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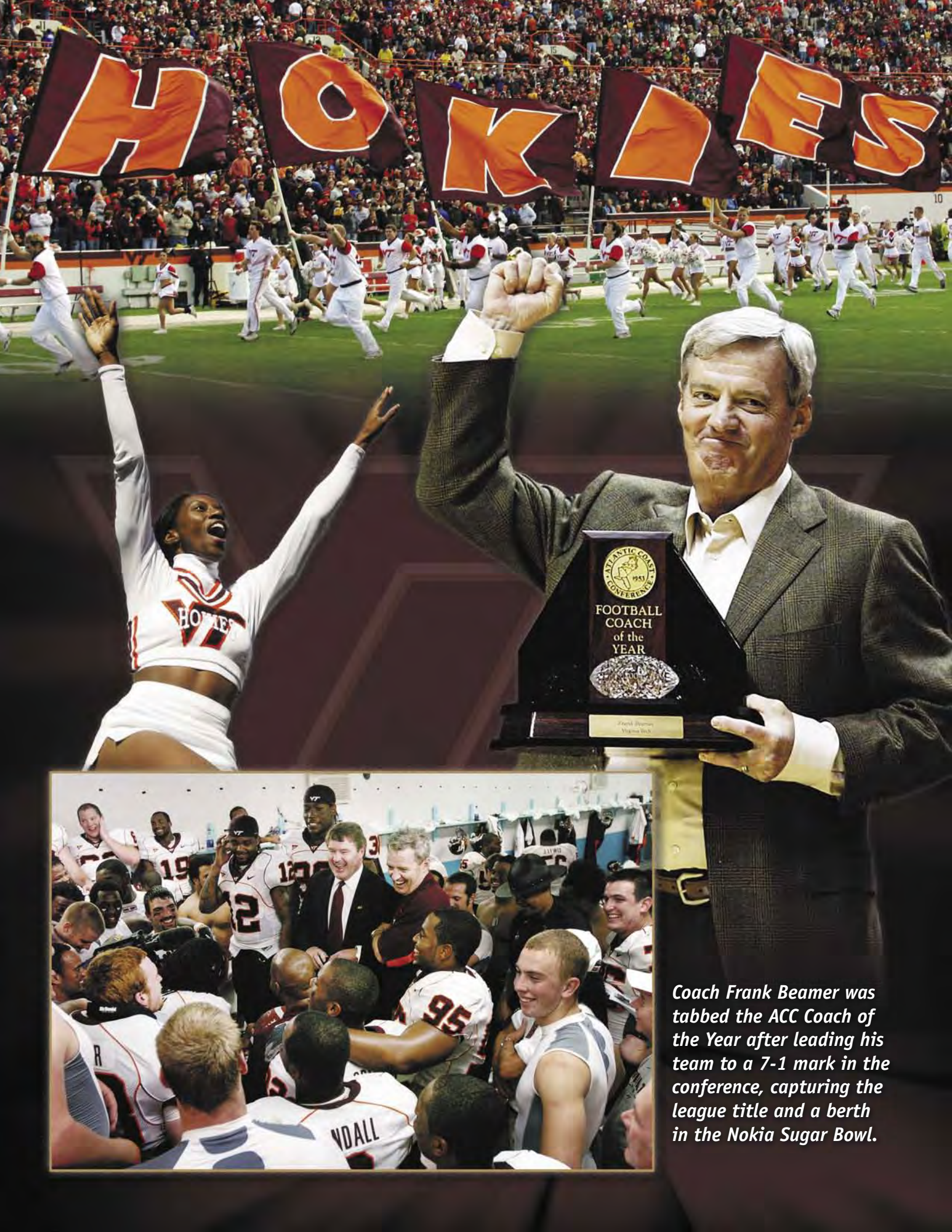
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Montgomery





Coach Frank Beamer was tabbed the ACC Coach of the Year after leading his team to a 7-1 mark in the conference, capturing the league title and a berth in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

