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2003 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	TV
Sat.	Aug. 30	UCF	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Sept. 6	JAMES MADISON	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Sept. 13	OPEN		
Thur.	Sept. 18	TEXAS A&M	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Sept. 27	CONNECTICUT	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 4	at Rutgers*	Piscataway, N.J.	
Sat.	Oct. 11	SYRACUSE* (Homecoming)	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Oct. 18	OPEN		
Wed.	Oct. 22	at West Virginia*	Morgantown, W.Va.	ESPN/ESPN 2
Sat.	Nov. 1	MIAMI*	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN
Sat.	Nov. 8	at Pittsburgh*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
Sat.	Nov. 15	at Temple*	Philadelphia, Pa.	
Sat.	Nov. 22	BOSTON COLLEGE*	Blacksburg, Va.	
Sat.	Nov. 29	at Virginia	Charlottesville, Va.	

*BIG EAST Conference game
Times & TV to be announced.

2003 SPRING FOOTBALL PRACTICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY March 16	MONDAY March 17	TUESDAY March 18	WEDNESDAY March 19	THURSDAY March 20	FRIDAY March 21	SATURDAY March 22 PRACTICE 1 1 p.m.-3:15 p.m.
March 23	March 24 PRACTICE 2 4:15-6:30 p.m.	March 25	March 26 PRACTICE 3 4:15-6:30 p.m.	March 27	March 28 PRACTICE 4 4:15-6:30 p.m.	March 29 PRACTICE 5 11 a.m.-1:15 p.m. SCRIMMAGE
March 30	March 31 PRACTICE 6 4:15-6:30 p.m.	April 1	April 2 PRACTICE 7 4:15-6:30 p.m. SCRIMMAGE	April 3	April 4 PRACTICE 8 4:15-6:30 p.m.	April 5 PRACTICE 11 a.m.-1 p.m. SCRIMMAGE
April 6	April 7 PRACTICE 10 4:15-6:30 p.m.	April 8	April 9 PRACTICE 11 4:15-6:30 p.m. SCRIMMAGE	April 10	April 11 PRACTICE 12 4:15-6:30 p.m.	April 12 PRACTICE 13 1 p.m.-3 p.m. SCRIMMAGE
April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16 PRACTICE 14 4:15-6:30 p.m. SCRIMMAGE	April 17	April 18	April 19 PRACTICE 15 2 p.m. SPRING GAME

2003 SPRING OUTLOOK

Hokies Expecting Highly Competitive Spring

Virginia Tech football coach Frank Beamer believes in the value of competition. And he expects to see plenty of it when his team opens 2003 spring football drills on March 22.

With 47 lettermen, 16 starters and both kickers returning from a team that went 10-4 and defeated Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl last year, the Hokies will field a much more experienced team this season. That experience should give Tech a chance for another highly successful season. But chances don't guarantee success.

"We feel like we can be a good football team," says Beamer. "But having the opportunity, and getting it done, are two different things. Spring practice is about fundamentals. It's a time to become solid in your techniques. That is going to be our main emphasis.

"I feel like we're going to have good competition at virtually every position this spring. When you have good competition, everyone gets better."

Beamer knows that the public's eye will be focused on the Hokies' quarterback competition between returning starter Bryan Randall and redshirt freshman Marcus Vick, the younger brother of former Tech All-American, Michael Vick. While that competition may be intriguing, Beamer knows that more important issues must be settled elsewhere.

Those issues begin with getting Tech's receiving

corps squared away and determining the backups at the tailback and fullback positions. Finding receivers to help draw attention away from record-setting split end Ernest Wilford may rank as Beamer's top priority when it comes to personnel matters. It could even lead to experimenting with gifted junior cornerback DeAngelo Hall on offense during the first few weeks of the spring.

As for Tech's offensive line, Beamer believes it can be improved over last year with a successful spring.

"From top to bottom, we're probably more athletic than we have ever been in our offensive line," he says. "And we've got the guy there in the middle (center Jake Grove) to pull the trigger."

Defensively, the Hokies lost just two starters and have 15 players back who started at least three games last fall. This year's unit has the makings of a traditional Tech defense — speed, aggressiveness and toughness. But Beamer and

his coaches haven't forgotten that the defense was susceptible to the run during the second half of last season.

"As we evaluated our film, it came back to fundamentals," says defensive coordinator Bud Foster. "Guys not securing their gap, guys getting cut off — just inconsistent play. There was nothing wrong with the defensive scheme.

"Last season, every snap was a learning experience for some of our guys. We have to get beyond that and mature as a unit."

One of the team's strong points will once again be the defensive end positions, where seniors Nathaniel Adibi, Cols Colas and Jim Davis give Tech one of the best rotations in the Division I-A ranks. The Hokies will also have quality depth at tight end and cornerback.

The Hokies will miss record-setting tailback Lee Suggs and free safety Willie Pile, but their departure will open the door for future

stars. Junior Kevin Jones, who has rushed for 1,828 yards over two seasons despite starting just three regular-season games, will become the main man at tailback. Sophomore Jimmy F. Williams, who has size, speed and unlimited potential, is prepared to take Pile's place.

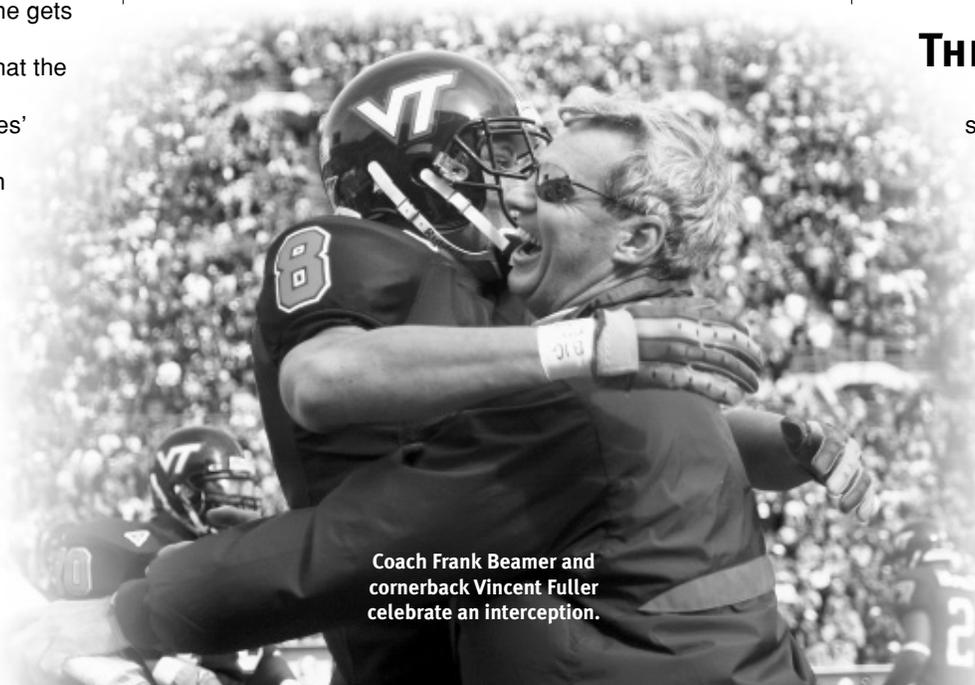
"I feel good about how things are going right now," says Beamer. "We have some good, young talent to go with some older guys like Jake Grove and Vegas Robinson. Coach (Mike) Gentry has been very encouraged by this group's work habits during our strength and conditioning workouts. And I do think we have some momentum from our bowl win.

"We're going to miss guys like Lee Suggs, there's no question about it. But we have a chance to really be good here in the future, too. That doesn't mean its going to happen. We have to get it done."

Let the competition begin.

THE OFFENSE

The loss of four starters from last year's offense hasn't detracted from the excitement heading into 2003 spring practice. A core nucleus of players and coaches return, along with several new faces who are expected to provide additional productivity for the Hokies. With this group



Coach Frank Beamer and cornerback Vincent Fuller celebrate an interception.

returning, the Tech offense will use the spring as a stepping stone in preparation for a big 2003 season.

Among the returning starters are versatile quarterback Bryan Randall, speedy Kevin Jones at tailback and the record-breaking Ernest Wilford at receiver.

Jake Grove and Jacob Gibson will lead an experienced line, one that returns five players who saw significant action in 2002.

The spring will also find two young and talented quarterbacks squaring off for the first time. While the spring will not determine the starter, it will provide coaches a good idea of what to expect come August.

Throw in the trial run of cornerback DeAngelo Hall at the wide receiver spot and the five-week session has all the makings of an intriguing and exciting time.

Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line Coach Bryan Stinespring, who now has a year of play-calling under his belt, will use the spring session to keep the veterans sharp while taking a good look at the young players who could contribute this fall.

Stinespring says the goals for the spring are pretty simple.

