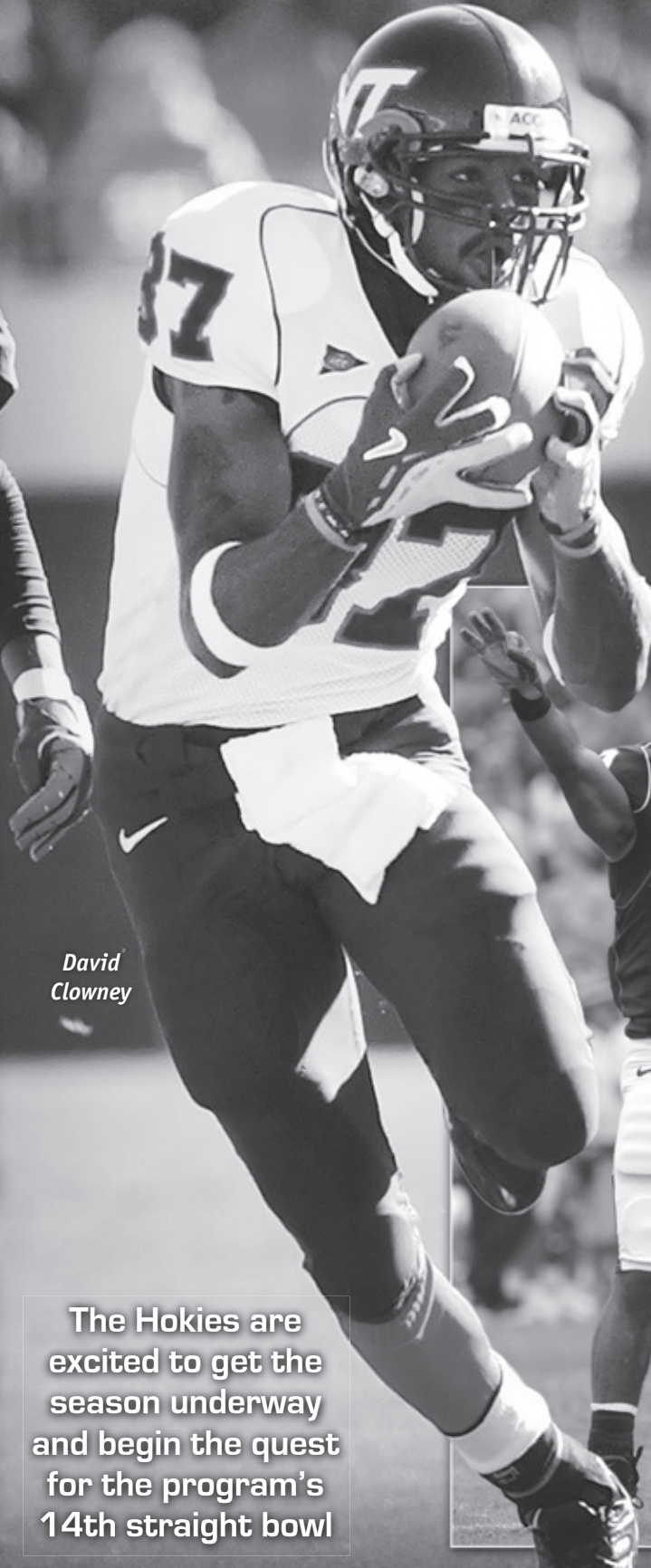


# POST WARRIOR



*David  
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The Hokies are excited to get the season underway and begin the quest for the program's 14th straight bowl

# 2006 OUTLOOK



# The 2006 Season Outlook

## A Quick Glance

Virginia Tech returns just nine starters — five on defense and four on offense — from a team that finished 11-2, ranked No. 7 in both national polls, earned the ACC Coastal Division championship and won the Gator Bowl in the program's 13th-straight bowl appearance.

Gone from last year's team are a number of key figures, including first-team All-ACC picks Jimmy Williams (cb), Darryl Tapp (de), Marcus Vick (qb), Will Montgomery (c) and Jason Murphy (og). Second-team all-conference picks Jonathan Lewis (dt), Jeff King (te) and Jimmy Martin (ot) are also gone, along with linebacker James Anderson, safety Justin Hamilton, defensive tackle Tim Sandidge and tailback Cedric Humes. All 12 of those players began the summer in NFL camps.

## Work To Be Done

When preseason practice opens, the key goals for head coach Frank Beamer and his staff will include naming a starting quarterback as quickly as possible, settling on a tight end and developing depth along the offensive and defensive lines and at linebacker.

There are still some decisions to be made on the offensive line, where plenty of attention will be paid to the progress of true freshmen **Sergio Render** and **Aaron Brown**, redshirt sophomore **Nick Marshman**, redshirt junior **Matt Welsh** and senior **Brandon Gore**. Gore suffered a broken ankle in the Florida State game and missed spring practice.

Key names in the efforts to add depth up front on defense will be redshirt freshman tackles **Cordarrow Thompson** and **Hivera Green**, and redshirt freshman end **William Wall**. It is quite possible that an incoming freshman could end up in the mix, especially at end.

The youngest position on the young offense is tight end. The loss of veteran John Kinzer to medical issues left the Hokies without a single down of experience. Redshirt freshmen **Sam Wheeler**, **Ed Wang** and **Greg Boone** will be battling for the top spot during the preseason, with at least one incoming freshman likely to join in.

Tech's linebacker corps has been ranked the third best in the nation by *Lindy's* on the strength of returning starters **Vince Hall** and **Xavier Adibi**. To live up to that billing, however, the Hokies are also going to need continued progress from junior **Brett Warren** and redshirt sophomore **Purnell Sturdivant**.

## The QB Plan

Coming out of spring practice, redshirt sophomore **Sean Glennon** is No. 1 on the depth chart at quarterback, followed by redshirt sophomore **Cory Holt** at No. 2 and redshirt freshmen **Ike Whitaker** and **Greg Boone** at No. 3 and No. 4, respectively.

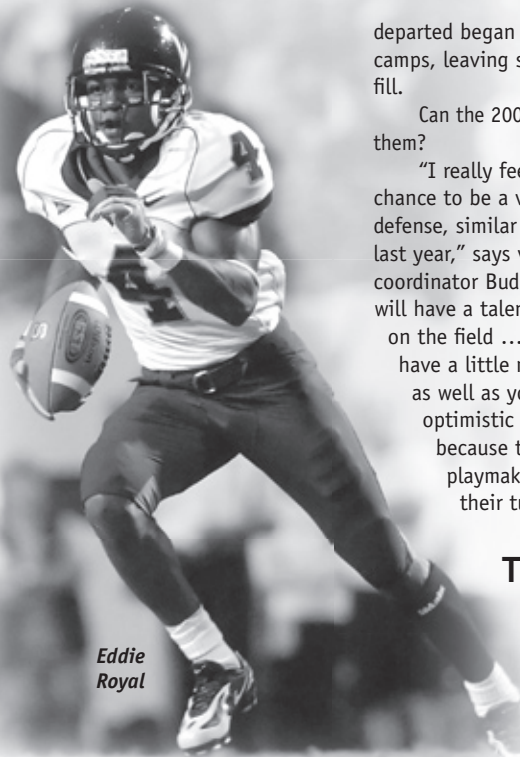
"Now we need to see what happens over the summer," says head coach Frank Beamer. "That is probably going to affect our thinking going into the fall. Then, very quickly, I'd like to name a starting quarterback so we have a direction. That's our plan right now."

The quarterback position might lack experience, but not ability.

"I thought we made tremendous improvement over the course of the spring," says new quarterbacks coach Mike O'Cain. "I was particularly pleased with Sean and Cory. I think both of them



D.J. Parker



Eddie Royal

can lead this football team and I think we can win with both of them."

Whitaker, who missed valuable learning time in the spring due to a suspension, has ground to make up, but will be given a shot to show what he can do. Boone, for the time being, will move to tight end, where he could contribute this fall.

## Catching Up

The Hokies' receiving corps has been ranked the eighth-best in the D-IA ranks by *Lindy's*, which bases the rating on Tech's quality depth at the position. Five experienced receivers return in senior **David Clowney** and juniors **Eddie Royal**, **Josh Morgan**, **Justin Harper** and **Josh Hyman**.

Over the past two seasons, those five receivers have combined for 213 catches for 3,551 yards and 24 touchdowns. Their combined yards per catch average is 16.7 yards.

## Tough Act To Follow

Virginia Tech's 2005 defensive unit finished No. 1 in the nation in total defense and was ranked among the top three teams in three other categories. All six senior starters who

departed began the summer in NFL camps, leaving some big shoes to fill.

Can the 2006 unit hope to fill them?

"I really feel like we have a chance to be a very competitive defense, similar to what we were last year," says veteran defensive coordinator Bud Foster. "I think we will have a talented, athletic group on the field ... a fast group. We have a little mix of experience, as well as youth, but I'm optimistic about this group because there are some playmakers in there and it's their turn to shine."

## Too Young?

When it comes to the offense, Frank Beamer feels the Hokies are going to have to grow as the season goes along.

