 hW 14- 0 Wm & Mary  
 O 08 aL 0-14 Centre  
 O 15 aW 34- 0 Richmond  
 O 22 nL18 7-10 Maryland  
 O 29 nL3 0- 3 W&L  
 N 05 hW 54- 7 Morris Harvey  
 N 11 nW4 7- 3 N.C. State  
 N 19 hW 35- 0 Roanoke College  
 N 24 nW1 26- 7 VMI  
 VT 191-50

**1922 (8-1-1)****Coach: B.C. Cabbage**

S 23 hW 38- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 S 30 hW 25- 0 King College  
 O 07 hW 20- 6 Wm & Mary  
 O 14 nL2 6-10 Centre  
 O 21 aT 7- 7 Davidson  
 O 28 hW 73- 0 Catholic U.  
 N 04 hW 21- 0 Maryland  
 N 11 nW4 24- 0 N.C. State  
 N 18 nW3 41- 6 W&L  
 N 30 nW1 7- 3 VMI  
 VT 262-32

**1923 (6-3)****Coach: B.C. Cabbage**

S 29 hW 29- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 06 hW 7- 0 Davidson  
 O 13 aL 17-21 3rd Corps Area  
 O 20 nW18 16- 7 Maryland  
 O 27 nL3 0-12 W&L  
 N 03 hW 25- 6 Clemson  
 N 10 nW4 16- 0 N.C. State  
 N 17 aW 6- 3 Virginia  
 N 29 nL1 0- 6 VMI  
 VT 116-55

**1924 (4-2-3)****Coach: B.C. Cabbage**

S 27 hW 28- 0 Richmond  
 O 04 hW 10- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 11 nT2 0- 0 Auburn  
 O 17 nW18 12- 0 Maryland  
 O 25 nT3 0- 0 W&L  
 N 01 aW 50- 6 Clemson  
 N 08 aL 3- 6 N.C. State  
 N 15 hL 0- 6 Virginia  
 N 27 nT1 0- 0 VMI  
 VT 103-18

**1925 (5-3-2)****Coach: B.C. Cabbage**

S 19 hW 10- 0 Lynchburg College  
 S 26 hT 0- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 03 hW 13- 3 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 10 aL 0-19 Auburn  
 O 17 nW18 3- 0 Maryland  
 O 24 nL3 0-20 W&L  
 O 31 nW2 6- 0 South Carolina  
 N 07 hT 0- 0 N.C. State  
 N 14 aL 0-10 Virginia  
 N 26 nW1 7- 0 VMI  
 VT 39-52

**1926 (5-3-1)****Coach: A.F. Gustafson**

S 25 hW 47- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 02 hW 30- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 09 aL 0-21 Dartmouth  
 O 16 nW4 24- 8 Maryland  
 O 23 hW 6- 0 Virginia  
 O 30 aT 13-13 Kentucky  
 N 06 nL2 0-19 South Carolina  
 N 13 nL3 0-13 W&L  
 N 25 nW1 14- 7 VMI  
 VT 134-81

**1927 (5-4)****Coach: A.F. Gustafson**

S 24 hW 21- 2 Roanoke College  
 O 01 hW 13- 0 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 08 aW 6- 0 Colgate  
 O 15 nL4 7-13 Maryland  
 O 22 aL 0- 7 Virginia  
 O 29 aL 13-14 Chattanooga  
 N 05 nW2 35- 0 South Carolina  
 N 12 hW 21- 0 W&L  
 N 24 nL1 9-12 VMI  
 VT 125-48

**1928 (7-2)****Coach: A.F. Gustafson**

S 29 hW 34- 7 Roanoke College  
 O 06 hW 32- 7 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 13 aL 14-35 Colgate  
 O 20 aW 16-14 UNC  
 O 27 hW 54- 0 King College  
 N 03 nW4 9- 6 Maryland  
 N 10 hW 20- 0 Virginia  
 N 17 aW 13- 7 W&L  
 N 29 nL1 6-16 VMI  
 VT 198-92

**1929 (5-4)****Coach: A.F. Gustafson**

S 28 hW 19- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 05 hW 37- 6 Hampden-Sydney  
 O 12 aL 8-14 Pennsylvania  
 O 19 nW2 25-14 Wm & Mary  
 O 26 aL 13-38 UNC  
 N 02 nW3 36- 6 W&L  
 N 09 aW 32-12 Virginia  
 N 16 nL4 0-24 Maryland  
 N 28 nL1 0-14 VMI  
 VT 170-128

**1930s****1930 (5-3-1)****Coach: O.E. Neale**

S 24 hW 9- 0 Roanoke College  
 O 04 hL 21-39 UNC  
 O 11 aL 0-40 Vanderbilt  
 O 18 nW2 7- 6 Wm & Mary  
 O 25 aW 20-19 Davidson  
 N 01 aT 0- 0 W&L  
 N 08 hW 34-13 Virginia  
 N 15 nL4 7-13 Maryland  
 N 27 nW1 24- 0 VMI  
 VT 122-130

**1931 (3-4-2)****Coach: O.E. Neale**

S 26 hW 33- 0 King College  
 O 03 aL 0-40 Georgia  
 O 10 hW 18- 6 Davidson  
 O 17 nT2 6- 6 Wm & Mary  
 O 24 aL 6-20 Kentucky  
 O 31 hL 0-20 Maryland  
 N 07 nL1 0- 6 W&L  
 N 14 aT 0- 0 Virginia  
 N 26 nW1 13- 6 VMI  
 VT 76-104

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**Tech's Mac McEver picks up yardage in the 1929 game against Virginia.**







Coaches Frank Moseley (r) and Jerry Caiborne were driving forces behind Tech football in the 1950s and 1960s.

**1951 (2-8)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 15 nW6 18-12 Marshall  
S 29 hL 20-32 Davidson  
O 06 nL1 0-33 Virginia  
O 12 nL22 13-38 G-W  
O 20 nL4 6-55 Duke  
O 27 hL 14-19 N.C. State  
N 03 nL2 0-60 W&L  
N 10 aL 7-28 Wm & Mary  
N 17 hW 20-14 Richmond  
N 22 nL1 7-20 VMI  
VT 105-311

**1952 (5-6)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 13 nW6 19-14 Marshall  
S 20 aW 27-14 Davidson  
S 27 aW 14- 7 The Citadel  
O 04 nL1 0-42 Virginia  
O 11 aL 0-33 Alabama  
O 18 hL 0- 6 G-W  
O 25 aL 27-34 W&L  
N 01 aW 20- 2 Richmond  
N 08 hL 15-35 Wm & Mary  
N 15 aL 7-27 West Virginia  
N 27 nW1 26- 7 VMI  
VT 155-221

**1953 (5-5)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 19 nW6 7- 0 Marshall  
S 26 aW 20- 6 Virginia  
O 03 aL 13-20 Rutgers  
O 10 hW 21- 7 Richmond  
O 17 aL 7-13 Wm & Mary  
O 24 hW 32-12 W&L  
O 30 nW1 22- 0 The Citadel  
N 07 nL6 7-12 West Virginia  
N 13 aL 0-26 Miami (Fla.)  
N 26 nL1 13-28 VMI  
VT 142-124

**1954 (8-0-1)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 18 hW 30-21 N.C. State  
S 25 nW2 32- 0 Wake Forest  
O 02 aW 18- 7 Clemson  
O 16 aW 19-12 Richmond  
O 23 nW1 6- 0 Virginia  
O 30 hT 7- 7 Wm & Mary  
N 05 aW 20-13 G-W  
N 13 hW 20- 6 Waynesburg  
N 25 nW1 46- 9 VMI  
VT 198-75

**1955 (6-3-1)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 17 aL 0-13 Wake Forest  
S 24 aW 33- 0 Pennsylvania  
O 01 aW 14- 7 Wm & Mary  
O 08 aW 24-20 Florida State  
O 15 hT 7- 7 Richmond  
O 22 nW1 17-13 Virginia  
O 29 hL 7-13 G-W  
N 05 nL1 16-21 Clemson  
N 12 nW6 34-26 N.C. State  
N 24 nW1 39-13 VMI  
VT 191-133

**1956 (7-2-1)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 15 nW6 37- 2 East Carolina  
S 22 aL 14-21 Tulane  
S 29 nW4 35- 6 N.C. State  
O 06 aW 20- 7 Florida State  
O 13 hW 34- 7 Wm & Mary  
O 20 aW 46-14 Richmond  
O 27 nW1 14- 7 Virginia  
N 03 aL 6-21 Clemson  
N 10 hT 13-13 Wake Forest  
N 22 nW1 45- 0 VMI  
VT 264-98

**1957 (4-6)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 20 aW 14-13 Tulane  
S 28 aL 0-14 West Virginia  
O 05 aL 7-13 Wm & Mary  
O 12 hW 21-14 Villanova  
O 19 nL2 7-38 Virginia  
O 26 aL 7-20 Florida State  
N 02 hW 42- 7 Richmond  
N 09 aW 10- 3 Wake Forest  
N 16 nL1 0-12 N.C. State  
N 28 nL1 6-14 VMI  
VT 114-148

**1958 (5-4-1)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 20 nW1 28-12 West Texas State  
S 27 nL4 6-13 Wake Forest  
O 04 hW 27-15 Wm & Mary  
O 11 nW1 22-13 Virginia  
O 18 aL 0-28 Florida State  
O 25 nL2 20-21 West Virginia  
N 01 aT 14-14 N.C. State  
N 08 hW 27-23 Richmond  
N 15 aL 0-41 Southern Miss  
N 27 nW1 21-16 VMI  
VT 165-196

**1959 (6-4)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 19 nL4 13-15 N.C. State  
S 26 aL 18-27 Wake Forest  
O 03 nW1 20-14 Wm & Mary  
O 10 hL 6- 7 Florida State  
O 17 nW2 40-14 Virginia  
O 24 aW 24-14 Villanova  
O 31 hW 51-29 Richmond  
N 07 aW 26-21 West Texas State  
N 14 aW 12- 0 West Virginia  
N 26 nL1 12-37 VMI  
VT 222-178

**1960s**

**1960 (6-4)**

Coach: Frank O. Moseley  
S 17 aL 14-29 N.C. State  
S 24 nW2 15- 0 West Virginia  
O 01 aL 7-13 Clemson  
O 08 hW 22-13 Wake Forest  
O 15 aW 27- 0 Wm & Mary  
O 22 nW1 40- 6 Virginia  
O 29 aW 20- 0 Richmond  
N 05 hL 7- 9 Davidson  
N 11 aL 8-21 G-W  
N 24 nW1 13-12 VMI  
VT 173-103

**1961 (4-5)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 16 nW1 20- 6 Wm & Mary  
O 07 aL 0-28 West Virginia  
O 14 aL 14-27 Tulane  
O 21 nW1 20- 0 Virginia  
O 28 hW 10- 7 Florida State  
N 04 aL 0-11 Richmond  
N 11 aL 15-24 Wake Forest  
N 17 hW 14- 3 G-W  
N 23 nL1 0- 6 VMI  
VT 93-112

**1962 (5-5)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 15 aL 0- 3 Wm & Mary  
S 22 nW1 15-14 G-W  
S 29 nL2 0-14 West Virginia  
O 06 nW1 20-15 Virginia  
O 13 hW 13- 7 Richmond  
O 20 aL 12-20 Army  
O 27 aL 7-20 Florida State  
N 03 aW 24-22 Tulane  
N 10 hW 37- 8 Wake Forest  
N 22 nL1 9-14 VMI  
VT 137-137



**1963 (8-2)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 21 aL 14-33 Kentucky  
S 28 aW 27- 0 Wake Forest  
O 05 nW1 10- 0 Virginia  
O 11 aW 22- 8 G-W  
O 19 hW 28-13 Wm & Mary  
O 26 aW 31-23 Florida State  
N 02 aW 14-13 Richmond  
N 09 aL 7-13 N.C. State  
N 16 aW 28- 3 West Virginia  
N 28 nW1 35-20 VMI  
VT 216-126

**1964 (6-4)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 19 aW 18-14 Tampa  
S 26 nL1 21-38 Wake Forest  
O 03 aL 17-20 Virginia  
O 10 hW 33- 0 G-W  
O 17 hL 10-23 West Virginia  
O 24 hW 20-11 Florida State  
O 31 aW 27-20 Wm & Mary  
N 07 hW 28-19 N.C. State  
N 14 aL 15-20 Syracuse  
N 26 nW1 35-13 VMI  
VT 224-178

**1965 (7-3)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 18 nW1 12- 3 Wake Forest  
S 25 aW 25- 7 Richmond  
O 02 hW 9- 7 Wm & Mary  
O 09 aW 17-12 G-W  
O 16 aL 10-21 Vanderbilt  
O 23 hW 22-14 Virginia  
O 30 aL 6- 7 Florida State  
N 06 aL 22-31 West Virginia  
N 13 hW 21-19 Villanova  
N 25 nW1 44-13 VMI  
VT 188-134

**1966 (8-2-1)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 17 aL 0-13 Tulane  
S 24 hW 49- 0 G-W  
O 01 hT 13-13 West Virginia  
O 08 aW 7- 0 Kentucky  
O 15 nW2 21- 6 Vanderbilt  
O 22 aW 24- 7 Virginia  
O 29 hW 23-21 Florida State  
N 05 aW 11- 0 Wake Forest  
N 12 aW 20-18 Wm & Mary  
N 24 nW1 70-12 VMI  
VT 238-90

Liberty Bowl  
(Dec. 10, 1966 at Memphis, Tenn.)  
nL VT 7-14 Miami (Fla.)