"We want to develop some depth at every position, and to do that, we need all 11 backups to push the starters," Stinespring says. "We also need to get our receivers to step up to the plate like Ernest Wilford stepped up to the plate last season."

OFFENSIVE LINE

Line coach Bryan Stinespring has the luxury of returning three starters on a line that helped spring running backs Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones to big games last year.

"It helps a lot having three starters back, but we still have a young group," Stinespring says. "During the



Tech's Jacob Gibson (60)

off-season we really want to get these guys bigger and stronger so they can play with more confidence and intensity. We also want to develop and solidify depth in our two-deep lineup at each position."

Stinespring will sleep well knowing that he has senior Jake Grove back at center this year. Last season, Grove started all 14 games and graded out at over 90 percent for the season, reaching the winner's circle every game. He was able to capitalize on a full season without injury and his play improved greatly. While he wasn't named all-conference, he was named fourth-team All-America by *The Sporting News*.

"Jake has all of the nuts and bolts that you want a center to have," Stinespring says. "He is tough, physical, aggressive and has the intangibles needed to play the position well. He's a great leader and he really sets the pace for the rest of the offensive line."

Robert Ramsey and Danny McGrath, who have

both seen limited action, are candidates for the back-up spot at center. January enrollee Tripp Carroll will be working at learning two positions, with one of his focuses at the center spot.

At the guard positions, Stinespring has a talented and focused group returning this season. Jacob Gibson will return as a starter at the left guard spot, while James Miller goes into the spring as the No. 1 right guard.

Gibson started 12 games for the Hokies in 2002 and graded out at 85 percent for the season. He has the versatility to play either tackle position but will go into his last spring as a guard.

"Jacob is having a great off-season and is really working hard in morning workouts," Stinespring says. "He is really a tough guy and has experience that he brings to the table. We look forward to a good spring from him."

Miller saw action at both left and right guard in 2002. The 6-6, 304-pound junior has gained a good understanding of the Tech

system and will be looked to for leadership on the line this spring.

"Jimmy is a guy who is very determined," Stinespring says. "He gives great effort and determination at practice and he's a guy who we look forward to seeing perform well during the spring."

Former walk-on Will Montgomery will enter the spring as the No. 2 man at the left guard spot. Montgomery played in four games during the 2002 season, recording two knockdown blocks.

Jason Murphy, who has moved to the offensive line from the defensive side of the ball, will work behind Miller at right guard along with Carroll.

At the tackle positions, Stinespring returns several players with playing or starting experience. Jon Dunn and Jimmy Martin will head into spring practice at the No. 1 spots at right and left tackle, respectively.

Dunn started seven games last season and graded out at 80.3 percent for the year. The 6-7, 343-pound junior will be looking to become more consistent and physical at the point of attack during spring practice.

"Jon has all of the basics in place," Stinespring says. "We just need to work on him becoming a consistently dominating player. With a good spring he can be a really good player for us next season."

Martin, who started seven games at the right tackle position last season has made the move over to left tackle and will bring his athleticism and experience to the position.

"Jimmy is one of the best athletes we have on the offensive line," Stinespring says. "We really need our best tackle on the left side to protect our right-handed quarterbacks and we feel that the move will be great for him and for the offensive line unit."

Backing up Dunn will be redshirt-freshman Brandon Gore, who, at 6-5 and over 300 pounds will bring strength and size to the tackle spot.

Behind Martin will be Reggie Butler, who saw limited action last season as a freshman. With a great off-season, he will be counted on to help a lot at the left tackle spot.

"I'm really excited about this offensive line group," Stinespring said. "I just can't say enough about how hard they've worked so far in the off-season. I think if they continue to push themselves to get stronger and more confident then we will see a bigger, more intense group on the field going into the spring and fall."

TIGHT ENDS

The Hokies will return all three tight ends from 2002, including Keith Willis and Jeff

King, who split time as the starter last year, and Jared Mazzetta, who will also be battling for the starting job.

"All three got playing time last year," says tight ends coach Danny Pearman. "I think it's going to be extremely competitive at this position during the spring. They each bring something slightly different to the table that we'll be able to use."

Willis, a redshirt senior, had the most impressive stats last year and started the first eight games. The Norfolk, Va., native had seven catches for 168 yards and a score. Against Syracuse, he hauled in two passes for 113 yards, including an 87-yarder.

"We expect Keith as a senior to step in and be a leader for us in both work ethic and on the field performance," Pearman says. "He's really dedicated himself here in the off-season and

I've seen some really positive results from him."

King will be right with Willis for the starting job. The Pulaski native is the biggest of the three at 6-5, 258 pounds and has excellent hands. He came in and started the last five games of the 2002 season, including the bowl game. The redshirt sophomore caught just one pass — a 19-yarder — but it went for a touchdown in Tech's opener against Arkansas State.

"Jeff is just a steady player," Pearman says. "He is always working and is always trying to get better. He's a very dependable person who will help us a lot at tight end."

Mazzetta, a redshirt junior, was competitive with Willis and King in the 2002 preseason before an ankle injury sidelined him for a couple of weeks. He was never able to catch up and was used mostly on special teams. He had one catch for 19 yards last season.

The Hokies will also have the services of newcomer Matt Roan, a January

enrollee from Fork Union Military Academy. He played behind King at Pulaski County High School and will bring more depth to the position.

"This spring we are in a better position than last year when we had three guys who hadn't seen much playing time," Pearman says. "We want to use the spring to get better at blocking at the point of attack and getting the tight ends more involved in the offense."

QUARTERBACKS

All eyes will be on the quarterbacks this spring as coach Kevin Rogers has the luxury of having two talented players ready to battle it out.

The job is Bryan Randall's and he is considered the starting quarterback, but that doesn't mean he won't be pushed for the job. The junior came in last season and started the final 12 games. He threw for 2,134 yards and ran for 507 and finished ranked 10th in the nation in pass efficiency. He showed

TECH PLAYERS HONORED IN 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



leadership and maturity in guiding the Hokies to a 10-win season.

"Bryan played relatively well. I thought at times, he had spurts of playing great football. Right now, the glaring issue is turnovers and we'll address that in the spring and get those things corrected," Rogers says. "His overall feel for the game has to continue to come along and he needs to continue to work on his arm strength."

In the other corner is redshirt freshman Marcus Vick, who has added nearly 20 pounds of muscle since arriving in Blacksburg and spent last year soaking in the college game. Vick is an exciting player with a strong arm and a knack for the game. This spring will be his first true test in the college game and Rogers is looking forward to seeing how he progresses.

"Marcus has the same problem we had going into last season, in that he has no experience," Rogers says. "I think he made a lot of strides in terms of learning our system and football in general. He still has a long way to go, but we made some in-roads this year.

"I'm going to watch both Bryan and Marcus compete, but I don't want to make any bones about it, Bryan Randall is our quarterback right now," Rogers says. "It is incumbent on Marcus to take that job away from him. Bryan is going to be very competitive with that job and I expect good competition from both of them."

RUNNING BACKS

Billy Hite has had a great tailback each of the last four years. This year should be no different. Despite losing Lee Suggs, who will go down as one of the greatest backs in Tech history, Hite will once again have the services of Kevin Jones.

"You hate losing a player like Lee, but you have another guy who's been

waiting his turn and I think that's the way Kevin approached it the last weeks of the season," Hite says. "The first thing I told him after the bowl game was that it was his turn and he got a big smile on his face and I think he's very excited about his opportunity.

"He's a guy who has a chance to be one of the best football players ever to play at Virginia Tech. He's gotten so much better in every phase of the game and knows so much more. He's ready to take the position and run with it."

Jones was having a great 2002 campaign before a hamstring pull against Pittsburgh slowed him for the year. Once back, Jones developed a fumbling habit, one that Hite promises to take care of this spring.

"The fumbles are a mental thing and most of them come on second-effort," Hite says. "He needs to make better decisions on getting down and holding the ball close to his body. It will be corrected this spring for sure. But before his hamstring injury, he was having a great season for us and we're excited about what he can do for this program."

In all, he rushed for 871 yards and nine touchdowns while sharing the ball with Suggs. Jones, a rising junior, will be the feature back this fall and it's now his time to shine.

Mike Imoh, a sophomore from Fairfax, will battle with Cedric Humes for the No. 2 spot. Imoh rushed just 10 times for 38 yards last year, but was the odd-man-out when it came to carries. Hite hopes to use the spring as a major stepping-stone for the speedy back.

"I felt bad I didn't get Mike in there more after we moved him back from the wide receiver spot, but he is a great talent," Hite says. "Mike was ready, mentally, to play if he was ever called on. He understands what we're doing and he understands the



Cedric Humes

system. I'm really excited about him getting a lot of reps this spring."

Humes, a redshirt sophomore, will see action at both tailback and fullback. The Virginia Beach native served as the No. 2 fullback last year, but has the speed and skills to play tailback if needed. He carried the ball 16 times for 68 yards last year and also caught seven passes for 76 yards.

