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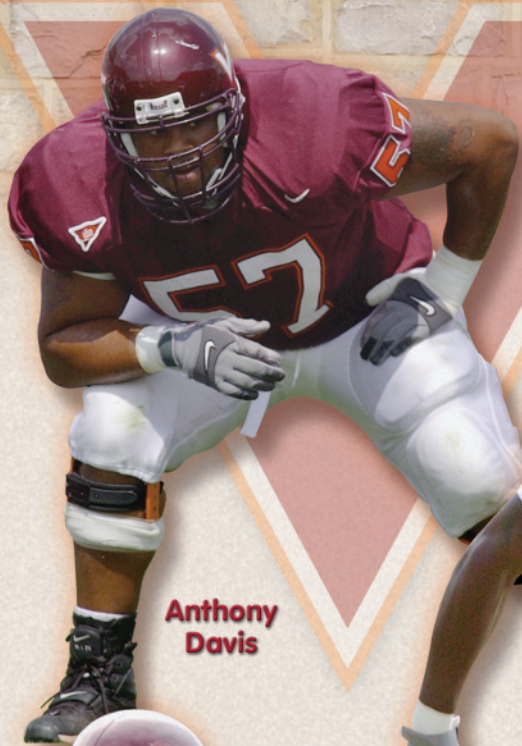
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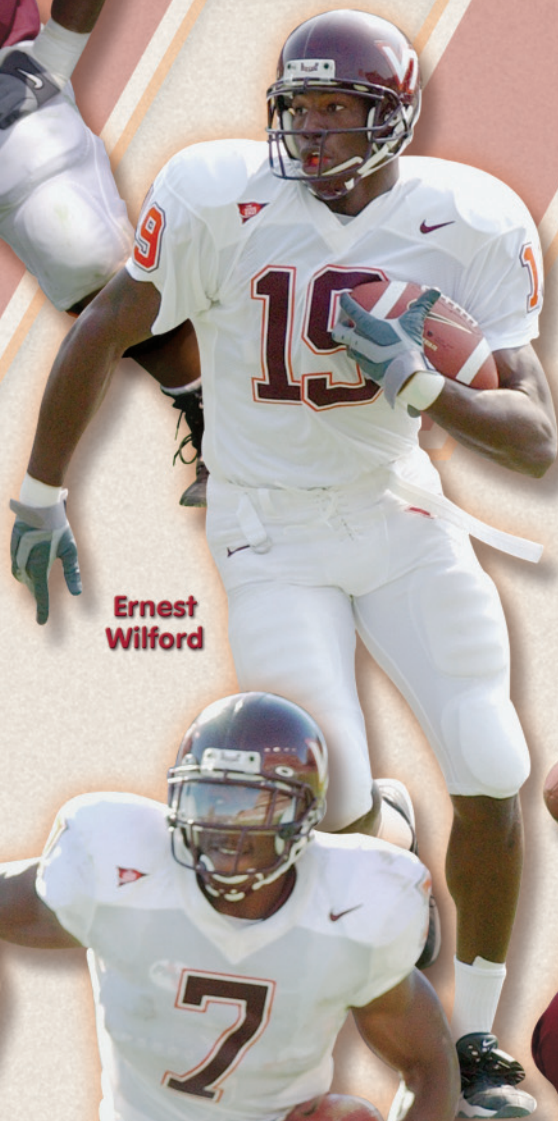


This year's bid makes it 10 bowl games in a row for the Hokies!

OFFENSE



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Ernest Wilford



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Kevin Jones



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2002 San Francisco Bowl Media Guide



Tech at a Glance

Location: Blacksburg, Virginia
Enrollment: 26,000
President: Charles W. Steger
Director of Athletics: Jim Weaver
Head Football Coach: Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, '69)
Hokies' 2002 Football Record: 9-4 overall; 3-4 BIG EAST
Beamer's Overall Record: 158-92-4 (22 years)
Beamer's Record at Tech: 116-69-2 (16 years)
Faculty Chairman of Athletics: Dr. Larry Killough
Conference: The BIG EAST Conference
Nicknames: Hokies, Fighting Gobblers
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Media Information

Virginia Tech Travel Plans

The Virginia Tech football team and official travel party will travel by charter jet and will arrive in San Francisco at approximately 11 a.m. (PST), on Thursday, Dec. 26.

While in San Francisco, the Hokies will be headquartered at the Hilton San Francisco, and will practice at Laney College, in nearby Oakland. The team charter will return home Jan. 1.

Virginia Tech Sports Information staff in attendance will be Dave Smith, sports information director, Anne Panella, associate sports information director, Bryan Johnston, assistant sports information director and David Knachel, assistant sports information director.

Virginia Tech San Francisco Bowl Practice Procedures

Coach Frank Beamer will be available to the media at the beginning of practice at the practice site. Once dressed, Tech players will be available for an interview period prior to practice except the practice on Dec. 30.

Media members are encouraged to arrive at the practice field early as the schedule may fluctuate. The first three periods of practice (approximately 30 minutes) will be open to the media, including still photographers and videographers. Media members must remain on the sidelines once practice begins. Following the first three periods, practice will be closed.

Members of the Tech team will not be available for interviews at the team hotel.

Practice Schedule (Laney College*)

Dec. 27 — Team arrives 9:45 a.m.
Player interviews approximately 9:45 a.m.
Practice begins at 10 a.m.
Practice ends at Noon

Dec. 28 — Team arrives 10:45 a.m.
Player interviews approximately 10:45 a.m.
Practice begins at 11 a.m.
Practice ends at 1 p.m.

Dec. 29 — Team arrives 9:45 a.m.
Player interviews approximately 9:45 a.m.
Practice begins at 10 a.m.
Practice ends at Noon

Practice Schedule (Pacific Bell Park)

Dec. 30 — Team arrives 5:30 p.m.
Practice begins at 5:30 p.m.
Practice ends at 6:30 p.m.
No interviews at this practice.

** Alternate practice site for inclement weather is to be determined. Check with the Tech SID for updates.*



Coach Frank Beamer addresses the media.

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Secretary



Beautiful Pacific Bell Park is the site for the 2002 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.

Bowl Media Opportunities

The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl will hold one press conference.

Press Conference for Virginia Tech

Monday, Dec. 30
10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Time may be subject to change)

Hilton San Francisco
Coach Frank Beamer, Lee Suggs and Willie Pile will be available to the media.

San Francisco Bowl Team Events*

Blue and Gold Fleet Bay Cruise and Alcatraz tour
Friday, Dec. 27
2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Video Game Challenge/Action Theatre/Dinner
The Metreon
Sunday, Dec. 29
6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Inaugural San Francisco Bowl Kickoff Luncheon
Hotel Nikko
Monday, Dec. 30
Noon to 2 p.m.

**Contact Sara Hunt of the San Francisco Bowl for information about covering these events.*

The Game on Television and Radio

The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl will be televised by ESPN2. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:36 p.m. (PST), 10:36 p.m. (EST).

Pam Ward will handle the play-by-play, with Chris Spielman handling color and Rob Stone on the sidelines.

Tech is 83-46 all-time in televised games and is 10-3 in games televised by ESPN2. Virginia Tech is 0-2 on ESPN2 this year, dropping contests to Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

The game will also be called by Bill Roth and Mike Burnop on the Virginia Tech ISP Sports Radio Network. That broadcast can also be accessed through Tech's official athletics web site, www.hokiesports.com.

2002 San Francisco Bowl Directory

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Postgame Procedures

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Season in Review

Youthful Hokies cap 9-4 season with trip to the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl

At the start of this season, fans and critics alike predicted a "rebuilding" year for the Virginia Tech football team. Having lost several key players from last year's 8-4 season, the Hokies had several problem areas to address. The quarterback position was a huge unknown with the torn ACL of returning starter Grant Noel and the inexperience of sophomore backup Bryan Randall. The wide receiver positions were also a big question mark, with the graduation of All-American André Davis. And the defense was characterized by its youth, particularly at the defensive tackle and linebacker spots, which lost All-Americans David Pugh and Ben Taylor. With expectations for Tech surrounded by uncertainty, predicted records of 7-6 or 6-7 were tossed around.

Yet Tech silenced the critics early on, winning the first eight games of the season, including three consecutive victories over nationally-ranked opponents, and climbing up the national polls. With Noel sidelined by his knee injury, Randall emerged as one of the most efficient quarterbacks in the nation and redshirt junior Ernest Wilford became a reliable target for Randall's passes. The defense, despite its relative inexperience, used its speed and strength to become a force.

As if that weren't enough for the Hokie faithful, Tech's running game remained a force to be reckoned with, led by the performance of tailback tandem Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones. Suggs, returning from a knee injury that had kept him on the sidelines in 2001, amassed over 1,200 rushing yards and set an NCAA record for consecutive

games with a touchdown scored (26). Jones, 2001 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, added over 800 yards on the ground, despite missing seven quarters of action with a hamstring injury.

With a 9-4 record, the Hokies now make their 10th consecutive bowl appearance. Tech is one of only seven teams in the nation to go to bowls each of the last 10 years. The Hokies head to San Francisco, Calif., for a showdown with Air Force in the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl. The match-up against the Falcons will bring an end to a lengthy season that has had its share of highs and lows.

The Hokies started the season on Aug. 25 with a home

date against Arkansas State in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. Tech, ranked 16th in the nation, scored in every way imaginable, including on special teams and defense. With nine touchdowns coming from seven different players, the Hokies rolled over the Indians by a score of 63-7, giving coach Frank Beamer his 150th career win. Sophomore DeAngelo Hall was named the player of the game after scoring his first two career touchdowns, one on special teams (a 69-yard punt return) and one on defense (a 49-yard interception return).

Despite the Hokies' dominance in the home opener, their first test of the season would come against 14th-ranked

LSU. Many wondered how Tech would hold up against the defending SEC champions. The Hokies answered with a convincing 26-8 victory, relying on the strength of the defensive and special teams units. Defensive end Jim Davis recorded three sacks on the day, while the Hokies' defense limited LSU to only 214 offensive yards. Redshirt sophomore Jason Lallis and redshirt freshman Justin Hamilton each blocked a punt, resulting in 9 points for the Hokies (a touchdown and a safety).

Tech couldn't rest on its laurels after the LSU victory, with 16th-ranked Marshall coming into Lane Stadium/Worsham Field for a Thursday night game. The Thundering Herd, led by Heisman hopeful quarterback Byron Leftwich, hoped to snatch a victory from the toughest opponent on their schedule. Instead, the duo of Suggs and Jones combined for 324 yards on the ground and five touchdowns en route to a 47-21 victory. The game was not as close as the final score indicated, as the Hokies led 33-0 in the fourth quarter before allowing Marshall to score. Leftwich managed over 400 passing yards (including 197 in the final period), but it was not enough to knock off Tech.

Following a week off, Tech was ready for its first road game of the season. With two consecutive wins against ranked opponents under their belt, the Hokies were ready for another tough challenge against No. 19 Texas A&M and its famed defensive unit, the "Wrecking Crew." But it was the Tech defense that stole the show, as the Hokies limited the Aggies to 156 yards total offense, including a mere 38 yards on the ground. Nathaniel Adibi recorded three sacks, while free safety Willie Pile had an interception and a fumble return to earn the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week award. Tech



Tailback Lee Suggs' return to the Tech lineup after sitting out the 2001 season with a knee injury bolstered the Hokies offense in 2002.

won 13-3, as it became the first non-conference team to leave Kyle Field with a victory during A&M head coach R.C. Slocum's 14-year tenure.

By the time the Hokies played Western Michigan in Kalamazoo, they had climbed to No. 5 in the national rankings. Determined not to have a letdown game against the Broncos, Tech played tough and shut out Western Michigan for the second straight year, winning 30-0. Randall, in his third start at quarterback, amassed 234 yards of total offense (194 passing), while the Hokies' defense limited the Broncos to 35 yards on the ground.

Tech's first BIG EAST match-up of the season came in the sixth game, as the fourth-ranked Hokies traveled to Boston College on Oct. 10. The Eagles became the first team of the season to score a first half touchdown against the Hokies, as Jamal Burke scored on an 83-yard punt return. Boston College gave Tech its closest game of the early season, but the tailback duo of Suggs and Jones was again unstoppable, as both collected over 100 yards rushing for the second time in 2002. Suggs also became the BIG EAST career leader in rushing touchdowns with 40.

Tech ended up winning 28-23, and earned a No. 3 national ranking.

After a month away from the friendly confines of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, the Hokies returned to Blacksburg for their Homecoming game against Rutgers. The ground attack was once again a factor for Tech, with the Hokies gathering 342 yards rushing, including 132 yards for Jones and a career-high 197 yards for Suggs. Despite trailing Tech 21-0 at the end of the first quarter, the Scarlet Knights came within two touchdowns of the Hokies in the third period. Hall sealed the Tech victory in the fourth quarter by returning a Rutgers punt 51 yards for a touchdown, as the Hokies defeated the Knights, 35-14.

The eighth game of the season pitted Tech against conference opponent Temple in another home contest. The Hokies had problems keeping control of the ball, committing four turnovers, but a strong defensive effort helped Tech stay on top throughout the game. The Owls were held to only 39 yards rushing, while redshirt sophomore Vincent Fuller had a pair of interceptions in the red zone to stop two Temple scoring drives. The

Hokies topped the Owls, 20-10, for their third conference win of the season.

The game against Pittsburgh proved to be a crucial one for the Hokies. Not only were both teams undefeated in the BIG EAST, but Tech was anxious to avenge its 38-7 loss to the Panthers in 2001. The Hokies took an early 14-0 lead, but Pittsburgh was able to score 21 unanswered points in the second half to leave Blacksburg with a 28-21 victory. Suggs netted 128 yards and two touchdowns on the ground for the Hokies, but Jones left the game with only four yards and a touchdown after sustaining a hamstring injury on his second carry of the game.

Tech looked to get back into the win column as it traveled to Syracuse for game No. 10. It was a record-setting day for the Hokies, as Randall passed for a BIG EAST record 504 yards and set a Tech single-game record with five touchdown passes. Wide receiver Ernest Wilford also found his way into the record books, setting a new school and BIG EAST mark with 279 yards receiving and setting a new school record with four touchdown receptions. On defense, Garnell Wilds posted three interceptions for the Hokies, tying a school and conference mark. Still, the Hokies were forced into triple-overtime against the Orangemen and fell short against Syracuse, 50-42, for the second consecutive loss of the season.

The Hokies had a week off before facing their next BIG EAST opponent, West Virginia, in Blacksburg. Again, Tech had to battle a strong conference foe. Suggs set a new Division I record for consecutive games with a touchdown with his 28-yard trot into the end zone in the opening period. The Mountaineers took a 14-7 lead in the second quarter and never let go. The Hokies came as close as three points in the final minutes of the game, but a Randall interception in the end zone with just seconds remaining on the clock sealed the 21-18 West Virginia victory.

2002 Results

(9-4, 3-4 BIG EAST)

hW	63-7	Arkansas State
hW	26-8	Louisiana State
hW	47-21	Marshall
aW	13-3	Texas A&M
aW	30-0	Western Michigan
aW	28-23	Boston College *
hW	35-14	Rutgers *
hW	20-10	Temple *
hL	21-28	Pittsburgh *
aL	42-50	Syracuse * (3OT)
hL	18-21	West Virginia *
hW	21-9	Virginia
aL	45-56	Miami *

* denotes BIG EAST game

Tech went into its final home game, a match-up with in-state rival Virginia, hungry for another win. The Hokies would not be disappointed, as they fought through winds of 20-30 miles per hour and intermittent snow squalls to defeat the Cavaliers, 21-9. The Tech defense suppressed the effectiveness of ACC Player of the Year Matt Schaub, limiting the quarterback to only 43 yards passing, and Cols Colas became the third Tech defensive end of the season to record three sacks in a game.

The Hokies' final game of the regular season was perhaps their toughest, as they headed to Miami to play the top-ranked and undefeated Hurricanes. Miami took advantage of three early Tech turnovers and scored on six of its first seven possessions. The Hokies fell behind by as much as 28 points in the third quarter, but kept making plays to get back into the game. A 96-yard interception return by Pile set up 16 straight points by Tech, but the Hurricanes proved to be too much for the Hokies, as they triumphed 56-45. Randall passed for 165 yards and added 132 on the ground in the losing effort, while Suggs ran into the end zone for three touchdowns.

Despite its ups and downs over the season, the Virginia Tech football team has achieved things that few would have predicted. Now the Hokies face one last challenge against a talented Air Force team in the Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.



Senior free safety Willie Pile earned second-team All-America honors for his defensive play in 2002.



Notes



The Virginia Tech-Air Force Series

When Virginia Tech and the United States Air Force Academy meet in the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, it will mark the second meeting between the two on the gridiron.

Tech and the Falcons played in the 1984 Independence Bowl, with the Air Force Academy coming away with a 23-7 win.

In that game, Air Force quarterback Bart Weiss ran for 93 yards and a touchdown in winning most valuable offensive player honors.

The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl

This is the first year for the bowl, which pits teams from the Mountain West Conference and the BIG EAST Conference. The game will be played in Pacific Bell Park, home of the National League champion San Francisco Giants.

Opened on April 11, 2000, Pac Bell Park has quickly become recognized as one of the premier sports venues in the United States and one of San Francisco's finest landmarks.

Nestled on the water's edge and just a short walk from downtown, this beautiful \$357 million ballpark provides the Giants baseball team with a warm and intimate home and serves as an ideal gathering place for people from all over the world.

With its classic brick facade and sweeping views of the Bay Bridge and San Francisco Bay, Pacific Bell Park will provide a spectacular venue for the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl.

Going West

The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl will mark the farthest west a Virginia Tech football team has ever played a game.

The Hokies traveled to El Paso, Texas, to play in the 1947 Sun Bowl against Cincinnati.

Postseason Records

Air Force is 8-7-1 all-time in bowl games. Fisher DeBerry is also 6-5 in postseason play as the head coach of the Falcons following a 37-34 win over Fresno State in the 2000 Silicon Valley Bowl.

Virginia Tech is 5-10 in its bowl appearances following last year's loss to Florida State in the Toyota Gator Bowl. Frank Beamer is 4-5 as the head coach at Tech in bowl games.

This year's San Francisco Bowl opponents — Tech and Air Force — met in the 1984 Independence Bowl, in Shreveport, La., with the Falcons coming away with a 23-7 win.

The Season Thus Far

Virginia Tech is 9-4 overall and 3-4 in the BIG EAST Conference following a 56-45 loss at No. 1 Miami to end the regular season.

Tech posted a 6-0 mark in non-conference games, including wins against nationally-ranked LSU (14th), Marshall (16th) and Texas A&M (19th). Tech also beat Arkansas State, Western Michigan and Virginia.

In the conference, Tech downed Boston College, Rutgers and Temple, but dropped consecutive games to Pittsburgh, Syracuse and West Virginia.

What Is a Hokie?

That's the most often-asked question at Virginia Tech. The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body.

Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Hokie" yell which still is used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any meaning to it, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was only used as an attention-getter for his yell.

It soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics.

Hokie, Hokie, Hokie, Hi! Tech, Tech, VPI
Sol-a-rex, Sol-a-rah Poly Tech Vir-gin-ia
Ray rah VPI Team! Team! Team!

☆ 2002 All-Star Hokies ☆

(as of Dec. 10, 2002)

Nathaniel Adibi

- Second-team All-BIG EAST defensive lineman
- Honorable mention All-American by CNN.com

Vinnie Burns

- Second-team All-BIG EAST punter

Anthony Davis

- Second-team All-BIG EAST offensive lineman

Jake Grove

- Fourth-team All-American by *The Sporting News*

DeAngelo Hall

- Second-team All-BIG EAST defensive back
- Second-team All-BIG EAST return man

Jonathan Lewis

- Fourth-team Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*

Willie Pile

- Second-team All-American by *The Sporting News*
- Second-team All-BIG EAST free safety

Lee Suggs

- Second-team All-BIG EAST running back

Ernest Wilford

- Second-team All-BIG EAST wide receiver

10 in a Row

Virginia Tech is one of only seven teams to go to 10 bowls in the last 10 years. The other six teams are Florida, Florida State, Kansas State, Michigan, Nebraska and Tennessee.

Scoring Machine

Virginia Tech has the longest active scoring streak in the BIG EAST Conference at 95 games.

Team	Games
1. Virginia Tech	95
2. Pittsburgh	75
3. Miami	65
4. Boston College	53
5. West Virginia	19
6. Temple	14
7. Syracuse	14
8. Rutgers	1

Scouting the Falcons

Air Force finished the regular season 8-4 overall and placed third in the Mountain West Conference with a 4-3 mark. The Falcons opened the year 6-0 and were ranked as high as 15th nationally.

Offensively, the Falcons are led by record-setting quarterback Chance Harridge. He set the NCAA Division I-A single-season record for touchdowns by a quarterback with 22 scores this season, passing Navy's Chris McCoy, who set the previous record of 20 in 1997.

- Air Force head coach Fisher DeBerry will be going for career win No. 150 when Air Force plays in its bowl game. DeBerry has a 149-82-1 career record in his 19th season as a head coach, all at the Academy. DeBerry is the winningest coach in service academy football history. His .645 winning percentage is the best in Air Force history and his 149 wins at Air Force are more than the other four head coaches in school history combined (134-151-12).

- Air Force's win over BYU Oct. 12 secured an impressive streak for another year. Air Force has posted nine consecutive seasons at .500 or better. Air Force's last losing season was in 1993 when the team went 4-8. During the last nine years, Air Force has averaged 8.1 wins per season and has a .683 winning percentage. The school is 73-36 overall.

- The new Air Force defensive system (3-3-5) has paid off big for the Falcons. The unit is much improved this season over 2001. The most important category is scoring defense. AFA allowed 32.2 points per game last year. This year, opponents are scoring just 23.6 per contest, which ranks third in the MWC and 47th nationally.

Air Force gave up an average of 452.7 yards per game last year. This season, that figure stands at 360.7 which ranks fourth in the conference and 57th nationally. The Falcons have had 15 different players combine for 65 tackles for loss. Sophomore Anthony Schlegel leads the way with 8.5 for 43 yards.

Thirteen different Falcons have combined for the team's 29 quarterback sacks. Junior Trevor Hightower leads the team with 6.5 for 39 yards.

Senior Wes Crawley leads the MWC with four interceptions this season and is the team's active career leader in interceptions with seven. AFA has 12 interceptions as a team this season.

- Air Force leads the nation in rushing with a 314.5 average. The Falcons have ranked first (10) or second (three) every week this season. The team is in search of its first national rushing title. AFA won its 18th conference rushing title last season with a 273.2 per-game average.

Air Force has been one of the premier rushing teams in college football over the years. Since Fisher DeBerry took over in 1984, AFA has finished among the nation's top-10 18 times and the top five 14 times.



Justin Hamilton (27) blocks a punt that was picked up by Darryl Tapp (58) and returned for a touchdown against Virginia this season.

San Francisco Block Party

The Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl will match the two best kick-blocking teams in college football.

During the 1990s, Virginia Tech led the nation with 62 while Air Force was second with 59. AFA has blocked at least three kicks in 13 consecutive years.

Tech has blocked seven kicks this year (5 punts, 2 FG). Justin Hamilton (Clintwood, Va.) leads the way with two blocked punts.

Since 1990, Tech has blocked 85 total kicks (45 punts, 19 PATs, 21 FGs). Under head coach Frank Beamer, the Hokies have blocked 97 kicks (51 punts, 25 FGs, 21 PATs) in 188 games.

Air Force has blocked 79 kicks since 1990, which ranks second nationally to the Hokies.

The Falcons have blocked four kicks this season (3 punts, 1 FG). Nate Allen has two of the blocks with blocked punts vs. Northwestern and Utah. He earned MWC special teams player of the week honors for the block vs. Utah. He scored the first touchdown of his career vs. Northwestern when he recovered his own block in the end zone. Allen is the active career leader on the team with three blocks, as he also blocked a punt last season vs. Army.

Eric Thompson has a blocked field goal this season vs. Cal. He was named MWC special teams player of the week for his block.

Paul Mayo recorded the first block of his career against Wyoming with a blocked punt. The block led to a safety.

Just Virginia Tech, Please

While the full name of the school is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the school is commonly referred to as just "Virginia Tech." Founded in 1872, as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, the university changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1896. Fans of the athletic department, as well as media covering the Hokies, shortened the name to VPI, but it eventually became Virginia Tech. The "State University" was added on in 1970 to bring the official title to where it is today.

Those covering Hokie athletics are asked to refer to the university as simply "Virginia Tech." Do not use Virginia Tech University, VPI and SU, VPI&SU, VT or VA Tech. These are not recognized names and should not be used.

Longevity

Virginia Tech has been ranked for 69 consecutive weeks in the Associated Press Top 25 Football Poll, marking the second-longest active consecutive appearance streak.

Team	Weeks
1. Michigan	79
2. Virginia Tech	69
3. Miami	54
4. Oklahoma	49
5. Texas	42

Like a Rock

One of the most important things Coach Frank Beamer has brought to the Virginia Tech football program is stability. Beamer is in his 16th season at the Tech helm.

Prior to Beamer no other football coach in school history had served more than 10 seasons as the head coach and only four men had held the head coaching job for more than six seasons.

- Beamer, the first Tech alumnus to guide the Hokies' football program since the 1940s, has coached and won more football games at Tech than any other coach. His 16 years at the Hokie helm have helped the program develop a sense of stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools.

Only three of the 117 Division I-A head football coaches have been at their current school longer than Beamer. They are Joe Paterno at Penn State (37 yrs.), Bobby Bowden at Florida State (27 yrs.) and Fisher DeBerry at Air Force (19 yrs.).

- Frank Beamer is ranked sixth among the winningest active NCAA Division I-A football coaches with 158 career wins. Joe Paterno leads the way with 336 wins followed by Bobby Bowden (332), Lou Holtz (238), Jackie Sherrill (178) and Ken Hatfield (159).

- Beamer's 16-year tenure at Tech is the longest among Division I-A coaches currently at their alma mater.

A Fixture in the Polls

Virginia Tech is No. 21 in the The Associated Press Poll and No. 19 in USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll.

The Hokies posted their highest-ever football rankings during the 1999 and 2000 seasons. Tech finished the 1999 season rated No. 2 by AP and No. 3 by the coaches. In 2000, Tech climbed as high as No. 2 in both polls before finishing No. 6.

Prior to the '99 season, Tech's previous high in the AP poll was 10th in the final 1995 poll that followed a 28-10 Sugar Bowl win over Texas. The Hokies had been ranked as high as No. 9 in the coaches' poll. Tech was ranked ninth by the coaches in the final poll of 1995, as well as four times during the '96 season. Tech's highest preseason rankings ever came last season when it was ranked No. 9 in both polls.

Tech has been ranked a total of 135 voting periods by the AP since the beginning of the 1993 season. When Coach Frank Beamer took over in 1987, Tech had been ranked a total of 12 weeks during the first 49 years of the AP poll. The Hokies have been ranked in 80 of the last 81 AP polls including the last 69 in a row.

TD Lee

Senior tailback Lee Suggs (Roanoke, Va.) has quietly gone about his business for three years. After leading the nation in scoring as a sophomore, Suggs tore his ACL in last season's opener, ending his season.

This year, all he has done is rush for 1,255 yards and 20 touchdowns. He also caught 11 passes for 126 yards and two scores.

For his career, he stands fourth at Tech with 2,697 yards and holds school and BIG EAST records with 54 total touchdowns and 51 rushing scores.

He has also scored a touchdown in 26 consecutive games in which he has played, setting a new Division I-A record. Arkansas' Bill Burnett held the previous mark of 23 consecutive games.

Randall Fever

Sophomore Bryan Randall (Williamsburg, Va.), who saw only limited action as Tech's top backup at quarterback last season, has had a hand in eight wins in 2002, including three over nationally-ranked opponents.

Randall came off the bench after the first two series to direct the Tech attack against LSU and made his first collegiate start against Marshall. He completed 10 of 11 passes for 119 yards in his first road-game start at Texas A&M.

In his first BIG EAST Conference game at Boston College, Randall threw a 44-yard touchdown pass and scrambled for several key first downs.

Against Syracuse, he set a BIG EAST record with 504 yards passing and established a Tech mark with five passing

touchdowns. He rushed for 125 yards in the WVU game.

At top-ranked Miami, Randall ran for 132 yards on 25 carries and threw for 165 yards and a touchdown.

Randall has connected on 140 of his 225 passes (62.2 percent) for 1,957 yards and 12 touchdowns, while being intercepted 11 times.

Randall has also contributed 527 net yards and three TDs on the ground.

Top Ten Winners

Virginia Tech has posted a 28-9 record since the start of the 2000 season, making it the eighth-winningest Division I-A team in that span.

Team	W-L-T	Pct.
1. Miami	35-1	.972
2. Oklahoma	36-3	.923
3. Oregon	28-7	.800
Boise State	28-7	.800
5. Toledo	27-7	.794
6. Texas	29-8	.784
7. Marshall	29-9	.763
8. Virginia Tech	28-9	.757
Georgia	28-9	.757
10. Florida	27-9	.750
Louisville	27-9	.750

★ Tech in the NCAA Rankings ★

(Top 30 only)

Team Statistics

Rushing	YPG
14th Virginia Tech	221.00
Punt Returns	YPR
18th Virginia Tech	13.95
Rushing Defense	YPG
20th Virginia Tech	113.31
Scoring Defense	PPG
25th Virginia Tech	19.23
Scoring Offense	PPG
29th Virginia Tech	31.46
Passes Intercepted	No.
T-2nd Virginia Tech	22
Turnovers Gained	No.
T-8th Virginia Tech	35

Individual Statistics

Punt Returns	YPR
8th DeAngelo Hall	16.00
Scoring	PPG
8th Lee Suggs	10.15
Pass Efficiency	Rating
11th Bryan Randall	143.11

* — Beginning this year, the NCAA will recognize bowl statistics. The above stats will change after the bowl games.



Ernest Wilford, here catching a TD pass against top-ranked Miami, needs only one catch to break Tech's single-season reception record.

Quite a Turnaround

Before this season, junior receiver Ernest Wilford (Richmond, Va.) was best known for his dropped two-point conversion against Miami last season.

Now, he's becoming known as the guy threatening to break all of Tech's single-season receiving records.

With his six receptions at Miami, the 6-4 split end now has 46 catches this season, tying the school record for receptions in a season. Mike Burnop, Tech's color man on its radio network, had 46 catches in 1971.

Wilford also has 875 yards this season, placing him in second place at Tech for receiving yards in a season. He needs 88 yards to break the record of 962 yards held by André Davis, set in 1999.

His seven touchdowns this season are the third-most in Tech history. Davis holds the record with nine TDs in 1999 and two players have had eight scores in a season. Only six other times in school history has a Tech player had seven TD receptions in a season.

Wilford set Tech and BIG EAST records with 279 yards receiving against Syracuse. His four touchdowns in that game also set a Tech record.

Pile Driver

His teammates call him "Coach Pile" while opponents simply know him as No. 35.

Whatever you call him, there's no debating the impact senior free safety Willie Pile has had on this defense.

He has started 37 consecutive games and has 14 career interceptions. His latest came against Miami, where he picked off a pass intended for Ken Dorsey and returned it 96 yards for a touchdown.

His 14 career interceptions place him third at Tech

behind Gene Bunn (18) and Tyronne Drakeford (16). He also stands third in BIG EAST Conference history behind Miami's Edward Reed (21) and West Virginia's Aaron Beasley (18).

This year, he has 98 tackles, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and four interceptions. The semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe award was named second-team All-America by *The Sporting News* earlier this month.

Grove the Ironman

He is known as one of the nastiest players in the BIG EAST, but he's also one of the best. Center Jake Grove has been the anchor of Tech's offensive line this year, leading the way for Lee Suggs, Kevin Jones and Bryan Randall.

He started all 13 games and graded above 80 percent every time. He also graded out at 90 percent or above nine times.

He has played 838 offensive snaps this year, tops on the team, and graded out at a team-high 90.6 percent for the year with a team-high 43 knockdown blocks.

The junior was honored for his play, being named a fourth-team All-American by *The Sporting News* earlier this month.

The Dynamic Duo

Lee Suggs (r-Sr., Roanoke, Va.) and runningmate Kevin Jones (So., Chester, Pa.) have become the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of single-season rushing yardage.

Suggs and Jones have a combined total of 2,091 yards rushing this season which stands as a new season record for two Tech players. The previous record of 1,963 yards was set by Phil Rogers (1,036 yds.) and James Barber (927 yds.) in 1973. That still remains the closest two Tech backs have come to rushing for 1,000 yards in the same season.

Suggs has already surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for 2002 with 1,255 yards, while Jones stands at 836 yards after missing seven quarters of play with a hamstring injury.

Suggs joins Cyrus Lawrence and Roscoe Coles as the only Tech players to post 1,000-yard rushing seasons twice during their Tech careers.

Suggs rushed for 1,207 yards during the 2000 season. He has 2,697 career yards rushing on 516 carries, an average of 5.2 yards per attempt. Jones has rushed for 1,793 yards on 324 carries, an average of 5.5 yards per carry.

The most productive Tech twosome in terms of career rushing yards has been tailbacks Maurice Williams

(2,981) and Eddie Hunter (2,523) who combined for 5,504 yards from 1983 through 1986.

Youth Movement

Of the 75 Virginia Tech players who have seen playing time this season, 43 are freshmen or sophomores. The overall breakdown is 10 true freshmen, 14 redshirt freshmen, 19 sophomores, 19 juniors and 13 seniors.

A total of 21 players have made their first collegiate starts this season on offense and defense.

- Only one of the 13 players who have recorded quarterback sacks for Tech this season is a senior. Senior end Lamar Cobb (Hurt, Va.) has one sack.

- Twenty-seven of the 37 players who have started games on offense or defense this season have at least one year of eligibility left. Sixteen of those 27 players have more than one year of eligibility remaining.

- Seven of the nine players who have intercepted passes for Tech this season are scheduled to return next season. Those seven players have accounted for 17 of the Hokies' 22 picks in 2002.

Start Chart

Pos. Offense (starts)

SE	Ernest Wilford (12)
	Terrell Parham (1)
LT	Anthony Davis (13)
LG	Jacob Gibson (11)
	James Miller (2)
C	Jake Grove (13)
RG	Luke Owens (13)
RT	Jon Dunn (7)
	Jimmy Martin (6)
TE	Keith Willis (8)
	Jeff King (5)
QB	Bryan Randall (11)
	Grant Noel (2)
FB	Doug Easlick (13)
TB	Lee Suggs (13)
FL	Shawn Witten (11)
	Richard Johnson (2)

Pos. Defense (starts)

E	Nathaniel Adibi (12)
	Jim Davis (1)
T	Kevin Lewis (11)
	Tim Sandidge (2)
T	Jason Lallis (11)
	Jonathan Lewis (2)
E	Cols Colas (8)
	Jim Davis (5)
OLB	Brandon Manning (12)
	Mike Daniels (1)
ILB	Mikal Baaqee (12)
	A. Markogiannakis (1)
ILB	Vegas Robinson (10)
	James Anderson (3)
BC	DeAngelo Hall (10)
	Garnell Wilds (3)
FS	Willie Pile (13)
ROV	Michael Crawford (9)
	Billy Hardee (4)
FC	Ronyell Whitaker (10)
	Vincent Fuller (3)

Virginia Tech Roster



- 83 **Nathaniel Adibi**** DE, 6-3, 261, r-Jr.
Hampton, Va., Phoebe, Bill Dee
- 47 **James Anderson** LB, 6-3, 222, r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va., Deep Creek, David Cox
- 45 **Mikal Baaqee*** LB, 5-10, 217, r-So.
Columbia, Md., DeMatha, Bill McGregor
- 59 **Curtis Bradley** OT, 6-2, 299, r-Fr.
Summerville, S.C., Summerville, John McKissick
- 46 **Chris Buie*** LB, 6-0, 232, r-Jr.
Tampa, Fla., Armwood, Sean Callahan
- 87 **Greg Burnop** TE, 6-1, 233, r-Fr.
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg, Dave Crist
- 38 **Vinnie Burns*** P, 5-11, 194, r-So.
New Orleans, La., St. Augustine, Anthony Biagas
- 61 **Reggie Butler** OT, 6-5, 330, Fr.
Keswick, Va., Monticello, Brud Bicknell
- 44 **John Candelas** TB, 6-1, 203, Fr.
Blacksburg, Va., Blacksburg, Dave Crist
- 37 **Steve Canter** LB, 6-0, 236, r-Jr.
Virginia Beach, Va., Kempsville, John Bowles
- 16 **Chris Clifton** SE, 6-4, 201, r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va., Deep Creek, David Cox
- 28 **Lamar Cobb**** DE, 6-2, 236, r-Sr.
Hurt, Va., Gretna, Robert Prunty
- 99 **Cols Colas**** DE, 6-0, 239, r-Jr.
Plantation, Fla., South Plantation, Dan Margurit
- 62 **Travis Conway*** DS, 6-5, 257, r-So.
Richmond, Va., J.R. Tucker, Rusty Curle
- 33 **Chad Cooper*** LB, 6-2, 224, r-So.
Herndon, Va., Oakton, Pete Bendorf
- 92 **Mark Costen** DT, 6-3, 270, r-Jr.
Virginia Beach, Va., Kempsville, John Bowles
- 21 **Michael Crawford**** ROV, 5-11, 206, r-Jr.
Baltimore, Md., Patterson, Roger Wrenn
- 31 **Mike Daniels*** LB, 6-0, 201, r-So.
Fairfax, Va., Fairfax, Tom Verbanic
- 57 **Anthony Davis***** OT, 6-4, 322, Sr.
Victoria, Va., Central-Lunenburg, Chippie Chappell
- 95 **Jim Davis@**** DE, 6-3, 265, Jr.
Highland Springs, Va., Highland Springs, Randy Stokes
- 79 **Jon Dunn*** OT, 6-7, 319, r-So.
Virginia Beach, Va., Tallwood, Thad Harold
- 43 **Doug Easlick*** FB, 5-11, 235, r-Jr.
Marlton, N.J., Cherokee, John Scott
- 8 **Vincent Fuller*** CB/FS, 6-1, 184, r-So.
Baltimore, Md., Woodlawn, Reggie White
- 60 **Jacob Gibson*** OT/OG, 6-4, 302, r-Jr.
Rocky Mount, Va., Franklin County, Jerry Little
- 82 **Lance Goff** FL, 5-11, 193, r-So.
Wytheville, Va., George Wythe, Larry Russell
- 64 **Jake Grove**** C, 6-3, 292, r-Jr.
Forest, Va., Jefferson Forest, Ed Landis
- 4 **DeAngelo Hall*** CB, 5-11, 194, So.
Chesapeake, Va., Deep Creek, David Cox
- 27 **Justin Hamilton** FL, 6-3, 209, r-Fr.
Clintwood, Va., Clintwood, Bob Meade
- 25 **Billy Hardee††** ROV, 5-11, 203, r-Sr.
Winter Haven, Fla., Winter Haven, Maxie Hunter
- 32 **Cedric Humes** FB, 6-1, 218, r-Fr.
Virginia Beach, Va., Princess Anne, Jeff Ballance
- 13 **Will Hunt** QB, 6-0, 198, r-Fr.
Springdale, Ark., Springdale, Jarrell Williams
- 20 **Mike Imoh** FL, 5-6, 176, Fr.
Fairfax, Va., Robinson, Mark Bendorf
- 12 **Richard Johnson*** FL, 5-10, 180, r-So.
Baltimore, Md., Milford Mill Acad., Reggie Brooks

- 7 **Kevin Jones*** TB, 6-0, 212, So.
Chester, Pa., Cardinal O'Hara, George Stratts
- 55 **Ken Keister**** DS, 6-1, 240, r-Sr.
Radford, Va., Radford, Norm Lineburg
- 90 **Jeff King** TE, 6-5, 252, r-Fr.
Pulaski, Va., Pulaski County, Joel Hicks
- 91 **Jason Lallis*** DT, 6-0, 254, r-So.
Mitchellville, Md., DeMatha, Bill McGregor
- 56 **Jonathan Lewis** DT, 6-1, 300, Fr.
Richmond, Va., Varina, Gary Chilcoat
- 70 **Kevin Lewis*** DT, 6-1, 287, r-So.
Richmond, Va., Varina, Ed Bulheller
- 48 **Brandon Manning+*** LB, 6-0, 214, r-So.
Harrisburg, Pa., Central Dauphin, George Chaump
- 39 **Alex Markogiannakis** LB, 5-9, 204, r-Sr.
Chantilly, Va., Robinson, Mark Bendorf
- 52 **Jimmy Martin@** OT, 6-5, 269, Fr.
Fairfax, Va., Chantilly, Bob Herb
- 85 **Jared Mazzetta*** TE, 6-4, 260, r-So.
Flemington, N.J., Hunterdon Central, Jim Meert
- 69 **Danny McGrath** C, 6-2, 289, Fr.
Herndon, Va., Herndon, Tom Meier
- 76 **James Miller*** OG, 6-6, 304, So.
Pompano Beach, Fla., Ft. Lauderdale, John Timmons
- 97 **Jon Mollerup*** PK, 5-11, 215, r-Sr.
Lyndhurst, Va., Stuarts Draft, Tom Goforth
- 66 **Will Montgomery** OG, 6-3, 294, r-Fr.
Clifton, Va., Centreville, Mike Skinner
- 72 **Jason Murphy** DT, 6-2, 288, r-Fr.
Baltimore, Md., Edmondson Westside, Pete Pompey
- 67 **Anthony Nelson\$*** OG, 6-4, 332, r-Jr.
Kingsport, Tenn., Sullivan South, Lonnie Messick

- 11 **Grant Noel*** QB, 6-2, 221, r-Sr.
Ridgeley, W.Va., Frankfort, Greg Phillips
- 74 **Luke Owens***** OG, 6-3, 310, r-Sr.
Grundy, Va., Grundy, Greg Rowe
- 94 **Chris Pannell** DT, 6-4, 269, r-Fr.
Staunton, Va., Robert E. Lee, David Tibbs
- 9 **Terrell Parham**** SE, 6-0, 195, r-Sr.
Bartow, Fla., Bartow, Kenny Wells
- 89 **Robert Peaslee**** P, 6-1, 199, r-Jr.
Pulaski, Va., Pulaski County, Joel Hicks
- 35 **Willie Pile**** FS, 6-3, 211, r-Sr.
Alexandria, Va., West Potomac, Dale Eaton
- 68 **Robert Ramsey** C, 6-3, 296, r-So.
Coraopolis, Pa., Montour, Don Morgan
- 3 **Bryan Randall*** QB, 6-0, 213, So.
Williamsburg, Va., Bruton, Kyle Neve
- 6 **Vegas Robinson*** LB, 6-0, 245, r-Jr.
Chesapeake, Va., Deep Creek, David Cox
- 54 **Bob Ruff** DE, 6-1, 241, So.
McMurray, Pa., Peters Township, Garry Cathell
- 71 **Tim Sandidge** DT, 6-1, 273, r-Fr.
Madison Hgts., Va., Amherst County, Mickey Crouch
- 23 **Nic Schmitt** PK/P, 6-2, 238, Fr.
Salem, Va., Salem, Willis White
- 81 **Chris Shreve** SE, 6-0, 185, r-Jr.
Mouth of Wilson, Va., Grayson County, Bill Strong
- 42 **Josh Spence** FB, 6-1, 226, r-So.
Riner, Va., Floyd County, Winfred Beale
- 22 **Lee Suggs**** TB, 6-0, 198, r-Sr.
Roanoke, Va., William Fleming, George Miller
- 58 **Darryl Tapp** DE, 6-1, 234, Fr.
Chesapeake, Va., Deep Creek, David Cox
- 41 **Jordan Trott** LB, 6-4, 236, r-Fr.
Torrance, Calif., Loyola, Steve Grady
- 5 **Marcus Vick** QB, 6-0, 180, Fr.
Newport News, Va., Warwick, Tommy Reamon
- 30 **Cary Wade** CB, 5-11, 171, Fr.
Fairfax, Va., Robinson, Mark Bendorf
- 24 **D.J. Walton** ROV, 5-9, 197, r-Fr.
Woodbridge, Va., C.D. Hylton, Bill Brown
- 49 **Carter Warley**** PK, 5-11, 189, r-Jr.
Richmond, Va., Fork Union, Mickey Sullivan
- 40 **Blake Warren** LB, 6-3, 228, r-Fr.
Clifton, Va., Centreville, Mike Skinner
- 2 **Ronyell Whitaker***** CB, 5-9, 192, r-Sr.
Norfolk, Va., Lake Taylor, Dan Newell
- 17 **Garnell Wilds**** CB, 5-11, 192, r-Jr.
Tampa, Fla., Hillsborough, Earl Garcia, Jr.
- 19 **Ernest Wilford@**** SE, 6-4, 217, r-Jr.
Richmond, Va., Armstrong/Franklin, Otis Brayboy
- 98 **Jimmy E. Williams‡** DT, 6-3, 338, Jr.
Memphis, Tenn., East, Wayne Randall
- 18 **Jimmy F. Williams** FS, 6-2, 203, Fr.
Hampton, Va., Bethel, Tracy Parker
- 86 **Keith Willis**** TE, 6-5, 254, r-Jr.
Norfolk, Va., Norview, Carleton Thomas
- 26 **Shawn Witten***** FL, 6-0, 192, Sr.
Elizabethton, Tenn., Elizabethton, Dave Rider

Pronunciation Guide

Nathaniel ADIBI uh-DEE-bee
 MIKAL BAAQEE meh-KELL Bah-KEY
 CHRIS BUIE BOO-eee
 COLS COLAS coles CO-las
 DeANGELO Hall dee-ANNE-juh-lo
 Billy HARDEE har-DEE
 Mike IMOH EEE-moh
 Ken KEISTER KEE-ster
 Jason LALLIS LAH-liss
 Alex MARKOGIANNAKIS
 mark-o-gee-uh-KNOCK-us
 Jared MAZZETTA muh-ZEH-tah
 Jon MOLLERUP MAH-ler-up
 Grant NOEL knoll
 Chris PANNELL puh-NELL
 Robert PEASLEE PEESE-lee
 Tim SANDIDGE SAN-didge
 Chris SHREVE shreev
 Carter WARLEY WOR-lee

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Tech vs. Air Force

Hokies

2	Ronyell Whitaker	CB
3	Bryan Randall	QB
4	DeAngelo Hall	CB
5	Marcus Vick	QB
6	Vegas Robinson	LB
7	Kevin Jones	TB
8	Vincent Fuller	CB/FS
9	Terrell Parham	SE
11	Grant Noel	QB
12	Richard Johnson	FL
13	Will Hunt	QB
16	Chris Clifton	SE
17	Garnell Wilds	CB
18	Jimmy F. Williams	FS
19	Ernest Wilford	SE
20	Mike Imoh	TB
21	Michael Crawford	ROV
22	Lee Suggs	TB
23	Nic Schmitt	PK/P
24	D.J. Walton	ROV
25	Billy Hardee	ROV
26	Shawn Witten	FL
27	Justin Hamilton	FL
28	Lamar Cobb	DE
30	Cary Wade	CB
31	Mike Daniels	LB
32	Cedric Humes	FB
33	Chad Cooper	LB
35	Willie Pile	FS
37	Steve Canter	LB
38	Vinnie Burns	P
39	Alex Markogiannakis	LB
40	Blake Warren	LB
41	Jordan Trott	LB
42	Josh Spence	FB
43	Doug Easlick	FB
44	John Candelas	TB
45	Mikal Baaqee	LB
46	Chris Buie	LB
47	James Anderson	LB
48	Brandon Manning	LB
49	Carter Warley	PK
52	Jimmy Martin	OT
54	Bob Ruff	DE
55	Ken Keister	DS
56	Jonathan Lewis	DT
57	Anthony Davis	OT
58	Darryl Tapp	DE
59	Curtis Bradley	OT
60	Jacob Gibson	OT/OG
61	Reggie Butler	OT
62	Travis Conway	DS
64	Jake Grove	OG
66	Will Montgomery	C
67	Anthony Nelson	OG
68	Robert Ramsey	C
69	Danny McGrath	C
70	Kevin Lewis	DT
71	Tim Sandidge	DT
72	Jason Murphy	DT
74	Luke Owens	OG
76	James Miller	OG
79	Jon Dunn	OT
81	Chris Shreve	SE
82	Lance Goff	FL
83	Nathaniel Adibi	DE
85	Jared Mazzetta	TE
86	Keith Willis	TE
87	Greg Burnop	TE
89	Robert Peaslee	P
90	Jeff King	TE
91	Jason Lallis	DT
92	Mark Costen	DT
94	Chris Pannell	DT
95	Jim Davis	DE
97	Jon Mollerup	PK
98	Jimmy E. Williams	DT
99	Cols Colas	DE

When TECH Has the Ball

OFFENSE (Multiple)

SE	19	ERNEST WILFORD (6-4, 217, r-Jr.)
	9	Terrell Parham (6-0, 195, r-Sr.)
LT	57	ANTHONY DAVIS (6-4, 322, Sr.)
	61	Reggie Butler (6-5, 330, Fr.)
LG	60	JACOB GIBSON (6-4, 302, r-Jr.)
	66	Will Montgomery (6-3, 294, r-Fr.)
C	64	JAKE GROVE (6-3, 292, r-Jr.)
	68	Robert Ramsey (6-3, 296, r-So.)
RG	74	LUKE OWENS (6-3, 310, r-Sr.)
	76	James Miller (6-6, 304, So.)
RT	52	JIMMY MARTIN (6-5, 269, Fr.)
	79	Jon Dunn (6-7, 319, r-So.)
TE	90	JEFF KING (6-5, 252, r-Fr.)
	86	Keith Willis (6-5, 254, r-Jr.)
QB	3	BRYAN RANDALL (6-0, 213, So.)
	11	Grant Noel (6-2, 221, r-Sr.)
FB	43	DOUG EASLICK (5-11, 230, r-Jr.)
	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 213, r-Fr.)
TB	22	LEE SUGGS (6-0, 198, r-Sr.)
	7	Kevin Jones (6-0, 212, So.)
FL	26	SHAWN WITTEN (6-0, 192, Sr.)
	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.)

DEFENSE

LE	42	MONTY COLEMAN (6-2, 245, Jr.)
	38	Jon Hicks (6-2, 260, Sr.)
NG	95	NICHOLAS TAYLOR (6-4, 265, Jr.)
	88	Russ Mitscherling (6-2, 240, Fr.)
RE	91	ERIC THOMPSON (6-3, 260, Sr.)
	90	Charles Bueker (6-5, 260, Jr.)
ILB	44	TREVOR HIGHTOWER (6-0, 230, Jr.)
or	58	Marchello Graddy (6-1, 235, Jr.)
ILB	51	ANTHONY SCHLEGEL (6-2, 245, So.)
	49	Cameron Hodge (6-2, 225, So.)
ILB	48	JOHN RUDZINSKI (6-2, 230, So.)
	30	Kenny Smith (6-2, 225, So.)
or	12	Overton Spence (6-2, 205, Fr.)
RF	47	MARK MARSH (5-11, 205, So.)
	34	Sean Rodgers (5-11, 195, So.)
LF	21	JOEL BUELOW (6-1, 210, Sr.)
	32	Felix Cole (6-1, 210, Jr.)
LC	1	PAUL MAYO (5-10, 180, Sr.)
	5	Charles Akinyemi (5-8, 178, So.)
RC	22	JEFF OVERSTREET (5-10, 185, Jr.)
	7	Nate Allen (5-10, 180, So.)
FS	29	LARRY DUNCAN (5-10, 200, Jr.)
	36	Tyler Hess (5-11, 186, So.)