**1967 (7-3)**

Coach: Jerry Claiborne  
S 16 aW 13- 3 Tampa  
S 23 hW 31- 7 Wm & Mary  
S 30 aW 15- 3 Kansas State  
O 07 hW 3- 0 Villanova  
O 14 aW 24-14 Kentucky  
O 21 hW 45-14 Richmond  
O 28 aW 20- 7 West Virginia  
N 04 hL 7-14 Miami (Fla.)  
N 11 aL 15-38 Florida State  
N 23 nL1 10-12 VMI  
VT 183-112  
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**Terry Smoot led Tech in rushing all three of his varsity seasons, 1967-69.**









# Football Team Awards

## *Men Who Have Led Tech Under Coach Beamer*

### Most Valuable Player Award

1989	Scott Hill, Randy Cockrell
1990	Jimmy Whitten, Will Furrer
1991	Phil Bryant
1992	Jerome Preston
1993	Maurice DeShazo
1994	Cornell Brown
1995	Cornell Brown
1996	Jim Druckenmiller
1997	Al Clark, Marcus Parker
1998	Corey Moore, Al Clark
1999	Michael Vick
2000	Lee Suggs

### First Union Bank Outstanding Senior Award

1989	Sean Lucas
1990	Darwin Herdman
1991	Greg Daniels
1992	Mark Poindexter
1993	Steve Sanders
1994	Kevin Martin
1995	Bryan Still
1996	Waverly Jackson, Bryan Jennings
1997	Michael Stuewe
1998	Loren Johnson
1999	Carl Bradley
2000	Cory Bird

### National Bank of Blacksburg Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award

1989	Scott Hill
1990	Jimmy Whitten
1991	Wooster Pack
1992	Jerome Preston
1993	J.C. Price
1994	Cornell Brown
1995	J.C. Price
1996	Cornell Brown
1997	Kerwin Hairston
1998	John Engelberger
1999	Corey Moore
2000	David Pugh

### University Bookstore Outstanding Linebacker Award

1989	Randy Cockrell
1990	Archie Hopkins
1991	P.J. Preston
1992	Ken Brown
1993	Ken Brown
1994	George Del Ricco
1995	George Del Ricco
1996	Myron Newsome
1997	Steve Tate
1998	Jamel Smith
1999	Jamel Smith
2000	Ben Taylor

### First National Bank of Christiansburg Outstanding Defensive Back Award

1989	Damien Russell
1990	Damien Russell
1991	Damien Russell
1992	Tyronne Drakeford
1993	Scott Jones
1994	William Yarborough
1995	William Yarborough
1996	Torrian Gray
1997	Pierson Prioleau
1998	Pierson Prioleau
1999	Anthony Midget
2000	Ronyell Whitaker

### HCMF Corporation Outstanding Specialist Award

1989	Mickey Thomas
1990	Chris Baucia, Marcus Mickel
1991	Bo Campbell
1992	James Depoy, Brian Reaves
1993	Robbie Colley
1994	Robbie Colley
1995	Atle Larsen
1996	Shawn Scales
1997	Shayne Graham
1998	Jimmy Kibble
1999	Shayne Graham
2000	Carter Warley

### Park Realty Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award

1989	Eugene Chung
1990	Eugene Chung
1991	Eugene Chung
1992	Jim Pyne
1993	Jim Pyne
1994	Jay Hagood, Chris Malone
1995	Billy Conaty
1996	Billy Conaty
1997	Gennaro DiNapoli
1998	Derek Smith
1999	Keith Short
2000	Matt Lehr

### University Bookstore Outstanding Offensive Back Award

1989	Vaughn Hebron
1990	Vaughn Hebron, Phil Bryant
1991	Phil Bryant
1992	Tony Kennedy
1993	Dwayne Thomas
1994	Dwayne Thomas
1995	Dwayne Thomas
1996	Ken Oxendine, Brian Edmonds
1997	Ken Oxendine
1998	Shyrone Stith
1999	Shyrone Stith
2000	Lee Suggs

### Hudson Automotive Group Outstanding Receiver Award

1989	Myron Richardson
1990	Nick Cullen
1991	Bo Campbell
1992	Antonio Freeman
1993	Antonio Freeman
1994	Bryan Still
1995	Jermaine Holmes
1996	Bryan Jennings
1997	Shawn Scales
1998	Ricky Hall
1999	André Davis
2000	Emmett Johnson

### Blacksburg Sports Club Paul Frederick Cobb Award

*This award is given in memory of former Tech player Freddie Cobb, who was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in Vietnam. It goes to the most spirited player.*

1993	Jim Petrovich
1994	William Ferrell
1995	Chris Malone, Jeff Holland
1996	Shaine Miles
1997	Danny Wheel
1998	Tyron Edmond
1999	Jimmy Kibble
2000	Tee Butler Benny Wolfe

### John William Schneider Award

*This is given in memory of former player William Schneider, who was killed in an automobile crash. It goes to a player who excels in athletics, scholarship and leadership.*

1989	Rich Fox
1990	Lamar Smith
1991	Will Furrer
1992	Kirk Alexander
1993	Marcus McClung
1994	Chris Peduzzi
1995	Lawrence Lewis, Jim Baron
1996	Brandon Semones
1997	Korey Irby
1998	Ken Handy
1999	Greg Shockley, Steven Hunt
2000	Dave Kadela



**Dave Kadela**

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#### Lawrence R. White Award

*This award is given in honor of the late Lawrence White, a former Tech linebacker who excelled in the weight room and was a positive role model for all Tech football players. It is given to the team's most outstanding strength and conditioning athlete.*

1997	Todd Washington
1998	Dwight Vick
1999	Michael Hawkes
2000	Josh Redding

#### Wes Worsham Award

*Named for long-time Tech supporter Wes Worsham, this award is given to a player who exceeds expectations and surprises everyone with his performance.*

1997	Brad Baylor
1998	Ryan Smith
1999	Tim Schnecker
2000	Josh Redding

#### Edward G. Ferrell Award

*This award is given in honor of the late Eddie Ferrell, whose hard work, sense of humor, devotion and unselfishness touched thousands of athletes during his 28-year career as a trainer at Tech. It is given to the player who best exemplifies hard work and unselfishness.*

1998	Lamont Pegues, Angelo Harrison
1999	Nathaniel Williams
2000	Anthony Lambo

#### Williams-Moss Award

*Named in honor of John E. Williams, a former Dean of the College, and Joseph S. Moss, a former player and coach at Tech. The award goes to the player who demonstrates the highest quality of leadership and character.*

1999	Chris Cyrus
2000	Nick Sorensen

#### Paul Torgersen Award

*Given in honor of former Tech President Paul Torgerson who has served the university with distinction for three decades in a variety of capacities. The award goes to a player who shows a commitment to hard work and great effort every time he takes the field.*

1999	John Engelberger
2000	Cullen Hawkins

# TECH'S BOWL GAMES

## 1947 Sun Bowl

**Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 6**

EL PASO, Texas — The University of Cincinnati Bearcats swept to three second-half touchdowns to defeat Virginia Tech, 18-6, in the Sun Bowl's 12<sup>th</sup> annual football game. The game marked Tech's first-ever bowl appearance and the first bowl game in which a football team from the commonwealth of Virginia had participated.

Tech had a chance to take an early lead on the heavily-favored Bearcats, but stalled two yards short of the goal. Quarterback Harry Walton set up the early threat with a 25-yard run to the Cincinnati 23. Walton then caught a pass from halfback Ralph Beard to move the ball to the Bearcats' 2-yard line. From there, the big Cincinnati line held on four straight running plays.

The game remained scoreless until the third quarter when quick-opening plays from the T-formation began clicking for the Bearcats. Cincinnati halfback Hal Johnson spun through the center of the line for a 13-yard touchdown run midway through the third quarter. Keyed by a 19-

yard run by All-American halfback Roger Stephens, UC scored again on its next possession. Fullback Al Sabato plunged the final yard for the touchdown.

Tech mounted another threat late in the third quarter, marching to the UC 23 before having a pass intercepted in the end zone. The Hokies held the Bearcats and bounced right back. Aided by a pair of costly Cincinnati penalties, Tech marched inside the UC 5, and Beard scored on a fourth-down run from the 1.

An interception return by Johnson to the Tech 25 helped Cincinnati put the game away in the fourth quarter. The Bearcats promptly moved the ball to the Tech 3, where Don McMillan carried it in for the final touchdown. The Hokies blocked all three UC extra point kicks during the game.

Cincinnati's vaunted running attack produced a total of 369 yards as the Bearcats piled up 463 yards of total offense. Tech managed 13 first downs — just three less than UC — despite gaining only 34 yards on the ground and 85

**January 1, 1947 • El Paso, Texas**  
**Kidd Field at Sun Bowl Stadium • Att: 10,000**

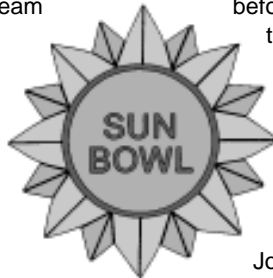
Cincinnati	0	0	12	6	—	18
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	6	—	6

**Scoring**

Cincinnati — touchdowns, Johnson, Sabato and McMillin  
 Virginia Tech — touchdown, Beard

**Team Statistics**

	UC	VT
First Downs	16	13
Rushing yds.	369	34
Passing yds.	94	85
Total off.	463	119
Passes	5-19-3	4-15-2
Punting avg.	19	41
Fumbles	0	0
Penalty yds.	85	29



through the air. The Hokies' defense contributed three interceptions in the game and lineman John Maskas blocked his seventh punt of the season.

The bowl week was marked by "unusual" weather. Three-inches of snow fell atop frozen rain the day before the game, and when kickoff time rolled around, the teams took the field under cloudy skies and below-freezing temperatures. According to one newspaper account, "blankets, fur caps, galoshes, ski suits, stocking caps and all types of winter wear were much in evidence" among the crowd of 10,000.



**Tech defenders (dark jerseys) surround a Cincinnati runner during the 1947 Sun Bowl game.**

# 1966 Liberty Bowl

## Miami 14, Virginia Tech 7

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Miami Hurricanes, getting second wind from a third-quarter roughing the kicker penalty, rebounded for two touchdowns in the second half to score a come-from-behind 14-7 win over Virginia Tech in the eighth annual Liberty Bowl.

In a game dominated primarily by defense, Tech got the early edge when Jimmy Richards blocked Miami's first punt of the game. The block gave the Hokies possession at the Miami 21. It took Tech just five plays to cash in on the opportunity with a 2-yard touchdown run by tailback Tommy Francisco. Jon Utin's extra-point kick gave Tech a 7-0 lead.

The Hokies got two more golden opportunities during the first half, marching inside the Miami 30 on both occasions. Both times Tech came up empty handed, seeing one drive stall on a clipping penalty and the other end on a dropped pass at the goal line and a fumbled snap. Although Tech dominated the first half, the failed chances would come back to haunt the Hokies.

Tech's relentless defense held the Hurricanes to just 16 yards of total offense during the first half. But Miami, ranked ninth with wins over Southern Cal, Georgia and Florida, slowly, turned the tide in the second half. First, the 'Canes stopped a Tech threat with a 42-yard interception return. The play did not lead to a touchdown, but it changed the momentum of the game, as well as the battle for field position.

On its next possession, Miami got the spark it needed for its offense. After a drive stalled at the Hokies' 41, the Hurricanes got new life when a roughing the kicker penalty against Tech gave them a first down at the Tech 26. Five plays later UM quarterback Bill Miller found halfback Joe Mira for a 7-yard touchdown pass, and Ray Harris tied the game with his extra point at the 4:20 mark of the third quarter.