"We've got to develop," Beamer says. "We've got too much youth in some key positions, but yet, we've got some good players. We've got to be really good about how we use players. We are going to have to take care of the football, and we have to score when we get an opportunity. That's the kind of football team we are."

## Summertime

One of the determining factors for a successful season will occur before the Hokies strap on the pads again. A good summer preparation is always important, but never any more than this year when youth and depth are key issues.

"I think Coach (Mike) Gentry's program during the summer is essential for us ... essential to our physical toughness, essential to our mental toughness," Beamer says. "You see bodies change around after a good summer. Some change from a strength standpoint, others change from a loss or redistribution of weight. When we get back together in August, I expect to see a different football team than left here in the spring."

# OFFENSIVE LINE

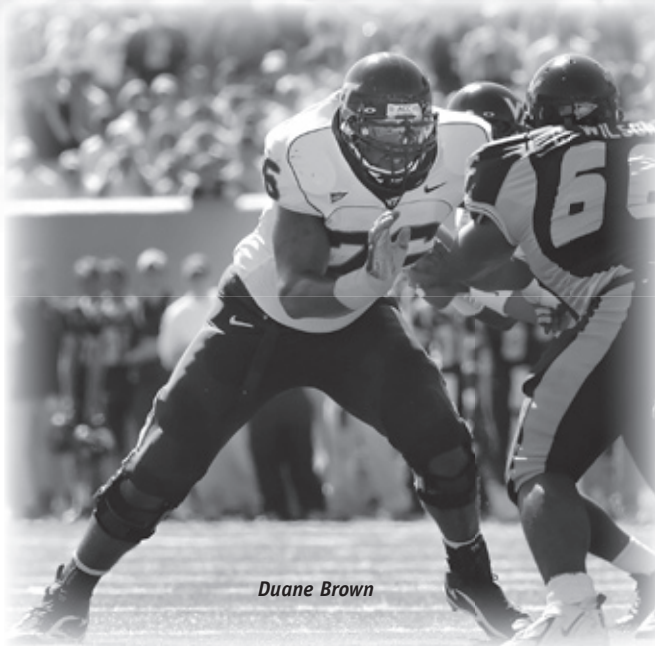
## Headlines

• Three full-time starters and another part-time starter along the line all departed due to graduation, so a new nucleus of linemen must be built.

• **Duane Brown** returns at right tackle after moving over from tight end last preseason. He ended up starting all 13 games for the Hokies at his new position.

• Senior **Danny McGrath**, who started seven games last year at center, returns after missing all of spring ball (surgery on his shoulder following the season).

• A new coach has taken over the line duties this year as **Bryan Stinespring** has moved over to coach the tight ends, while still serving as the coordinator. Tech has welcomed new line coach **Curt Newsome**, who served the last five years at James Madison University.



Duane Brown

## Left Tackle

**BRANDON FRYE** – Stepped in at the last minute and played exceptionally well during the bowl game ... Has approached a new level in confidence and in the weight room ... Is excited every day about this opportunity ... Is a key guy for the line this year.

**MASON BAGGETT** – Coaches call him “a terrific man and a good

worker” ... Is a very intelligent player.

**AARON BROWN** – A true freshman who enrolled in January after graduating high school a semester early ... Is very athletic ... Redshirting is not out of the question.

## Left Guard

**RYAN SHUMAN** – A move to guard will be helpful to the line ... Could move to either guard spot ... Coaches think he will be an exceptional player.

**SERGIO RENDER** – A true freshman who can play either guard spot ... Is strong and powerful ... Moves well and has all the tools ... Will battle for the starting right guard spot if Shuman moves out to left guard.

**ROBERT NORRIS** – Has a chance to be a good player ... Is still learning the offense.

## Center

**DANNY McGRATH** – Returns after missing spring ball with a shoulder injury ... A key player on the line, allowing Shuman to move to guard.

**RYAN SHUMAN** – Is a very tough player ... Is now in a position where he can vie for the starting job ... He is on pace to be a starter somewhere.

## RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
68	Mason Baggett	Sr.	OT
71	Aaron Brown	Fr.	OT
76	Duane Brown	r-Jr.	OT
79	Eric Davis	r-Fr.	OG
74	Brandon Frye	r-Sr.	OT
77	Brandon Gore	r-Sr.	OT
64	Richard Graham	r-Fr.	OT
66	Brandon Holland	Fr.	OG
62	Zac Lowe	Sr.	C
67	Nick Marshman	r-So.	OG
69	Danny McGrath	r-Sr.	C
63	Robert Norris	r-Fr.	OG
65	Antonio North	r-Fr.	OG
70	Sergio Render	Fr.	OG
58	Ryan Shuman	r-So.	C/OG
51	Matt Welsh	r-Jr.	OG

## NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Clark Crum	Fr.	OT

## Right Guard

**NICK MARSHMAN** – A big, strong athlete ... Is critical inside for Tech right now ... Finished spring on a high note ... Needs to be more consistent.

**MATT WELSH** – Put himself in the mix with a good spring ... Needs to keep developing.

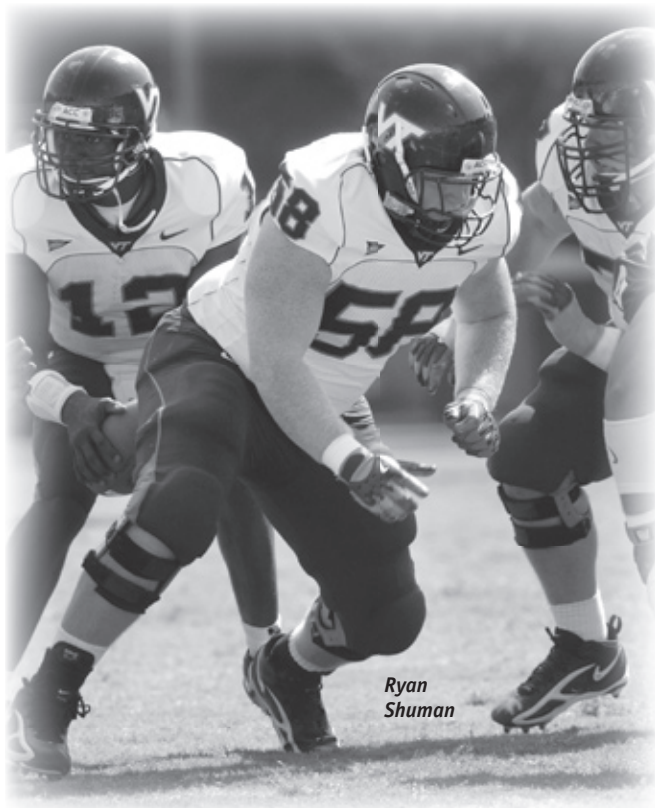
## Right Tackle

**DUANE BROWN** – Tech’s most athletic lineman ... Started all 13 games at right tackle a year ago ... Has the size and talent to be a great player ... Gets better every time he is on the field.

**BRANDON GORE** – A big player who missed all of spring with an injury ... Needs to have a good summer ... Will be counted on for a lot of productivity this fall.

## Coach Newsome On the Line

“I thought we had some growing pains this spring, but I think everybody does when you’ve got a young group. I was very impressed by their willingness to work. When we get Gore and McGrath back, we become much deeper, and we become a better offensive line. When it’s all said and done, I think by this fall, we’ll be fine at that position.”



Ryan Shuman



# RECEIVERS & TIGHT ENDS

## Headlines

- The top five receivers all return and enter fall ball in a battle for the starting jobs.
- Only one senior is in the group — **David Clowney** — while the rest of the top five are all juniors with extensive playing time under their belts.
- Tech has welcomed a new coach to the staff in **Kevin Sherman**, who came from Wake Forest to coach the receivers.
- At tight end, Tech must replace All-ACC performer Jeff King, along with John Kinzer, who has “retired” due to a neck injury.
- **Bryan Stinespring** will coach the tight ends this year after serving as the offensive line coach the previous eight seasons.



Josh Morgan

## RETURNERS

No.	Name	CL.	Pos.
8	Greg Boone	r-Fr.	TE
	Justin Born	Jr.	FL
87	David Clowney	Sr.	FL
80	Brandon Dillard	r-Fr.	FL
81	Justin Harper	Jr.	SE
19	Josh Hyman	r-Jr.	SE
2	Josh Morgan	Jr.	SE
88	Michael Reid	So.	SE
4	Eddie Royal	Jr.	FL
85	Ed Wang	r-Fr.	TE
83	Sam Wheeler	Fr.	TE

## NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	CL.	Pos.
	Zach Luckett	Fr.	WR
	Douglas McNeil	Fr.	WR
	Todd Nolen	Fr.	WR
	Andre Smith	Fr.	TE
	Jacob Sykes	Fr.	WR
	Beau Warren	Fr.	TE

## Flanker

**EDDIE ROYAL** – Had a great spring ... Has gotten better at running routes and getting more consistent ... Coaches like his attitude in the weight room ... A fast player ... Coaches are hoping he will continue to raise the level of his play.

**DAVID CLOWNEY** – The lone senior receiver ... Had a good spring ... Has good speed and has proven he has the ability to make big plays ... Runs well ... Needs

to work on his consistency on all levels.