When AIR FORCE Has the Ball

DEFENSE (4-3)

DE	99	COLS COLAS (6-0, 239, r-Jr.)
	95	Jim Davis (6-3, 265, Jr.)
DT	70	JONATHAN LEWIS (6-1, 287, r-So.)
	72	Jason Murphy (6-2, 288, r-Fr.)
DT	71	TIM SANDIDGE (6-1, 273, r-Fr.)
	98	Jimmy E. Williams (6-3, 338, Jr.)
DE	83	NATHANIEL ADIBI (6-3, 261, r-Jr.)
	28	Lamar Cobb (6-2, 236, r-Sr.)
OLB	48	BRANDON MANNING (6-0, 214, r-So.)
	31	Mike Daniels (6-0, 201, r-So.)
ILB	45	MIKAL BAAQEE (5-10, 217, r-So.)
	39	Alex Markogiannakis (5-9, 204, r-Sr.)
ILB	6	VEGAS ROBINSON (6-0, 245, r-Jr.)
	40	Blake Warren (6-3, 228, r-Fr.)
BC	4	DeANGELO HALL (5-11, 194, So.)
	17	Garnell Wilds (5-11, 192, r-Jr.)
FS	35	WILLIE PILE (6-3, 211, r-Sr.)
	18	Jimmy F. Williams (6-2, 203, Fr.)
ROV	25	BILLY HARDEE (5-11, 203, r-Sr.)
	21	Michael Crawford (5-11, 206, r-Jr.)
FC	2	RONYELL WHITAKER (5-9, 192, r-Sr.)
	8	Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-So.)
PK	49	Carter Warley (5-11, 189, r-Jr.)
P	38	Vinnie Burns (5-11, 194, r-So.)
DS	55	Ken Keister (6-1, 240, r-Sr.)
Hold	89	Robert Peaslee (6-1, 199, r-Jr.)
KO	97	Jon Mollerup (5-11, 215, r-Sr.)
KOR	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.)
PR	4	DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.)

OFFENSE

WR	80	RICKY AMEZAGA (5-11, 185, Sr.)
	14	Anthony Park (5-11, 170, Jr.)
TE	86	ADAM STRECKER (6-6, 240, Jr.)
	98	Todd Jolly (6-4, 270, Jr.)
QT	77	BRETT WALLER (6-7, 275, Jr.)
	65	Scott Meyer (6-3, 275, Sr.)
SG	63	BRETT HUYSER (6-4, 295, Jr.)
	65	Nate Olsen (6-3, 275, Sr.)
C	68	WAYNE SOUTHAM (6-2, 255, Sr.)
	50	John Peel (6-2, 255, So.)
QG	75	JESSE UNDERBAKKE (6-3, 290, Jr.)
	60	Cory Crossetti (6-3, 275, Jr.)
ST	61	BLANE NEUFELD (6-5, 280, Jr.)
	78	Matt Thompson (6-5, 290, So.)
QB	11	CHANCE HARRIDGE (5-11, 185, Jr.)
	2	Bryan Blew (5-11, 190, Sr.)
FB	40	STEVE MASSIE (5-11, 230, Jr.)
	27	Adam Cole (6-0, 210, So.)
LHB	9	LEOTIS PALMER (5-8, 175, Sr.)
	25	Anthony Butler (5-9, 195, So.)
RHB	24	TOM HEIER (5-9, 180, Sr.)
	26	Don Clark (6-0, 195, Sr.)
PK	97	Joey Ashcroft (6-0, 210, Jr.)
P	16	John Welsh (6-3, 195, Sr.)
DS	74	Howard Turner (6-4, 250, Jr.)
Hold	16	John Welsh (6-3, 195, Sr.)
KOR	82	Alec Messerall (5-11, 185, So.) and
	2	Bryan Blew (5-11, 190, Sr.)
PR	9	Leotis Palmer (5-8, 175, Sr.)

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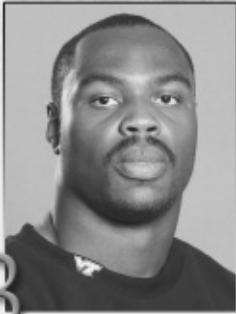
PK	49	Carter Warley (5-11, 189, r-Jr.)
P	38	Vinnie Burns (5-11, 194, r-So.)
DS	55	Ken Keister (6-1, 240, r-Sr.)
Hold	89	Robert Peaslee (6-1, 199, r-Jr.)
KO	97	Jon Mollerup (5-11, 215, r-Sr.)
KOR	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.)
PR	4	DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.)

Falcons

1	Paul Mayo	LC
2	Bryan Blew	QB
3	Matt Ward	HB
4	Brad Booth	QB
5	Charles Akinyemi	RC
6	Joel Kurzdorfer	DB
7	Nate Allen	LC
8	Wes Crawley	RC
9	Leotis Palmer	HB
10	Joe Schieffer	HB
11	Chance Harridge	QB
12	Overton Spence	ILB
13	Brad Baca	QB
14	Anthony Park	WR
15	Darnell Stephens	HB
16	John Welsh	P
17	Adrian Wright	RF
18	Mark Carlson	HB
19	Jordan Wilkie	RC
20	Thad Ewing	DB
21	Joel Buelow	RF
22	Jeff Overstreet	S
23	Cedric Adams	FB
24	Tom Heier	HB
25	Anthony Butler	HB
26	Don Clark	HB
27	Adam Cole	FB
28	David Conley	LC
29	Larry Duncan	S
30	Kenny Smith	ILB
31	Chase Waterhouse	DB
32	Felix Cole	RF
33	Kris Holstege	HB
34	Sean Rodgers	S
36	Tyler Hess	LF
37	Grant Mallory	LF
38	Jon Hicks	LE
40	Steve Massie	FB
41	Franklin Boedy	WR
42	Monty Coleman	LE
43	Joe Cianciolo	ILB
44	Trevor Hightower	ILB
45	Alex Renshaw	DB
46	Tim Gehrstiz	FB
47	Mark Marsh	LF
48	John Rudzinski	ILB
49	Cameron Hodge	ILB
50	John Peel	LG
51	Anthony Schlegel	ILB
53	Ryan Carter	LE
54	Justin Kasmarcak	ILB
56	Jon Wilson	OC
57	Trevin Reed	DE
58	Marchello Graddy	ILB
59	Matt McCraney	ILB
60	Cory Crossetti	LG
61	Blane Neufeld	RT
62	Vance Shaffer	RG
63	Brett Huyser	LG
65	Scott Meyer	RT
66	Stephen Maddox	OC
67	Lawrence Hufford	OG
68	Wayne Southam	OC
70	Cavin Cummings	NG
71	Jacob Anderson	RG
72	Nathan Olsen	LG
74	Howard Turner	RT
75	Jesse Underbakke	RG
77	Brett Waller	LT
78	Matt Thompson	RT
79	Scott Diehl	RT
80	Ricky Amezaga	WR
81	Robert Barkers	P
82	Alec Messerall	WR
83	J.P. Waller	WR
84	Jason Brown	WR
85	Dennis Poland	WR
86	Adam Strecker	TE
88	Russ Mitscherling	NG
89	John Schwartz	TE
90	Charles Bueker	RE
91	Eric Thompson	RE
92	Ross Weaver	TE
93	Michael Greenaway	PK
94	Robert McMenomy	TE
95	Nicholas Taylor	NG
96	Brandon Conyers	NG
97	Joey Ashcroft	PK
98	Todd Jolly	TE
99	Justin Wolcott	PK

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Nathaniel Adibi

**Defensive End • 6-3 • 261 • r-Jr.
Hampton, Va. • Phoebus H.S.**

An experienced defender with plenty of ability ... Has started 33 games at defensive end over the past three seasons, including two bowl games ... Is enjoying his most productive season yet as a Hokie ... Was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ted Hendricks Award, given to the nation's top defensive end ... Named an honorable mention All-American by CNN.com ...

2002: Started 12 of Tech's 13 games, playing each game ... Recorded a career-high nine sacks this year ... Tallied 34 solo tackles and 17 assists ... Included in those 51 tackles were 15 tackles for loss ... Also had two passes broken up, three forced fumbles, a blocked kicked and 16 quarterback hurries ... Recorded a solo tackle, an assist, a PBU and a quarterback hurry in just 19 plays in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had two solo stops and two quarterback pressures against LSU ... Recorded a solo stop and two quarterback hurries against Marshall ... Also had a sack in that game ... Had a big hand in shutting down Texas A&M's offense ... Recorded five solo stops, two assists, three sacks and caused a fumble in the road win ... Had two solo tackles, one for a loss, a sack and a forced fumble at Western Michigan ... Recorded five solo tackles, an assist, a tackle for loss, a quarterback hurry and a sack in the win at Boston College ... Graded higher than any other defensive player against Rutgers, recording two solo stops, an assist, a sack, a pass broken up and four quarterback hurries ... Also had a solo stop on special teams in that game ... Played on a sore ankle against Temple, but still registered two quarterback hurries ... Got the start against Pittsburgh and recorded a solo stop and two assists ... Also blocked a punt — the first of his career — which led to a Tech touchdown ... Had a big game at Syracuse, recording 13 tackles — eight solo — including two tackles for loss ... Also had two sacks and caused a fumble ... Recorded five solo tackles and an assist, including two tackles for loss, as well as a quarterback hurry against West Virginia ... Had a solo tackle and three assists against

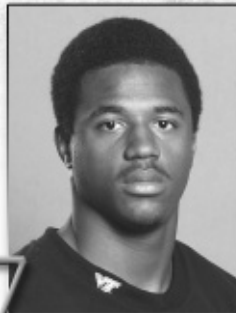
Virginia ... Also had two quarterback hurries ... Had an assisted tackle at Miami ...

Personal: Nathaniel Barnell Adibi ... Born 1/25/81 in Mississippi ... Son of Abiodun and Leanne Adibi ... Majoring in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	11	28	17	45	8-44	5-33
2001	11	18	23	41	2-11	1-10
2002	13	34	17	51	15-72	9-61
Career	35	80	57	137	25-127	15-104

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0
LSU	1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0
MU	1	1	0	1	1-9	1-9
at TAM	1	5	2	7	3-15	3-15
at WMU	1	2	0	2	2-11	1-8
at BC	1	5	1	6	2-6	1-5
RU	1	3	1	4	1-14	1-14
TU	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0
PITT	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0
at SU	1	8	5	13	4-14	2-10
WVU	1	5	1	6	2-3	0-0
UVa	1	1	3	4	0-0	0-0
at UM	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0

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James Anderson

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

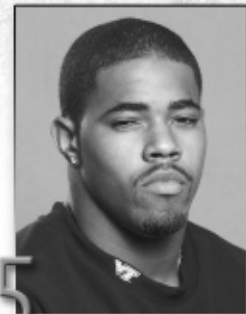
A young linebacker with good athletic ability ... Stepped in to start three games this year when Vegas Robinson went down with an ankle injury ... Learned on the fly, but ended up being a very productive linebacker ...

2002: Played in all 13 games ... Recorded 28 solo stops and 18 assisted tackles ... Included in those 46 tackles were three tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks ... Also had three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble ... Had a solo stop and an assist against Arkansas State ... Caused a fumble and recorded five total tackles against LSU ... Had two solo stops on defense against Marshall ... Also had an assisted tackle on special teams ... Played briefly on eight defensive and eight special teams plays in the win at Texas A&M ... Saw extensive playing time at Western Michigan, recording five solo tackles, an assist, two quarterback hurries and a sack ... Had a solo tackle on special teams

at Boston College ... Played 23 snaps against Rutgers ... Made his first career start against Temple ... Recorded four solo tackles, seven assists and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Tallied six solo stops and two assists against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss and half a sack ... Played all 100 defensive plays at Syracuse, recording four solo tackles and two assists ... Also played 14 snaps on special teams ... Was on the field for 14 snaps on special teams against West Virginia, recording a solo tackle ... Had a solo tackle and an assist on special teams against Virginia ...

Personal: James Nathaniel Anderson ... Born 9/26/83 in Roanoke Rapids, NC ... Son of James, Sr., and Brenda Anderson ... His father played basketball at North Carolina A&T ... Is enrolled in art.

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Mikal Baaqee

**Linebacker • 5-10 • 217 • r-So.
Columbia, Md. • DeMatha H.S.**

Was one of the pleasant surprises on defense this year ... Combines the ability to make plays with a motor that runs nonstop ... Possesses good strength and athletic ability ... Has played equally well against the run and the pass ...

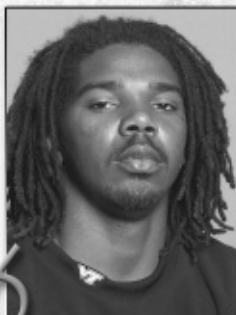
2002: Started 12 games, leading the team in tackles ... Had 106 total stops, 65 of which were solo ... Included in those were 11 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks ... Also had eight quarterback hurries, four passes broken up, a forced fumble and an interception ... Had five total tackles in his first career start against Arkansas State ... Also had two tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Recorded a team-high 10 tackles — five solo — in the win over LSU ... Had a big game against Marshall, recording an interception of a Byron Leftwich pass ... Also had three solo stops, six assists and a pass broken up ... Had three solo stops and three assists at Texas A&M ... Missed the Western Michigan due to a sprained ankle ... Returned to action at Boston College, getting the start and recording three assisted tackles ... Recorded a career-high 11 tackles against Rutgers ... Seven of those stops were solo ...

Also had a quarterback hurry and a sack on a key fourth-down play ... Continued his excellent play against Temple, registering six solo stops, five assists, a tackle for loss, two quarterback hurries and also causing an interception ... Registered six solo tackles and an assist against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss, a sack and caused a fumble ... Was on the field for all 100 defensive snaps at Syracuse ... Registered 11 solo stops and six assists for 17 total tackles ... Included in those were two tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had two quarterback hurries and caused an interception ... Tallied seven solo tackles and four assists, including a tackle for loss against West Virginia ... Also had a quarterback hurry and a pass broken up ... Played all 62 snaps on defense against Virginia, recording eight solo tackles and three assists ... Also had a pass broken up and a tackle for loss ... Had five solo stops, an assist, a pass broken up and a quarterback hurry at Miami ...

Personal: Mikal Rahim Baaqee ... Born 12/20/81 in Boston, MA ... Son of Susanne Bilal and Shakir Baaqee ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	12	65	41	106	11- 47	3.5-28
2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	4	1	5	2- 11	0- 0
LSU	1	5	5	10	0- 0	0- 0
MU	1	3	5	8	0- 0	0- 0
at TAM	1	3	3	6	0- 0	0- 0
at WMU	Did not play					
at BC	1	0	3	3	0- 0	0- 0
RU	1	7	4	11	1- 8	0- 0
TU	1	6	5	11	1- 1	0- 0
PITT	1	6	1	7	1- 3	0.5- 3
at SU	1	11	6	17	4- 20	2-17
WVU	1	7	4	11	1- 3	0- 0
UVa	1	8	3	11	1- 1	0- 0
at UM	1	5	1	6	0- 0	0- 0

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Chris Buie

Linebacker • 6-0 • 232 • r-Jr.
Tampa, Fla. • Armwood H.S.

Has seen limited action as a special teams player ... Also provides backup at the mike linebacker position ... Possesses excellent strength and speed ... A Super Iron Hokie in the athletic performance program ...

2002: Played 11 defensive snaps against Arkansas State ... Recorded a solo tackle and three assists ... Also saw action on 11 special teams plays against the Indians ...

Personal: Jonathan Christopher Buie ... Born 11/16/79 in Tampa, FL ... Son of Johnny and Barbara Buie ... Enrolled in sociology.

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Greg Burnop

Tight End • 6-1 • 233 • r-Fr.
Blacksburg, Va. • Blacksburg H.S.

Has added depth at the tight end spot this fall ... Joined the team last year as an invited walk-on ... Comes from a good football background ... His dad, Mike, was a record-setting tight end for the Hokies and currently handles the color commentary on the Tech ISP Sports Radio Network ...

2002: Played in three games this season ... Saw action on 21 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Also played three snaps on special teams ... Played briefly against Marshall and Western Michigan ...

Personal: Greg Michael Burnop ... Born 11/25/82 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Mike and Ellen Burnop ... His father still holds the Virginia Tech single-season record for pass receptions with 46, set in 1971 ... Enrolled in university studies.

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Vinnie Burns

Punter • 5-11 • 194 • r-So.
New Orleans, La. • St. Augustine H.S.

Handled all the punting duties for the Hokies during the 2002 season ... Was one of 10 semifinalists for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's top punter ... Combined his long

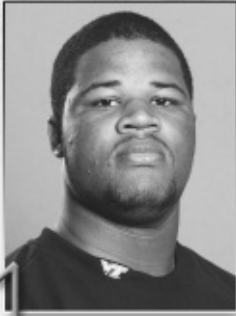
punts with the consistency coaches were looking for ... A good athlete who turned in a 400-pound back squat during strength and conditioning testing ...

2002: Punted 61 times this season for 2,471 yards, an average of 40.5 yards per kick ... Had a long of 58 yards with six touchbacks, seven fair catches and 22 punts inside the 20-yard line ... Had two punts blocked ... Punted five times for an average of 40.6 yards in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a long of 55 with three punts downed inside the 20 ... Averaged 44.7 yards per punt on nine kicks in the win over LSU ... Had a long of 58 yards with four kicks downed inside the 20 ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week honors ... Punted just once against Marshall, a 49-yarder ... Punted seven times at Texas A&M, averaging 40.7 yards a kick with a long of 51 yards ... Had three punts downed inside the 20, including one at the 1-yard line and one at the 5-yard line ... Punted six times for an average of 44.3 yards at Western Michigan ... Had a 57-yard punt and three downed inside the 20-yard line ... Punted five times for an average of 37.2 yards at Boston College ... Had a long of 45 yards in that game ... Punted just twice in the win over Rutgers, averaging 31.5 yards per kick ... Punted twice against Temple, but averaged 44.5 yards per kick ... Had a big game against Pittsburgh, averaging 43.6 yards on seven punts ... Had a long of 57 yards in that game ... Punted five times for an average of 41.2 yards at Syracuse ... Had a long of 55 yards and three downed inside the 20-yard line, including one at the 7-yard line ... Also had a punt blocked against the Orange ... Punted four times for an average of 36.2 yards per kick against West Virginia ... Had two kicks downed inside the 20-yard line ... Spent the Virginia game punting in winds of up to 30 miles per hour ... Never kicked with the wind at his back ... Punted five times for an average of 28 yards ... Had one punt downed inside the 20-yard line ... Punted three times for an average of 44.0 yards per kick at Miami ... Had a long of 48 yards, but also had a punt blocked ...

Personal: Ronald Vincent Burns, Jr. ... Born 2/2/82 in New Orleans, LA ... Son of Ronald and Sheila Burns ... His dad serves on the Nokia Sugar Bowl committee ... Is studying sociology.

Punting	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	I20
2001	11	59	2233	37.8	63	20
2002	13	61	2471	40.5	58	22
Career	24	120	4704	39.2	63	42
2002 Punting Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	5	203	40.6	55	3
LSU	1	9	402	44.7	58	4
MU	1	1	49	49.0	49	1
at TAM	1	7	285	40.7	51	3
at WMU	1	6	266	44.3	57	3
at BC	1	5	186	37.2	45	0
RU	1	2	63	31.5	39	1
TU	1	2	89	44.5	47	1
PITT	1	7	305	43.6	57	0
at SU	1	5	206	41.2	55	3
WVU	1	4	145	36.2	52	2
UVa	1	5	140	28.0	33	1
at UM	1	3	132	44.0	48	0

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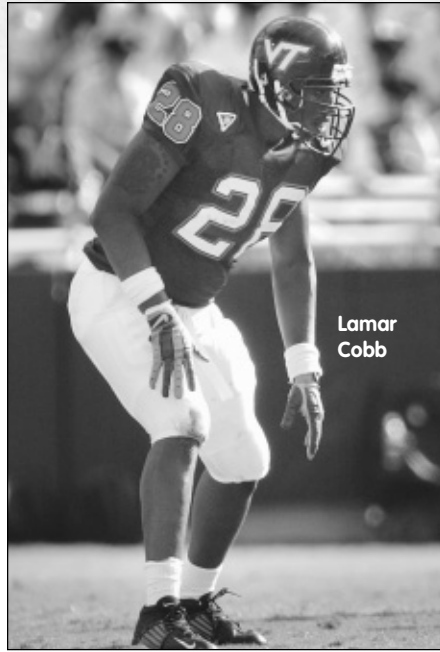
Reggie Butler

Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 330 • Fr.
Keswick, Va. • Monticello H.S.

A big man who provides good depth on the offensive line ... Has a lot of size and a lot of desire ... Is still learning the game as he has only played four years of organized football ...

2002: Played 34 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Saw brief action against Marshall ... Played seven offensive snaps at Western Michigan ... Was in for six offensive snaps in the win over Rutgers ... Saw brief action on special teams against Temple ...

Personal: Reginald Allan Butler ... Born 8/21/82 in Charlottesville, VA ... Son of Lee Ethel Butler ... Enrolled in biology.



Lamar Cobb

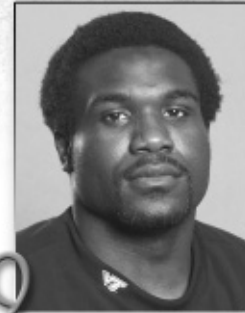
... Was in for six special teams plays against Temple and five against both Pittsburgh and Syracuse ...

Personal: Chris Arron Clifton ... Born 10/27/82 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Cheryl Clifton ... Enrolled in university studies.

at Texas A&M ... Recorded three tackles, three quarterback hurries and a sack at Western Michigan ... Had a solo stop on defense and two on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Recorded a quarterback hurry against Rutgers ... Had a solo stop, three assists and a quarterback hurry in the win over Temple ... Recorded three solo tackles and four assisted stops against Pittsburgh ... Tallied a solo tackle, a quarterback hurry and a forced interception at Syracuse ... Had three assists, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Registered a solo tackle and three assists against Virginia ... Had three solo tackles on special teams at Miami ...

Personal: Lamar Isaac Cobb ... Born 1/11/80 in Boone, NC ... Son of Raymond and Rhonda Cobb ... Studying management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1999	5	2	2	4	0-0	0-0
2000	11	17	30	47	5-15	1-6
2001	11	21	25	46	5-23	2-16
2002	12	19	16	35	1-8	1-8
Career	39	59	73	132	11-46	4-30



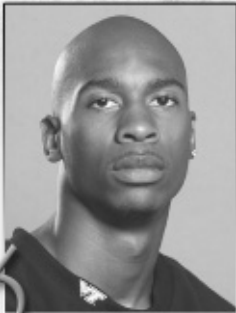
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Cols Colas

Defensive End • 6-0 • 239 • r-Jr.
Plantation, Fla. • South Plantation H.S.

A speedy end who is constantly in the backfield ... Possesses an impressive combination of speed and power reminiscent of former Tech All-American Corey Moore ... Has started 12 games in his career, including last year's Gator Bowl ... Can put pressure on the quarterback ... Has the ability to make big plays ... Runs a sub-4.5 40 and bench presses 400 pounds ...

2002: Started in eight games ... Led the team with 24 quarterback hurries ... Is tied for the team lead with nine sacks ... Had 32 solo tackles and 17 assists ... Included in those 49 tackles are a team-high 18 tackles for loss ... Also had a pass broken up ... Played just 10 snaps against Arkansas State ... Had a solo tackle, which was for a loss, and a quarterback hurry ... Had four quarterback hurries against LSU ... Also had a solo stop and a sack against the Tigers ... Recorded two solo tackles and a quarterback hurry in the win over Marshall ... Earned the start at Texas A&M ... Recorded three solo stops, a sack and two quarterback hurries ... Registered four solo stops, an assist, two tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble and four quarterback hurries at Western Michigan ... Had two tackles, including one for



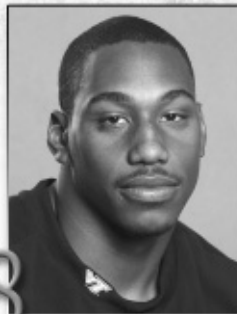
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Chris Clifton

Split End • 6-4 • 201 • r-Fr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

A great athlete who gives Tech a sizable target at receiver ... A hard worker who needs to get stronger ... Still has a lot to learn about his new position ... Saw extensive action on the punt block team ...

2002: Saw action on 10 offensive plays in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played two snaps on special teams ... Was in for eight special teams plays against LSU ... Played three snaps on special teams against Marshall ... Saw brief action on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw brief action on offense and seven plays on special teams at Western Michigan ... Was in for two plays on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Saw action on six offensive and seven special teams plays against Rutgers



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Lamar Cobb

Defensive End • 6-2 • 236 • r-Sr.
Hurt, Va. • Gretna H.S.

The lone senior among Tech's defensive linemen ... Has 20 career starts under his belt and the ability to play either end position ... Pursues the ball and makes plays ... Has played an important role in the Hokies' defensive end rotation ... A very active defender who has become more physical at the point of attack ...

2002: Played in 12 games ... Tallied 19 solo stops and 16 assists this season ... Included in those 35 tackles were a sack and a tackle for loss ... Also had 12 quarterback hurries ... Missed the opener against Arkansas State due to suspension ... Came back strong for the LSU game, recording three solo stops and an assist ... Also had a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Had a quarterback hurry and a "big hit" against Marshall ... Also had a solo stop on special teams ... Had two solo tackles and three quarterback hurries in the win

a loss, caused a fumble and recorded half a sack in the win at Boston College ... Had two stops on defense, along with a sack and three quarterback hurries against Rutgers ... Also had an assisted stop on special teams ... Recorded two solo stops, an assist, a tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries against Temple ... Had a solo tackle and three assists against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss, two quarterback hurries and caused an interception ... Got the start at Syracuse, recording five solo tackles, six assists and a quarterback hurry ... Included in that total were a tackle for loss and half a sack ... Tallied three solo tackles and three assists, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Recorded six solo tackles in the win over Virginia ... Included in that total were a tackle for loss and three sacks ... Also had two quarterback hurries, a pass broken up and a forced fumble ...

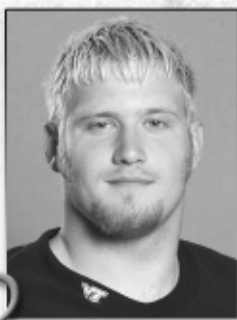
Personal: Cols Colas, Jr. ... Born 5/16/80 in Miami, FL ... Son of Evelyn Colas ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	10	6	14	20	0-0	0-0
2001	11	22	15	37	10-58	3.5-42
2002	13	32	17	49	18-73	9-48
Career	34	60	46	106	28-131	12.5-90

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game

ASU	1	2	0	1	1-6	0-0
LSU	1	2	0	1	1-6	1-6
MU	1	2	0	1	0-0	0-0
at TAM	1	3	0	3	1-7	0-7
at WMU	1	4	1	5	4-11	2-8
at BC	1	1	1	2	2-9	0.5-8
RU	1	1	2	3	1-2	1-2
TU	1	2	1	3	1-1	0-0
PITT	1	1	3	4	0-0	0-0
at SU	1	5	6	11	2-13	0.5-9
WVU	1	3	3	6	1-4	0-0
UVa	1	6	0	6	4-14	3-8
at UM	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-0

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Travis Conway

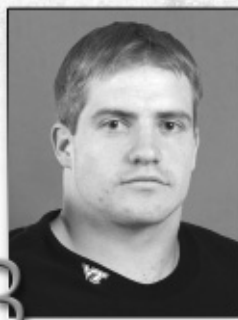
Deep Snapper • 6-5 • 257 • r-So.
Richmond, Va. • J.R. Tucker H.S.

Provided good depth at the long snapping positions ... Handled the snapping duties on punts for most of the 2001 season ... Coaches want him to develop consistency ...

2002: Served as the backup snapper for the punt, field goal and PAT units ...

Personal: Travis Scott Conway ... Born 6/3/82 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Doug and Suzanne Conway ... His uncle, Andy Hromyak, was the starting punter for Tech in 1971 and '72 ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

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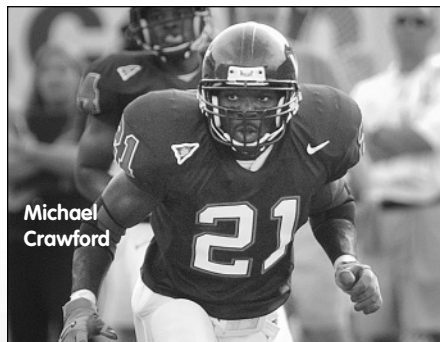
Chad Cooper

Linebacker • 6-2 • 224 • r-So.
Herndon, Va. • Oakton H.S.

Was a welcome addition to the team this year ... Had to leave the team in December of 2001 when he contracted Guillain-Barré syndrome, a serious disorder of the nervous system ... Was unable to attend school for the spring semester ... Stayed home to undergo rehabilitation ... Made a full recovery and ended up contributing on several special teams units ... Also saw limited action at linebacker ... Combines athleticism with good speed ... An extremely hard worker ...

2002: Missed the opener while battling shin splints ... Played in the other 12 games, mostly on special teams ... Had a solo tackle and five assists on the season ... Also had a quarterback hurry ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams against LSU in his first game back ... Played seven snaps in that game and 10 on special teams in the win over Marshall ... Played five snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw action on both defense and special teams at Western Michigan ... Recorded two assisted stops and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Recorded an assisted tackle on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Was in for 10 plays on special teams against Rutgers ... Saw action on seven special teams plays against Temple ... Was in for nine plays on special teams, recording an assisted tackle, against Pittsburgh ... Played 14 snaps on special teams at Syracuse and nine against West Virginia ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Virginia ...

Personal: Charlton Douglas Cooper ... Born 6/10/81 in Houston, TX ... Son of Tom and Connie Cooper ... His dad was a starter in the defensive secondary at Tech in the mid-1970s ... Studying business.



Michael Crawford

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Michael Crawford

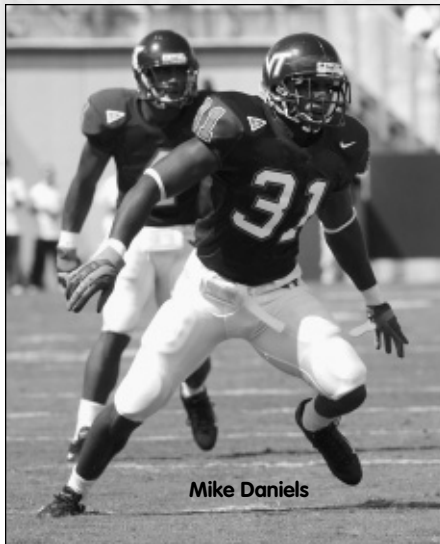
Rover • 5-11 • 206 • r-Jr.
Baltimore, Md. • Patterson H.S.

Held down the starting rover position for eight games ... Played extremely well in those games ... Was diagnosed with symptoms of lymphoma, a form of cancer to the lymph nodes, before the Pittsburgh game ... Underwent further tests while still playing ... Played in the Pittsburgh and Syracuse games before having an open biopsy, which sidelined him for a week ... Will start treatment after the season ... Could still return for his senior season ...

2002: Started the first two games for the Hokies ... Played in 12 of 13 games ... Had 31 solo stops and 18 assists ... Included in those 49 tackles are four tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had two passes broken up and a forced fumble ... Had a solo stop and an assist in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had two tackles in the win over LSU ... Came off the bench against Marshall to record four solo stops and two assists ... Started against Texas A&M, registering four solo tackles and an assist ... Had a tackle for loss, a pass broken up, a sack and caused a fumble in the win against the Aggies ... Had a solo stop at Western Michigan ... Recorded two solo tackles and four assists in the win at Boston College ... Also stopped a two-point conversion with an interception, but the play goes down as just a failed conversion ... Registered three solo stops, an assist, a sack and a pass broken up against Rutgers ... Had a solo tackle and two assists in the win over Temple ... Recorded three solo tackles and an assist against Pittsburgh ... Missed two days of practice prior to the Syracuse game while undergoing tests, but still played against the Orange ... Tallied three solo tackles and four assists, including a tackle for loss ... Underwent an open biopsy on Nov. 20 ... Was available for the West Virginia game, but did not play ... Saw action on 14 defensive snaps against Virginia, recording two solo tackles ... Had six solo tackles and an assist at Miami ...

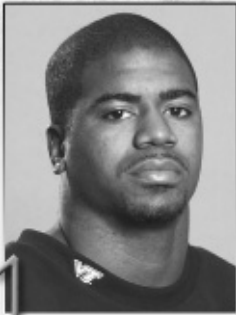
Personal: Michael Antonio Crawford ... Born 2/20/81 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Iantha Carrington ... Enrolled in consumer studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	9	3	3	6	0-0	0-0
2001	11	5	9	14	2-14	1-13
2002	12	31	18	49	4-25	2-18
Career	32	39	30	69	6-39	3-31



Mike Daniels

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Mike Daniels

**Linebacker • 6-0 • 201 • r-Sr.
Fairfax, Va. • Fairfax H.S.**

An athletic player who plays hard ... Started one game this year ... Provided quality depth at the whip linebacker spot ... Is always around the football ... Attacks people and does a good job finishing the tackle ...

2002: Played in all 13 games, starting one ... Had 25 solo tackles and 23 assists ... Included in those 48 tackles are two tackles for loss ... Also had a pass broken up and forced fumble ... Had two solo stops, including a tackle for loss, against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop in the win over LSU ... Earned the start against Marshall ... Had two solo tackles and three assists ... Registered a solo tackle and two assists in the win at Texas A&M ... Recorded three solo stops and two assisted tackles at Western Michigan ... Registered two solo stops and two assists in the win at Boston College ... Also caused a fumble which prevented an Eagle touchdown ... Had a solo stop and an assist against Rutgers ... Played 25 snaps on defense against Temple, registering three solo tackles, two assists and a tackle for loss ... Played 28 snaps on defense against Pittsburgh, registering two solo tackles and two assists ... Recorded three solo stops, three assists and a pass broken up at Syracuse ... Had three solo tackles and two assists against West Virginia ... Had three assisted tackles against Virginia ... Had a solo stop and two assists at Miami ...

Personal: Michael William Daniels ... Born 9/18/81 in Germany ... Son of Fletcher, Jr., and Carolyn Daniels ... Studying sociology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	12	16	28	0- 0	0- 0
2002	13	25	23	48	0- 0	0- 0
Career	24	37	39	76	0- 0	0- 0

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Anthony Davis

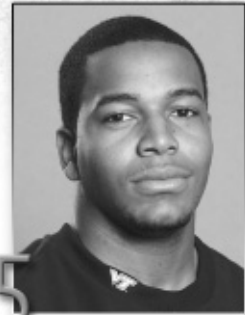
**Offensive Tackle • 6-4 • 322 • Sr.
Victoria, Va. • Central-Lunenburg H.S.**

A physical player who has saved his best for his final season ... Was a candidate for both the Outland and Lombardi Awards, given to the nation's top lineman ... Was rated the No. 21 offensive tackle in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News* ... Possesses the size, strength and skills to separate himself from other offensive linemen ... Started every game at left tackle this year ... A natural run-blocker who has matured in pass protection ... Has good quickness and athletic ability ...

2002: Saw action on 823 snaps this season and graded out at 82.6 percent for the year ... Also had 38 knockdown blocks on the season ... Started all 13 games ... Played 28 snaps on offense in the opener against Arkansas State, with three knockdown blocks ... Played 67 snaps against LSU ... Graded out at 84 percent against Marshall on 74 snaps with five knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 83 percent with three knockdowns in the win at Texas A&M ... Had two knockdown blocks at Western Michigan ... Played 67 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 85 percent with four knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 85 percent with a team-high six knockdown blocks against Rutgers ... Played 60 snaps against Temple, grading out at 83 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Left the game early due to a pulled hamstring ... Returned for the Pittsburgh game, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown block ... Graded out at 88 percent with two knockdowns on 62 snaps at Syracuse ... Played 78 snaps against West Virginia with one knockdown block ... Played all 78 offensive snaps against West Virginia ... Played 62 snaps against Virginia, grading out at 87 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 84 percent with four knockdowns at Miami ...

Personal: Anthony Sherrod Davis ... Born 3/27/80 in Paterson, NJ ... Son of Paul and Dorothy Hite ... Enrolled in physical education.

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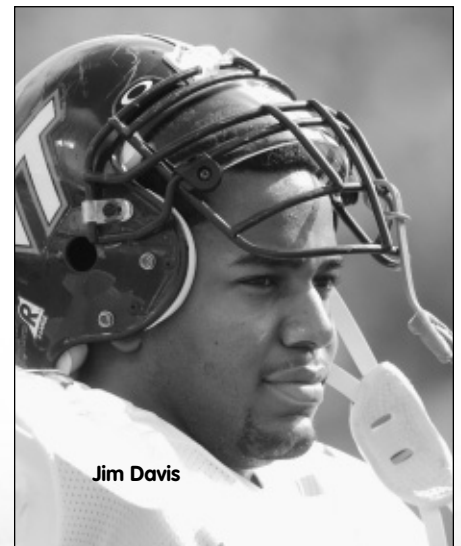
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Jim Davis

**Defensive End • 6-3 • 265 • Jr.
Highland Springs, Va. • Highland Springs H.S.**

A speedy end who has a knack for making big plays ... Was on the watch list for the Ted Hendricks Award, given to the nation's top defensive end ... Has developed more consistency and become a more mature player ... Was hampered by a sprained ankle for several games, but still put up good numbers ... Combines size and quickness with outstanding skills ... Can get to the quarterback in a hurry ... Makes things happen ... Has started nine games in his career ...

2002: Started six games this season ... Had 23 solo stops and 12 assists ... Included in those 35 tackles are eight tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks ... Also had 10 quarterback hurries, three passes broken up and a forced fumble ... Had a quiet opener against Arkansas State, playing just 19 snaps on defense with an assisted stop ... Came back strong against LSU, recording three sacks against the Tigers ... Also had five solo stops, an assist, two quarterback hurries and a tackle for loss ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors ... Played on a sprained left ankle against Marshall, but still managed to play 41 snaps ... Had two solo stops, including one for a loss, and a pass broken up ... Also had an assisted stop on special teams ... Did not start at Texas A&M due to his sore ankle ... Played 24 snaps on defense, recording an assisted stop



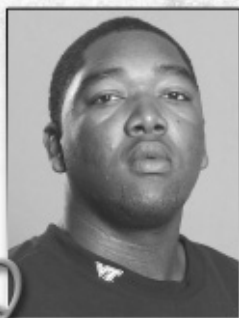
Jim Davis

... Had three quarterback hurries and a tackle on special teams at Western Michigan ... Was back at full speed for the Boston College game, registering three solo tackles, an assist and 1.5 sacks ... Had an assisted tackle and three quarterback hurries against Rutgers ... Earned the start against Temple and recorded two solo tackles, two assists, a sack and a quarterback hurry ... Had a solo tackle against Pittsburgh, playing 40 snaps ... Registered four solo tackles and an assist on defense at Syracuse ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Tallied two solo tackles and an assist, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Had a solo stop and two assists in the win over Virginia ... Had a solo tackle at Miami ...

Personal: James Edward Davis, Jr. ... Born 10/4/81 in Richmond, VA ... Son of James, Sr., and Sandra Davis ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	11	17	11	28	6- 32	3.5-23
2001	10	17	21	38	8- 44	4.5-27
2002	13	23	12	35	8- 40	5.5-32
Career	34	57	44	101	22-116	13.5-82

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Jon Dunn

Offensive Tackle • 6-7 • 319 • r-So.
Virginia Beach, Va. • Tallwood H.S.

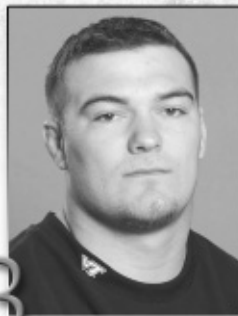
The biggest player on the team ... A young player who is still learning the ropes at tackle ... Is just what coaches are looking for at the tackle position — a mixture of outstanding size and physical ability ... Still needs to be more consistent in his play and become more physical at the point of attack ...

2002: Started seven games and played in all 13 ... Saw action on 498 offensive snaps this season and graded out at 80.3 percent for the season ... Had 22 knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 89 percent in the opener against Arkansas State on just 28 offensive snaps ... Played 67 snaps against LSU, grading out at 81 percent ... Played 74 snaps in the win over Marshall, grading out at 80 percent ... Had five knockdown blocks ... Had a knockdown block at Texas A&M ... Was in for 57 snaps on offense at Western Michigan ... Played 67 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 82 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Played 57 snaps on offense with a knockdown block against Rutgers ... Came off the bench against Temple to play 32 snaps ... Graded out at 84 percent against the Owls ... Played 26 snaps against Pittsburgh, recording

a knockdown block ... Saw limited action on offense and special teams at Syracuse ... Played nine snaps on offense and two on special teams against West Virginia ... Played 20 snaps on offense at Miami, grading out at 80 percent ...

Personal: Jonathan Paul Dunn ... Born 12/12/81 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Paula and Willie Heggins ... Enrolled in residential property management.

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Doug Easlick

Fullback • 5-11 • 235 • r-Jr.
Marlton, N.J. • Cherokee H.S.

A question mark in the preseason who turned out to be one of Tech's most pleasant surprises ... Opens the holes for one of the nation's best rushing attacks ... A physical player who combines toughness with good athleticism ... Plays smart and knows the Tech system ... A former tailback who has a knack for picking up yardage ... Has developed as a blocker and can catch the football coming out of the backfield ... Understands leverage from his high school days as a championship wrestler ...

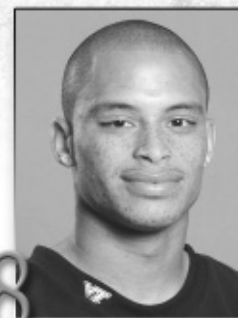
2002: Started all 13 games ... Carried the ball 17 times for 76 yards ... Caught 15 passes, third most on the team, for 108 yards and a touchdown ... Played just 11 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a 15-yard rush and a 5-yard reception in that game ... Had a 5-yard catch in the win over LSU ... Provided several key blocks to spring touchdowns in that game ... Carried the ball four times for 21 yards against Marshall ... Had an 18-yard carry against the Herd ... Also had an 8-yard reception ... Carried the ball twice for three yards at Texas A&M ... Caught two passes at Western Michigan ... Was in for 53 offensive snaps at Boston College, grading out at 81 percent ... Graded out at 82 percent on his blocking assignments against Rutgers ... Threw several key blocks that led to big runs and nearly 400 yards on the ground ... Had his best game of the 2002 season against Temple ... Rushed four times for 17 yards, including a 16-yarder ... Also had three catches for 38 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown reception ... Carried the ball twice for two yards against Pittsburgh ... Graded out at 86 percent at Syracuse and had two catches for 19 yards ... Had two carries for 11 yards and two catches for 17 yards against West Virginia ... Had a 7-yard rush and a 4-yard reception in the win over Virginia ... Had two catches for 14 yards and a 4-yard run against Miami ...

Personal: Arthur Doug Easlick ... Born 12/4/80 in Mt. Holly, NJ ... Son of Jon and Connie Easlick ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	6	8	32	4.0	0	18
2001	9	4	5	1.2	0	3
2002	13	17	76	4.5	0	17
Career	28	29	113	3.9	0	18

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	6	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	9	4	54	13.5	1	22
2002	13	15	108	7.2	1	32
Career	28	19	162	8.5	2	32

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Vincent Fuller

Cornerback • 6-1 • 184 • r-So.
Baltimore, Md. • Woodlawn H.S.

Made what was supposed to be a temporary move to cornerback a permanent one this year with his outstanding play ... A skilled performer who continues to get better ... Has the speed and athleticism to play sideline to sideline ... Ran a 4.33 40 during spring athletic performance tests ... Has a bright future with the Hokies ...

2002: Started three games this season ... Earned the start in Tech's first two games at field corner ... Had 16 solo tackles and seven assists this season ... Included in those 23 tackles are a tackle for loss and half a sack ... Played just 16 defensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop, an assist, a pass broken up and caused a fumble against LSU ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams against the Tigers ... Didn't start against Marshall, but still played 31 snaps on defense ... Recorded two solo stops, an assist and two passes broken up in that game ... Had two assisted stops in the win at Texas A&M ... Had two tackles and a pass broken up at Western Michigan ... Recorded his first career interception at Boston College, along with two solo stops, an assist and a pass broken up ... Also had a solo stop on special teams ... Had an interception to go along with a solo tackle and a pass broken up against Rutgers ... Returned to the starting lineup for the Temple game ... Recorded two interceptions against the Owls, both deep in Tech territory to stop Temple drives ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Played 13 snaps on defense against Pittsburgh, recording a solo tackle ... Also had two solo tackles on special teams in that game

... Was in for 29 snaps on defense against West Virginia ... Had a solo tackle on special teams against Virginia ...

Personal: Vincent Fuller II ... Born 8/3/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Vincent Fuller and Reneé Richardson ... A cousin of former Tech safety Damien Russell ... Studying business information technology.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	10	5	7	12	0-0	0-0
2002	13	16	7	23	1-10	0.5-10
Career	23	21	14	35	1-10	0.5-10

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	13	4	0	0.0	0	0

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Jacob Gibson

Offensive Guard • 6-4 • 302 • r-Jr.
Rocky Mount, Va. • Franklin County H.S.

Won the starting job at left guard halfway through the season and never relinquished it ... Has the versatility to play either tackle position as well as guard ... Combines good athleticism with an aggressive, physical style of play ... Is solid in pass protection ...

2002: Started 11 games for the Hokies this year ... Played in all 13 contests ... Saw action on 768 offensive snaps this season and graded out at 85 percent for the season ... Had 39 knockdown blocks ... Played 23 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State, recording three knockdown blocks ... Played 26 offensive snaps against LSU, grading out at 92 percent ... Got the start against Marshall, playing 66 offensive snaps ... Graded out at 80 percent with a team-high six knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 83 percent with three knockdown blocks in the win at Texas A&M ... Graded out at 84 percent with two knockdown blocks at Western Michigan ... Played 67 snaps on offense at Boston College, grading out at 90 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 81 percent with two knockdown blocks in the win over Rutgers ... Played 75 snaps on offense against Temple, grading out at 83 percent ... Had five knockdown blocks in that game as well ... Graded out at a season-high 93 percent against Pittsburgh ... Played 69 snaps in that game with a team-high four knockdown blocks ... Was in for 62 snaps on offense at Syracuse, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown block ... Played all 78 offensive snaps against West Virginia, grading out at 91 percent with three knockdowns ... Played 62 snaps on offense

against Virginia, grading out at 87 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Played all 73 offensive snaps at Miami, grading out at 82 percent ... Had one knockdown block ...

Personal: Jacob Edward Gibson ... Born 1/29/81 in Rocky Mount, VA ... Son of William B. and Martha Sue Gibson ... His father, Benny, played football for East Carolina ... Is studying history.

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Jake Grove

Center • 6-3 • 292 • r-Jr.
Forest, Va. • Jefferson Forest H.S.

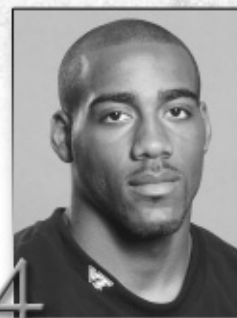
Made a smooth transition back to center this season after starting 10 games at right guard in 2001 ... Was the best lineman on the team this year ... Was named fourth-team All-America at center by *The Sporting News* ... A warrior on the field ... Mixes outstanding strength with good athleticism ... Was a candidate for both the Lombardi and Outland Awards, given to the nation's top lineman ... Plays with great leverage ... Is tough, aggressive and relentless ... Has been a force on the line, opening up big holes for Tech's lethal running game ... Turned in a team-best 445-pound bench press in the spring ...

2002: Is the only offensive lineman to grade out above 80 percent in every game, putting him in the "Winner's Circle" ... Saw action on a team-high 838 offensive snaps this season and graded out at 90 percent or better in nine of 13 regular-season games ... Graded out at 90.6 percent for the season with a team-high 43 knockdown blocks ... Played just 28 snaps against Arkansas State in the season opener ... Graded out at 86 percent with a knockdown block in that game ... Played 67 snaps against LSU, grading out at 85 percent with a team-high six knockdown blocks ... In 74 plays in the win over Marshall, graded out at a team-high 93 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 83 percent with three knockdown blocks in the win at Texas A&M ... Graded out at 93 percent with two knockdowns at Western Michigan ... Was again in the "Winner's Circle" for the Boston College game, grading out at 90 percent with four knockdown blocks on 67 snaps ... Graded out at a season-high 94 percent with three knockdown blocks against Rutgers ... Played 75 snaps on offense against Temple, grading out tops among the linemen at a 92 percent mark ... Also had a team-high six knockdown blocks ... Played 69 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh, grading out at 93 percent ... Also had

three knockdown blocks ... Tied his season high at Syracuse in grading out at 94 percent ... Played 62 snaps and had three knockdown blocks ... Was in for 78 snaps against West Virginia, grading out at 90 percent ... Also had a knockdown block ... Played 62 snaps on offense against Virginia, grading out at 91 percent with three knockdown blocks ...

Personal: Charles Jacob Grove ... Born 1/22/80 in Johnson City, TN ... Son of Chuck and Ruth Grove ... His dad is a Tech graduate ... Enrolled in residential property management.

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DeAngelo Hall

Cornerback • 5-11 • 194 • So.
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

An outstanding young player who can contribute in several different ways ... Was a candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back ... Has been one of the best all-around players on the field this year ... Has excellent coverage skills and can defend the run ... Ranks as the Hokies' best athlete ... Combines good size with tremendous speed and quickness ... Ran a 4.31 40 during the spring and turned in the fastest NFL shuttle time on the team at 3.78 seconds ... Has a 37-inch vertical jump ...

2002: Started 10 games at cornerback and also returned punts ... Is ranked eighth in the nation in punt returns, averaging 16.0 yards per return ... Had a long of 71 yards and scored twice on returns ... Had 36 solo tackles and 18 assists this season ... Also had four interceptions, 11 passes broken up and a forced fumble ... Started the 2002 season with a bang against Arkansas State ... Returned a punt 69 yards for a touchdown before later returning an interception 49 yards for a score ... Recorded seven tackles and a pass broken up against LSU ... Had three "big hits" against Marshall ... Also had two solo tackles, two passes broken up and an assist ... Recorded three solo stops and two assists, along with two passes broken up in the win at Texas A&M ... Had three solo tackles and an assist at Western Michigan ... Registered two solo stops, three assists and an interception in the win at Boston College ... Had four tackles and a 51-yard punt return for a touchdown against Rutgers ... The return helped earn him BIG EAST Co-Special Teams Player of the Week honors ... Came off the bench against Temple to record a solo tackle, a pass broken up and his third interception of the season ... Returned to the starting lineup against Pittsburgh and had one of

his best games of the season ... Recorded three solo tackles, two assisted stops and two pass breakups ... Also recorded his fourth interception of the year, which he returned 46 yards ... Missed both the Syracuse and West Virginia games with lower back pain ... Returned to play 20 snaps on defense against Virginia, recording two solo tackles and an assist ... Had 14 solo tackles and two assists at top-ranked Miami ... Also credited with two passes broken up and a forced fumble ...

Personal: DeAngelo Eugene Hall ... Born 11/19/83 in Chesapeake, VA ... Son of Joan Hall ... Enrolled in university studies.

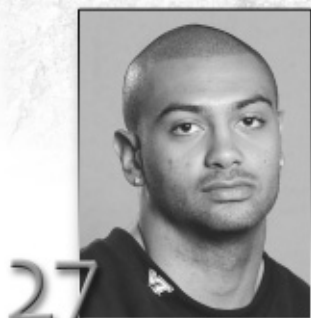
Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	24	18	42	0-0	0-0
2002	11	36	18	54	0-0	0-0
Career	22	60	36	96	0-0	0-0

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0
LSU	1	2	5	7	0-0	0-0
MU	1	2	1	3	0-0	0-0
at TAM	1	3	2	5	0-0	0-0
at WMU	1	3	1	4	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	2	3	5	0-0	0-0
RU	1	3	1	4	0-0	0-0
TU	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0
PITT	1	3	2	5	0-0	0-0
at SU				Did not play		
WVU				Did not play		
UVa	1	2	1	3	0-0	0-0
at UM	1	14	2	16	0-0	0-0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	11	3	37	12.3	0	35
2002	11	4	100	25.0	1	49
Career	22	7	137	19.6	1	49

Punt Ret	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	11	22	352	16.0	2	71

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Justin Hamilton

Flanker • 6-3 • 209 • r-Fr.
Clintwood, Va. • Clintwood H.S.