By the midway point of the third quarter, Miami's size and strength were starting to make a difference on defense. UM All-American defensive end Ted Hendricks and company kept the Hokies bottled up in their own territory and allowed just one second half first down.

Miami's winning drive marked the only lengthy offensive push by either team all day. The Hurricanes started at their own 30 and made the march in 10 plays, including a key 38-yard pass from Miller to end Jim Cox that put the ball at the Tech 5. It took the 'Canes four tries to score, with fullback Doug McGee diving over from the one on fourth down.

A Liberty Bowl record 39,101 tickets were sold for the game, but only 25,012



December 10, 1966 • Memphis, Tenn.  
Memphis Memorial Stadium • Att: 25,012

Miami	0	0	7	7	—	14
Virginia Tech	7	0	0	0	—	7

VT (7:34 re 1st) — Francisco 1 run (Utin kick)  
UM (4:20 re 3rd) — Mira 7 pass from Miller (Harris kick)  
UM (8:05 re 4th) — McGee 1 run (Harris kick)

Team Statistics	UM	VT
First Downs	11	7
Rushing yds.	55	36
Passing yds.	108	75
Total off.	163	111
Passes	10-28-0	6-16-1
Punts-avg.	8-30-1	11-39.3
Fumbles lost	1	2
Penalties-yds.	7-80	6-57

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Francisco 21-55, Garcia 3-15, Piland 4-10, Beamer 1-(-12), Stafford 8-(-16), Barker 3-(-16);  
UM, McGee 12-36, Acuff 6-25, Mira 11-9, Cassidy, 2-4, Domke 1-4, McGuirt 1-1, Miller 11-(-24).  
Passing — VT, Stafford 4-13-1-59, Barker 2-3-0-16;  
UM, Miller 9-26-0-99, Olivo 1-2-0-9.  
Receiving — VT, Cupp 1-35, Barefoot 4-34, Piland 1-6; UM, Cox 5-77, Russo 2-15, Mira 2-14, Smith 1-2.

braved the 36-degree weather. The game was televised nationally by ABC and was not blacked out in the Memphis area.



**Miami quarterback Bill Miller finds himself alone in the backfield with Don Thacker (67) and other Tech defenders.**





# 1968 Liberty Bowl

Mississippi 34, Virginia Tech 17

December 14, 1968 • Memphis, Tenn.  
Memphis Memorial Stadium • Att: 46,206

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Virginia Tech's second visit to the Liberty Bowl played out much like its first — the Hokies built an early lead, then saw the game turn on a play in the kicking game. This time it was the University of Mississippi and sophomore quarterback Archie Manning, who tamed the Hokies, 34-17, before 46,206 fans, the largest crowd in the 10-year history of the bowl.

For 13 minutes and 11 seconds, it appeared that Tech would blow Ole Miss out of cold, blustery Memorial Stadium. Scoring on a 58-yard run by Ken Edwards on a quick-snap, trick play on the game's second offensive play, Tech shocked the Rebels with its ground attack. The Hokies recovered a fumble on Mississippi's first offensive play and got their second touchdown just three plays later on a 7-yard run by Terry Smoot. Before the quarter was over, Jack Simcsak added a 29-yard field goal for a 17-0 Tech lead.

Eager to capitalize on their momentum, the Hokies attempted an on-side kick following Simcsak's field goal. The ploy took Ole Miss by surprise, but the ball failed to travel the required 10 yards and the Rebels took over at the Tech 49. Manning quickly turned Mississippi's good fortune into a touchdown with a 21-yard scoring pass to end Hank Shows.



Just like that, the momentum of the game turned, and when it did, it turned completely.

What followed was a rash of Tech penalties, fumbles and interceptions that Ole Miss was all too happy to take advantage of.

Eventually, a 79-yard touchdown run by tailback Steve Hindman on the first play of the second half and a 70-yard interception return for a TD by monster man Bob Bailey gave Mississippi the victory. Hindman finished the game with 121 yards on 15 carries and was named the MVP.

Tech continued to battle, making two goal-line stands in the second half. But the Hokies could not overcome their three fumbles, two interceptions and 120 yards in penalties.

Virginia Tech	17	0	0	0	—	17
Mississippi	0	14	7	13	—	34

VT (14:23 re 1st) — Edwards 58 run (Simcsak kick)  
 VT (12:43 re 1st) — Smoot 7 run (Simcsak kick)  
 VT (1:49 re 1st) — FG Simcsak 29  
 UM (14:30 re 2nd) — Shows 21 pass from Manning (Brown kick)  
 UM (4:28 re 2nd) — Felts 23 pass from Manning (Brown kick)  
 UM (14:41 re 3rd) — Hindman 79 run (Brown kick)  
 UM (11:54 re 4th) — Bailey 70 interception return (Brown kick)  
 UM (9:09 re 4th) — FG Brown 46  
 UM (0:00 re 4th) — FG Brown 26

Team Statistics	UM	VT
First Downs	7	14
Rushes-yds.	46-185	60-330
Passing yds.	141	2
Passes	12-28-1	1-7-2
Punts-avg.	5-37.4	7-40.8
Fumbles-lost	3-2	5-3
Penalties-yds.	4-30	12-120

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Edwards 12-119, Smoot 21-91, Kincaid 15-55, Constantinides 4-45, Humphries 5-8, Tiberio 2-5, Longerbeam 1-7; UM, Hindman 15-121, Bowen 19-65, Felts 1-0, Manning 11-(-1).  
 Passing — VT, Kincaid 0-4-1-0, Humphries 1-3-1-2; UM, Manning 12-28-1-141.  
 Receiving — VT, Crigger 1-2; UM, Shows 6-70, Hindman 3-32, Felts 1-23, Bowen 1-8, Franks 1-8.



Tech's Kenny Edwards (33) heads to the end zone for a touchdown in the 1968 Liberty Bowl.

# 1981 Peach Bowl

## Miami 20, Virginia Tech 10

ATLANTA, Ga. —Explosive Miami of Florida fought off a gallant Virginia Tech comeback to defeat the Hokies, 20-10, in the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Peach Bowl game.

The Hurricanes scored two touchdowns in the first 16 minutes of the game and appeared to be on their way to an easy triumph after thwarting two Tech threats with interceptions at the goal line. The Hokies, however, had other ideas, holding 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Miami to just two field goals the rest of the way.

Over 14,000 Tech fans cheered the Hokies on as they closed the gap to 14-10. First, place-kicker Dennis Laury booted a Peach Bowl record-tying 42-yard field goal with just 29 seconds remaining in the first half. Then, midway through the third quarter, tailback Cyrus Lawrence capped an 80-yard Tech drive with a 1-yard scoring plunge. The big play in the drive was a 44-yard pass from

quarterback Steve Casey to tight end Rob Purdham.

Suddenly, the Hurricanes' lead was just four. But poor field position, penalties and the tough Miami defense prevented Tech from getting any closer.

Lawrence, who lost out in the most valuable offensive player voting to

UM quarterback Jim Kelly, rushed for 134 yards on 27 carries. Kelly completed 11 of 22 passes for 179 yards and a

touchdown.

The Hokie defense, which limited UM to six points after the 13:47 mark of the second quarter, was led by freshman linebacker Ashley Lee's 15 tackles. Safety Mike Scharnus contributed eight tackles and an interception, while end Robert Brown and linebacker Mike Johnson were in on eight tackles each.



January 2, 1981 • Atlanta, Ga.  
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium • Att: 45,384

Miami	7	7	3	3	—	20
Virginia Tech	0	3	7	0	—	10

UM (12:37 re 1st) — Brodsky 15 pass from Kelly (Miller kick)

UM (13:47 re 2nd) — Hobbs 12 run (Miller kick)

VT (0:29 re 2nd) — FG Laury 42

VT (8:52 re 3rd) — Lawrence 1 run (Laury kick)

UM (0:29 re 3rd) — FG Miller 31

UM (6:27 re 4th) — FG Miller 31

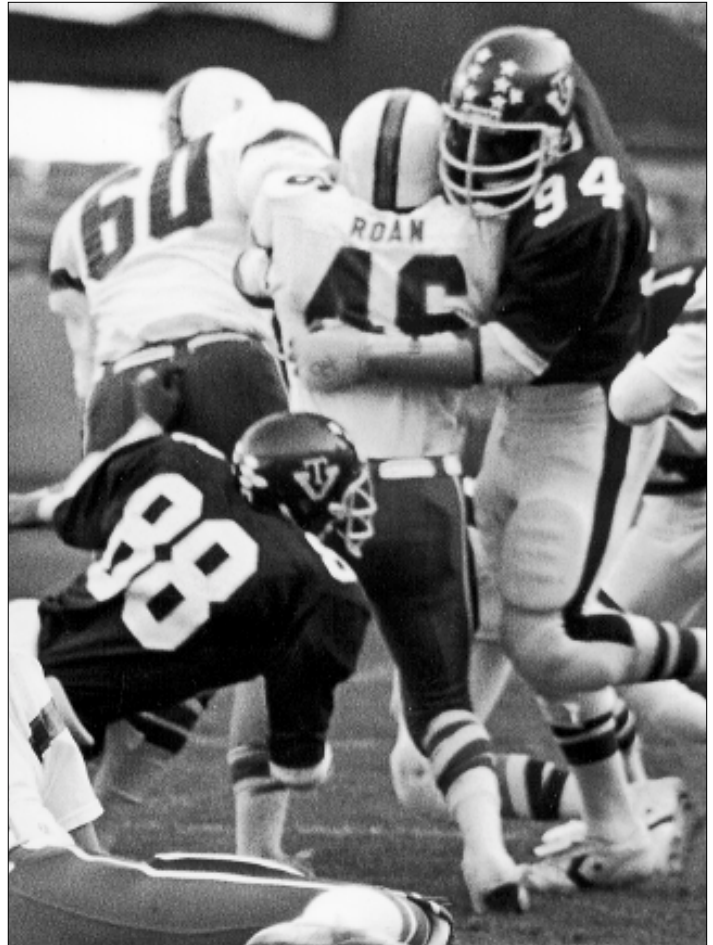
Team Statistics	UM	VT
First Downs	19	7
Rushes-yds.	40-157	50-180
Passing yds.	179	119
Total off.	336	299
Passes	11-22-1	9-24-2
Punts-avg.	5-37.0	6-38.1
Fumbles-lost	4-1	3-0
Penalties-yds.	6-66	7-72

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Lawrence 27-134, Dovel 9-41, Casey 13-8, Paige 1-(-3); UM, Roan 16-86, Hobbs 10-66, Neal 4-17, Rush 2-5, Jornea 2-1, Griffin 2-5, Kelly 5-(-21).

Passing — VT, Casey 9-23-1-119, Lawrence 0-1-1-0; UM, Kelly 11-22-1-179.

Receiving — VT, Purdham 2-56, Giacalone 2-30, Hite 2-15, McKee 1-8, Snell 1-8, Dovel 1-2; UM, Brodsky 4-80, Baratta 2-34, Belk 1-27, Walker 2-26, Rodriguez 1-7, Hobbs 1-5.



**Padro Phillips (94) and Ahsley Lee stop a Miami runner (above), while tailback Cyrus Lawrence (45) celebrates his 1-yard touchdown plunge that cut the Hurricanes' lead to 14-10 in the third quarter.**



# 1984 Independence Bowl

## Air Force 23, Virginia Tech 7

December 15, 1984 • Shreveport, La.  
Independence Stadium • Att: 41,100

SHREVEPORT, La. — Quarterback Bart Weiss got Air Force's wishbone attack going in the second half and led the Falcons to a 23-7 victory over Virginia Tech in the Independence Bowl.

Tech took a 7-3 lead in the first quarter on a 10-play, 72-yard drive that featured a 32-yard run by tailback Eddie Hunter. Maurice Williams, who alternated at the tailback spot with Hunter, capped the march with a 3-yard touchdown run.



The complexion of the game changed drastically midway through the second quarter when the Falcons forced and recovered a fumble at the Tech 3.

Halfback Jody Simmons took a pitchout to the left and put Air Force ahead.

The Hokies missed a great chance to regain the lead before the half, and found themselves trailing 10-7, despite having 192 yards of offense and 11 first downs to Air Force's 73 yards and three first downs.

