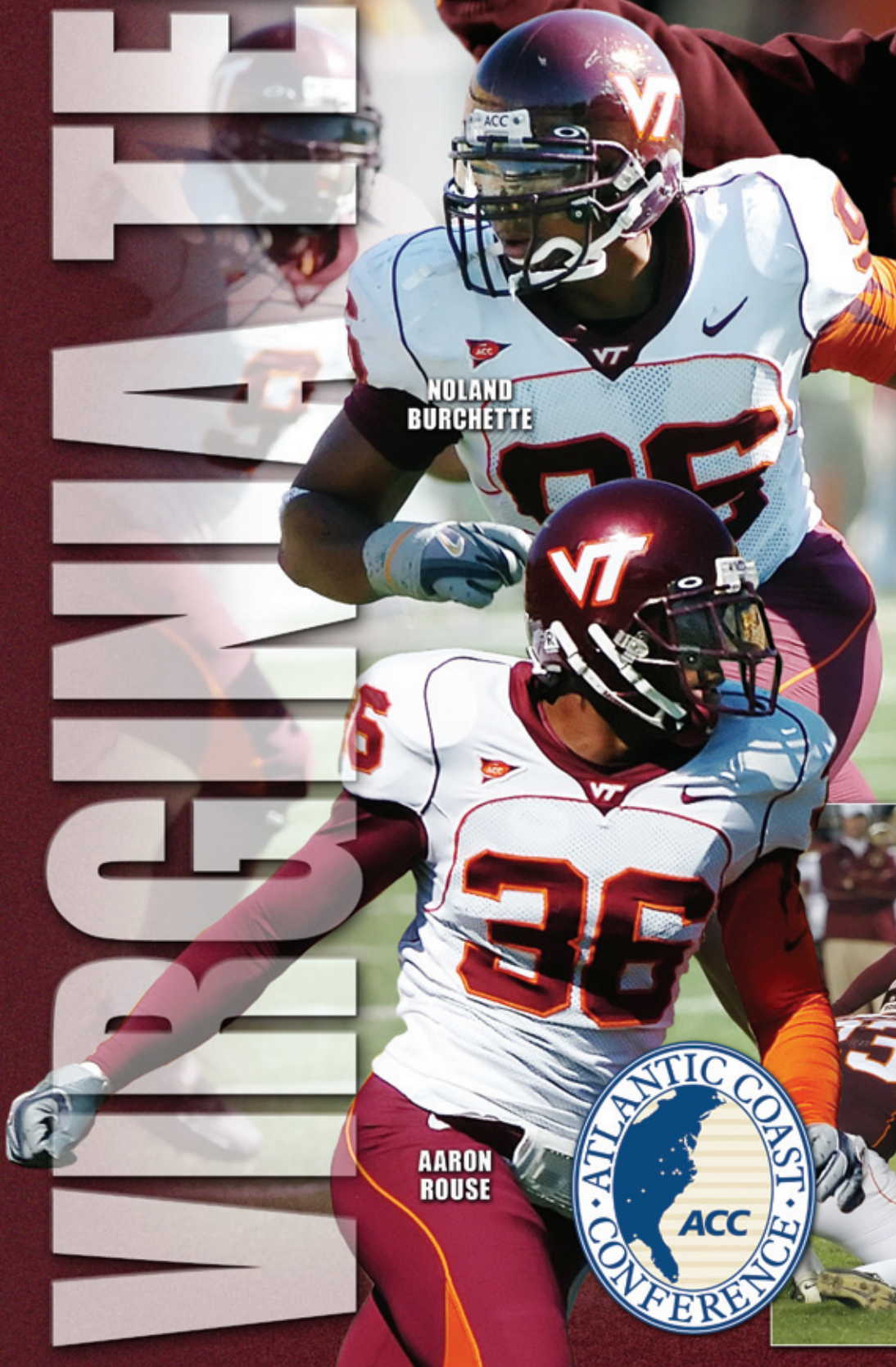


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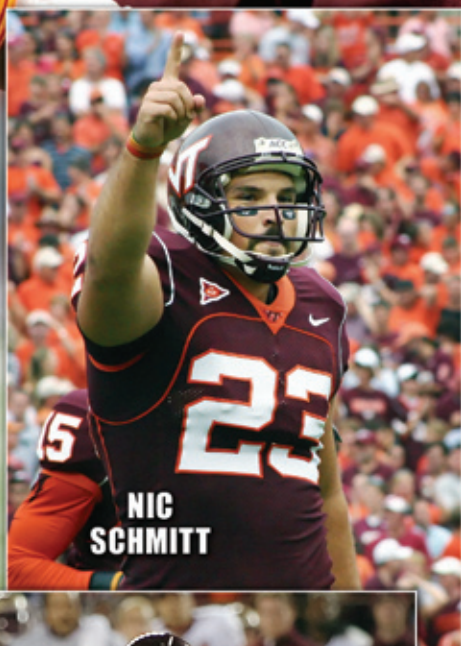