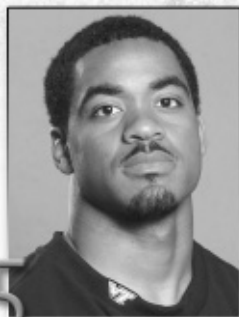
Came in as a tailback, but was moved to receiver in preseason camp ... Learned the position quickly and ended up providing good depth at the flanker spot ... Gives the Hokies a big, physical presence ... Showed excellent skills at tailback, but the coaches felt he could get on the field quicker and be of greater value to the team this season as a receiver ... A smart player with a real feel for the game ... Has size, strength and good speed ...

2002: Played on both the field goal and punt block teams ... Played 16 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught his

first collegiate pass in that game, a 5-yard reception ... Also played 11 snaps on special teams ... Saw 10 snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against LSU ... Blocked a punt against the Tigers that resulted in a Tech touchdown ... Saw brief offensive action in the win over Marshall ... Also played seven snaps on special teams against the Herd ... Played seven snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Caught a key 23-yard pass on the opening drive of the second half in the win at Western Michigan ... Was in for seven special teams plays in the win at Boston College ... Played 13 snaps on offense and 10 on special teams against Rutgers ... Recorded a 10-yard reception in that game ... Had an 11-yard reception in the win over Temple ... Played eight snaps on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Missed the Syracuse game with a sprained left ankle ... Played three snaps on offense and 10 on special teams against West Virginia ... Blocked his second punt of the year against Virginia, which was picked up and returned for a touchdown ...

Personal: Justin Lee Hamilton ... Born 9/17/82 in Norton, VA ... Son of Beth Stanley ... Enrolled in university studies.

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25 Billy Hardee

Rover • 5-11 • 203 • r-Sr.
Winter Haven, Fla. • Winter Haven H.S.

Saw a lot of action on defense this season ... Has seen playing time at cornerback and free safety during his Tech career ... A tough, physical player who has a knack for being around the football ... Combines smarts with a strong work ethic ... Named to the 2001 BIG EAST All-Academic Football Team ... Transferred to Tech from Florida Southern College where he played soccer ... Comes from a good football background - his father, Billy, Jr., was a standout for the Hokies in the mid-1970s ...

2002: Started the last four games for Tech this season ... Tallied 35 solo tackles and 17 assists ... Included in those 52 tackles is a tackle for loss ... Also had two fumble recoveries and two passes broken up ... Had a solo stop in the opener against Arkansas State ... Recorded two solo tackles in the win over LSU ... Played 25 snaps against Marshall, recording a solo stop and an assist ... Also had an assist on special teams ... Registered an assisted tackle in the win at Texas A&M ... Had four solo stops, two assists, a pass broken up and a fumble recovery

at Western Michigan ... Had two solo tackles in the win at Boston College ... Had a solo stop and an assist against Rutgers ... Had two solo tackles against Temple ... Recorded two solo tackles and three assists on defense against Pittsburgh ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Got the start at Syracuse ... Tallied nine solo tackles and three assists in that game ... Recorded four solo tackles and two assists against West Virginia ... Also broke up a pass and forced an interception ... Had four solo tackles and an assist in the win over Virginia ... Had two stops and four assists at Miami ... Recorded his lone TFL in that game ...

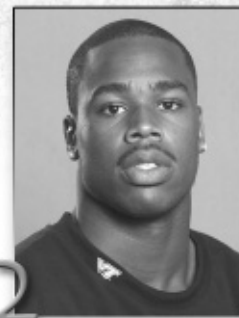
Personal: Abraham Bill Hardee III ... Born 6/30/80 in Christiansburg, VA ... Son of Bill, Jr., and Debi Hardee ... His dad still ranks among Tech's top 10 career leaders in pass interceptions, punt returns and kickoff returns ... Studying science of food, nutrition and exercise.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	9	17	17	34	2-5	0-0
2001	5	6	2	8	0-0	0-0
2002	13	35	17	52	1-1	0-0
Career	27	58	36	94	3-6	0-0

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0
LSU	1	3	0	3	0-0	0-0
MU	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0
at TAM	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0
at WMU	1	4	2	6	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0
RU	1	1	1	2	0-0	0-0
TU	1	2	0	2	0-0	0-0
PITT	1	2	3	5	0-0	0-0
at SU	1	9	3	12	0-0	0-0
WVU	1	4	2	6	0-0	0-0
UVa	1	4	1	5	0-0	0-0
at UM	1	2	2	4	1-1	0-0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	9	0	0	0	0	0
2001	5	1	0	0	0	0
2002	13	0	0	0	0	0
Career	27	1	0	0	0	0

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Fullback • 6-1 • 218 • r-Fr.
Virginia Beach, Va. • Princess Anne H.S.

A talented back who saw action at fullback this season ... Provided a quality backup at the position ... Also saw action at tailback early in the season ... An outstanding runner with breakaway speed ... Is big and athletic ... Must continue to work on his blocking ...

2002: Played in all 13 games, carrying the ball 16 times for 68 yards ... Also caught seven passes for 76 yards ... Saw action on 34 offensive plays in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a team-high 10 carries in that game for 52 yards ... Also caught a 1-yard pass ... Played 13 snaps on offense against LSU ... Carried the ball two times for three yards in the win over Marshall ... Caught a 4-yard pass in the win at Texas A&M ... Carried the ball once for three yards at Western Michigan ... Played 12 snaps on offense and four on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played 12 snaps on offense and three on special teams against Rutgers ... Carried the ball three times for 10 yards in the win over Temple ... Also had a 6-yard reception ... Caught a 15-yard pass against Pittsburgh ... Played seven snaps on offense and eight on special teams at Syracuse ... Caught a pass for seven yards against West Virginia ... Saw brief action on special teams against Virginia ... Caught a 26-yard pass out of the backfield at Miami ...

Personal: Cedric Akeem Humes ... Born 8/7/83 in Virginia Beach, VA ... Son of Alfred and Sheria Humes ... Enrolled in university studies.

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Mike Imoh

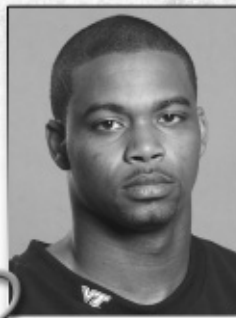
Tailback • 5-6 • 176 • Fr.
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.

A talented freshman who saw limited action as a true freshman ... A small player with excellent speed ... Saw time at both receiver and running back this year ...

2002: Played in five games, rushing 10 times for 38 yards ... Also caught four passes for 28 yards and a touchdown ... Saw his first collegiate action in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played 22 offensive snaps ... Caught a team-high four passes for 28 yards ... Caught a 19-yard pass for his first collegiate touchdown ... Saw six offensive snaps and five on special teams in the win over LSU ... Carried the ball once for three yards at Western Michigan ... Was the workhorse in Tech's jayvee win over Fork Union, carrying the ball 31 times for 164 yards ... Carried the ball five times for 13 yards in the win over Rutgers ... Missed the Temple game with a sprained ankle ... Dressed for the remaining games, but did not see any action ...

Personal: Michael U. Imoh ... Born 7/21/84 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of James and Alice Imoh.

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Richard Johnson

Flanker • 5-10 • 180 • r-So.
Baltimore, Md. • Milford Mill Academy

A speedy player who can break a big gainer at any moment ... Saw action in all 13 games at the flanker position this season ... An exceptionally quick and elusive runner who excels in the open field ... Makes catches and adjusts to the ball extremely well ... Possesses a good knowledge of the game thanks to his experience as a high school QB ... Also can serve as Tech's return man on both kickoffs and punts ...

2002: Saw action at receiver, punt returner and kickoff returner this year ... Caught 14 passes for 147 yards ... Also rushed three times for 22 yards ... Returned 23 kickoffs for an average of 21.1 yards per return with a long of 91 yards ... Returned 14 punts for an average of 7.1 yards per return ... Returned his lone kickoff against Arkansas State 33 yards to start the game ... Also played 11 offensive snaps ... Had a 14-yard punt return and a 20-yard kickoff return in the win over LSU ... Also played 24 offensive snaps ... Returned a kickoff 19 yards against Marshall ... Saw action on 30 offensive plays against the Herd ... Caught an 8-yard pass at Texas A&M ... Also had a 13-yard rush on a reverse in that game ... Made his first career start at Western Michigan ... Caught two passes for 26 yards in that game ... Started at Boston College, returning one punt and four kickoffs ... Also had a catch for seven yards in that game ... Played 27 snaps on offense and returned three kicks against Rutgers ... Registered a career-high four catches against Temple for 40 yards ... Also rushed for nine yards on a reverse ... Played 25 snaps on offense and five on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Caught two passes for 10 yards at Syracuse ... Also saw action on 14 special teams plays ... Made the move to punt returner against West Virginia ... Returned his lone kick 20 yards ... Also had two receptions for six yards ... Came up with a big reception against Virginia, turning a short pass play into a 39-yard reception that set up the game-clinching touchdown ... Returned a kickoff 91 yards at Miami and had an 11-yard catch ...

Personal: Richard M. Johnson ... Born 6/17/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Betty and Rodney Swayne ... Enrolled in physical education.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	7	4	34	8.5	0	20
2002	13	14	147	10.5	0	39
Career	20	18	181	10.1	0	39

2002 Receiving Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
LSU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
MU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at TAM	1	1	8	8.0	0	8
at WMU	1	2	26	13.0	0	14
at BC	1	1	7	7.0	0	7
RU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
TU	1	4	40	10.0	0	18
PITT	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at SU	1	2	10	5.0	0	6
WVU	1	2	6	3.0	0	4
UVa	1	1	39	39.0	0	39
at UM	1	1	11	11.0	0	11

K.O. Ret	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	7	12	267	22.2	0	40
2002	13	23	485	21.1	0	91
Career	20	35	752	21.5	0	91

Punt Ret	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	13	14	100	7.1	0	20

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Kevin Jones

Tailback • 6-0 • 212 • So.
Chester, Pa. • Cardinal O'Hara H.S.

Teamed up with Lee Suggs to form one of the best backfield combinations in the country ... Was a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's top running back ... A tough, physical runner who is hard to bring down ... Has blazing speed and is good in the open field ... Is an Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Missed the Syracuse game, but played in the other 12 ...

2002: Rushed for 836 net yards and nine touchdowns on 149 carries ... Also caught two passes for 14 yards ... Began the season in quiet fashion, rushing for just 31 yards on four carries ... Had a 19-yard run for a touchdown ... Also had three solo tackles on special teams ... Carried the ball 14 times for 70 yards in the win over LSU ... Had a 2-yard touchdown run and a long run of 34 yards ... Erupted in the Hokies' win over Marshall, rushing 24 times for 171 yards and three TDs ... First score came on a 25-yard run up the middle ... Scored on a 15-yard rush around the left end in the second quarter ... Final score came on a 1-yard run around the right side in the fourth quarter ... Ran for 48 yards on 15 carries at Texas A&M ... Suffered his first lost fumble of the season in that game ... Ran the ball 14 times for 36 yards and a touchdown at Western Michigan ... Also had a solo tackle on

special teams ... Carried the ball 18 times for 144 yards in the win at Boston College ... Scored on a 4-yard run that put the Hokies up for good ... Had a season-long run of 67 yards ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Carried the ball 13 times for 132 yards and a touchdown against Rutgers ... Scored on a 58-yard run that was on every highlight show ... Also had a solo tackle on punt coverage ... Led the team with 72 yards rushing against Temple on 17 carries ... Also had an assisted tackle on special teams ... Left the Pittsburgh game early with a strained hamstring ... Carried the ball twice for four yards ... Scored on a 3-yard run before the injury ... Missed the Syracuse game with that injury, but returned to rush for 36 yards on nine carries against West Virginia ... Came back strong against Virginia, rushing 15 times for 91 yards ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Carried the ball four times for one net yard at Miami ... Caught two passes for 14 yards in that game ...

Personal: Kevin Shaheed Jones ... Born 8/21/82 in Chester, PA ... Son of Thomas and Tracey Jones ... His father was a high school All-America basketball player ... Is studying business.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	11	175	957	5.5	5	87
2002	12	149	836	5.6	9	67
Career	23	324	1793	5.5	14	87

2002 Rushing Game-by-Game

ASU	1	4	31	7.8	1	19
LSU	1	14	70	5.0	1	34
MU	1	24	171	7.1	3	25
at TAM	1	15	48	3.2	0	15
at WMU	1	14	36	2.6	1	9
at BC	1	18	144	8.0	1	67
RU	1	13	132	10.2	1	58
TU	1	17	72	4.2	0	9
PITT	1	2	4	2.0	1	3
at SU				Did not play		
WVU	1	9	36	4.0	0	15
UVa	1	15	91	6.1	0	20
at UM	1	4	1	0.3	0	3

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	11	6	47	7.8	0	21
2002	12	2	14	7.0	0	10
Career	23	8	61	7.6	0	21

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Ken Keister

Deep Snapper • 6-1 • 240 • r-Sr.
Radford, Va. • Radford H.S.

Has been a key contributor to Tech's special teams the past three seasons ... Handled all the snaps for Tech's punts, field goals and extra

points this season ... Brings a good work ethic and a team-first attitude to the field ... A consistent performer who can always be counted on ... A former walk-on who earned a scholarship ... Named to the 2001 BIG EAST All-Academic Football Team ... Brings experience and a steady hand to the Hokies' special teams ...

2002: Handled the punt, PAT and field goal snaps all year ... Didn't have a single unusable snap in 134 attempts this year ... Snapped 14 times in the opener against Arkansas State ... Was on the field for 13 snaps in the win over LSU ... Had successful snaps on all five PAT and three field goal attempts against Marshall ... Had a solo stop on his lone punt coverage in that game as well ... Snapped for seven punts, a PAT and four field goal attempts in the win at Texas A&M ... Also had a solo tackle on punt coverage ... Snapped for six punts, four PATs and two field goals at Western Michigan ... Was successful on five punt snaps, four PAT snaps and his lone field goal snap in the win at Boston College ... Snapped for all five PATs, two punts and a field goal attempt against Rutgers ... Was in for three field goal attempts, both PATs and both punts in the win over Temple ... Snapped 11 times against Pittsburgh ... Was in for all 14 snaps at Syracuse ... Snapped for all four punts and both kick attempts against West Virginia ... Also had a solo tackle on punt coverage ... Made eight perfect snaps in tough conditions against Virginia ... Snapped for all five PATs, four punts and the lone field goal at Miami ...

Personal: Kenneth Robert Keister ... Born 8/13/80 in Radford, VA ... Son of Robert Keister and Judy Harris ... Studying physical education.

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Jeff King

Tight End • 6-5 • 252 • r-Fr.
Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

A big target at tight end who has improved tremendously in his short time here ... A tough, smart player who can block and catch the football ... Played in all 13 games, starting the last five ...

2002: Had one catch on the season, a 19-yard touchdown reception ... Played 16 snaps on offense in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught just one pass, but it was a 19-yard reception for a touchdown ... Played 33 snaps against LSU and 51 in the win over Marshall ... Was in for 37 offensive snaps at Texas A&M ... Also played eight plays on special teams against the Aggies ... Played 21 snaps on offense and nine on special teams at Western

Michigan ... Blocked a field goal in that game, the first of his career ... Played 41 snaps on offense in the win at Boston College ... Was in for 30 plays on offense and 11 on special teams against Rutgers ... Played 44 snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against Temple ... Got the start against Pittsburgh, playing 36 snaps on offense and 21 on special teams ... Earned the start against Syracuse, playing 27 snaps on offense and 29 on special teams ... Started against West Virginia, playing 45 snaps on offense and 14 on special teams ... Played 40 snaps on offense and nine on special teams in the win over Virginia ... Played 16 snaps on offense at Miami ...

Personal: Jeffrey W. King ... Born 2/19/83 in Pulaski, VA ... Son of Jerry and Lynn King ... Enrolled in university studies.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2002	13	1	19	19.0	1	19

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Jason Lallis

Defensive Tackle • 6-0 • 254 • r-So.
Mitchellville, Md. • DeMatha H.S.

Won the starting job in preseason and never relinquished it ... Started the first 11 games for the Hokies this season before suffering a shoulder injury that sidelined him for Tech's last two games ... Is listed as probable for Tech's bowl game ...

2002: Recorded 23 solo tackles and 23 assists in 11 games ... Included in that total were four tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had seven quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery for a touchdown, a forced fumble and a blocked punt ... Made his first career start against Arkansas State ... Had three tackles and returned a fumble 59 yards for a touchdown ... Recorded three solo stops, three assists and a quarterback hurry against LSU ... Had a solo stop and three assists in the win over Marshall ... Had three solo stops, an assist and a tackle for loss at Texas A&M ... Had three solo tackles, six assists, two quarterback hurries and caused a fumble at Western Michigan ... Had two solo tackles in the win at Boston College ... Played 36 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording three solo stops, a quarterback hurry and two sacks ... Had a solo stop, three assists and two quarterback hurries in the win over Temple ... Tallied four solo tackles, an assist and a tackle for loss against Pittsburgh ... Recorded two solo stops, four assists and a quarterback hurry at

Syracuse ... Played 13 snaps on defense before sustaining a dislocated shoulder ... Missed the last two games of the year ...

Personal: Jason Christopher Lallis ... Born 2/4/82 in Washington, DC ... Son of Everett, Jr., and Martha Lallis ... Studying marketing.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	7	8	15	1- 3	1- 3
2002	11	23	23	46	4- 32	2- 27
Career	22	30	31	61	5- 35	3- 30

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Jonathan Lewis

Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 300 • Fr.
Richmond, Va. • Varina H.S.

A talented freshman who stepped in right away ... Named a fourth-team Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News* ... Quickly moved up the depth chart and ended up playing in all 13 games ... Teamed up with his older brother Kevin at defensive tackle to form a formidable front ... Is a big player who moves well for his size ... Fills the holes, but also sheds blockers well ...

2002: A true freshman who saw action right away ... Started the last two games of the regular season ... Had 31 solo tackles and 20 assists this season ... Included in those 51 stops are seven tackles for loss and two sacks ... Also had five quarterback hurries ... Had three solo stops, two assists and a tackle for loss in the opener against Arkansas State ... Recorded two solo stops in the win over LSU ... Had two assists



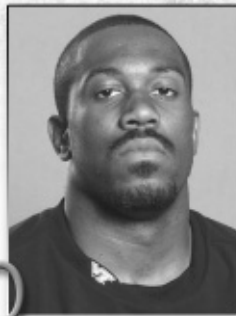
Kevin (70) and Jonathan Lewis

and a quarterback hurry in the win over Marshall ... Recorded a solo tackle and three assists at Texas A&M ... Also had a tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries ... Recorded two solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry at Western Michigan ... Recorded a solo tackle and an assist at Boston College ... Talled two solo stops, along with a tackle for loss, a sack and a quarterback hurry against Rutgers ... Had three solo tackles, two assists and a sack against Temple ... Had three solo tackles and two assists against Pittsburgh ... Two of those tackles were for a loss ... Registered three total tackles at Syracuse ... Had six solo tackles and two assists, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Got his first collegiate start against Virginia ... Recorded four solo tackles and two assists in the win ... Had two solo tackles and an assist at top-ranked Miami ...

Personal: Jonathan M. Lewis ... Born 7/12/84 in Richmond, VA ... Son of David and Gale Lewis ... His brother Kevin is a redshirt sophomore defensive tackle on the Tech squad.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	31	20	51	7-23	2-12

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Kevin Lewis

Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 287 • r-So.
Richmond, Va. • Varina H.S.

Won the starting tackle spot in preseason and never let it go ... Was having a great season until a torn pectoral muscle sidelined him for the final two games of the season ... Will not play in Tech's bowl game ... Teamed up with his brother Jonathan on the line several series per game ...

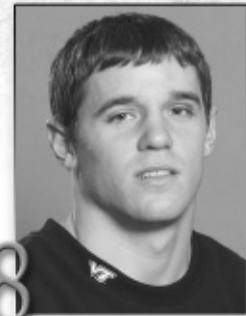
2002: Recorded 25 solo tackles and 24 assisted stops in 11 games ... Included in that total were five tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had six quarterback hurries, a fumble recovery, a pass broken up and a forced fumble ... Played just 14 snaps on defense against Arkansas State ... Had a solo stop, two assists and caused a fumble that was returned for a touchdown by Jason Lallis ... Had five tackles and two quarterback hurries in the win over LSU ... Played 45 snaps against Marshall, recording a solo stop, an assist and a quarterback hurry ... Also broke up a pass against the Herd ... Had three solo stops, including one for a loss, and an assist in the win at Texas A&M ... Had

two solo tackles, two assists and a quarterback hurry at Western Michigan ... Had a big game in the win at Boston College, registering four solo tackles, three assists and a quarterback hurry ... Had an assist and a quarterback hurry in the win against Rutgers ... Recorded two solo tackles and three assists against Temple ... Talled eight total tackles — three solo — against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss and recovered a fumble ... Had five tackles, including one for loss, at Syracuse ... Tore his pectoral muscle in that game, but still played against West Virginia ... Played 23 snaps against the Mountaineers, recording two solo tackles ... Opted for surgery on Nov. 29, ending his season ...

Personal: Kevin André Lewis ... Born 4/26/80 in Richmond, VA ... Son of David and Gale Lewis ... His father played football at North Carolina A&T ... Enrolled in history.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	8	7	8	15	3- 8	0- 0
2002	11	25	24	49	5-15	1- 8
Career	19	32	32	64	8-23	1- 8

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Brandon Manning

Linebacker • 6-0 • 214 • r-So.
Harrisburg, Pa. • Central Dauphin H.S.

Won the starting job after an impressive preseason ... A former walk-on who earned a scholarship with his contributions last year ... Made a name for himself on special teams in 2001, blocking a punt for a safety against UCF and returning a blocked punt for a touchdown against No. 1 Miami ... Combines toughness with a great work ethic ... Has proved to be a quick learner ... Won't shy away from contact ...

2002: Got the start in the first two games ... Ended up starting 12 games and playing in all 13 ... Was third on the team in tackles with 70 ... Had 35 solo stops and 35 assists ... Included in that total are five tackles for loss and a sack ... Also had two passes broken up, a QB hurry and a fumble recovery ... Recorded two solo stops, including one for a loss, and four assists in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had nine tackles — four solo — in the win over LSU ... Also recovered a fumble in that game ... Came off the bench against Marshall to record two solo stops and two assists ... Got the start and registered four solo stops and two assists in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 34 defensive snaps at Western Michigan, recording two solo stops ... Registered two solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry in the win at Boston

College ... Tallied three solo stops and five assists against Rutgers ... Had two solo stops and four assists in the win over Temple ... Recorded five solo tackles and three assists against Pittsburgh ... Also had a tackle for loss, a sack and a pass broken up ... Had three solo tackles and four assists at Syracuse ... Tallied three solo tackles and a assist, including a tackle for loss, against West Virginia ... Also had a pass broken up ... Had three solo tackles against Virginia ... Had two solo stops and an assist at Miami ...

Personal: Brandon Lee Manning ... Born 5/12/81 in Philadelphia, PA ... Son of Dr. Richard and Linda Manning ... Enrolled in university studies.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2001	11	7	5	12	0- 0	0- 0
2001	13	35	35	70	5- 14	1- 6
Career	24	42	40	82	5- 14	1- 6

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	2	4	6	0- 0	0- 0
LSU	1	4	5	9	0- 0	0- 0
MU	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
at TAM	1	4	2	6	0- 0	0- 0
at WMU	1	0	2	2	0- 0	0- 0
at BC	1	2	2	4	0- 0	0- 0
RU	1	3	5	8	1- 1	0- 0
TU	1	2	4	6	0- 0	0- 0
PITT	1	5	3	8	2- 9	1- 6
at SU	1	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0
WVU	1	3	1	4	1- 3	0- 0
UVa	1	3	0	3	0- 0	0- 0
at UM	1	2	1	3	0- 0	0- 0

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Alex Markogiannakis

**Linebacker • 5-9 • 204 • r-Sr.
Chantilly, Va. • Robinson H.S.**

A good player who provided good depth at linebacker ... Has a nose for the ball ... A coach's kind of player ... Works extremely hard and provides good leadership ... Combines great vision with a nose for the football ... Has a knack of making plays ... Rates as a solid performer against both the run and the pass ...

2002: Played in seven games, starting against Western Michigan ... Had seven solo tackles and three assists ... Included in those 10 tackles are two tackles for loss ... Also had a quarterback hurry and two fumble recoveries ... Recovered a fumble and had three solo stops, including one for a loss, in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played sparingly against LSU ... Played just one series on defense against Marshall ... Had a solo tackle and two assists in the win at Texas A&M ... Made his first career start at Western Michigan, making the most of it

... Had three solo stops, an assist, a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry ... Also scooped up a fumble and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown ... Played eight snaps on defense at Boston College and briefly against Temple ...

Personal: Alex Markogiannakis ... Born 1/22/80 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Chris and Helen Markogiannakis ... Enrolled in human development.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1999	4	3	4	7	0- 0	0- 0
2000	4	0	1	1	0- 0	0- 0
2001	5	1	7	8	0- 0	0- 0
Career	13	4	12	16	0- 0	0- 0

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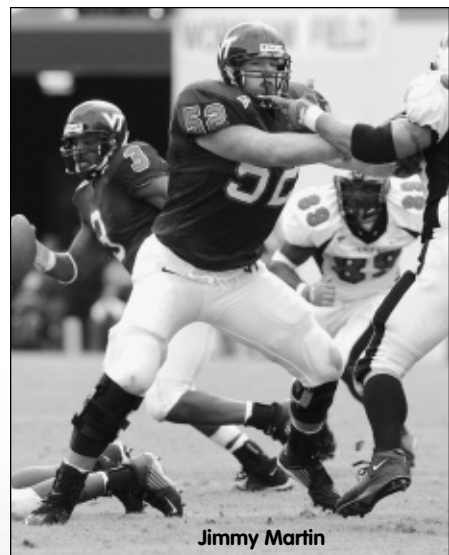


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Jimmy Martin

**Offensive Tackle • 6-5 • 269 • Fr.
Fairfax, Va. • Chantilly H.S.**

A young player who ended up starting the last six games at right tackle ... Entered school in January and participated in spring drills ... Started the season at No. 2 on the depth chart, but moved into the starting lineup for the Temple game ... Gives away some size to bigger players, but makes up for it with quick feet and solid fundamentals ...

2002: Started the last six games of the season ... Ended up playing 409 offensive snaps on the season ... Graded out at 83.1 percent for the season with nine knockdown blocks ... Played 34 snaps on offense in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played briefly in the

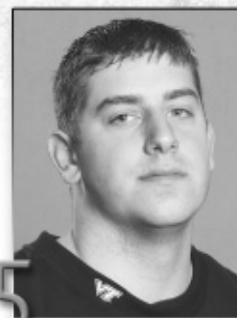


Jimmy Martin

win over Marshall and at Western Michigan ... Came in to play 20 snaps against Rutgers, grading out at 80 percent with a knockdown block ... Earned his first career start against Temple ... Played 58 snaps and had a knockdown block against the Owls ... Played 43 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh, grading out at 83 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 60 snaps on offense at Syracuse, grading out at 83 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 69 snaps on offense against West Virginia, recording a knockdown block ... Had his best game as a starter against Virginia, playing 62 snaps and grading out at 91 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Played 54 snaps at Miami, grading out at 81 percent with a knockdown block ...

Personal: James Mercer Martin III ... Born 10/19/82 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Susan Martin and Jim Martin.

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Jared Mazzetta

**Tight End • 6-4 • 260 • r-So.
Flemington, N.J. • Hunterdon Central H.S.**

Was battling for the top spot at tight end in preseason before an ankle injury slowed him down ... Possesses good athletic ability and plays hard ... Brings a physical presence to the position ... Contributed on special teams ...

2002: Played in 10 games, recording one catch for 19 yards ... Missed the opener with a sprained ankle ... Played just two snaps on offense against LSU, but played 15 snaps on special teams ... Saw extended action in the win over Marshall, playing 32 snaps on offense and 10 on special teams ... Played sparingly on offense and on 14 snaps on special teams in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 15 plays on offense and 13 on special teams at Western Michigan ... Was in for six snaps on offense and 14 on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played seven snaps on offense and 11 on special teams against Rutgers ... Caught a 19-yard pass in the fourth quarter of that game ... Did not dress for the Temple game ... Returned for the Pittsburgh game and played three snaps on offense and 16 on special teams ... Played five snaps on offense and 15 on special teams at Syracuse ... Was in for 10 plays on offense and 14 on special teams against West Virginia ... Played 17 snaps on offense and 15 on special teams against Virginia ... Saw action on special teams at Miami, recording an assisted tackle ...

Personal: Jared Albert Mazzetta ... Born 6/4/81 in Plainfield, NJ ... Son of Mary Mazzetta and Anthony Mazzetta ... Enrolled in physical education.



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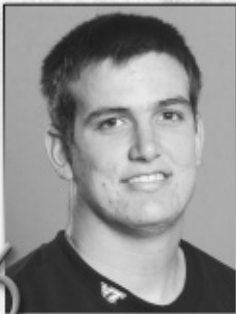
Danny McGrath

Center • 6-2 • 289 • Fr.
Herndon, Va. • Herndon H.S.

A raw young player with good potential ... Did not enroll in school until January ... Is still adjusting to the Tech system ... Has good strength, but must continue working in the athletic performance program to improve his quickness ... Served as a good backup to Jake Grove ...

2002: Played in two games this season ... Was in for 25 offensive snaps on the season ... Saw action on 22 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a knockdown block in that game ... Played three snaps on offense at Western Michigan ...

Personal: Daniel Patrick McGrath ... Born 3/19/83 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Tim McGrath and Rebecca Krausman ... Enrolled in university studies.



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James Miller

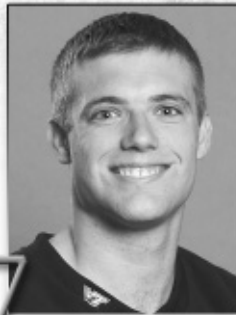
Offensive Guard • 6-6 • 304 • So.
Pompano Beach, Fla. • Ft. Lauderdale H.S.

A big athlete who has good size and athletic ability ... Works extremely hard and possesses good size and footwork ... Has gained a good understanding of the Tech system, but still needs to get better as a pass protector ...

2002: Got the start in the Hokies' first two games at left guard ... Also saw action at the right guard spot ... Played 274 offensive snaps on the season with nine knockdown blocks ... Played just 24 snaps in the win over Arkansas State in the opener ... Saw action on 32 offensive plays in the win over LSU ... Came off the bench to play 38 snaps against Marshall ...

Graded out at 84 percent with a knockdown block ... Played just seven snaps on offense at Texas A&M ... Played 30 snaps on offense at Western Michigan, grading out at 87 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Played 10 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 90 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 14 snaps in the win over Rutgers ... Came in to play 25 snaps against Temple ... Played 23 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh ... Graded out at 83 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Played nine snaps on offense at Syracuse ... Played 21 snaps on offense against West Virginia ... Saw brief action on offense in the win over Virginia ... Played 20 offensive snaps at Miami ...

Personal: James Miller ... Born 8/13/81 in Sylva, NC ... Son of Rick and Sherry Miller ... His dad was the head basketball coach at Western Carolina from 1972-83 ... Enrolled in university studies.



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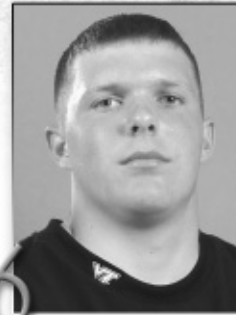
Jon Mollerup

Place-kicker • 5-11 • 215 • r-Sr.
Lyndhurst, Va. • Stuarts Draft H.S.

Handled all but three of Tech's kickoffs this season ... Possesses a strong leg and has good range ... Also filled in as the place-kicker for one game this year ...

2002: Had 10 kickoffs in the opener against Arkansas State, recording four touchbacks ... Had five kickoffs in the win over LSU ... Kicked off eight times against Marshall with three touchbacks ... Had two touchbacks in four kickoffs at Texas A&M ... Came in to kick field goals and extra points at Western Michigan ... Hit a 37-yard attempt in his first career try ... Later missed a 42-yarder ... Also went 1-for-2 on extra points ... Had two touchbacks in six kickoffs in that game ... Kicked off three times in the second half in the win at Boston College ... Kicked off six times against Rutgers ... Had three touchbacks on five kickoffs in the win over Temple ... Had four kickoffs against Pittsburgh, putting one through the end zone for a touchback ... Had six kickoffs at Syracuse and recorded two solo tackles on coverage ... Had four kickoffs against West Virginia with a touchbacks ... Kicked off three times in windy conditions against Virginia, recording a touchback ... Kicked off seven times at Miami ...

Personal: Jonathan Richard Mollerup ... Born 11/15/79 in Wilmington, DE ... Son of Richard and Donna Mollerup ... Studying civil engineering.



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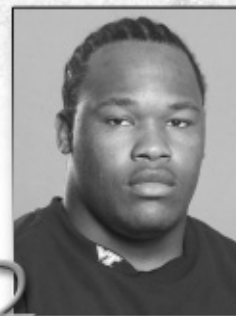
Will Montgomery

Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 294 • r-Fr.
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.

A strong young newcomer who has helped bolster the Hokies' offensive line ... Came to Tech as an invited walk-on at defensive tackle and earned a scholarship ... Still has a lot to learn about the system, but shows real promise ... Understands leverage ... Possesses good footwork, athleticism and toughness ... Needs to get bigger ...

2002: Played in four games ... Was in for 52 offensive snaps this season, recording two knockdown blocks ... Saw action on 34 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Graded out at 71 percent with a knockdown block ... Saw brief action in the win over Marshall and at Western Michigan ... Played six snaps against Rutgers, registering a knockdown block ...

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



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Jason Murphy

Defensive Tackle • 6-2 • 288 • r-Fr.
Baltimore, Md. • Edmondson Westside H.S.

A good player who adds depth at defensive tackle ... Added nearly 30 pounds through the athletic performance program last offseason ... A physical player who plays hard ... Runs well and is athletic ...

2002: Played in nine games this season ... Tallied two solo tackles and 12 assists ... Also had a QB hurry ... Played 24 snaps against

Arkansas State ... Had three assisted tackles and a quarterback hurry ... Played seven defensive snaps against LSU ... Played 20 snaps against Marshall, registering a "big hit" ... Had a solo stop and five assists at Texas A&M ... Had an assisted stop at Western Michigan ... Played six snaps on defense at Boston College ... Saw brief action on defense against Rutgers ... Played 12 snaps against West Virginia, recording a solo stop and an assist ... Played 15 snaps on defense against Virginia, recording an assisted tackle ... Had an assisted tackle at Miami...

Personal: Jason G. Murphy ... Born 8/7/82 in Baltimore, MD ... Son of Benjamin and Anna Murphy ... Enrolled in university studies.

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Grant Noel

**Quarterback • 6-2 • 221 • r-Sr.
Ridgeley, W.Va. • Frankfort H.S.**

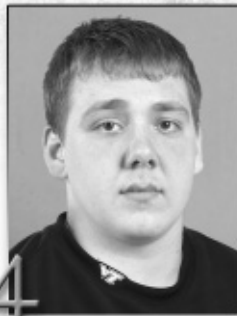
One of the Hokies' toughest competitors ... Played the season with a torn ACL in his left knee ... Injured the knee during the final week of spring practice ... Tests showed there was not a significant amount of looseness in the knee ... A decision was made to use conservative treatment involving a brace and rehabilitation ... Started the first two games this year ... Underwent a minor operation to clean up the knee following the LSU game ... Missed the Marshall game, but was available the rest of the season ...

2002: Got the start in the first two games, but played sparingly ... Saw action in four games ... Is 7-of-18 for 86 yards and two touchdowns this season ... Played four series in the opener against Arkansas State ... Completed 2-of-5 passes for 24 yards with a 19-yard touchdown pass ... Played just two series in the win over LSU ... Again completed 2-of-5 passes, this time for 18 yards ... Had arthroscopic surgery on Sept. 3 to clean up his knee ... Was available for the Texas A&M game, but did not see any action ... Came back to see his first action since knee surgery at Western Michigan ... Was in for two drives, completing a pass for 18 yards ... Tossed a 19-yard completion in the Rutgers game ... Came off the bench for one play at Miami ... Threw a perfect fade pass to Ernest Wilford after no warmups for a 7-yard touchdown ...

Personal: David Grant Noel ... Born 6/11/80 in Low Moor, VA ... Son of David and Lori Noel ... Has already earned a degree in communication studies ... Is currently studying health promotion in the graduate program.

Passing	G	Att-Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
1999	3	2- 1	50.0	10	0	0
2000	3	10- 4	40.0	49	0	0
2001	11	254- 146	57.5	1826	16	11
2002	5	18- 7	38.9	86	2	0
Career	22	284- 158	55.6	1971	18	11

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Luke Owens

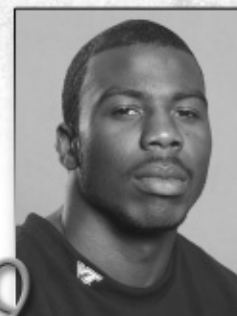
**Offensive Guard • 6-3 • 310 • r-Sr.
Grundy, Va. • Grundy H.S.**

An experienced player who served as the starting left guard all season ... Helped open the holes for one of the best rushing attacks in college football ... Combines excellent balance with toughness and a good knowledge of the Tech system ... Has battled a series of injuries during his career but managed to stay healthy this season, which was a big key ...

2002: Started all 13 games at right guard ... Saw action on 669 offensive snaps this season and graded out at 83.4 percent ... Had 31 knockdown blocks ... Played 23 snaps in the win over Arkansas State ... Graded out at 70 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 58 offensive snaps against LSU ... Graded out at 79 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Saw limited action against Marshall after suffering a contusion on his left knee ... Still played 47 snaps and graded out at 89 percent ... Also had three knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 82 percent with three knockdowns at Texas A&M ... Had two knockdown blocks at Western Michigan ... Played 61 snaps at Boston College, grading out at 80 percent with five knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 85 percent with two knockdown blocks against Rutgers ... Played 51 snaps on offense against Temple, grading out at 80 percent ... Had two knockdown blocks against the Owls ... Played 48 snaps on offense against Pittsburgh, grading out at 88 percent with two knockdown blocks ... Played 53 snaps on offense at Syracuse, grading out at 87 percent with a knockdown block ... Played 57 snaps on offense against West Virginia, grading out at 87 percent with three knockdown blocks ... Graded out at 89 percent with two knockdown blocks in the win over Virginia ... Played 55 snaps on offense at Miami, grading out at 82 percent with three knockdown blocks ...

Personal: Joshua Luke Owens ... Born 5/12/79 in Pikeville, KY ... Son of Kim Owens and the late Harry Owens ... Studying physical education.

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Terrell Parham

**Split End • 6-0 • 195 • r-Sr.
Bartow, Fla. • Bartow H.S.**

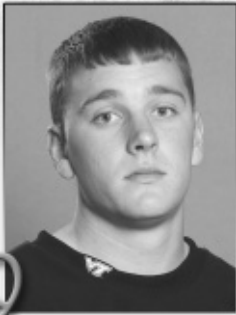
An experienced receiver who has sure hands and runs good routes ... Helps solidify the Hokies' wide receiver positions ... Knows how to get open ... Catches the ball extremely well ... Possesses outstanding body control and athletic ability ... Can play either receiver position ... Earned Iron Hokie honors in the athletic performance program during the spring ...

2002: Played in 12 games, catching 14 passes for 121 yards ... Missed the first game due to a suspension ... Came back to play five offensive snaps against LSU ... Had a catch for 11 yards in that game ... Played 14 offensive snaps in the win over Marshall ... Had a team-high four receptions — for 23 yards — in the win at Texas A&M ... Made his first career start at Western Michigan ... Caught two passes for 20 yards in that game ... Played 16 snaps on offense in the win at Boston College ... Played 13 snaps on offense against Rutgers, catching a 6-yard pass ... Played 13 snaps on offense against Temple ... Caught a 13-yard pass versus Pittsburgh ... Caught a season-high five passes for 48 yards at Syracuse ... Was in for 35 snaps on offense against West Virginia and 18 against Virginia ...

Personal: Terrell Antwan Parham ... Born 10/1/79 in Bartow, FL ... Son of Reginald Parham and Phyllis Parham ... Studying residential property management.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1999	11	9	98	10.9	0	22
2000	5	0	0	0.0	0	0
2001	11	14	155	11.1	1	24
2002	12	14	121	8.6	0	22
Career	39	37	374	10.1	1	24

2002 Receiving Game-by-Game						
ASU	Did not play					
LSU	1	1	11	11.0	0	11
MU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at TAM	1	4	23	5.8	0	10
at WMU	1	2	20	10.0	0	14
at BC	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
RU	1	1	6	6.0	0	6
TU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
PITT	1	1	13	13.0	0	0
at SU	1	5	48	9.6	0	22
WVU	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UM	1	0	0	0.0	0	0



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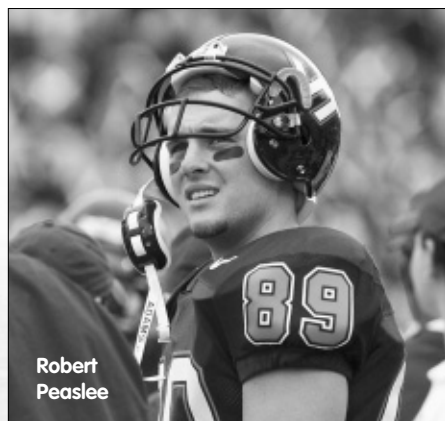
Robert Peaslee

Punter • 6-1 • 199 • r-Jr.
Pulaski, Va. • Pulaski County H.S.

A utility man who serves as a valuable backup at several spots ... Is the holder for both the field goal and PAT teams ... Did an outstanding job as the holder on all PATs and field goals ... Also served as the reserve punter ... Was forced to re-learn his holding position in mid-season when Tech switched from right-footed Carter Warley to left-footed Nic Schmitt ... Didn't miss a beat as he put down every snap ...

2002: Played in all 13 games, holding for all 71 kick attempts ... Was the holder on all nine extra points in the opener against Arkansas State ... Held for the field goal conversion and all three extra points against LSU ... Held for all three field goal attempts and all five PATs in the win over nationally-ranked Marshall ... Was on the field for all four field goal attempts and the PAT at Texas A&M ... Held for both field goal attempts and four PATs at Western Michigan ... Made a big adjustment for the Boston College game, flipping around to hold for left-footed kicker Nic Schmitt ... Put down five good holds in that game ... Held for all six kicks against Rutgers ... Served as the holder for all five kicks against Temple ... Was in for three PATs and the lone field goal attempt against Pittsburgh ... Switched back to the right side to hold for eight Carter Warley kicks at Syracuse ... Was in for both attempts against West Virginia ... Held for all three PATs against Virginia ... Was the holder for the field goal and five PATs at Miami ...

Personal: Robert Brandon Peaslee ... Born 6/28/81 in Beckley, WV ... Son of Bob and Melanie Peaslee ... Enrolled in physical education.



Robert Peaslee



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Willie Pile

Free Safety • 6-3 • 211 • r-Sr.
Alexandria, Va. • West Potomac H.S.

Rated one of the nation's top free safeties ... Was named second-team All-America at free safety by *The Sporting News* ... Was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back ... Named a midseason first-team All-American by CNN.com ... Was a candidate for the Bronko Nagurski Award, given to the nation's best defensive player ... Was one of the veteran leaders on a young defense ... Is both a run and pass stopper ... Stepped up and had an outstanding senior season ... Has gained a reputation as a hard hitter ... Has started 37 consecutive games at free safety ... Played over 600 snaps this season on defense, over 600 snaps during the 2001 season and more than 500 snaps in 2000 ... Has 14 career interceptions, good for third all-time at Tech and third in BIG EAST Conference history ...

2002: Was second on the team in tackles with 98 ... Had 63 solo stops and 35 assists ... Also had four interceptions, five quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles ... Played sparingly in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had three solo tackles and an assist ... Also recovered a fumble ... Recorded five solo tackles, two assists and a pass broken up in the win over LSU ... Had a team-high 10 tackles against Marshall ... Six of those tackles were solo stops ... Was named the BIG EAST's Defensive Player of the Week for his effort at Texas A&M ... Registered five solo stops, five assists and a pass broken up ... Also returned a fumble 31 yards and an interception 17 yards in that game ... Effort earned him the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week award ... Had four solo tackles at Western Michigan ... Registered a solo stop and two assists in the win at Boston College ... Also intercepted a pass and caused another pick in that game ... Had two solo tackles, an assist, caused a fumble and broke up two passes against Rutgers ... Led the secondary with six total tackles against Temple, four of which were solo stops ... Recorded four solo stops and two assists against Pittsburgh ... Also had two passes broken up and recorded his third interception of the season ... Was on the field for all 100 defensive snaps and for eight more special teams plays at Syracuse ... Recorded 11 solo tackles and three assists in that triple overtime game ... Tallied 11 total

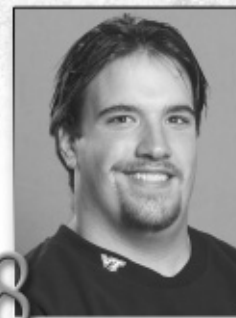
tackles against West Virginia ... Eight of those stops were solo tackles ... Registered eight solo tackles and three assists against West Virginia ... Registered 14 total tackles in the win over Virginia ... Seven of those tackles were solo ... Also forced a fumble ... Scored his first touchdown of the season when he intercepted a pass intended for Miami's Ken Dorsey and returned it 96 yards for the score ... It was the third-longest interception return in school history ... Also had three solo tackles and three assists against the 'Canes ...

Personal: Willie Marquis Pile ... Born 5/25/80 in New York City ... Son of Sharon Barber and the late Willie Myers ... Has earned a degree in management and is currently pursuing a second undergraduate degree.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1999	3	5	7	12	2-11	1-9
2000	11	35	21	56	2-4	0-0
2001	11	53	41	94	2-3	0-0
2002	13	63	35	98	0-0	0-0
Career	38	156	104	260	6-18	1-9

2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	3	1	4	0-0	0-0
LSU	1	5	2	7	0-0	0-0
MU	1	6	4	10	0-0	0-0
at TAM	1	5	5	10	0-0	0-0
at WMU	1	4	0	4	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	1	2	3	0-0	0-0
RU	1	2	1	3	0-0	0-0
TU	1	4	2	6	0-0	0-0
PITT	1	4	2	6	0-0	0-0
at SU	1	11	3	14	0-0	0-0
WVU	1	8	3	11	0-0	0-0
UVa	1	7	7	14	0-0	0-0
at UM	1	3	3	6	0-0	0-0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1999	3	0	0	0.0	0	0
2000	11	6	22	3.7	1	11
2001	11	4	77	19.3	0	53
2002	13	4	171	42.8	1	96
Career	38	14	270	19.3	2	96



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Robert Ramsey

Center • 6-3 • 296 • r-Fr.
Coraopolis, Pa. • Montour H.S.

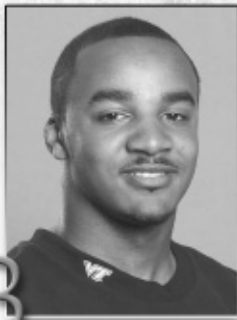
Held down the No. 2 center spot all season ... Could also play guard if needed ... Possesses good size but needs to gain more experience ...

2002: Played in four games ... Was in for 49 offensive snaps, recording a knockdown block ... Played 34 snaps on offense in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had a knockdown

block ... Saw brief action in the win over Marshall and at Western Michigan ... Played six snaps on offense against Rutgers ...

Personal: Robert Richard Ramsey III ... Born 4/13/82 in Pittsburgh, PA ... Son of Bob and Ruth Ramsey ... Enrolled in history.

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Bryan Randall

Quarterback • 6-0 • 213 • So.
Williamsburg, Va. • Bruton H.S.

Was thrust into the starting lineup for the Marshall game and started the rest of the season ... Did not show any fear as he won his first six starts, including games over nationally-ranked Marshall and on the road against Texas A&M ... Had a record-setting day at Syracuse ... Played with poise and confidence throughout the season ... Showed improved technique ... An intelligent player who works hard ... A mobile, athletic signal-caller who can make plays when things break down ...

2002: Played in all 13 games, starting the last 11 ... Enters the bowl game with 1,957 yards passing and 527 net rushing yards ... Is 140 for 225 on the year with 12 touchdown passes and 11 interceptions ... Has an efficiency rating of 143.11, 11th-best in the nation ... Has carried the ball 163 times, second-most on the team ... Has three touchdowns on the ground ... Came off the bench in the opener against Arkansas State to play 25 snaps ... Completed 6-of-8 passes for 66 yards and a touchdown ... Completed a 19-yard pass to Mike Imoh for his first collegiate touchdown pass ... Ran five times for 36 net yards ... Had a long of 19 yards rushing ... Had touchdown runs of 12 and 5 yards ... Played all but the opening two series in the win over LSU ... Completed 5-of-9 passes for 47 yards ... Also ran 14 times for 33 yards, but finished with just six net yards ... Got his first collegiate start in the win over Marshall ... Threw the ball just 12 times, completing five passes for 101 yards ... Had a long of 38 yards to Ernest Wilford ... Ran seven times for 36 net yards ... Directed six touchdown drives and two that resulted in field goals ... Completed 10-of-11 passes in the win at Texas A&M, his first road start ... Missed on his first pass, but completed the last 10 to end the game ... Threw for 119 yards in the game with a long of 52 yards ... The long came on a pass to Ernest Wilford, which led to the lone touchdown of the game ... Also ran for 49 yards, but was sacked four times, giving him 14 net rushing yards ... Threw for a career-high 194 yards at Western Michigan ...

Completed 13-of-19 passes with a touchdown ... Suffered his first two interceptions of the season in that game ... Also ran eight times for 40 net yards ... Directed four long scoring drives in the win at Boston College ... Connected with Ernest Wilford for a 44-yard touchdown pass on the game's opening drive ... Completed 4-of-7 passes for 86 yards and that score ... Made several key runs to keep drives alive ... Finished with 37 net rushing yards against the Eagles ... Completed 11-of-15 passes against Rutgers ... Threw a 16-yard touchdown pass to Ernest Wilford in that game, but also threw an interception ... Completed 13-of-20 passes for 146 yards against Temple ... Connected with Doug Easlick for a 30-yard touchdown play ... Tossed two interceptions in the game ... Also rushed nine times for 47 yards ... Suffered his first loss as a starter against Pittsburgh ... Completed 12-of-22 passes in that game for 145 yards with an interception ... Broke a BIG EAST record and a school record in the triple overtime loss at Syracuse ... Completed 23-of-35 passes for a BIG EAST record 504 yards ... The yardage was the second-most in school history ... Set a new school mark with five touchdown passes ... Was picked off three times in that game ... Twice completed passes of 87 yards, the third-longest in school history ... Connected with Ernest Wilford four times (75, 34, 87, 6) and Lee Suggs once (15) to account for his passing touchdowns ... Also rushed for a touchdown in the second overtime ... Ran for 125 yards against West Virginia ... Also threw for 168 yards and a touchdown on 18-of-31 passing ... Completed a 6-yard touchdown pass to Keith Willis ... Threw a late interception ... Led the Hokies to a big win over in-state rival Virginia ... Completed just 5-of-11 passes for 85 yards with an interception in windy conditions ... Helped the team with his running, collecting 67 yards on the ground on 14 carries ... Led the Hokies in rushing with a career-high 132 yards on 25 carries at Miami ... Had a long of 26 yards ... Also had a good day throwing the ball, completing 15 of 26 passes for 165 yards and a score ... Connected with Shawn Witten for a 4-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter ...

Personal: Bryan Jemar Randall ... Born 8/16/83 in Charleston, WV ... Son of Edgar and Belinda Randall ... His father played basketball at West Virginia State ... Enrolled in university studies.