The news got worse for Tech in the second half when Weiss got the Falcons' ground attack going. Neither team scored

in the third quarter, but Air Force controlled the football for all but eight plays of the quarter. The Falcons got a break in the fourth quarter when a halfback pass by Hunter was intercepted. From their own 38, the Falcons scored on a classic wishbone drive that ate up

Virginia Tech	7	0	0	0	—	7
Air Force	3	7	0	13	—	23

AF (6:05 re 1st) — FG Maetos 35  
VT (1:42 re 1st) — Williams 3 run (Wade kick)  
AF (8:50 re 2nd) — Simmons 3 run (Maetos kick)  
AF (6:00 re 4th) — Brown 2 run (Maetos kick)  
AF (2:08 re 4th) — Weiss 13 run (kick failed)

Team Statistics	VT	AF
First Downs	17	15
Rushes-yds.	42-207	55-221
Passing yds.	102	49
Total off.	309	270
Passes	11-26-2	6-7-0
Punts-avg.	4-40.0	6-42.5
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-yds.	11-112	4-30

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Hunter 12-75, Williams 12-60, M. Cox 10-33, Bowe 4-23, Becton 3-18, Greenwood 1-(-2); AF, Weiss 29-93, Evans 15-58, Simmons 5-27, Pittman 1-24, Brown 3-8, Knorr 1-6.

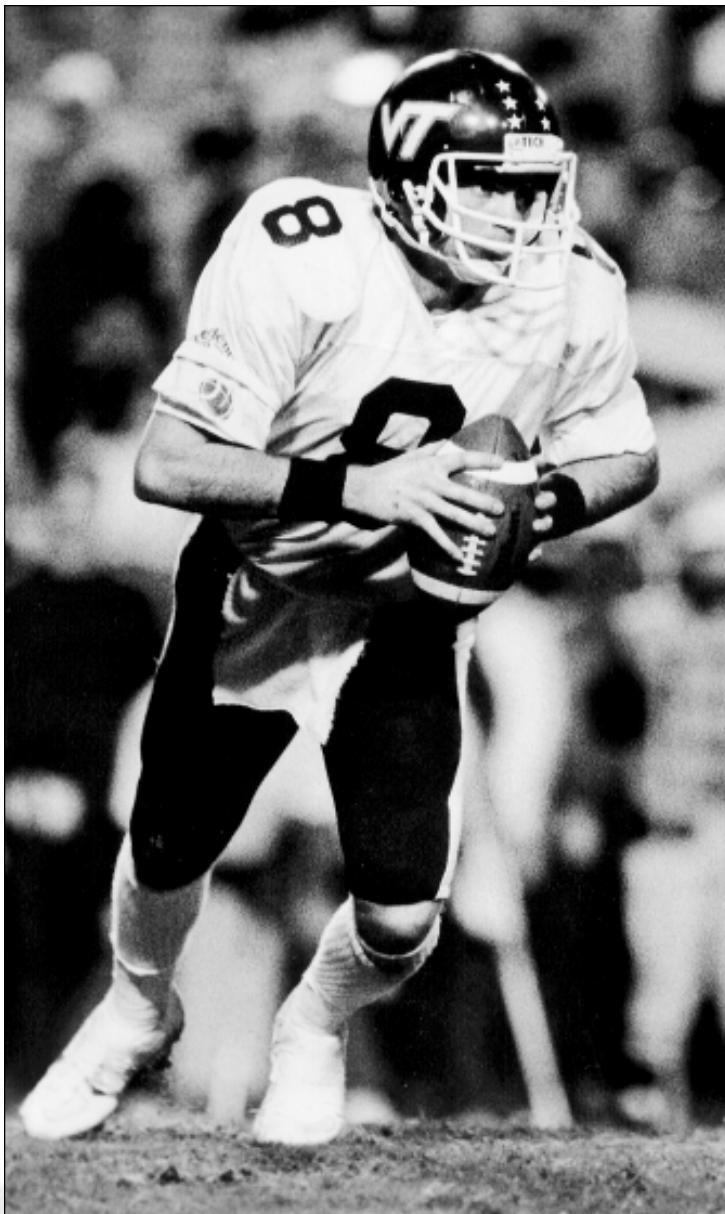
Passing — VT, M. Cox 6-17-1-50, Greenwood 5-8-0-52, Hunter 0-1-1-0; AF, Weiss 6-7-0-49.

Receiving — VT, Rider 4-45, Nelson 3-24, Jones 2-21, Howell 1-7, Bowe 1-5; AF, Simmons 2-7, Coleman 1-16, Fleming 1-14, Brennan 1-9, Brown 1-3.

seven minutes and put them ahead 17-7 with just six minutes remaining in the game.

Tech's comeback hopes ended when a fumble at its own 30 set up another Air Force score. Weiss, who was named the game's most valuable offensive player, put the finishing touches on the Falcons' win with a 13-yard touchdown run.

Tech linebacker Vince Daniels, who was credited with 15 tackles, was named the game's most valuable defensive player.



Quarterback Mark Cox (left) looks for running room in the 1984 Independence Bowl. Tech defenders (above) smother an Air Force ballcarrier.

# 1986 Peach Bowl

## Virginia Tech 25, N.C. State 24

ATLANTA, Ga. — Virginia Tech earned its first-ever bowl victory in dramatic fashion when Chris Kinzer's 40-yard field goal as time expired gave the Hokies a heart-stopping 25-24 comeback win over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

Tech started the winning drive at its own 20 with a full compliment of timeouts and 1:53 on the clock. Quarterback Erik Chapman moved the ball to the Tech 44 with a pair of first down

passes to tight end Steve Johnson. But another completion, followed by four running plays, left the Hokies facing a fourth-and-three at the State 37 with just 20 seconds left. Again it was Chapman to Johnson, this time for nine yards and a first down on the Wolfpack 28.

With 15 seconds left, Tech opted for a long pass. The Hokies were penalized for holding on the incompleting, moving the ball back to the 38. Chapman once again went to the air on a deep pattern to wingback David Everett. Another flag fell, but this time it was a 15-yard pass interference call against State.

The penalty moved the ball to the 23 with four seconds left. Out trotted Kinzer, whose field goals had already been the difference in five wins and a tie during the regular season. Earlier in the game, he had connected on a 46-yarder, the second longest in Peach Bowl history at the time.

The Wolfpack called a time out, but anyone who knew Kinzer knew it would not matter. Although flattened on his follow through, the Tech kicker was right on target as the final second disappeared in what had been one of the wildest and most exciting finishes in any bowl game.

Tech's last-minute comeback was actually the Hokies' second rally of the game. At one point, State led 21-10 with just six minutes left in the third quarter. The Tech defense turned the tide by

forcing fumbles on two consecutive Wolfpack possessions. Both times the Hokies were able to capitalize on State's mistakes, with Chapman directing the team to a pair of touchdowns. Chapman's 6-yard touchdown pass to Johnson with 9:36 remaining in the game put Tech on top, 22-21.



State put together its only scoring drive of the second half to regain the lead on a Mike Cofer field goal with

7:12 left in the game. Then, after halting a Tech drive, the 'Pack threatened to put the game away when Kelly Hollodick faked a punt and ran for a crucial first down at the Hokie 35.

Linebacker Jamel Agemy kept Tech's hopes alive with back-to-back tackles behind the line. Two plays later State was forced to punt, and the Hokies began their winning drive. Just seconds after Kinzer's kick cleared the goalpost, thousands of Tech fans stormed the field to celebrate.

December 31, 1986 • Atlanta, Ga.  
Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium • Att: 53,668

Virginia Tech	10	0	6	9	—	25
N.C. State	7	14	0	3	—	24

VT (11:04 re 1st) — Hunter 1 run (Kinzer kick)  
NCSU (6:41 re 1st) — Bulluck recover blocked punt in end zone (Cofer kick)  
VT (1:06 re 1st) — FG Kinzer 46  
NCSU (8:55 re 2nd) — Worthen 25 pass from Kramer (Cofer kick)  
NCSU (4:31 re 2nd) — Britt 5 pass from Kramer (Cofer kick)  
VT (0:33 re 3rd) — Williams 1 run (pass failed)  
VT (9:36 re 4th) — Johnson 6 pass from Chapman (run failed)  
NCSU (7:12 re 4th) — FG Cofer 33  
VT (0:00 re 4th) — FG Kinzer 40

Team Statistics	VT	NCSU
First Downs	29	16
Rushes-yds.	60-287	37-132
Passing yds.	200	155
Total off.	487	287
Passes	20-30-2	12-19-0
Return yds.	14	15
Punts-avg.	2-34.0	5-42.0
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-yds.	5-51	3-25

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Hunter 22-113, Williams 16-129, Jones 7-32, Donnelly 3-10, Everett 1-6, Chapman 11(-)-3; NCSU, Crite 14-101, Crumpler 9-21, Hollodick 1-5, Kramer 10-4, Harris 4-1.  
Passing — VT, Chapman 20-30-2-200; NCSU, Kramer 12-19-0-155.  
Receiving — VT, S. Johnson 6-54, M. Williams 4-39, Snell 4-37, Hunter 2-34, Donnelly 2-19, Everett 1-12, Richardson 1-5; NCSU, Worthen 5-70, Jeffries 3-44, Crumpler 2-27, F. Harris 1-9, Britt 1-5.



Chris Kinzer boots the last-second field goal that gave Tech its first-ever bowl victory.

# 1993 Independence Bowl

Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20

December 31, 1993 • Shreveport, La.  
Independence Stadium • Att: 33,819



Defensive end J.C. Price chases down the Indiana quarterback John Paci.

Virginia Tech	7	21	0	17	—	45
Indiana	7	6	0	7	—	20

IU (5:36 re 1st) — Lewis 75 pass from Paci (Manolopoulos kick)  
 VT (0:09 re 1st) — D. Thomas 13 pass from DeShazo (Williams kick)  
 VT (11:14 re 2nd) — Swarm 6 run (Williams kick)  
 IU (8:47 re 2nd) — FG Manolopoulos 26  
 IU (5:25 re 2nd) — FG Manolopoulos 40  
 VT (0:23 re 2nd) — Lewis 20 fumble return (Williams kick)  
 VT (0:00 re 2nd) — Banks 80 blocked FG return (Williams kick)  
 VT (9:37 re 4th) — Freeman 42 pass from DeShazo (Williams kick)  
 VT (9:21 re 4th) — Edwards 5 run (Williams kick)  
 VT (6:00 re 4th) — FG Williams 42  
 IU (4:26 re 4th) — Lewis 42 pass from Dittoe (Manolopoulos kick)

Team Statistics	VT	IU
First downs	17	11
Rushes-yds.	48-125	31-20
Passing yds.	193	276
Return yds.	38	61
Passes	19-33-2	17-37-2
Punts-avg.	8-39	7-38
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-yds.	8-84	7-55
Time of poss.	32:48	27:12
Sacks by	7-42	2-12

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Thomas 24-65, Swarm 9-40, Edwards 5-15, R. White 4-3, DeShazo 5-1, Druckenmiller 1-1; IU, Thurman 1-37, Chaney 11-34, Batts 3-10, Glover 3-6, Thomas 1-(-4), Paci 5-(-26), Dittoe 7-(-37).  
 Passing — VT, DeShazo 19-33-2-193; IU, Paci 10-22-1-171, Dittoe 7-14-1-105, DiGiulio 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving — VT, Freeman 5-66, Thomas 4-27, Burke 3-26, C. White 2-35, Sanders 2-15, Swarm 1-13, Edmonds 1-6, Still 1-5; IU, Lewis 6-177, Hales 2-49, Matthews 2-35, Glover 2-1, Chaney 2-(-1), Baety 1-9, Hobbs 1-4, Eggebrecht 1-2.

SHREVEPORT, La. — In a stunning turn of events, Virginia Tech scored two touchdowns in the final 35 seconds of the first half to spark an unforgettable 45-20 victory over No. 20 Indiana in the Poulan Weed Eater Independence Bowl.

Tech led the New Year's Eve bowl game by one point (14-13) just before the half, but Indiana was rallying. With 35 seconds left and the ball on the Tech 49, IU quarterback John Paci dropped back to pass and was hit by Hokie defenders George DelRicco and DeWayne Knight. The ball popped loose and eventually bounced into the hands of Tech end Lawrence Lewis who sprinted the final 20 yards to the end zone.

Suddenly, the Tech lead was 21-13 and the Hokies had a big momentum boost going into the locker room. But the half wasn't quite over.

Indiana returned the ensuing kickoff to the Tech 42, then Paci completed a 9-yard pass. The Hokies thought time expired and started trotting off the field. The officials ruled, however, that IU had called timeout with one second remaining.

The Hoosiers lined up for a 51-yard field goal. When the ball was snapped,

Tech's Jeff Holland pushed through the line and tipped the kick. The ball caromed in the air and Hokie defensive back Antonio Banks settled under it at the 20.