VIRGINIA TECH

Quick Facts

Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Enrollment: 28,000
President: Dr. Charles W. Steger
Athletic Director: Jim Weaver
Office Phone: (540) 231-3977
Faculty Chairman of Athletics: Dr. Larry Killough
Ticket Manager: Sandy Smith
Office Phone: (540) 231-6731
Nickname: Hokies
Colors: Chicago maroon and burnt orange
Conference: Atlantic Coast (Coastal Division)
Football Began: 1892
All-Time Football Record: 616-413-46 (111 seasons)
Stadium: Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
Capacity: 66,233
Turf: GreenTech ITM natural grass
Head Coach: Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, '69)
Best Time To Contact: Through SID Office
Record at VT: 135-77-2 (18 years)
Overall Record: 177-100-4 (24 years)
2004 Record: 10-3 (including Sugar Bowl loss to Auburn)
Final Ranking: 10th (AP)
Conference Record (Finish): 7-1 (ACC champion)
Offensive System: Multiple
Defensive System: 4-3
Lettermen Returning: 42 (20 off., 20 def., 2 spec.)
Lettermen Lost: 21 (7 off., 11 def., 3 spec.)
Starters Returning: 14 (8 off., 6 def.)
Starters Lost: 8 (3 off., 5 def.)

2005 SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV
Sun.	Sept. 4	at NC State	Raleigh, N.C.	ESPN2
Sat.	Sept. 10	at Duke	Durham, N.C.	JP/R
Sat.	Sept. 17	OHIO	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPNU
Sat.	Sept. 24	GEORGIA TECH*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 1	at West Virginia	Morgantown, W. Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 8	MARSHALL (HC)	Blacksburg, Va.	
Thurs.	Oct. 20	at Maryland	College Park, Md.	ESPN
Thurs.	Oct. 27	BOSTON COLLEGE*	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Nov. 5	MIAMI*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 19	at Virginia*	Charlottesville, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 26	NORTH CAROLINA*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Dec. 3	ACC Championship†	Jacksonville, Fla.	ABC

* Atlantic Coast Conference game

† champions of the Atlantic and Coastal Divisions

Additional TV & times to be announced

When the Hokies take the field in Blacksburg this fall, Lane Stadium will have a new look, but will still be a loud and raucous venue for college football

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What Is a Hokie?

That's a frequently asked question in Virginia Tech athletics, and 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 that purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Hokie" yell which is still used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was used only as an attention-getter for his yell. It soon became a nickname for all Virginia Tech teams and those people loyal to Tech athletics. The official school colors — Chicago maroon and burnt orange — also were introduced in 1896. They were chosen because they made a "unique combination" not worn elsewhere at the time.



The HokieBird — Tech's lovable mascot

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The Hokies: TEAM UNITED

Virginia Tech combines great coaches, talented athletes, outstanding academics, state-of-the-art facilities, and top-notch support personnel with an exceptional university setting

The Hokies are in their second year of wearing "Team • United" bands. The bands represent the teamwork and togetherness that has epitomized the success of Virginia Tech football over the past decade. The bands were also sold as a fundraiser around campus, on-line and at home games, raising nearly \$32,000 for United Way of Montgomery County, Radford & Floyd.

**2004
SUGAR**

The Hokies' 12th
bowl in a row

ACC Champions!