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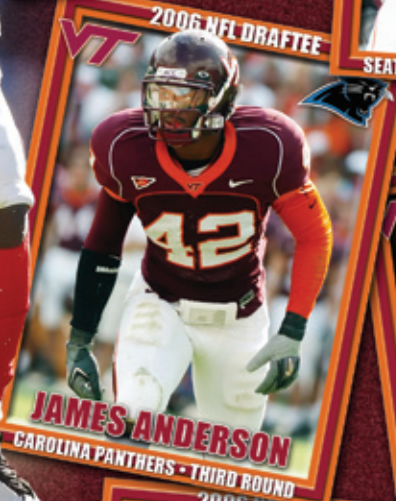
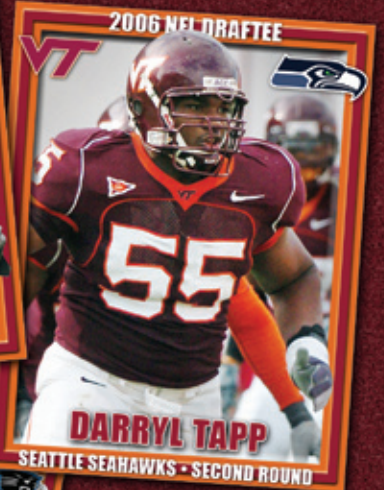
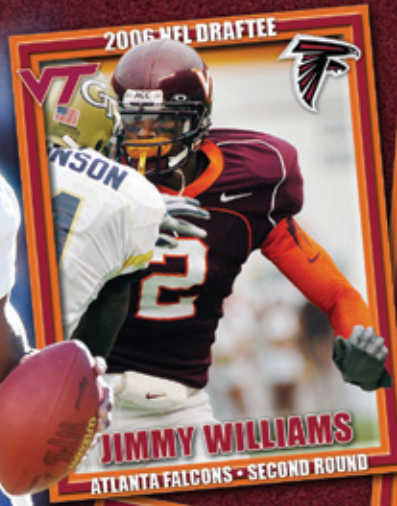
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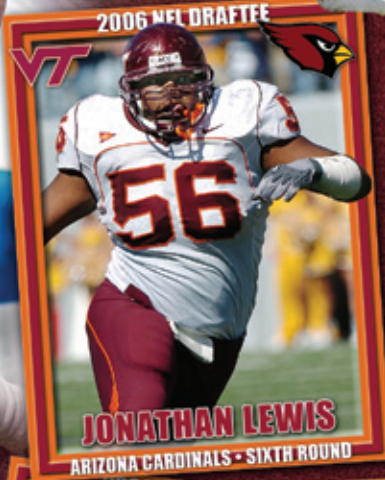
Virginia Tech continues to develop talented players who go on to succeed at the next level. This year, nine Hokies were drafted, joining 56 others who have been drafted under Coach Frank Beamer. Overall, more than 130 of his former Tech players have signed contracts with the NFL.