Banks started to his right, then reversed his field as blockers formed. A block by teammate Torrian Gray at the IU 15 cleared the last obstacle, and Banks strutted into the end zone untouched with an 80-yard return.

Just like that, the No. 22 Hokies sealed a win in their first bowl appearance of the Frank Beamer era. Tech's 21 points

were the most ever scored in the second quarter of the 18-year bowl game.

Tech quarterback Maurice DeShazo won the Outstanding Offensive Player award after completing 19 of 33 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns. One of his scoring tosses was a 42-yard strike to split end Antonio Freeman, who finished the day with five catches for 66 yards.

Banks, who had an interception, a fumble recovery and nine tackles to go with his touchdown return, was named the Outstanding Defensive Player. The Hokies were credited with seven quarterback sacks in the game and allowed an Independence Bowl record-low 11 first downs, including just six during the first three quarters.



A blocked field goal by Jeff Holland (74) led to a key 80-yard touchdown return for the Hokies.

# 1994 Gator Bowl

Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Quick-striking Tennessee got off to a big lead early and went on to defeat Virginia Tech, 45-23, in the transplanted Outback Steakhouse Gator Bowl game at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on the University of Florida campus.

Tech backed itself into a corner early, throwing an interception on the game's second play. The Volunteers kept the Hokies there with a variety of big plays that resulted in a 35-10 halftime advantage. Overall, UT had seven plays of 20 or more yards and a total of 495 yards of offense.

Tennessee capitalized on the early interception for its first touchdown, then got its second on a 36-yard scoring pass by quarterback Payton Manning — whose father, Archie, directed Mississippi to a bowl win over Tech in 1968. The Vols used a 75-yard end-around to set up their third TD and a 21-0 advantage just 17 minutes into the game.



When the Hokies finally got going, they piled up 426 yards of offense, including 237 yards through the air. Tech also got a game-high 102 yards rushing from tailback Dwayne Thomas. Thomas had a 1-yard burst for a touchdown in the second quarter and ran 27 yards to set up a third-quarter TD, which came on a 7-yard option run by quarterback Maurice DeShazo.

Any hopes the Hokies had of a second-half rally were erased by a dropped touchdown pass by a Tech receiver and a 5-yard TD run by Tennessee running back James Stewart. Stewart was named the game's MVP after running for three touchdowns and passing for another.

A contingent of 18,000-plus Tech fans were among the 62,200 spectators who made the trip from Jacksonville to Gainesville for the game. The site of the game was moved to Gainesville due to renovations being made to Gator Bowl Stadium after Jacksonville was awarded an NFL franchise.

December 30, 1994 • Gainesville, Fla.  
Ben Hill Griffin Stadium • Att: 62,200

Virginia Tech	0	10	6	7	—	23
Tennessee	14	21	0	10	—	45

UT (11:41 re 1st) — J. Stewart 1 run (Becksvoort kick)  
 UT (1:08 re 1st) — Nash 36 pass from Manning (Becksvoort kick)  
 UT (13:23 re 2nd) — Graham 1 run (Becksvoort kick)  
 VT (5:17 re 2nd) — Thomas 1 run (Williams kick)  
 UT (3:22 re 2nd) — J. Stewart 1 run (Becksvoort kick)  
 UT (2:13 re 2nd) — Jones 19 pass from J. Stewart (Becksvoort kick)  
 VT (0:03 re 2nd) — FG Williams 28  
 VT (7:03 re 3rd) — DeShazo 7 run (Williams kick)  
 UT (13:17 re 4th) — J. Stewart 5 run (Becksvoort kick)  
 UT (9:41 re 4th) — FG Becksvoort 19  
 VT (4:13 re 4th) — Still 9 pass from Druckenmiller (Williams kick)

Team Statistics	VT	UT
First downs	22	18
Rushes-yds.	43-189	47-245
Passing yds.	237	250
Return yds.	18	112
Passes	23-38-2	16-23-0
Punts-avg.	5-43	5-43
Fumbles-lost	5-1	0-0
Penalties-yds.	3-25	7-58
Time of poss.	29:05	30:55
Sacks by	2-16	0-0

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Thomas 19-102, DeShazo 11-39, Edmonds 5-29, Still 1-8, Oxendine 4-7, Parker 1-3, Edwards 1-1, Druckenmiller 1-0; UT, J. Stewart 22-87, Jones 1-76, B. Stewart 2-31, Graham 8-30, Manning 2-29, Pilow 5-4, Phillips 2-3, Nash 1-1, Ford 2-1, Kerney 1-0, Wheaton 1(-13).  
 Passing — VT, DeShazo 17-30-2-140, Druckenmiller 6-8-0-97; UT, Manning 12-19-0-189, B. Stewart 3-3-0-43, J. Stewart 1-1-0-19.  
 Receiving — VT, Still 5-79, Holmes 5-45, Freeman 4-30, Thomas 3-18, Oxendine 2-13, Martin 2-6, Jennings 1-41, Scales 1-5; UT, Kent 6-116, Nash 3-54, Jones 2-37, Phillips 1-14, Silvan 1-10, Horn 1-8, J. Stewart 1-7, Staley 1-4.



Eight Hokie defenders surround a Tennessee ballcarrier during the 1994 Gator Bowl game.



# 1995 Sugar Bowl

Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10

December 31, 1995 • New Orleans, La.  
Louisiana Superdome • Att: 70,283

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Virginia Tech scored one of the most stirring victories in the university's athletic history when it came from behind to defeat Texas, 28-10, in the 1995 Nokia Sugar Bowl.

A crowd of 70,283 at the Superdome saw Tech spot the favored Longhorns a 10-0 lead and then race back behind the sensational play of flanker Bryan Still. The momentum changed dramatically when Still returned a punt 60 yards for a Tech touchdown with 2:34 left in the first half. In the second half, it was more of the same.

Still caught a 27-yard pass from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller at the Texas 2-yard line to set up a touchdown run by Marcus Parker that put the Hokies ahead 14-10. Then, Still got behind the Texas defenders and pulled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from Druckenmiller. That play spelled doom for the Longhorns and helped earn Still the game's MVP award.

Tech's defense blitzed Texas into submission. Led by All-America end Cornell Brown, the Hokies sacked Texas quarterback James Brown five times and came up with three pass interceptions. The defense also accounted for Tech's last touchdown when a Brown sack forced a fumble that was picked up and returned 20 yards for a TD by tackle Jim Baron.

The Tech defense, No. 1 in the nation against the rush, held the Longhorns to 226 total yards. Texas stars Ricky Williams and Shon Mitchell were held to 62 and 57 yards, respectively.

Offensively, Tech finished the game with 371 yards of offense. Druckenmiller led the way, completing 18 of 34 passes for 266 yards. Still and tight end Bryan Jennings were each on the receiving end of six passes totaling 119 and 77 yards, respectively.

The win was the 10<sup>th</sup> straight for Tech, which earned the appearance with its first BIG EAST Conference championship. The Hokies had

Virginia Tech	0	7	7	14	—	28
Texas	7	3	0	0	—	10

UT (4:32 re 1st) — Fitzgerald 4 pass from Brown (Dawson kick)  
 UT (13:19 re 2nd) — FG Dawson 52  
 VT (2:34 re 2nd) — Still 60 punt return (Larsen kick)  
 VT (2:32 re 3rd) — Parker 2 run (Larsen kick)  
 VT (12:28 re 4th) — Still 54 pass from Druckenmiller (Larsen kick)  
 VT (5:08 re 4th) — Baron 20 fumble return (Larsen kick)

Team Statistics	VT	TEXAS
First Downs	20	15
Rushes-yds.	32-105	33-78
Passing yds.	266	148
Return yds.	84	42
Passes	18-24-1	14-37-3
Punts-avg.	8-37.0	9-40.0
Fumbles-lost	5-2	2-1
Penalties-yds.	11-99	9-91
Time of poss.	30:25	29:35
Sacks by	5-36	2-1

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, D. Thomas 15-62, Oxendine 8-31, Edmonds 3-10, Parker 2-4, Druckenmiller 3-1, Whipple 1-(-3); TEX, Williams 12-62, Mitchell 15-59, Brown 6-(-43).  
 Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 18-34-1-266; TEX, Brown 14-36-3-148, McLemore 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving — VT, Still 6-119, Jennings 6-77, Holmes 2-30, Edmonds 2-16, White 1-16, Parker 1-8; TEX, M. Adams 6-92, Fitzgerald 3-21, Davis 2-27, Williams 1-6, McGarity 1-1, Mitchell 1-1.

tremendous fan support at the game. The Tech Ticket Office sold its complete allotment of 15,000 tickets in just four days; it was estimated that nearly 25,000 Tech fans were on hand for the victory.



**Sugar Bowl MVP Bryan Still hauls in a touchdown pass (above). William Yarborough and George DelRicco (right) drag down Texas running back Ricky Williams, part of the Longhorns' renowned BMW offense.**



# 1996 Orange Bowl

## Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

MIAMI, Fla. — Virginia Tech's second venture into Bowl Alliance territory wasn't as successful as the first, but the Hokies' 41-21 loss to power-packed Nebraska, was much closer than the final score indicated.

Nebraska out-gained Tech by just seven yards, 415 to 408, in total offense and managed to lead by only three points with less than one minute remaining in the third quarter. In the end, it was the Nebraska depth that wore down the Hokies.

A crowd of 51,212 at Pro Player Stadium saw Tech quarterback Jim Druckenmiller throw three touchdown passes despite a fierce rush by the Cornhusker defenders. Tech opened the scoring with 3:14 left in the first quarter when Marcus Parker scored on a 19-yard screen pass from Druckenmiller.

Nebraska answered with a 25-yard field goal by Kris Brown and a 5-yard scoring run by quarterback Scott Frost. Then came the play that may have been

most crucial in the Hokies' defeat. Druckenmiller fumbled when hit and Nebraska's Jason Peter scooped up the ball and ran 31 yards into the end zone.

That made the score 17-7, Nebraska.

Tech came right back, scoring with just 19 seconds left in the half on a 6-yard pass from Druckenmiller to Shawn Scales, who took the ball away from a Cornhusker defender. The score was 24-21 in favor of Nebraska after Druckenmiller's 33-yard scoring pass to Cornelius White late in the third quarter. But

Nebraska then salted the victory away, scoring the final 17 points.

Tailback Ken Oxendine was voted Tech's Most Valuable Player after running for 150 yards on 20 carries — the fifth-best individual rushing performance in the bowl's history. Druckenmiller wound up completing 16 of 33 passes for 214 yards. The Hokies' top defensive player was safety Torrian Gray who had a total of 12 tackles.



December 31, 1996 • Miami, Fla.  
Pro Player Stadium • Att: 51,212

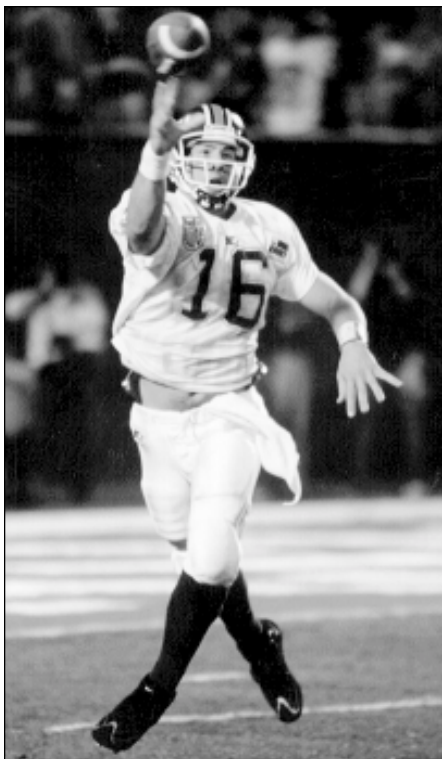
Virginia Tech	7	7	7	0	—	21
Nebraska	0	17	14	10	—	41

VT (3:14 re 1st) — Parker 19 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 UN (13:25 re 2nd) — FG Brown 25  
 UN (9:14 re 2nd) — Frost 5 run (Brown kick)  
 UN (3:36 re 2nd) — Peter 31 fumble ret (Brown kick)  
 VT (0:19 re 2nd) — Scales 6 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
 UN (9:54 re 3rd) — Benning 33 run (Brown kick)  
 VT (4:58 re 3rd) — White 33 pass from Druckenmiller (Graham kick)  
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 UN (3:26 re 4th) — Frost 22 run (Brown kick)