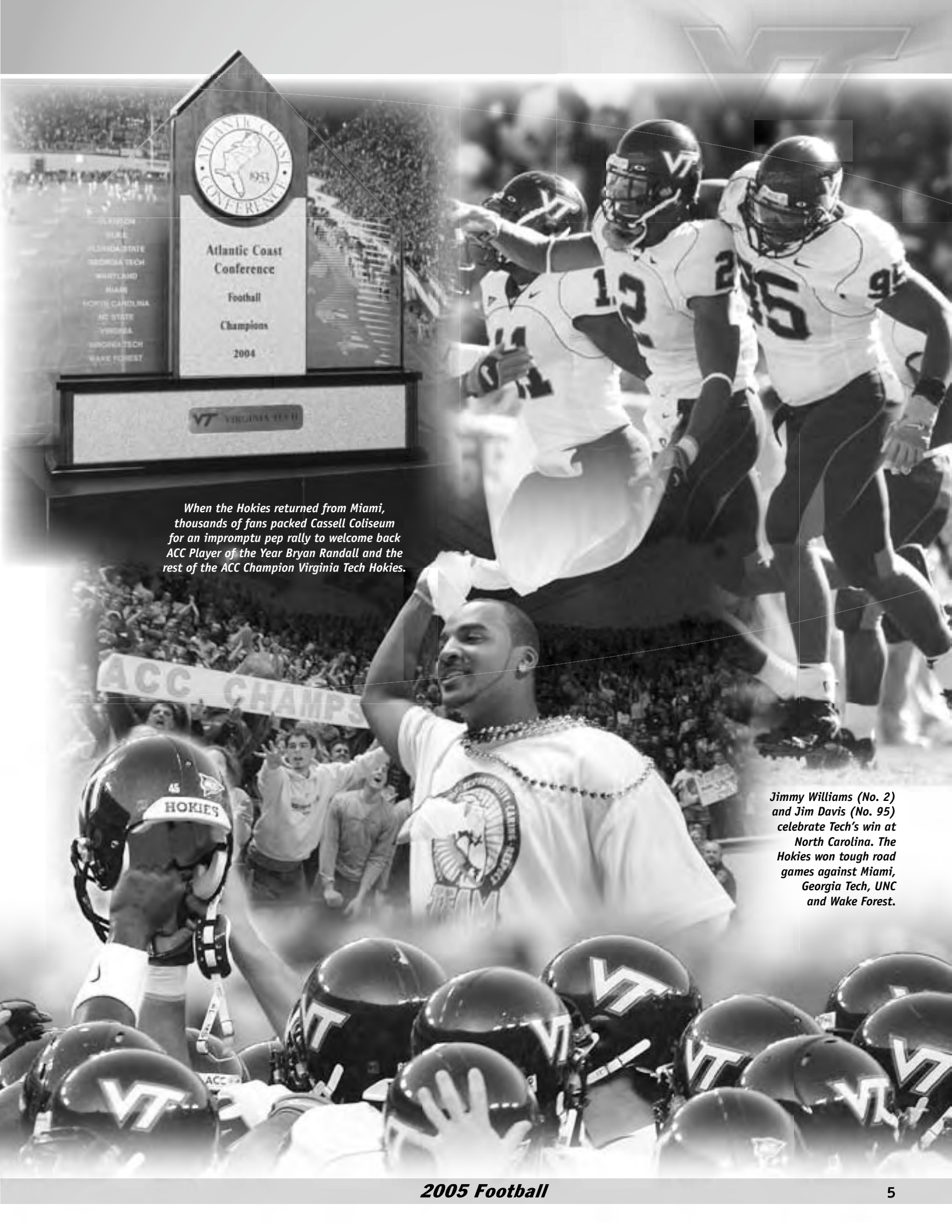
In Virginia Tech's first season as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Hokies won the league title



Virginia Tech had plenty of reasons to celebrate after beating sixth-ranked West Virginia and No. 16 Virginia at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field last year.

Eddie Royal (above) celebrates his game-winning touchdown catch in Tech's 16-10 win at the University of Miami. The win clinched the ACC title for the Hokies and led to a Gatorade bath for head coach Frank Beamer (top right).





When the Hokies returned from Miami, thousands of fans packed Cassell Coliseum for an impromptu pep rally to welcome back ACC Player of the Year Bryan Randall and the rest of the ACC Champion Virginia Tech Hokies.

Jimmy Williams (No. 2) and Jim Davis (No. 95) celebrate Tech's win at North Carolina. The Hokies won tough road games against Miami, Georgia Tech, UNC and Wake Forest.

Excellence in Academics



Pictured with Coach Frank Beamer (center) are 16 members of the 2005 Virginia Tech football team who have either graduated or are on track to graduate this year.

EXCELLENCE ... ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Virginia Tech takes great pride in the academic achievements of its student-athletes, and André Davis and Bryan Randall serve as great role models.

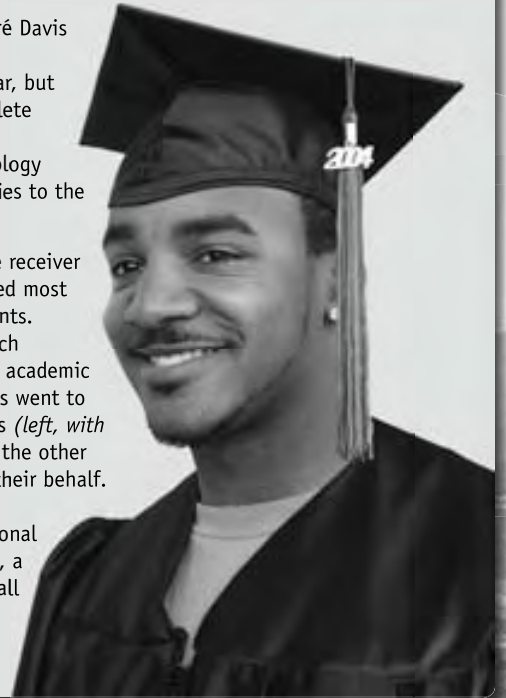
Randall (*right*) excelled as a record-breaking All-ACC quarterback and the ACC Player of the Year, but also got it done in the classroom. He was named to The National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Class of 2004 and received the Coach Eddie Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award.