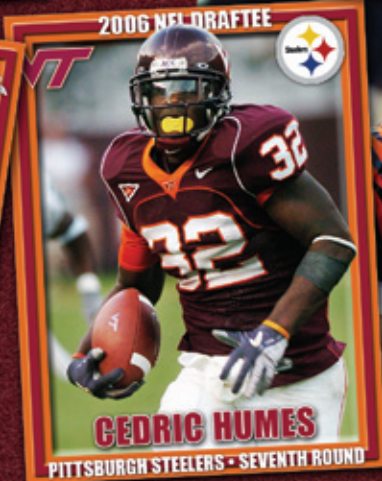
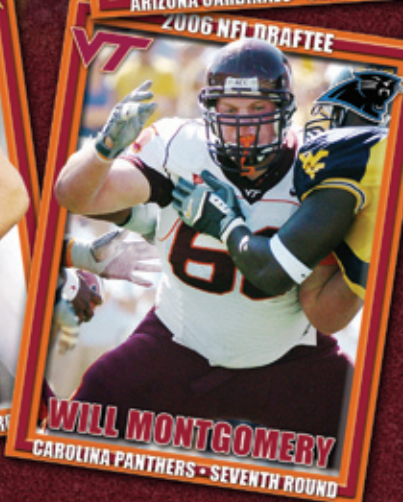
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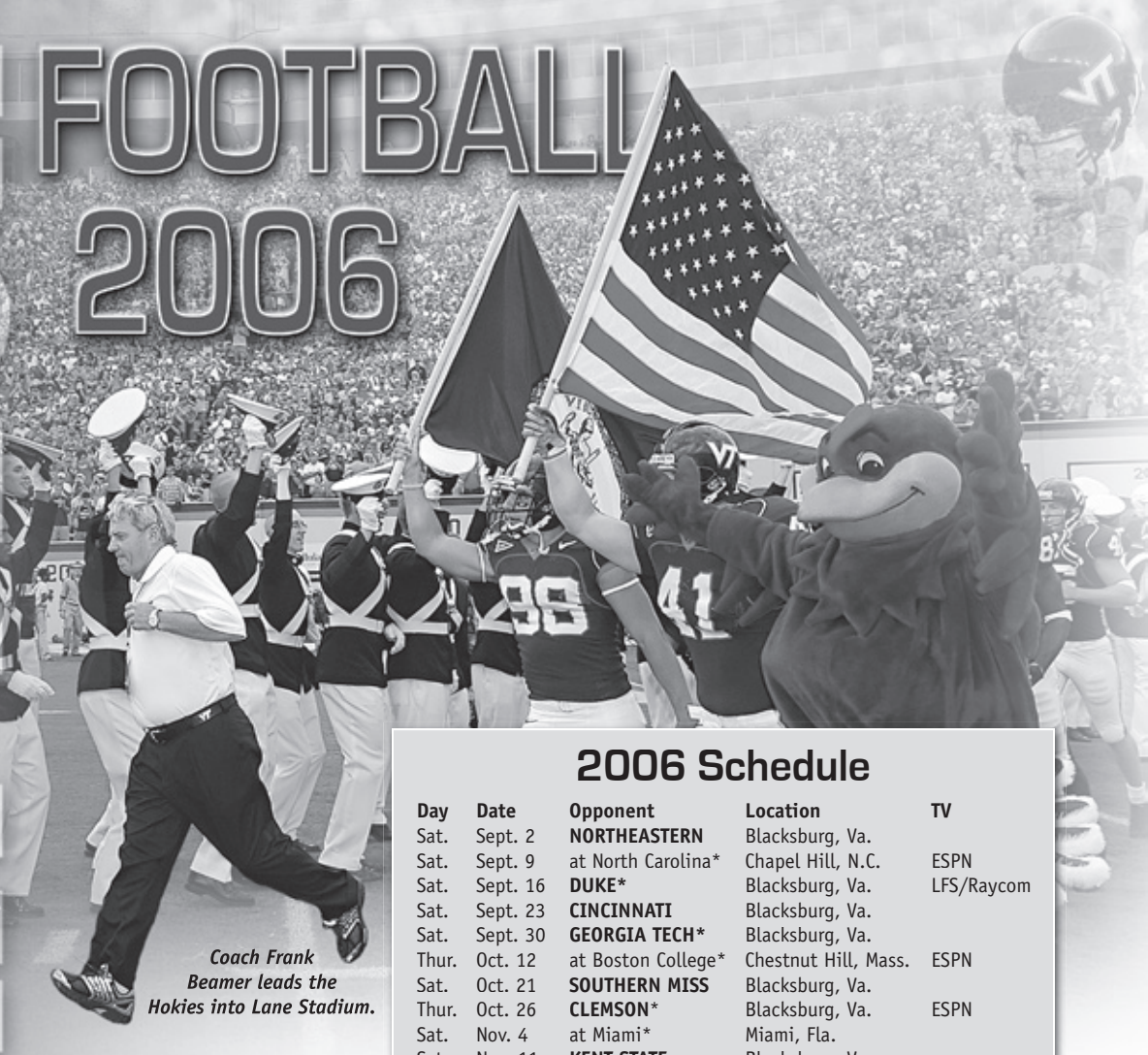


**SHAYNE GRAHAM**  
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*Coach Frank Beamer leads the Hokies into Lane Stadium.*