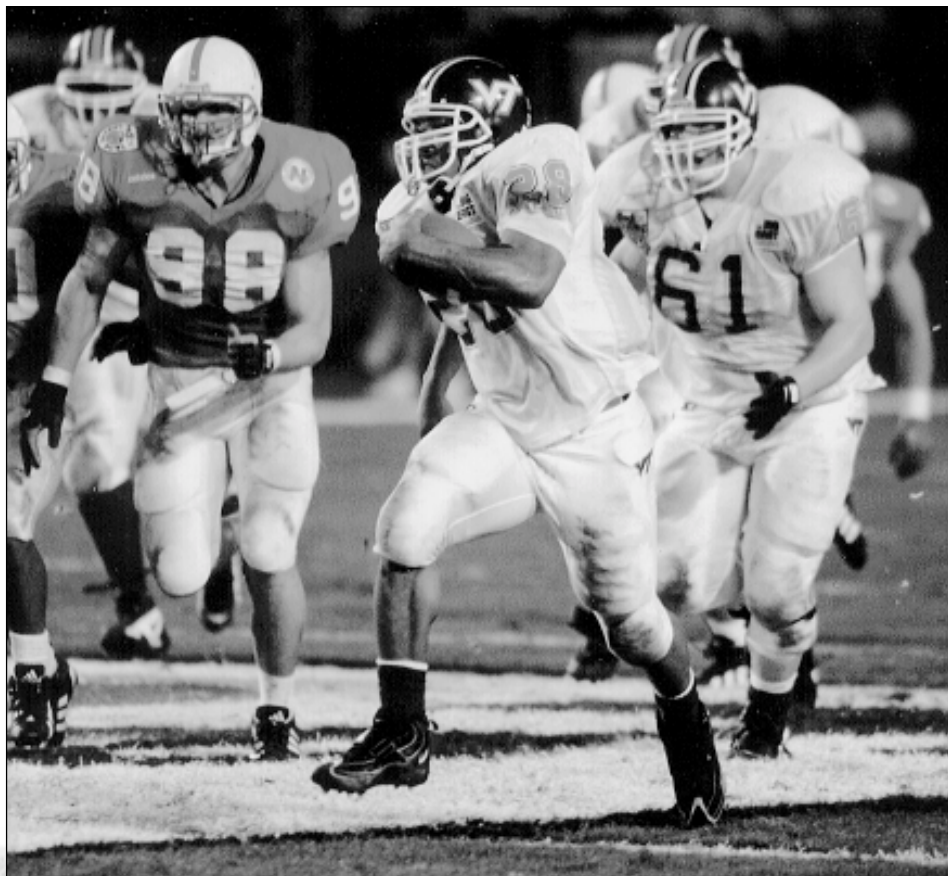
Team Statistics	VT	UN
First downs	22	25
Rushes-yds.	39-193	49-279
Passing yds.	214	136
Return yds.	95	147
Passes	16-33-0	11-22-0
Punts-avg.	5-34	2-45
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yds.	5-89	3-16
Time of poss.	31:02	28:58
Sacks by	0-0	3-24

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Oxendine 20-150, Parker 8-22, Druckenmiller 9-18, Stith 2-3; UN, Benning 15-95, Frost 9-62, Green 7-52, Sims 8-48, Makovicka 4-12, Turman 2-8, Schuster 4-2.  
 Passing — VT, Druckenmiller 16-33-0-214; UN, Frost 11-22-0-136.  
 Receiving — VT, Jennings 4-58, Oxendine 3-60, Parker 3-28, White 2-38, Stuewe 2-23, Scales 2-7; UN, Wiggins 3-36, Lake 2-27, Cheatham 1-23, Brown 1-23, S. Jackson 1-11, V. Jackson 1-9, Holbein 1-5, Benning 1-2.



**Jim Druckenmiller (above) threw three TD passes against Nebraska and Ken Oxendine (right) ran for 150 yards in the 1996 Orange Bowl.**





# 1998 Gator Bowl

## North Carolina 42, Virginia Tech 3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Highly-rated North Carolina outplayed Virginia Tech in every phase of the game to score a 42-3 victory in the Toyota Gator Bowl game at Alltel Stadium.

The Tar Heels, ranked seventh by the AP and fifth by the coaches, impressed a crowd of 54,116 by passing for 318 yards and grinding out 124 more yards on the ground. Tech, meanwhile, was held to a total of 185 yards, its lowest total of the season.

Two of Carolina's first-half touchdowns came on defensive plays. The Tar Heels blocked a punt in the first quarter and Dré Bly returned it six yards for a touchdown. Then in the second period, Tech quarterback Al Clark fumbled in the end zone and Greg Ellis fell on it for another UNC touchdown.

The Hokies never could get their offense on track, losing three of their six fumbles. Tech's only points came on a 40-yard field goal by Shayne Graham late in the third quarter.



Clark, recovering from a postseason knee operation, had to give way to reserve Nick Sorensen at the start of the second half. Sorensen went on to be voted Tech's Player of the Game by the media.

Tech was the winner in one

category. For the fifth straight year, Hokie fan support far exceeded that of their bowl opponent. The Hokies sold almost twice as many tickets as the Tar Heels.

January 1, 1998 • Jacksonville, Fla.  
Alltel Stadium • Att: 54,116

Virginia Tech	0	0	3	0	—	3
North Carolina	16	6	6	14	—	42

UNC (9:15 re 1st) — FG McGee 29  
 UNC (6:07 re 1st) — Barnes 62 pass from Keldorf (McGee kick)  
 UNC (1:03 re 1st) — Bly 6 blocked punt return (kick failed)  
 UNC (14:53 re 2nd) — Ellis fumble recovery in end zone (pass failed)  
 UNC (9:43 re 3rd) — Linton 1 run (kick failed)  
 VT (4:37 re 3rd) — FG Graham 40  
 UNC (14:55 re 4th) — Barnes 14 pass from Keldorf (McGee kick)  
 UNC (5:01 re 4th) — Carrick 4 pass from Keldorf (McGee kick)

Team Statistics	VT	UNC
First downs	14	18
Rushes-yds.	40-95	37-109
Passing yds.	90	318
Return yds.	11	25
Passes	13-25-0	18-29-0
Punts-avg.	6-30.8	3-40.3
Fumbles-lost	6-3	0-0
Penalties-yds.	4-36	6-61
Time of poss.	30:29	29:31
Sacks by	2-9	5-40

### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Oxendine 10-39, Scales 1-29, Pegues 7-27, Sorensen 10-19, Parker 4-2, Hawkins 1-1, Clark 7-(-22); UNC, Linton 20-68, Geter 7-25, D. Williams 5-24, Keldorf 5-(-8).

Passing — VT, Clark 9-17-0-66, Sorensen 4-8-0-24; UNC, Keldorf 17-28-0-290, Schmitz 1-1-0-28.

Receiving — VT, Parker 4-32, Stuewe 2-24, Harrison 4-21, Scales 1-13, Ellison 1-3, Oxendine 1-(-3). UNC, Barnes 3-89, Linton 6-81, Crumpler 5-77, N. Brown 2-39, Simmons 1-28, Carrick 1-4.



**Tech fans take over Jacksonville (above) for a Gator Bowl pep rally on New Year's Eve. The Hokies are well known for their tremendous bowl following, and for the fifth straight year, took more fans to a bowl game than their opponent. Tech defenders track down a Tarheel (right) at Alltel Stadium.**



# 1998 Music City Bowl

Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7

Dec. 29, 1998 • Nashville, Tenn.  
Vanderbilt Stadium • Att: 41,600



**Al Clark got the Hokies on the board early with this 43-yard touchdown run.**

Virginia Tech	7	3	14	14	—	38
Alabama	0	7	0	0	—	7

VT (12:25 re 1st) — Clark 43 run (Graham kick)  
 UA (9:13 re 2nd) — Vaughn 5 pass from Zow (Pflugner kick)  
 VT (6:41 re 2nd) — FG Graham 44  
 VT (8:16 re 3rd) — Pegues 1 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (5:08 re 3rd) — Stith 4 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (13:31 re 4th) — Pegues 1 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (7:33 re 4th) — Midget 27 interception return (Graham kick)

Team Statistics	VT	UA
First downs	15	15
Rushes-yds	43-207	32-50
Passing yds.	71	224
Return yds.	78	-3
Passes	7-14-1	19-35-3
Punts-avg.	3-46.7	6-29.0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yds.	5-31	10-94
Time of poss.	23:43	36:17
Sacks by	3-13	4-27

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — VT, Stith 10-71, Clark, 9-55, Pegues 15-41, Kendrick 3-27, Harrison 1-9, Ward 2-4, J. Ferguson 3-0; UA, Alexander 21-55, McClintock 3-3, Zow 8-(-8).  
 Passing — VT, Clark 7-14-71-1; UA, Zow 19-35-224-3.  
 Receiving — VT, Harrison 2-11, J. Ferguson 1-14, Stith 1-9, Hall 1-20, E. Johnson 1-8, Pegues 1-9; UA Alexander 8-87, Vaughn 3-55, Milons 2-17, Jackson 2-20, Hall 2-14, Bowens 1-16, Locke 1-15.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A sellout crowd of 41,600, who braved freezing rain and a wind chill that dipped to 14 degrees, watched as Virginia Tech beat Alabama, 38-7, in the inaugural American General Music City Bowl in Nashville.

The win was Tech's first-ever football victory against Alabama, snapping a 10-game losing streak against the Crimson Tide. The winning margin was the largest ever in a bowl game for the Hokies, while the losing margin was the second-worst in a bowl game for the Tide.

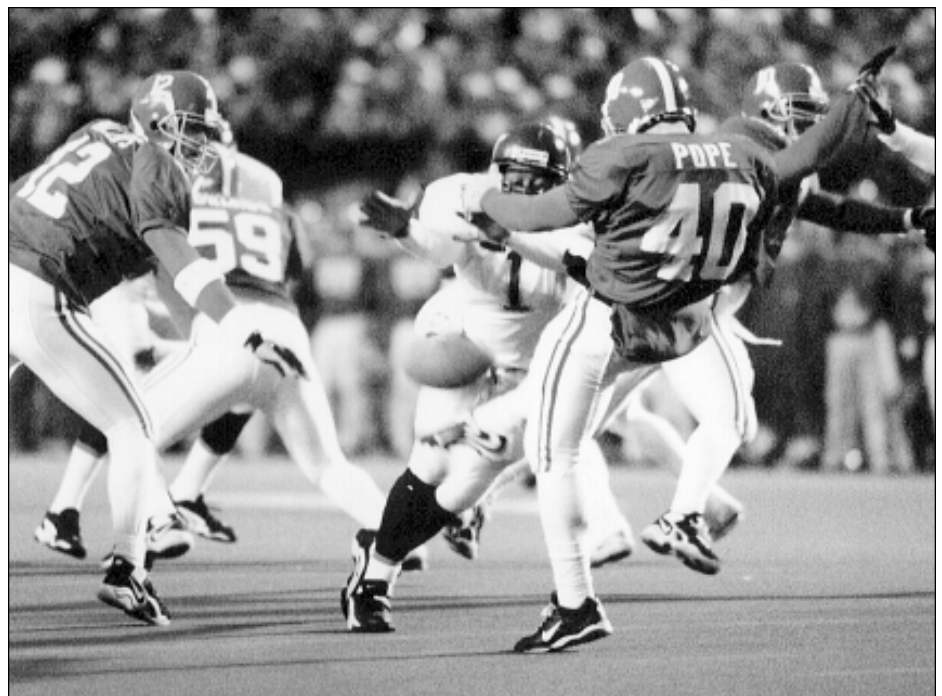
Quarterback Al Clark got Tech off to a quick start with a 43-yard touchdown run on the fourth play of the game. But for the rest of the first half, the Hokies failed to take advantage of opportunities. A 44-yard Shayne Graham field goal near the end of the second quarter enabled Tech to take a 10-7 lead at halftime.

Things changed dramatically for the Hokies in the second half as they began to make the most of every opportunity, thanks in large part to the play of defensive end Corey Moore.

Moore forced Alabama quarterback Andrew Zow to throw an interception to

Tech linebacker Phillip Summers early in the third quarter. That led to a 1-yard touchdown run by Lamont Pegues, which gave the Hokies a 17-7 lead. Moore then blocked an Alabama punt to set up another Tech rushing touchdown — this time a 4-yard burst by Shyrone Stith.

Tech polished things off in the fourth quarter. The Hokies recovered a fumbled punt at the Alabama 19 and marched in for another TD by Pegues. Tech defensive back Anthony Midget put the finishing touches on with a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown.