Randall, who won the Dudley Award as the state's top player, graduated with a degree in sociology in three years and spent his final season working toward a graduate degree while leading the Hokies to the ACC title.



Though honored as an All-BIG EAST wide receiver and All-America punt returner, Davis collected most of his accolades for his academic achievements. He accepted the NCAA's Top VIII Award, which recognizes the student-athlete for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership. Davis went to the NCAA Honors Dinner held in Indianapolis (*left, with receiver coach Tony Ball*) and was chosen by the other seven winners to speak to the audience on their behalf.

He earned an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship which is handed out by the National Football Foundation to all 16 winners. Davis, a four-time member of the All-BIG EAST football academic team, was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns in 2002.



Virginia Tech provides excellent academic opportunities and is a great place to learn and grow

- Virginia Tech Student Athlete Academic Support Services will be moving into a new state-of-the-art academic center in the west side of Lane Stadium this winter.
- Tech's athletic graduation rate is higher than the average overall graduation rate for all Division I universities and has risen significantly in the past few years.
- More than 85 percent of all Tech student-athletes who enrolled during the 10-year period from 1988-89 through 1997-98 and completed their eligibility, have graduated.

Lane Stadium/ Worsham Field

“Blacksburg is a place that has an absolute love affair with its football program. It’s a 100-percent crazy, loud stadium environment. You can go to places with 100,000 people and Tech’s stadium is just as loud, or louder, especially for night games.”

— ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit



The spectacular west side expansion will add luxury suites, a state-of-the-art press box, a new President’s area, four private club seating areas, concession stands, a ticket office, athletic fund offices, an Athletics Hall of Fame and a student academic services area.

The South End Zone, completed prior to the 2002 season, helps give Tech a distinct home-field advantage.



In its 2005 preseason college football edition, The Sporting News ranked Virginia Tech as the top program in the Atlantic Coast Conference in terms of game day atmosphere and fans



Fans and players enjoy "The Walk" prior to home games.

National Exposure

The Hokies have earned media attention from coast-to-coast on the way to winning an ACC Championship, going to 12 straight bowl games, earning high national rankings and appearing in the national championship game

THE HOKIES ON TELEVISION

Overall Television Record.....	98-54.....	.645
Last Six Seasons	49-18.....	.731
Under Coach Beamer.....	84-42.....	.667
Home Television Record	52-17.....	.754
Virginia Tech on ESPN/ESPN2.....	39-13.....	.750



Virginia Tech has a tremendous following of loyal fans that has a reputation for travelling well for bowl games. Some of the 25,000 Hokies in New Orleans (top) joined the team for a Sugar Bowl pep rally. Even more impressive is the tremendous national and regional media contingent that follow the Hokies, as evidenced by the throng surrounding Coach Frank Beamer at a practice (above) and a press conference interview (right) with tailback Mike Imoh.





ESPN GameDay has made three visits to Blacksburg, and has appeared at two other Hokie games on the road.



Senior Jimmy Williams (right) enjoys a light moment with (from left) Boston College defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka, Tennessee defensive back Jason Allen and Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart at the 2005 Playboy Preseason All-America photo shoot in Phoenix this past May.

VIRGINIA TECH IN THE POLLS

During their run of 12 straight seasons earning a bowl bid, the Hokies have been regulars in the national polls.

Year	Final Record	Bowl Game	Highest Ranking	Final Ranking (Coaches/AP)
1993	9-3	Independence	20 (Coaches)	20/22
1994	8-4	Gator	10 (Coaches)	24/NR
1995	10-2	Sugar	9 (Coaches)	9/10
1996	10-2	Orange	9 (Coaches)	12/13
1997	7-5	Gator	12 (Coaches)	NR/NR
1998	9-3	Music City	10 (Coaches)	19/23
1999	11-1	Sugar	2 (both)	3/2
2000	11-1	Gator	2 (both)	6/6
2001	8-4	Gator	4 (Coaches)	18/18
2002	10-4	San Francisco	3 (both)	14/18
2003	8-5	Insight	3 (both)	NR/NR
2004	10-3	Sugar	9 (both)	10/10

- Virginia Tech has been ranked 10th or higher at some point during 10 of the past 12 seasons.

- The Hokies have finished in the Top 25 final poll 10 of the past 12 seasons, finished in the Top 10 four times and ended the 1999 season ranked No. 2 by The Associated Press.