## 2006 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:** 627-415-46 (112 seasons)  
**Stadium:** Lane Stadium/Worsham Field  
**Capacity:** 66,233  
**Turf:** natural grass (Patriot Bermuda)  
**Head Coach:** Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, '69)  
**Best Time To Contact:** Through SID Office  
**Record at VT:** 146-79-2 (19 years)  
**Overall Record:** 188-102-4 (25 years)  
**2005 Record:** 11-2 (inc. Gator Bowl win over Louisville)  
**Final Ranking:** 7th (AP and Coaches)  
**Conference Record (Finish):** 7-1 (ACC Coastal Div. champion)  
**Offensive System:** Multiple  
**Defensive System:** 4-3  
**Lettermen Returning:** 37 (13 off., 20 def., 4 spec.)  
**Lettermen Lost:** 22 (13 off., 8 def., 1 spec.)  
**Starters Returning:** 9 (4 off., 5 def.)  
**Starters Lost:** 13 (7 off., 6 def.)

## 2006 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV
Sat.	Sept. 2	<b>NORTHEASTERN</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Sept. 9	at North Carolina*	Chapel Hill, N.C.	ESPN
Sat.	Sept. 16	<b>DUKE*</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	LFS/Raycom
Sat.	Sept. 23	<b>CINCINNATI</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Sept. 30	<b>GEORGIA TECH*</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Thur.	Oct. 12	at Boston College*	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	ESPN
Sat.	Oct. 21	<b>SOUTHERN MISS</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Thur.	Oct. 26	<b>CLEMSON*</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Nov. 4	at Miami*	Miami, Fla.	
Sat.	Nov. 11	<b>KENT STATE</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 18	at Wake Forest*	Winston-Salem, N.C.	
Sat.	Nov. 25	<b>VIRGINIA*</b>	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Dec. 2	ACC Championship†	Jacksonville, Fla.	

\*ACC game Home games in **BOLD CAPS** Times & TV to be announced  
 †champions of the Atlantic and Coastal Divisions



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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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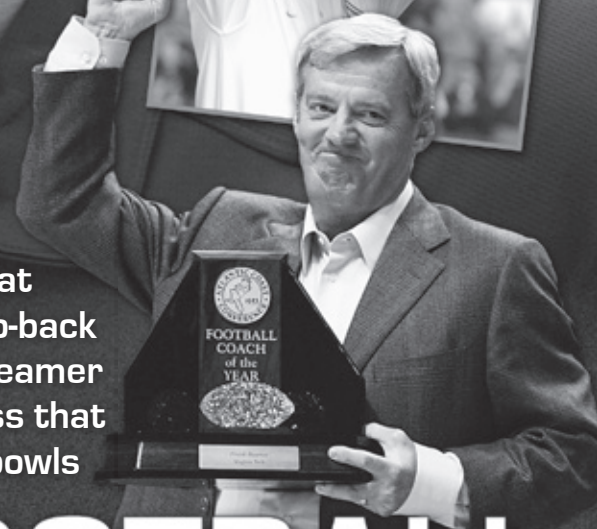
# VIRGINIA TECH



*Sugar Bowl*



Heading into his 20th year at the helm for the Hokies, back-to-back ACC Coach of the Year Frank Beamer is poised to continue the success that has earned Tech 13 straight bowls



# 2006 FOOTBALL

# VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL: A SUCCESS STORY

The Hokies haven't missed a beat since stepping into the Atlantic Coast Conference two seasons ago, winning the league title in 2004 and claiming the Coastal Division crown in 2005

*Vince Hall scores on an interception return in Tech's 30-10 win over then-No. 13 Boston College last year. The Hokies have scored 65 touchdowns on defense under Coach Frank Beamer.*



*Coach Frank Beamer thanks the Hokie fans after Tech's 34-17 win at West Virginia. That turned out to be the Mountaineers' only defeat last year.*

*Virginia Tech has led the ACC in scoring defense each of its two years in the league, and led the nation in total defense in 2005.*



*Branden Ore and Jesse Allen celebrate a touchdown in Tech's 52-14 win at Virginia last year. The Hokies are undefeated in road contests during their two seasons in the ACC.*



*Virginia Tech won the Coastal Division in 2005 and played in the inaugural ACC Championship game.*



*The Hokies won the 2006 Toyota Gator Bowl, coming from behind to beat Louisville, 35-24. The bowl appearance was the 13th in a row for Tech.*

# VIRGINIA TECH: INVENT THE FUTURE

The university provides excellent academic opportunities and is a great place to learn and grow



*The west side expansion of Lane Stadium is the new home of Student Athlete Academic Support Services.*



*Student Athlete Academic Support Services provides Hokies what they need to be successful in the classroom. Tech was honored by the American Football Coaches Association for having a graduation rate of more than 70-percent last 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.