**Tech blocked two punts against the Crimson Tide, including this one by Keion Carpenter.**



# National Championship 2000 Sugar Bowl

## Florida State 46, Virginia Tech 29

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Playing on the biggest stage in school history — the national championship game — Virginia Tech proved it belonged among the nation's elite, but fell short in its drive to capture the coveted national crown. In the end, the Hokies simply could not overcome their own mistakes and the big plays of the Florida State Seminoles during a 46-29 loss in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

In one of the best championship games in recent history, Tech rallied from a 21-point first-half deficit to take the lead from the top-ranked Seminoles going into the fourth quarter. The Hokies had the momentum of 22-straight points heading into the final



period, but that momentum turned in FSU's favor on a crucial fourth-and-one play with just over 14 minutes remaining in the game.

The Seminoles picked up the first down and went on to take the lead with a touchdown at the 12:59 mark. A Tech fumble led to an FSU field goal less than three minutes later, and the Seminoles iced the game with another TD with 7:42 remaining.

Tech showed no fear against its highly-touted opponent, driving 76 yards to the FSU 4 on its first possession of the game only to fumble. It was the first of several costly mistakes. Florida State scored on a blocked punt and a punt return on the way to building a 28-7 lead.

Sensational freshman quarterback Michael Vick directed an 80-yard scoring drive just before the half to get the Hokies closer at 28-14. Tech added 15 more points in the third quarter to go ahead, 29-28.

Vick accounted for 323 yards of total offense. He constantly avoided FSU's rush with a dazzling display of footwork that led to 97 yards rushing and a touchdown. Vick added 225-yards passing and another TD.



**Michael Vick (above) wowed the nation with his performance in the national championship game against Florida State. Great plays such as Anthony Midget's interception (right) had the Hokies leading going into the fourth quarter.**



January 4, 2000 • New Orleans, La.  
Louisiana Superdome • Att: 79,280

Virginia Tech	7	7	15	0	—	29
Florida State	14	14	0	18	—	46

FSU (3:22 re 1st) — Warrick 64 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)  
 FSU (2:14 re 1st) — Chaney 6 blocked punt return (Janikowski kick)  
 VT (0:30 re 1st) — Davis 49 pass from Vick (Graham kick)  
 FSU (13:45 re 2nd) — Dugans 63 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)  
 FSU (11:40 re 2nd) — Warrick 59 punt return (Janikowski kick)  
 VT (0:37 re 2nd) — Vick 3 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (7:54 re 3rd) — FG Graham 23  
 VT (5:57 re 3rd) — Kendrick 29 run (Graham kick)  
 VT (2:13 re 3rd) — Kendrick 6 run (Graham kick)  
 FSU (12:59 re 4th) — Dugans 14 pass from Weinke (Warrick pass from Weinke)  
 FSU (10:26 re 4th) — FG Janikowski 32  
 FSU (7:42 re 4th) — Warrick 43 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)

Team Statistics	VT	FSU
First downs	24	15
Rushes-yds.	52-278	23-30
Passing yds.	225	329
Return yds.	88	80
Passes	15-29-0	20-34-1
Punts-avg.	6-29	7-44
Fumbles-lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-yds.	6-65	7-59
Time of poss.	36:25	23:35
Sacks by	4-31	7-37

#### Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Vick 23-97, Kendrick 12-69, Stith 11-68, Davis 1-16, Johnson 1-12, Sorensen 1-7, Ferguson 1-5, Hawkins 1-4, Graham 1-0; FSU, Chaney 4-43, Minor 9-39, Team 3-(-7), Weinke 7-(-41).  
 Passing — VT, Vick 15-29-0-225; FSU, Weinke 20-34-1-329.  
 Receiving — VT, Davis 7-108, Hawkins 2-49, Kendrick 2-27, Johnson 1-23, Wynn 1-7, Ferguson 1-6, Carter 1-5; FSU, Warrick 6-163, Dugans 5-99, Minnis 2-25, Minor 2-23, Morgan 2-10, Chaney 2-5, Boldin 1-4.

Tech out-gained the Seminoles, 503 yards to 359, but 170 of FSU's total yards came on three long touchdown passes.

# 2001 Gator Bowl

Virginia Tech 41, Clemson 20

## A Trouncing of Tigers Puts Tech at 11-1 for Second Straight Year

A drive through the city of Jacksonville the week after Christmas revealed scores of Clemson fans with the Tiger paws emblem stuck on their cars, emblazoned on their T-shirts and sweatshirts and tattooed on their faces.

Yet on the field at Alltel Stadium, it was the Hokies who left the largest imprints.

Thanks to big plays from a Michael Vick-led offense and a strong defensive performance, Virginia Tech exorcised its Jacksonville demons and rang in the new year by defeating Clemson 41-20 in front of 68,741 fans at the 56th annual Gator Bowl.

With the win, Tech snapped its two-game losing streak in Gator Bowl games. Tech's two previous trips to the Gator Bowl resulted in blowouts to Tennessee and North Carolina by a combined score of 87-26. The Hokies' 42-3 loss to the Tar Heels in 1998 marked the school's worst bowl loss and the worst loss under head coach Frank Beamer.

"I wasn't going home feeling the way I felt that night," said tailback André Kendrick, a redshirt senior who played in the now infamous game. "That was embarrassing. I just wanted to win this one. I didn't care how."

"After the way we played the last two times, if we didn't do better this time, the Gator Bowl people weren't going to have us back," said Beamer, who improved to 4-4 in bowl games. "We weren't as consistent as we'd have liked, but overall our defense played well and came up with some big plays, and offensively we got some big plays. It was a great win and a great start to next year."

Tech finished the season 11-1, marking the first time in school history the Hokies have finished consecutive seasons with an 11-1 record. The Hokies ended up ranked sixth in both the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll and The Associated Press poll.

Tech certainly played like it from the opening kickoff. The Hokies held Clemson to three-and-out on the Tigers' first

possession, forcing them to punt. Clemson snapper Henry Owen, though, tossed back a poor snap to Jamie Somaini and Somaini was tackled for a loss at the Clemson 23.

The Hokies then took advantage of the great field position. On their first play, quarterback Michael Vick hit fullback Jarrett Ferguson with a perfect strike up the middle and Ferguson coasted into the end zone for the touchdown. The extra point gave Tech a 7-0 lead.

Vick accounted for Tech's second touchdown as well.

Near the end of the first quarter, the redshirt sophomore

led the Hokies on a 59-yard march that ended with him scoring on a 6-yard run - on third-and-goal - with 1:08 left in the quarter.

Vick finished the game with 224 yards of total offense and earned the game's most valuable player award. He completed 10 of 18 passes — and had at least four dropped — for 205 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. He averaged more than 20 yards per completion.

"We were going to take our shots," said Vick. "If they were going to play us man, then we were going for it and it panned out for us. We were able to catch them in the right defense a couple times."

Clemson sliced into Tech's lead in the second quarter. Clemson's ever elusive quarterback, Woody Dantzler, hit tailback Travis Zachery for a 23-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to seven and then the Tigers took advantage of a Vick fumble, cutting the lead to 14-10 on a 28-yard field goal by kicker Aaron Hunt.

But the Hokies answered, getting three plays for 45 yards or more and all three led to touchdowns.

A 49-yard pass play from Vick to Kendrick on third-and-2 put the Hokies at the Clemson 4, and two plays later, tailback Lee Suggs scored from the 3. The extra point capped a seven-play, 78-yard drive and gave the Hokies a 21-10 lead that they took into the locker room at halftime.



January 1, 2001 • Jacksonville, Fla.  
Alltel Stadium • Att: 68,741

Clemson	0	10	3	7	—	20
Virginia Tech	14	7	13	7	—	41

VT (13:23 re 1st) — Ferguson 23 pass from Vick (Warley kick)  
 VT (1:08 re 1st) — Vick 6 run (Warley kick)  
 CU (2:34 re 2nd) — Zachery 23 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick)  
 CU (5:45 re 2nd) — Hunt 28 FG  
 VT (2:26 re 2nd) — Suggs 3 run (Warley kick)  
 VT (12:19 re 3rd) — Suggs 1 run (kick failed)  
 CU (7:19 re 3rd) — Hunt 26 FG  
 VT (5:14 re 3rd) — Ferguson 5 run (Warley kick)  
 CU (7:19 re 4th) — Gardner 23 pass from Simmons (Hunt kick)  
 VT (3:41 re 4th) — Suggs 5 run (Warley kick)

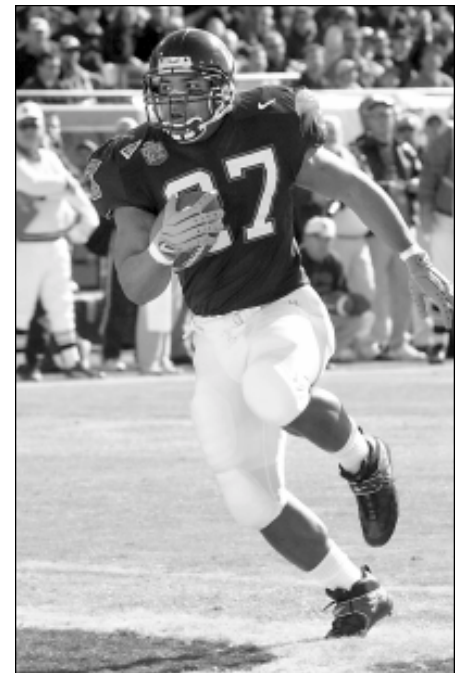
Team Stats	VT	CU
First downs	19	21
Rushes-yds.	47-211	35-88
Passing yds.	205	243
Return yds.	31	0
Passes	10-18-1	21-44-2
Punts-avg.	2-32.0	5-38.4
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-yds.	2-20	7-50
KO ret.-yds.	4-96	5-94
Interceptions-yds.	2-27	1-0
Time of poss.	31:36	28:24
3rd downs	5 of 11	5 of 16
4th downs	0 of 1	1 of 3
Sacks by	6-28	2-22

#### Individual Leaders

**Rushing** — VT, Suggs 20-73, Kendrick 4-52, Ferguson 6-26, Ward 4-24, Vick 9-19, Burnell 1-6, Hawkins 2-6, Johnson 1-5; CU, Dantzler 18-81, Zachery 5-15, Rambert 4-7, Kelly 2-3, team 1-(-8), Simmons 5-(-10).

**Passing** — VT, Vick 10-18-1-205; CU, Dantzler 15-32-1-180, Simmons 6-12-1-63.

**Receiving** — VT, A. Davis 2-70, Kendrick 2-55, Wynn 2-27, Ferguson 1-23, Hawkins 1-14, Wilford 1-9, Johnson 1-7; CU, R. Gardner 7-94, Watts 4-59, Zachery 2-25, Robinson 2-25, Kelly 3-22, Rambert 2-14, Youngblood 1-4.



Jarrett Ferguson scored on the Hokies' first offensive play, and Tech never looked back.



**The Tech defense harrassed Clemson and Tiger QB Woody Dantzler all game long.**

Then after halftime, on Tech's first possession, Vick hit André Davis for a 55-yard gain to the Clemson 1 and Suggs scored from a yard out on the next play — his second of three scores on the day. The missed extra point by Carter Warley left Tech with a 27-10 lead.

Another Clemson field goal made the score 27-13, but the Hokies answered with another big play and another touchdown. A 45-yard run by Kendrick got the Hokies into Clemson territory, and four plays later, Ferguson polished off the drive — and the Tigers — with a 5-yard touchdown run.

"It seemed like they were packing the middle, trying to take away our power game," Kendrick said. "By us getting to the outside and being one-on-one with the defensive backs, that works to our advantage. When you've got backs like Lee Suggs and myself, we can take advantage of that."

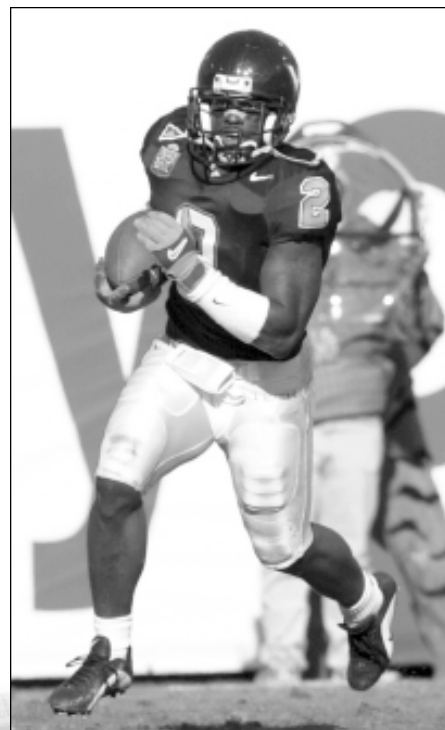
On the other side of the ball, Tech kept Dantzler on the run — backwards — all day long. The Hokies held Clemson to 88 yards rushing, sacked Clemson's quarterbacks six times and picked off two passes. Dantzler completed just 15 of 32 passes for 180 yards and one touchdown, with one interception. Dantzler rushed for 81 yards on 18 carries, but Tech kept him from making the big play. His longest run was 27 yards.