## Split End

**JOSH MORGAN** – A strong, physical player ... Has great hands and the ability to have monster games ... Runs good routes ... Needs to be more conscious of doing the little things well.

**JOSH HYMAN** – Was having a great spring until a shoulder injury sidelined him ... Has a great work ethic ... A guy who

can make the tough catch ... Coaches are expecting great things from him this fall.

**JUSTIN HARPER** – From a physical standpoint, he has made the biggest strides ... With his height and size, he could raise the whole unit’s ability ... Has to become consistent every play.

## Tight End

**SAM WHEELER** – A good athlete who catches the ball well ... Has a great upside and potential ...

Is gaining strength in the weight room and has the ability to help the offense.

**ED WANG** – Has a lot of size and ability ... Still has a way to go in understanding the offense ... Needs to get stronger.

**GREG BOONE** – A player who the coaches want to get on the field ... Can still go back to quarterback if needed ... Is already big enough and strong enough to play the position.

## Coach Sherman ...

### On the Wide Receivers

“We have a very talented group and they all work hard. They each bring something different to the table, but I think their best games are still ahead of them. We have to make sure they continue to work hard so we can play well and be consistent in the fall. They’ve been in the big games and they know what to expect so we have high expectations for them.”

### On his Newcomers

“We have five guys who are very experienced and have paid their dues. I think we can make it through the season with them. But if any injury pops up, we’d take a look at one of the young guys.”

## Coach Stinespring ...

### On the Tight Ends

“I like the individuals. The one process we don’t have in our favor is experience. The only way you’re going to get it is getting on the field and playing. And there’s some trial and error in that while you get your experience. We’ve got to make sure we’re putting them in a position so that we’re not out there having a lot of mental mistakes. The only factor that we have to include in the equation is time.”

### On his Newcomers

“I think there are two variables that you look at: are they physically and mentally ready and then is there a need? In both of these situations, I think the answer is yes, already, so we’re going to work hard to get them on the field.”



Josh Hyman

# RUNNING BACKS & QUARTERBACKS

## Headlines

• The top priority on offense is solidifying the starting quarterback. Two players with game experience — **Sean Glennon** and **Cory Holt** — will have a slight lead going into fall, but will have to hold off redshirt freshman **Ike Whitaker**.

• The Hokies will also have to find a new tailback with the loss of Cedric Humes and Mike Imoh to graduation. **Branden Ore** has the most experience of any returnee, but was not enrolled in the spring semester as he was home rehabbing his shoulder after off-season surgery.

• **George Bell** and **Kenny Lewis, Jr.**, will also get looks at tailback as both are coming off solid springs.

• The fullback spot is in good hands as **Jesse Allen** returns as the starter, but will be faced by pressure from several talented players, including **Carlton Weatherford**.

• Tech has welcomed a new addition in quarterbacks coach **Mike O'Cain**, who has a wealth of experience both at the position and within the ACC.

## Tailback

**GEORGE BELL** – Had an outstanding spring ... Is a powerful back in the same speed category as Cedric Humes ... Has waited a long time for his knee to be healthy.

**BRANDEN ORE** – Missed the spring while rehabbing from shoulder surgery ... Knows what he has to do to get himself ready to play ... Has great ability and outstanding speed and vision.

**KENNY LEWIS, JR.** – Missed a lot of spring ball with an ankle injury ... Has been out of football for a couple of years, playing minor league baseball in the Cincinnati Reds organization ... Is powerful and well put together with outstanding speed and quickness.

## Fullback

**JESSE ALLEN** – Has come a long way in his maturation as a football player ... A demon in the weight room ... A very good blocker ... Will likely get the ball more this year.

**CARLTON WEATHERFORD** – Will compete for the starting job ... Works hard and does everything right, on and off the field ... Has come back strong from a serious knee injury.

**BILLY GORHAM** – A walk-on who has reconstructed his body through the weight room and is



Sean Glennon

a powerful athlete ... Will be a factor in the goal-line offense.

## Quarterback

**SEAN GLENNON** – Enters preseason as the No. 1 QB, but hasn't won the starting job ... A smart player who has a good knowledge of the offense ... His ability to comprehend and execute the offense is a plus ... Had a very consistent spring.

**CORY HOLT** – Will battle for the starting job when camp opens ... Is a tall, athletic young player ... Coaches like his demeanor on the field ... Needs to work on his consistency.

**IKE WHITAKER** – Enters preseason as the No. 3 quarterback ... Missed the first half of spring practice ... Possesses tremendous

athleticism in terms of both throwing the football and ability to run ... Has all the tools to be successful.

## Coach Hite on the Running Backs

"In the 28 years that I've been here, the running backs have been a great tradition. These guys have to follow those footsteps. From a character and want-to standpoint, I believe these guys can get the job done for us. We have some quality players at both the fullback and tailback spots. It's up to them to get the job done and I expect them to carry on the great tradition of 'The Stallions.'"

## Coach O'Cain on the Quarterbacks

"Consistent poise and performance is what we're looking for. We want our quarterbacks to be able to get the football to the right person at the right time, with the right kind of pass, to where they win the games for us with their athleticism. Now, that doesn't mean we won't ask our quarterbacks to run the football some, or have to have them help win the game with their legs. They've got to be able to make good decisions, get us in and out of the huddle, get us in the proper play, out of a bad play, and then distribute the ball at the right time to the right person on a consistent basis."



Branden Ore

## RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
37	Jesse Allen	r-Sr.	FB
34	George Bell	r-So.	TB
8	Greg Boone	r-Fr.	QB
7	Sean Glennon	r-So.	QB
	Billy Gorham	Jr.	FB
12	Cory Holt	r-So.	QB
42	Kenny Jefferson	r-Fr.	FB
38	Elan Lewis	r-Fr.	TB
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.	Fr.	TB
28	Branden Ore	r-So.	TB
	Devin Perez	r-So.	FB
35	Dustin Pickle	So.	TB
44	Devin Radford	Fr.	TB
14	Grant Throckmorton	r-Jr.	QB
39	Carlton Weatherford	r-Jr.	FB
3	Ike Whitaker	r-Fr.	QB

## NEWCOMER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Kam Chancellor	Fr.	QB



# DEFENSIVE LINE

## Ends

**CHRIS ELLIS** — Was named one of Tech's three MVPs following spring practice and has been ranked the No. 19 defensive end in the nation by *The Sporting News* ... A playmaker who is athletic and fast ... Is hungry again this year.

## Headlines

- The Hokies lost three of their four starters along the defensive front — All-America end Darryl Tapp and starting tackles Jonathan Lewis and Tim Sandidge. All three are in NFL camps.
- Junior end **Chris Ellis** is the lone returning starter. Senior end **Noland Burchette** and junior tackle **Carlton Powell** are the only other returning players along the defensive line who have started games.
- Young players are going to have to step up and fill some spots at both end and tackle. **William Wall** will be a player to watch at end, while **Cordarrow Thompson** and **Hivera Green** will be candidates at tackle. The coaches have not ruled out incoming freshmen joining the mix.

**NOLAND BURCHETTE** — An experienced senior who the coaches are leaning on for leadership ... Plays hard non-stop and has a knack for making plays ... Needs to stay healthy and have an outstanding season.

**ORION MARTIN** — Has shown steady improvement and worked his way into the playing rotation ... Is developing into a playmaker.

**WILLIAM WALL** — Lacks experience, but has size, ability and speed ... Coaches would like to see him make a good summer preparation and become a solid 10-15 plays a game guy this season.

## Tackles

**CARLTON POWELL** — Tech's most experienced DT ... Started five games last year ... A mentally tough player who will not back down ... Is penciled in as one starter.

**BARRY BOOKER** — The Hokies' most athletic tackle ... Picked up some valuable playing time last fall ... An instinctive player who can rush the passer ... Is battling for a starting job.



Carlton Powell

**KORY ROBERTSON** — A potential starter... Was named the team's most improved defensive player following spring practice ... When he turns it on, he's extremely good ... When he starts turning it on consistently, he'll see a lot more action.

**CORDARROW THOMPSON** — A young player with a tremendous amount of upside ... If he can eliminate busted assignments and get into playing shape, he will be in the mix at the tackle position.

**HIVERA GREEN** — A redshirt freshman who could make a move in the preseason if he's healthy ... Was banged up much of his first year ... Has some ability, just needs to cut it loose.

## RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
59	Barry Booker	r-Jr.	DT
96	Noland Burchette	r-Sr.	DE
60	Chris Burnett	r-Sr.	DT
	Chad Carlson	So.	DE
49	Chris Ellis	r-Jr.	DE
82	Steven Friday	Fr.	DE
93	Hivera Green	r-Fr.	DT
91	Orion Martin	r-So.	DE
99	Carlton Powell	r-Jr.	DT
75	Kory Robertson	r-Jr.	DT
	Watson Stelly	Jr.	DT
95	Cordarrow Thompson	r-Fr.	DT
	Matt Tilley	So.	DE
40	William Wall	r-Fr.	DE

## NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Jason Adjepong	Fr.	DE
	Ladi Ajiboye	Fr.	DT
	Mike Gee	Fr.	DE
	John Graves	Fr.	DE
	Joey Hall	Fr.	DT
	Daryl Robertson	Fr.	DT

## Coach Wiles ...

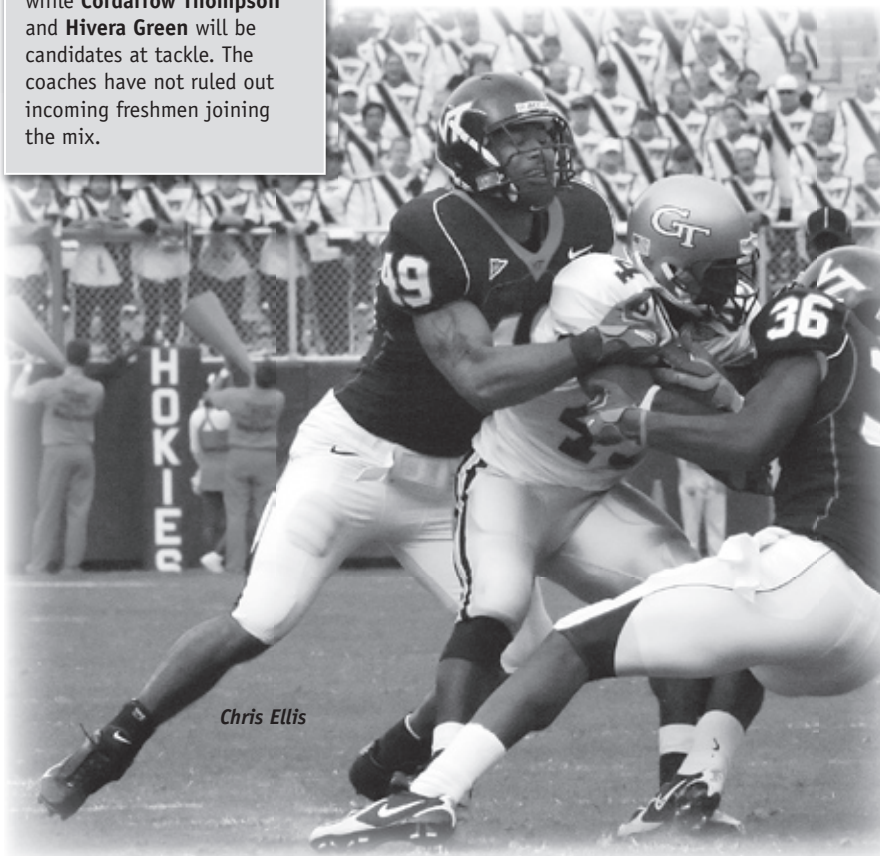
### On his Newcomers

"We want to find five tackles and five ends, and it's probably going to include a freshman at the end position. We have some athletic guys coming in at end who are strong and probably a little more mature at this point in their careers than some of the ends that we have had in the past. It's not out of the question for one of those guys to step in and be the fourth or fifth end."

### On the Line

"I think we have a chance to be solid up front. Of course, we're banking on a couple of young redshirt freshmen guys continuing to get better. We have a really healthy competition at tackle. **Carlton Powell** is a steady presence there, and I think **Kory Robertson** and **Barry Booker** are two real key guys for our success. They have to stay healthy and be productive.

"At end, we are real solid with **Chris (Ellis)** and **Noland (Burchette)**, and then, I've been pleased with the progress of **Orion Martin**. He had a great winter and a great spring practice. So now, we are in a similar position as tackle. Will **William Wall** be the fourth guy or can one of the incoming freshmen be a factor this fall as an end?"



Chris Ellis

# LINEBACKERS

## Mike

**VINCE HALL** — A two-year starter who led the team in tackles last fall and ranked fourth in the ACC ... Rated the No. 5 inside linebacker in the country by *The Sporting News* ... Will need to play a leadership role on a young defensive unit ... An outstanding football player who is physical and instinctive.

**BRETT WARREN** — Really showed improvement during the spring, especially in the coverage aspects of the position ... Is becoming a complete linebacker ... Has great vision and football savvy ... Needed to step up, and did.

## Backer

**XAVIER ADIBI** — Picked up valuable experience last season to go with his outstanding physical ability ... Took another step forward with his game during the spring ... Plays fast and is motivated ... Is being counted on to play a leadership role.

**PURNELL STURDIVANT** — Slated to be the No. 2 man, but has some catching up to do ... Missed most of spring practice while battling mono ... Has gotten bigger and stronger ... Made good progress last fall, but needs to have a good preseason.

## Whip Linebacker

**BRENDEN HILL** — Was No. 3 at the position when the 2005 season started, moved up to

No. 2 before it was over and came out of spring practice No. 1 ... Is good in pass coverage and is improving against the run ... Did a good job of tackling during the spring ... Lacks playing experience, but doesn't make many mistakes.

**COREY GORDON** — A physical player who runs well and is a good tackler ... Had a very good spring ... Must focus on his responsibilities and being good

each play ... Will continue to challenge Hill for the starting job ... Should see his share of the action.

## Headlines

- Virginia Tech's linebacking corps is ranked the third-best in the nation by *Lindy's*. Returning starters **Vince Hall** and **Xavier Adibi**

finished first and fourth, respectively, in tackles for the Hokies last season.

- The leading candidate for the starting rover position, vacated by third-round NFL draft pick James Anderson, is fifth-year senior **Brenden Hill**. Hill began his Tech career as a wide receiver.

- The fathers of linebackers **Brett Warren** and **Chad and Cody Grimm** are former Washington Redskins teammates, Don Warren and Russ Grimm.

## Coach Foster ...

### On his Newcomers

"We have a group of promising newcomers. **Matt Wright** is a guy we're going to look at in August to see if he can come in and pick up the backer position, both mentally and physically. He's athletic, in the lines of Adibi, and runs well. We need depth at that position, and I think he may have a chance to help.

### On the ILBs

"Obviously, we have **Vince (Hall)** and **Xavier (Adibi)** back. Vince was an all-ACC player and Xavier is that same caliber guy. I think they made great improvement during the spring. I'm really looking forward to those guys turning their game up a notch and also becoming big-time leaders for us. With those two guys back, creating some depth is going to be the key to our success."

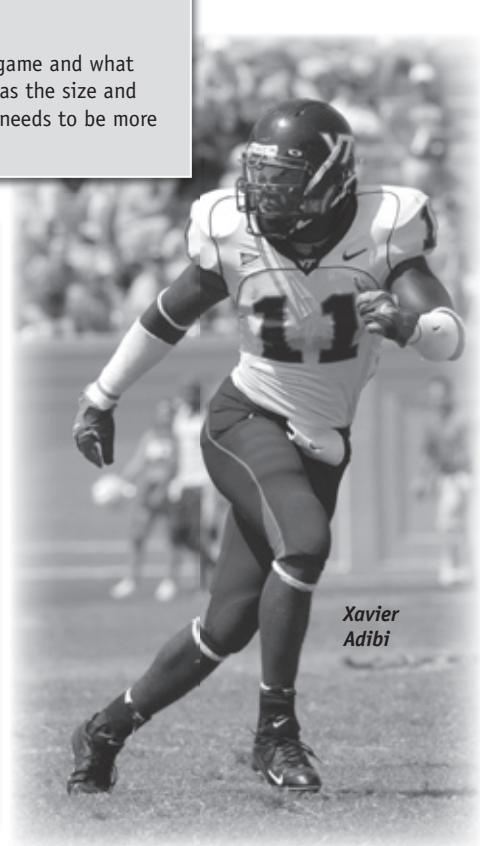
## Coach Cavanaugh on the OLBs

"I'm anxious to see how the whip position plays when you turn the lights on. The players there have yet to play a full game.

"**Brenden Hill** was a nice surprise this spring. He understands the game and what he is supposed to do. He makes very few mistakes. **Corey Gordon** has the size and speed that you want. He became a better player in the spring, but needs to be more consistent. Both of them are going to play."



Brenden Hill



Xavier Adibi

### RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
11	Xavier Adibi	r-Jr.	ILB
6	Andrew Bowman	r-So.	ILB
13	Corey Gordon	r-Jr.	OLB
29	Chad Grimm	Sr.	OLB
	Cody Grimm	r-Fr.	OLB
9	Vince Hall	r-Jr.	ILB
31	Brenden Hill	r-Sr.	OLB
	Jonas Houseright	r-So.	OLB
	Mark Muncey	r-Fr.	ILB
45	Purnell Sturdivant	r-So.	ILB
56	Demetrius Taylor	r-Fr.	ILB
33	Brett Warren	Jr.	ILB

### NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Nekos Brown	Fr.	ILB
	Devven Sutton	Fr.	ILB
	Matt Wright	Fr.	ILB



# DEFENSIVE SECONDARY

## Headlines

- Former Hokie and NFL player **Torrian Gray** is entering his first season on the Tech staff. Gray, who started for Tech as a rover and free safety, coaches the cornerbacks and safeties.
- **Aaron Rouse** returns as the starting rover and has been rated the No. 3 strong safety in the nation by *The Sporting News*. Rouse led the Hokies in interceptions last season and was third overall in tackles.
- Gone from last year's starting lineup are All-American corner Jimmy Williams, who was a second-round NFL pick, and free safety Justin Hamilton, who was drafted in the seventh round.