Passing	G	Att	Comp	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Int
2001	8	34	12	35.3	114	0	1
2002	13	225	140	62.2	1957	12	11
Career	21	259	152	58.7	2071	12	12

2002 Passing Game-by-Game							
ASU	1	8	6	75.0	66	1	0
LSU	1	9	5	55.5	47	0	0
MU	1	12	5	41.7	101	0	0
at TAM	1	11	10	90.9	119	0	0
at WMU	1	19	13	68.4	194	1	2
at BC	1	7	4	57.1	86	1	0
RU	1	15	11	73.3	131	1	1
TU	1	20	13	65.0	146	1	2
PITT	1	22	12	54.5	145	0	1
at SU	1	35	23	65.7	504	5	3
WVU	1	18	30	60.0	168	1	1
UVa	1	11	5	45.4	85	0	1
at UM	1	26	15	57.7	165	1	0

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2001	8	20	104	5.2	0	24
2002	13	163	527	3.2	3	34
Career	21	183	631	3.4	3	34

2002 Rushing Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	5	36	7.2	2	19
LSU	1	14	6	0.4	0	8
MU	1	7	36	5.1	0	16
at TAM	1	17	14	0.8	0	22
at WMU	1	8	40	5.0	0	19
at BC	1	15	37	2.5	0	25
RU	1	10	0	0.0	0	11
TU	1	9	47	5.2	0	8
PITT	1	16	-4	0.0	0	11
at SU	1	5	-9	0.0	1	8
WVU	1	18	125	6.9	0	34
UVa	1	14	67	4.8	0	15
at UM	1	25	132	5.3	0	26

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Vegas Robinson

Linebacker • 6-0 • 245 • r-Jr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

A newcomer to the starting lineup who made an immediate impact ... Left a big void in the defense when he was sidelined for three games with a sprained ankle ... A physical player who became a real playmaker for the Hokies ... Is steady against both the run and the pass ... Possesses all the physical tools, including outstanding strength and speed ... Attained Elite Athlete status in the spring when he posted a 370-pound bench press, a 600-pound back squat, a 321-pound clean, a 341-pound push jerk, a 39 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.47 40 ...

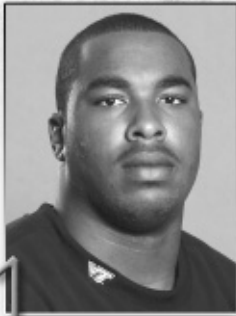
2002: Played in 10 games, starting all of them ... Recorded 47 solo stops and 14 assisted tackles on the season ... Included in those 61 stops are three tackles for loss ... Also had two interceptions, three QB hurries, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble ... Made his first career start in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had two assists in that game ... Recorded five solo stops, four assists and two quarterback hurries against LSU ... Also had an interception in that game ... Had five solo tackles and two assists in the win over Marshall ... Also had a tackle for loss and recovered a fumble while recording a solo stop on special teams ... Registered five solo stops, including one for a loss, and an assist in the win at Texas A&M ... Recorded seven solo tackles and recovered a fumble at Western Michigan ... Registered seven solo tackles in the win at Boston College ... Had three solo tackles before leaving the Rutgers game early with a sprained ankle and shin contusions ... Missed the next three games with the injury ... Returned for the West Virginia game and didn't miss a beat ... Tallied nine solo tackles and three assists, including a solo stop, as well as a forced fumble ... Recorded four solo tackles

and two assists in the win over Virginia ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Miami ...

Personal: Vegas Ferragamo Robinson ... Born 5/19/81 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Sandra Robinson ... Studying residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	6	2	2	4	0-0	0-0
2001	11	3	11	14	0-0	0-0
2002	10	47	14	61	0-0	0-0
Career	27	52	27	79	0-0	0-0
2002 Tackles Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	0	2	2	0-0	0-0
LSU	1	5	4	9	0-0	0-0
MU	1	6	2	8	1-2	0-0
at TAM	1	5	1	6	1-2	0-0
at WMU	1	7	0	7	0-0	0-0
at BC	1	7	0	7	0-0	0-0
RU	1	3	0	3	0-0	0-0
TU				Did not play		
PITT				Did not play		
at SU				Did not play		
WVU	1	9	3	12	0-0	0-0
UVa	1	4	2	6	1-1	0-0
at UM	1	1	0	1	0-0	0-0

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Tim Sandidge

Defensive Tackle • 6-1 • 273 • r-Fr.
Madison Heights, Va. • Amherst County H.S.

A relative newcomer to football who saw plenty of action this year ... Only played two years of football in high school ... Has gotten better with more reps at the defensive tackle position ...

2002: Played in 12 games, starting the last two ... Recorded 13 solo tackles and 16 assists ... Included in those 29 stops are five tackles for loss and four sacks ... Also had three quarterback hurries, two passes broken up and a fumble recovery ... Played 19 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Recorded a solo stop and two assists ... Also broke up a pass and recovered a fumble ... Had a solo stop and an assist against LSU ... Played just nine snaps against Marshall before spraining an ankle ... Had a sack and a pass broken up in that short amount of time ... Had an assisted tackle at Texas A&M ... Did not travel to Western Michigan due to a sprained ankle ... Had a solo tackle, an assist and a sack in the win at Boston College ... Played 13 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording two solo tackles, an assist, a quarterback hurry and a sack ... Made an assisted tackle in the win over Temple ... Was in for eight snaps against Pittsburgh, registering



Tim Sandidge

an assisted tackle ... Played 39 snaps on defense at Syracuse, registering five tackles, including a sack, and a quarterback hurry ... Recorded a solo tackle and an assists against West Virginia ... Made his first career start against Virginia, recording four solo stops and two assists ... Had a solo stop and an assist, including one for a loss, at Miami ... Also had a quarterback hurry ...

Personal: Timothy Allan Sandidge ... Born 6/12/83 in Lynchburg, VA ... Son of Robert and Dorothy Sandidge ... Enrolled in business.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	12	13	16	29	5-28	4-25

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Nic Schmitt

Placekicker • 6-2 • 238 • Fr.
Salem, Va. • Salem H.S.

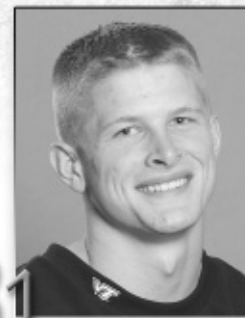
A young kicker with a strong leg ... Was slated to redshirt, but was forced into action when Carter Warley was sidelined with back problems ... Was perfect on extra points, but suffered through ups and downs with his field goals ...

2002: Dressed for the first three games, but did not play ... Was forced into action for the

Boston College game when Carter Warley was sidelined with a back problems ... Kicked off twice in the first half against the Eagles ... Was successful on his four extra points, but barely missed his lone field goal attempt, a 41-yarder ... Was successful on all five extra points against Rutgers, but missed his lone field attempt, a 36-yarder ... Connected on his first collegiate field goal against Temple, a 21-yard attempt ... Later made a 22-yard kick ... Missed from 42 yards out, but made both of his extra points ... Was 3-for-3 on PATs against Pittsburgh, but missed a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter ... Kicked two long field goals in Tech's jayvee game against Hargrave ... Saw brief action at Miami, kicking off after Tech's last score ...

Personal: Nicolas James Schmitt ... Born 1/5/84 in Springfield, MO ... Son of Rick and Bonnie Schmitt.

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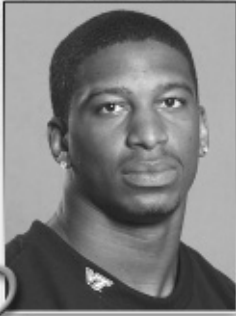
Chris Shreve

Split End • 6-0 • 185 • r-Jr.
Mouth of Wilson, Va. • Grayson County H.S.

A solid receiver who has worked at both wide receiver positions ... Is among the hardest workers on the Tech squad ... Can always be counted on to give his top effort ... Possesses good speed and a real desire to play the game ... Catches the football well ... Named to the 2001 BIG EAST All-Academic Football Team ... Was also on the onside kick recovery team ...

2002: Played in 10 games, mostly on special teams ... Caught two passes for 26 yards ... Saw action on 18 offensive snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played on one special teams play in the win over LSU ... Was in for two plays on special teams against Marshall ... Played three snaps on offense at Western Michigan ... Caught a 26-yard pass in the Hokies' jayvee win over Fork Union ... Was in for one play on special teams at Boston College, the onside kick recovery team ... Was in for six plays on offense against Rutgers ... Was in for brief action on special teams against Temple ... Was in for one play on special teams against Pittsburgh and eight at Syracuse ... Caught a 7-yard pass late in the West Virginia drive ... Had a catch for 19 yards at top-ranked Miami ...

Personal: Christopher Scott Shreve ... Born 7/15/81 in Galax, VA ... Son of Barbara Brown and Barry Shreve ... Studying human nutrition, foods and exercise.



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Lee Suggs

Tailback • 6-0 • 198 • r-Sr.
Roanoke, Va. • William Fleming H.S.

Has returned fully from an injury that took away the majority of his 2001 season ... Missed most of last year with a torn ACL ... Was a candidate for the Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's top running back ... Is a great runner who has a nose for the goal line ... Holds the Virginia Tech and BIG EAST Conference records for career touchdowns (54) and career rushing touchdowns (51) ... Has scored at least one touchdown in 26 consecutive games in which he has played, an NCAA Division I-A record ... Has 2,697 career rushing yards, placing him fourth all-time at Tech ... Hits the field ready to work hard and compete ... Has power to go with his outstanding speed ... Breaks tackles ... Can catch the ball out of the backfield ... Has become a solid blocker ... Teams up with Kevin Jones to form one of the most potent rushing attacks in the nation ...

2002: Enters the bowl with 1,255 yards, the second-most ever in a single season in Tech football history ... Also has 11 catches for 126 yards ... Has scored 20 rushing touchdowns this year and two receiving touchdowns ... Returned to the field in strong fashion in Tech's opener against Arkansas State ... Played just 15 offensive snaps, but carried the ball seven times for 87 yards ... Scored on a 32-yard run in the first quarter ... Carried the ball 22 times for 91 yards and two scores against LSU ... Also caught a pass for six yards ... Teamed up with Jones to help Tech rush for 395 yards in the win over Marshall ... Carried the ball 24 times for 153 yards and two scores, both 1-yard runs ... Rushed 13 times for 51 yards and a touchdown at Texas A&M ... Rushed 13 times for 48 yards and two touchdowns at Western Michigan ... The second score broke the conference mark for career rushing scores ... Turned in a stellar performance at Boston College, leading the Hokies to victory ... Carried the ball 26 times for 156 yards and two touchdowns ... Scored on runs of one yard and 27 yards ... The first score in that game broke the BIG EAST Conference record for career total touchdowns ... Rushed for a career-high 197 yards against Rutgers ... Had two touchdown runs, 3 and 42 yards, respectively ... The performance earned him BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week honors ... Didn't have his best day rushing against Temple, recording just 47 yards on 19 carries, but managed to still find the end zone ... Also

contributed with a 30-yard reception, a career high ... Picked up the slack against Pittsburgh when Jones went down with a hamstring injury ... Carried the ball 25 times for 128 yards and two touchdowns against the Panthers, who had one of the best rushing defenses in the nation ... Scored on a 59-yard run around the left side early in the third quarter, marking a new career long ... Went over the 1,000 yard mark in rushing against Syracuse when he rushed for 65 yards on 19 carries ... Also had a 15-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter ... Broke a 32-year-old NCAA Division I-A record when he scored on a 28-yard run in the first quarter against West Virginia ... The score marked the 24th consecutive game in which he played that he scored a touchdown ... Finished the game with 15 carries for 71 yards ... Also had three receptions for 22 yards ... Finished his career at Lane Stadium in style, rushing for 108 yards on 19 carries against Virginia ... Scored on runs of 4 and 6 yards to extend his scoring streak ... Named Co-MVP of the Dominion Virginia Power Classic ... Rushed for 55 net yards and three touchdowns on 15 carries at top-ranked Miami ... Scored on runs of 1, 9 and 4 yards ...

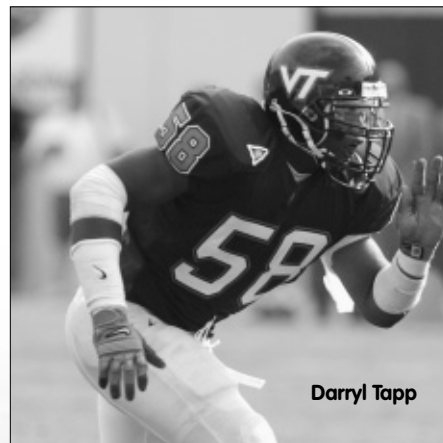
Personal: Lee Ernest Suggs, Jr. ... Born 8/11/80 in Roanoke, VA ... Son of Lee, Sr., and Juanita Suggs ... Majoring in residential property management.

Rushing	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1999	9	44	136	3.1	2	12
2000	11	222	1207	5.4	27	56
2001	1	12	99	8.2	2	49
2002	13	238	1255	5.3	20	59
Career	34	516	2697	5.2	51	59

2002 Rushing Game-by-Game

ASU	1	7	87	12.4	1	32
LSU	1	22	91	4.1	2	12
MU	1	24	153	6.4	2	34
at TAM	1	13	51	3.9	1	22
at WMMU	1	13	48	3.7	1	19
at BC	1	26	154	5.9	2	27
RU	1	21	197	9.4	2	42
TU	1	19	47	2.5	1	7
PITT	1	25	128	5.1	2	59
at SU	1	19	65	3.4	0	20
WVU	1	15	71	4.7	1	28
UVa	1	19	108	5.7	2	12
at UM	1	15	55	3.7	3	16

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1999	9	1	1	1.0	0	1
2000	11	3	44	14.7	1	23
2001	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2002	13	11	126	11.5	2	30
Career	34	15	171	11.4	3	30



Darryl Tapp



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Darryl Tapp

Defensive End • 6-1 • 234 • Fr.
Chesapeake, Va. • Deep Creek H.S.

A young player who stepped in and played in all 13 games ... Was one of the busiest players on special teams, logging over 250 snaps ... Also provided good depth at the defensive end spot ...

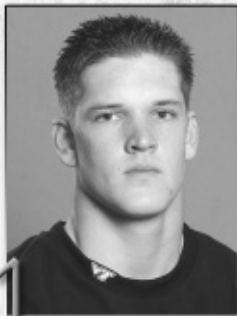
2002: A true freshman who saw his fair share of playing time on both defense and special teams ... Saw action in all 13 games ... Recorded nine solo tackles and 11 assists this season ... Also had three quarterback hurries and a pass broken up ... Played 38 defensive snaps and 23 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had three solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry in that game ... Had an assisted tackle against LSU ... Played 26 total snaps in that game ... Recorded a solo stop on special teams against Marshall ... Played four snaps on defense and 20 on special teams against the Herd ... Saw limited action on defense at Texas A&M, but played 23 snaps on special teams, recording two assisted tackles ... Played 21 snaps on defense at Western Michigan, recording three tackles and two quarterback hurries ... Also played 21 snaps on special teams in that game ... Was in for 21 plays on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played three snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording a solo tackle ... Was also in for 23 plays on special teams against the Scarlet Knights ... Played nine plays on defense, recording an assisted tackle and a pass broken up ... Also had a solo stop and two assists on special teams against the Owls ... Played 25 snaps on special teams against Pittsburgh, recording an assisted tackle ... Saw brief action on defense and 27 plays on special teams at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Played 16 snaps on special teams against West Virginia ... Scored the game's first touchdown against Virginia, scooping up a blocked punt and returning it 11 yards for the score ... Played 20 plays on special teams in that game ... Had a solo tackle on special teams at Miami ...

Personal: Darryl Anthony Tapp ... Born 9/13/84 in Portsmouth, VA ... Son of Charles, Sr., and Ruth Tapp.



Jordan
Trott

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Jordan Trott

**Linebacker • 6-4 • 236 • r-Fr.
Torrance, Calif. • Loyola H.S.**

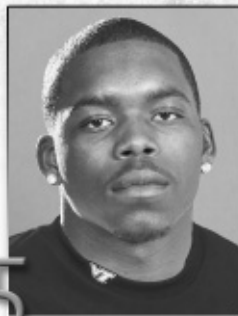
A big, rangy freshman with a lot of potential ... Worked at the mike linebacker position ... Was the leading tackler on special teams this season with 10 ... Has good football savvy and athletic ability ... The first football player from the state of California to sign with Virginia Tech straight out of high school ...

2002: Played in 12 games, mostly on special teams ... Recorded 10 solo tackles and seven assists this season ... Also had a quarterback hurry on defense ... Played 17 snaps on defense and 16 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Registered a solo stop and two assists in that game ... Played five plays on special teams in the win over LSU ... Had a solo tackle on eight special teams plays against Marshall ... Played four snaps on special teams at Texas A&M ... Played 26 snaps on defense at Western Michigan, recording three solo stops, two assists and a quarterback hurry ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams in the win at Boston College ... Played 14 snaps on special teams, recording three solo tackles, against Rutgers ... Was in for 13 plays on special teams against Temple, recording an assisted tackle ... Saw action on six special teams plays against Pittsburgh, logging an assisted tackle ... Was in for 17 special teams plays, recording a solo tackle, at Syracuse ... Was in for 11 special

teams plays against West Virginia and 12 against Virginia ...

Personal: Jordan Richard Trott ... Born 6/26/83 in Torrance, CA ... Son of Richard and Rita Trott ... Is studying business.

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Marcus Vick

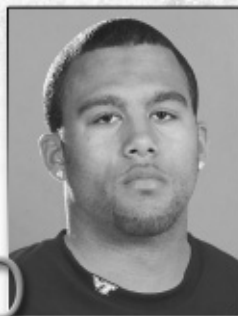
**Quarterback • 6-0 • 180 • Fr.
Newport News, Va. • Warwick H.S.**

A gifted athlete who spent the season redshirting ... Travelled with the team to learn in preparation for next season ... Worked hard in the weight room and has already put on nearly 20 pounds of muscle ... Was one of the most heavily-recruited quarterbacks in the nation a year ago ...

2002: Was redshirted while working on his fundamentals ... Used the season to get stronger and gain a better grasp of the college game ... Could have played if needed as he dressed for every game ...

Personal: Marcus Deon Vick ... Born 3/20/84 in Newport News, VA ... Son of Brenda and Michael Boddie ... Younger brother of former Tech All-America quarterback, Michael Vick.

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Cary Wade

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 174 • Fr.
Fairfax, Va. • Robinson H.S.**

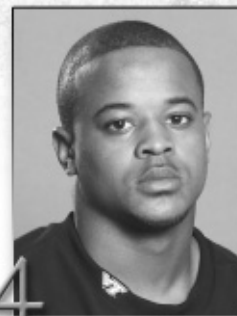
A young defensive back who played mostly on special teams as a true freshman ... Was on the kickoff coverage team ... Is expected to compete for playing time on defense next year ...

2002: Played in 12 games ... Had eight solo tackles and two assists ... Played 25 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas, registering two solo stops

... Also had two tackles on special teams in that game ... Played five plays on special teams against LSU ... Was on the field for seven special teams plays in the win over Marshall ... Had two solo tackles on special teams at Texas A&M ... Saw action on 12 defensive snaps at Western Michigan ... Was in for five special teams plays at Boston College and nine against Rutgers ... Was in for five plays on special teams in the win over Temple ... Played five snaps on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Was in for six special teams plays at Syracuse, recording an assisted tackle ... Played four snaps on special teams against West Virginia and three against Virginia ... Had an assisted tackle on special teams at Miami ...

Personal: Cary Dupree Wade ... Born 5/12/84 in Minneapolis, MN ... Son of Clifton Wade and Beatrice Wade.

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D.J. Walton

**Rover • 5-9 • 197 • r-Fr.
Woodbridge, Va. • C.D. Hylton H.S.**

A smart young player who was moved to rover late in the season ... Started the season as a defensive back, but was moved to rover late in the season ... Saw a lot of action on special teams, mainly the kickoff coverage team ... Possesses a good work ethic ...

2002: Saw action in all 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Talled seven solo stops and three assists on the season ... Played 38 snaps on defense and 13 on special teams in the opener against Arkansas State ... Had an assisted tackle in that game ... Played five snaps on special teams against LSU ... Recorded two solo stops and an assist in the win over Marshall, playing 16 total snaps ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Recorded two solo tackles on special teams in the win at Texas A&M ... Played 22 snaps on defense at Western Michigan ... Recorded a solo stop on special teams in that game ... Was in for five special teams plays at Boston College ... Was in for seven special teams plays against Rutgers ... Was in for five special teams plays in the win over Temple ... Was in for all four kickoffs against Pittsburgh and all six kickoffs at Syracuse ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams against West Virginia ... Was in for all three kickoffs against Virginia ...

Personal: David Lee Walton ... Born 10/19/82 in Macon, GA ... Son of David and Eva Walton ... His father played baseball at Valdosta State ... Enrolled in university studies.



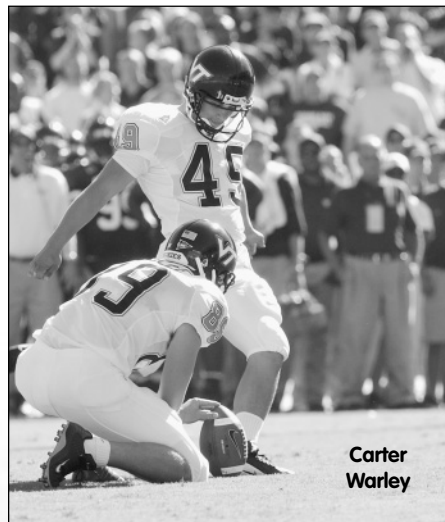
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Carter Warley

**Place-Kicker • 5-11 • 190 • r-Jr.
Richmond, Va. • Fork Union H.S.**

Fought off several kickers in preseason to win the starting job ... Was having a great season until back problems flared up once again ... The injury sent him to the sidelines for four games ... Has a strong leg and is very accurate when healthy ...

2002: Was 34 for 35 on PATs for the year ... Went 7-for-12 on field goals ... Had a long of 43 yards ... Connected on all nine extra point attempts in the opener against Arkansas State ... Hit a 41-yard field goal against LSU ... Also hit on all three PAT attempts ... Hit on all six extra point attempts in the win over Marshall ... Hit 2-of-3 field goals in that game ... Connected on kicks of 42 and 43 yards, but missed a 40-yarder to the left ... Hit two field goals at Texas A&M (22 and 26 yards) but also missed two short field goals ... Made his lone extra point attempt in that game ... Sat out the first half of the Western Michigan game due to back pain ... Returned in the second half to kick two extra points ... Missed the next four games due to back problems ... Returned for the Syracuse game, connecting on all six extra points ... Missed two field goals, both of which came at crucial points of the game ... Missed a 46-yarder with 10 seconds left in regulation ... Pushed his second kick, a 36-yard attempt, wide right at the end of the first overtime ... Kicked a 34-yard field goal and made his lone extra point against West Virginia ... Made all three extra points against Virginia ... Kicked a



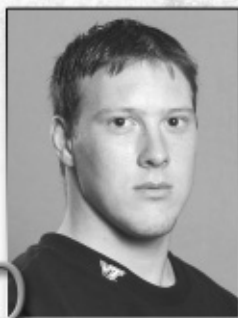
Carter Warley

20-yard field goal at Miami ... Went 4-for-5 on PATs in that game ... Only miss of the season came when his 35-yard extra point attempt was blocked ...

Personal: Carter B. Warley ... Born 2/14/80 in Newport News, VA ... Son of John and Barbara Warley ... Enrolled in residential property management.

Scoring	G	EP-A	FGM-A	LG	TP
2000	11	56-57	7-9	47	77
2001	11	44-44	11-21	39	77
2002	9	34-35	7-12	43	55
Career	31	134-136	25-42	47	209

Field Goals	10-29 yds	30-39	40-49	50+
2000	1-1	4-5	2-3	0-0
2001	6-7	5-10	0-4	0-0
2002	3-5	1-2	3-5	0-0
Career	10-13	10-17	5-12	0-0



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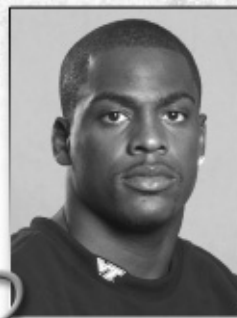
Blake Warren

**Linebacker • 6-3 • 228 • r-Fr.
Clifton, Va. • Centreville H.S.**

A good, young linebacker who has provided depth this season ... Was hampered by back problems midway through the season, forcing him to the sidelines ... Has a big, rangy frame ... Has good football instincts ... Is tough, physical and aggressive ... Also contributed on special teams ... Has shown the ability to see things developing from the linebacker position ... Comes from a good football background ... His father, Don, played 14 years for the Washington Redskins ...

2002: Played in eight games ... Recorded five solo tackles and six assists on the season ... Also had an interception ... Had an assisted tackle in the opener against Arkansas State ... Played five snaps on defense and four on special teams in that game ... Saw action on eight defensive and eight special teams snaps in the win over Marshall ... Did not travel to Texas A&M, Western Michigan or Boston College due to a strained back ... Returned to the dress squad roster for the Rutgers game, but did not see any action ... Was in for five special teams plays against Temple ... Saw action on five plays on defense against Pittsburgh ... Was also in for all four kickoffs ... Played four snaps on defense at Syracuse, recording an assisted tackle ... Recorded a solo tackle on special teams against West Virginia ... Saw action on nine special teams plays in the win over Virginia ... Tallied three solo tackles on special teams at top-ranked Miami ...

Personal: Blake Davis Warren ... Born 10/10/82 in Fairfax, VA ... Son of Don and Irene Warren ... Enrolled in university studies.



Ronyell Whitaker

**Cornerback • 5-9 • 192 • r-Sr.
Norfolk, Va. • Lake Taylor H.S.**

An athletic player who helps form a great secondary ... Can play both corner positions ... Frequently draws an opponent's top receiver ... Is tough and physical ... Studies the game and opponents ... Has the potential to be a dominating corner, but needs to concentrate on every play ... Has seen action on over 1,800 plays during his last 33 regular-season games ... Can also return punts if needed ...

2002: Missed the first two games due to suspension ... Played the other 11, starting 10 ... Tallied 24 solo tackles and 18 assists ... Also had four passes broken up, a forced fumble and an interception ... Forced a fumble on the opening drive against Marshall ... Also had a solo tackle in that game ... Registered three solo tackles and three pass breakups in the win at Texas A&M ... Recorded two solo tackles at Western Michigan ... Played 39 snaps on defense against Boston College, registering two solo tackles and an assist ... Registered two solo tackles against Rutgers ... Came off the bench against Temple to play 19 snaps on defense ... Returned to the starting lineup for the Pittsburgh game ... Recorded two solo stops and two assists, along with a pass broken up ... Played 88 snaps at Syracuse, registering three solo stops and three assists ... Had a solo tackle and two assists against West Virginia ... Named Co-MVP of the Dominion Virginia Power Classic ... Recorded seven solo tackles, three assists and a pass broken up against the Cavaliers ... Recorded his first interception of the season at Miami, returning it 56 yards to set up a touchdown ... Also had a solo tackle and two assists ...

Personal: Ronyell Deshawn Whitaker ... Born 3/19/79 in Norfolk, VA ... Son of Sylvania Whitaker ... Nephew of pro boxer Pernell "Sweet Pea" Whitaker ... Enrolled in physical education.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
1999	11	22	7	29	2-2	0-0
2000	11	37	24	61	2-3	0-0
2001	10	27	26	53	2-4	0-0
2002	11	24	18	42	0-0	0-0
Career	43	110	75	185	6-9	0-0

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Garnell Wilds

**Cornerback • 5-11 • 192 • r-Jr.
Tampa, Fla. • Hillsborough H.S.**

One of four excellent corners in the Tech secondary ... Plays with the best technique in the secondary ... Knows how to play both cornerback positions ... Understands his limitations and rarely gives up a big play ... Doesn't have the speed that some of the Hokies' other corners possess, but works the hardest on the little things it takes to be successful ...

2002: Played in all 13 games, starting three ... Recorded 26 solo tackles and 17 assists on the season ... Also had four interceptions, six passes broken up and a fumble recovery ... Had a solo stop on defense in the opener against Arkansas State ... Also had two assisted tackles on special teams ... Had a solo stop, three assists and two passes broken up in the win over LSU ... Played 20 plays on defense against Marshall, registering two solo tackles, an assist and two passes broken up ... Had a solo tackle and an assist on special teams in that game ... Recorded a solo stop and an assist at Texas A&M ... Had three solo tackles on defense and two more solo stops on special teams at Western Michigan ... Recorded two solo tackles in the win at Boston College ... Recovered a key fumble in the end zone which prevented an Eagle touchdown ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams in that game ... Played 17 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording a pass break up ... Got the start at boundary corner for the Temple game ... Played 28 snaps on defense, recording three solo tackles ... Came off the bench against Pittsburgh to play 30 snaps on defense ... Recorded two solo stops and two assists on defense, along with a solo tackle on special teams ... Earned the start against Syracuse and came up with a big game ... Tied the BIG EAST and school record with three interceptions ... Also had five tackles and two passes broken up ... Recorded four solo tackles and two assists against West Virginia ... Came up with a key interception in the third quarter of Tech's win over Virginia ... Had an assist and a pass broken up at Miami ...

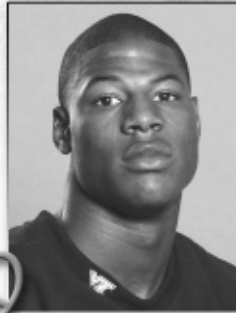
Personal: Garnell Wayman Wilds ... Born 6/8/81 in Tampa, FL ... Son of George and Jacqueline Wilds ... Studying residential property management.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2000	5	3	1	4	0-0	0-0
2001	11	16	11	27	0-0	0-0

2002	13	26	17	43	0-0	0-0
Career	29	45	29	74	0-0	0-0

Interceptions	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	5	1	5	5.0	0	5
2001	11	2	16	8.0	0	16
2002	13	4	8	2.0	0	8
Career	29	7	29	4.1	0	16

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Ernest Wilford

**Split End • 6-4 • 217 • r-Jr.
Richmond, Va. • Armstrong/Franklin H.S.**

One of the great stories of the season ... Enters the bowl game tied for the school record for receptions in a season ... Re-wrote the conference record book with his performance at Syracuse ... Turned into the big-play receiver everyone had pegged him as ... A big target with great leaping ability and speed ... Led the team in receptions, yards and touchdown catches this season ... A Super Iron Hokie in the weight room ... Started his Tech career as a defensive end ...

2002: Started all 13 games this season ... Leads the team in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns ... Has 46 catches on the year for 875 yards and seven touchdowns ... Played 26 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught a pass for 15 yards in the win ... Played 48 offensive snaps against LSU, catching an 11-yard pass ... Had two receptions, including a 38-yarder, for 49 yards in the win over Marshall ... Had the biggest play of the game in the win at Texas A&M, catching a pass and racing 52 yards to set up the lone touchdown of the game ... Finished the game with two catches for 63 yards ... Didn't start against Western Michigan due to a pulled hamstring, but came in to catch two passes for 38 yards, including a 24-yarder ... Caught two passes at Boston College for 71 yards ... The first went for 27 yards while the second covered 44 yards for a touchdown ... Had seven catches for a then career-high 99 yards in the win over Rutgers ... Caught a 16-yard pass for a touchdown in the first quarter of that game ... Caught two passes for 11 yards against Temple ... Led the Hokies with six catches for 80 yards against Pittsburgh ... Had a 30-yard reception in that game ... Had the best day receiving in league history at Syracuse ... Caught a career-high eight passes for a BIG EAST and school record 279 yards ... Also caught a school-record four touchdown passes ... Had touchdown receptions of 75, 34, 87 and 6 yards ... Performance earned him BIG EAST Offensive

Player of the Week honors ... Caught five passes for 58 yards against West Virginia ... Also blocked a punt, which led to a field goal ... Had two receptions for 33 yards in the win over Virginia ... Caught six passes for 68 yards and a touchdown at Miami ... Made a nice leaping catch over a Hurricane defender for a 7-yard score ...

Personal: Ernest Lee Wilford, Jr. ... Born 1/14/79 in Richmond, VA ... Son of Ernest, Sr., and Janice Wilford ... Enrolled in sociology.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	11	12	141	11.8	0	17
2001	11	8	100	12.5	1	34
2002	13	46	875	19.0	7	87
Career	35	66	1116	16.9	8	87

2002 Receiving Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	1	15	15.0	0	15
LSU	1	1	11	11.0	0	11
MU	1	2	49	24.5	0	38
at TAM	1	2	63	31.5	0	52
at WMU	1	2	38	18.0	0	24
at BC	1	2	71	35.5	1	44
RU	1	7	99	14.1	1	20
TU	1	2	11	5.5	0	11
PITT	1	6	80	13.3	0	33
at SU	1	8	279	34.9	4	87
WVU	1	5	58	11.6	0	21
UVa	1	2	33	16.5	0	20
at UM	1	6	68	11.3	1	21

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Jimmy E. Williams

**Defensive Tackle • 6-3 • 308 • Jr.
Memphis, Tenn. • East H.S.**

A talented lineman who spent the first half of the season getting cleared to play ... Once eligible, quickly moved up the depth chart ... Also battled several injuries which slowed his development ... A big lineman who came to Tech with high expectations ...

2002: Missed the first three games while awaiting his final grade from Pasadena C.C. ... Did not work out with the team during that time ... Made his debut with the team on Sept. 16, practicing for the first time ... Ended up playing in five games ... Tallied six solo tackles and 12 assists this season ... Did not dress for Texas A&M or Western Michigan due to a sprained ankle ... Made the trip to Boston College and played two snaps on defense on the Eagles' final drive of the game ... Played 11 snaps on defense against Rutgers, recording two assisted tackles ... Missed the Temple game with both a sprained ankle and knee ... Was in for 11 snaps on defense against Pittsburgh, recording two solo tackles ... Saw significant action against West Virginia, playing 24 snaps ... Had a solo

tackle and three assists against the Mountaineers ... Played 23 snaps against Virginia, recording five assisted tackles ... Recorded three solo tackles and two assists at top-ranked Miami ...

Personal: Jimmy E. Williams ... Born 1/13/82 in Memphis, TN ... Son of Peggy Williams.

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Jimmy F. Williams

Free Safety • 6-2 • 203 • Fr.
Hampton, Va. • Bethel H.S.

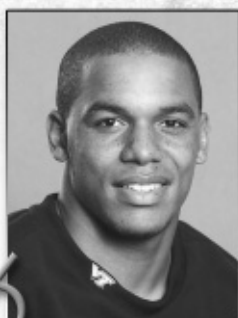
A versatile athlete who saw immediate playing time as a true freshman ... Is expected to be a great player ... Spent the season learning the position under veteran Willie Pile ...

2002: Played all 13 games, mostly on special teams ... Registered 22 solo tackles and 14 assists this season ... Also had a pass broken up and an interception ... In his first college action, against Arkansas State, recorded five solo stops, five assists and broke up a pass ... Played 37 defensive snaps and 13 on special teams in that game ... Played 14 plays on special teams in the win over LSU ... Played eight plays on defense and 11 on special teams against Marshall, recording a solo tackle on special teams against the Herd ... Saw action on nine special teams plays in the win at Texas A&M ... Had a solo tackle and two assists at Western Michigan ... Played two snaps on defense and seven on special teams in the win at Boston College, registering a solo tackle on special teams ... Stepped in on defense against Rutgers when Willie Pile went down with an injury ... Recorded a solo tackle and his first career interception while in the game ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Played five snaps on defense, recording an assisted tackle ... Also saw action on 11 special teams plays and recorded two solo tackles ... Played two snaps on defense and 10 on special teams against Pittsburgh ... Registered a solo tackle on special teams ... Was in for 17 special teams plays at Syracuse ... Played five snaps on defense against West Virginia, recording a solo tackle and an assist ... Played 17 snaps on special teams against Virginia ... Saw extensive action on defense at Miami, recording seven solo tackles and four assists ... Also had an assisted stop on special teams ...

Personal: James Franklin Williams, Jr. ... Born 3/8/84 in Hampton, VA ... Son of James, Sr., and Elizabeth Williams.

Tackles	G	UT	AT	Tot.	Loss	Sacks
2002	13	22	14	36	0-0	0-0

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Keith Willis

Tight End • 6-5 • 254 • r-Jr.
Norfolk, Va. • Norview H.S.

Held down the starting tight end job for most of the season ... Tall and athletic ... Bench presses 360 pounds and runs the 40 in 4.59 seconds ... Possesses solid receiving skills ... Was slowed by a slightly-torn abdominal muscle late in the season, but played through the injury ...

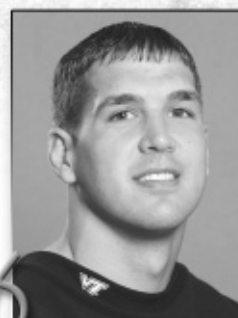
2002: Played in all 13 games, starting eight ... Caught seven passes for 168 yards and a touchdown ... Played 31 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught one pass for 15 yards in that game ... Caught a pass for seven yards in the win over LSU ... Played 38 offensive snaps against Marshall ... Caught two passes for 27 yards at Western Michigan ... Played 41 snaps on offense at Boston College ... Recorded an assisted tackle on special teams in that game ... Played 31 snaps on offense and two on special teams in the win over Rutgers ... Was in for 54 plays on offense and nine on special teams against Temple ... Did not start against Pittsburgh due to an abdominal injury, but still played 24 snaps on offense and seven on special teams ... Came off the bench at Syracuse to post one of the best receiving days in school history for a tight end ... Caught two passes for 113 yards, including an 87-yarder that was the longest ever for a Tech tight end ... The total marked the first time in 20 years a Tech tight end totalled 100 yards or more ... Also had a solo tackle on special teams ... Caught a 6-yard touchdown pass against West Virginia, his second of the year ... Played 25 snaps on offense and five on special teams against Virginia ...

Personal: Keith Tyrone Willis ... Born 12/14/80 in Oceanside, CA ... Son of Keith and Mara Willis ... Lived in Japan for more than three years ... Enrolled in science of food, nutrition and exercise.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2000	10	1	21	21.0	0	21
2001	11	2	38	19.0	1	31
2002	13	7	168	24.0	1	87
Career	34	10	227	22.7	2	87

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Shawn Witten

Flanker • 6-0 • 192 • Sr.
Elizabethton, Tenn. • Elizabethton H.S.

An experienced, dependable receiver who started 11 games this year ... Has perhaps the best hands of any Tech receiver ... A competitor who comes from a good football background ... Works hard to improve his game ... Has provided good leadership and stability to a young team ...

2002: Is second on the team in receptions (21) and receiving yards (258) ... Also has one touchdown catch ... Played just 13 snaps in the opener against Arkansas State ... Caught one pass for 11 yards ... Caught a pass for eight yards in the win over LSU ... Played 25 snaps on offense against Marshall ... Caught two passes for 21 yards at Texas A&M ... Caught a 34-yard pass at Western Michigan ... Recorded a key third-down catch at Boston College, which resulted in an 8-yard gain and a first down ... Earned the start against Rutgers and caught two passes for 16 yards ... Had a 10-yard reception in the win over Temple ... Caught three passes for 29 yards against Pittsburgh ... Caught two passes for 11 yards at Syracuse ... Caught three passes for 45 yards against West Virginia ... Saw action on 35 snaps on offense and four on special teams in the win over Virginia ... Caught two passes for 21 yards at Miami ... Scored his first touchdown of the season on a 4-yard reception ...

Personal: Shawn Edward Witten ... Born 5/18/80 in Johnson City, TN ... Son of Kimberly Witten ... Brother, Jason, is the starting tight end for the University of Tennessee ... Enrolled in history.

Receiving	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
1999	11	6	55	9.2	0	11
2000	11	9	88	9.8	0	15
2001	8	16	161	10.1	1	29
2002	13	21	258	12.3	1	34
Career	43	52	562	10.8	2	34

2002 Receiving Game-by-Game						
ASU	1	1	11	11.0	0	11
LSU	1	1	8	8.0	0	8
MU	1	2	44	22.0	0	28
at TAM	1	2	21	10.5	0	13
at WMU	1	1	34	34.0	0	34
at BC	1	1	8	8.0	0	8
RU	1	2	16	8.0	0	10
TU	1	1	10	10.0	0	10
PITT	1	3	29	9.7	0	13
at SU	1	2	11	5.5	0	7
WVU	1	3	45	15.0	0	23
UVa	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
at UM	1	2	21	10.5	1	17

Frank Beamer

One of the nation's most respected coaches

During his 16 seasons at the helm, Frank Beamer has guided the Virginia Tech football program to unprecedented success with 10 straight bowl appearances, three BIG EAST Conference titles, a trip to the national championship game and an average of nine wins per year since the beginning of the 1993 season.

Winning has been just part of the success story for Beamer, one of the nation's most respected and popular collegiate football coaches. He and his staff have developed a wide-spread reputation for getting the most out of their players. That reputation has never been more warranted than in recent seasons.

In 2000, Beamer and his staff directed Tech to an 11-1 record after opening the season with eight new starters on defense and an all new lineup in the kicking game. Last season, the Hokies posted an 8-4 record and appeared in the Top 20 every week despite having to fill four offensive line spots, the quarterback job vacated by sensational underclassman Michael Vick and the tailback spot left open when All-America running back Lee Suggs was lost for the season with an injury. This year, the Hokies are 9-4 despite attacking one of their toughest schedules ever with a young team that featured all-new starters at the defensive tackle, inside linebacker and rover positions and major questions at quarterback and wide receiver.

Under Beamer, Virginia Tech is one of just seven Division I-A teams to receive a bowl bid each of the last 10 years, including this year's

Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl. In 2000, the Hokies earned their first Toyota Gator Bowl championship with an impressive 41-20 victory over Clemson. A spot in the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play No. 1 Florida State for the national championship focused widespread attention on Virginia Tech and its football program following the 1999 season. And although the Hokies fell short in their bid for the national title, they proved that they belong among the top teams in the college ranks.

For his part in the Hokies' magical 1999 season, Beamer earned eight national coach of the year awards. He was named the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year, the GTE Coach of the Year, the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, the Paul 'Bear' Bryant Coach of the Year, the Associated Press Coach of the Year, the Walter Camp Football Foundation/Street & Smith's Coach of the Year, the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year and the Woody Hayes Coach of the Year. He also was named the BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year for the third time.

There have been plenty of other accolades for the Hokies' coach. In a survey of Division I-A football coaches conducted by *Bloomberg News* in the fall of 2000, Beamer was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program. In January 2001, he was honored as the NCAA Coach of the Year by The Pigskin Club of Washington, D.C. In May of that year, an on-line newspaper named him the best coach currently in the college football ranks because of his ability to place Tech among the nation's elite year in and year out. He

has been voted the Virginia Division I Coach of the Year by the state sports information directors four times in the past seven years, including last season.

Following consecutive 10-2 seasons in 1995 and 1996, Beamer was voted BIG EAST Conference Coach of the Year by the league coaches. He was one of five finalists in the voting for the 1995 National Coach of the Year. In 1996, *The Sporting News* queried writers from around the country and asked them to rate the coaches in various conferences. In the BIG EAST, those writers rated Frank Beamer the best coach on game day, the best in game preparation, the best as a motivator, the best as a

teacher, the best in big games and the best overall. In 1999, *The Sporting News* ranked the nation's top coaches in terms of their ability to get the most out of their players. Beamer was picked No. 9 in Division I-A. This year marked the fourth time in five years *TSN* has rated the Tech coach tops among BIG EAST head coaches. The publication has also ranked the Hokies' football coaching staff as the best in the conference four times during that span. *Street & Smith's College Football 2002* rates Beamer as the top recruiter in the BIG EAST.

The rise of the Tech football program has made Beamer a man in demand. It has opened doors to places he may never have dreamed of



as a youngster growing up in Southwest Virginia.

In September 2000, Beamer was invited to the White House where he joined a select group that stood in the Rose Garden behind then-President Bill Clinton as he made remarks on the Conservation and Reinvestment Act. Beamer was one of the keynote speakers at the American Football Coaches Association Convention in 2000, and in April 2001 he joined former Prime Minister of Great Britain, Lady Margaret Thatcher, as one of the featured speakers at SUCCESS 2001, one of the

nation's most popular business seminars.

Beamer's success has also made him a much sought-after coach. In recent years, he has been pursued by numerous other schools and has drawn interest from professional football teams. But in the end, his loyalty has remained with the Hokies.

Beamer always has put Virginia Tech first — ever since he starred as a defensive back for the Hokies in his undergraduate days in the late 1960s, and surely throughout his 16 years as head coach of

the Hokies. He has given the Tech program a sense of stability enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools. Only three other active Division I-A head coaches have been at their current school as long as Beamer.

In 1990, Beamer received a new contract and a substantial pay raise. He refused the raise, however, until such time that all classified and faculty employees of the university could have the same opportunity for pay raises.

Most state salaries had been frozen at the time.

Another indication of Beamer's love for the university came on the night he was inducted into The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1997. He called it the biggest honor of his entire career. With the induction, he became the first active coach at the university to be honored in that fashion.

Beamer's overall record at Tech now stands at 116-69-2. He became Tech's winningest football coach during the 1997 campaign. Counting six years as head coach at Murray State prior to joining the Hokies, Beamer's overall 22-year record is 158-92-4. That record ranks him sixth among active Division I-A coaches in wins.

The 56-year-old Beamer, first alumnus to guide the Hokies since the 1940s, took over the Tech reins from Bill Dooley in January 1987. He began work a few days after the Hokies had beaten North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl. It took a while for him to get the Hokies moving in the right direction because the football program was hit with NCAA sanctions at the time.

But everything came together in the 1990s. The Techmen finished 9-3 in 1993 after beating Indiana, 45-20, in a wild Independence Bowl game. Tech followed up with an 8-4 season in 1994, losing to Tennessee, 45-23, in the Gator Bowl.

The Tech teams in 1995 and 1996 were among the best in school history. The 1995 team swept the BIG EAST Conference championship outright and the 1996 club tied for the title with Syracuse and Miami.

The 1995 team was 9-2 during the regular season and then came up with a stirring 28-10 victory over Texas in the Sugar Bowl. The 1996 team went 10-1 during the regular season and lost to powerful Nebraska, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl after giving the Cornhuskers a fierce battle for three quarters.



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Beamer's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/18/46, Mt. Airy, N.C.
 Hometown: Hillsville, Va.
 Wife: former Cheryl Oakley
 Children: Shane, Casey

**Shane, Cheryl,
 Frank and Casey
 Beamer.**

EDUCATION:

High School: Hillsville (1965)
 College: Virginia Tech (1969)
 Postgraduate: Radford University (1972)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Virginia Tech (1966-68)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1972 Graduate Assistant, Maryland
 1973-76 Assistant Coach, The Citadel
 1977-78 Defensive Coordinator, The Citadel
 1979-80 Defensive Coordinator, Murray State
 1981-86 Head Coach, Murray State
 1981 (8-3)
 1982 (4-7)
 1983 (7-4)
 1984 (9-2)
 1985 (7-3-1)
 1986 (7-4-1) Ohio Valley co-champion
 Record at Murray State: 42-23-2

1987- Head Coach, Virginia Tech
 1987 (2-9)
 1988 (3-8)
 1989 (6-4-1)
 1990 (6-5)
 1991 (5-6)
 1992 (2-8-1)
 1993 (9-3) Independence Bowl champion
 1994 (8-4) Gator Bowl
 1995 (10-2) BIG EAST, Sugar Bowl champion
 1996 (10-2) BIG EAST co-champion, Orange Bowl
 1997 (7-5) Gator Bowl
 1998 (9-3) Music City Bowl champion
 1999 (11-1) BIG EAST champion, Sugar Bowl
 2000 (11-1) Gator Bowl champion
 2001 (8-4) Gator Bowl
 2002 (9-4) San Francisco Bowl

Record at Virginia Tech: 116-69-2

Overall head coaching record: 158-92-4

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1966 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
 1968 Liberty (Virginia Tech vs. Mississippi)

Coach

1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
 1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
 1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
 1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
 1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
 1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
 1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
 2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Beamer

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The Hokies fell to 7-5 in 1997 and were beaten badly by North Carolina in the Gator Bowl, 42-3. But they came right back with a 9-3 mark in 1998 that included an impressive 38-7 victory over Alabama in the inaugural Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

The two winningest seasons in school history followed in 1999 and 2000 with the Hokies posting back-to-back 11-1 records. Tech registered its first-ever 11-0 regular-season record in '99 before losing its national championship battle with FSU.

In 2000, the Hokies' only blemish was a loss at Miami in the ninth game of the season. Both seasons, Tech climbed as high as No. 2 in The Associated Press poll, finishing No. 2 in '99 and No. 6 in 2000. The Hokies climbed as high as No. 5 in the 2001 AP poll and finished 18th. This season Tech has been ranked as high as No. 3 in the AP poll and posted consecutive wins over nationally-ranked LSU (14th), Marshall (16th) and Texas A&M (19th).

Beamer's early Tech teams also registered many exciting victories. One of the most impressive came in 1990 when the Hokies capped the year with a 38-13 victory over arch-rival Virginia before a crowd of 54,157, which at the time was the largest ever to see a college football game in the Commonwealth of Virginia. During the 1989 season, Tech knocked off ninth-ranked West Virginia and star quarterback

Major Harris, 12-10, in Morgantown.

During his undergraduate days at Tech, Beamer started three years as a cornerback and played on the Hokies' 1966 and 1968 Liberty Bowl teams. He received a B.S. in distributive education from Tech in 1969 and a master's in guidance from Radford in 1972. Then came the start of the Beamer coaching career.

He began as an assistant at Radford High School from 1969 through 1971. Then after one season as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland, he went to The Citadel where he worked five seasons under Bobby Ross and one year under Art Baker. His last two years at The Citadel, Beamer was the defensive coordinator.

In 1979, Beamer went to Murray State as the defensive coordinator under Mike Gottfried. He was named head coach at Murray State in 1981 and went on to compile a six-year record of 42 wins, 23 losses and two ties.

The Tech coach was born in Mt. Airy, N.C., and grew up in Hillsville, Va. At Hillsville High, he earned 11 varsity letters as a three-sport athlete in football, basketball and baseball.

Beamer is married to the former Cheryl Oakley of Richmond, Va. They have two children, Shane, a former member of his dad's football team at Tech and now a graduate assistant at Tennessee; and daughter Casey, a senior at Virginia Tech.

Accomplishments Under Beamer

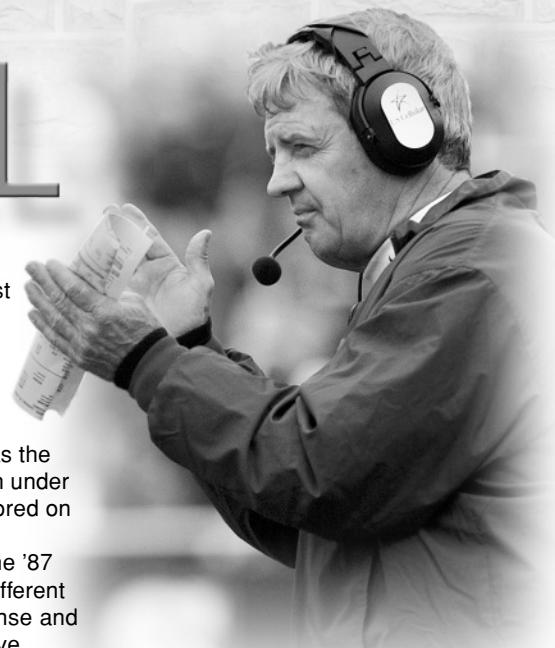
Under the direction of Coach Frank Beamer and his staff, the Hokies have ...