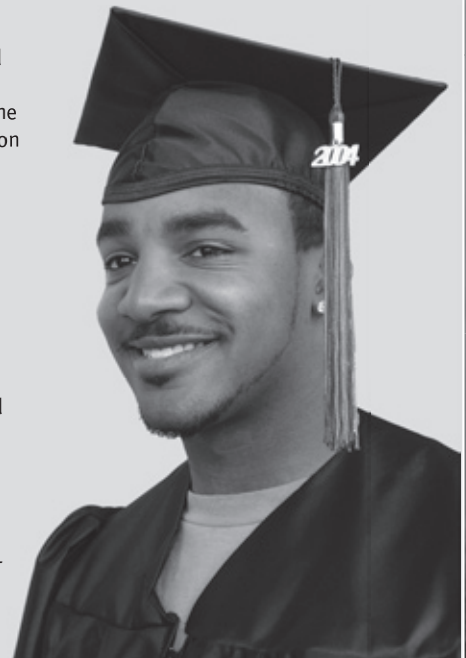
Randall (*right*) excelled as a record-breaking All-ACC quarterback and the ACC Player of the Year, but also got it done in the classroom. He was named to The National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Class of 2004 and received the Coach Eddie Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award.

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*) 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.



Of the teams that finished in the Top 10 of the final USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Poll last season, Virginia Tech was ranked second in football player graduation rate



The beautiful Virginia Tech campus, set in the classic college town of Blacksburg, is a great place to get an education.



# LANE STADIUM/ WORSHAM FIELD

Last year, rivals.com ranked Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium as the top home field advantage in Division I-A football. According to the site, "Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va., doesn't blow people away by the brute strength of a massive stadium, but with knowledgeable fans that always reach a frenzied pitch at the right time, the Hokies make the most of their numbers."

*The spirit and excitement in Lane Stadium on a fall day or night is second to none.*

**"Lane Stadium: Loud and nasty ... the place sizzles. I think this is one of the more underrated places in the country."  
— Bruce Feldman, ESPN.com**



*The new configuration of Lane Stadium increases the capacity to 66,233.*



**“Their fans, when you break the huddle offensively, are just boisterous. Boisterous until the ball is snapped. They are very, very, very loud, and they stay that way for 60 minutes. That was really impressive.”**

**— NC State coach Chuck Amato**



*Tech fans are known as some of the most loyal and frenetic in the nation.*

# TECH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Hokies have routinely been at the top of the charts on the way to winning an ACC Championship, going to 13 straight bowl games, earning high national rankings every season and appearing in the national championship game

## TOP 25

Virginia Tech has been a regular in the national polls, winning an average of 9.38 games per year during the current streak of 13 bowl games in a row.

The Hokies have been ranked 10th or higher in 11 of the past 13 seasons, finished in the Top 25 during 11 of those seasons, have been in the final Top 10 four times, and finished No. 2 in 1999

Virginia Tech is one of just four schools to go to bowl games in each of the past 13 seasons, joining Florida, Florida State and Michigan.

More details on Virginia Tech and the national rankings can be found on page 180.

**No. 20**  
(Coaches)

This graph represents the highest ranking the Hokies achieved in each of the past 13 seasons.

**No. 10**  
(Coaches)

*Cornell Brown was named National Defensive Player of the Year by the Football News following the 1995 season.*

**No. 9**  
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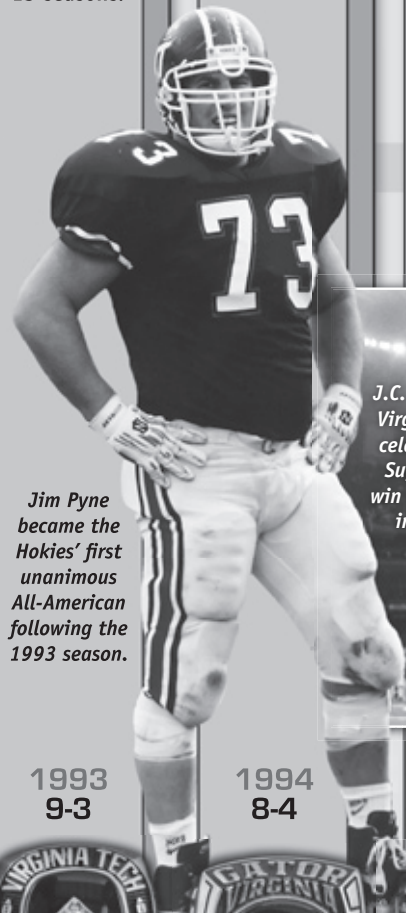
*The Hokies won the Lambert Trophy, signifying Eastern football supremacy, in 1995 and again in 1999.*