## Boundary Corner

**BRANDON FLOWERS** — The leading candidate to start following an impressive spring ... Has a team-first attitude and outstanding ability ... Stepped up and played superbly in the Gator Bowl.

**JAHRE CHEESEMAN** — Put in a lot of work during the spring ... May have made the most progress of anyone in the secondary ... Will make the cornerback spot stronger.

## Field Corner

**VICTOR HARRIS** — Spent the first two weeks of the spring at tailback, then moved back to corner for the final two weeks ... Climbed to the top of the depth chart ... Coaches like his hunger and coachability ... Has a tremendous upside.

**ROLAND MINOR** — Possesses tremendous ability, but must be focused on and off the field ... Is the only cornerback on the roster who has started at the position ... Needs to play a leadership role in a young secondary.

## Free Safety

**D.J. PARKER** — Started six games

last season ... Was the leader of the secondary during spring practice and won the Coaches' Award for an exceptional spring ... Will be a key player for the Hokies this season.

**CAM MARTIN** — A redshirt freshman who has impressed the coaches with his work on and off the field ... Missed spring practice after undergoing surgery for a hernia ... Will have some catching up to do when practice resumes.

## Rover

**AARON ROUSE** — Returns to the starting position after an outstanding junior season ... A physical run stopper who has also developed into a good coverage man ... Had a great spring ... Is being counted on to be one of the leaders of the defense.

**CARY WADE** — Had an excellent Gator Bowl ... Carried that over into the spring ... Has worked hard to improve as a player ... Added some versatility by spending some time at free safety during spring practice ... Knows what's going on.

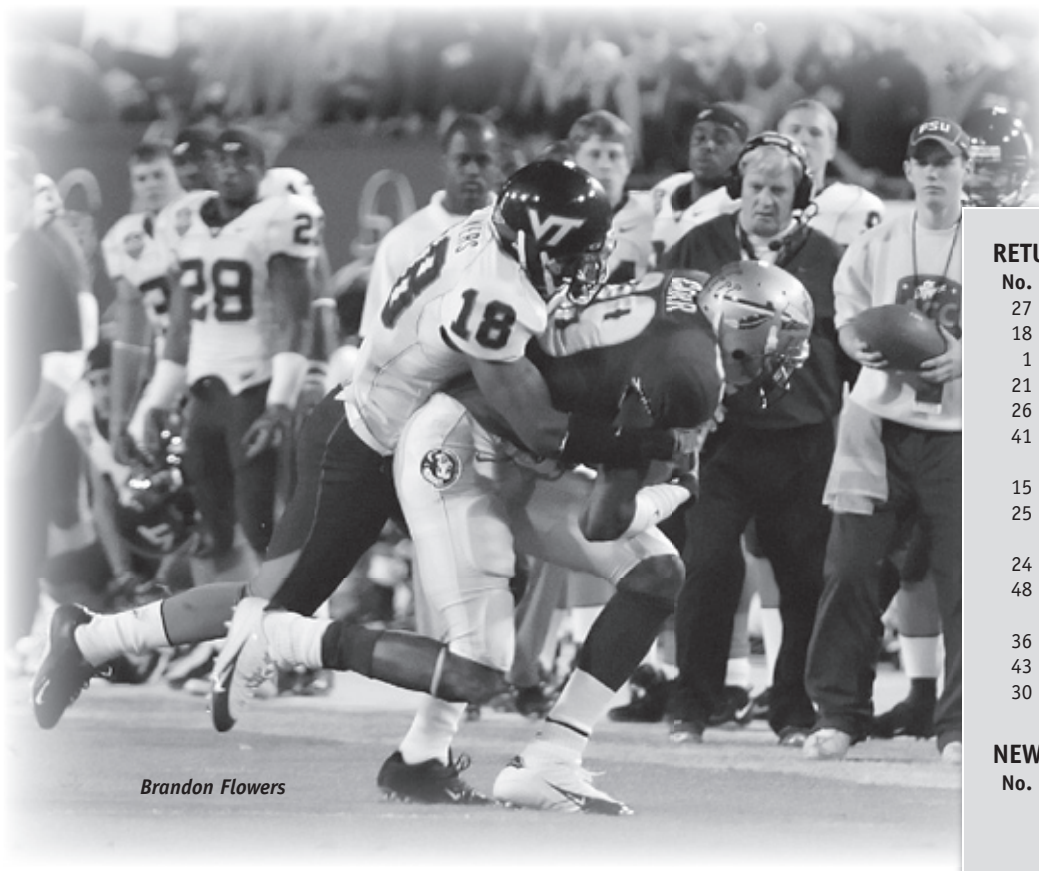
## Coach Cavanaugh On the Rovers

"I am comfortable with what the rovers can do. **Aaron Rouse** has become a good leader. His keys and run support have become very good, he's a good tackler and he has developed into a good pass defender. He is trying to do everything the right way ... he's coming into his own.

"**Cary Wade** has really fought to be a good player. I like the fact that he wants to do what's right for the team. He's shown great leadership. Everything about Cary has been good."

## Coach Gray On the Secondary

"I feel very good about where we finished spring practice. From the start of it, to the end of it, I think the guys developed an understanding, as far as my expectations, of what it takes to play at this level in a consistent manner. We started being more consistent near the end of spring practice, so I was real pleased with the overall progress of the group."



Brandon Flowers

## RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
27	Jahre Cheeseman	r-Fr.	CB
18	Brandon Flowers	r-So.	CB
1	Victor Harris	So.	CB
21	Ryan Hash	r-Sr.	CB
26	Kent Hicks	r-So.	CB
41	Cam Martin	r-Fr.	FS
	Brian McPherson	r-Sr.	CB
15	Roland Minor	r-Jr.	CB
25	D.J. Parker	Jr.	FS
	Jake Patten	Sr.	FS
24	Dorian Porch	r-Fr.	ROV
48	Cory Price	Sr.	FS
	Matt Reidy	So.	ROV
36	Aaron Rouse	r-Sr.	ROV
43	Stephan Virgil	Fr.	CB
30	Cary Wade	r-Sr.	ROV

## NEWCOMERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
	Rashad Carmichael	Fr.	CB
	Mario Edwards	Fr.	FS



# SPECIAL TEAMS

## Headlines

• Place-kicker **Brandon Pace** has finished as the second-leading scorer in the ACC each of the past two seasons. Pace has been ranked the 10th-best place-kicker in the nation by *Lindy's* and the 13th-best kicker by *The Sporting News*.

• At 6-2, 273 pounds, senior **Nic Schmitt** rates as one of the biggest punters in the nation. He also ranks as one of the best. Schmitt, who has been ranked the No. 5 punter in the country by *Lindy's*, was named to the 2006 *Playboy* All-America team.

• Virginia Tech's reputation for blocking kicks has taken a hit lately, with just 11 combined blocks over the past three seasons. This year's roster includes just one player with a block to their credit. Sophomore **Victor Harris** was credited with a block on a punt by North Carolina in the Hokies' final regular season game of 2005.

## Place-kickers

**BRANDON PACE** — Set a school single-season record for points by a kicker last year with 108 ... Is currently seventh all-time in scoring at Tech ... A two-time Lou Groza Award semifinalist ... Is 40-for-49 on field goals during his career (81.6 percent) ... May also get a look on kickoffs.

**JUD DUNLEVY** — Has been a backup for placements and kickoffs the last two seasons ... Has a strong leg ... Hit a 51-yard field goal as time expired to lift the Tech jayvee team to a win over Hargrave last fall ... Handled 21 kickoffs in 2005 ... Will battle for those duties again when practice resumes.

**JARED DEVELLI** — Another strong-legged kicker ... Has handled the bulk of Tech's kickoffs the past two seasons ... Kicked off 64 times last year with 29 touchbacks ... Is being challenged for the starting duties for the third-straight year.

**JOHN HEDGE** — An accurate kicker ... Has seen all his action in jayvee games ... Has served as both a place-kicker and a punter ... Will help provide depth behind Brandon Pace.

## Punters

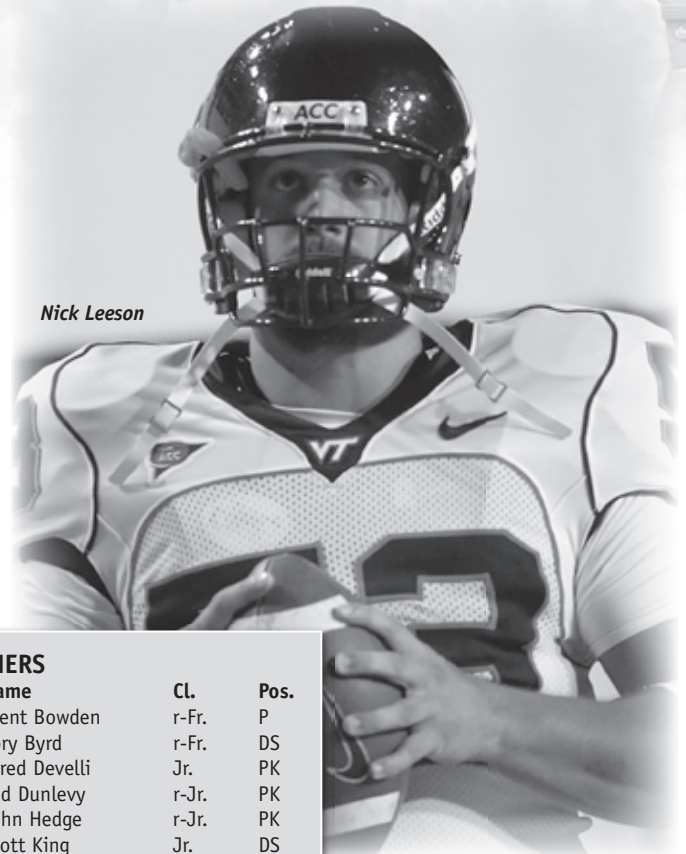
**NIC SCHMITT** — Has a strong left leg ... Averaged 43.2 yards on 62 punts last season, the second-best single-season average for a Tech punter ... A real weapon in the battle for field position ... Excels in the weight room ... Also serves as the holder for placements.