The Virginia Tech team and individual players have received great publicity in the national sports media. Most recently, Jake Grove (right) won the Rimington Trophy in 2004 as the best center in the country. Tech players have also won the Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award, Nagurski Award and an ESPY — as the nation's top college player.



From Tech to the NFL



Former Hokies Bruce Smith and Michael Vick are two of the most exciting players in NFL history.



“It’s always great to have those [Virginia Tech] guys on the team. The recruiters go to Virginia Tech and they see how hard the guys work. There are a bunch of good guys who come out of that program.”

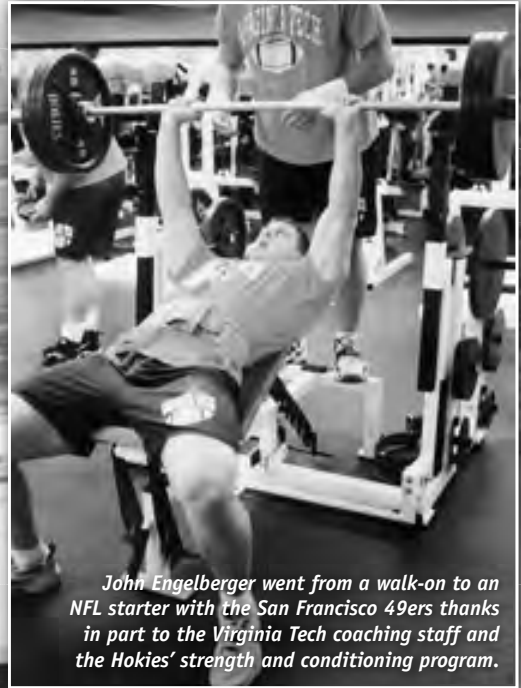
— Michael Vick



Former Tech players Kevin McCadam, Michael Vick, Keion Carpenter and DeAngelo Hall — now with the Atlanta Falcons — on the sidelines during the Hokies’ 34-20 victory at Georgia Tech last season.



In his rookie year in the NFL, Ernest Wilford made a game-winning TD catch for the Jacksonville Jaguars to beat Buffalo as time expired.



John Engelberger went from a walk-on to an NFL starter with the San Francisco 49ers thanks in part to the Virginia Tech coaching staff and the Hokies' strength and conditioning program.



When Virginia Tech's NFL prospects work out on campus inside Rector Field House, it's not uncommon to see representatives — even head coaches — from all 32 NFL teams in attendance.

Virginia Tech has proven to be a great place to develop the strength and skills necessary to play at the next level

NFL stars like Kevin Jones, who rushed for over 1,100 yards last year as a rookie for the Detroit Lions, come back to Tech to catch their Hokies in action.



Lee Suggs, who set an NCAA record by scoring a touchdown in 27 straight games, has gone on to success with the Cleveland Browns. In 2004, he led the team with 744 rushing yards. He had an NFL career-high 186 yards and two scores at Cincinnati in 2003.

A Bright Future

“As much excitement as we have had, and as much as we have accomplished in the last few years, I think our most exciting days are ahead of us!”

— Coach Frank Beamer

Tech's Frank Beamer was named the best head coach in the ACC by *The Sporting News* in its 2005 ACC Preview.

SNEAK PREVIEW

- **Virginia Tech:** Picked to finish first in the Coastal Division and ranked No. 4 in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Picked to finish first in the ACC Coastal Division and ranked No. 10 in the nation by *Athlon Sports*; Picked to win the Coastal Division by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- **Jimmy Williams:** Preseason Jim Thorpe nominee; Chosen as a *Playboy* Preseason All-American; Named a preseason first-team All-American and the No. 1 cornerback in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named preseason first-team All-American and first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*; Named preseason first-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- **Darryl Tapp:** Preseason Ted Hendricks Award nominee; Ranked the No. 6 defensive end in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-American and first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*; Named a preseason first-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- **Will Montgomery:** Ranked the No. 9 guard in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-ACC pick by both *Athlon Sports* and *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- **Brandon Pace:** Preseason Lou Groza Award nominee; Ranked the No. 13 kicker in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named preseason first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*.
- **Jeff King:** Preseason John Mackey Award nominee; Ranked the No. 17 tight end in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-ACC pick by both *Athlon Sports* and *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- Also earning preseason All-ACC second- and third-team honors are: OT Jimmy Martin (No. 17 offensive tackle in the nation by *The Sporting News*), TB Mike Imoh, WR Eddie Royal and DT Jonathan Lewis.