**No. 9**  
(Coaches)

**No. 12**  
(Coaches)

## Tech on Television

Overall Television Record..... 109-56 ..... .661  
 Last Seven Seasons ..... 60-20 ..... .750  
 Under Coach Beamer..... 95-44 ..... .683  
 Home Television Record ..... 57-18 ..... .760  
 On ESPN/ESPN2 ..... 47-14 ..... .770



*Jim Pyne became the Hokies' first unanimous All-American following the 1993 season.*



*J.C. Price and Virginia Tech celebrated a Sugar Bowl win over Texas in 1995.*

*Keion Carpenter's blocked punt helped Tech get a bowl win over Alabama in 1998.*

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**INDEPENDENCE BOWL**

**1994**  
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**GATOR BOWL**

**1995**  
**10-2**

**SUGAR BOWL**

**1996**  
**10-2**

**ORANGE BOWL**

**1997**  
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**GATOR BOWL**

**1998**  
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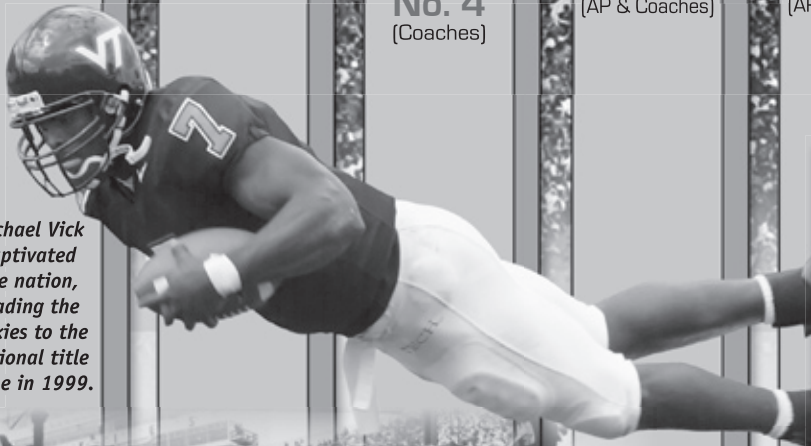
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*Michael Vick captivated the nation, leading the Hokies to the national title game in 1999.*



*ESPN's GameDay has visited Tech five times over the past seven seasons.*



*Tech joined the Atlantic Coast Conference for the 2004 season and hit the jackpot, winning the ACC title in its inaugural season in the league and going to the Sugar Bowl.*

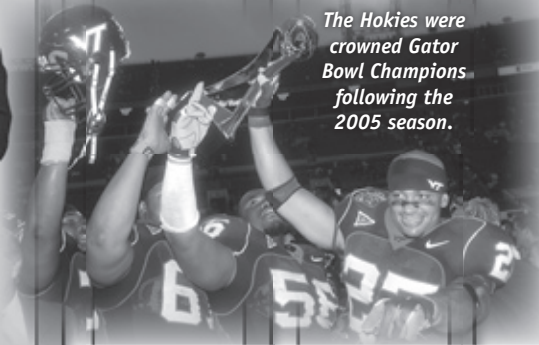
*Corey Moore won the Lombardi and Nagurski awards in '99.*



*Jake Grove won the Rimington Trophy in 2003 as the nation's best center.*



*The Hokies were crowned Gator Bowl Champions following the 2005 season.*



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2000  
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2005  
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SUGAR BOWL