**BRENT BOWDEN** — Dressed for all the games last year as the backup for Schmitt but did not see action and was redshirted ... Has good ability ... Needs to stay sharp in case he is needed.

## Snappers

**NICK LEESON** — Served as Tech's snapper on punts last season ... Didn't have a bad snap in 52 attempts ... Will also challenge for the vacated PAT/field goal

Nick Leeson



## RETURNERS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.
97	Brent Bowden	r-Fr.	P
	Cory Byrd	r-Fr.	DS
98	Jared Develli	Jr.	PK
92	Jud Dunlevy	r-Jr.	PK
47	John Hedge	r-Jr.	PK
61	Scott King	Jr.	DS
53	Nick Leeson	r-Sr.	DS
54	Bart McMillin	r-Jr.	DS
46	Brandon Pace	r-Sr.	PK
23	Nic Schmitt	r-Sr.	P

short snapping duties ... Has worked his way up to Super Iron Hokie status in the weight room.

**BART McMILLIN** — Is competing with Leeson for the long snapping duties ... Served as the back up at the position last season, but did not see varsity action.

**SCOTT KING** — Worked at defensive tackle on the scout and jayvee teams last fall ... Worked as a short snapper for field goals and PATs during the spring ... Will challenge Nick Leeson for those duties when practice resumes.

## Returns

**EDDIE ROYAL** — An exceptional talent who has led the team in both kickoff and punt returns each of the last two seasons ... Was fifth in the ACC in punt returns a year ago ... Is also a two-year starter as a receiver for the Hokies.

**JOSH MORGAN** — Is likely to see some action as a punt and kickoff returner ... Showed good ability in limited return duty last season ... A physical player who is hard to bring down ... Is one of the Hokies' top receivers on offense.

## Coach Beamer On Special Teams

"We did replace a few people on our punt protection team during the spring and we need to make sure we have that squared away. But, we should be very good on special teams. I think we have really good kickers. If they perform up to their capabilities, our kicking game will be a strong point.

"I would like to see our guys blocking more kicks and returning more kicks. We were in position to block several kicks last year, but could never get them blocked. The more we can block them, the more we can return them. This is something we plan to concentrate on."



Jared Develli

# Hokie Preseason Rosters

Roster changes are expected to occur before the season opens. An updated roster will be available from the SID office prior to the season.

No.	Name	vl	Pos	DOB	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
11	Xavier Adibi	2	LB	10/18/84	6-2	221	r-Jr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
37	Jesse Allen	2	FB	10/22/83	6-0	252	r-Sr.	Monson, Mass.	Pathfinder Regional	Chris Pope
68	Mason Baggett	-	OT	8/16/83	6-1	275	Sr.	Richmond, Va.	James River	Greg DeFrancesco
34	George Bell	-	TB	10/28/85	5-10	223	r-So.	Fayetteville, N.C.	Jack Britt	Richard Bailey
59	Barry Booker	1	DT	11/13/85	6-4	275	r-Jr.	Amherst, Va.	Amherst	Scott Abell
8	Greg Boone	-	TE/QB	9/14/86	6-3	276	r-Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Oscar Smith	Richard Morgan
	Justin Born	-	FL	2/10/86	6-1	200	Jr.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
97	Brent Bowden	-	P	5/21/87	6-2	192	r-Fr.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
6	Andrew Bowman	-	LB	3/6/86	5-11	233	r-So.	Glen Allen, Va.	Hermitage	Patrick Kane
71	Aaron Brown	-	OT	3/16/88	6-6	294	Fr.	Cincinnati, Oh.	Princeton	Brian Dodds
76	Duane Brown	2	OT	8/30/85	6-5	286	r-Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Hermitage	Patrick Kane
96	Noland Burchette	3	DE	3/23/83	6-2	261	r-Sr.	Richmond, Va.	Highland Springs	Scott Burton
60	Chris Burnett	-	DT	11/2/83	6-2	271	r-Sr.	Blue Ridge, Va.	Liberty-Bedford	Scott Abell
	Cory Byrd	-	DS	1/8/86	6-0	239	r-Fr.	Abingdon, Va.	Abingdon	Scott Allen
	Chad Carlson	-	DE	12/11/86	6-2	212	So.	Poquoson, Va.	Poquoson	Don Ward
27	Jahre Cheeseman	-	CB	1/11/87	5-9	194	r-Fr.	Voorhees, N.J.	Eastern	Dan Spittal
87	David Clowney	3	FL	7/8/85	6-1	175	Sr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Atlantic	Chris Bean
79	Eric Davis	-	OG	5/23/87	6-7	335	r-Fr.	Lorton, Va.	West Springfield	Bill Renner
98	Jared Develli	2	PK	12/28/85	6-0	217	Jr.	Sterling, Va.	Park View	Charlie Pierce
80	Brandon Dillard	-	FL	2/3/87	5-10	174	r-Fr.	Martinsville, Va.	Bassett	James Gilbert
92	Jud Dunlevy	-	PK	10/9/84	5-9	185	r-Jr.	Roanoke Rapids, N.C.	Roanoke Rapids	Tim Bennett
49	Chris Ellis	2	DE	2/11/85	6-5	260	r-Jr.	Hampton, Va.	Bethel	Tracy Parker
18	Brandon Flowers†	1	CB	2/18/86	5-10	187	r-So.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Atlantic	Chris Bean
82	Steven Friday	-	DE	8/9/86	6-4	213	Fr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
74	Brandon Frye	1	OT	1/23/83	6-4	300	r-Sr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Myrtle Beach	Scott Early
7	Sean Glennon	1	QB	9/5/85	6-4	215	r-So.	Centreville, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
13	Corey Gordon†	2	LB	6/9/84	6-2	226	r-Jr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville	Rick Swain
77	Brandon Gore	3	OT	11/7/83	6-5	358	r-Sr.	Warrenton, Va.	Liberty	Joe Trabucco
	Billy Gorham	-	FB	3/11/85	5-10	235	Jr.	Francoa, Va.	Robert E. Lee	Gerry Pannoni
64	Richard Graham	-	OT	3/30/87	6-6	281	r-Fr.	Richmond, Va.	St. Christopher's	Paul Padalino
93	Hivera Green	-	DT	8/1/87	6-3	293	r-Fr.	Conway, S.C.	Conway	Chuck Jordan
29	Chad Grimm	-	LB	5/18/85	5-10	185	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
	Cody Grimm	-	LB	2/26/87	5-10	198	r-Fr.	Fairfax, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
9	Vince Hall	2	LB	12/3/84	6-0	244	r-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Western Branch	Lew Johnston
81	Justin Harpert†	2	SE	2/24/85	6-3	203	Jr.	Catawba, N.C.	Bandys	Randy Lowman
1	Victor Harris	1	CB	2/16/86	6-0	186	So.	Highland Springs, Va.	Highland Springs	Scott Burton
21	Ryan Hash	2	CB	3/27/83	5-9	173	r-Sr.	Springfield, Va.	Robert E. Lee	Jerry Pannoni
47	John Hedge	-	PK	7/22/84	5-10	181	r-Jr.	Pulaski, Va.	Pulaski County	Jack Turner
26	Kent Hicks	-	CB	12/12/85	6-2	207	r-So.	Culpeper, Va.	Culpeper	Randy Bove
31	Brenden Hill	2	LB	7/7/84	6-2	204	r-Sr.	Newport News, Va.	Warwick	Tommy Reamon
66	Brandon Holland†	-	OG	4/1/86	6-4	320	Fr.	Roanoke, Va.	Northside	Jim Hickam
12	Cory Holt†	1	QB	6/17/85	6-4	221	r-So.	Lexington, N.C.	Lexington	Billy Hunt
	Jonas Houseright	-	LB	5/17/85	5-11	192	r-So.	Gate City, Va.	Gate City	Nic Colobro
19	Josh Hyman‡	2	SE	4/18/83	5-11	185	r-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
42	Kenny Jefferson	-	FB	7/9/87	5-10	222	r-Fr.	Port Tobacco, Md.	DeMatha Catholic	Bill McGregor
61	Scott King	-	DS	8/26/85	6-0	283	Jr.	Radford, Va.	Radford	Norm Lineburg
53	Nick Leeson	2	DS	10/29/82	6-1	249	r-Sr.	Abingdon, Va.	Abingdon	Scott Allen