"Cedric will play both positions, concentrating more on the tailback spot," Hite says. "He spent a year at fullback and we want to make sure that if anything happens at the fullback spot, we can move him back."

John Candelas, a walk-on from Blacksburg, will provide depth at the tailback position and is working hard to work his way into the rotation. The sophomore scored a touchdown last year against Marshall.

The fullback position appears to be in good hands as redshirt senior Doug Easlick returns. Deemed "one of the biggest surprises of last season" by Hite, Easlick came in and didn't miss a beat in filling in for four-year starter Jarrett Ferguson.

"For him to come in and play the way he did was outstanding and amazing," Hite says. "I'm tickled to death to have him back again. I didn't think anyone could come in and replace Jarrett, but Doug Easlick did just that and had a great year."

The bruising back from Marlton, N.J., started all 14 games and opened most of the holes for one of the best rushing offenses last year. He also carried the ball 19 times for 92 yards and showed excellent hands, catching 16 passes for 168 yards and a touchdown.

A pair of walk-ons, Jesse Allen and Luke Dales, will

battle with Humes for reps this spring in hopes of seeing action in the fall.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Receivers coach Tony Ball has the luxury of having record-setting split end Ernest Wilford back, but he also has to replace sure-handed Shawn Witten at flanker.

"We have a good group of young players coming back, but we lose a guy like Shawn Witten who knew the offense and it's hard to replace those kind of players who you can depend on," Ball says. "Shawn is a tough guy to replace, but we're going to use the spring to see who steps up to fill his shoes."

Leading the troops will be Ernest Wilford, who set a new Tech record with 51 catches a year ago. The redshirt senior has the size at 6-4 to be an outstanding receiver and will be counted on for bigger things this year. Last season, he had 925 yards and seven touchdowns.

"We have to look at Ernest and figure out what we can do to help him get better for next year," Ball says. "This past year, he was a guy going into the season where there was a lot of talk questioning him. Now he had a real good year."

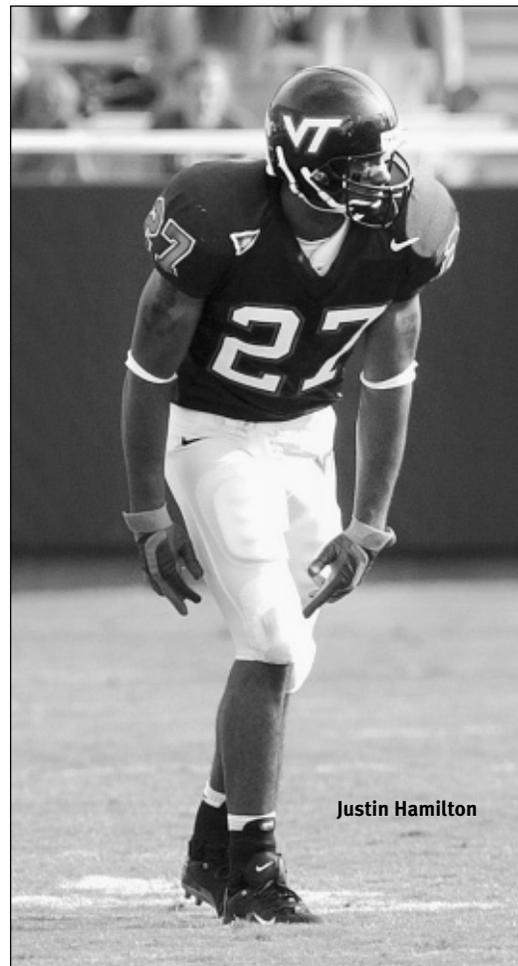
"He was consistent, he worked hard and as a result, he had great success. He's going to play a big part of getting these young players on track."

Richard Johnson, a speedy receiver from Baltimore, will head into spring practice leading the way at flanker. The redshirt junior started two games last season and caught 14 passes for 147 yards. He will be pushed by several young players in the spring as the group battles it out jockeying for position heading into fall.

"Richard, going into the spring, has got to play faster for me," Ball says. "He's going to have to work extremely hard on his flexibility in his



Richard Johnson



Justin Hamilton

hips so he can be more explosive. Right now, I'm not sold on the fact that he's the guy for me. Richard is smart, has real good hands and catches the ball well, but I need him to become a blur."

Justin Hamilton saw his playing time increase last season and will be pushed by Ball this spring. He was moved from tailback to wide out early last spring and made great strides every day. He brings size (6-3, 209) and athleticism to the position and will enter the spring looking to catch the eye of the coaches.

"Justin still has a lot to learn," Ball says. "He wasn't a receiver, so he's still learning how to be a receiver. He's working on becoming more comfortable at the position, but now he has to develop that receiver mentality and work ethic."

Redshirt sophomore Chris Clifton and redshirt senior Chris Shreve will also get

looks this spring. Clifton has good size, at 6-4, and speed, but needs to learn the position. Shreve is one of the fastest players on the team and will use the spring to try to move into position for more playing time.

Ball will also use the spring to bring along four players who redshirted last season. Robert Parker, Fred Lee, Brenden Hill and Michael Malone all have the potential, but will have to take advantage of the spring to make a name for themselves.

"We have to take a good look at them this spring and see how they fit into the plan for this fall," Ball says.

Parker has the coaches excited about his potential. He's another receiver with good size (6-1, 207) who has a good work ethic on the field and in the classroom.

Lee is a speedster who, although he doesn't have great size, does run good

routes and has good hands. He could be a big threat for the Hokies at either position because of his good speed and quickness.

Malone has the size (6-3, 202) and the pedigree (son of NBA Hall of Famer Moses Malone) to be a great player, but is lacking the experience. If he can get stronger and adjust to the college game, he could be a factor for the Hokies down the road.

Ball says, going into spring, he has two main goals for his group of receivers.

"As a group, we need to be more physical in the running game," Ball says. "I felt we lacked explosiveness at the point of attack in the running game and that bothered me. We also have to get better in our route execution, especially in the deeper routes."

"Right now, there is no starter at flanker; it's wide open," Ball says. "I'm going to

give Richard and Justin a chance to battle for it, but I'm also going to move Justin around. Right now, no position is solid except for one, and I'm going to push that one."

The Defense

Defensively, this will be a much different spring than last year for coordinator Bud Foster. A year ago, Foster and his defensive staff had to replace their top five defensive tackles, their top three inside linebackers and two starters in the secondary.

This year, the Hokies return nine defensive starters and most of their backups. Only five players are gone from last year's unit — starting free safety Willie Pile, starting cornerback Ronyell Whitaker, end Lamar Cobb, rover Billy Hardee and linebacker Alex Markogiannakis.

"We're deep at several positions," Foster says. "And we have some players who redshirted last year who are hungry to play and may end up pushing some people. That's what it's all about, getting each other better. You have to have that competition to improve."

The strong point of the defense should once again be the defensive ends. With seniors Nathaniel Adibi, Cols Colas and Jim Davis being joined by youngsters Darryl Tapp and Noland Burchette, the Hokies have one of the best groups of ends in school history.

Foster will be looking for those ends to be leaders for a group of tackles who are still young, but far more experienced than a year ago. Every player who saw action at tackle for Tech last season is back and there is a big addition in transfer Isaac Montgomery. There may not be a position on the team with more competition.

All three starting linebackers also return, but developing more depth at

those positions and finding the right position for some of the younger players will be one of the focal points of the spring. One such move will find redshirt sophomore James Anderson moving from the backer position to whip linebacker where Tech's coaches feel his skills, size and speed may be better utilized.

Filling out the positions in the secondary, where junior cornerback DeAngelo Hall figures to be one of the nation's best, will also be an emphasis and should be made easier by a deep pool of talented candidates.

"Our guys grew up so much last year," Foster says. "That experience is going to help us. I like these kids. They worked hard every day when we had those three tough losses back-to-back last season. They want to be good, we've just got to do it on a consistent basis.

"Being sound, fundamentally, and being consistent are our main objectives of the spring. Obviously, we're always going to have some little wrinkles we are going to work on to try and tweak the defense a little bit. But the main focus is going to be getting our guys to be productive on a more consistent basis."

DEFENSIVE LINE

When assessing Tech's strong points for 2003, there is no better place to start than with the defensive ends. The senior trio of Nathaniel Adibi, Cols Colas and Jim Davis is as good as it gets. The Hokies should also be much improved at the

tackle spots where a bevy of young players picked up some valuable experience in 2002.

"We want to get better overall this spring," says defensive line coach Charley Wiles. "We want to continue to bring along our ends and not let them get complacent. Individually, each player at tackle has something a little different he needs to improve, but as a unit, we have got to become more physical. We have to get off more blocks and make more tackles in there."