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INSIGHT BOWL



SUGAR BOWL



GATOR BOWL

# FROM TECH TO THE NFL

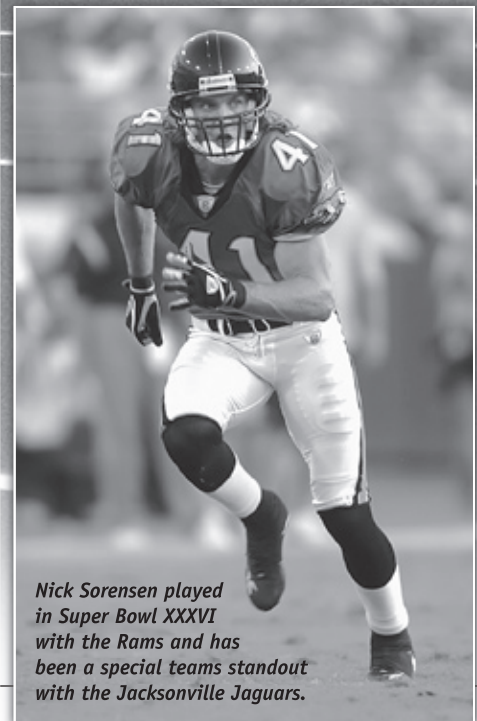
Virginia Tech has proven to be a great place to develop the strength and skills necessary to play at the next level

“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



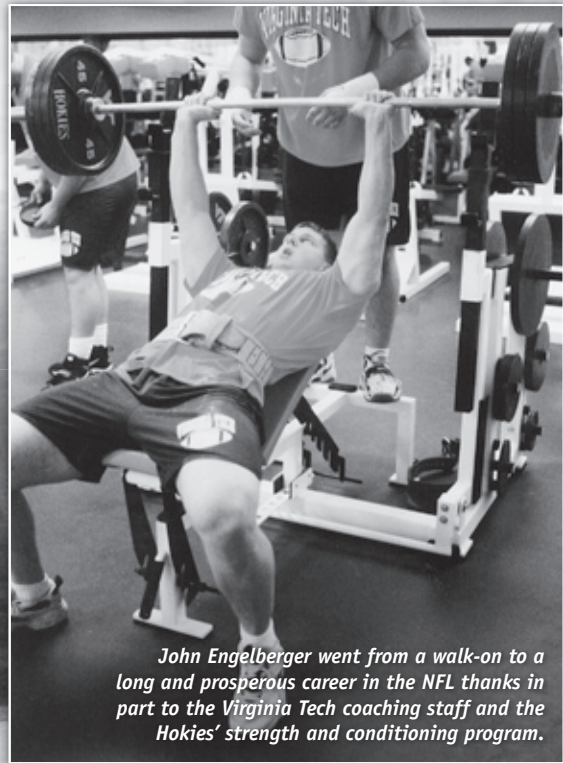
Former Tech players meeting on the field at NFL games — like Shayne Graham, Kevin McCadam, Keion Carpenter and Michael Vick did at a Carolina-Atlanta game a few years ago — is a common occurrence. This summer, the Panthers and Falcons had a combined 12 ex-Hokies in their camps.



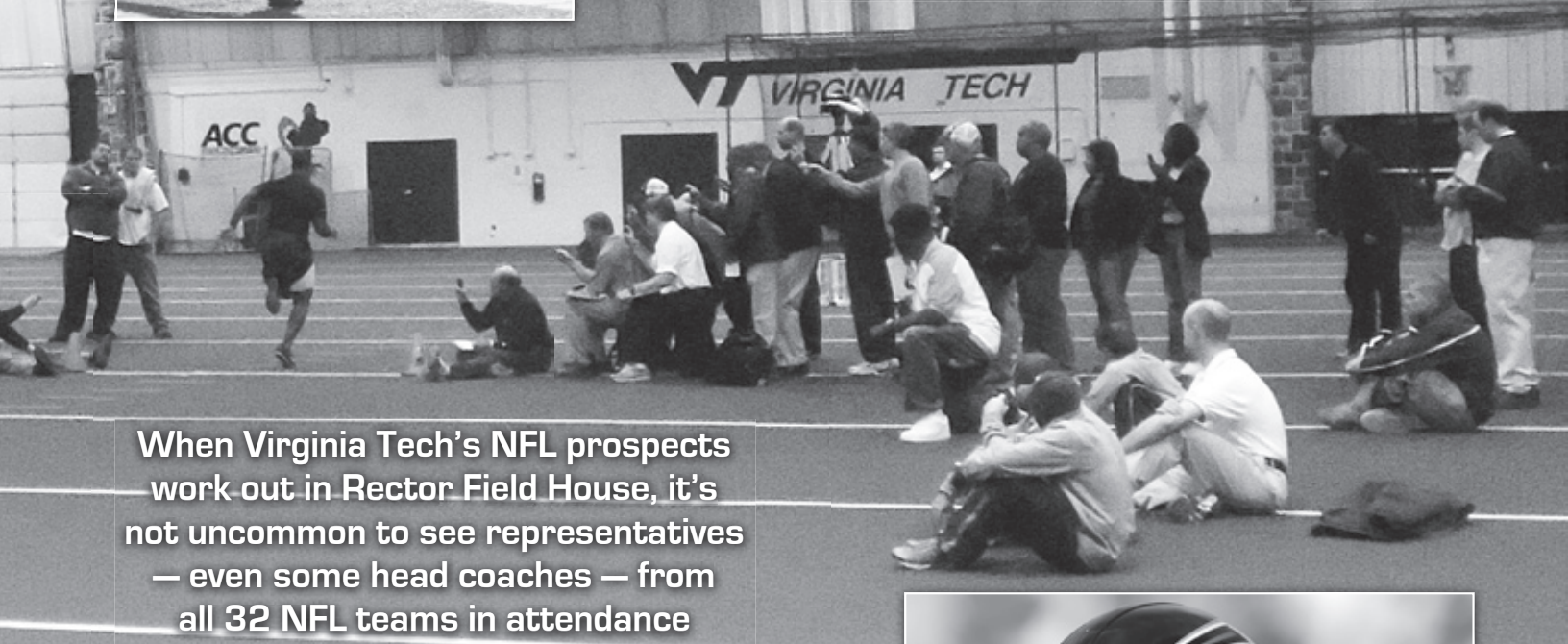
Nick Sorensen played in Super Bowl XXXVI with the Rams and has been a special teams standout with the Jacksonville Jaguars.