## 2006 Numerical Roster

1	Victor Harris.....	CB	26	Kent Hicks .....	CB	47	John Hedge.....	PK	71	Aaron Brown .....	OT
2	Josh Morgan.....	SE	27	Jahre Cheeseman .....	CB	48	Cory Price .....	CB	74	Brandon Frye.....	OT
3	Ike Whitaker .....	QB	28	Branden Ore .....	TB	49	Chris Ellis .....	DE	75	Kory Robertson .....	DT
4	Eddie Royal.....	FL	29	Chad Grimm .....	LB	51	Matt Welsh.....	OG	76	Duane Brown .....	OT
6	Andrew Bowman .....	LB	30	Cary Wade.....	ROV	53	Nick Leeson .....	DS	77	Brandon Gore .....	OT
7	Sean Glennon .....	QB	31	Brenden Hill.....	LB	54	Bart McMillin.....	DS	79	Eric Davis .....	OG
8	Greg Boone .....	TE/QB	33	Brett Warren.....	LB	56	Demetrius Taylor .....	LB	80	Brandon Dillard.....	FL
9	Vince Hall .....	LB	34	George Bell .....	TB	58	Ryan Shuman .....	C/OG	81	Justin Harper .....	SE
11	Xavier Adibi .....	LB	35	Dustin Pickle.....	TB	59	Barry Booker .....	DT	82	Steven Friday .....	DE
12	Cory Holt .....	QB	36	Aaron Rouse.....	ROV	60	Chris Burnett.....	DT	83	Sam Wheeler .....	TE
13	Corey Gordon.....	LB	37	Jesse Allen .....	FB	61	Scott King .....	DS	85	Ed Wang .....	TE
14	Grant Throckmorton.....	QB	38	Elan Lewis .....	TB	62	Zac Lowe .....	OG/C	87	David Clowney .....	FL
15	Roland Minor.....	CB	39	Carlton Weatherford.....	FB	63	Robert Norris.....	OG	88	Michael Reid .....	SE
18	Brandon Flowers .....	CB	40	William Wall .....	DE	64	Richard Graham .....	OT	90	Orion Martin.....	DE
19	Josh Hyman .....	SE	41	Cam Martin .....	FS	65	Antonio North .....	OG	92	Jud Dunlevy .....	PK
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.....	TB	42	Kenny Jefferson .....	FB	66	Brandon Holland .....	OG	93	Hivera Green .....	DT
21	Ryan Hash .....	CB	43	Stephan Virgil .....	CB	67	Nick Marshman .....	OG	95	Cordarrow Thompson.....	DT
23	Nic Schmitt.....	P	44	Devin Radford.....	TB	68	Mason Baggett .....	OT	96	Noland Burchette .....	DE
24	Dorian Porch .....	ROV	45	Purnell Sturdivant .....	LB	69	Danny McGrath .....	C	97	Brent Bowden.....	P
25	D.J. Parker .....	FS	46	Brandon Pace .....	PK	70	Sergio Render.....	OG	98	Jared Develli .....	PK
									99	Carlton Powell .....	DT



# Virginia Tech's 2006 Football Recruiting Class



Name	Pos.	DOB	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
Jason Adjepong	DE	3/3/88	6-3	248	Rahway, N.J.	Carteret	Bob Molarz
Ladi Ajiboye	DT	9/15/87	6-2	290	College Park, Ga.	Banneker	Benny Crane, Jr.
Nekos Brown	LB	2/18/88	6-3	225	Brandywine, Md.	Thomas Stone	Steve Lindsey
Rashad Carmichael	DB	9/9/88	5-9	175	Clinton, Md.	Gwynn Park	Danny Hayes
Kam Chancellor	QB	4/3/88	6-4	210	Norfolk, Va.	Maury	Dealbert Cotton
Clark Crum	OT	2/22/88	6-7	282	Dublin, Ohio	Scioto	Karl Johnson
Mario Edwards	DB	7/14/88	6-1	181	Atlanta, Ga.	Westlake	Dallas Allen
Mike Gee	DE	1/19/88	6-1	228	Englewood, N.J.	Dwight Morrow	Bill Davis
John Graves	DE	6/25/87	6-3	249	Richmond, Va.	Meadowbrook	Bill Bowles
Joey Hall	DT	11/19/87	6-3	246	Sanford, N.C.	Lee County	Jody Stoffer
Zach Lockett	WR	12/8/87	6-3	190	Mays Landing, N.J.	Holy Spirit	Bill Walsh
Douglas McNeil	WR	7/22/88	6-4	190	Baltimore, Md.	New Town	Richard Stichel
Todd Nolen†	WR	11/21/85	6-3	185	Hampton, Va.	Hampton	Mike Smith
Daryl Robertson	DT	7/15/88	6-3	285	Bedford, Va.	Liberty	Chris Watts
Andre Smith	TE	9/26/88	6-4	235	Germantown, Md.	Seneca Valley	Fred Kim
Devven Sutton	LB	2/2/89	6-0	239	Elizabeth City, N.C.	Northeastern	Antonio Moore
Jacob Sykes	WR	4/27/88	6-0	180	Goldsboro, N.C.	Goldsboro	Maurice Jackson
Beau Warren	OL/TE	12/31/87	6-4	250	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
Matt Wright	LB	3/30/88	6-2	215	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee

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38	Elan Lewis	-	TB	5/7/86	5-9	235	r-Fr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
20	Kenny Lewis, Jr.	-	TB	10/13/84	5-9	191	Fr.	Danville, Va.	George Washington	Everett Woods
62	Zac Lowe	-	OG/C	12/25/84	6-1	273	Sr.	Bridgewater, Va.	Turner Ashby	Joe Taylor
67	Nick Marshman	1	OG	2/13/85	6-5	354	r-So.	Harrisonburg, Va.	Turner Ashby	Joe Taylor
41	Cam Martin	-	FS	4/19/87	6-1	209	r-Fr.	Martinsville, Va.	George Washington	Dan Newell
90	Orion Martin††	1	DE	9/2/85	6-2	250	r-So.	Martinsville, Va.	George Washington	Everett Woods
69	Danny McGrath	1	C	3/19/83	6-2	300	r-Sr.	Herndon, Va.	Herndon	Tom Meier
54	Bart McMillin	-	DS	2/25/85	6-0	225	r-Jr.	Bristol, Tenn.	Tennessee	Greg Stubbs
	Brian McPherson	-	CB	5/11/84	5-10	183	r-Sr.	Madison Heights, Va.	Amherst	Mickey Crouch
15	Roland Minor	2	CB	8/1/84	6-0	203	r-Jr.	Washington, D.C.	H.D. Woodson	Greg Fuller
2	Josh Morgan‡	2	SE	6/20/85	6-1	210	Jr.	Washington, D.C.	H.D. Woodson	Greg Fuller
	Mark Muncey	-	LB	11/27/85	5-11	222	r-Fr.	Tazewell, Va.	Tazewell	Bobby Wyatt
63	Robert Norris	-	OG	11/28/86	6-4	338	r-Fr.	Cheltenham, Md.	DeMatha Catholic	Bill McGregor
65	Antonio North	-	OG	12/11/86	6-3	307	r-Fr.	Stafford, Va.	North Stafford	Eric Cooke
28	Branden Ore	1	TB	2/17/86	5-11	204	r-So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Indian River	Cadillac Harris
46	Brandon Pace	3	PK	11/11/83	5-10	201	r-Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kellam	Chris Dewitt
25	D.J. Parker†	2	FS	4/18/85	5-11	182	Jr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
	Jake Patten	-	ROV	9/30/84	6-0	200	Sr.	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly	Ken Kincaid
	Devin Perez‡	-	FB	6/1/85	5-7	247	r-So.	Sparta, N.J.	Pope John XXIII	Vic Paternostro
35	Dustin Pickle	-	TB	7/16/86	5-10	187	So.	Salem, Va.	Salem	Stephen Magenbauer
24	Dorian Porch	-	ROV	3/16/87	5-11	198	r-Fr.	Calhoun, Ga.	Gordon Central	Bill Long
99	Carlton Powell	2	DT	8/14/85	6-2	303	r-Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Great Bridge	Noble Palmer
48	Cory Price	-	CB	4/9/85	5-10	188	Sr.	Blacksburg, Va.	Blacksburg	Dave Crist
44	Devin Radford	-	TB	1/13/88	5-9	179	Fr.	Fayetteville, NC	E.E. Smith	Milton Butts
88	Michael Reid	-	SE	9/28/87	6-3	188	So.	Martinsville, Va.	Martinsville	Taylor Edwards
	Matt Reidy	-	ROV	1/8/87	6-0	213	r-Fr.	Gaithersburg, Md.	Damascus	Dan Makosy
70	Sergio Render	-	OG	9/13/86	6-3	328	Fr.	Newnan, Ga.	Newnan	Robert Herring
75	Kory Robertson	1	DT	12/12/84	6-2	339	r-Jr.	Martinsville, Va.	Magna Vista	Joe Beckelheimer
36	Aaron Rouse	3	ROV	1/8/84	6-4	225	r-Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	First Colonial	Sam Scarborough
4	Eddie Royal	2	FL	5/21/86	5-10	178	Jr.	Herndon, Va.	Westfield	Tom Verbanic
23	Nic Schmitt	1	P	1/5/84	6-2	273	r-Sr.	Salem, Va.	Salem	Willis White
58	Ryan Shuman	-	C/OG	7/8/86	6-3	307	r-So.	Fork Union, Va.	Fork Union	Mickey Sullivan
	Watson Stelly†	-	DT	4/12/85	6-1	287	Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Benedictine	Gene Smith
45	Purnell Sturdivant	1	LB	3/19/86	5-9	221	r-So.	Norfolk, Va.	Lake Taylor	Hank Sawyer
56	Demetrius Taylor	-	LB	11/22/86	6-0	239	r-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kellam	Chris DeWitt
95	Cordarrow Thompson	-	DT	10/2/87	6-2	316	r-Fr.	Stafford, Va.	North Stafford	Eric Cooke
14	Grant Throckmorton	-	QB	10/27/84	6-3	213	r-Jr.	Wytheville, Va.	George Wythe	Donnie Pruitt
	Matt Tilley	-	DE	6/20/86	6-2	257	So.	Pulaski, Va.	Pulaski County	Joel Hicks
43	Stephan Virgil	-	CB	4/3/87	5-11	176	Fr.	Rocky Mount, N.C.	Rocky Mount	B.W. Holt
30	Cary Wade	3	ROV	5/12/84	5-10	178	r-Sr.	Fairfax, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
40	William Wall†	-	DE	12/31/84	6-3	243	r-Fr.	Washington, D.C.	Woodson	Greg Fuller
85	Ed Wang	-	TE	3/12/87	6-5	268	r-Fr.	Ashburn, Va.	Stone Bridge	Mickey Thompson
33	Brett Warren	2	LB	3/7/85	6-0	224	Jr.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
39	Carlton Weatherford	-	FB	1/5/85	5-9	221	r-Jr.	Danville, Va.	Tunstall	Buddy Brown
51	Matt Welsh	-	OG	9/12/84	6-4	296	r-So.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
83	Sam Wheeler†	-	TE	5/27/86	6-3	259	Fr.	Blacksburg, Va.	Blacksburg	Dave Crist
3	Ike Whitaker	-	QB	6/5/87	6-4	212	r-Fr.	Germantown, Md.	Northwest	Randy Trivers