There were no signs of complacency at the end positions during the 2002 season when Adibi, Colas, Davis and senior Lamar Cobb combined for 24.5 quarterback sacks and 62 quarterback hurries.

Adibi was a standout on

the Hokies' young defense, posting 55 tackles, nine sacks and 15 total tackles for loss. The 6-3, 255-pound performer added 16 hurries, three forced fumbles and two passes broken up on the way to second-team All-BIG EAST Conference honors. One of his forced fumbles was returned for a touchdown at Western Michigan. During his Tech career, Adibi has started 34 of the 38 games in which he has played, including three bowl games. He turned in a 575-pound back squat and ran a 4.5 forty during off-season testing.

Colas, who will be held out of contact work during the spring after surgery to repair a patella tendon, was equally as effective in 2002. He contributed 51 tackles and, like Adibi, forced three fumbles. His team-leading 19 tackles for loss included nine sacks. He also topped the team with 24 quarterback hurries. At 6-0, 226, Colas has a combination of power (390 bench press) and explosive speed (4.41) that makes him hard to handle on the corner.

Davis, who is considered the Hokies' most talented end, has been bothered by nagging injuries the past two seasons. During the 2002 season, he suffered an ankle injury against LSU that limited his effectiveness. The 6-3, 255-pound Davis finished the season with 37 tackles, including 5.5 sacks and nine total tackles for loss. He had 10 hurries and broke up three passes. When healthy, Davis is a play-maker who can disrupt a game. As a sophomore he intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown and forced two fumbles that were returned for TDs. The coaches are hoping he can avoid injuries this year and become an every-down player.

Tech's talent at the end position doesn't stop with the seniors. Sophomore Darryl

TECH IN THE NCAA RANKINGS

(Top 30 only)

TEAM STATISTICS

Rushing Offense		YPG
19th	Virginia Tech	283.62
Pass Efficiency Offense		PTS
15th	Virginia Tech	139.53
Punt Returns		YPR
16th	Virginia Tech	13.95
Rushing Defense		YPG
29th	Virginia Tech	121.43
Pass Efficiency Defense		PTS
26th	Virginia Tech	108.21
Scoring Defense		PPG
21st	Virginia Tech	18.79
Scoring Offense		PPG
30th	Virginia Tech	30.64
Passes Intercepted		No.
1st	Virginia Tech	24
Turnovers Gained		No.
5th	Virginia Tech	37

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Punt Returns		YPR
7th	DeAngelo Hall	16.00
Scoring		PPG
5th	Lee Suggs	10.29
Pass Efficiency		Rating
10th	Bryan Randall	143.09

Tapp and redshirt freshman Noland Burchette are both expected to get a long look during the spring as Wiles begins to round out his rotation at the end positions. Walk-ons Bob Ruff and Greg Kezmarsky will also be on hand.

Tapp started on five different special teams last year as a true freshman and saw some limited work at end. He increased his weight to 246 pounds during the winter and turned in a 380-pound bench press on the way to Super Iron Hokie honors. Burchette (6-2, 240) impressed Tech's coaches with his quickness, athletic ability and football instincts while redshirting during the fall.

The stability at end will allow Wiles some extra time to concentrate on the competition at tackle.

"We have a heavily competitive situation going on inside," Wiles says, "It's year-to-year, game-to-game. If you started last year, it doesn't mean you're going to start this year. And if you started last week, it doesn't mean you are going to start this week. The guys who are going to give us the best chance of winning are going to play."

Every player who saw action at tackle last season is back, led by starters Kevin Lewis (6-1, 292) and Jason Lallis (6-0, 250). Lewis was having an outstanding season until a torn pectoral muscle sidelined him for the final three games of the year. He contributed 49 tackles, including five behind the line of scrimmage, and registered six quarterback hurries. Lewis will not participate in spring contact drills. Lallis is an instinctive, tough player, who finds a way to get off blocks and make plays. He led the defensive tackles in quarterback hurries with seven and contributed 48 tackles and two quarterback sacks. He also returned a fumble 59 yards for a

touchdown against Arkansas State. Lallis suffered an injury in the same game as Lewis and missed two games, but will participate in spring practice.

Sophomores Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 292) and Tim Sandidge (6-1, 283), are expected to be in the thick of the battle for playing time along with senior Jimmy E. Williams. Another strong candidate will be transfer Isaac Montgomery.

Lewis and Sandidge moved into the lineup last year in the absence of Kevin Lewis and Lallis. Jonathan Lewis, Kevin's younger brother, saw action in every game and ended up leading the defensive line in tackles with 56. The younger Lewis had seven tackles for loss, including two sacks, and five hurries. He still has some things to learn, but has an

extremely bright future.

Sandidge, who has shown steady improvement during his time at Tech, led the tackles in sacks (4) and passes batted down (3) last season. He closed out the season with 30 total tackles. During winter workouts, Sandidge turned in a personal-best 605-pound back squat and a 4.79 clocking in the 40.

Williams (6-3, 335) came to Tech during the summer with high expectations, but never quite got on track. The former JUCO All-American was held out of practice while awaiting results of a summer course. After being cleared for practice, he suffered a series of nagging injuries and ended up seeing playing time in just five games. Spring practice will offer Williams a new beginning and a chance to

meet his expectations.

The Tech coaches are excited about Montgomery, who practiced with the team during the fall after transferring from the University of North Carolina. The 6-4, 297-pound junior could make a real impact this spring. During winter workouts, Montgomery led the defensive line with a 415-pound bench press and posted a 600-pound back squat.

"We're a little nicked up going into spring with Cols, Kevin Lewis and Lallis all having little problems right now," Wiles says. "But that will allow us to get Jimmy Williams, Jonathan Lewis, Isaac Montgomery and Tim Sandidge a ton of plays."

The Hokies' defensive line depth is good enough that six players who practiced as defensive linemen during the fall have been moved to the offensive line for spring practice. That group included tackles Jason Murphy, Chris Pannell, Chris Burnett, Kevin Hilton and Andrew Fleck and end Brandon Frye.

Wiles feels his young line did some good things last season, but he hasn't forgotten the fact that teams were able to run on Hokies down the stretch.

"We're not where we need to be yet," he says. "But we have improved. Right now, our kids are all getting bigger and stronger, so if we go out and continue to improve this spring, we'll have a chance to be pretty good."

LINEBACKERS

Unlike last spring, the emphasis at the linebacker positions this year will be establishing depth rather than determining starters. After playing the 2002 season with newcomers handling the mike, backer and whip positions, the Hokies now have three tested starters.

Last season, mike linebacker Mikal Baaqee led



Kevin Lewis will not participate in spring contact drills.

2003 SPRING TWO-DEEP ROSTER

OFFENSE (Multiple)

SE	19 Ernest Wilford (6-4, 221, r-Sr.)
	81 Chris Shreve (6-0, 188, r-Sr.)
LT	52 Jimmy Martin (6-5, 283, So.)
	61 Reggie Butler (6-6, 333, So.)
LG	60 Jacob Gibson (6-4, 306, r-Sr.)
	66 Will Montgomery (6-4, 298, r-So.)
C	64 Jake Grove (6-3, 300, r-Sr.)
	68 Robert Ramsey (6-3, 307, r-Jr.)
RG	76 James Miller (6-6, 304, Jr.)
	72 Jason Murphy (6-2, 296, r-So.)
RT	79 Jon Dunn (6-7, 343, r-Jr.)
	77 Brandon Gore (6-5, 328, r-Fr.)
TE	86 Keith Willis (6-5, 264, r-Sr.)
or	90 Jeff King (6-5, 256-r-So.)
QB	3 Bryan Randall (6-0, 222, Jr.)
	5 Marcus Vick (6-0, 203, r-Fr.)
TB	25 Kevin Jones (6-0, 209, Jr.)
	32 Cedric Humes (6-1, 223, r-So.)
FB	43 Doug Easlick (5-11, 238, r-Sr.)
	32 Cedric Humes (6-1, 223, r-So.)
FL	12 Richard Johnson (5-10, 189, r-Jr.)
or	27 Justin Hamilton (6-3, 209, r-So.)
PK	49 Carter Warley (5-11, 198, r-Sr.)
	23 Nic Schmitt (6-1, 242, So.)

Depth chart is subject to change.