- earned a chance to play for the national championship for the first time in school football history.
- become one of only seven Division I schools to go to bowl games each of the last 10 seasons.
- compiled the second-longest active streak in the Associated Press Poll at 69 weeks.
- posted 11 wins in a season for the first time.
- registered the program's first back-to-back 11-win seasons.
- produced the school's first 11-0 regular-season record in football.
- won nine games or more six of the last eight seasons.
- become the first team in BIG EAST history to win all the league's major awards in the same season.
- won three BIG EAST Championships and earned three invitations to the Bowl Championship Series in the past eight seasons.
- earned the highest national rankings in school football history, including three Top 10 finishes and consecutive Top 6 finishes.
- finished in a final Top 25 poll eight times in the last nine seasons.
- won more games (116) than under any other coaching staff.
- been to three times as many bowl games (10) than under any other coaching staff.
- won more bowl games (4) than under any other coaching staff.
- posted 10 straight seasons of seven or more wins for the first time in school history.
- had 68 of their last 85 games televised (80%).
- compiled a 57-18 record in televised games since the start of the 1995 season.
- blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other Division I-A team.
- become one of only eight Division I-A schools ever to lead the nation in both scoring offense and defense in the same season.
- had at least one player from every defensive position score a touchdown.
- produced the No. 1 pick in the National Football League draft.
- had 100 players sign with NFL teams.
- had two players who entered the program as walk-ons drafted in the top four rounds of the NFL draft.
- produced seven Associated Press All-Americans over the last three seasons.
- had players win seven major BIG EAST individual awards in the last four years.



Coach Frank Beamer celebrates with Vincent Fuller during a victory this season.

BEAMERBALL



During the Frank Beamer era at Virginia Tech, putting points on the scoreboard has always been a team effort — the offensive team, the defensive team and the special teams. It's called BeamerBall, and it has helped propel the Hokies to new heights.

Each of Tech's last eight teams are ranked among the top 10 highest scoring grid squads in school history. What sets BeamerBall apart are the contributions made by the defense and special teams. Since the start of the 1993 season, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one

touchdown. And 22 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams.

Altogether, the Hokies' defense and special teams have combined to contribute 77 touchdowns since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 60 in Tech's last 111 games. Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 48 TDs, with 28 coming on pass interceptions, 18 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 29 TDs, including 14 on blocked punts, nine on punt returns, three on kickoff returns, two on blocked field goals and one on a fumble recovery.

Fittingly, the trend started in Beamer's first game as Tech's head coach when true freshman Jon Jeffries returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown against Clemson. It was the Hokies' first touchdown under Beamer, and it was scored on special teams.

Since the start of the '87 season, a total of 56 different players on Tech's defense and special teams units have scored touchdowns. Twelve of those players — Don Stokes, Jock Jones, Roger Brown, Lawrence Lewis, Antonio Banks, Jim Baron, Keion Carpenter, Pierson Prioleau,

Anthony Midget, Cory Bird, Kevin McCadam and Willie Pile — scored twice. DeAngelo Hall, Ike Charlton and Ricky Hall scored three times and André Davis had four scores.

Touchdowns by Defense and Special Teams Under Beamer

1987: Jon Jeffries, 92-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Randy Cockrell (ilb), 90-yd. interception return vs. Navy.

1988: Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Southern Miss; Jock Jones, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. West Virginia; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina; Leslie Bailey (ilb), 19-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina.

1989: Marcus Mickel, 90-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Jock Jones (olb), 55-yd. interception return vs. Tulane; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. North Carolina State.

1990: The '90 season marked the first and only season to date during Beamer's tenure that Tech failed to score at least one TD on either defense or special teams.

1991: P.J. Preston (olb), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Oklahoma; Ken Landrum, 18-yd. blocked punt return vs. Cincinnati; Kirk Alexander (fs), 95-yd. interception return vs. Cincinnati.

1992: Tyrone Drakeford (cb), 40-yd. interception return vs. East Carolina; Tony Kennedy, 91-yd. kickoff return vs. Louisville; Ken Brown (olb), 18-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers.

1993: William Ferrell, 7-yd. blocked punt return vs. Rutgers; DeWayne Knight (olb), 23-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Jeff Holland (dt), 8-yd. fumble return vs. Virginia; Lawrence Lewis (de), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Indiana; Antonio Banks, 80-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Indiana.

1994: Torrian Gray (rov), 66-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Stacy Henley, 25-yd. blocked punt return vs. Temple; Lawrence Lewis (de), 60-yd. fumble return vs. East Carolina; Antonio Freeman, 80-yd. punt return vs. Pittsburgh.

1995: Jermaine Holmes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Akron; Hank Coleman (de), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Myron Newsome (ilb), 71-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Larry Green (cb), 37-yd. interception return vs. West Virginia; Jim Baron (dt), 46-yd. fumble return vs. Temple; J.C. Price (dt), 19-yd. interception return vs. Temple; Antonio Banks (cb), 65-yd. interception return vs. Virginia; Bryan Still, 60-yd. punt return vs. Texas; Jim Baron (dt), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Texas.

1996: Cornelius White, 60-yd. blocked punt return vs. Syracuse; Keion Carpenter (fs), 100-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

1997: Carl Bradley (dt), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Rutgers; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 43-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Lorenzo Ferguson (fs), 84-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas St.; Anthony Midget (cb), 22-yd. fumble return vs. Pittsburgh.

1998: Keion Carpenter (fs), 16-yd. interception return vs. Pittsburgh; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 85-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Marcus Gildersleeve, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. UAB; Ricky Hall 17-yd. blocked punt return vs. West Virginia; Ricky Hall recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Loren Johnson (cb), 78-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Ike Charlton (cb) 26-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Jamel Smith (lb), 98-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Anthony Midget (cb), 27-yd. interception return vs. Alabama.

1999: Ike Charlton (cb), 34-yd. interception return vs. Clemson; Corey Moore (de), 32-yd. fumble return vs. Clemson; Cory Bird (rov), 26-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Phillip Summers (rov) 43-yd. interception return vs. Syracuse; Tee Butler recovered fumble by punter in end zone vs. Syracuse; Ricky Hall, 64-yd. punt return vs. Miami; Ike Charlton (cb), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Miami; Larry Austin (cb), 31-yd. interception return vs. Temple.

2000: Willie Pile (fs), 11-yd. interception return vs. Akron; Cory Bird 9-yd. blocked punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 87-yd. punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis 71-yd. punt return vs. Boston College; André Davis 76-yd. punt return vs. WVU; Nathaniel Adibi (de), 36-yd. fumble return vs. UCF.

2001: Channing Reed (dt), 8-yard fumble return vs. Rutgers; Kevin McCadam (rov), 69-yd. interception return vs. UCF; André Davis, 55-yd. punt return vs. UCF; Jim Davis (de), 27-yd. interception return vs. WVU; Kevin McCadam (rov), 9-yd. fumble return vs. BC; Ronyell Whitaker, 71-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Pittsburgh; Brandon Manning, 22-yd. blocked punt return vs. Miami.

2002: DeAngelo Hall, 69-yd. punt return vs. Arkansas State; DeAngelo Hall (cb), 49-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas State; Jason Lallis (dt), 59-yd. fumble return vs. Arkansas State; Alex Markogiannakis (lb), 25-yd. fumble return vs. Western Michigan; DeAngelo Hall 51-yd. punt return vs. Rutgers; Darryl Tapp, 11-yd. blocked punt return vs. Virginia; Willie Pile (fs), 96-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

BeamerBall's emphasis on special teams produces more than touchdowns. During the 1990s, Tech blocked more kicks than any other Division I-A team. In 1998, the Hokies ranked eighth nationally in punting and in 1999, they were ninth nationally in kickoff returns. During the 2000 season, Tech led the nation in punt returns and in 2001 the Hokies tied for 10th in that category.

Tech's tradition of blocking kicks during the Beamer era has produced 97 blocks in his

187 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 51 punts (14 for TDs), 25 field goals and 21 extra points. Sixty-three of those blocks came during the 1990s when Tech blocked 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 field goals.

In 1998, the Hokies set a school record when they blocked 10 kicks during the regular season and two more in their Music City Bowl game against Alabama.

Since joining the BIG EAST Conference in 1991, the Hokies have posted at least

three blocked kicks against every team in the league. During that span, Tech has blocked 10 kicks against Pittsburgh, eight versus Miami, seven against West Virginia, five versus Rutgers, four against Boston College and three against Syracuse and Temple.

In the Beamer era, Tech has blocked two kicks in a game 17 times, including two in this season's game with No. 14 LSU.

The most prolific kick blockers under Beamer have

been defensive lineman Bernard Basham and safety Keion Carpenter who each posted six blocks during their Tech careers. Basham blocked three field goals and three PATs, while Carpenter blocked six punts.

BeamerBall has been a major factor in Tech's 92-29 record over the past 10 seasons. During that span, the Hokies are 40-6 in games when they score at least one defensive or special teams touchdown and 40-13 when they block at least one kick.

Tech's Blocked Kicks Under Beamer

Totals: 97 in 187 games (51 punts, 25 FGs, 21 PATs)

**recovered or returned for touchdown
#led to TD @led to safety #led to FG
^led to a two-point defensive extra point*

1987 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 1 FG)

Syracuse – punt* (Jimmy Whitten) hL
East Carolina – PAT (na) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Roger Brown) hW

1988 (4 punts, 3 FGs)

Clemson – punt (Jock Jones) aL
Southern Miss – punt* (Archie Hopkins) aL
West Virginia – punt* (Archie Hopkins) hL
Cincinnati – punt+ (Jock Jones) aW
Louisville – FG (Jimmy Whitten) aL
Florida State – FG (Roger Brown);
FG+ (Roger Brown) aL

1989 (1 punt, 1 FG)

Tulane – punt+ (Archie Hopkins) hW
N.C. State – FG (Jock Jones) aW

1990 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

East Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) aW
South Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) hL
Florida State – punt+ (Scott Jones) aL
West Virginia – FG+ (Bernard Basham) hW
Temple – punt (Archie Hopkins) aL
N.C. State – PAT (Bernard Basham) hW

1991 (3 punts, 3 FGs)

James Madison – FG (Bernard Basham) hW
Oklahoma – FG (Bernard Basham) aL
Cincinnati – punt+ (P.J. Preston);
punt* (Kirk Alexander) hW
Louisville – FG (John Rivers) hW
East Carolina – punt (Marcus McClung) hL

1992 (5 PATs, 1 FG)

James Madison – PAT (John Rivers);
FG+ (Kirk Alexander) hW
East Carolina – PAT (Bernard Basham) aL
West Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL
Miami – PAT (Bernard Basham) hL
Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL

1993 (4 punts, 2 FGs)

Miami – punt@ (Willie Wilkins) aL
Maryland – FG (George DelRicco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) aW
Indiana – FG* (Jeff Holland) nW
Independence Bowl

1994 (2 punts, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG (Cornell Brown) hW
Temple – punt* (William Ferrell) hW
Miami – punt# (Michael Williams) aL
Rutgers – FG (Michael Williams) hW

1995 (4 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

BC – PAT (Waverly Jackson) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Jim Baron);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hL
Miami – punt# (Angelo Harrison) hW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Angelo Harrison);
punt# (Angelo Harrison) aW
Akron – punt* (Okesa Smith);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hW

1996 (5 punts, 1 PAT)

Akron – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
BC – punt+ (Keion Carpenter) aW
Syracuse – punt* (Cornelius White) aL
Temple – punt (Keion Carpenter) hW
SW Louisiana – punt (Michael Stuewe);
punt+ (Keion Carpenter) hW

1997 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG+ (Carl Bradley) hW
WVU – punt# (Phillip Summers) aL
Miami – PAT (Carl Bradley) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (Corey Moore);
PAT (John Engelberger) aL
Virginia – punt (Keion Carpenter);
FG (John Engelberger) aL

1998 (8 punts, 2 PATs, 2 FGs)

East Carolina – FG+ (Corey Moore) hW
Miami – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
Pittsburgh – FG (Corey Moore);
punt# (Larry Austin) hW
Boston College – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (André Davis) aW
UAB – punt* (Larry Austin) aW
WVU – punt* (Marcus Gildersleeve);
PAT (John Engelberger) hW
Syracuse – punt* (Anthony Midget) aL
Alabama – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (Corey Moore) nW
Music City Bowl

1999 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 0 FGs)

Rutgers – PAT^ (Carl Bradley) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (André Davis) aW

2000 (4 punts, 2 FGs, 2 PATs)

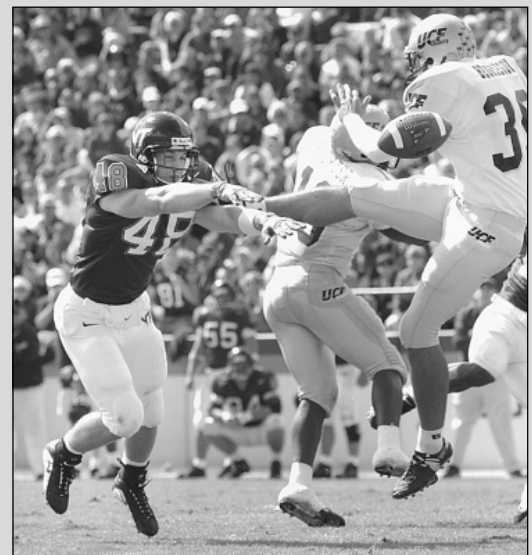
Akron – FG+ (Cory Bird) hW
East Carolina – punt* (Wayne Ward);
FG (Larry Austin) aW
Rutgers – punt+ (Eric Green) hW
Temple – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
West Virginia – punt (Lee Suggs);
PAT (Lamar Cobb) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (David Pugh) hW

2001 (5 punts, 0 PAT, 2 FG)

W. Michigan – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
Rutgers – punt@ (Eric Green) aW
UCF – punt@ (Brandon Manning) hW
Pittsburgh – FG* (Lamar Cobb) aL
Virginia – punt (Wayne Ward) aW
Miami – FG# (David Pugh);
punt* (Eric Green) hL

2002 (5 punts, 2 FG)

LSU – punt+ (Justin Hamilton)
punt@ (Jason Lallis) hW
Marshall – FG+ (Team) hW
Western Michigan – FG (Jeff King) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Nathaniel Adibi) hL
West Virginia – punt# (Ernest Wilford) hL
Virginia – punt* (Justin Hamilton) hW



**Brandon Manning
blocks a punt against
UCF last season.**



Billy Hite

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH AND RUNNING BACKS COACH

Billy Hite, who has helped produce eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders, is in his 25th year on the Virginia Tech coaching staff and his second season as the Hokies' associate head coach.

Hite came to Blacksburg as a member of Bill Dooley's

football staff in 1978. He served as a recruiter and head jayvee coach his first two years, then took over as the offensive backfield coach in charge of tailbacks and fullbacks in 1980. He has been coaching Tech's running backs ever since.

Hite remained at Tech when Frank Beamer took over in 1987 and was elevated to the position of assistant head coach by Beamer the following year. He was promoted to the

new position of associate head coach in December 2000.

In 1989, Hite filled in as the acting head coach when Beamer was sidelined following coronary angioplasty surgery and had to miss a home game versus Tulane. Hite didn't let the Tech faithful down as he led the Hokies to an emotional 30-13 victory.

During the mid-1980s, Hite was credited with the development of Tech's famed "Stallions" backfield that featured Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter. While at Tech, 19 of his running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.

In 2000, tailback Lee Suggs shattered school and BIG EAST Conference scoring records on the way to leading the nation in touchdowns (28) and scoring (168 points). Suggs, who also led the conference in rushing, was selected the Co-BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year.

Last year, with Suggs sidelined by an injury, true freshman tailback Kevin Jones came on to lead the team in rushing and set a Tech record for rushing yards by a freshman. Jones was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year. The 2001 season also saw senior Jarrett Ferguson

establish new single-season receiving records for a Tech fullback.

This season, Suggs and Jones have combined to become the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of single-season rushing yardage, combining for over 2,000 yards and 31 touchdowns.

A native of Hyattsville, Md., Hite was a former star tailback at the University of North Carolina. He received one of his highest honors when he was inducted into the DeMatha High School Hall of Fame in 1992. As a player at North Carolina under Dooley, Hite helped the Tar Heels to a 28-6 record, two ACC titles and two bowl games during his undergraduate days from 1970-73. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1974.

Hite began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at UNC in '74. He was a part-time assistant for the Tar Heels from 1975-77.

Hite is married to the former Anne Heen of Memphis, Tenn., whom he met at North Carolina when they were students. They have two daughters, Kirsten Marie, 17, and Bryn Elizabeth Louise, 13, and a son, Griffin William, 9.

Hite's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/28/51, Washington, D.C.
Hometown: Hyattsville, Md.
Wife: former Anne Heen
Children: Kirsten Marie, Bryn Elizabeth Louise, Griffin William

EDUCATION:

High School: DeMatha High School (1969)
College: University of North Carolina (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

North Carolina (1970-73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-77 North Carolina (running backs)
1978-87 Virginia Tech (running backs)
1988-00 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach and running backs)
2001- Virginia Tech (associate head coach and running backs)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player
1971 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas Tech)
1972 Gator (North Carolina vs. Georgia)
Coach
1974 Sun (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1976 Peach (North Carolina vs. Kentucky)
1977 Liberty (North Carolina vs. Nebraska)
1980 Peach (Virginia Tech vs. Miami)
1984 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)
1986 New Peach (Virginia Tech vs. N.C. State)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Billy Hite and his wife, Anne, with their children, Griffin, Kirsten and Bryn.

The Running Game

Under the direction of Coach Billy Hite, in 2002 ...

- Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones became the most productive Tech twosome ever in terms of single-season rushing yardage (2,091).
- the Hokies rank No. 14 nationally in rushing offense.
- Lee Suggs became the BIG EAST Conference's all-time leader in total touchdowns (54) and rushing touchdowns (51) and set an NCAA Division I-A mark for consecutive games with a touchdown (26).
- Tech has had 10 100-yard rushing games from individuals.

During Billy Hite's tenure at Virginia Tech ...

- the Hokies have rushed for over 55,000 yards — an average of more than 200 yards per game (203.0) over a 277-game period.
- he has had a back rush for 100 yards or more in a game 126 times.
- the Hokies have had an average of 144 yards rushing per game from the tailback position.
- he has coached eight of Virginia Tech's top 10 career rushing leaders.
- he has worked with six of the eight Tech players who have turned in 1,000-yard rushing seasons.
- he has coached five different running backs who rushed for over 100 yards in a bowl game.
- a total of 19 running backs have gone on to sign with NFL teams.
- the Hokies have been ranked among the top 20 rushing teams in Division I-A five of the past nine seasons.

Lee Suggs holds the NCAA Division I-A record for consecutive games played scoring a touchdown, hitting paydirt in each of his last 26 games.



"I tell all my players to be the best back on the field — to be complete football players. I want them to take the attitude that one man cannot bring them down. I want them to be physical and nasty when blocking; to run good pass routes and catch the football; and to be good actors and carry out their fakes. Once a back touches the ball, they make the decision where to run. I will never second guess a running back with the ball in his arms. If each back protects the football, makes the big play and plays with intensity, we will win."

— Billy Hite



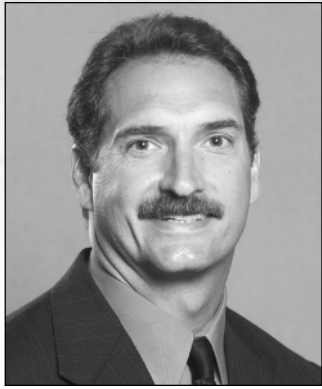
Season Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	1,403
Lee Suggs	1,255
Cyrus Lawrence	1,221
Lee Suggs	1,207
Dwayne Thomas	1,130
Shyrone Stith	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,119
Roscoe Coles	1,045
Phil Rogers	1,036
Maurice Williams	1,029

Career Rushing Leaders

Player	Yds.
Cyrus Lawrence	3,767
Roscoe Coles	3,459
Maurice Williams	2,981
Lee Suggs	2,697
Dwayne Thomas	2,696
Ken Oxendine	2,645
Eddie Hunter	2,523
Phil Rogers	2,461
Vaughn Hebron	2,327
Shyrone Stith	2,292

(**Bold** signifies player coached by Hite)



Bud Foster

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND INSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH

Bud Foster, a finalist for the coveted Broyles Award two of the past three years, has gained a well-deserved reputation as a defensive master-mind while serving on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech.

Foster, who is finishing up his 16th season at Tech, has helped mold nationally-ranked defenses during each of his

eight years as the Hokies' defensive coordinator. His success made him a finalist for the Broyles Award in both 1999 and 2001. The award is presented annually to the nation's top assistant football coach.

This year, Tech's young defense has been ranked among the national leaders in rushing defense, scoring defense, interceptions and turnovers gained. Under Foster's guidance, Tech's 2001 defense proved to be one of the nation's best, ranking

among the top eight teams in Division I-A in six different categories and leading the way in shutouts with four. In 2000, Foster took a defense that returned just three starters and turned it into a unit that led the BIG EAST in rushing defense, placed 16th nationally against the run and tied for third nationally in interceptions.

After helping Tech to the national championship game in 1999, Foster was recognized as the 2000 Division I-A Defensive Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Coach* magazine. Tech's 1999 defensive unit led Division I-A in scoring defense and ranked third in both total and rushing defense.

Following the 1998 season, Foster was pursued by the University of Florida for its defensive coordinator position, but he opted to continue his long-standing football association with Beamer. That association dates back to 1979 when Foster was a strong safety and defensive end at Murray State and Beamer was the defensive coordinator. Foster began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at MSU in 1981, Beamer's first season as the head coach.

Since coming to Tech in 1987, Foster has helped build the Hokies into one of the hardest-hitting defensive units in college football. During that time, he has worn several coaching hats. Foster coached the inside linebackers for one year in 1987, then tutored the outside linebackers for the next five seasons. He assumed responsibility for both sets of linebackers prior to the 1993 season and also took over special-teams coaching that year. The following year, he coached the inside linebackers and special teams. Foster assumed the position of co-defensive coordinator in 1995 and took over as the sole defensive coordinator in '96. The inside linebackers continue to be his primary responsibility.

During his tenure at Tech, Foster has coached All-Americans Ben Taylor and Jamel Smith and five other linebackers who have earned All-BIG EAST Conference honors.

A 1981 graduate of Murray State, Foster was an outstanding strong safety and outside linebacker from 1977 to 1980. After two years as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Foster was elevated to a full-time staff position. The

Nokomis, Ill., native, coached outside linebackers for three seasons before taking over the inside and outside linebackers in 1986. He also served as the Racers' recruiting coordinator and worked with special teams.

Foster and his wife Jacqueline have three children: Ammie, 23; Grant, 16; and Hillary, 14. In his spare time, Foster enjoys spending time with his family.

Coach Bud Foster and his wife, Jacquie, with Ammie, Grant and Hillary.

Foster's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Somerset, Ky.
Hometown: Nokomis, Ill.
Wife: former Jacqueline Travis
Children: Ammie, Grant, Hillary

EDUCATION:

High School: Nokomis (Ill.) High School (1977)
College: Murray State University (1981)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1981-82 Murray State (graduate assistant)
1983-85 Murray State (outside linebackers)
1986 Murray State (linebackers/special teams)
1987 Virginia Tech (inside linebackers)
1988-92 Virginia Tech (outside linebackers)
1993 Virginia Tech (linebackers/special teams)
1994 Virginia Tech (inside backers/special teams)
1995- Virginia Tech (defensive coordinator/
inside linebackers/special teams)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1979 Division I-AA Playoff semifinals
(Murray State vs. Lehigh)

Coach

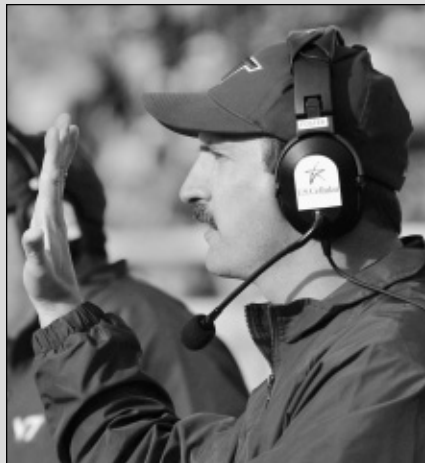
1986 Division I-AA Playoff quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



The Defense

Under the direction of Bud Foster in 2002, the Hokies' defense ...

- is tied for second nationally in pass interceptions.
- has gained 35 turnovers, which ties for eighth in Division I-A.
- produced semifinalists for both the Hendricks and Thorpe Awards.
- has been ranked in the top 20 for rushing defense all season.
- produced a second-team All-American in free safety Willie Pile, according to *The Sporting News*.



During Bud Foster's one year as co-defensive coordinator and seven seasons as defensive coordinator, Tech has ...

- produced two BIG EAST defensive players of the year — Corey Moore, who earned the honor in both 1998 and 1999, and Cornell Brown, who won it in 1995.
- had at least one defensive player earn All-America honors every year. Four players gained A-A recognition in 1999 and three in 2001.
- had 26 different defensive players score touchdowns.
- produced its first Lombardi Award winner and its first Nagurski Trophy winner in Corey Moore.
- held opponents to an average of 96.7 yards rushing and 15.7 points per game over a 90-game span.



Tech's National Defensive Rankings Under Coach Bud Foster

1995*

1st Rushing Defense (77.36 ypg)
5th Scoring Defense (14.09 ppg)
10th Total Defense (285.9 ypg)
23rd Pass Efficiency Defense (104.25 rating)

1996

Tied-9th Scoring Defense (15.27 ppg)
16th Pass Efficiency Defense (99.37 rating)
19th Rushing Defense (112.0 ypg)
24th Total Defense (316.09 ypg)

1997

13th Scoring Defense (16.82 ppg)

1998

2nd Interceptions (23)
4th Scoring Defense (12.9 ppg)
7th Total Defense (284.9 ypg)
11th Rushing Defense (102.2 ypg)
11th Pass Efficiency Defense (103.4 rating)

1999

1st Scoring Defense (10.5 ppg)
3rd Total Defense (247.3 ypg)
3rd Rushing Defense (75.9 ypg)
7th Pass Efficiency Defense (98.1 rating)

2000

Tied-3rd Interceptions (23)
16th Rushing Defense (99.3 ypg)

2001

2nd Total Defense (237.81 ypg)
2nd Rushing Defense (71.6 ypg)
2nd Scoring Defense (13.4 ppg)
3rd Pass Efficiency Defense (85.62 rating)
Tied-7th Interceptions (19)
8th Pass Defense (166.27 ypg)

2002

Tied-2nd Interceptions (22)
Tied-8th Turnovers Gained (35)
20th Rushing defense (108.33 ypg)
25th Scoring defense (19.23 ppg)

*co-coordinator in 1995

"I believe in an attacking, aggressive style of defense. We want to put speed and athleticism on the field and use that to attack and pressure opposing offenses."

— Bud Foster

Tech defenders surround an Aggie in the Hokies' win at Texas A&M.



Bryan Stinespring

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR AND OFFENSIVE LINE COACH

Bryan Stinespring, one of the brightest young coaches and recruiters on the collegiate scene, is finishing his first season overseeing the Virginia Tech offense. Stinespring was promoted to offensive coordinator last December and handled those duties during the Hokies' Gator Bowl game against Florida State.

The 2002 season marked Stinespring's 10th year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff at Tech and his fifth season as the Hokies' offensive line coach. He took over the offensive line duties in the spring of 1998 and helped mold Tech's young line into a unit that showed steady improvement during the '98 season. Two members of that line — tackle Derek Smith and guard Dwight Vick — went on to sign with NFL teams.

In 1999 and 2000, the offensive line helped clear the way as the Hokies set new BIG EAST rushing marks in back-to-back seasons. Center Keith Short, guard Matt Lehr and tackle Dave Kadela all earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors in '99. Lehr repeated as a second-team pick in 2000, while Kadela moved to first team. This season, the offensive front has cleared the way for record-setting tailbacks Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones who have combined for over 2,000 yards.

Prior to taking over his current duties, Stinespring coached Tech's tight ends and assisted with the offensive line for five seasons. He was the Hokies' recruiting coordinator for eight years (1994-2001) and was instrumental in helping attract top high school

talent to campus. In 2001, he served as Tech's assistant head coach along with his other duties.

Stinespring initially joined the Tech staff in 1990 as a graduate assistant coach and spent two seasons in that capacity helping with the offensive line. After serving as the director of sports programs in 1992, he was elevated to a full-time coaching position prior to the 1993 season. Since then, he has been a part of nine straight bowl games and three BIG EAST Conference Championships.

During his tenure as tight ends coach, two of his players earned all-conference honors. John Burke was a second-team pick in 1993, while Bryan Jennings earned first-team honors in 1996.

A native of Clifton Forge, Va., Stinespring was a walk-on player for James Madison University in the early 1980s. He served as a teacher and coach at Lexington High School and helped the football squad win its lone state championship in 1988. He also helped coach the Patrick Henry High School football team before joining the Tech program in 1990.

Stinespring is married to the former Shelley Franklin of Richmond, Va. Bryan and Shelley have a son, Daniel, 8; and twin daughters, Caroline and Olivia, who are 4 years old.



Coach Bryan Stinespring and his wife, Shelley, with Caroline, Olivia and Daniel.

Stinespring's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 10/12/63, Clifton Forge, Va.
Hometown: Clifton Forge, Va.
Wife: former Shelley Franklin
Children: Daniel Franklin, Caroline Frances, Olivia Jane

EDUCATION:

High School: Clifton Forge (Va.) High School (1982)
College: James Madison University (1986)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1986-88 Lexington (Va.) High School
1989 Patrick Henry (Va.) High School
1990-91 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)
1992 Virginia Tech (director of sports programs)
1993 Virginia Tech (tight ends/assistant offensive line)
1994-97 Virginia Tech (TEs/assistant offensive line/
recruiting coordinator)
1998-00 Virginia Tech (offensive line/recruiting coordinator)
2001 Virginia Tech (assistant head coach/OL/recruiting)
2002- Virginia Tech (offensive coordinator/offensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach
1993 Independence (Virginia Tech vs. Indiana)
1994 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee)
1995 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Texas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)

The Offense

During Bryan Stinespring's first season as offensive coordinator, the Virginia Tech offense has ...

- produced the third-highest point total (409) in school history.
- accumulated 4,925 yards of offense, the second-best total for a Tech team.
- earned a No. 16 ranking nationally in passing efficiency.
- averaged 31:36 time of possession, the Hokies' third-highest average since 1986.
- scored on 40 of its 51 trips inside the red zone.
- produced a fourth-team All-American in center Jake Grove, according to *The Sporting News*.



Quarterback Bryan Randall led the Hokies' offense which averaged 31.5 ppg.



During Bryan Stinespring's first nine full-time seasons at Tech, the Hokies' offensive line ...

- produced 14 different players who earned All-BIG EAST honors, including four repeat performers.
- cleared the way for an average of 199 yards rushing per game over a 108-game span.
- helped the team set new BIG EAST season rushing marks back-to-back years in 1999 and 2000.
- had 16 players sign with NFL teams.

"We want, and expect, to attack both the defense and the field of play in a concerted, aggressive approach. We want to be able to use schemes and formations that utilize our talents while placing pressure on the opponent to adjust and defend. Our goal is to set the tempo of the game and dictate the style of play that is indicative of Virginia Tech football."

— Bryan Stinespring

Anthony Davis clears the way for Kevin Jones in Tech's victory over defending SEC champion LSU.





Jim Cavanaugh

STRONG SAFETY AND OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS COACH AND RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Jim Cavanaugh has played a major role in Virginia Tech's success since joining Frank Beamer's coaching staff in 1996. Cavanaugh is in his seventh season as the Hokies' strong safety and outside linebackers coach. He was named Tech's recruiting coordinator last December.

No one has been more instrumental in bringing top-notch new talent to the Tech program than Cavanaugh. Over the past four years, his recruiting skills have helped the Hokies attract, among others, prep All-Americans Michael Vick, Nathaniel Adibi, Bryan Randall, Jonathan Lewis and Marcus Vick.

Along with his success in attracting talent, Cavanaugh

has also been instrumental in helping players develop their talent once they join the Tech program. During his first season on the job in 1996, outside linebacker Brandon Semones led the team in tackles and earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors.

Cavanaugh has since helped in the development of highly-successful safeties Pierson Prioleau, Cory Bird and Kevin McCadam. Prioleau was a first-team All-BIG EAST pick in 1997 and 1998 and earned third-team All-America recognition from *The Sporting News* in '97. He was a fourth-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers in 1999. Bird was tabbed a second-team All-BIG EAST pick following the 2000 season and was selected in the third-round of the NFL draft by the Indianapolis Colts. McCadam was one of the keys to Tech's success last season

and was a fifth-round NFL selection by the Atlanta Falcons.

Tech's appearance in the 2002 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl will mark Cavanaugh's 19th postseason game as a coach. The Hokies have been to bowls in each of his seven seasons on the staff.

A former star receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh is a veteran of 29 years as a full-time coach on the collegiate level. He has worked at two other Virginia schools — VMI and the University of Virginia — during his career.

Cavanaugh coached at the University of North Carolina for eight years and from 1982 through 1987, he worked under Bobby Ross and Joe Krivak at Maryland. He served two years at North Carolina State, three years under coach Bob Thalman at

VMI, one year at Virginia and two years at Marshall. Cavanaugh began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at North Carolina State in 1972.

During his years as a receiver at William & Mary, Cavanaugh surpassed the Tribe career record in receiving with 117 catches and over 1,600 yards. He also earned honorable-mention All-America honors in 1967 and was co-captain of his team in 1969. Cavanaugh was inducted into the William & Mary Sports Hall of Fame in April 2001.

Married to the former Marsha Carnell, he has two children — Ryan, an Appalachian State graduate who works for the Indianapolis Colts and is married to the former Melissa Searls, and Lauren, who graduated from Virginia Tech in May.

Cavanaugh's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 8/4/48, Queens, N.Y.
Hometown: Queens, N.Y.
Wife: former Marsha Carnell
Children: Ryan, Lauren

**Coach Jim Cavanaugh
and his wife, Marsha,
with Lauren.**

EDUCATION:

High School: Chaminade High School (1966)
College: The College of William & Mary (1970)
Postgraduate: North Carolina State University (1974)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

William & Mary (1967-69)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1970 Newport News (Va.) High School
1971 Denbigh (Va.) High School
1972-73 North Carolina State (graduate assistant)
1974-75 VMI (receivers)
1976 VMI (running backs)
1977-78 North Carolina State (receivers)
1979-80 Marshall (off. coordinator/quarterbacks)
1981 Virginia (receivers)
1982-86 Maryland (running backs)
1987 Maryland (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1988-95 North Carolina (receivers)
1996-01 Virginia Tech (strong safety, outside linebackers)
2002- Virginia Tech (recruiting coordinator/strong safety, outside linebackers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1972 Peach (N.C. State vs. West Virginia)
1973 Liberty (N.C. State vs. Kansas)
1977 Peach (N.C. State vs. Iowa State)
1978 Tangerine (N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh)
1982 Aloha (Maryland vs. Washington)
1983 Citrus (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1984 Sun (Maryland vs. Tennessee)
1985 Cherry (Maryland vs. Syracuse)
1992 Peach (North Carolina vs. Mississippi State)
1993 Gator (North Carolina vs. Alabama)
1994 Sun (North Carolina vs. Texas)
1995 Carquest (North Carolina vs. Arkansas)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)





Tony Ball

WIDE RECEIVERS COACH

Tony Ball's attention to detail and enthusiastic approach to the game of football have helped Virginia Tech to a 48-13 record, two bowl championships and an appearance in the national championship game over the past five seasons.

Ball, who has 15 years of experience as a full-time collegiate coach, is finishing his fifth season as Tech's receivers coach. He has shown an ability to motivate and prepare young players and was instrumental in the development and success of split end junior Ernest Wilford who has etched his name in the Tech record books this season.

Under Ball's watchful eye, André Davis became one of the nation's top big-play threats. Davis closed out his Tech career last year ranked among the Hokies' top three in career catches, receiving yards and touchdown receptions. He was selected in the second round of the 2002 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Ball came to Tech in 1998 after serving three seasons as an assistant at the University of Louisville, where he coached the receivers. Prior to his stint with the Cardinals, Ball worked with the running backs at Holy Cross for three seasons. He coached the receivers at his alma mater, UT-Chattanooga, on two different occasions — once in 1988 and for two seasons in 1990-91. In between, Ball coached the running backs at East Tennessee State in 1989.

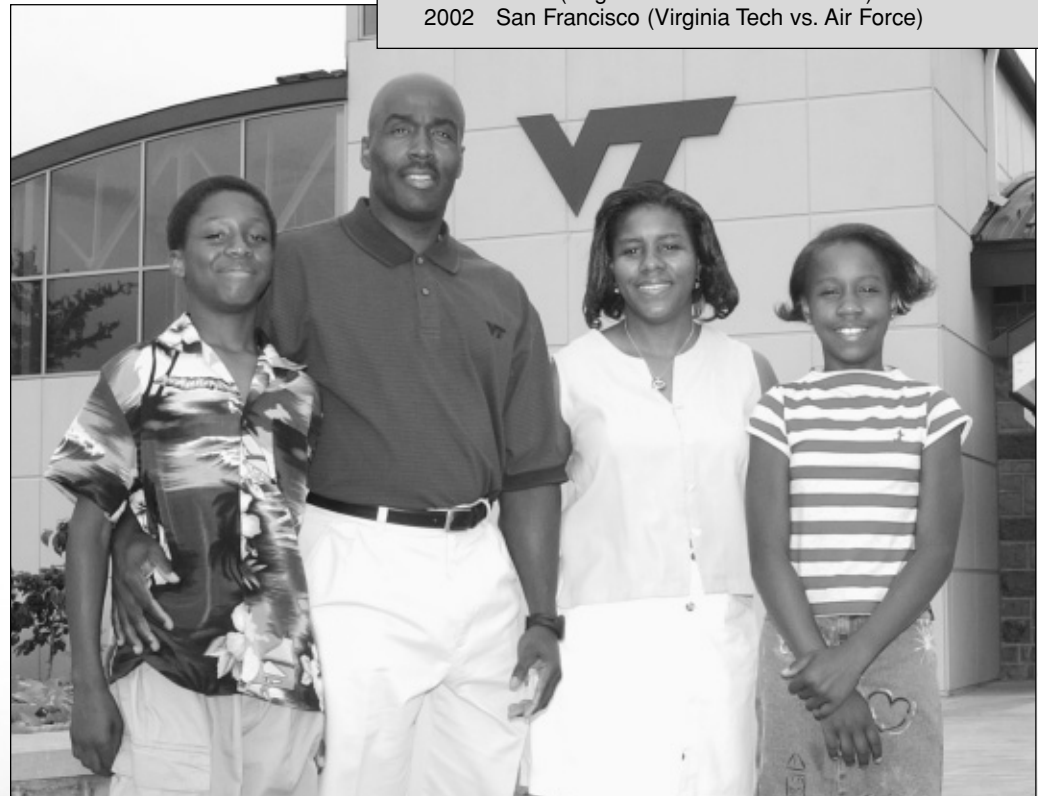
Coach Tony Ball and his wife Maria and their children, Anthony and Keshea.

During the summers of 1996 and 1997, Ball participated in the National Football League's Minority Internship Program with the Baltimore Ravens.

Ball began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay in 1985 and 1986. While at Austin Peay, he earned a master's in health and nutrition. He served as restricted earnings coach at the University of South Carolina in 1987, working with the running backs and helping the Gamecocks to the Gator Bowl. His first full-time coaching position came at UTC the following year.

Ball played football for the late Joe Morrison at UT-Chattanooga. He was a standout running back who set numerous school kickoff return records. He finished with a degree in criminal justice.

Ball is married to the former Maria Ann Slayden. They have two children: Anthony, 12, and Keshea, 10.



Ball's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 7/28/59, Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Hometown: Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Wife: former Maria Slayden
 Children: Anthony and Keshea

EDUCATION:

High School: Brainerd High School (1977)
 College: UT-Chattanooga (1983)
 Postgraduate: Austin Peay (1987)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

UT Chattanooga (1977-80)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1985-86 Austin Peay (graduate assistant)
 1987 South Carolina (volunteer running backs coach)
 1988 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
 1989 ETSU (running backs)
 1990-91 UT-Chattanooga (receivers)
 1992-94 College of Holy Cross (running backs)
 1995-97 Louisville (receivers)
 1998- Virginia Tech (receivers)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1987 Gator (South Carolina vs. LSU)
 1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
 1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
 2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Danny Pearman

TIGHT ENDS AND OFFENSIVE TACKLES COACH

Danny Pearman, who has coached in national championship games at both Virginia Tech and the University of Alabama, is finishing his fifth season as the Hokies' tight ends and offensive tackles coach.

Pearman brought experience and a sound football background to the Tech staff in 1998, just in time to help the Hokies to a

surprising 8-3 regular season record and a 38-7 victory over Alabama in the Music City Bowl. He helped bring along an inexperienced group of tight ends and also aided in the development of tackle Derek Smith, who was drafted by the Washington Redskins following the season.

Under Pearman's tutelage, Tech's tight ends caught 17 passes, 16 of which went for first downs, during Tech's march to the national championship game in 1999. The Tech offense led the nation in scoring that year and ranked eighth nationally in rushing.

Pearman's experience and hard work have continued to pay dividends the last two seasons. During the 2000 season, former walk-on Browning Wynn earned second-team All-BIG EAST honors at tight end, while teammate Bob Slowikowski caught a key 72-yard touchdown pass against West Virginia. Last year, both players signed with NFL teams after contributing valuable senior leadership to a rebuilding offensive unit. Earlier this season, Keith Willis caught an 87-yard pass against Syracuse — the longest reception ever by a Tech tight end.

Prior to coming to Blacksburg, Pearman helped coach the University of Alabama to six bowls and a national championship between 1990 and 1997. After helping guide the Crimson Tide to the national championship in 1992, he contributed to the Tide winning Southeastern Conference Western Division championships the next four years.

Pearman was a graduate assistant at Alabama for two years, then served as coach of the offensive tackles from 1991 to 1996. He coached the defensive tackles and special teams in 1997.

A native of Charlotte, N.C., Pearman won three letters as a tight end at Clemson from 1983 through 1987. In his playing days, he was named a strength and conditioning All-American. He helped the Tigers win two Atlantic Coast Conference championships.

Following graduation, Pearman began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with the Tigers in 1988 and 1989. The Tigers won the ACC championship again in '88 and went to bowl games both of Pearman's seasons as a grad assistant.

Pearman has a bachelor's degree in finance and a master's in business administration, both from Clemson. He is married to the former Kristy Sewell of Birmingham, Ala., and they have a daughter, Taylor Brooke, 6, and a son Tanner Ryan, 3.

Pearman's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 2/17/65, Charlotte, N.C.
 Hometown: Charlotte, N.C.
 Wife: former Kristy Sewell
 Children: Taylor Brooke, Tanner Ryan

EDUCATION:

High School: Independence H.S. (1983)
 College: Clemson University (1987)
 Postgraduate: Clemson University (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Clemson (1983-87)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1988-89 Clemson (graduate assistant)
 1990-91 Alabama (graduate assistant)
 1991-96 Alabama (offensive tackles/offensive special teams)
 1997 Alabama (defensive tackles/special teams)
 1998- Virginia Tech (tight ends and off. tackles)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1985 Independence (Clemson vs. Minnesota)
 1986 Gator (Clemson vs. Stanford)
 1987 Citrus (Clemson vs. Penn State)

Coach

1988 Citrus (Clemson vs. Oklahoma)
 1989 Gator (Clemson vs. West Virginia)
 1990 Fiesta (Alabama vs. Louisville)
 1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
 1992 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)
 1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
 1994 Citrus (Alabama vs. Ohio State)
 1996 Outback (Alabama vs. Michigan)
 1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
 1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
 2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
 2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Danny Pearman and his wife, Kristy, and their children, Taylor Brooke and Tanner Ryan.



Kevin Rogers

QUARTERBACKS COACH

Kevin Rogers, who served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Notre Dame the past three seasons, is in his first year as the quarterbacks coach at Virginia Tech. Rogers began his duties in January, following Tech's game against Florida

State in the Toyota Gator Bowl.

Rogers is no stranger to the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Brooklyn, N.Y., native is a 1974 graduate of the College of William & Mary and began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Bayside High School in Virginia Beach from 1974-76.

Prior to his three-year stint at Notre Dame, Rogers served as the quarterbacks coach for eight seasons at Syracuse under head coach Paul

Pasqualoni. His final two years at SU, Rogers was the offensive coordinator, as well as the quarterbacks coach.

Rogers' star pupil at Syracuse was quarterback Donovan McNabb, the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year three straight seasons (he shared the award in '96). McNabb broke most of Syracuse's passing records which had been held by another of Rogers' proteges, Marvin Graves, who ranked second nationally in passing in 1992. McNabb was the second overall pick in the 1999 NFL Draft by the Philadelphia Eagles.

Rogers' first season as Syracuse offensive coordinator in '97 saw the Orange set school records for points (423 — reset in '98 with 468), total

coaching a variety of positions — tight ends and offensive tackles in '83, tight ends and wide receivers in '84-'85, defensive backs in '86, running backs in '87-'88 and quarterbacks in '89-90.

Rogers' other college coaching credits include running backs coach at William & Mary from 1980-82 and defensive line coach at Ohio State in 1977-78 under Woody Hayes. He also served as head coach at Mainland (Fla.) High School in 1979.

In 1999, Rogers coached an Irish offense that broke the school single-season record for total passing yards (2,858), completions (192) and attempts (332). Rogers helped quarterback Jarious Jackson set school single-season records for passing attempts (316), completions (184) and passing yardage (2,753). Jackson was a seventh-round pick in the 2000 National Football League Draft by the Denver Broncos and led the Barcelona Dragons to the championship game of the World League in 2001.

Rogers has been involved in nine postseason bowl games as an assistant coach and has coached a number of All-Americans and National Football League players in his career, including McNabb, Qadry Ismail, Aaron Brown and Napoleon McCallum.

Rogers was a three-year letterman as a linebacker at William & Mary where he earned a degree in physical education. He earned a master's in physical education from Ohio State in 1978. He is a graduate of Sparta (N.J.) High School.

Born Sept. 7, 1951, Rogers and his wife Betty are parents of three children — Kevin, a former quarterback at Villanova and now a scouting assistant for the Indianapolis Colts; Megan, a junior at Notre Dame; and Ryan, a sophomore at Notre Dame.

Rogers' Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 9/7/51, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Hometown: Sparta, N.J.
Wife: former Betty Sheridan
Children: Kevin Sean Rogers, Jr., Megan Elizabeth, Ryan Patrick

EDUCATION:

High School: Sparta (N.J.) High School (1969)
College: College of William & Mary (1974)
Postgraduate: Ohio State (1978)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Massanutten (Va.) Academy (1969-70)
William & Mary (1971-73)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1974-76 Bayside (Va.) High (assistant coach)
1977-78 Ohio State (defensive line) G.A.
1979 Mainland (Fla.) High (head coach)
1980-82 William & Mary (running backs)
1983 Navy (tight ends/offensive tackles)
1984-85 Navy (tight ends/wide receivers)
1986 Navy (defensive backs)
1987-88 Navy (running backs)
1989-90 Navy (quarterbacks)
1991-94 Syracuse (quarterbacks)
1995-96 Syracuse (asst. head coach/quarterbacks/recruiting coordinator)
1997-98 Syracuse (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
1999-01 Notre Dame (offensive coordinator/quarterbacks)
2002- Virginia Tech (quarterbacks)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Coach

1977 Sugar (Ohio State vs. Alabama)
1978 Gator (Ohio State vs. Clemson)
1991 Hall of Fame (Syracuse vs. Ohio State)
1992 Fiesta (Syracuse vs. Colorado)
1995 Gator (Syracuse vs. Clemson)
1996 Liberty (Syracuse vs. Houston)
1997 Fiesta (Syracuse vs. Kansas State)
1998 Orange (Syracuse vs. Florida)
2000 Fiesta (Notre Dame vs. Oregon State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Kevin Rogers with his wife, Betty, daughter Megan, and sons Ryan and Kevin.

offense yards (5,127) and passing yards (2,710). He first joined the Syracuse staff in 1991 as quarterbacks coach, was named assistant head coach in 1995, served as recruiting coordinator from 1995-97 and was named offensive coordinator in '97.

While at Syracuse, Rogers saw the Orange finish in the final Associated Press top 25 on six occasions. Syracuse claimed a share of the BIG EAST Conference title in '96 and won it outright in '97 and '98.

Before his tenure at Syracuse, Rogers spent eight seasons on the Navy staff



Lorenzo Ward

DEFENSIVE BACKFIELD COACH

Lorenzo Ward's reputation as an outstanding coach and recruiter continues to grow as he completes his fourth season on Frank Beamer's football staff at Virginia Tech. In just four seasons with the Hokies, Ward has coached in a national championship game, produced a secondary that has helped Tech finish among the national defensive leaders four-straight seasons and spearheaded the recruiting of the nation's top high school football player.

Ward oversees Tech's cornerbacks and free safeties. His work with the secondary in 1999 contributed to the Hokies finishing No. 3 in total defense and No. 7 in pass efficiency defense. In 2000, Tech tied for third nationally in interceptions and last season, the Hokies ranked second in total defense, third in pass

efficiency defense, eighth in passing defense and tied for seventh in interceptions. This year, Tech is tied for second nationally in interceptions with 22.

Ward was instrumental in Tech's signing of Pennsylvania running back Kevin Jones in February 2000. Jones, the most highly-touted player ever to sign with the Hokies, was rated the top high school football player in the country by numerous recruiting services and publications. Following the 2001 season, Jones was named the BIG EAST Conference Rookie of the Year after leading Tech in rushing.

Three of Ward's cornerbacks at Tech – Anthony Midget, Ike Charlton and Ronyell Whitaker – have earned BIG EAST honors. Midget was a first-team pick and Charlton a second-team selection in 1999, while Whitaker was second team in 2000 and first team last season. Safety Willie Pile was a semi-finalist for the Jim

Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back in 2002.

Prior to joining the Tech coaching staff, Ward was a coach at UT-Chattanooga and Alabama. He was named the defensive coordinator at UT-Chattanooga in 1998 after serving as the Mocs' running backs coach in 1997. Prior to working with the running backs, Ward was the defensive backs coach. He coached strong safety Ron Faugue, who earned both second-and third-team All-America honors in 1996.

An Alabama native, Ward starred for the Crimson Tide from 1986-90. He helped lead Alabama to a 33-15 record and a Southeastern Conference Championship during his career. He was also tabbed Special Teams Player of the Year by *The Sporting*

News in 1990 as the Tide's unit ranked No. 1 in the nation. Ward played on four bowl teams, helping lead 'Bama to two Sun Bowl victories.

Ward served two seasons as a graduate assistant at Alabama before spending one season as an assistant coach at Newnan High in Newnan, Ga. While a graduate assistant, Ward helped coach the Tide to victories in the 1991 Blockbuster Bowl and the 1993 Gator Bowl. He joined the UTC staff as the secondary coach in 1994.

Nicknamed "Whammy" because of his fierce tackles, Ward graduated from Alabama in 1990 with a bachelor's in physical education. He is married to the former Tara Tubbs. The couple has one son, Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr., who is 6.

Ward's Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 4/26/67, Greensboro, Ala.
Hometown: Greensboro, Ala.
Wife: former Tara Tubbs
Child: Lorenzo Donovan Ward, Jr.

EDUCATION:

High School: Greensboro Public School — West Campus (1986)
College: University of Alabama (1990)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Alabama (1986-90)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1991-93 Alabama (graduate assistant)
1993 Newnan High (assistant coach)
1994-98 UT-Chattanooga (secondary/running backs)
1999- Virginia Tech (defensive backfield)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Sun (Alabama vs. Washington)
1988 Hall of Fame (Alabama vs. Michigan)
1988 Sun (Alabama vs. Army)
1990 Sugar (Alabama vs. Miami)

Coach

1991 Blockbuster (Alabama vs. Colorado)
1993 Gator (Alabama vs. North Carolina)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Lorenzo Ward with his wife, Tara, and their son Lorenzo, Jr.



Charley Wiles

DEFENSIVE LINE COACH

Charley Wiles, a former All-America player for Frank Beamer at Murray State, has produced four All-Americans of his own since joining Beamer's Virginia Tech staff as defensive line coach in 1996.

Among the top players Wiles has helped develop during his seven seasons directing the Tech line, are last year's senior standouts David Pugh and Chad Beasley who earned first- and second-team All-BIG EAST honors,

respectively, in both 2000 and 2001. Pugh was also a third-team All-America pick by *The Sporting News* and both players were selected in the NFL Draft.