† also attended Hargrave Military Academy (Va.)

‡ also attended Fork Union Military Academy (Va.)

†† also attended Hargrave (one semester) and Norfolk State University (one semester)

# Preseason Depth Chart

## Offense (Multiple)

<b>SE</b>	2 Josh Morgan (6-1, 210, Jr.)
	19 Josh Hyman (5-11, 185, r-Jr.) <b>and</b>
	81 Justin Harper (6-3, 203, Jr.)
<b>TE</b>	83 Sam Wheeler (6-2, 259, Fr.)
	85 Ed Wang (6-5, 268, r-Fr.)
<b>LT</b>	74 Brandon Frye (6-4, 300, r-Sr.)
	68 Mason Baggett (6-1, 275, Sr.)
<b>LG</b>	58 Ryan Shuman (6-3, 307, r-So.)
	70 Sergio Render (6-3, 328, Fr.)
<b>C</b>	69 Danny McGrath (6-2, 300, r-Sr.)
	58 Ryan Shuman (6-3, 307, r-So.)
<b>RG</b>	67 Nick Marshman (6-5, 354, r-So.) <b>and</b>
	70 Sergio Render (6-3, 328, Fr.)
<b>RT</b>	76 Duane Brown (6-5, 286, r-Jr.)
	77 Brandon Gore (6-5, 358, r-Sr.)
<b>TB</b>	34 George Bell (5-10, 223, r-So.) <b>and</b>
	28 Branden Ore (5-11, 204, r-So.)
	20 Kenny Lewis (5-9, 191, Fr.)
<b>FB</b>	37 Jesse Allen (6-0, 252, r-Sr.) <b>and</b>
	39 Carlton Weatherford (5-9, 221, r-Jr.)
<b>QB</b>	7 Sean Glennon (6-4, 215, r-So.)
	12 Cory Holt (6-4, 221, r-So.)
	3 Ike Whitaker (6-4, 212, r-Fr.)
<b>FL</b>	4 Eddie Royal (5-10, 178, Jr.)
	87 David Clowney (6-1, 175, Sr.)
<b>PK</b>	46 Brandon Pace (5-10, 201, r-Sr.)
	47 John Hedge (5-10, 181, r-Jr.)



Jesse Allen



## Defense (4-3)

<b>Stud</b>	49 Chris Ellis (6-5, 260, r-Jr.)
	90 Orion Martin (6-2, 250, r-So.)
<b>Nose</b>	99 Carlton Powell (6-2, 303, r-Jr.)
	75 Kory Robertson (6-2, 339, r-Jr.)
<b>DT</b>	59 Barry Booker (6-4, 275, r-Jr.) <b>and</b>
	75 Kory Robertson (6-2, 339, r-Jr.)
	95 Cordarrow Thompson (6-2, 316, r-Fr.)
<b>End</b>	96 Noland Burchette (6-2, 261, r-Sr.)
	40 William Wall (6-3, 243, r-Fr.)
<b>ILB</b>	9 Vince Hall (6-0, 244, r-Jr.)
	33 Brett Warren (6-0, 224, Jr.)
<b>ILB</b>	11 Xavier Adibi (6-2, 221, r-Jr.)
	45 Purnell Sturdivant (5-9, 221, r-So.)
<b>Whip</b>	31 Brenden Hill (6-1, 204, r-Sr.)
	13 Corey Gordon (6-2, 226, r-Jr.)
<b>Rover</b>	36 Aaron Rouse (6-4, 225, r-Sr.)
	30 Cary Wade (5-10, 178, r-Sr.)
<b>BC</b>	18 Brandon Flowers (5-10, 187, r-So.)
	27 Jahre Cheeseman (5-9, 194, r-Fr.)
<b>FS</b>	25 D.J. Parker (5-11, 182, Jr.)
	41 Cam Martin (6-1, 209, r-Fr.)
<b>FC</b>	1 Victor Harris (6-0, 186, So.)
	15 Roland Minor (6-0, 203, r-Jr.)
<b>P</b>	23 Nic Schmitt (6-2, 273, r-Sr.)
	97 Brent Bowden (6-2, 192, r-Fr.)

Depth chart as of June 1, 2006

## 2005 Lettermen and Returning Starters

Total Lettermen; 59; Lost 23/Returning 36  
(2005 starters in bold; starts in parentheses)

### Offense

<b>Lost - 13</b>		<b>Returning - 13</b>
Chris Clifton	SE	<b>David Clowney</b> (12)
		Josh Hyman (1)
		Josh Morgan
<b>Jeff King</b> (13)	TE	
<b>John Kinzer</b> (11)‡		
Jordan Trott		
<b>Jimmy Martin</b> (12)	OT	<b>Duane Brown</b> (13)
		Brandon Frye (1)
		Brandon Gore
<b>Jason Murphy</b> (13)	OG	Nick Marshman
<b>Will Montgomery</b> (13)#		
Reggie Butler (5)		
Rashad Ferebee	C	<b>Danny McGrath</b> (7)
<b>Marcus Vick</b> (13)	QB	Cory Holt
	FB	Jesse Allen (2)
	TB	Branden Ore
<b>Cedric Humes</b> (8)		
Mike Imoh (5)		
John Candelas		
	FL	<b>Eddie Royal</b> (13)
		Justin Harper

### Defense

<b>Lost - 9</b>		<b>Returning - 19</b>
<b>Darryl Tapp</b> (13)	E	<b>Chris Ellis</b> (9)
Greg Kezmarsky		Noland Burchette (4)
		Orion Martin
<b>Jonathan Lewis</b> (13)	T	Carlton Powell (5)
<b>Tim Sandidge</b> (8)		Barry Booker
		Kory Robertson
<b>James Anderson</b> (13)	OLB	Brenden Hill
		Corey Gordon
Blake Warren	ILB	<b>Vince Hall</b> (13)
		<b>Xavier Adibi</b> (13)
		Brett Warren
<b>Jimmy Williams</b> (13)	CB	Purnell Sturdivant
		<b>Roland Minor</b> (12)
		Brandon Flowers (1)
		Victor Harris
		Ryan Hash
	ROV	<b>Aaron Rouse</b> (13)
		Cary Wade
<b>Justin Hamilton</b> (7)	S	D.J. Parker (6)
Robert Parker		

### Specialists

<b>Lost - 1</b>		<b>Returning - 4</b>
	PK	<b>Brandon Pace</b> (13)
	KO	<b>Jared Develli</b> (11)
	P	<b>Nic Schmitt</b> (13)
<b>Tripp Carroll</b> (13)	DS	<b>Nick Leeson</b> (13)

‡ - Kinzer started 11 games in two tight end set, replacing fullback.

# - Montgomery started seven games at left guard and six at center.