DEFENSE (4-3)

DE	83 Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 255, r-Sr.)
	95 Jim Davis (6-3, 255, Sr.)
DT	91 Jason Lallis (6-0, 250, r-Jr.)
or	56 Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 292, So.)
DT	70 Kevin Lewis (6-1, 292, r-Jr.)*
	71 Tim Sandidge (6-1, 283, r-So.)
DE	99 Cols Colas (6-0, 226, r-Sr.)*
	96 Noland Burchette (6-2, 240, r-Fr.)
OLB	48 Brandon Manning (6-0, 216, r-Jr.)
	42 James Anderson (6-2, 217, r-So.)
ILB	45 Mikal Baaqee (5-10, 227, r-Jr.)
	33 Chad Cooper (6-2, 211, r-Jr.)
ILB	6 Vegas Robinson (6-0, 244, r-Sr.)
	40 Blake Warren (6-3, 232, r-So.)
FC	8 Vincent Fuller (6-1, 181, r-Jr.)
	1 Eric Green (5-11, 190, r-Jr.)
FS	18 Jimmy F. Williams (6-3, 213, So.)
	31 Mike Daniels (6-0, 205, r-Jr.)
ROV	21 Michael Crawford (5-11, 209, r-Sr.)
	24 D.J. Walton (5-9, 200, r-So.)
BC	4 DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 198, Jr.)
	17 Garnell Wilds (5-11, 196, r-Sr.)
P	38 Vinnie Burns (5-11, 202, r-Jr.)
	23 Nic Schmitt (6-1, 242, So.)

*Will not participate in spring contact drills

"Vegas is a solid football player," says Foster. "When he was out, it hurt us. He is a physical guy who can run. He's been in our defense several years, so he understands it. I am expecting him to really step up and improve."

Manning is another successful product of Tech's walk-on program, having already earned a scholarship and a starting position. He had five tackles for loss last season, including a sack, and broke up two passes. The redshirt junior joined Baaqee and Robinson as a Super Iron Hokie during the off-season.

"Manning has really worked hard to get where he is," says whip linebackers coach Jim Cavanaugh. "He's tough, he's smart and he has played."

Manning's experience will give him a definite edge, but there will be good competition at the position during the spring. The coaches have moved redshirt sophomore James Anderson from backer to whip.

Anderson, another Super Iron Hokie, was pressed into starting duty for three games last season as a freshman replacing Robinson. He finished the season with 48 tackles and 1.5 sacks. His size (6-2, 217) and speed (4.43) figure to be a good fit for the new position.

Redshirt freshman Aaron Rouse is another talented challenger at the whip position. Rouse, who is 6-3, 203, has all the skills to become an outstanding player for the Hokies. Walk-on Patrick Hackley-Hough will also work at the position.

Chad Cooper and Jordan Trott will work behind Baaqee at the mike linebacker spot. Cooper, a redshirt junior, returned to the team last summer following a bout with Guillain-Barré syndrome, a serious disorder of the nervous system. He played in 13 games during the 2002 season, but never quite



Mikal Baaqee was Tech's leading tackler in 2002.

the team in tackles with 112 in his first season as a regular. Backer Vegas Robinson finished fourth in tackles (71), despite missing three games. Brandon Manning, the starter at whip, finished third on the team in tackles with 75.

"The guy who really performed well was Mikal Baaqee," says inside linebackers coach Bud Foster. "He was always around the football. Mikal has good speed and a good motor. During the off-season, he really worked hard to get bigger so he can get off blocks better and get in position for tackling."

Baaqee, a redshirt junior, is up to 227 pounds from his playing weight of around 215 last season. He started every game but one during the 2002 season, edging out

safety Willie Pile for the team lead in tackles and finishing third on the team in tackles for loss with 12. Baaqee had 3.5 quarterback sacks, eight quarterback hurries, five pass breakups and one interception. He earned Super Iron Hokie honors during preseason athletic performance testing.

At 6-0, 244, Robinson gives the Hokies a physical presence at backer. He had three pass interceptions to go with his 71 tackles. After playing just 78 defensive plays in 2001, Robinson was in on over 500 plays last fall. He was missed while sitting out three games with an ankle injury, especially in losses to Pittsburgh and Syracuse. As the lone senior in Tech's group of linebackers, Robinson will be looked to for leadership.

returned to the form that made him one of the Hokies' most improved players in 2001.

"I'm anxious to see how Chad does," Foster says. "Last fall, he said he was only about 80-85 percent. Right now, he says he feels very, very good. He was one of our most improved guys before he contracted Guillain-Barré, but just never got back to where he was. I'm hoping this spring, he'll have a chance to get back in the flow.

"He could play backer or mike – he just hasn't gotten a lot of reps this past year. He has the ability. I'm looking forward to seeing where he fits in."

Trott, a 6-4, 245-pound redshirt sophomore, got a taste of action last season and was Tech's leading tackler on special teams. He is expected to be ready for the spring after banging up his knee in the Hokies' San Francisco Bowl win over Air Force.

The competition for Robinson at the backer position this spring will be provided by redshirt sophomore Blake Warren. Warren, a safety in high school, made a good transition to linebacker last spring, but was slowed by nagging injuries during most of the 2002 season. He played in nine games and posted just 12 tackles. He intercepted a pass against West Virginia.

"It was disappointing last season that Blake was banged up," Foster says. "He had a great spring in 2002. I think he is a guy who has the opportunity to help us. He sees things instinctively. He still needs to get stronger, but he is a good football player."

Warren will be joined by walk-on J.D. Zeigler behind Robinson.

The competition this spring will just be the beginning of the search for

depth at the linebacker spots. When practice opens in August, Foster will welcome a recruiting class that features three of the nation's top 10 prep linebackers as selected by Tom Lemming.

SECONDARY

Despite the loss of Pile, Whitaker and Hardee, Tech should still be solid in the secondary with a number of talented — and experienced — players returning.

Leading the way is Hall, who has all the tools to be a special player. The dynamic junior cornerback was a second team All-BIG EAST pick last season as both a defensive back and a return man. He posted 55 tackles, four interceptions and a team-leading 12 pass breakups despite seeing only brief action in three of the Hokies' last four regular-

season games due to a sore back. He was in on 16 tackles against Miami.

"DeAngelo had a good season last year, but he did some things that he knows he can't do in big games," says secondary coach Lorenzo Ward. "He knows he has to become more disciplined as a player and that is what we will work on this spring. I believe he will dedicate himself to being the player he is capable of being every down."

It appears that some of Hall's downs may be spent at wide receiver during at least part of the spring. His main job come fall, however, will still be at the Hokies' boundary corner position.

Joining Hall at the boundary spot is senior Garnell Wilds, who has developed into one of Tech's most dependable players.

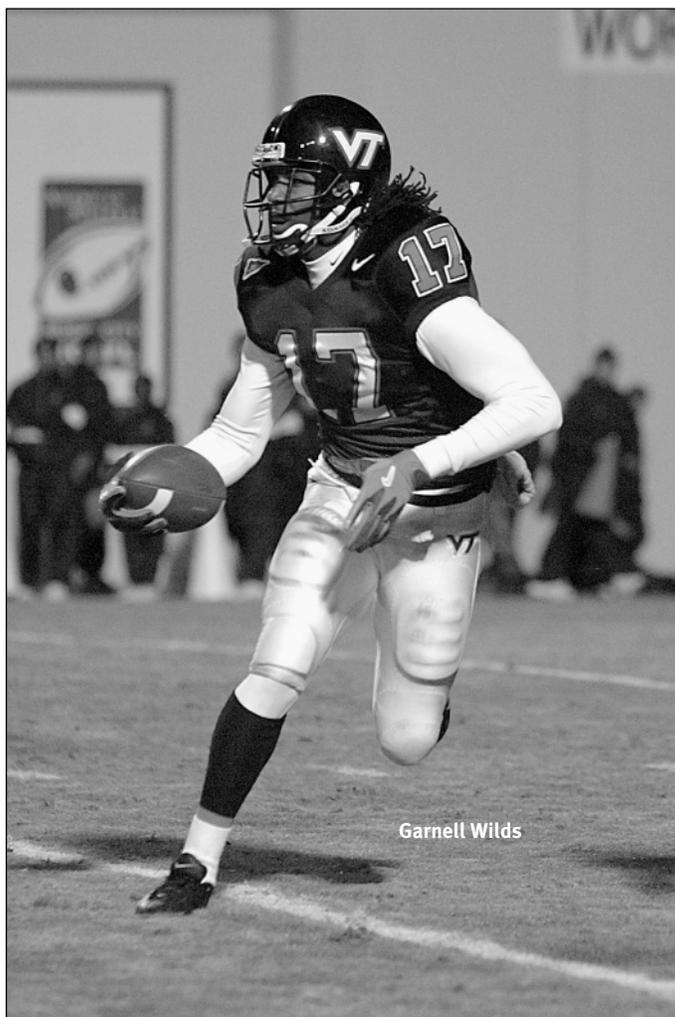
Wilds was a spot starter in four games last season and led the team and the BIG EAST Conference in interceptions with five. He also contributed 44 tackles and broke up seven passes.

The battle for Whitaker's spot at the field corner, figures to produce some good competition between redshirt juniors Vincent Fuller and Eric Green. Fuller was moved to corner from free safety last fall to help out when Whitaker was suspended for two games and Green was sidelined by a season-ending knee injury. Fuller played in every game, including four as a starter, and played extremely well at times. He intercepted four passes and posted 23 tackles. With a little added strength and discipline, Fuller has all the skills to be successful,

Green played in 23 of 24 games at corner during his first two seasons at Tech. He was running neck and neck with Whitaker for the starting duties at field corner before his injury, Green has worked hard to return to action and will get every chance to win the position during the spring.