In 1999, Wiles directed end Corey Moore, who won the Mike Fox/Bronko Nagurski Award as the nation's best defensive player and the Lombardi Award as the best lineman. Moore also became Tech's second unanimous All-American and was chosen the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Wiles also coached John Engelberger, who was named second-team on The Associated Press All-America

team and was selected first-team All-BIG EAST in 1999 after earning second-team honors in 1998 and 1997.

Overall, seven of Wiles' players have won All-BIG EAST honors. End Cornell Brown was an All-American and a first-team BIG EAST pick in '96 and tackle Kerwin Hairston was a first-team BIG EAST selection in 1997. Tackle Nathaniel Williams made the second team in 1999.

During the 1999 season, Wiles coached a veteran line that he helped mold into what *The Sporting News* rated as the best Division I-A defensive line in the college ranks prior to the season. That line helped the Hokies finish first in the nation in scoring defense and third in rushing defense and total defense. Last year's defensive line was rated as the fourth-best in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News*.

Wiles is on his second tour of duty at Tech. He originally joined Beamer's Tech staff as a graduate assistant in 1987 and worked in that capacity for two years.

Wiles first had a player-coach relationship with Beamer, when Beamer was

the head man at Murray State. Wiles was a Kodak Division I-AA All-American as an offensive lineman in 1986.

When he left Tech after the 1988 season, Wiles spent a year on the staff at East Tennessee State. He then returned to Murray State for a six-year coaching tenure, winding up as the Racers' co-defensive coordinator. In 1995, he helped coach the Racers to an 11-0 regular-season mark and a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Wiles also served as Murray State's recruiting coordinator, helping land many of the Racers' top players.

When Wiles rejoined Beamer at Tech in 1996, he fulfilled a goal he had set during his first stint in Blacksburg. The Hokies have competed in bowl games during each season since he rejoined the staff.

A native of De Land, Fla., and a three-sport star at De Land High School, he is married to the former Andrea Wilder of Booneville, Ind. They have a daughter, Kendall, 6, and a son Eric, 3.

Wiles' Profile

PERSONAL:

Born: 5/4/64, Nashville, Tenn.
Hometown: De Land, Fla.
Wife: former Andrea Wilder
Children: Kendall, Eric

EDUCATION:

High School: De Land High School
College: Murray State University (1987)
Postgraduate: Virginia Tech (1989)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE:

Murray State (1983-86)

COACHING EXPERIENCE:

1987-88 Virginia Tech (graduate assistant)
1989 East Tennessee State (offensive line)
1990-91 Murray State (defensive ends)
1992 Murray State (running backs)
1993-95 Murray State (linebackers)
1995 Murray State (co-def. coordinator)
1996- Virginia Tech (defensive line)

BOWL EXPERIENCE:

Player

1986 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Eastern Illinois)

Coach

1995 Division I-AA Playoff Quarterfinals
(Murray State vs. Northern Iowa)
1996 Orange (Virginia Tech vs. Nebraska)
1997 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. North Carolina)
1998 Music City (Virginia Tech vs. Alabama)
1999 Sugar (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2000 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Clemson)
2001 Gator (Virginia Tech vs. Florida State)
2002 San Francisco (Virginia Tech vs. Air Force)



Coach Charley Wiles with his wife, Andrea, and their children, Kendall and Eric.



John Ballein

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS FOR FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

John Ballein holds one of the most important positions in Virginia Tech athletics as associate athletic director for football operations. He was promoted to the position during the summer of 2000 in recognition of his excellent work for Coach Frank Beamer and his program.

Called "the No. 1 administrative assistant in the country" by former Tech AD Dave Braine, Ballein is responsible for all operations dealing with the football program. He continues to serve as assistant to head coach Frank Beamer and as departmental recruiting coordinator, jobs he performed prior to his promotion.

"You name it and John Ballein does it," Beamer said in a Dec. 18, 1999 article on Ballein in *The Roanoke Times*. "Just everything that goes on around here — our travel, our recruiting, our camps, our clinics. He is absolutely the best."

A native of Bentleyville, Pa., Ballein was a linebacker at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and graduated from there with a degree in health and physical education in 1983. He later earned a master's in education from Old Dominion University in 1987.

He completed his studies at ODU while teaching and coaching football in 1983-84 at Woodrow Wilson High School in Portsmouth, Va., and at Western Branch High in Chesapeake, Va., in 1985-86.

Ballein served on Beamer's first Virginia Tech staff in 1987 as a graduate

assistant coach. In 1988, he accepted a position as running backs coach at Western Kentucky University. He returned to Tech a year later as recruiting coordinator.

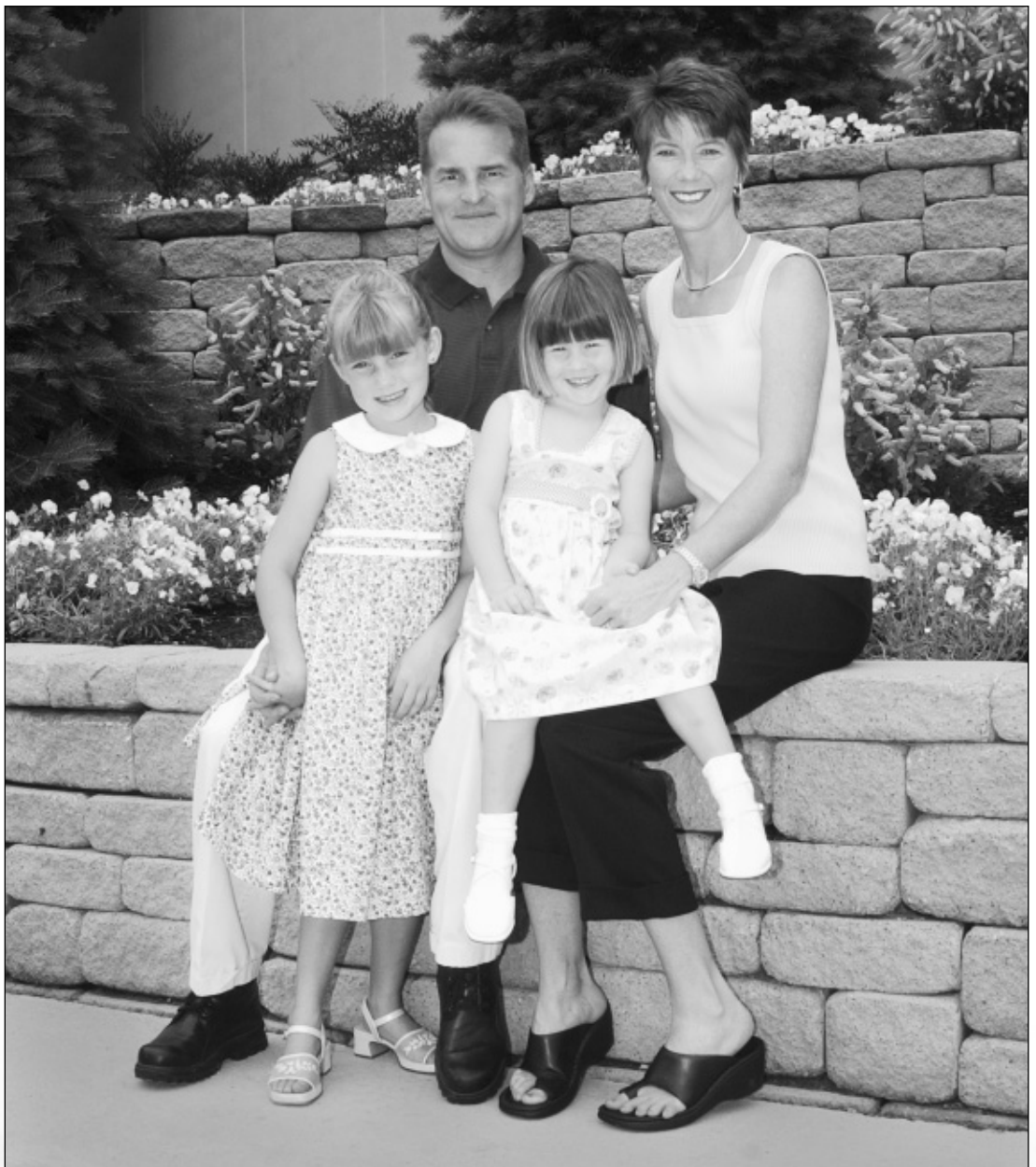
With his office adjacent to Coach Beamer's, he is often considered Beamer's right-hand man. He deals mostly with the administrative side of

the football program, but is one of the favorites among players. His office is a preferred hangout of Tech players, and he is one of the most beloved and respected members of the staff.

"I don't think [Coach] Beamer could operate without Ballein," said former Tech standout Corey Moore.

"Ballein's a guy on the ball. Plus, he's kind of a favorite among the players, too."

Ballein is married to the former Stephanie Green, who was a basketball player at Tech in her undergraduate days. They have two daughters, Jordan Gray, 7, and Jalyln Ann, 4.



John Ballein with his wife, Stephanie, and their daughters, Jordan and Jalyln.

Football Support Staff



Bruce Garnes
Administrative
Assistant



Virginia Tech's sports medicine staff for 2002 football includes: (standing, l-r) Stacey Hitzelberg, Valerie Graham, Logan Rae, John Otey, Brian Bradshaw, Ashley Mady, Elizabeth Gordon; (front row, l-r) Jay McCloy, Dr. Marc Siegel, Mike Goforth, Dr. Gunnar Brolinson, Keith Doolan and Joe Whitson. Not pictured is Dr. Delmas Bolin.



J.C. Price
Graduate Assistant



Greg Shockley
Graduate Assistant

Virginia Tech's strength and conditioning staff includes (l to r): Assistant A.D. Mike Gentry, Jay Johnston, Keith Short, Terry Mitchell, Ken Oxendine and Emily Chones.



Diana Clark
Secretary to
Coach Beamer



Lisa Marie
Football Program
Support Technician



Kristie Verniel
Football Program
Support Technician



Virginia Tech's video staff includes (top, l to r): Kevin Hicks, Brian Walls, Tom Booth, Scott Trawick; (bottom, l to r) Lindsay Mirabito, Ariel Callahan, Jay Reed and Megan Boland.



Virginia Tech's student manager staff is under the direction of equipment manager Lester Karlin (top, left). Also pictured (top, l to r) are Adam Linkous, Brian Hunter, Matt Collins, graduate assistant Jay Takach; (bottom, l to r) Thomas Rapier, Wade Nelson, Cody Cole and John Tatum.

'02 Game-by-Game



Game 1: Fast Start Leads To 63-7 Tech Win Over Arkansas State

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech scored 35 points in the first quarter on the way to a 63-7 season-opening victory against Arkansas State in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Sophomore DeAngelo Hall scored two of Tech's first three touchdowns,

DeAngelo Hall scores the Hokies' first touchdown in the season opener.

returning a punt 69 yards for the Hokies' first score and racing 49 yards with an interception for the team's third TD. Tech's No. 2 quarterback, Bryan Randall, accounted for three touchdowns during the game, scoring on runs of 12 and 5 yards and tossing a 19-yard touchdown pass.

Defensively, the Hokies held ASU to 24 yards on the ground and 227 yards overall. Tech's offense accounted for 387 total yards, including 288 yards rushing.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Virginia Tech's 56 points in the first half against Arkansas State marked the most points in a half for a Tech squad during the modern era (since 1950). It also ranked as the second-highest point total in a half by a BIG EAST Conference team behind the 59 points scored by West Virginia against Rutgers last season. The Hokies' 35 first-quarter points against the Indians tied modern day school and BIG EAST Conference marks for points in a quarter.

- Tech's 63 points in the ASU game were the most points scored by the Hokies in a season opening game since Tech defeated Roanoke College 86-0 to open the 1905 season. The last time Tech scored more points in a game was a 77-27 win over Akron in 1995.

- Each of the Hokies' first four touchdowns against ASU were scored in a different manner. Tech scored on a punt return, a rushing play, an interception and a pass play. The Hokies also had a fumble return for a TD later in the game. Special teams, offense and defense each contributed one of Tech's first three scores.

- Eleven Tech players made their first collegiate starts in the Arkansas State game. The first-time starters on offense were guard **James Miller** (Pompano Beach, Fla.), tackle **Jon Dunn** (Virginia Beach, Va.), tight end **Keith Willis** (Norfolk, Va.) and fullback **Doug Easlick** (Marlton, N.J.). Starting for the first time on defense were tackles **Kevin Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) and **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.), linebackers **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.), **Vegas Robinson** (Chesapeake, Va.) and **Mikal Baaqee** (Columbia, Md.), rover **Michael Crawford** (Baltimore, Md.) and cornerback **Vincent Fuller** (Baltimore, Md.).

Aug. 25, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 54,016

Arkansas State	0	0	7	0	—	7
Virginia Tech	35	21	7	0	—	63

VT (12:40 re 1st) — Hall 69 punt return (Warley kick)
 VT (9:47 re 1st) — Suggs 32 run (Warley kick)
 VT (6:05 re 1st) — Hall 49 interception return (Warley kick)
 VT (5:50 re 1st) — King 19 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
 VT (2:11 re 1st) — Jones 19 run (Warley kick)
 VT (12:14 re 2nd) — Randall 12 run (Warley kick)
 VT (9:50 re 2nd) — Lallis 59 fumble return (Warley kick)
 VT (5:43 re 2nd) — Imoh 19 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 ASU (11:06 re 3rd) — Cox 73 pass from Jacobs (Neihouse kick)
 VT (7:02 re 3rd) — Randall 5 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	ASU	VT
First downs	10	21
Rushes-yds.	33-24	41-288
Passing yds.	203	99
Return yds.	22	196
Passes	14-27-1	11-18-0
Punts-avg.	9-43	5-41
Fumbles-lost	6-4	1-1
Penalties-yds.	8-72	10-82
Time of poss.	31:47	28:13
Sacks by	1-16	1-8

Individual Leaders

Rushing — ASU, Smith 17-36, Stegall 6-12, Warren 4-(-4), Team 1-(-6), Jacobs 4-(-6), Miller 1-(-8); VT, Suggs 7-87, Humes 10-52, Randall 5-36, Jones 4-31, Imoh 4-22, Spence 3-21, Easlick 1-15, Candelas 5-15, Hunt 1-11, Noel 1-(-2).

Passing — ASU, Jacobs 9-16-0-177, Miller 5-11-1-26; VT, Randall 6-8-0-66, Hunt 3-5-0-9, Noel 2-5-0-24.

Receiving — ASU, Cox 5-120, Hickenbotham 2-39, Wood 2-17, Smith 2-13, Stegall 1-9, Mack 1-3, C. Walker 1-2; VT, Imoh 4-28, King 1-19, Wilford 1-15, Willis 1-15, Witten 1-11, Hamilton 1-5, Easlick 1-5, Humes 1-1.

Game 2: Hokies Post 26-9 Victory Over Defending SEC Champion LSU

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sixteenth-ranked Virginia Tech used a strong defense and an opportunistic offense to defeat No. 14 Louisiana State, 26-8, in front of a state-record crowd of 65,049 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Tech capitalized on good field position to build a 14-0 advantage in the first half. A 17-yard punt return by sophomore DeAngelo Hall put the Hokies at the LSU 27 late in the first quarter. From there, it took Tech just six plays to score its first touchdown. A blocked punt gave the Hokies the football at the LSU 29 less than two

minutes into the second quarter. A 6-yard TD run by Lee Suggs capped a four-play drive.

Defensively, the Hokies kept the pressure on LSU quarterback Matt Mauck, registering four quarterback sacks and 14 hurries. Tech limited the Tigers to 80 yards on the ground and 214 yards overall. LSU converted on just one of 13 third-down plays during the contest. A pass interception by linebacker Vegas Robinson set up Tech's last touchdown.

Suggs led the Hokies with 91 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 22 carries.



Jim Davis sacks LSU quarterback Matt Mauck in the waning moments of Tech's victory over the defending SEC champs.

Sept. 1, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 65,049

Louisiana State	0	0	0	8	—	8
Virginia Tech	7	7	3	9	—	26

VT (0:30 re 1st) — Jones 2 run (Warley kick)
 VT (12:58 re 2nd) — Suggs 6 run (Warley kick)
 VT (11:22 re 3rd) — FG Warley 41
 VT (14:02 re 4th) — Suggs 2 run (Warley kick)
 LSU (10:00 re 4th) — Toefield 1 run (Clayton pass from Mauck)
 VT (0:05 re 4th) — safety, punt blocked out of end zone

Team Stats	LSU	VT
First downs	14	13
Rushes-yds.	28-80	32-166
Passing yds.	134	65
Return yds.	52	68
Passes	15-35-1	7-14-0
Punts-avg.	9-27	9-45
Fumbles-lost	4-1	4-1
Penalties-yds.	8-61	8-65
Time of poss.	25:56	34:04
Sacks by	3-21	4-20

Individual Leaders

Rushing — LSU, Toefield 10-46, Davis 7-23, Mauck 10-6, Addai 1-5; VT, Suggs 22-91, Jones 14-70, Randall 14-6, Team 1-(-1).

Passing — LSU, Mauck 15-35-1-134; VT, Randall 5-9-0-47, Noel 2-5-18-0.

Receiving — LSU, Clayton 5-49, Toefield 3-20, Brazell 1-12, Edwards 1-11, Henderson 1-10, Carey 1-9, Addai 1-9, Davis 1-8, Myers 1-6; VT, Humes 1-17, Parham 1-11, Wilford 1-11, Witten 1-8, Willis 1-7, Suggs 1-6, Easlick 1-5.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Louisiana State, which was ranked 14th in the Associated Press poll, was the highest-ranked team in the AP poll that Virginia Tech has defeated since a 28-10 win over No. 9 Texas in the 1995 Sugar Bowl game. The last time Tech beat a higher ranked team in Blacksburg was during the 1964 season when the Hokies downed No. 10-ranked Florida State by a score of 20-11. That game was played at Miles Stadium.

- The attendance of 65,049 for the Tech-LSU game set new state and Tech records at the time for the largest crowd to see a football game. The previous attendance record for the commonwealth of Virginia was 61,625 set during last season's game between Virginia Tech and Virginia in Charlottesville. The former Tech mark was set during the 2000 season when all six home games were sellouts of 56,272.

- Redshirt freshman **Justin Hamilton** (Clintwood, Va.) and redshirt sophomore **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.) both blocked punts during the Hokies' win over LSU. Hamilton's block in the second quarter set up Tech's second touchdown of the game, while Lallis' block in the fourth quarter resulted in a safety. It marked the 17th time in Frank Beamer's tenure as head coach that the special teams unit posted two blocks in a game.

- Only three players had rushing carries for the Hokies during the LSU game. The last time Tech only had three players carry the football in a game was during a 1994 game with Virginia.

- Tech's 231 yards of total offense against LSU ranks as the lowest total for the Hokies in a victory since gaining just 206 yards during a 1999 win at Pittsburgh.

Game 3: Tech Rushes To 47-21 Victory Over Marshall Thundering Herd



Kevin Jones didn't get into the end zone on this dive, but did on the next play to put the Hokies up 40-7 over Marshall in the fourth quarter.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Prior to the kickoff of the Marshall game, Tech head coach Frank Beamer's jersey was retired. Beamer, who is in his 16th season as the Hokies' head coach, was a three-year starter in the secondary for Tech from 1966-68. He is the winningest football coach in school history and is a member of the Tech Sports Hall of Fame. Beamer was the consensus Division I-A Coach of the Year in 1999 when he helped guide Tech to the national championship game.

- Tech running backs **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) and **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) both rushed for over 150 yards in the Marshall game. Jones compiled 171 yards on 24 carries, while Suggs finished with 153 yards on 24 attempts. It marked just the second time in Tech history that two players had rushed for 150 or more yards in the same game. It was first done by tailbacks Maurice Williams (165) and Eddie Hunter (159) against William & Mary during the 1985 season. Jones and Suggs were just the third set of backs to accomplish the feat in BIG EAST history. Boston College backs Chuckie Dukes (162) and Dwight Shirley (160) did it against Michigan State in 1992. Two other BC backs, Omari Walker (185) and Mike Cloud (159), equalled the feat against Miami in 1997.

- Tech mounted its longest touchdown drive of the season against Marshall, going 90 yards in nine plays. Tech also had a season-high 15-play drive that took 8:02 off the clock, another season-best.

- Marshall's 442 yards passing were the most against the Hokies since 1993 when Boston College passed for 448 yards. It was the third-highest overall total ever against a Tech team. The Herd got 233 of their passing yards during the fourth quarter.

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tailbacks Kevin Jones and Lee Suggs combined for 324 yards rushing and five touchdowns as No. 11 Virginia Tech posted a convincing 47-21 win against No. 16 Marshall in a Thursday night ESPN game at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

While the Tech defense was holding Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich in check, Jones and Suggs helped the Hokies pile up a 33-0 lead before the Herd got on the scoreboard with three fourth-quarter touchdowns. Jones rushed for 171 yards and three touchdowns, while Suggs added 153 yards and a pair of TDs.

Defensively, Tech was at its best when it mattered, holding Marshall to just 234 yards during the first three quarters. The offense helped out with four touchdown drives of more than 70 yards, including a 15-play, 85-yard drive that took up more than eight minutes on the clock.

Sept. 12, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 65,049

Marshall	0	0	0	21	—	21
Virginia Tech	10	10	6	21	—	47

VT (10:46 re 1st) — FG Warley 42
 VT (2:47 re 1st) — Jones 25 run (Warley kick)
 VT (13:21 re 2nd) — FG Warley 43
 VT (9:11 re 2nd) — Jones 15 run (Warley kick)
 VT (2:57 re 3rd) — Suggs 1 run (pass failed)
 VT (14:02 re 4th) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)
 MU (11:56 re 4th) — Watts 9 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
 VT (5:38 re 4th) — Jones 1 run (Warley kick)
 MU (4:20 re 4th) — Marriott 18 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
 MU (2:25 re 4th) — Bates 19 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
 VT (1:28 re 4th) — Candelas 10 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	MU	VT
First downs	25	28
Rushing yds.	16-34	66-395
Passing yds.	442	101
Return yds.	0	52
Passes	36-56-1	5-12-0
Punts-avg.	3-49	1-49
Fumbles-lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-yds.	5-40	7-65
Time of poss.	25:53	34:07
Sacks by	1-8	2-14

Individual Leaders

Rushing — MU, Carey 6-17, Wallace 4-16, Hargrove 1-9, Watts 1-6, Leftwich 4-(-14); VT, Jones 24-171, Suggs 24-153, Randall 7-36, Easlick 4-18, Candelas 2-11, Spence 1-5, Humes 2-3, Team 2-(-2).
 Passing — MU, Leftwich 31-49-1-406; Hill 5-6-0-36, Team 0-1-0-0; VT, Randall 5-12-0-101.
 Receiving — MU, Jones 11-164, Watts 7-85, Davis 6-72, Marriott 6-60, Rader 3-30, Deifel 2-12, Bates 1-19; VT, Wilford 2-49, Witten 2-44, Easlick 1-8.

Game 4: Hokies End Texas A&M Home Streak With 13-3 Victory

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Virginia Tech snapped Texas A&M's 29-game home winning streak against non-conference teams with a hard-fought 13-3 victory over the 19th-ranked Aggies. Tech became the first non-conference team to win at Kyle Field since Alabama in 1988.

Points and yards were hard to come by in a game that featured two of the nation's best defenses. But the Tech offense, under the direction of sophomore quarterback Bryan Randall, did what it had to do to help secure the Hokies' third straight victory over a Top 20 team. Randall guided Tech on

an eight-play, 86-yard touchdown drive early in the fourth quarter that put the Hokies in control. A 52-yard pass from Randall to end Ernest Wilford was the key play, setting up a 1-yard Lee Suggs touchdown run with 12:29 left.

Tech's defense assured the victory by limiting the Aggies' offense to just 58 total yards during its last five possessions. Overall, the Hokies allowed just 156 total yards in the game. Tech forced three turnovers and sacked A&M quarterbacks five times.

Randall, in his first road start, completed 10 of 11 passes for 119 yards and did not throw an interception.

Sept. 21, 2002 • Kyle Field Attendance 83,746

Virginia Tech	0	3	3	7	—	13
Texas A&M	3	0	0	0	—	3

A&M (4:58 re 1st) — FG Pegram 43

VT (0:57 re 2nd) — FG Warley 22

VT (9:10 re 3rd) — FG Warley 26

VT (12:29 re 4th) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	A&M
First downs	13	10
Rushing yds.	48-129	28-38
Passing yds.	119	118
Return yds.	85	6
Passes	10-11-0	14-35-2
Punts-avg.	7-41	7-48
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-yds.	2-20	5-40
Time of poss.	32:57	27:03
Sacks by	5-32	4-24

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Suggs 13-51, Jones 15-48, Randall 17-14, Johnson 1-13, Easlick 2-3; A&M, Farmer 12-22, McNeal 6-5, Joseph 1-4, Weber 2-4, Long 4-2, Goynes 1-1, Flemming 2-0.

Passing — VT, Randall 10-11-0-119; A&M, Long 13-28-1-111; McNeal 1-6-1-7.

Receiving — VT, Parham 4-23, Wilford 2-63, Witten 2-21, Johnson 1-8, Humes 1-4; A&M, Taylor 5-56, Murphy 4-25, Thomas 2-19, Porter 2-10, Weber 1-8.



Ernest Wilford's 52-yard gain on a Bryan Randall pass set up the fourth-quarter touchdown that iced Tech's big road win at Kyle Field.

A CLOSER LOOK

- The crowd of 83,746 at Texas A&M's Kyle Field was the largest ever to see a Tech team play. The previous high was 80,500 fans at Clemson in 1988.

- Tech's win at Kyle Field gave the Aggies a rare home loss. It marked just the ninth time Texas A&M has lost to any team at home since the 1988 season.

- Tech's win against the No. 19 Aggies marked the Hokies' third win against a Top 20 team in as many games. The Hokies defeated No. 14 LSU and No. 16 Marshall earlier. That marks the first time in school history Tech has beaten three teams ranked among the top 20 teams in the Associated Press Poll in successive games. The Hokies posted three wins in a row against teams in the AP Top 25 during the 1996 season, downing No. 18 Miami, No. 23 West Virginia and No. 20 Virginia in consecutive games.

- When Texas A&M kicked a field goal in the first quarter, it marked the first points of the season against Tech in the first half of play. It also marked the first successful field goal of the season against the Hokies.

- **Willie Pile's** interception in the Texas A&M game was the 11th of his Tech career. The senior free safety from Alexandria, Va., is now tied for seventh on Tech's career interception list with Mike Johnson, Ashley Lee and William Yarborough.

- Defensive end **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.) posted three sacks against Texas A&M. Adibi is the second Tech player to register three sacks in a game this season. End **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.) had three against LSU.

Game 5: Tech Overcomes Slow Start To Post 30-0 Road Win at WMU

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — A pair of touchdowns in the final two minutes of the first half helped propel No. 5 Virginia Tech to a 30-0 victory at Western Michigan University.

The Hokies led just 3-0 before scoring twice within a 20-second span of the second quarter. A 28-yard shovel pass from quarterback Bryan Randall to tailback Lee Suggs produced Tech's first touchdown with 1:41 remaining in the half. At the 1:21 mark, linebacker Alex Markogiannakis scooped up a WMU fumble and rambled 25 yards for another Tech touchdown to give the Hokies a 16-0 lead at the end of the half.

Tech's defense produced another stellar showing, allowing just 35 yards on the ground and 268 yards overall. Tech defenders forced three fumbles, posted five quarterback sacks and compiled 21 QB hurries.

Randall directed the Hokies on scoring drives of 84 and 77 yards in the second half. He completed 13 of 19 passes for 194 yards during the game and added 40 yards rushing.



Linebacker Alex Markogiannakis heads for the end zone on a 25-yard fumble return against WMU.

Sept. 28, 2002 • Waldo Field Attendance 27,218

Virginia Tech	0	16	7	7	—	30
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	—	0

VT (14:18 re 2nd) — FG Mollerup 37
 VT (1:41 re 2nd) — Suggs 28 pass from Randall (kick failed)
 VT (1:21 re 2nd) — Markogiannakis 25 fumble return (Mollerup kick)
 VT (8:52 re 3rd) — Suggs 5 run (Warley kick)
 VT (11:28 re 4th) — Jones 2 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	WMU
First downs	19	12
Rushing yds.	39-128	27-37
Passing yds.	212	233
Return yds.	58	6
Passes	14-25-2	24-44-0
Punts-avg.	6-44	8-37
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-yds.	4-30	9-74
Time of poss.	29:53	30:07
Sacks by	5-30	1-4

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Suggs 13-48, Randall 8-40, Jones 14-36, Humes 1-3, Imoh 1-3, Team 2-(-2); WMU, Reed 15-31, Riley 3-18, Munson 1-(-3), Drach 8-(-11).

Passing — VT, Randall 13-19-2-194, Noel 1-6-0-18; WMU, Drach 22-39-0-210, Munson 2-4-0-23, Thomas 0-1-0-0.

Receiving — VT, Wilford 2-38, Willis 2-27, Johnson 2-26, Parham 2-20, Easlick 2-(-2), Witten 1-34, Suggs 1-28, Hamilton 1-23, Spence 1-18; WMU, Mosley 7-66, Afariogun 4-31, Chestnut 3-54, Lewis 3-15, Thomas 2-12, Walker 1-26, Johnson 1-12, Reed 1-6, Jennings 1-6, Kiner 1-5.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Virginia Tech split end **Terrell Parham** (Bartow, Fla.), linebacker **Alex Markogiannakis** (Chantilly, Va.) and flanker **Richard Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.) all made their first collegiate starts against Western Michigan.

- When quarterback **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) threw an interception in the first quarter against WMU, it marked the first Tech pass that had been intercepted during the 2002 season.

- **Jon Mollerup** (Lyndhurst, Va.) attempted his first varsity field goal and extra point during Tech's win at Western Michigan. Mollerup, who handles the Hokies' kickoffs, was pressed into duty in the first half when starter **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.) complained of back pains. Mollerup hit a 37-yard field goal for Tech's first points and made one of two extra point attempts. He missed on a 42-yard field goal try. Warley returned to kick two extra points in the second half.

- Senior **Alex Markogiannakis** (Chantilly, Va.) became the 38th different Virginia Tech player to score a defensive touchdown since Frank Beamer took over as the head coach in 1987. Markogiannakis picked up a WMU fumble and returned it 25 yards for his first career touchdown. It was the 47th touchdown scored by the defense under Beamer.

- When the Hokies and Broncos played a scoreless first quarter, it marked the first scoreless opening quarter in a Tech game since a 1999 game against West Virginia in Morgantown.

- Tech was the highest ranked team (No. 5) to ever play a football game at a Mid-American Conference stadium.

Game 6: Tech Opens BIG EAST Play With 28-23 Win at Boston College

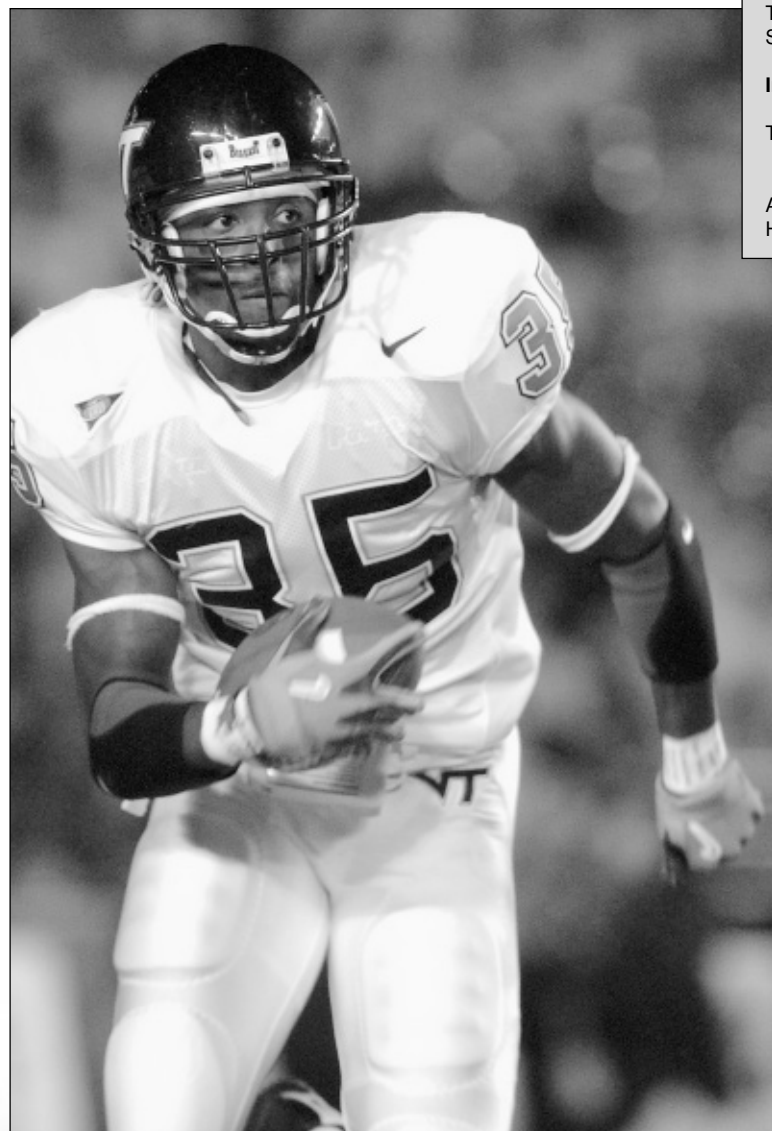
CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Virginia Tech used a ball-control offense that ground out 334 yards rushing to open its BIG EAST Conference schedule with a 28-23 victory over Boston College in a Thursday night ESPN game at Alumni Stadium.

Tech put together four long touchdown drives and consumed 37:50 on the clock with an offensive attack that stuck to the ground on 61 of its 68 plays. The Hokies drove 81 and 75 yards for touchdowns in the first half on the way to a 14-7 advantage at the intermission.

Kevin Jones broke a 14-14 tie when he capped a 74-yard Tech drive late in the third

quarter with a 4-yard TD run. Lee Suggs put the finishing touches on another 75-yard drive and the win with a 27-yard scoring run with 5:41 left. Quarterback Bryan Randall joined his tailbacks in making key plays as Tech finished with 420 yards of total offense. Randall tossed a 44-yard TD pass to Ernest Wilford and made several key scrambles for first downs.

Tech's defense contributed four sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery while holding BC to 83 yards on the ground and 315 yards overall. The Hokies also benefited from a pair of costly personal foul penalties by the Eagles.



Willie Pile's interception in the end zone ended a Boston College drive and helped preserve Tech's Thursday night road win in Chestnut Hill.

Oct. 10, 2002 • Alumni Stadium Attendance 42,826

Virginia Tech	7	7	7	7	—	28
Boston College	0	7	7	9	—	23

VT (10:43 re 1st) — Wilford 44 pass from Randall (Schmitt kick)
 VT (12:12 re 2nd) — Suggs 1 run (Schmitt kick)
 BC (1:03 re 2nd) — Burke 83 punt return (Sciortino kick)
 BC (6:39 re 3rd) — Knight 5 run (Sciortino kick)
 VT (0:42 re 3rd) — Jones 4 run (Schmitt kick)
 BC (10:35 re 4th) — FG Sciortino 49
 VT (5:41 re 4th) — Suggs 27 run (Schmitt kick)
 BC (0:49 re 4th) — St. Pierre 1 run (pass failed)

Team Stats	VT	BC
First downs	21	15
Rushing yds.	61-334	26-83
Passing yds.	86	232
Return yds.	55	105
Passes	4-7-0	16-30-3
Punts-avg.	5-37	2-39
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-yds.	15-96	5-40
Time of poss.	37:50	22:10
Sacks by	4-30	4-21

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Suggs 26-154, Jones 18-144, Randall 15-37, Team 1-(-1). BC, Knight 15-94, Dodd 1-6, St. Pierre 10-17.
 Passing — VT, Randall 4-7-0-86; BC, St. Pierre 16-30-3-232.
 Receiving — VT, Wilford 2-71, Witten 1-8, Johnson 1-7; BC, Adams 5-75, Knight 5-63, Burke 2-56, Hemmings 1-17, Daniels 1-9, Hazard 1-9, Ryan 1-3.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Both **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) and **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) rushed for over 100 yards in the Boston College game. Suggs ran for 154 yards on 26 carries, while Jones posted 144 yards on 18 attempts. That marks the second time this season that Suggs and Jones have both produced over 100-yards on the ground in the same game. The last time Tech had the same two players both rush for 100 yards or more in the same game twice in a season was 1986. That year, tailbacks Maurice Williams and Eddie Hunter accomplished the feat three times, both rushing for over 100 yards in games against Syracuse, Virginia and Richmond. During their Tech careers, Williams and Hunter both gained over 100 yards on the ground in the same game a record four times. They also stand as the only Tech players ever to rush for 100 or more yards in the same bowl game (1986 Peach Bowl). The only other Tech twosome since 1950 to accomplish the feat more than once in the same season was Phil Rogers and James Barber in 1973. Rogers and Barber both ran for over 100 yards in games against Virginia and Florida State.

- Virginia Tech's 15 penalties against Boston College were the most during Frank Beamer's 15-plus seasons as head coach. The previous high was 14 against South Carolina in 1988 and Miami in 1993.

- **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) posted his second interception of the season and the 12th of his career during the Hokies' win at Boston College. His pick against the Eagles moves him into a tie for fifth place on both the Tech and BIG EAST career lists for interceptions. Pile is tied with John Granby and Mike Widger on the Tech list. He shares the fifth spot on the BIG EAST list with former Syracuse player, Donovan Darius.

Game 7: Hokies Celebrate Homecoming With 35-14 Win Over Rutgers

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech scored 21 unanswered points in the first quarter to pave the way for a 35-14 Homecoming victory against Rutgers.

Once again, the running of tailbacks Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones highlighted the day for the Hokies, who finished with 342 yards on the ground and 492 yards overall. Suggs led the way with 197 yards and a pair of touchdown runs, while Jones added 132 yards, including a highlight-reel, 58-yard TD scamper. Quarterback Bryan Randall was efficient through the air, completing 11 of 15 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown.

Tech's defense kept the pressure on the Scarlet Knights, registering eight quarterback sacks and two interceptions, while limiting the visitors to minus-seven yards rushing. Rutgers still managed to stay within striking distance until DeAngelo Hall weaved his way 51 yards for a touchdown on a punt return with just under five minutes remaining in the game.



Linebacker Mikal Baaqee and his defensive teammates held Rutgers to minus-seven yards rushing.

Oct. 19, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 64,907

Rutgers	0	7	7	0	—	14
Virginia Tech	21	7	0	7	—	35

VT (6:35 re 1st) — Suggs 3 run (Schmitt kick)
 VT (3:12 re 1st) — Wilford 16 pass from Randall (Schmitt kick)
 VT (0:41 re 1st) — Suggs 42 run (Schmitt kick)
 RU (8:34 re 2nd) — Martin 12 pass from Cubit (Sands kick)
 VT (2:29 re 2nd) — Jones 58 run (Schmitt kick)
 RU (11:42 re 3rd) — Facyson 31 pass from Cubit (Sands kick)
 VT (4:57 re 4th) — Hall 51 punt return (Schmitt kick)

Team Stats	RU	VT
First downs	11	26
Rushing yds.	25-(-7)	50-342
Passing yds.	222	150
Return yds.	10	83
Passes	17-34-2	12-16-1
Punts-avg.	7-45	2-32
Fumbles-lost	1-0	6-2
Penalties-yds.	11-100	7-61
Time of poss.	28:05	31:55
Sacks by	4-27	8-75

Individual Leaders

Rushing — RU, Pittman 7-27, Facyson 5-19, Carty 1-12, Cubit 12-(-65); VT, Suggs 21-197, Jones 13-132, Imoh 5-13, Johnson 1-0, Randall 10-0.

Passing — RU, Cubit 17-32-2-222, Facyson 0-1-0-0, Barnes 0-1-0-0; VT, Randall 11-15-1-131, Noel 1-1-0-19.

Receiving — RU, Hobbs 5-89, Martin 4-30, Tucker 3-15, Facyson 2-48, Andre 1-35, Loomis 1-3, Pilch 1-2; VT, Wilford 7-99, Witten 2-16, Mazzetta 1-19, Hamilton 1-10, Parham 1-6.

A CLOSER LOOK

- Virginia Tech held Rutgers to minus-seven yards rushing. The last time the Hokies held a team to negative yards rushing was against Temple during the 2000 season. Tech limited the Owls to minus-15 yards in that game.

- Rutgers became the first team during the 2002 season to score points off of a Virginia Tech turnover. The Scarlet Knights did it twice, setting up their first touchdown with an interception and getting their second TD following a Tech fumble.

- Both **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) and **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) went over the 100-yard mark in rushing for the second game in a row. Suggs ran for a career-high 197 yards on 21 carries and Jones added 132 yards on 13 carries.

- **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) posted career-bests at the time for pass receptions and receiving yards during the Rutgers game. The redshirt junior caught seven passes for 99 yards and one touchdown.

- Tech registered a season-high eight sacks against the Scarlet Knights for losses totaling 75 yards. The Hokies' sack total was the highest since posting nine in a 1999 game at Pittsburgh. The sack yardage in the Rutgers' game was the most for Tech during Coach Frank Beamer's 15-plus seasons. The previous high under Beamer was minus-70 yards on seven sacks against Boston College during the 1996 season.

- Freshman **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.) recorded his first career interception against RU.

- The Rutgers game marked the first time since Sept. 11, 1999 (versus UAB) that a Tech home game was not televised.

Game 8: Tech Overcomes Turnovers To Hand Temple 20-10 Loss

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Despite a sub-par offensive performance that included four turnovers, Virginia Tech remained undefeated with a 20-10 BIG EAST victory against Temple at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

The Hokies drove for a touchdown on their first possession of the game, but had trouble maintaining consistency on offense during the remainder of the contest. Tech had possessions ended by fumbles twice and tossed a pair of interceptions. Two of those turnovers came on the Tech side of the field, while one of the interceptions was returned to

the Hokies' 26-yard line. A 32-yard touchdown catch by fullback Doug Easlick on the final play of the third quarter and two Nic Schmitt field goals proved just enough of an edge for Tech.

Once again, the Hokies' defense helped save the day, limiting the Owls to just 39 yards on the ground and intercepting three passes. Redshirt sophomore Vincent Fuller picked off passes at the Tech 8-yard line and in the end zone to stop a pair of Temple scoring threats. The Owls converted on just 3 of 12 third-down conversions against the Hokies and finished with 269 total yards.



Fullback Doug Easlick had a 32-yard TD reception to help the Hokies get past Temple.

Oct. 26, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 64,937

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

VT (9:16 re 1st) — Suggs 4 run (Schmitt kick)
 VT (0:02 re 2nd) — FG Schmitt 21
 TU (8:51 re 3rd) — FG Poklemba 36
 VT (00:00 re 3rd) — Easlick 32 pass from Randall (Schmitt kick)
 VT (10:05 re 4th) — FG Schmitt 22
 TU (1:48 re 4th) — Szarka 13 pass from McGann (Poklemba kick)

Team Stats	TU	VT
First downs	12	20
Rushing yds.	25-39	54-199
Passing yds.	230	146
Return yds.	23	22
Passes	17-32-3	13-20-2
Punts-avg.	5-32	2-45
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties-yds.	9-65	4-30
Time of poss.	23:45	36:15
Sacks by	0-0	2-10

Individual Leaders

Rushing — TU, Sharps 17-38, McGann 6-16, Team 1-(-5), Ringwelski 1-(-10); VT, Jones 17-72, Suggs 19-47, Randall 9-47, Easlick 4-16, Humes 3-10, Johnson 1-9, Team 1-(-2).
 Passing — TU, McGann 17-32-3-230; VT, Randall 13-20-2-146.
 Receiving — TU, Dillard 4-98, Cobb 4-40, Szarka 3-43, Fenton 2-22, Sharps 2-15, Stubbs 2-12; VT, Johnson 4-40, Easlick 3-38, Wilford 2-11, Suggs 1-30, Hamilton 1-11, Witten 1-10, Humes 1-6.

A CLOSER LOOK

• Virginia Tech's win against Temple gave the Hokies their eighth straight win. It marks just the third time in school history that Tech has opened a season 8-0. The Hokies also won their first eight games in 1999 and 2000.

• Fullback **Doug Easlick's** 32-yard touchdown catch at the end of the third quarter was the longest pass reception of his Tech career.

• Tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) hauled in a 30-yard pass during the Temple game, the longest catch of his Tech career. The catch was also the longest for a Tech tailback since 1997 when Lamont Pegues caught a 47-yard pass against Virginia.

• **Richard Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.) posted career-bests for pass receptions and receiving yards during the Temple game. The redshirt sophomore flanker caught four passes for 40 yards against the Owls.

• **Vincent Fuller** (Baltimore, Md.) intercepted two passes in the red zone to help the Hokies defeat Temple. It marked the third straight game in which Fuller has had at least one pass interception. The redshirt sophomore had one pick at the Owls' 8-yard line and another in the end zone.

• True freshman kicker **Nic Schmitt** (Salem, Va.) connected on a 21-yard field goal in the first half of the Temple game. It was his first successful field goal as a Hokie. He also had a 22-yarder in the fourth quarter.

• Redshirt freshman **James Anderson** (Chesapeake, Va.) made his first collegiate start and posted 11 tackles and a quarterback hurry. He was starting in place of injured linebacker **Vegas Robinson**.

Game 9: Pittsburgh Rallies To Hand Hokies First Loss of Season, 28-21

BLACKSBURG, Va. — The University of Pittsburgh scored 21 unanswered points in the second half to knock No. 3 Virginia Tech from the ranks of the unbeaten with a 28-21 win at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. It was the Panthers' first-ever win in Blacksburg.

Pittsburgh engineered the win by controlling the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. The Panthers rolled up 483 yards of offense in the game, including 301 yards in the second half. Their total included 275 yards on the ground against a Tech defense that entered the game ranked No. 1 nationally in rushing defense with an average of 40.8 yards allowed per game.

Tech enjoyed a 14-0 lead early in the first quarter and led 21-7 after a 59-yard touchdown run by tailback Lee Suggs less than two minutes into the second half. The Panthers turned

the game around with a pair of quick TD passes in the third quarter and took the lead on a 53-yard touchdown run by

Brandon Miree with just over four minutes remaining in the game.

The Tech offense mounted just one threat after Suggs' third-

quarter touchdown run, moving to the Pittsburgh 25 before missing a field goal attempt.



Nathaniel Adibi blocks a punt against the Panthers.

Nov. 2, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 64,971

Pittsburgh	7	0	14	7	—	28
Virginia Tech	14	0	7	0	—	21

VT (7:07 re 1st) — Jones 3 run (Schmitt kick)
 VT (4:38 re 1st) — Suggs 1 run (Schmitt kick)
 P (3:06 re 1st) — Fitzgerald 31 pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick)
 VT (13:52 re 3rd) — Suggs 59 run (Schmitt kick)
 P (10:39 re 3rd) — Fitzgerald 14 pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick)
 P (7:09 re 3rd) — Fitzgerald 10 pass from Rutherford (Abdul kick)
 P (4:11 re 4th) — Miree 53 run (Abdul kick)

Team Stats	P	VT
First downs	22	15
Rushing yds.	44-275	45-130
Passing yds.	208	145
Return yds.	50	98
Passes	11-26-2	12-22-1
Punts-avg.	6-33	7-44
Fumbles-lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-yds.	7-68	6-60
Time of poss.	28:54	31:06
Sacks by	7-33	2-11

Individual Leaders

Rushing — P, Miree 23-161, Murphy 2-58, Rutherford 15-56, Polite 2-0, Team 2-0; VT, Suggs 25-128, Jones 2-4, Easlick 2-2, Randall 16(-4).
 Passing — P, Rutherford 11-26-2-208; VT, Randall 12-22-1-145.
 Receiving — P, Fitzgerald 5-105, Wilson 4-85, Slade 1-11, Miree 1-7; VT, Wilford 6-80, Witten 3-29, Humes 1-15, Parham 1-13, Suggs 1-8.

A CLOSER LOOK

• Virginia Tech's 28-21 loss to Pittsburgh marked just the seventh BIG EAST loss for Tech at home since the football league formed in 1991. The Hokies are now 0-3 against the Panthers in the month of November and 7-0 in September and October.

• Pittsburgh's 483 yards of total offense were the most against Tech since the 1997 season when Virginia posted 502 yards in a 34-20 win. The Panthers' 275 yards rushing were the most against the Hokies since the 1996 Orange Bowl when Nebraska ran for 279 yards.

• Tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) turned in the longest run from scrimmage of his Tech career, when he scampered 59 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter. Suggs finished the game with 128 yards on the ground, moving him by Shyrone Stith and Vaughn Hebron for eighth place in career rushing at Tech.

• Senior free safety **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) registered his 13th career pass interception during the Pittsburgh game. The pick moved Pile into a tie with Ron Davidson and Lenny Smith for third place in career interceptions at Tech.

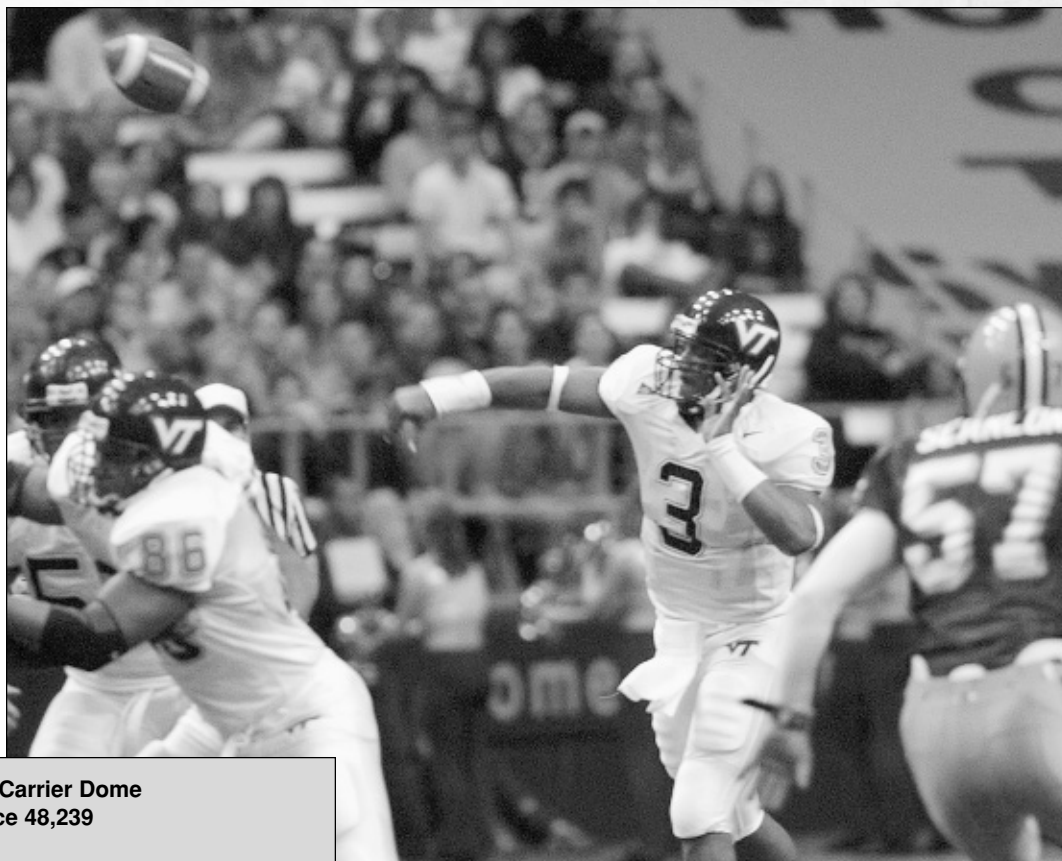
• **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.) blocked a punt in the first quarter against Pittsburgh. It was the first block of Adibi's career and Tech's 10th block during its series against the Panthers. Tech has blocked more kicks against Pittsburgh during Frank Beamer's tenure as head coach than against any other team.