"They really spread you out and want to run the ball," Beamer said. "You've got to make them throw the football. Their backs and Dantzler are good, so you have to keep them in there and make them throw it and I thought we did that."

"Overall, you have to give our defense credit. Clemson had some opportunities and our defense stepped up."



**Jake Houseright broke up this pass play (above). Ronyell Whitaker (right) returns an interception of Woody Dantzler for 27 yards — tying the Tech record for longest interception return in a bowl game.**



# Bowl Superlatives



**André Kendrick set the Tech record for kickoff return yards in the 2001 Gator Bowl, and set the record for longest kickoff return in the 2000 Sugar Bowl.**

- LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE:** 77 yds., tb Maurice Williams vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 79 yds., tb Steve Hindman, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)
- LONGEST PASS COMPLETION:** 55 yds., qb Michael Vick to fl André Davis vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 75 yds., qb John Paci to fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence (TD)
- LONGEST PUNT RETURN:** 60 yds., Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar (TD)  
Opponent: 59 yds., Peter Warrick, Florida State, 2000 Sugar (TD)
- LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:** 63 yds., André Kendrick vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar  
Opponent: 51 yds., Jermaine Chaney, Indiana, 1993 Independence
- LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN:** 27 yds., cb Anthony Midget vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City (TD);  
cb Ronyell Whitaker vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 70 yds., mon Robert Bailey, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)
- LONGEST PUNT:** 62 yds., Gene Fisher vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty  
Opponent: 63 yds., Mark Simon, Air Force, 1984 Independence
- LONGEST FIELD GOAL:** 46 yds., Chris Kinzer vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 52 yds., Phil Dawson, Texas, 1995 Sugar
- MOST RUSHING CARRIES:** 27, tb Cyrus Lawrence vs. Miami, 1981 Peach  
Opponent: 29, qb Bart Weiss, Air Force, 1984 Independence
- MOST RUSHING YARDS:** 150, tb Ken Oxendine vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange  
Opponent: 121, tb Steve Hindman, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
- MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS:** 3, tb Lee Suggs vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 3, James Stewart, Tennessee, 1994 Gator
- MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS:** 34, Jim Druckenmiller, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 36 James Brown, Texas, 1995 Sugar
- MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS:** 20, Erik Chapman vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 20, Chris Weinke, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- MOST PASSING YARDS:** 266, Jim Druckenmiller vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 329, Chris Weinke, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES THROWN:** 3, Jim Druckenmiller vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange  
Opponent: 4, Chris Weinke, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- MOST RECEPTIONS:** 7, fl André Davis vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar  
Opponent: 7, wr Rod Gardner, Clemson, 2001 Gator
- MOST YARDS ON RECEPTIONS:** 119, fl Bryan Still vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 177, fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence
- MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY RECEPTIONS:** 1, 10 different players  
Opponent: 2, fl Thomas Lewis, Indiana, 1993 Independence; wr Octavus Barnes, North Carolina, 1998 Gator; wr Peter Warrick, Florida State, 2000 Sugar; wr Ron Dugans, Florida State, 2000 Sugar

- MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE:** 322, qb Michael Vick vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar  
Opponent: 288, qb Chris Weinke, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- MOST POINTS:** 18, tb Lee Suggs vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 20, wr Peter Warrick, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- MOST FIELD GOALS MADE:** 2, Chris Kinzer vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach  
Opponent: 2, Van Brown, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty; Dan Miller, Miami, 1981 Peach; Bill Manolopoulos, Indiana, 1993 Independence; Kris Brown, Nebraska, 1996 Orange; Aaron Hunt, Clemson, 2001 Gator
- MOST TACKLES:** 15, lb Ashley Lee vs. Miami, 1981 Peach; lb Vince Daniels vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence  
Opponent: 17, lb Pat Teague, N.C. State, 1986 Peach
- MOST INTERCEPTIONS:** 2, db Floyd Bowles vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun; rov Torrian Gray vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar  
Opponent: 1, 17 different players
- MOST INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS:** 27, cb Anthony Midget vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City;  
cb Ronyell Whitaker vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 70, mon Robert Bailey, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
- MOST KICKOFF RETURN YARDS:** 96, André Kendrick vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator  
Opponent: 89, Troy Russell, N.C. State, 1986 Peach
- MOST PUNT RETURN YARDS:** 88, Ike Charlton vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar  
Opponent: 89, Shawn Summers, Tennessee, 1994 Gator
- BEST PUNTING AVERAGE:** 46.7 yds., Jimmy Kibble vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City  
Opponent: 44.5 yds., Jesse Kosch, Nebraska, 1996 Orange
- 100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCES:** Ken Oxendine (150 yds. vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange);  
Cyrus Lawrence (134 yds., vs. Miami, 1981 Peach; Maurice Williams (129 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach); Ken Edwards (119 yds., vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty); Eddie Hunter (113 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach); Dwayne Thomas (102 yds., vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator)  
Opponent: Steve Hindman (121 yds., Mississippi, 1968 Liberty); Mal Crite (101 yds., N.C. State, 1986 Peach)
- BLOCKED PUNTS:** John Maskas (vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun); Jimmy Richards (vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty, set up TD);  
Keion Carpenter (vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City); Corey Moore (vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City, set up TD)  
Opponent: Derrick Taylor (N.C. State, 1986 Peach, resulted in TD); Quinton Savage (North Carolina, 1998 Gator, resulted in TD); Tommy Polley (Florida State, 2000 Sugar, resulted in TD)
- MISCELLANEOUS TOUCHDOWNS:** 1, Lawrence Lewis vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence, returned fumble 20 yds.;  
Antonio Banks vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence, returned blocked field goal 80 yds.; Jim Baron vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar, returned fumble 20 yds.  
Opponent: 1, Brian Bulluck, N.C. State, 1986 Peach, recovered blocked punt for TD; Jason Peter, Nebraska, 1996 Orange, returned fumble 31 yds.; Dré Bly, North Carolina, 1998 Gator, returned blocked punt 6 yds.; Greg Ellis, North Carolina, 1998 Gator, recovered fumble for TD.

## Tech's Bowl Results

- 1947 Sun Bowl**  
Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 6
- 1966 Liberty Bowl**  
Miami (Fla.) 14, Virginia Tech 7
- 1968 Liberty Bowl**  
Mississippi 34, Virginia Tech 17
- 1980 Peach Bowl**  
Miami (Fla.) 20, Virginia Tech 10
- 1984 Independence Bowl**  
Air Force 23, Virginia Tech 7
- 1986 Peach Bowl**  
Virginia Tech 25, N. C. State 24
- 1993 Independence Bowl**  
Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20
- 1994 Gator Bowl**  
Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23
- 1995 Sugar Bowl**  
Virginia Tech 28, Texas 10
- 1996 Orange Bowl**  
Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21
- 1998 Gator Bowl**  
North Carolina 42, Virginia Tech 3
- 1998 Music City Bowl**  
Virginia Tech 38, Alabama 7
- 2000 Sugar Bowl**  
Florida State 46, Virginia Tech 29
- 2001 Gator Bowl**  
Virginia Tech 41, Clemson 20

# Team Bowl Marks

## Tech Offensive High and Low Marks

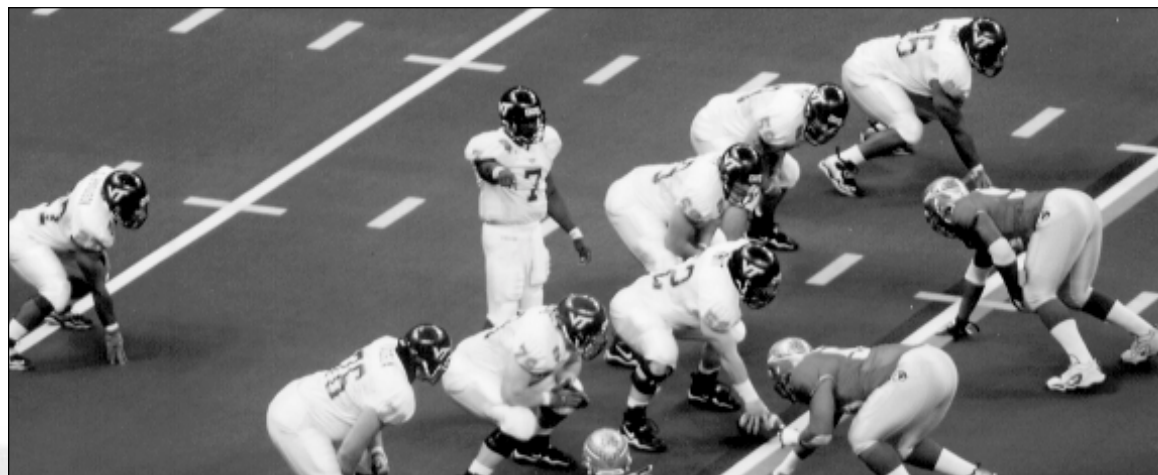
	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS .....	29 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach .....	7 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Rushing .....	15 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach .....	4 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Passing .....	13 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach .....	0 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
RUSHING YARDS .....	330 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty .....	34 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun
PASSING YARDS .....	266 vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar .....	2 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
TOTAL OFFENSE .....	503 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar .....	111 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
OFFENSIVE PLAYS .....	90 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach .....	56 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty
Rushing Att. ....	60 twice (1968 Liberty, 1986 Peach) .....	32 vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar
Passing Att. ....	38 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator .....	7 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
PASSES COMPLETED .....	23 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator .....	1 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED .....	0 three times (1996 Orange, 1998 Gator, 2000 Sugar) .....	2 vs. seven teams
FUMBLES LOST .....	0 three times (1947 Sun, 1981 Peach, 1998 Music City) .....	3 three times (1968 Liberty, 1998 Gator, 2000 Sugar)
YARDS PENALIZED .....	<b>20 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b> .....	120 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
POINTS SCORED .....	45 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence .....	3 vs. North Carolina, 1998 Gator
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS .....	<b>5 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b> .....	0 twice (1996 Orange, 1998 Gator)
PASSING TOUCHDOWNS .....	3 vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange .....	0 vs. seven teams
POINTS IN A QUARTER .....	21 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence (2nd quarter) .....	
POINTS IN A HALF .....	28 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence (1st half) .....	0 vs. four teams
	vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City (2nd half)	

## Tech Defensive High and Low Marks

	BEST	WORST
FIRST DOWNS .....	11 twice (1966 Liberty, 1993 Independence) .....	25 vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange
Rushing .....	3 twice (1966 Liberty, 1993 Independence) .....	15 vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange
Passing .....	2 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence .....	<b>13 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b>
RUSHING YARDS .....	20 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence .....	369 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun
PASSING YARDS .....	49 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence .....	329 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar
TOTAL OFFENSE .....	163 vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty .....	495 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
OFFENSIVE PLAYS .....	56 vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach .....	<b>79 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b>
Rushing Att. ....	23 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar .....	55 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence
Passing Att. ....	7 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence .....	<b>44 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b>
PASSES COMPLETED .....	5 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun .....	<b>21 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator</b>
PASSES INTERCEPTED .....	3 three times (1947 Sun, 1995 Sugar, 1998 Music City) .....	0 vs. six teams
FUMBLES RECOVERED .....	2 vs. three teams .....	<b>0 vs. seven teams</b>
POINTS GIVEN UP .....	7 vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City .....	46 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar
POINTS GIVEN UP (QUARTER) .....		21 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
POINTS GIVEN UP (HALF) .....	0 three times (1966 Liberty, 1995 Sugar, 1998 Music City) .....	35 vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator
RUSHING TDS ALLOWED .....	0 six times (1986 Peach, 1993 Independence, .....	4 twice (1994 Gator, 1996 Orange)
	1995 Sugar, 1998 Music City, 2000 Sugar, <b>2001 Gator</b> )	
PASSING TDS ALLOWED .....	0 vs. three teams .....	4 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY TECH:** 80 yards vs. Miami, 1981 Peach; vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator; vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange (twice); vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar (twice); **vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator**

**LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY AN OPPONENT:** 99 yards by Miami, 1981 Peach



**In the national championship 2000 Sugar Bowl game, the Hokies put up a school bowl-record 503 yards of total offense.**