Several other players who are expected to get a look at the cornerback positions during the spring are redshirt freshmen Brian McPherson and Cary Wade and walk-ons Kofi Boateng and Ryan Hash. McPherson and Hash will work at the field corner, while Wade and Boateng will be used at the boundary position.

Pile's safety position is expected to go to impressive sophomore Jimmy F. Williams, who came on strong as his freshman year progressed. Williams saw most of his action on special teams until the end of the year when he saw extensive action at Miami and in the Hokies' San Francisco Bowl victory against Air Force. Williams finished the season



Garnell Wilds

with 46 tackles and one interception.

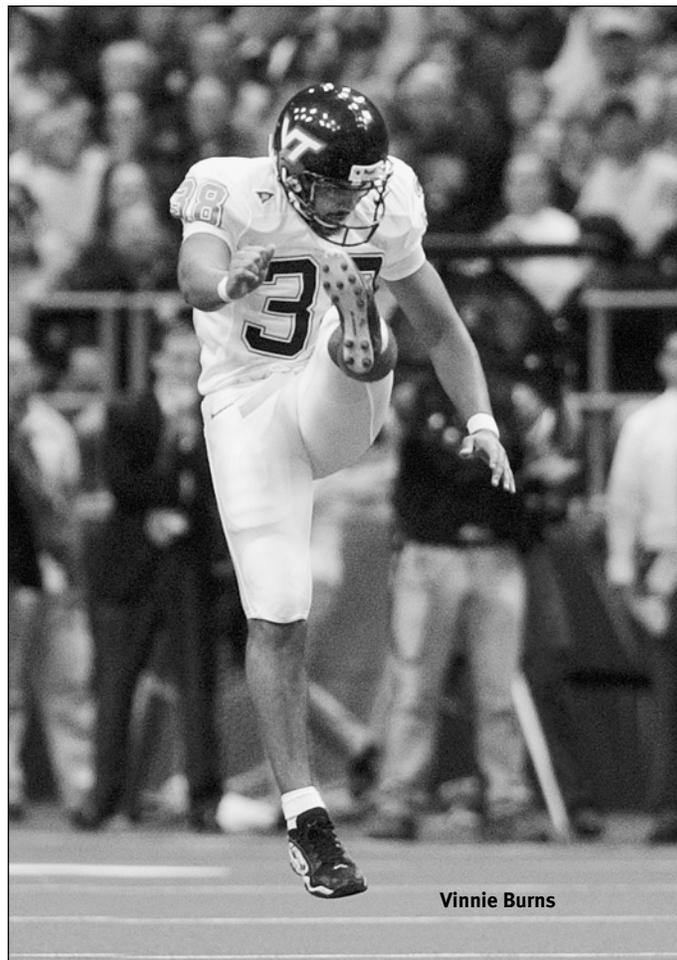
"Jimmy has some big shoes to fill, but I feel he is capable of doing it," says Ward. "We've got to take advantage of these 15 days we have in the spring and help him get a good understanding of our system. I am excited about Jimmy and his promise for the future."

Williams could be pushed for the free safety job by Mike Daniels or Corey Gordon. Daniels is a physical player who is being moved over from whip linebacker where he saw considerable action over the past two seasons. The junior started his Tech career working at free safety during a redshirt year. He started four games at whip in 2001 and one game last year. Gordon is a promising freshman recruit, who entered Tech in January after attending Hargrave Academy during the fall. Walk-on Adrian White will also compete at the position.

"I feel really good about the players we have at the cornerback and free safety positions," Ward says. "We've got a lot of experience coming back. After reviewing the film from last season, I feel like there are quite a few things we can improve. I will break those things down on an individual basis and that is what we will work on this spring."

Over at the rover position, 10-game starter Michael Crawford returns with a clean bill of health. The senior performer underwent a series of tests and biopsies late in the season for possible lymphoma, but missed just one game. He finished the season with 49 tackles, including two sacks and four total tackles for loss. He was found to be free of any form of cancer in January.

Crawford is joined at rover by redshirt sophomore D.J. Walton, who moved to



Vinnie Burns

the position midway through the 2002 season, and JUCO All-American James Griffin, a member of Tech's recruiting class who entered school in January. Walton did not get to play at the rover position after his move, but he did get a lot of valuable work at the position that should pay off this spring. Griffin has had highly successful high school and junior college careers, but must adjust to the Tech system.

"My goal is to get these players better experience and develop an order among them," says Jim Cavanaugh, who coaches the Hokies' rovers. "Crawford's game experience from last season should make him a different player, and Walton's practice experience should help make him better. We will give Griffin as many reps as we can to see what he can do.

"As for the order," Cavanaugh says. "How it

ends up in the spring ... the players are going to determine that."

Special Teams

When Beamer said he felt there would be competition at virtually every position, he was definitely including special teams.

"Kicking-wise, I'm really interested in getting a lot of competition this spring," says Beamer, who oversees the punters and place-kickers. "I really don't think we are good enough right now on our kickoffs and our field goal percentage."

Starting place-kicker Carter Warley returns after a topsy-turvy season that saw the Hokies use three different kickers. Warley, a senior, remains the most experienced candidate for the duties. When healthy, he is extremely accurate, but his bouts with back problems

have had a major impact on his consistency.

Nic Schmitt, a strong-legged sophomore, got a brief kicking stint last season, but also struggled with his accuracy on field goals. Warley, Schmitt and redshirt freshman Brandon Pace will all get a chance to stake their claim to the place-kicking and kickoff duties during the spring.

Junior Vinnie Burns, who was named second-team All-BIG EAST Conference last season, returns as Tech's punter. Burns averaged 40.5 yards on 64 punts last season and placed 22 punts inside the 20-yard line. Burns will get competition from Schmitt and senior Bobby Peaslee.

Peaslee returns as the Hokies' holder, but the snapping duties will be wide open with the departure of three-year starter Ken Keister. Redshirt freshman Nick Leeson and redshirt junior Travis Conway will be among the candidates for the snapping duties.

Punt return man DeAngelo Hall and kickoff returner Richard Johnson are both back. Hall finished seventh nationally in punt returns in 2002 and was named second team All-BIG EAST as a return man. He averaged 16 yards per return and brought two returns back for touchdowns. Johnson, who had a 91-yard kickoff return against Miami, averaged 21.1 yards on 23 returns.

Tech continued its tradition for blocking kicks last season with seven blocks. Every player who had a block returns this season, including redshirt sophomore Justin Hamilton, who had two blocks. The return of Eric Green, who missed the 2002 season with a knee injury, should give Tech's kick block team an added boost. Green blocked three punts during his first two seasons.