*Ernest Wilford went from catching passes for the Hokies to making game-winning TD catches for the Jacksonville Jaguars as a rookie in the NFL in 2004.*



*John Engelberger went from a walk-on to a long and prosperous career in the NFL thanks in part to the Virginia Tech coaching staff and the Hokies' strength and conditioning program.*



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



*NFL stars like Kevin Jones come back to Virginia Tech to catch their Hokies in action.*



*DeAngelo Hall made the Pro Bowl last season, his second year in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons.*

# A BRIGHT FUTURE

Victor Harris is one of the young Hokies who should help Virginia Tech maintain its place among the college football elite.

Virginia Tech will continue its success by recruiting young men who are great people, great students and great athletes — and who are committed to working hard to be the very best

## Sneak Preview

- **Virginia Tech:** Ranked 20th nationally and picked second in the Coastal Division by *Lindy's*; Linebacking corps rated No. 3 in the country (tops in ACC) and the wide receivers ranked No. 8 group in the country (tops in the ACC) by *Lindy's*; Ranked 21st nationally and second in the Coastal Division in *Athlon's* preseason edition; Tech's defensive backfield is ranked tops in the ACC by *Athlon*; Special teams ranked No. 1 in the ACC by *Lindy's*.
- **Xavier Adibi:** Bednarik Award Watch List; Rated the No. 19 outside linebacker in the country and second-team All-ACC by *Lindy's*; Named second-team All-ACC by *The Sporting News*.
- **Chris Ellis:** Rated the No. 18 defensive end in the country by *Lindy's* and the No. 19 defensive end in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named first-team All-ACC in *Lindy's* and *Athlon's* preseason editions; A preseason All-ACC selection by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*; Named second-team All-ACC by *The Sporting News*.
- **Vince Hall:** Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List; Lott Trophy Watch List; Bednarik Award Watch List; Rated the No. 3 outside linebacker in the country by *Lindy's*; Ranked the No. 5 inside linebacker in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named second-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by both *Lindy's* and *Athlon's* preseason edition; A preseason All-ACC selection by both *The Sporting News* and *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.
- **Brandon Pace:** Named second-team All-ACC in *Athlon's* preseason edition; Rated the No. 10 kicker in the country by *Lindy's* and the No. 13 kicker in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named second-team All-ACC by *The Sporting News*.
- **Aaron Rouse:** Ranked the No. 3 strong safety in the country and first-team All-ACC by *The Sporting News*; Named third-team All-ACC in *Athlon's* preseason edition.
- **Nic Schmitt:** Named a preseason All-American by *Playboy*; Named second-team All-ACC in *Athlon's* preseason edition; Rated the No. 5 punter in the country by *Lindy's* and the No. 15 punter in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named second-team All-ACC in *Lindy's* and *The Sporting News'* preseason edition.
- Also earning preseason All-ACC second- and third-team honors are: OT Duane Brown, TB Branden Ore, CB Roland Minor and WR Eddie Royal. Additionally, freshman guard Sergio Render has been named the Offensive Newcomer of the Year by *The Sporting News*.