• Pittsburgh's Brandon Miree rushed for 161 yards in the Panthers' win at Tech. Miree's rushing total was the highest against Tech since Boston College's Mike Cloud ran for 186 yards against the Hokies in 1998.

Game 10: Tech Suffers Three-Overtime 50-42 Loss at the Carrier Dome

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Damien Rhodes ran for a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the third overtime period to give homestanding Syracuse a wild 50-42 triple-overtime victory over No. 8 Virginia Tech at the Carrier Dome. It was the Hokies' sixth loss in their eight trips to the Dome.

Tech, which got record-setting performances from quarterback Bryan Randall and receiver Ernest Wilford, gave up over 600 yards of offense but still had a number of opportunities to win the game. The Hokies missed field goals at the end of regulation play and at the end of the first overtime period. SU kept its hopes alive with a fourth-down TD pass in the second overtime, then scored and intercepted a Tech pass in the third extra period to end the four-hour game.



Nov. 9, 2002 • Carrier Dome Attendance 48,239

Virginia Tech	14	0	7	14	7	—	42
Syracuse	3	9	10	13	15	—	50

SU (9:25 re 1st) — FG Barber 30
 VT (5:41 re 1st) — Suggs 15 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 VT (3:29 re 1st) — Wilford 75 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 SU (14:07 re 2nd) — FG Barber 26
 SU (6:26 re 2nd) — Reyes 1 run (run failed)
 SU (8:42 re 3rd) — FG Barber 38
 VT (7:55 re 3rd) — Wilford 34 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 SU (4:47 re 3rd) — Reyes 9 run (Barber kick)
 SU (13:38 re 4th) — Reyes 9 run (kick failed)
 VT (7:40 re 4th) — Wilford 87 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 VT (4:45 re 4th) — Wilford 6 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 SU (4:27 re 4th) — Rhodes 3 run (Shafer kick)
 VT (2nd OT) — Randall 1 run (Warley kick)
 SU (2nd OT) — Donnelly 6 pass from Nunes (Shafer kick)
 SU (3rd OT) — Rhodes 25 run (Rhodes run)

Team Stats	VT	SU
First downs	18	29
Rushing yds.	25-55	60-201
Passing yds.	504	403
Return yds.	-2	65
Passes	23-35-3	24-40-3
Punts-avg.	6-34	5-39
Fumbles-lost	2-2	2-0
Penalties-yds.	6-45	9-93
Time of poss.	22:44	37:16
Sacks by	6-54	2-15

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Suggs 19-65, Team 1-(-1), Randall 5-(-9); SU, Reyes 21-118, Rhodes 17-67, Belton 4-20, Davis 5-13, Team 1-(-1), Nunes 12-(-16).

Passing — VT, Randall 23-35-3-504; SU, Nunes 24-40-3-403.

Receiving — VT, Wilford 8-279, Parham 5-48, Willis 2-113, Suggs 2-24, Easlick 2-19, Witten 2-11, Johnson 2-10; SU, Tyree 9-229, Riddle 8-65, Reyes 2-40, Donnelly 2-32, Rhodes 2-21, Morant 1-16.

Bryan Randall passed for a BIG EAST Conference record 504 yards and five touchdowns in the Carrier Dome.

A CLOSER LOOK

• Virginia Tech's 50-42 triple-overtime loss at Syracuse was the second overtime game in Tech football history. Tech won a 27-20 single-overtime game at Miami in 1998.

• **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) set Virginia Tech and BIG EAST Conference records for receiving yardage in a game with 279 against SU. Wilford's four touchdown catches also set a Tech mark and tied the conference record. Ricky Scales held the previous Tech record for yardage with 213 against Wake Forest in 1972. Scales and Antonio Freeman shared the old touchdown mark with three. Dietrich Jells of Pittsburgh held the old BIG EAST yardage record with 225 against WVU in 1994. SU receiver David Tyree also surpassed the old mark with 229 yards during the win over Tech. Wilford is tied with Billy Davis of Pittsburgh and Chris Brantley of Rutgers for TD catches in a game.

• Quarterback **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) set a BIG EAST record for passing yards in a single game with 504 versus Syracuse. The old conference mark was 485 yards by Miami's Gino Torretta against San Diego State in 1991. Randall's total ranks second at Tech behind Don Strock's 527 yards passing against Houston in 1972. Randall's five passing touchdowns set a new Tech mark for an individual. The old mark of four was set by Strock and equalled by Maurice DeShazo (twice), Michael Vick and Grant Noel. The five TD passes against SU tie a Tech team record. The Hokies had five passing touchdowns against Temple in 1993 — four by DeShazo and one by Jim Druckenmiller.

• **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) tied a Tech and BIG EAST record with three interceptions against the Orangemen.

Game 11: Mountaineers Hold Off Hokies for 21-18 BIG EAST Win

BLACKSBURG, Va. — West Virginia used a goal-line stand and a pass interception in the end zone to hold off No. 13 Virginia Tech for a 21-18 Wednesday night victory at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

The Mountaineers snapped a four-game losing streak against Tech with some big plays on both offense and defense. A 42-yard touchdown run by Quincy Wilson put WVU on top 21-10 late in the third quarter. After cutting West Virginia's advantage to 21-16, Tech marched to the Mountaineer's 1-yard line during

the waning minutes of the fourth quarter.

The WVU defense held its ground on three-straight running plays to preserve the lead. With 2:30 remaining, the Mountaineers took a safety rather than punt from their own end zone. Tech got one last chance from mid-field following a free kick. The Hokies moved all the way to the West Virginia 11 before Brian King picked off a Randall pass in the end zone with 12 seconds on the clock.

Randall finished with 293 yards of total offense, including 125 yards rushing.



On this touchdown run in the first quarter, tailback Lee Suggs set a new NCAA record by scoring a touchdown in 24 consecutive games. The previous record had been set in 1970.

Nov. 20, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 62,723

West Virginia	7	7	7	0	—	21
Virginia Tech	7	3	6	2	—	18

VT (4:57 re 1st) — Suggs 28 run (Warley kick)
 WVU (2:45 re 1st) — Cobourne 9 run (James kick)
 WVU (14:21 re 2nd) — Marshall 7 run (James kick)
 VT (6:49 re 2nd) — FG Warley 34
 WVU (4:09 re 3rd) — Wilson 42 run (James kick)
 VT (1:29 re 3rd) — Willis 6 pass from Randall (pass failed)
 VT (2:30 re 4th) — Team safety

Team Stats	WVU	VT
First downs	20	23
Rushing yds.	46-263	44-243
Passing yds.	124	168
Return yds.	9	52
Passes	13-20-1	18-31-1
Punts-avg.	5-27	4-36
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-yds.	9-75	6-75
Time of poss.	28:05	31:55
Sacks by	2-7	0-0

Individual Leaders

Rushing — WVU, Wilson 11-125, Cobourne 19-80, Marshall 12-43, Garvin 2-22, Fazzolari 1-(-3), Team 1-(-4); VT, Randall 18-125, Suggs 15-71, Jones 9-36, Easlick 2-11.

Passing — WVU, Marshall 23-20-1-124; VT, Randall 18-30-1-168, Team 0-1-0-0.

Receiving — WVU, D. Smith 4-93, Cobourne 3-12, Wilson 3-12, Page 1-5, Neal 1-5, Marshall 1-(-3); VT, Wilford 5-58, Witten 3-45, Suggs 3-22, Easlick 2-17, Johnson 2-6, Shreve 1-7, Humes 1-7, Willis 1-6.

A CLOSER LOOK

• West Virginia handed Virginia Tech its third-straight loss, marking the first time since 1997 that the Hokies have lost three consecutive games in a season and the first time since 1992 that Tech has lost three straight regular-season games. The win was the first in the series for WVU since 1997 and the first in Blacksburg for the Mountaineers since the 1992 season.

• Quarterback **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) ran for 125 yards against WVU. The last time a Virginia Tech quarterback ran for 100 or more yards in a game was on Sept. 28, 2000 when Michael Vick ran for 210 yards at Boston College. Randall also had 168 yards passing for a total of 293 yards of offense.

• Redshirt freshman linebacker **Blake Warren** (Clifton, Va.) posted his first collegiate interception in the third quarter of the Tech-WVU game.

• The West Virginia game marked the first time this season that the Hokies trailed at the half. WVU led 14-10 after two quarters.

• **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) registered his first blocked punt during the second quarter of the West Virginia game. It was the sixth blocked kick of the season for Tech.

• **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) took over Tech's kickoff return duties in the West Virginia game. Suggs, whose last kickoff return came against Miami during the 2000 season, had three returns for 77 yards against the Mountaineers.

• The WVU game marked the 67th time since the start of the 1993 season that Tech has rushed for 200 yards or more. The loss was just the Hokies' fourth in those 67 contests.

Game 12: Hokies Get Back On Winning Track With 21-9 Win Over UVa

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech relied on its running game and special teams to snap a three-game

losing streak with a 21-9 win against in-state rival Virginia before a record-setting crowd at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

On a cold, blustery afternoon, the Hokies scored 14 second-quarter points to gain the upper hand, then put

the game out of reach on Lee Suggs' second touchdown run of the day with 5:08 left to play.

Suggs led a rushing attack that produced 272 yards, including 178 in the second half. The senior tailback gained 108 yards on 19 carries, while sophomore Kevin Jones added 91 yards on 15 carries.

Virginia capitalized on an interception to set up a first-quarter field goal and a fumble deep in Tech territory to set up a 15-yard TD pass in the third period. The Cavaliers managed a total of just 203 yards of offense for the game, including just 76 yards in the second half.

Tech's special teams put the Hokies ahead to stay when Justin Hamilton blocked a Virginia punt in the second quarter and Darryl Tapp returned it 11 yards for a touchdown. Suggs capped a 61-yard Tech drive with 6:56 showing in the quarter to give the Hokies a 14-3 halftime lead.



Colts Colas posted three sacks against Virginia as the Tech defense held the Wahoos to 203 yards of total offense.

Nov. 30, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field Attendance 65,097

Virginia	3	0	6	0	—	9
Virginia Tech	0	14	0	7	—	21

UVa (10:20 re 1st) — FG Hughes 20
 VT (13:30 re 2nd) — Tapp 11 blocked punt return (Warley kick)
 VT (6:56 re 2nd) — Suggs 4 run (Warley kick)
 UVa (10:09 re 3rd) — H. Miller 15 pass from Schaub (kick failed)
 VT (5:08 re 4th) — Suggs 6 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	UVa	VT
First downs	11	17
Rushing yds.	37-152	50-272
Passing yds.	51	85
Return yds.	35	84
Passes	13-24-1	5-11-1
Punts-avg.	7-29	5-28
Fumbles-lost	5-0	2-2
Penalties-yds.	4-25	5-35
Time of poss.	28:56	31:04
Sacks by	1-5	3-8

Individual Leaders

Rushing — UVa, Lundy 29-127, McMullen 1-19, Snelling 2-12, Schaub, 5-(-6); VT, Suggs 19-108, Jones 15-91, Randall 14-67, Easlick 1-7, Team 1-(-1).

Passing — UVa, Schaub 12-23-1-43, Hagan 1-1-8; VT, Randall 5-11-1-85.

Receiving — UVa, McMullen 4-14, Lundy 4-10, Miller 2-15, Newby 1-8, Hagans 1-4, Snelling 1-0; VT, Wilford 2-33, Johnson 1-39, Suggs 1-9, Easlick 1-4.

A CLOSER LOOK

• Virginia Tech's 21-9 victory against Virginia gave the Hokies their fourth straight win over their in-state rivals. The last time either team won four straight in the series was from 1980-83 when the Tech took four consecutive meetings.

• The crowd of 65,097 was the largest ever to watch a football game in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The previous record was set earlier in the season when Tech had turnouts of 65,049 for its games with both LSU and Marshall.

• The 30 combined points by the two teams was the lowest total in the series since 1988 when Virginia won by a score of 16-10 in Blacksburg.

• A pair of freshmen made their first collegiate starts at defensive tackle for Tech in the Virginia game. Redshirt freshman **Tim Sandidge** (Madison Heights, Va.) and true freshman **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) moved into the lineup after 11-game starters **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.) and **Kevin Lewis** both suffered season-ending injuries in the West Virginia game. Sandidge and Jonathan Lewis each posted six tackles against the Cavaliers.

• **Justin Hamilton**, a red-shirt freshman from Clintwood, Va., posted his second blocked punt of the season during the Virginia game. Hamilton's block against UVa was picked up by true freshman **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.) and returned for a touchdown. It was Tapp's first collegiate TD.

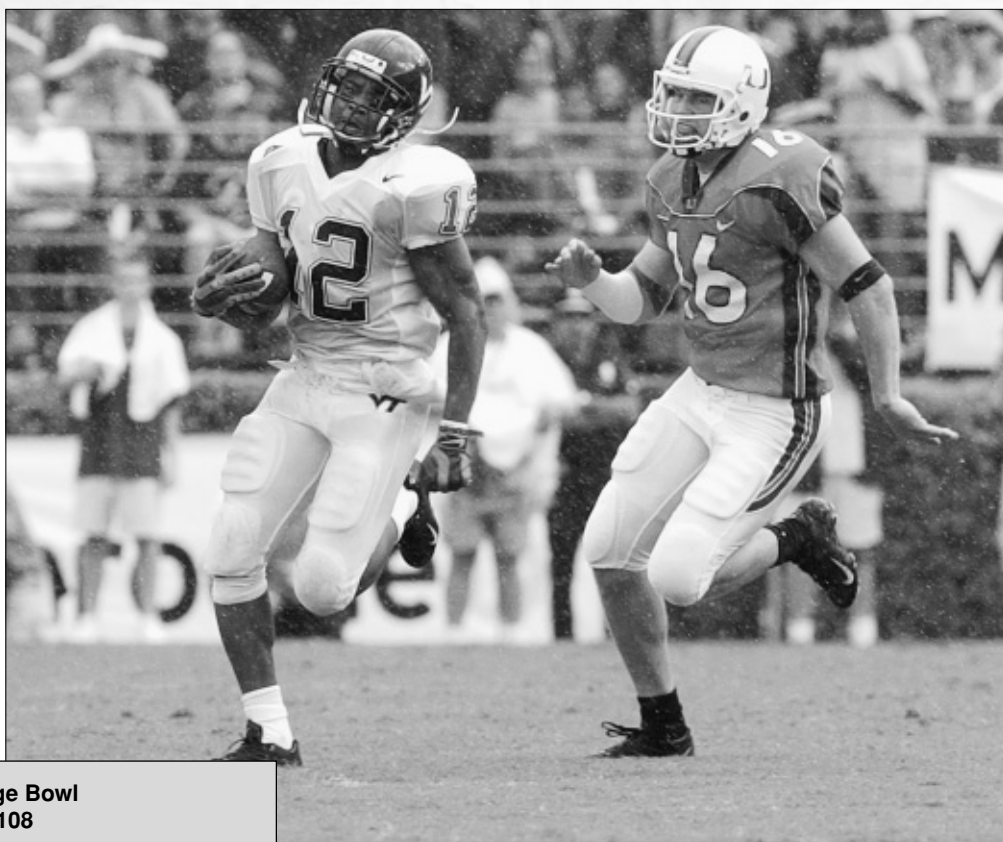
• **Colts Colas** (Plantation, Fla.) had three sacks against UVa. He became the third Tech defensive end to post three sacks in a game during the 2002 season. **Jim Davis** had three versus LSU, while **Nathaniel Adibi** had three at Texas A&M.

Game 13: No. 1 Miami Takes 56-45 Shootout Victory Over Hokies

MIAMI, Fla. — Running back Willis McGahee scored six touchdowns as top-ranked Miami earned a spot in the Fiesta Bowl with a 56-46 win over No. 18 Virginia Tech at the Orange Bowl.

The defending national champions got off to a fast start with two quick touchdowns and led 35-21 at the half. Miami extended its lead to 49-21 less than five minutes into the third quarter, but found it hard to shake the never-say-die Hokies. Tech reeled off 16 straight points to narrow the gap to 12 points heading into the fourth quarter, but could never overcome the Hurricanes' and three lost fumbles that were turned into touchdowns.

McGahee finished the game with 205 yards rushing for the 'Canes, while quarterback Ken Dorsey passed for 300 yards. Tech quarterback Bryan Randall rushed for 132 yards and passed for 165. Richard Johnson set up a Tech touchdown with a 91-yard kickoff return, while DeAngelo Hall had a 71-yard punt return that led to a Tech field goal.



Richard Johnson returns a kickoff 91 yards against the Hurricanes.

Dec. 7, 2002 • Orange Bowl Attendance 76,108

Virginia Tech	0	21	16	8	—	45
Miami	14	21	14	7	—	56

UM (11:13 re 1st) — McGahee 1 run (Sievers kick)
 UM (8:56 re 1st) — Johnson 49 pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick)
 VT (13:50 re 2nd) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)
 UM (9:27 re 2nd) — McGahee 4 run (Sievers kick)
 UM (6:19 re 2nd) — McGahee 3 run (Sievers kick)
 VT (5:15 re 2nd) — Witten 4 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
 UM (3:16 re 2nd) — McGahee 10 run (Sievers kick)
 VT (0:24 re 2nd) — Wilford 7 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
 UM (12:58 re 3rd) — McGahee 1 run (Sievers kick)
 UM (11:15 re 3rd) — McGahee 31 run (Sievers kick)
 VT (8:45 re 3rd) — Pile 96 interception return (kick blocked)
 VT (3:50 re 3rd) — FG Warley 20
 VT (0:50 re 3rd) — Suggs 9 run (Warley kick)
 UM (10:06 re 4th) — Winslow 11 pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick)
 VT (1:51 re 4th) — Suggs 4 run (Johnson pass from Randall)

Team Stats	VT	UM
First downs	19	22
Rushing yds.	45-192	47-256
Passing yds.	172	300
Return yds.	241	72
Passes	16-27-0	12-21-2
Punts-avg.	4-33	3-48
Fumbles-lost	3-3	1-0
Penalties-yds.	5-55	9-75
Time of poss.	28:51	31:09
Sacks by	0-0	5-24

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Randall 25-132, Suggs 15-55, Easlick 1-4, Jones 4-1; UM, McGahee 39-205, Payton 3-45, Hill 2-7, Dorsey 1-5, Team 2-(-6).
 Passing — VT, Randall 15-26-0-165, Noel 1-1-0-7; UM, Dorsey 12-20-1-300, Payton 1-0-1-0.
 Receiving — VT, Wilford 6-68, Witten 2-21, Jones 2-14, Easlick 2-14, Humes 1-26, Shreve 1-19, Johnson 1-11, Suggs 1-(-1); UM, Johnson 6-193, Parrish 2-61, Winslow 2-25, McGahee 2-21.

A CLOSER LOOK

- The 2002 Tech-Miami game was the highest scoring in the series between the two schools. The 101 points in UM's 56-45 victory over the Hokies were the most by the two teams since a 43-23 Miami win in Blacksburg during the 1992 season. UM was also ranked No. 1 that year.

- Virginia Tech's 45 points against UM were the most allowed by the Hurricanes since the 1998 season when UCLA scored 45 points in a 49-45 loss to Miami.

- The 96-yard interception return by **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) in the third quarter was the third-longest in Tech history. As a team, the Hokies had 152 yards on interception returns for the game, the third-most in school history.

- **Richard Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.) had a 91-yard kickoff return against the Hurricanes, the longest by a Tech player since Tony Kennedy posted a 91-yard return at Louisville in 1992.

- Miami's 56 points were the most against the Hokies since Tulane scored a 57-38 win over Tech in 1987, Frank Beamer's first season as the head coach. The Hurricanes' 35 first-half points were the most in a half against Tech since Tennessee scored 35 first-half point versus the Hokies in the 1994 Gator Bowl. The last time Tech gave up 35 points in a half during a regular-season game was in 1973 when Alabama put up 42 first-half points and 35 second-half points on the way to a 77-6 win.

- Willis McGahee's six touchdowns and 36 points were the most by an individual against the Hokies. The old mark was 26 points by Jim Bakhtiar of Virginia in 1957. McGahee's 205 yards rushing marked the fifth-highest total against Tech.

2002 Season Superlatives

Tech Individual Game Highs

Rushes	26	Lee Suggs at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Yards Rushing	197	Lee Suggs vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2002)
TD Rushes	3	Kevin Jones vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002) Lee Suggs at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Long Rush	67	Kevin Jones at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Pass attempts	35	Bryan Randall at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Pass completions	23	Bryan Randall at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Passing	504	Bryan Randall at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
TD Passes	5	Bryan Randall at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Long Pass	87	Bryan Randall at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Receptions	8	Ernest Wilford at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Receiving	279	Ernest Wilford at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
TD Receptions	4	Ernest Wilford at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Long Reception	87	Ernest Wilford at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) Keith Willis at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Field Goals	2	Carter Warley vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002) Carter Warley at Texas A&M (Sep 21, 2002) Nic Schmitt vs Temple (Oct 26, 2002)
Long Field Goal	43	Carter Warley vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Punts	9	Vinnie Burns vs LSU (Sep 01, 2002)
Punting Avg	49.0	Vinnie Burns vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Long Punt	58	Vinnie Burns vs LSU (Sep 01, 2002)
Long Punt Return	71	DeAngelo Hall at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return	91	Richard Johnson at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Tackles	17	Mikal Baaqee at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Sacks	3.0	Jim Davis vs LSU (Sep 01, 2002) Nathaniel Adibi at Texas A&M (Sep 21, 2002) Cols Colas vs Virginia (Nov 30, 2002)
Tackles For Loss	4.0	Cols Colas at Western Michigan (Sep 28, 2002) Mikal Baaqee at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) Nathaniel Adibi at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) Cols Colas vs Virginia (Nov 30, 2002)
Interceptions	3	Garnell Wilds at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)

Tech Team Game Highs

Rushes	66	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Rushing	395	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Per Rush	7.0	vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
TD Rushes	6	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Pass attempts	35	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Pass completions	23	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Passing	504	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Per Pass	14.4	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
TD Passes	5	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Total Plays	78	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Total Offense	559	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Per Play	9.3	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Points	63	vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
Sacks By	8	vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2002)
First Downs	28	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Penalties	15	at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Penalty Yards	96	at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Turnovers	5	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Interceptions By	3	at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002) vs Temple (Oct 26, 2002) at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)

Opponent Individual Game Highs

Rushes	39	McGAHEE, Willis, at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Yards Rushing	205	McGAHEE, Willis, at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
TD Rushes	6	McGAHEE, Willis, at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Long Rush	53	MIREE, Brandon, vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Pass attempts	49	LEFTWICH, Byron, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Pass completions	31	LEFTWICH, Byron, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Passing	406	LEFTWICH, Byron, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
TD Passes	3	LEFTWICH, Byron, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002) RUTHERFORD, Rod, vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Long Pass	73	Jacobs, Elliot, vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
Receptions	11	JONES, Curtis, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Receiving	229	TYREE, David, at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
TD Receptions	3	FITZGERALD, L., vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Long Reception	73	Cox, Mike, vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
Field Goals	3	BARBER, Collin, at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Long Field Goal	49	SCIORTINO, Sand, at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Punts	9	Alexander, Mike, vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
Punting Avg	49.0	HEAD, Curtis, vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Long Punt	64	Scates, Cody, at Texas A&M (Sep 21, 2002)
Long Punt Return	83	BURKE, Jamal, at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Long Kickoff Return	83	BLACKMON, Will, at Boston College (Oct 10, 2002)
Tackles	14	Bradie James, vs LSU (Sep 01, 2002)
Sacks	3.0	HARRIOTT, Claude, vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Tackles For Loss	5.0	Warren, Ty, at Texas A&M (Sep 21, 2002)
Interceptions	1	CARR, Tony, at Western Michigan (Sep 28, 2002) FELDPAUSCH, J., at Western Michigan (Sep 28, 2002) HAW, Brandon, vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2002) JACKSON, Yazid, vs Temple (Oct 26, 2002) THOMPSON, Lafto, vs Temple (Oct 26, 2002) COX, Torrie, vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002) McCLAIN, M., at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) GREGORY, Steven, at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) SCANLON, Rich, at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002) KING, Brian, vs West Virginia (Nov 20, 2002) DAVIS, Willie, vs Virginia (Nov 30, 2002)

Opponent Team Game Highs

Rushes	60	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Rushing	275	vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Yards Per Rush	6.2	vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
TD Rushes	6	at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Pass attempts	56	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Pass completions	36	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Passing	442	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002)
Yards Per Pass	14.3	at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
TD Passes	3	vs Marshall (Sep 12, 2002) vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
Total Plays	100	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Total Offense	604	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Yards Per Play	8.2	at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Points	56	at Miami (Dec 07, 2002)
Sacks By	7	vs Pittsburgh (Nov 02, 2002)
First Downs	29	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)
Penalties	11	vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2002)
Penalty Yards	100	vs Rutgers (Oct 19, 2002)
Turnovers	5	vs Arkansas State (Aug 25, 2002)
Interceptions By	3	at Syracuse (Nov 09, 2002)

2002 Statistics

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral		
All Games	9-4	6-2	3-2	0-0		
Conference	3-4	2-2	1-2	0-0		
Non-Conference	6-0	4-0	2-0	0-0		
Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Attend.		
Aug 25, 2002	ARKANSAS STATE	W	63-7	54,016		
Sep 01, 2002	#14 LSU	W	26-8	65,049		
Sep 12, 2002	#16 MARSHALL	W	47-21	65,049		
Sep 21, 2002	at #19 Texas A&M	W	13-3	83,746		
Sep 28, 2002	at Western Michigan	W	30-0	27,218		
Oct 10, 2002	at Boston College	W	28-23	42,826		
Oct 19, 2002	RUTGERS	W	35-14	64,907		
Oct 26, 2002	TEMPLE	W	20-10	64,937		
Nov 02, 2002	PITTSBURGH	L	21-28	64,971		
Nov 09, 2002	at Syracuse (OT)	L	42-50	48,239		
Nov 20, 2002	WEST VIRGINIA	L	18-21	62,723		
Nov 30, 2002	VIRGINIA	W	21-9	65,097		
Dec 07, 2002	at #1 Miami	L	45-56	76,108		
SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot.
Virginia Tech	122	112	76	92	7	409
Opponents	37	51	75	72	15	250

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Lee Suggs	13	238	1301	46	1255	5.3	20	59	96.5
Kevin Jones	12	149	864	28	836	5.6	9	67	69.7
Bryan Randall	13	163	757	230	527	3.2	3	34	40.5
Doug Easlick	13	17	80	4	76	4.5	0	17	5.8
Cedric Humes	13	16	69	1	68	4.2	0	9	5.2
Mike Imoh	5	10	43	5	38	3.8	0	18	7.6
Josh Spence	9	4	26	0	26	6.5	0	9	2.9
John Candelas	2	7	26	0	26	3.7	1	10	13.0
Richard Johnson	13	3	22	0	22	7.3	0	13	1.7
Will Hunt	3	1	11	0	11	11.0	0	11	3.7
Grant Noel	5	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.4
TEAM	13	10	0	10	-10	-1.0	0	0	-0.8
Total	13	619	3199	326	2873	4.6	33	67	221.0
Opponents	13	442	1919	446	1473	3.3	18	53	113.3

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Bryan Randall	13	143.11	225-140-11	62.2	1957	12	87	150.5
Grant Noel	5	115.69	18-7-0	38.9	86	2	19	17.2
Will Hunt	3	75.12	5-3-0	60.0	9	0	9	3.0
TEAM	13	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	13	139.18	249-150-11	60.2	2052	14	87	157.8
Opponents	13	111.27	424-226-22	53.3	2900	14	73	223.1

TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP
SCORING	409	250
Points Per Game	31.5	19.2
FIRST DOWNS	253	213
Rushing	141	79
Passing	89	116
Penalty	23	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	2873	1473
Yards gained rushing	3199	1919
Yards lost rushing	326	446
Rushing Attempts	619	442
Average Per Rush	4.6	3.3
Average Per Game	221.0	113.3
TDs Rushing	33	18
PASSING YARDAGE	2052	2900
Att-Comp-Int	249-150-11	424-226-22
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.8
Average Per Catch	13.7	12.8
Average Per Game	157.8	223.1
TDs Passing	14	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	4925	4373
Total Plays	868	866
Average Per Play	5.7	5.0
Average Per Game	378.4	336.4
KICK RET: #-YARDS	30-625	55-1149
PUNT RET: #-YARDS	41-572	30-338
INT RET: #-YARDS	22-379	11-100
KICK RETURN AVG	20.8	20.9
PUNT RETURN AVG	14.0	11.3
INT RETURN AVG	17.2	9.1
FUMBLES-LOST	30-17	36-13
PENALTIES-YARDS	85-719	98-828
Average Per Game	55.3	63.7
PUNTS-YARDS	63-2472	76-2837
Average Per Punt	39.2	37.3
Net punt average	33.9	29.8
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:36	28:24
3RD-DOWN CONV.	66/170	65/188
3rd-Down Pct	39%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	6/13	5/19
4th-Down Pct	46%	26%
SACKS BY-YARDS	42-281	35-205
MISC YARDS	119	17
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	54	33
FIELD GOALS-ATT.	10-20	7-13
PAT-ATTEMPTS	49-51	27-29
ATTENDANCE	506749	278137
Games/Avg Per Game	8/63344	5/55627

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL/Yds	Sacks	Pass Def	Fumbles	Blkd
Mikal Baaqee	12	65	41	106	11-47	3.5-28	1-25	4	8
Willie Pile	13	63	35	98	.	.	4-171	5	.
Brandon Manning	13	35	35	70	5-14	1.0-6	.	2	1
Vegas Robinson	10	47	14	61	3-5	.	2-10	.	3
DeAngelo Hall	11	36	18	54	.	.	4-100	11	.
Billy Hardee	13	35	17	52	1-1	.	.	2	.
Nathaniel Adibi	13	34	17	51	15-72	9.0-61	.	2	16
Jonathan Lewis	13	31	20	51	7-23	2.0-12	.	.	5
Cols Colas	13	32	17	49	18-73	9.0-48	.	1	24
Kevin Lewis	11	25	24	49	5-15	1.0-8	.	1	6
Michael Crawford	12	31	18	49	4-25	2.0-18	.	2	.
Mike Daniels	13	25	23	48	2-7	.	.	1	.
Jason Lallis	11	23	23	46	4-32	2.0-27	.	.	7
James Anderson	13	28	18	46	3-9	1.5-8	.	.	3
Garnell Wilds	13	26	17	43	.	.	4-8	6	.
Ronyell Whitaker	11	24	18	42	.	.	1-56	4	.
Jimmy F. Williams	13	22	14	36	.	.	1-9	1	.
Lamar Cobb	12	19	16	35	1-8	1.0-8	.	.	12
Jim Davis	13	23	12	35	8-40	5.5-32	.	3	10
Tim Sandidge	12	13	16	29	5-28	4.0-25	.	2	3
Vincent Fuller	13	16	7	23	1-10	0.5-10	4-0	6	.
Darryl Tapp	13	9	11	20	.	.	.	1	3
Jimmy E. Williams	5	6	12	18	.	.	.	.	.
Jordan Trott	12	10	7	17	.	.	.	1	.
Jason Murphy	9	2	12	14	.	.	.	1	.
Blake Warren	8	5	6	11	.	.	1-0	.	.
Alex Markogiannakis	7	7	3	10	2-3	.	.	1	2-25
D.J. Walton	13	7	3	10	.	.	.	.	.
Cary Wade	12	8	2	10	.	.	.	.	.
Kevin Jones	12	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.
Chad Cooper	12	2	5	7	.	.	.	1	.
Ken Keister	13	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.
Chris Buie	1	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.
Josh Spence	9	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.
Chris Pannell	2	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.
Bob Ruff	1	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.
Mike Imoh	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.
Keith Willis	13	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.
Ernest Wilford	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
Jon Mollerup	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
Jared Mazzetta	10	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.
Bryan Randall	13	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
Lance Goff	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
Mark Costen	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Vinnie Burns	13	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
Justin Hamilton	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	2
Jeff King	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
TEAM	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Total	13	734	501	1235	95-412	42-281	22-379	54	105
Opponents	13	502	510	1012	111-314	35-205	11-100	27	2

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ernest Wilford	13	46	875	19.0	7	87	67.3
Shawn Witten	13	21	258	12.3	1	34	19.8
Doug Easlick	13	15	108	7.2	1	32	8.3
Richard Johnson	13	14	147	10.5	0	39	11.3
Terrell Parham	12	14	121	8.6	0	22	10.1
Lee Suggs	13	11	126	11.5	2	30	9.7
Keith Willis	13	7	168	24.0	1	87	12.9
Cedric Humes	13	7	76	10.9	0	26	5.8
Justin Hamilton	12	4	49	12.2	0	23	4.1
Mike Imoh	5	4	28	7.0	1	19	5.6
Chris Shreve	10	2	26	13.0	0	19	2.6
Kevin Jones	12	2	14	7.0	0	10	1.2
Jared Mazzetta	10	1	19	19.0	0	19	1.9
Jeff King	13	1	19	19.0	1	19	1.5
Josh Spence	9	1	18	18.0	0	18	2.0
Total	13	150	2052	13.7	14	87	157.8
Opponents	13	226	2900	12.8	14	73	223.1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
DeAngelo Hall	22	352	16.0	2	71
Richard Johnson	14	100	7.1	0	20
Justin Hamilton	2	46	23.0	0	0
Jason Lallis	1	1	1.0	0	0
Ernest Wilford	1	32	32.0	0	0
Nathaniel Adibi	1	30	30.0	0	0
Darryl Tapp	0	11	0.0	1	11
Total	41	572	14.0	3	71
Opponents	30	338	11.3	1	83

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Willie Pile	4	171	42.8	1	96
DeAngelo Hall	4	100	25.0	1	49
Garnell Wilds	4	8	2.0	0	8
Vincent Fuller	4	0	0.0	0	0
Vegas Robinson	2	10	5.0	0	8
Jimmy F. Williams	1	9	9.0	0	9
Mikal Baaqee	1	25	25.0	0	25
Ronyell Whitaker	1	56	56.0	0	56
Blake Warren	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	22	379	17.2	2	96
Opponents	11	100	9.1	0	38

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Richard Johnson	23	485	21.1	0	91
Lee Suggs	4	114	28.5	0	37
Doug Easlick	1	10	10.0	0	10
Cedric Humes	1	16	16.0	0	16
DeAngelo Hall	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	30	625	20.8	0	91
Opponents	55	1149	20.9	0	83

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jason Lallis	1	59	59.0	1	59
Willie Pile	1	31	31.0	0	31
Alex Markogiannakis	1	25	25.0	1	25
Vegas Robinson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	4	119	29.8	2	59
Opponents	2	17	8.5	0	15

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					DXP	Saf	Pts
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
Lee Suggs	22	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	132	
Carter Warley	0	7-12	34-35	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	55	
Kevin Jones	9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	54	
Ernest Wilford	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	42	
Nic Schmitt	0	2-6	14-14	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	20	
Bryan Randall	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-3	0	0	18	
DeAngelo Hall	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18	
Alex Markogiannakis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Willie Pile	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Jeff King	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Keith Willis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Shawn Witten	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
John Candelas	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Darryl Tapp	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Jason Lallis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Mike Imoh	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Doug Easlick	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6	
Jon Mollerup	0	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4	
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	2	4	
Richard Johnson	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2	
Total	54	10-20	49-51	0-0	1	1-3	0	2	409	
Opponents	33	7-13	27-29	1-2	1	1-2	0	0	250	

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Bryan Randall	13	388	527	1957	2484	191.1
Lee Suggs	13	238	1255	0	1255	96.5
Kevin Jones	12	149	836	0	836	69.7
Grant Noel	5	19	-2	86	84	16.8
Doug Easlick	13	17	76	0	76	5.8
Cedric Humes	13	16	68	0	68	5.2
Mike Imoh	5	10	38	0	38	7.6
John Candelas	2	7	26	0	26	13.0
Josh Spence	9	4	26	0	26	2.9
Richard Johnson	13	3	22	0	22	1.7
Will Hunt	3	6	11	9	20	6.7
TEAM	13	11	-10	0	-10	-0.8
Total	13	868	2873	2052	4925	378.8
Opponents	13	866	1473	2900	4373	336.4

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
Carter Warley	7-12	58.3	0-0	3-5	1-2	3-5	0-0	43	1
Jon Mollerup	1-2	50.0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	0-0	37	0
Nic Schmitt	2-6	33.3	0-0	2-2	0-1	0-3	0-0	22	0

FG SEQUENCE	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Arkansas State	-	-
LSU	(41)	-
Marshall	(42),(43),40	21
Texas A&M	21,(22),(26),22	(43)
Western Michigan	(37),42	33,49
Boston College	41	37,(49)
Rutgers	36	-
Temple	(21),42,(22)	(36)
Pittsburgh	42	28
Syracuse	46,36	(30),(26),33,(38)
West Virginia	(34)	-
Virginia	-	(20)
Miami	(20)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Vinnie Burns	61	2471	40.5	58	6	7	22	0
TEAM	2	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	2
Total	63	2472	39.2	58	6	7	22	2
Opponents	76	2837	37.3	64	7	7	12	5

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Lee Suggs	13	1255	126	0	114	0	1495	115.0
Ernest Wilford	13	0	875	32	0	0	907	69.8
Kevin Jones	12	836	14	0	0	0	850	70.8
Richard Johnson	13	22	147	100	485	0	754	58.0
Bryan Randall	13	527	0	0	0	0	527	40.5
DeAngelo Hall	11	0	0	352	0	100	452	41.1
Shawn Witten	13	0	258	0	0	0	258	19.8
Doug Easlick	13	76	108	0	10	0	194	14.9
Willie Pile	13	0	0	0	0	171	171	13.2
Keith Willis	13	0	168	0	0	0	168	12.9
Cedric Humes	13	68	76	0	16	0	160	12.3
Terrell Parham	12	0	121	0	0	0	121	10.1
Justin Hamilton	12	0	49	46	0	0	95	7.9
Mike Imoh	5	38	28	0	0	0	66	13.2
Ronyell Whitaker	11	0	0	0	0	56	56	5.1
Josh Spence	9	26	18	0	0	0	44	4.9
Nathaniel Adibi	13	0	0	30	0	0	30	2.3
Chris Shreve	10	0	26	0	0	0	26	2.6
John Candelas	2	26	0	0	0	0	26	13.0
Mikal Baaqee	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.1
Jared Mazzetta	10	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.9
Jeff King	13	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.5
Will Hunt	3	11	0	0	0	0	11	3.7
Darryl Tapp	13	0	0	11	0	0	11	0.8
Vegas Robinson	10	0	0	0	0	10	10	1.0
Jimmy F. Williams	13	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.7
Garnell Wilds	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.6
Jason Lallis	11	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1
Grant Noel	5	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.4
TEAM	13	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-0.8
Total	13	2873	2052	572	625	379	6501	500.1
Opponents	13	1473	2900	338	1149	100	5960	458.5

BIG EAST Conference

Final 2002 Standings

	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Miami	7-0	1.000	12-0	1.000
West Virginia	6-1	.857	9-3	.750
Pittsburgh	5-2	.714	8-4	.667
Virginia Tech	3-4	.429	9-4	.692
Boston College	3-4	.429	8-4	.667
Temple	2-5	.286	4-8	.333
Syracuse	2-5	.286	4-8	.333
Rutgers	0-7	.000	1-11	.083

The BIG EAST Bowl Schedule

Motor City Bowl, Detroit, Mich.

Boston College vs. Toledo (ESPN) 5 p.m., ET, Dec. 26

Insight Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.

Pittsburgh vs. Oregon State (ESPN) 8 p.m., ET, Dec. 26

Continental Tire Bowl, Charlotte, N.C.

West Virginia vs. Virginia (ESPN2) 11 a.m., ET, Dec. 28

Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, San Francisco, Calif.

Virginia Tech vs. Air Force (ESPN2) 10:30 p.m., ET, Dec. 31

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz.

Miami vs. Ohio State (ABC) 8 p.m., ET, Jan. 3, 2003



2002 BIG EAST Football Awards

BIG EAST Offensive Players of the Year

KEN DORSEY, MIAMI
WILLIS McGAHEE, MIAMI

BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year

DAN KLECKO, TEMPLE

BIG EAST Special Teams Players of the Year

ANDY LEE, PITTSBURGH
NATE JONES, RUTGERS

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year

LARRY FITZGERALD, PITTSBURGH

BIG EAST Coach of the Year

LARRY COKER, MIAMI

First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
WR	Andre Johnson	Miami	6-3	227	Jr.
WR	Larry Fitzgerald**	Pittsburgh	6-3	210	Fr.
OT	Lance Nimmo	West Virginia	6-6	287	Sr.
OG	Bryan Anderson	Pittsburgh	6-5	310	Sr.
C	Brett Romberg	Miami	6-3	290	Sr.
OG	Sherko Haji-Rasouli	Miami	6-6	318	Sr.
OT	Mark Parenteau	Boston College	6-5	292	Sr.
TE	Kellen Winslow	Miami	6-5	233	So.
QB	Ken Dorsey**	Miami	6-5	200	Sr.
RB	Willis McGahee**	Miami	6-1	224	So.
RB	Avon Cobourne	Pittsburgh	5-9	190	Sr.
PK	Todd Sievers	Miami	6-3	214	Sr.
KR/PR	Nate Jones	Rutgers	5-10	175	Jr.

First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
DL	William Joseph	Miami	6-5	297	Sr.
DL	Jerome McDougle	Miami	6-4	271	Sr.
DL	Claude Harriott	Pittsburgh	6-4	245	Jr.
DL	Dan Klecko**	Temple	6-1	276	Sr.
LB	Jonathan Vilma**	Miami	6-2	220	Jr.
LB	Gerald Hayes	Pittsburgh	6-3	245	Sr.
LB	Grant Wiley	West Virginia	6-1	230	Jr.
CB	Antrel Rolle	Miami	6-1	189	So.
CB	Torrie Cox**	Pittsburgh	5-10	185	Sr.
S	Maurice Sikes	Miami	5-11	193	Jr.
S	Sean Taylor	Miami	6-3	220	So.
P	Andy Lee	Pittsburgh	6-2	205	Jr.

Second Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
WR	Jamel Riddle	Syracuse	5-7	173	Jr.
WR	David Tyree	Syracuse	6-2	198	Sr.
WR	Ernest Wilford	Virginia Tech	6-4	216	Sr.
OT	Rob Petitti	Pittsburgh	6-6	330	So.
OG	Anthony Davis	Virginia Tech	6-4	320	Sr.
C	Dan Koppen	Boston College	6-3	304	Sr.
OG	Ken Sandor	West Virginia	6-4	300	Sr.
OT	Carlos Joseph	Miami	6-6	334	So.
TE	Sean Ryan	Boston College	6-5	250	Jr.
QB	Rod Rutherford	Pittsburgh	6-3	215	Jr.
RB	Derrick Knight	Boston College	5-9	205	Jr.
RB	Lee Suggs	Virginia Tech	6-0	201	Sr.
PK	Sandro Sciortino	Boston College	5-10	201	Jr.
PK	Cap Poklemba	Temple	5-11	180	Sr.
KR/PR	Jamel Riddle	Syracuse	5-7	173	Jr.
KR/PR	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	5-11	200	So.

Second Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.
DL	Jamal Green	Miami	6-3	261	Sr.
DL	Louis Gachelin	Syracuse	6-2	284	Jr.
DL	Nathaniel Adibi	Virginia Tech	6-3	254	Jr.
DL	David Upchurch	West Virginia	6-3	280	Sr.
LB	D.J. Williams	Miami	6-2	247	Jr.
LB	Clifton Smith	Syracuse	6-3	251	Sr.
LB	James Davis	West Virginia	6-2	230	Jr.
CB	Shawn Seabrooks	Rutgers	5-10	190	Sr.
CB	DeAngelo Hall	Virginia Tech	5-11	200	So.
S	Willie Pile	Virginia Tech	6-3	205	Sr.
S	Angel Estrada	West Virginia	6-1	200	Sr.
P	Vinnie Burns	Virginia Tech	5-11	190	So.

** - unanimous selection

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RUSHING	Team	CI	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	12	262	1686	6.4	27	140.5
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	12	310	1593	5.1	15	132.8
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	12	240	1367	5.7	11	113.9
SHARPS, Tanardo	TU	SR	12	311	1276	4.1	8	106.3
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	13	238	1255	5.3	20	96.5
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	182	1135	6.2	17	94.6
WILSON, Quincy	WVU	JR	12	130	863	6.6	6	71.9
JONES, Kevin	VT	SO	12	149	836	5.6	9	69.7
MIREE, Brandon	UP	JR	12	194	830	4.3	3	69.2
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	161	618	3.8	12	51.5

PASSING AVG/GAME	Team	CI	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	12	350	194	10	55.4	3073	26	256.1
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	12	372	212	17	57.0	2641	15	220.1
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	12	341	179	12	52.5	2600	21	216.7
MCGANN, Mike	TU	SO	12	353	173	22	49.0	1994	13	166.2
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	13	225	140	11	62.2	1957	12	150.5
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	198	115	7	58.1	1337	8	148.6
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	241	127	4	52.7	1401	9	116.8
ANDERSON, R.J.	SU	JR	9	134	58	8	43.3	899	4	99.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	CI	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	12	-20	3073	369	3053	254.4
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	12	412	2600	511	3012	251.0
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	12	111	2641	435	2752	229.3
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	13	527	1957	388	2484	191.1
MCGANN, Mike	TU	SO	12	200	1994	448	2194	182.8
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	618	1401	402	2019	168.2
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	24	1337	249	1361	151.2
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	12	1686	0	262	1686	140.5
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	12	1593	0	310	1593	132.8
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	12	1367	0	240	1367	113.9

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	CI	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	12	64	917	11	14.3	5.33
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	11	48	1038	9	21.6	4.36
WINSLOW, Kellen	UM	SO	12	46	604	7	13.1	3.83
HENDERSON, Miqu	WVU	SO	10	38	421	2	11.1	3.80
SLADE, Lamar	UP	SR	12	45	613	4	13.6	3.75
COBB, Zamir	TU	SR	12	45	483	6	10.7	3.75
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	41	626	5	15.3	3.73
WILFORD, Ernest	VT	JR	13	46	875	7	19.0	3.54
DILLARD, Sean	TU	SR	9	31	378	1	12.2	3.44
HEMMINGS, Keith	BC	SR	11	37	488	2	13.2	3.36

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	CI	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Yds/G
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	11	48	1038	9	21.6	94.4
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	12	64	917	11	14.3	76.4
WILFORD, Ernest	VT	JR	13	46	875	7	19.0	67.3
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	41	626	5	15.3	56.9
SLADE, Lamar	UP	SR	12	45	613	4	13.6	51.1
WINSLOW, Kellen	UM	SO	12	46	604	7	13.1	50.3
TYREE, David	SU	SR	12	36	559	3	15.5	46.6
BURKE, Jamal	BC	SR	11	33	498	3	15.1	45.3
HEMMINGS, Keith	BC	SR	11	37	488	2	13.2	44.4
HENDERSON, Miqu	WVU	SO	10	38	421	2	11.1	42.1

ALL PURPOSE	Team	CI	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	12	1686	350	0	0	2036	169.7
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	12	1593	146	0	0	1739	144.9
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	12	1367	345	0	0	1712	142.7
SHARPS, Tanardo	TU	SR	12	1276	205	0	0	1481	123.4
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	13	1255	126	0	114	1495	115.0
RHODES, Damien	SU	FR	12	568	108	3	589	1268	105.7
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	1135	62	0	1	1198	99.8
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	11	-2	1038	0	52	1088	98.9
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	38	626	316	0	980	89.1
GEATHERS, Jason	UM	JR	12	398	99	0	521	1018	84.8

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	CI	G	Int	Yds	TD
PILE, Willie	VT	SR	13	4	171	1
HALL, DeAngelo	VT	SO	12	4	100	1
HAW, Brandon	RU	SR	12	4	17	0
ADDAE, Jahmile	WVU	SO	12	4	14	0
WILDS, Garnell	VT	JR	13	4	8	0
FULLER, Vincent	VT	SO	13	4	0	0
SIKES, Maurice	UM	JR	12	3	150	2
SPENCER, S.	UP	JR	12	3	49	0
PARENT, Ralph	BC	SO	12	3	35	0
JACKSON, Yazid	TU	JR	12	3	27	0

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	CI	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	12	350	194	10	55.4	3073	26	148.0
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	13	225	140	11	62.2	1957	12	143.1
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	12	341	179	12	52.5	2600	21	129.8
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	198	115	7	58.1	1337	8	121.1
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	12	372	212	17	57.0	2641	15	120.8
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	241	127	4	52.7	1401	9	110.5
ANDERSON, R.J.	SU	JR	9	134	58	8	43.3	899	4	97.5
MCGANN, Mike	TU	SO	12	353	173	22	49.0	1994	13	96.1

PUNT RETURN AVG	Team	CI	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
HALL, DeAngelo	VT	SO	12	22	352	2	16.0
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	23	316	1	13.7
PARRISH, Roscoe	UM	FR	12	25	336	0	13.4
BURKE, Jamal	BC	SR	11	24	286	1	11.9
SANDS, Ethenic	UM	SR	12	17	169	0	9.9
COBB, Zamir	TU	SR	12	23	222	0	9.7
FRAZIER, Lance	WVU	JR	12	30	208	0	6.9
SEABROOKS, Shawn	RU	SR	12	19	97	1	5.1
GAINES, Billy	UP	FR	9	27	133	0	4.9

PUNTING	Team	CI	G	Punt	Yds	Avg
LEE, Andy	UP	JR	12	66	2860	43.3
CAPSHAW, F.	UM	SR	12	50	2052	41.0
BURNS, Vinnie	VT	SO	13	61	2471	40.5
BARR, Mike	RU	SR	12	92	3707	40.3
SHAFER, Mike	SU	SR	12	69	2707	39.2
RINGWELSKI, Gar	TU	JR	11	47	1819	38.7
McMYLER, Kevin	BC	SR	12	55	2048	37.2
FAZZOLARI, Mark	WVU	SR	12	52	1905	36.6

SCORING	Team	CI	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	12	27	0	0	162	13.5
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	13	22	0	0	132	10.2
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	17	2	0	104	8.7
SIEVERS, Todd	UM	SR	12	0	63	12	99	8.2
SCIORTINO, Sand	BC	JR	12	0	32	20	92	7.7
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	12	15	0	0	90	7.5
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	12	13	0	0	78	6.5
JAMES, Todd	WVU	JR	12	0	45	10	75	6.2
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	12	0	0	72	6.0
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	12	11	0	0	66	5.5

SCORING (TDs)	Team	CI	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	12	27	27	0	0	0	162	13.5
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	13	22	20	2	0	0	132	10.2
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	17	17	0	0	1	104	8.7
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	12	15	15	0	0	0	90	7.5
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	12	13	11	2	0	0	78	6.5
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	12	12	12	0	0	0	72	6.0
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	12	11	0	11	0	0	66	5.5
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	11	9	0	9	0	0	54	4.9
RHODES, Damien	SU	FR	12	9	7	1	1	1	56	4.7
JONES, Kevin	VT	SO	12	9	9	0	0	0	54	4.5