2003 SPRING ROSTER

No.	Name	vi	Pos	B'date	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
83	Nathaniel Adibi	3	DE	1/25/81	6-3	255	r-Sr.	Hampton, Va.	Phoebus	Bill Dee
	Jesse Allen	-	FB	10/22/83	6-0	241	r-Fr.	Monson, Mass.	Pathfinder Regional	Chris Pope
42	James Anderson	1	LB	9/26/83	6-2	217	r-So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
45	Mikal Baaqee	2	LB	12/20/81	5-10	227	r-Jr.	Columbia, Md.	DeMatha	Bill McGregor
	Mason Baggett	-	OT	8/16/83	6-1	255	Fr.	Richmond, Va.	James River	Greg DeFrancesco
	Kofi Boateng	-	CB	7/19/83	5-8	183	Jr.	Knoxville, Tenn.	Austin East	Richard Glasper
	Joe Brockmeyer	-	FB	10/6/83	6-2	220	So.	Pasadena, Md.	Northeast	Mike Cotham
96	Noland Burchette	-	DE	3/23/83	6-2	240	r-Fr.	Richmond, Va.	Highland Springs	Scott Burton
51	Chris Burnett	-	OG	11/2/83	6-1	284	r-Fr.	Blue Ridge, Va.	Liberty-Bedford	Scott Abell
38	Vinnie Burns	1	P	2/2/82	5-11	202	r-Jr.	New Orleans, La.	St. Augustine	Anthony Biagas
61	Reggie Butler	-	OT	8/21/82	6-6	333	So.	Keswick, Va.	Monticello	Brud Bicknell
44	John Candelas	-	TB	4/21/83	6-0	199	So.	Blacksburg, Va.	Blacksburg	Mike Crist
37	Steve Canter	-	FB	2/15/81	6-0	232	r-Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kempsville	John Bowles
57	Tripp Carroll	-	OT	9/18/84	6-4	306	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Andrew Jackson (Fla.)	Gil Carroll
	Chris Ceasar	-	FL	12/20/82	5-10	165	r-Fr.	Delray Beach, Fla.	Spanish River	Bill Bretherick
16	Chris Clifton	1	SE	10/27/82	6-4	197	r-So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
99	Cols Colas	3	DE	5/16/80	6-0	226	r-Sr.	Plantation, Fla.	South Plantation	Dan Margurit
62	Travis Conway	1	DS	6/3/82	6-5	240	r-Jr.	Richmond, Va.	J.R. Tucker	Rusty Curle
33	Chad Cooper	2	LB	6/10/81	6-2	211	r-Jr.	Herndon, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
21	Michael Crawford	3	ROV	2/20/81	5-11	209	r-Sr.	Baltimore, Md.	Patterson	Roger Wrenn
	Luke Dales	-	FB	1/26/83	5-11	229	r-Fr.	Grundy, Va.	Grundy	Greg Rowe
31	Mike Daniels	2	FS	9/18/81	6-0	205	r-Jr.	Fairfax, Va.	Fairfax	Tom Verbanic
95	Jim Davis@	3	DE	10/4/81	6-3	255	Sr.	Highland Springs, Va.	Highland Springs	Randy Stokes
79	Jon Dunn	2	OT	12/12/81	6-7	343	r-Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Tallwood	Thad Harold
43	Doug Easlick	2	FB	12/4/80	5-11	238	r-Sr.	Marlton, N.J.	Cherokee	John Scott
	Rashad Ferebee	-	OG	3/18/84	5-8	272	So.	Norfolk, Va.	Granby	Dave Hudack
58	Andrew Fleck	-	C	10/11/82	6-3	275	r-Fr.	Edmond, Okla.	Sante Fe	Brian Kelly
65	Brandon Frye	-	OT	1/23/83	6-4	268	r-Fr.	Myrtle Beach, S.C.	Myrtle Beach	Scott Early
8	Vincent Fuller	2	CB	8/3/82	6-1	181	r-Jr.	Baltimore, Md.	Woodlawn	Reggie White
60	Jacob Gibson	2	OT/OG	1/29/81	6-4	306	r-Sr.	Rocky Mount, Va.	Franklin County	Jerry Little
82	Lance Goff	-	FL	3/29/82	5-11	202	r-Sr.	Wytheville, Va.	George Wythe	Larry Russell
22	Corey Gordon\$	-	FS	6/9/84	6-3	207	Fr.	Gainesville, Fla.	Gainesville High	Rick Swain
77	Brandon Gore	-	OT	11/7/83	6-5	328	r-Fr.	Warrenton, Va.	Liberty	Joe Trabucco
1	Eric Green	2	CB	3/16/82	5-11	190	r-Jr.	Clewiston, Fla.	Clewiston	Al Morrell
28	James Griffin‡	-	ROV	12/28/81	6-1	193	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn.	East	Wayne Randall
64	Jake Grove	3	C	1/22/80	6-3	300	r-Sr.	Forest, Va.	Jefferson Forest	Ed Landis
	Patrick Hackley-Hough	-	LB	4/9/84	6-0	195	So.	Herndon, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
4	DeAngelo Hall	2	CB/WR	11/19/83	5-11	198	Jr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
27	Justin Hamilton	1	FL	9/17/82	6-3	209	r-So.	Clintwood, Va.	Clintwood	Bob Meade
	Ryan Hash	-	CB	3/27/83	5-9	172	So.	Springfield, Va.	Robert E. Lee	Jerry Pannoni
82	Brenden Hill	-	SE	7/7/84	6-1	186	r-Fr.	Newport News, Va.	Warwick	Tommy Reamon
75	Kevin Hilton	-	OL	10/13/83	6-1	263	r-So.	Silver Spring, Md.	Good Counsel	Tom Kolar
	Scott Hughes	-	FL	5/28/82	5-11	154	r-Jr.	Radford, Va.	Pulaski County	Joel Hicks
32	Cedric Humes	1	TB/FB	8/7/83	6-1	223	r-So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Princess Anne	Jeff Ballance
20	Mike Imoh	-	TB	7/21/84	5-7	185	So.	Fairfax, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
12	Richard Johnson	2	FL	6/17/82	5-10	189	r-Jr.	Baltimore, Md.	Milford Mill Academy	Reggie Brooks
25	Kevin Jones	2	TB	8/21/82	6-0	209	Jr.	Chester, Pa.	Cardinal O'Hara	George Stratts
	Greg Kezmarsky	-	DE	10/1/83	6-3	236	So.	Voorhees, N.J.	Eastern	Dan Spittal
	Michael Kibble	-	PK	12/30/82	5-8	147	So.	Manassas, Va.	Osbourn Park	Mike Feldman
90	Jeff King	1	TE	2/19/83	6-5	256	r-So.	Pulaski, Va.	Pulaski County	Joel Hicks
	Guillaume Laffitte-Smith	-	FB	6/1/84	5-9	196	r-Fr.	Oak Hill, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf
91	Jason Lallis	2	DT	2/4/82	6-0	250	r-Jr.	Mitchellville, Md.	DeMatha	Bill McGregor
	Ivan Larymore	-	QB	1/4/84	6-0	204	So.	St. Matthews, S.C.	Calhoun County	Chris Rumph
14	Fred Lee§	-	FL	3/10/83	5-8	186	r-Fr.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Bishop McDevitt	Jeff Weachter
53	Nick Leeson	-	LB/DS	10/29/82	6-1	235	r-Fr.	Abingdon, Va.	Abingdon	Scott Allen

No.	Name	vl	Pos	B'date	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	H.S. Coach
56	Jonathan Lewis	1	DT	7/12/84	6-1	292	So.	Richmond, Va.	Varina	Gary Chilcoat
70	Kevin Lewis	2	DT	4/26/80	6-1	292	r-Jr.	Richmond, Va.	Varina	Ed Bulheller
88	Michael Malone	-	SE	3/9/84	6-3	202	r-Fr.	Friendswood, Texas	Friendswood	Steve Vanmeter
48	Brandon Manning+	2	LB	5/12/81	6-0	216	r-Jr.	Harrisburg, Pa.	Central Dauphin	George Chaump
52	Jimmy Martin@	1	OT	10/19/82	6-5	283	So.	Fairfax, Va.	Chantilly	Bob Herb
85	Jared Mazzetta	2	TE	6/4/81	6-4	260	r-Jr.	Flemington, N.J.	Hunterdon Central	Jim Meert
69	Danny McGrath	-	C	3/19/83	6-2	297	So.	Herndon, Va.	Herndon	Tom Meier
29	Brian McPherson	-	CB	5/11/84	5-10	190	r-Fr.	Madison Heights, Va.	Amherst County	Mickey Crouch
76	James Miller	2	OG	8/13/81	6-6	304	Jr.	Pompano Beach, Fla.	Ft. Lauderdale	John Timmons
97	Isaac Montgomery†	-	DT	3/3/82	6-4	297	r-Jr.	Princeton, W. Va.	Princeton	Ted Sparado
66	Will Montgomery	-	OG	2/13/83	6-4	298	r-So.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
72	Jason Murphy	1	OG	8/7/82	6-2	296	r-So.	Baltimore, Md.	Edmondson Westside	Pete Pompey
	Jason Myers	-	FB	12/30/83	5-8	230	r-So.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
	Ellison Orcutt	-	OG	6/7/84	6-4	293	r-Fr.	Mechanicsville, Va.	Lee-Davis	Richard McConnell
	Brandon Pace	-	PK	11/11/83	5-10	193	r-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Kellam	Mike Dewitt
94	Chris Pannell	-	OL	12/27/82	6-4	274	r-So.	Staunton, Va.	Robert E. Lee	David Tibbs
	Mike Parham	-	C	9/13/84	6-0	274	r-Fr.	Petersburg, Va.	Petersburg	Remus James
80	Robert Parker	-	FL	3/10/84	6-1	207	r-Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Oscar Smith H.S.	Bill Lyons
89	Robert Peaslee	3	P	6/28/81	6-1	210	r-Sr.	Pulaski, Va.	Pulaski County	Joel Hicks
	Mike Perlozzo	-	TB	9/12/85	5-8	201	So.	Athens, Pa.	Athens	Jack Young
68	Robert Ramsey	-	C	4/13/82	6-3	307	r-Jr.	Coraopolis, Pa.	Montour	Don Morgan
3	Bryan Randall	2	QB	8/16/83	6-0	222	Jr.	Williamsburg, Va.	Bruton	Kyle Neve
	Matt Roan\$	-	TE	3/13/84	6-4	243	Fr.	Dublin, Va.	Pulaski County	Joel Hicks
6	Vegas Robinson	2	LB	5/19/81	6-0	244	r-Sr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
	Winston Roett	-	QB	3/30/84	6-2	200	So.	Vienna, Va.	O'Connell	Darrel Snyder
36	Aaron Rouse	-	LB	1/8/84	6-3	203	r-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	First Colonial	Sam Scarborough
54	Bob Ruff	-	DE	9/23/82	6-1	231	Jr.	McMurray, Pa.	Peters Township	Garry Cathell
34	Antoine Rutherford	-	TB	10/1/83	5-10	197	r-Fr.	Miramar, Fla.	Chaminade Madonna Prep	Mark Guandolo
71	Tim Sandidge	1	DT	6/12/83	6-1	283	r-So.	Madison Heights, Va.	Amherst County	Mickey Crouch
23	Nic Schmitt	-	PK/P	1/5/84	6-1	242	So.	Salem, Va.	Salem	Willis White
81	Chris Shreve	1	SE	7/15/81	6-0	188	r-Sr.	Mouth of Wilson, Va.	Grayson County	Bill Strong
	Scott Sterrett	-	FL	7/27/83	6-0	192	r-Fr.	Blacksburg, Va.	Blacksburg	Dave Crist
55	Darryl Tapp	1	DE	9/13/84	6-1	246	So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Deep Creek	David Cox
	John Thibodeau	-	SE	9/7/82	6-0	173	r-So.	Springfield, Va.	Hayfield	Roy Hill
41	Jordan Trott	1	LB	6/26/83	6-4	245	r-So.	Torrance, Calif.	Loyola	Steve Grady
5	Marcus Vick	-	QB	3/20/84	6-0	203	r-Fr.	Newport News, Va.	Warwick	Tommy Reamon
30	Cary Wade	1	CB	5/12/84	5-10	173	So.	Fairfax, Va.	Robinson	Mark Bendorf
24	D.J. Walton	1	ROV	10/19/82	5-9	200	r-So.	Woodbridge, Va.	C.D. Hylton	Bill Brown
49	Carter Warley	3	PK	2/14/80	5-11	198	r-Sr.	Richmond, Va.	Fork Union	Mickey Sullivan
40	Blake Warren	1	LB	10/10/82	6-3	232	r-So.	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	Mike Skinner
	Adrian White	-	FS	7/12/83	5-11	199	So.	Ardmore, Pa.	Harriton	Hal Smith
17	Garnell Wilds	3	CB	6/8/81	5-11	196	r-Sr.	Tampa, Fla.	Hillsborough	Earl Garcia, Jr.
19	Ernest Wilford@	3	SE	1/14/79	6-4	221	r-Sr.	Richmond, Va.	Armstrong/Franklin	Otis Brayboy
98	Jimmy E. Williams‡	1	DT	1/13/82	6-3	335	Sr.	Memphis, Tenn.	East	Wayne Randall
18	Jimmy F. Williams	1	FS	3/8/84	6-3	213	So.	Hampton, Va.	Bethel	Tracy Parker
86	Keith Willis	3	TE	12/14/80	6-5	264	r-Sr.	Norfolk, Va.	Norview	Carleton Thomas
	J.D. Zeigler	-	LB	11/13/82	6-2	219	r-So.	Oakton, Va.	Oakton	Pete Bendorf