2002 BIG EAST Defensive Statistics

TACKLES	Team	Cl	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Total	Avg/G	Sack
SMITH, Clifton	SU	SR	12	LB	89	48	137	11.4	2.0
BRACKETT, Gary	RU	SR	12	LB	82	48	130	10.8	4.0
HAYES, Gerald	UP	SR	12	LB	87	35	122	10.2	2.0
VILMA, Jonathan	UM	JR	12	LB	70	49	119	9.9	1.5
OTT, Josh	BC	JR	12	LB	75	44	119	9.9	0.0
WILEY, Grant	WVU	JR	12	LB	79	39	118	9.8	2.0
MORRIS, Tez	UP	FR	12	DB	66	46	112	9.3	1.0
ESTRADA, Angel	WVU	SR	12	DB	69	41	110	9.2	5.0
DAVIS, James	WVU	SR	12	LB	57	51	108	9.0	4.0
BAAQEE, Mikal	VT	SO	12	LB	65	41	106	8.8	3.5
SEABROOKS, Shawn	RU	SR	12	DB	68	36	104	8.7	1.0
DUMAS, Jameel	SU	JR	11	LB	58	36	94	8.5	0.5
CIURCIU, Vinny	BC	SR	12	LB	59	43	102	8.5	0.0
WILLIAMS, D.J.	UM	JR	12	LB	52	48	100	8.3	4.0
WALLACE, Jamal	TU	SR	12	SAF	65	31	96	8.0	0.0
ADDAA, Jahmile	WVU	SO	12	DB	57	35	92	7.7	0.0
COLLINS, Ben	WVU	SR	12	LB	44	48	92	7.7	0.0
PARENT, Ralph	BC	SO	12	SAF	60	31	91	7.6	1.0
PILE, Willie	VT	SR	13	SAF	61	35	96	7.4	0.0
WALKER, Keelon	SU	SR	12	SS	70	18	88	7.3	2.0
MOORE, Lewis	UP	JR	12	LB	63	22	85	7.1	1.0
JONES, Nathan	RU	JR	12	DB	69	15	84	7.0	0.0
BENDER, Brian	RU	SR	12	LB	57	24	81	6.8	2.0
HUNTER, Will	SU	SR	12	CB	63	15	78	6.5	0.0
BESSETTE, Doug	BC	SR	11	SS	53	18	71	6.5	0.0
COX, Torrie	UP	SR	12	DB	65	12	77	6.4	0.0
LEFTWICH, Terra	TU	SR	12	CB	54	23	77	6.4	0.0
WALLACE, Rian	TU	FR	12	LB	51	25	76	6.3	1.0
BEINECKE, Brian	UP	SR	12	LB	47	29	76	6.3	2.0
THAXTON, Jermai	WVU	SR	12	DB	38	37	75	6.2	0.0
KLECKO, Dan	TU	SR	11	DL	46	22	68	6.2	10.0
TAYLOR, Sean	UM	SO	12	DB	51	23	74	6.2	0.0
ROBINSON, Vegas	VT	JR	10	LB	47	14	61	6.1	0.0
FLORES, Brian	BC	JR	11	LB	37	30	67	6.1	0.0
KING, Brian	WVU	JR	12	DB	57	16	73	6.1	0.0
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	JR	12	DL	44	27	71	5.9	7.5
ALMONTE, Jairo	TU	SR	12	DB	40	31	71	5.9	0.0
SIKES, Maurice	UM	JR	12	DB	32	36	68	5.7	0.0
SCOTT, O'Neil	SU	SO	11	SAF	47	14	61	5.5	1.0
CROCHUNIS, Vince	UP	SO	12	DL	35	31	66	5.5	2.0
JACKSON, Yazid	TU	JR	12	DB	48	17	65	5.4	0.0
MANNING, Brandon	VT	SO	13	LB	35	35	70	5.4	1.0
ROLLE, Antrel	UM	SO	12	CB	46	16	62	5.2	1.5
ORR, Raheem	RU	SR	12	DE	39	23	62	5.2	4.5
GREGORY, Steven	SU	FR	11	CB	49	7	56	5.1	0.0
JOHNSON, Jarvis	RU	SO	12	DB	48	13	61	5.1	0.0

SACKS	Team	Yds	Total	Avg/G
KLECKO, Dan	TU	82	10.0	0.91
ADIBI, Nathaniel	VT	61	9.0	0.69
COLAS, Cols	VT	48	9.0	0.69
GACHELIN, Louis	SU	44	8.5	0.71
GREEN, Jamaal	UM	43	8.5	0.71
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	62	7.5	0.62
McDOUGLE, J.	UM	44	6.5	0.59
WILFORK, Vince	UM	28	6.0	0.55
GREEN, C.	UM	40	5.5	0.55
GUZEK, Brian	UP	38	5.5	0.46
DAVIS, Jim	VT	32	5.5	0.42
JOSEPH, William	UM	35	5.0	0.42
ESTRADA, Angel	WVU	22	5.0	0.42

TACKLES FOR LOSS	Team	Yds	Total	Avg/G
KLECKO, Dan	TU	114	22.5	2.05
COLAS, Cols	VT	73	17.5	1.35
GACHELIN, Louis	SU	61	17.0	1.42
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	84	16.0	1.33
ADIBI, Nathaniel	VT	72	15.0	1.15
JOSEPH, William	UM	60	15.0	1.25
HAYES, Gerald	UP	39	14.5	1.21
UPCHURCH, David	WVU	28	14.0	1.17
McDOUGLE, J.	UM	61	13.5	1.23
SMITH, Clifton	SU	29	13.5	1.12
DAVIS, James	WVU	61	13.0	1.08
WILLIAMS, D.J.	UM	43	13.0	1.08
WILFORK, Vince	UM	39	12.0	1.09
BEINECKE, Brian	UP	38	12.0	1.00
WILEY, Grant	WVU	40	12.0	1.00

Regular-Season Team Rankings

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Miami	12	67	63	0	0	12	1	503	41.9
Virginia Tech	13	54	49	1	0	10	2	409	31.5
West Virginia	12	49	46	0	0	10	2	374	31.2
Syracuse	12	45	38	3	0	11	0	347	28.9
Boston College	12	40	34	2	0	21	0	341	28.4
Pittsburgh	12	36	30	1	0	15	0	293	24.4
Temple	12	29	22	2	0	14	0	242	20.2
Rutgers	12	22	18	1	0	5	0	167	13.9

SCORING DEFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Miami	12	27	23	1	0	10	0	217	18.1
Pittsburgh	12	26	24	0	0	13	0	219	18.2
Boston College	12	28	27	0	0	11	0	228	19.0
Virginia Tech	13	33	27	2	0	7	0	250	19.2
West Virginia	12	33	28	1	0	8	1	254	21.2
Temple	12	46	41	1	0	10	1	351	29.2
Rutgers	12	51	44	1	0	13	3	397	33.1
Syracuse	12	52	47	1	0	15	0	406	33.8

PASS OFFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miami	12	388	212	11	54.6	3391	8.7	30	282.6
Boston College	12	379	218	17	57.5	2668	7.0	15	222.3
Pittsburgh	12	345	181	12	52.5	2613	7.6	21	217.8
Syracuse	12	333	174	15	52.3	2252	6.8	12	187.7
Temple	12	380	186	23	48.9	2166	5.7	15	180.5
Rutgers	12	413	188	23	45.5	1948	4.7	12	162.3
Virginia Tech	13	249	150	11	60.2	2052	8.2	14	157.8
West Virginia	12	259	136	7	52.5	1538	5.9	11	128.2

PASS DEFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miami	12	332	156	10	47.0	1434	4.3	8	119.5
Boston College	12	332	174	13	52.4	1906	5.7	10	158.8
Pittsburgh	12	355	189	14	53.2	2002	5.6	7	166.8
Rutgers	12	333	171	11	51.4	2376	7.1	25	198.0
Temple	12	356	210	11	59.0	2488	7.0	20	207.3
West Virginia	12	393	213	19	54.2	2581	6.6	15	215.1
Virginia Tech	13	424	226	22	53.3	2900	6.8	14	223.1
Syracuse	12	384	223	10	58.1	3645	9.5	22	303.8

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
West Virginia	12	662	3443	5.2	36	286.9
Virginia Tech	13	619	2873	4.6	33	221.0
Miami	12	422	2314	5.5	32	192.8
Syracuse	12	528	2265	4.3	30	188.8
Boston College	12	452	1915	4.2	22	159.6
Pittsburgh	12	506	1743	3.4	12	145.2
Temple	12	474	1647	3.5	11	137.2
Rutgers	12	420	620	1.5	5	51.7

RUSHING DEFENSE	G	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TD	Yds/G
Temple	12	459	1300	2.8	22	108.3
Virginia Tech	13	442	1473	3.3	18	113.3
West Virginia	12	414	1389	3.4	16	115.8
Pittsburgh	12	446	1519	3.4	17	126.6
Miami	12	530	2057	3.9	15	171.4
Syracuse	12	497	2063	4.2	26	171.9
Boston College	12	521	2064	4.0	16	172.0
Rutgers	12	525	2484	4.7	20	207.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
Miami	12	2314	3391	810	5705	7.0	62	475.4
West Virginia	12	3443	1538	921	4981	5.4	47	415.1
Boston College	12	1915	2668	831	4583	5.5	37	381.9
Virginia Tech	13	2873	2052	868	4925	5.7	47	378.8
Syracuse	12	2265	2252	861	4517	5.2	42	376.4
Pittsburgh	12	1743	2613	851	4356	5.1	33	363.0
Temple	12	1647	2166	854	3813	4.5	26	317.8
Rutgers	12	620	1948	833	2568	3.1	17	214.0

TOTAL DEFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plys	Yards	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miami	12	2057	1434	862	3491	4.0	23	290.9
Pittsburgh	12	1519	2002	801	3521	4.4	24	293.4
Temple	12	1300	2488	815	3788	4.6	42	315.7
Boston College	12	2064	1906	853	3970	4.7	26	330.8
West Virginia	12	1389	2581	807	3970	4.9	31	330.8
Virginia Tech	13	1473	2900	866	4373	5.0	32	336.4
Rutgers	12	2484	2376	858	4860	5.7	45	405.0
Syracuse	12	2063	3645	881	5708	6.5	48	475.7

PUNT RETURNS	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg	SACKS BY	G	Tot	Yds
Virginia Tech	13	41	572	3	14.0	Miami	12	46	288
Syracuse	12	31	421	2	13.6	Virginia Tech	13	42	292
Miami	12	48	606	1	12.6	Pittsburgh	12	27	211
Boston College	12	34	342	1	10.1	Temple	12	26	208
Temple	12	30	257	0	8.6	Syracuse	12	26	172
Rutgers	12	33	242	1	7.3	Boston College	12	23	133
West Virginia	12	34	239	0	7.0	West Virginia	12	15	93
Pittsburgh	12	39	220	0	5.6	Rutgers	12		

Tech's Bowl History

With its invitation to the 2002 Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, Virginia Tech will be one of just seven teams in the nation making its 10th straight bowl appearance.

Tech's last win in a bowl game came on Jan. 1, 2001 in Jacksonville, Fla. After a 10-1 effort in the 2001 regular season, the Hokies were rewarded with a trip to the Gator Bowl, where they faced a Clemson team looking to end the season on a good note.

In what turned out to be Michael Vick's final game in a Tech uniform, the Hokies put on an impressive show on offense and defense in rolling to a 41-20 victory in front of nearly 20,000 Hokie faithful and a packed Alltel Stadium.

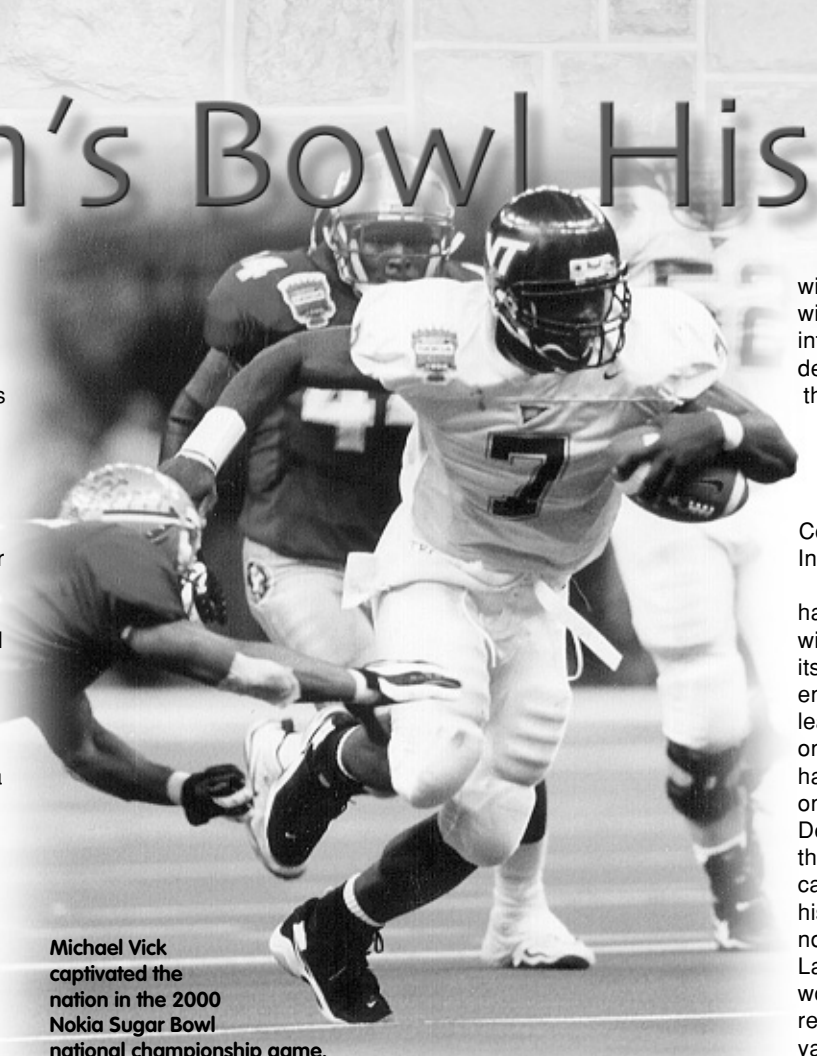
Tailback Lee Suggs ran for three scores and the defense limited the Tigers to 88 yards rushing as the Hokies earned the fifth bowl win in school history.

In the 1999 season, after a perfect 11-0 regular season campaign, the Hokies returned to the Nokia Sugar Bowl — this time to play for the national championship.

Tech once again put on a great show after a furious comeback led by quarterback Michael Vick. The Hokies led heavily favored Florida State heading into the fourth quarter before falling to the top-ranked Seminoles, 46-29.

Tech's 28-10 Nokia Sugar Bowl victory over Texas in 1995 stands alone as the Hokies' biggest win in football postseason play. But the Techmen always seem to find a way to create a special brand of excitement anytime they line up in a bowl game.

The 1995 Sugar Bowl was special, indeed. It was, at the time, the most prestigious bowl appearance ever for the Hokies and they made the most of it. Tech overcame a 10-point deficit to beat Texas and score one of the most stirring



Michael Vick captivated the nation in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl national championship game.

victories in the school's athletic history.

The momentum changed dramatically when game MVP Bryan Still returned a punt 60 yards for a Tech touchdown with 2:34 left in the first half.

Tech gained a lead in the third quarter (14-10) on a 1-yard plunge by Marcus Parker. Then Still got back into the act. He hauled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller on a play that spelled doom for the Longhorns.

It was Tech's defense that accounted for the team's final touchdown with 5:06 left in the game. All-American Cornell Brown picked up his second sack of the game, causing a fumble. Tackle Jim Baron scooped up the ball and ran 20 yards to score.

In 1996, the Hokies played Nebraska in another Alliance bowl, the FedEx Orange Bowl. That game, too, was a pressure cooker from start to finish. Nebraska won, 41-21,

but had led by only three points at 24-21 late in the third quarter.

Other bowl games also have provided high excitement for Tech fans.

Who will ever forget The Kick? It ended perhaps the most stirring bowl game of the 1986 season as Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer booted a 40-yard field goal to vault the Hokies past North Carolina State in the New Peach Bowl. The 25-24 victory came with no time showing on the clock and provided Tech with one of its top moments in football history.

The winning drive started with 1:53 remaining in the game. Tech covered 57 yards in 11 plays to move to the State 23-yard line. In the drive, Tech converted a crucial fourth-and-three to move to the N.C. State 28-yard line with 15 seconds remaining. Tech was whistled for holding on the next play, which forced the Hokies to try for a game-

winning touchdown pass. Tech wingback David Everett was interfered with by a Wolfpack defender at the goal line and that set up the big moment for Kinzer.

Almost as dynamic was Tech's 45-20 win over Indiana of the Big Ten Conference in the 1993 Independence Bowl game.

The last minute of the first half of the Independence Bowl will be most remembered for its unbelievable action-packed ending. Virginia Tech was leading Indiana, 14-13, with only 35 seconds left until halftime. Indiana had the ball on the Tech 49-yard line, when DeWayne Knight exploded through the IU offensive line to cause a fumble. J.C. Price had his hands on the ball but could not control it. That is when Lawrence Lewis got "the world's greatest bounce," returning the loose ball 20 yards for a touchdown to give Tech a 21-13 lead over the Hoosiers.

The Hokies, however, were not finished with their dramatics. Tech's Jeff Holland blocked a Hoosiers' field goal try with no time left in the first half and Antonio Banks settled under the ball and raced 80 yards for a score to give the Hokies a 28-13 halftime lead.

In Tech's first trip to the Independence Bowl in 1984, Outland Trophy winner Bruce Smith led Tech against the Air Force Falcons. Tech's powerful defensive unit held Air Force to only three first downs in the first half, but the Falcons got rolling in the second half. Quarterback Bart Weiss, named the game's Most Valuable Player, was the ringleader as Air Force won the battle, 23-7.

The first bowl bid that Tech received came following the 1946 season, when the Hokies played Cincinnati in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas. An early snow covered Blacksburg that year and

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threatened to end all football practices. Bulldozers and snowplows were used to clear a practice area on the Drillfield and the Hokies got in their bowl preparations. The Tech team encountered more snowy weather when it reached El Paso. The Cincinnati team handled the weather and the Hokies, winning 18-6.

It was not until 1966 that Tech received another bowl bid. This time, the Hokies were chosen to participate in the Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn., against Miami (Fla.). The Hokies were 8-1-1 entering the contest and were led by All-American defensive back Frank Loria.

Miami, ranked ninth nationally, won 14-7, in a hard-hitting defensive struggle. The Techmen scored first on a 2-yard plunge by Tommy Francisco. But the Miami defense held Tech to only one first down in the last three quarters.

Tech returned to the Liberty Bowl two years later in 1968, and squared off against Mississippi. The Hokies were 7-3 after a rocky 2-3 start and were led by another defensive All-American, linebacker Mike Widger. Ole Miss had a quarterback by the name of Archie Manning and he sparked the Rebels to a 34-17 victory after Tech had taken a 17-0 first-quarter lead.

A member of Tech's 1966 and '68 bowl teams was none other than current head coach

Frank Beamer, who was a starting defensive back. He was credited with three tackles in the 1968 game.

Tech next went bowling against Miami (Fla.) in 1980 and lost 20-10 in a hard-fought Peach Bowl contest. That Hokie team sported an 8-3 record and featured one of the finest defensive units in college football.

Tech tailback Cyrus Lawrence emerged as one of the biggest stars of the game. He rushed for 134 yards and scored the lone Hokie touchdown. Ashley Lee, then a freshman linebacker, had 15 tackles for the Techmen.

At the end of the 1994 season, the Hokies fell to a tough Tennessee team, 45-23, in a transplanted Gator Bowl contest at Florida Field in Gainesville.

The high-powered Volunteer offense totaled 495 yards in the affair behind quarterback Peyton Manning (Archie's son) and their highly-touted tailback James (Little Man) Stewart. Stewart, Tennessee's all-time leading rusher, ran for three touchdowns and threw for another score en route to earning the game's Most Valuable Player award.

Tech's Dwayne Thomas would not be outdone, dazzling the 62,200 fans in attendance by rushing 19 times for 102 yards and one touchdown. Thomas had a 1-yard burst for a score in the second quarter and rambled 27 yards to set up Maurice



The participants in the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, Tech and Air Force, played one other time, in the 1984 Independence Bowl.

DeShazo's 7-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

The Hokies made their second trip to the Gator Bowl following the 1997 season to face North Carolina.

The Tar Heels impressed a crowd of 54,116 at Alltel Stadium by passing for 318 yards and grinding out 124 on the ground on the way to a 42-3 victory. Tech was held to a total of 185 yards, its lowest total of the season. The Hokies' only points came on a 40-yard field goal by Shayne Graham late in the third quarter.

Tech bounced back strong in 1998 by capping a 9-3 season with an eye-opening, 38-7, victory over Alabama in the inaugural Music City Bowl in Nashville. A sellout crowd braved freezing rain and a wind chill that dipped below 15 degrees to watch Tech post its first-ever win against Alabama.

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. Tech clung to a 10-7 lead at halftime before pulling away in the second half behind the defensive and special teams play of bowl MVP Corey Moore. The junior defensive end forced an interception that set up a Tech touchdown midway through the third quarter. Minutes later, he blocked an Alabama punt to pave the way for another Hokie TD. Tech went on to secure the win with two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter.

Last season, Tech again earned a trip to the Toyota Gator Bowl, where it faced a tough Florida State team. André Davis had 158 yards receiving in the final game of his Tech career, but the Hokies couldn't hold off the big plays of the Seminoles, falling 30-17.

Virginia Tech's Bowl Appearances

Bowl Game	Opponent	W/L	Score	Date	Location	Stadium	Att.
1947 Sun Bowl	Cincinnati	L	6-18	1/1/47	El Paso, Texas	Sun Bowl Stadium	10,000
1966 Liberty Bowl	Miami	L	7-14	12/10/66	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Memorial Stadium	25,012
1968 Liberty Bowl	Mississippi	L	17-34	12/14/68	Memphis, Tenn.	Memphis Memorial Stadium	46,206
1981 Peach Bowl	Miami	L	10-20	1/2/81	Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium	45,384
1984 Independence Bowl	Air Force	L	7-23	12/15/84	Shreveport, La.	Independence Stadium	41,100
1986 Peach Bowl	N.C. State	W	25-24	12/31/86	Atlanta, Ga.	Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium	53,668
1993 Independence Bowl	Indiana	W	45-20	12/31/93	Shreveport, La.	Independence Stadium	33,819
1994 Gator Bowl	Tennessee	L	23-45	12/30/94	Gainesville, Fla.	Ben Hill Griffin Stadium	62,200
1995 Sugar Bowl	Texas	W	28-10	12/31/95	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana Superdome	70,283
1996 Orange Bowl	Nebraska	L	21-41	12/31/96	Miami, Fla.	Pro Player Stadium	51,212
1998 Gator Bowl	North Carolina	L	3-42	1/1/98	Jacksonville, Fla.	Alltel Stadium	54,116
1998 Music City Bowl	Alabama	W	38-7	12/29/98	Nashville, Tenn.	Vanderbilt Stadium	41,600
2000 Sugar Bowl	Florida State	L	29-46	1/4/00	New Orleans, La.	Louisiana Superdome	79,280
2001 Gator Bowl	Clemson	W	41-20	1/1/01	Jacksonville, Fla.	Alltel Stadium	68,741
2002 Gator Bowl	Florida State	L	17-30	1/1/02	Jacksonville, Fla.	Alltel Stadium	72,202
2002 San Francisco Bowl	Air Force			12/31/02	San Francisco, Calif.	Pacific Bell Park	

Team Bowl Superlatives

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;
qb Grant Noel to fl André Davis vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator (TD)
Opponent: 77 yds., qb Chris Rix to se Javon Walker, Florida State, 2002 Gator (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

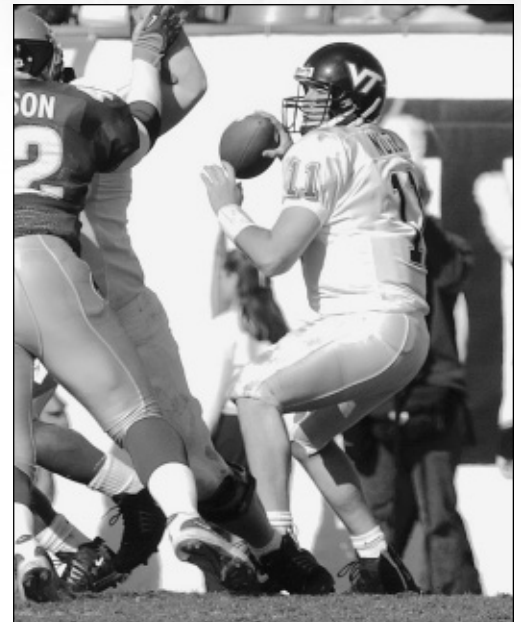
MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS: 34, Jim Druckenmiller, 1995 Sugar
Opponent: 36 James Brown, Texas, 1995 Sugar

MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS: 20, Erik Chapman vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach
Opponent: 20, Chris Weinke, Florida State, 2000 Sugar

MOST PASSING YARDS: 269, Grant Noel vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator
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



Grant Noel set the Hokies' bowl record for passing yards during the 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl against Florida State.



André Davis had a Tech bowl record 158 receiving yards against the Seminoles during the 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl.

MOST YARDS ON RECEPTIONS: 158, fl André Davis vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator
Opponent: 195, se Javon Walker, Florida State, 2002 Gator

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; se Javon Walker, Florida State, 2002 Gator

MOST YARDS TOTAL OFFENSE: 322, qb Michael Vick vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar
Opponent: 307, qb Chris Rix, Florida State, 2002 Gator

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: 3, Xavier Beitia, Florida State, 2002 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, 18 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: 118, Richard Johnson vs. Florida State, 2002 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); Greg Jones (120 yds., Florida State, 2002 Gator)

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); Marcello Church (Florida State, 2002 Gator, set up 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.

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	269 vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator	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	20 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator	120 vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty
POINTS SCORED	45 vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence	3 vs. North Carolina, 1998 Gator
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	5 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator	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	13 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator
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	79 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator
Rushing Att.	23 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar	55 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence
Passing Att.	7 vs. Air Force, 1984 Independence	44 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator
PASSES COMPLETED	5 vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun	21 vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator
PASSES INTERCEPTED	3 three times (1947 Sun, 1995 Sugar, 1998 Music City)	0 vs. six teams
FUMBLES RECOVERED	2 vs. three teams	0 vs. seven teams
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, 2001 Gator)	
PASSING TDS ALLOWED	0 vs. three teams	4 vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar

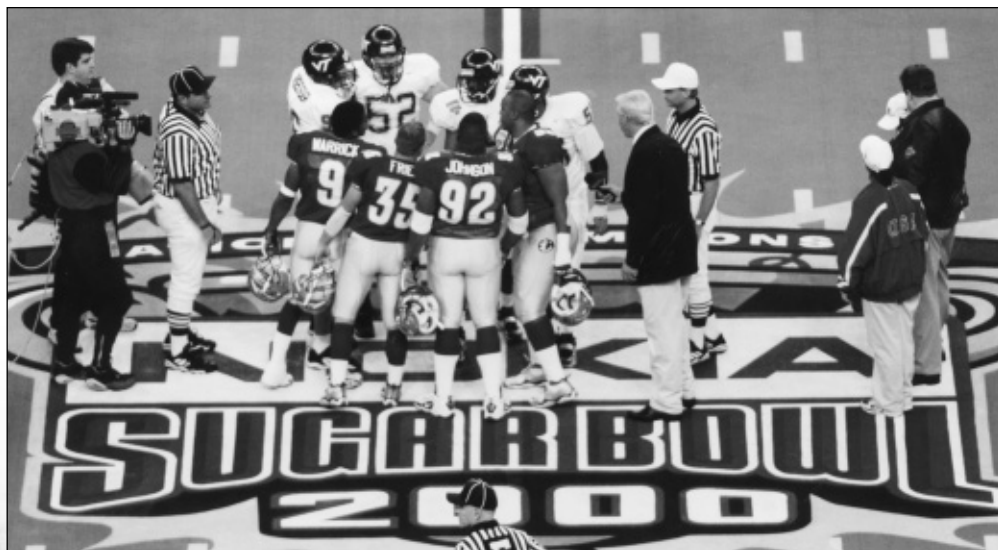
LONGEST TOUCHDOWN DRIVE BY TECH IN A BOWL:

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 A BOWL OPPONENT:

99 yards by Miami, 1981 Peach.

Virginia Tech played
Florida State in the
2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl
national championship game.



Hokie Career Leaders



Cyrus Lawrence



Maurice DeShazo

Antonio Freeman



André Davis



Shayne Graham

Scoring

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	TDs	EPK/other	FGs	TP
pk	Shayne Graham	1996-99	0	167	68	371
tb	Lee Suggs	1999-	54			324
pk	Ryan Williams	1991-94	0	137	39	254
pk	Chris Kinzer	1985-88	0	93	47	234
pk	Don Wade	1981-84	0	98	42	224
pk	Carter Warley	2000-	134		25	209
rb	James Barber	1971-73	30			180
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	30			180
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	29	1		176
tb	Ken Oxendine	1994-97	27			162
tb	Tony Kennedy	1989-92	26	1		158
wr	André Davis	1998-01	26			156

Rushing

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Carries	Tot. Yds.
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	843	3767
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	656	3459
tb	Maurice Williams	1983-86	550	2981
tb	Lee Suggs	1999-	516	2697
tb	Dwayne Thomas	1992-95	576	2696
tb	Ken Oxendine	1994-97	526	2645
tb	Eddie Hunter	1983-86	466	2523
rb-qb	Phil Rogers	1973-75	528	2461
tb	Vaughn Hebron	1989-92	481	2327
tb	Shyrone Stith	1996-99	448	2292

Passing

Name	Yrs. Played	Comp-Att.	TDs	Tot. Yds.
Don Strock	1970-72	440-829	29	6009
Will Furrer	1988-91	494-920	43	5915
Maurice DeShazo	1991-94	397-745	47	5720
Jim Druckenmiller	1993-96	313-582	34	4383
Steve Casey	1978-81	342-647	29	4299
Mark Cox	1981-85	281-518	22	3526
Michael Vick	1999-00	177-313	20	3074
Erik Chapman	1985-87	234-458	20	2996
Todd Greenwood	1982-85	234-443	16	2721
Al Clark	1995-98	193-361	19	2622
Bryan Randall	2001-	152-259	12	2071
Grant Noel	1999-	158-284	18	1971

Pass Receiving

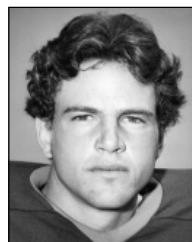
Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Cgt.	TDs	Yds.
se	Antonio Freeman	1991-94	121	22	2207
wr	Ricky Scales	1972-74	113	18	2272
flk	André Davis	1998-01	103	18	1986
se	Mike Giacalone	1979-82	103	10	1384
se	Myron Richardson	1986-89	100	9	1541
se	Donald Snell	1983-86	92	7	1409
te	Mike Burnop	1970-72	90	5	1141
wb	Sidney Snell	1978-80	86	15	1274
te	Steve Johnson	1984-87	84	8	1058
se	Cornelius White	1993-96	78	7	1114
flk	Marcus Mickel	1988-91	77	1	868



Gene Bunn



Don Strock



George Roberts



Jon Jeffries

Total Offense

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Plays	Tot. Yds.
qb	Maurice DeShazo	1991-94	1026	6105
qb	Don Strock	1970-72	974	5871
qb	Will Furrer	1988-91	1047	5782
qb	Steve Casey	1978-81	982	4987
qb	Jim Druckenmiller	1993-96	725	4634
qb	Michael Vick	1999-00	525	4276
qb	Mark Cox	1981-85	754	3890
tb	Cyrus Lawrence	1979-82	844	3767
rb	Roscoe Coles	1974-77	658	3458
qb	Bob Schweickert	1962-64	603	3448

Interceptions

Pos.	Name	Yrs. Played	Int.	TDs	Ret. Yds.
cb-s	Gene Bunn	1976-78	18	0	106
cb	Tyronne Drakeford	1990-93	16	1	144
fs	Willie Pile	1999-	14	2	270
hb	Ron Davidson	1966-68	13	0	174
s	Lenny Smith	1968-70	13	0	120
lb	Mike Widger	1967-69	12	3	220
cb	John Granby	1987-91	12	0	98
lb	Mike Johnson	1980-83	11	1	173
fs	Ashley Lee	1980-84	11	2	351
cb-fs	William Yarborough	1992-95	11	0	30

Punting

Name	Yrs. Kicked	No.	Yds.	Avg.
George Roberts	1976-77	128	5345	41.8
Dave Smigelsky	1978-80	172	7065	41.1
Jimmy Kibble	1996-99	180	7372	41.0
Jack Williams	1951-53	157	6229	39.7
Robbie Colley	1991-94	169	6676	39.5

Punt Return Yardage

Name	Yrs. Played	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
André Davis	1998-01	55	872	4	15.9
John Ludlow	1979-82	136	837	0	6.2
Frank Loria	1965-67	61	813	4	13.3
Billy Myers	1984-87	90	750	0	8.3
Angelo Harrison	1995-98	73	697	0	9.5
Antonio Freeman	1991-94	63	651	1	10.3
Bo Campbell	1989-92	67	587	0	8.8
Billy Anderson	1952-54	43	557	1	13.0
Ricky Hall	1998-99	41	534	1	13.0
Billy Hardee	1973-75	63	529	1	8.4

Kickoff Return Yardage

Name	Yrs. Played	No.	Yds.	TDs	Avg.
Jon Jeffries	1987-91	67	1447	1	21.6
Bob Thomas	1981-84	51	1088	0	21.3
Marcus Mickel	1988-91	47	963	1	20.5
Eddie Hunter	1983-86	38	889	1	23.4
Dickie Longerebeam	1965-68	34	842	1	24.8

The Longest Yards (since 1954)

Running Plays

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
96	qb Bob Schweickert	Wake Forest	11/10/62
89	rb Roscoe Coles	Auburn	10/4/75
88	fb Ken Edwards	Florida State	11/2/68
87	tb Kevin Jones	Temple	11/10/01
82	hb Phil Rogers	VMI	11/15/75
82	qb Michael Vick	Boston College	9/30/00
81	qb Al Clark	Rutgers	8/30/97
77	qb Warren Price	William and Mary	9/16/61
77n	tb Tommy Francisco	Wake Forest	9/18/65
77	qb David Lamie	William and Mary	10/8/77
76	fb George Constantinides	Richmond	10/21/67
76	fb Jarrett Ferguson	Syracuse	11/14/98
75	qb Michael Vick	Temple	11/20/99
74	qb Bob Schweickert	Tulane	11/3/62

Pass Plays

Yds.	Players (Opponent)	Date
91	qb Steve Casey to wb Sidney Snell (VMI)	11/17/79
88	qb Erik Chapman to se Donald Wayne Snell (UR)	11/8/86
87	qb Bryan Randall to se Ernest Wilford (Syracuse)	11/9/02
87n	qb Bryan Randall to te Keith Willis (Syracuse)	11/9/02
85n	qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still (Pittsburgh)	9/30/95
83	qb Treg Koel to se Antonio Freeman (West Va.)	9/26/92
80	hb Phil Rogers to wr Ricky Scales (Virginia)	10/20/73
80	qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still (Boston College)	9/7/95
80	qb Al Clark to fl Marcus Gildersleeve (Rutgers)	8/30/97
78	qb Don Strock to se Jimmy Quinn (Ohio Univ.)	10/23/71
78	qb Will Furrer to tb Vaughn Hebron (West Va.)	10/6/90
75	qb Bryan Randall to se Ernest Wilford (Syracuse)	11/9/02
74	qb Rick Popp to wr Billy Hardee (S. Carolina)	10/6/73
74	qb David Lamie to wb Dennis Scott (VMI)	11/18/78
74	qb Michael Vick to fl André Davis (Rutgers)	10/9/99

Opponents' Longest Plays

Longest run from scrimmage: 97 yards, rb Larry Key of Florida State, Nov. 20, 1976, at Tallahassee.

Longest pass completion: 97 yards, qb Tim Hasselbeck to wr Dedrick Dewalt of Boston College, Nov. 26, 1999, at Blacksburg.

Longest kickoff return: 100 yards, Leon Bright of Florida State, Nov. 16, 1974, at Tallahassee and Jim Stewart of Tulsa, Nov. 6, 1976, at Blacksburg.

Longest punt return: 89 yards, Tommy Warner of Tulane, Sept. 20, 1957, at New Orleans.

Longest interception return: 99 yards, Marcus Mauney of West Virginia, Nov. 23, 1974, at Blacksburg.

Longest field goal: 56 yards, Ken Stadlin of Virginia, Sept. 29, 1984, at Blacksburg.

Longest punt: 78 yards, Mark Fazzolari of West Virginia, Nov. 6, 1999, at Morgantown.



Keith Willis

Punt Returns

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
95	Frank Loria	Miami (Fla.)	11/4/67
87	André Davis	East Carolina	9/7/00
82	Bob Schweickert	VMI	11/28/63
80	Frank Loria	Geo. Washington	9/24/66
80	Frank Loria	Florida State	10/29/66
80	Antonio Freeman	Pittsburgh	10/22/94
77n	Billy Hardee	Virginia	10/19/74
76	André Davis	West Virginia	10/12/00

Kickoff Returns

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
100	Larry Fallen	Clemson	10/7/78
99	Tommy Walker	VMI	11/28/63
99	Eddie Hunter	South Carolina	10/11/86
96	Terry Strock	Virginia	10/21/61
96	Billy Hardee	South Carolina	10/6/73
95	Dickie Longerbeam	Richmond	9/25/65
93	Tommy Francisco	VMI	11/25/65

Interception Returns

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
100	s Keion Carpenter	Miami	11/16/96
98	lb Jamel Smith	Rutgers	11/21/98
96	fs Willie Pile	Miami	12/7/02
95	s Kirk Alexander	Cincinnati	10/19/91
94	s Ashley Lee	Vanderbilt	11/12/83
90	lb Randy Cockrell	Navy	10/3/87
88n	hb Johnny Watkins	William & Mary	10/15/60
88	fs Ashley Lee	Vanderbilt	11/12/83
87	lb Clarence Culpepper	William & Mary	9/23/67
85	lb Mike Johnson	Appalachian St.	10/23/82
85	rov Pierson Prioleau	Boston College	10/8/98

Field Goals

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
61	c Wayne Latimer	Florida State	10/11/75
59	c Dave Strock	So. Mississippi	11/4/72
56	s Paul Engle	Virginia	10/15/77
55	c Jack Simcsak	Kentucky	10/11/69
55	c Dave Strock	So. Mississippi	11/4/72
53	s Shayne Graham	Clemson	9/12/98
55	c Wayne Latimer	Virginia	10/20/73
53	c Dave Strock	Oklahoma State	10/14/72
52	s Shayne Graham	Pittsburgh	10/30/99
51	c Wayne Latimer	Houston	10/12/73

Punts

Yds.	Player	Opponent	Date
78	Gene Fisher	at West Virginia	10/28/67
75	Jimmy Kibble	at Pittsburgh	11/22/97
71	Bill Renner	Appalachian State	10/24/81
70	Jack Simcsak	at Richmond	10/4/69

n: non-scoring plays c: conventional-style s: soccer style

The Last Time

A punt was returned for a touchdown:

VT **Oct. 19, 2002** DeAngelo Hall vs. Rutgers, at Blacksburg, 51 yards.
Opp. **Oct. 10, 2002** Jamal Burke of Boston College, at Chestnut Hill, 83 yards.

A kickoff was returned for a touchdown:

VT **Oct. 10, 1992** Tony Kennedy vs. Louisville, at Louisville, 91 yards.
Opp. **Nov. 13, 1993** Jeyson Wilson of Syracuse, at Blacksburg, 86 yards.

A pass interception was returned for a touchdown:

VT **Dec. 7, 2002** Willie Pile vs. Miami, at Miami, 96 yards.
Opp. **Nov. 3, 2001** Shawntae Spencer of Pittsburgh, at Pittsburgh, 68 yards.

A punt was blocked:

VT **Nov. 30, 2002** Justin Hamilton vs. Virginia, at Blacksburg.
Opp. **Dec. 7, 2002** Quadtrine Hill of Miami, at Miami.

A punt was blocked for a touchdown:

VT **Nov. 30, 2002** Justin Hamilton blocked a Virginia punt and Darryl Tapp returned for a TD, at Blacksburg.
Opp. **Jan. 4, 2000** Tommy Polley of Florida State blocked punt and Jeff Chaney returned for a TD, at New Orleans.

A safety was recorded:

VT **Nov. 20, 2002** West Virginia punter ran out of end zone, at Blacksburg.
Opp. **Oct. 27, 2001** Tech quarterback tackled in end zone by Syracuse, at Blacksburg.

A fumble was recovered for a touchdown:

VT **Oct. 16, 1999** Tee Butler vs. Syracuse, at Blacksburg.
Opp. **Sept. 23, 1978** Tim Wood of Auburn, at Blacksburg.

A fumble or intercepted fumble was returned for a touchdown:

VT **Sept. 28, 2002** Alex Markogiannakis vs. Western Michigan, at Kalamazoo, returned fumble 25 yards.
Opp. **Oct. 12, 2000** Ben Meighan of West Virginia, at Blacksburg, returned fumble 36 yards.

Teammates rushed for 100 yards in same game:

VT **Oct. 19, 2002** Lee Suggs (197) and Kevin Jones (132) vs. Rutgers, at Blacksburg.
Opp. **Oct. 1, 1994** Malcolm Thomas (185) and Kirby Dar Dar (108) of Syracuse, at Syracuse.

A QB surpassed the century mark in rushing and passing in one game:

VT **Dec. 7, 2002** Bryan Randall (132 yards rushing, 165 yards passing) vs. Miami, at Miami.
Opp. **Sept. 28, 1996** Donovan McNabb (127 yds. rushing; 123 yds. passing) of Syracuse, at Syracuse.

This Is Virginia Tech

Since its founding in 1872, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, popularly known as Virginia Tech, has grown from a small college of 132 students into Virginia's largest university and its top research institution. During its 130 years of existence, Virginia's premiere land-grant institution has evolved into a comprehensive university of national and international prominence.

Although Virginia Tech is currently organized into eight colleges – Agriculture and Life Sciences, Architecture and Urban Studies, Arts and Sciences, Pamplin College of Business, Engineering, Human Resources and Education, Natural Resources, and Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine – plans have been approved to restructure the university, which will result in the creation of a College of Biological, Mathematical, and Physical Sciences in 2003. Together, the colleges offer about 175 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degree programs to approximately 26,000 undergraduate and graduate students, who hail from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and 118 other countries.

Many of Virginia Tech's traditions and strengths are rooted in the university's motto, *Ut Prosim* ("That I May Serve"), and its land-grant missions of instruction, research, and solving the problems of society through outreach and extension activities. By generating new knowledge through research and through its outreach mandate, Virginia Tech is a university that puts knowledge to work.

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Charles Steger

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

When Charles W. Steger became Virginia Tech's 15th president in January 2000, it did not take long for this three-time Hokie alum to turn it up a notch. Setting his sights on joining the nation's truly elite universities, President Steger has challenged the university community to become ranked among the top 30 research universities.

The signature initiative of his administration likely will be the Virginia Bioinformatics Institute, a new interdisciplinary research center formed by the convergence of computer science and biological research. Populated by world class researchers, the VBI already has built a contract base of more than \$20 million. Harnessing and manipulating huge arrays of data the VBI studies molecular, cellular, and environmental interactions that affect human health, agricultural systems, and the environment.

Saying that future growth will come only through strategic partnerships, Steger led the formation of the World Institute for Disaster Risk Management (DRM). DRM is a partnership with the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology (ETH) and Virginia Tech, in conjunction with the World Bank Disaster Management Facility.

Within the past year the university has joined hands to form the Virginia Tech Wake Forest School of Biomedical Engineering. Rising out of the ground now at the Virginia Tech Corporate Research Center is the Via College of Osteopathic Medicine. The nation's newest medical school is an affiliate of the university and will cooperate on joint research projects in human health.

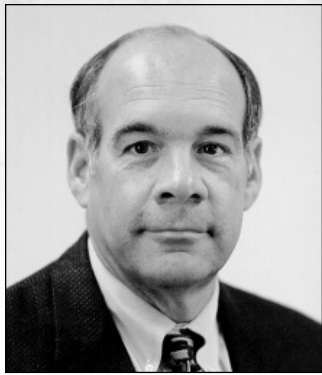
A registered architect and former dean of Tech's college of architecture and urban studies, Steger was the architect of a different sort as



the leader of the university's successful fund raising campaign. Under his leadership as vice president for development and university relations, the Campaign for Virginia Tech raised \$337 million.

Steger's ties to Virginia Tech span four decades as a student, professor, dean, vice president, and now president. While on the faculty, he twice won teaching excellence awards. When he became dean of the college in 1981, he was the youngest architecture dean in the nation at 33 years of age.

Steger received his Bachelor and Master of Architecture and a Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech.



Jim Weaver

DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

James C. Weaver, whose innovative ideas and work as a reformer have made him one of college athletics' most popular administrators, is the director of athletics at Virginia Tech.

Weaver, 57, was appointed on September 24, 1997 and has been a tireless leader in behalf of Tech athletics. In his five years on the job at Tech, Weaver has taken steps to place increased emphasis on projects benefiting student-athletes. He created a comprehensive awards program for letterwinners and has initiated and funded an annual awards banquet.

Among Weaver's biggest accomplishments thus far has been getting Tech admitted

into an all-sports conference. Tech entered competition in the BIG EAST Conference for most sports during the 2000-2001 season.

A top personal priority for Weaver is the continuing improvement of Tech's facilities, where major plans for the expansion of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field are underway. When it comes to athletic facilities, Weaver has a simple philosophy. "As soon as you sit still in terms of facilities, you have taken a step backward," he says.

Weaver was the key figure in reaching a four-year agreement with Virginia in bringing the basketball games back to campuses for the first time since 1976. He also realigned the senior administrative staff to further promote the development of a broad-based athletics department. A dormant Monogram Club was revitalized under his direction, providing Hokie letterwinners

of all eras a renewed link to Tech athletics. He also toughened the Hokies' non-conference football schedules, a move that gained real favor from Tech fans.

Weaver renegotiated Tech's multimedia rights contract with ISP Sports, creating a new business relationship and enhanced revenue for the athletics department.

In the Fall of 2000, Weaver arranged a joint venture with ISP to commit \$2 million to purchase new scoreboards, upgraded sound systems, a 21x28 L.E.D. video display screen at Lane Stadium and two 9x12 wall mount L.E.D. video screens in Cassell Coliseum. A state-of-the-art television control studio provides in-house production and operations for the video screens.

Weaver came to Tech from Western Michigan University where he was director of

athletics from January, 1996 until he came to Blacksburg. Prior to that, he was AD for three and a half years at UNLV, where he reconstructed a troubled athletic department.

"Jim Weaver was the unanimous choice of our search committee," retired Tech President Paul Torgersen said at a Blacksburg news conference when the new AD was introduced. "The committee was searching for someone with extensive Division I experience, a commitment to compliance, a commitment to gender equity, a commitment to all 21 varsity sports and a vision for conference alignment."

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Weaver was recruited to Penn State by Engle. He played three seasons under Engle and one under Paterno, who is still the coach of the Nittany Lions.

Weaver graduated from Penn State in 1967 with a bachelor's in psychology and rehabilitation education. He received a master's in college counselor education, also from Penn State, in 1968.

Prior to landing the athletic director's job at UNLV, Weaver spent nine years at the University of Florida, which was sanctioned by the NCAA in 1983. He was a strong force at Florida in the field of compliance and concluded his time there as associate athletic director.

Weaver was hired at UNLV after a series of NCAA infractions were made public. He implemented a compliance and monitoring program, produced a departmental policy manual and initiated a Life Skills program. He also oversaw the construction of an \$8.5 million athletic complex and a \$1.4 million baseball stadium at UNLV.

Weaver and his wife Traci have four sons – Josh, Paul, Cole and Craig.

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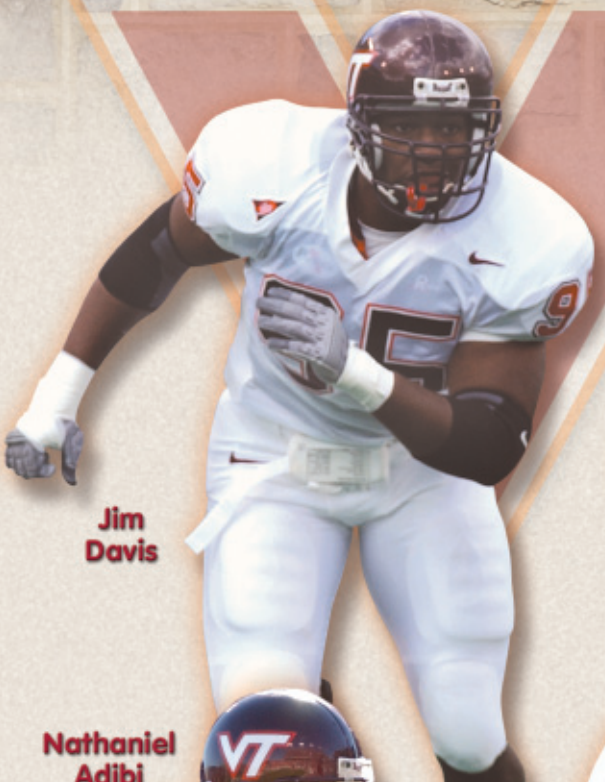


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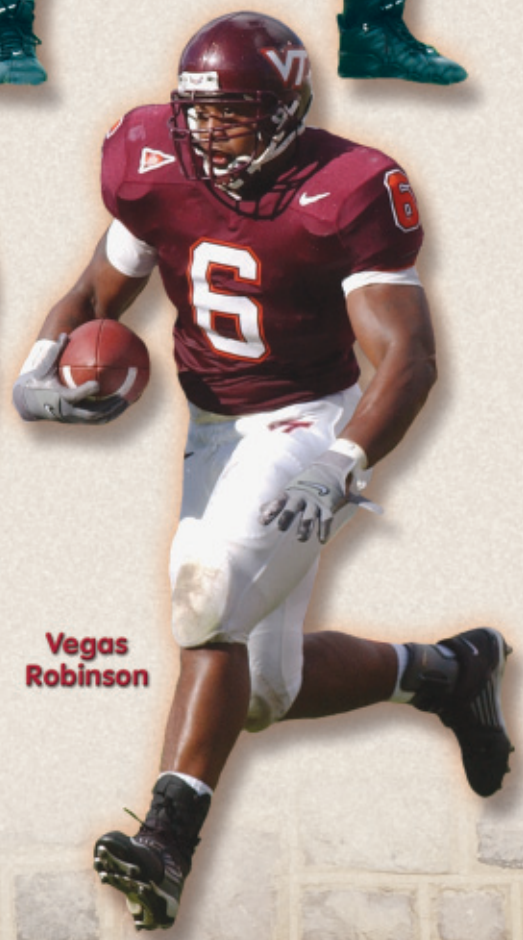
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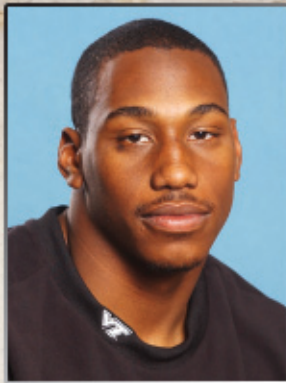
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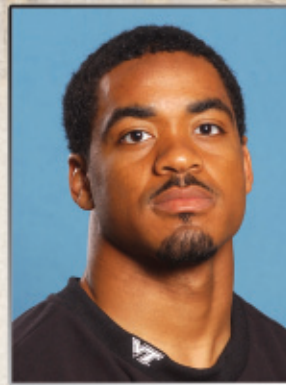
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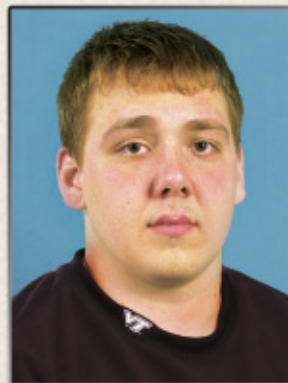
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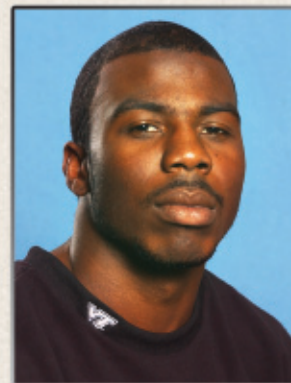
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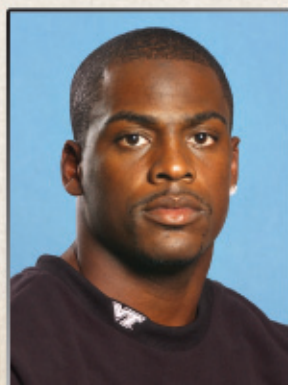
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FL • Elizabethton, Tenn.