\$also attended Hargrave Military Academy (Va.); @also attended Fork Union Military Academy (Va.);
+attended the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School; § also attended Milford (Conn.) Prep
‡ also attended Pasadena City College (Calif.); † transferred from UNC

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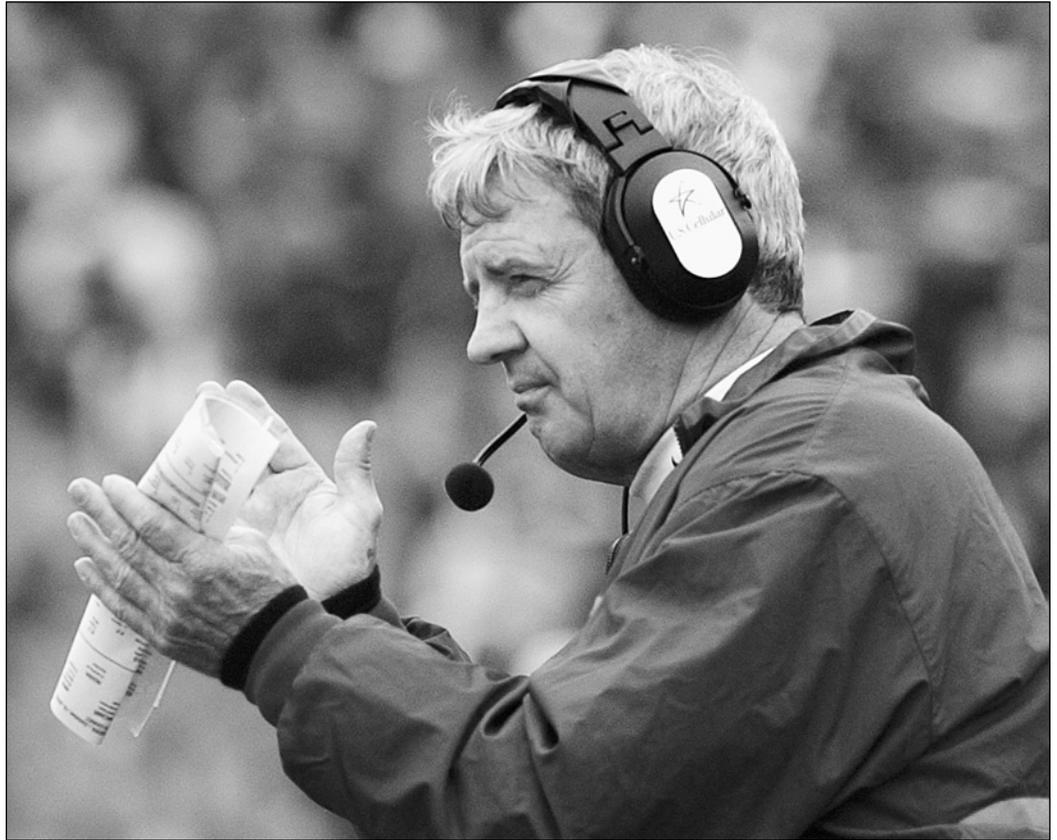
One of the Nation's Most Respected Coaches

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. During the 2001 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 past year, the Hokies were 10-4 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 has always 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 117-69-2. 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 159-92-4. 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.

The Hokies fell to 7-5 in 1997 and were beaten badly

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NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Coach Frank Beamer was tabbed the consensus national football coach of the year for 1999 after leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season and a berth in the national championship game.

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 (10-4) San Francisco Bowl

Record at Virginia Tech: 117-69-2
 Overall head coaching record: 159-92-4

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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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 past season, Tech was 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). The Hokies finished the 2002 season ranked 18th by AP and 14th by ESPN/USA Today.

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.

2002 SEASON REVIEW

Hokies Cap Season with a Win in the 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. 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 touchdowns scored (27). 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.



Jake Grove earned All-America consideration from *The Sporting News*.

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 nine 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 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.

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 found the end zone for three touchdowns.

With a 9-4 record following regular season action, the Hokies made their 10th consecutive postseason bowl appearance, meeting the Air Force Academy Falcons in the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl. Tech was one of only seven teams in the nation to advance to postseason bowls in each of the last 10 years.

At Pacific Bell Park in San Francisco, Calif., the Falcons jumped out to a 10-0 lead over the Hokies less than eight minutes into the game. However, the Hokies answered back with a 16-yard touchdown run by Lee Suggs and a 23-yard field goal by Carter Warley to make it a tie game at the half. After the break, Suggs supplied a one-yard score while Warley added a 37-yard field goal as Tech took the lead for good. The Hokies survived a late push by the Falcons with the help of two huge defensive plays by Ronyell Whitaker to notch a 20-13 win over Air Force. The Falcons led the Hokies in total yards and doubled their rushing yards, but it was not enough to fend off the offensive efforts of Randall, the game's offensive MVP who completed 18 of 23 passes for 177 yards.

With the win over the Air Force Academy, the Hokies finished the season 10-4, notching the sixth 10-win season in the program's history. The 2002 seniors averaged 10 wins per season and went out as the winningest class in Virginia Tech football history with 40 victories since their arrival at Tech. The Hokies finished the season ranked in the top 25 nationally for rushing offense, scoring defense and punt returns. With their end-of-the-season ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 Football Poll, the Hokies held on to the second-longest active consecutive appearance streak, at 70 weeks.

SAN FRANCISCO BOWL: VIRGINIA TECH 20, AIR FORCE 13

Dec. 31, 2002 • San Francisco, Calif. • Pacific Bell Park
Attendance: 25,966

Air Force	10	0	0	3	-	13
Virginia Tech	7	3	7	3	-	20

AF (12:00 re 1st) – Ward 15 run (Ashcroft kick)
AF (7:36 re 1st) – Ashcroft 45 FG
VT (2:26 re 1st) – Suggs 16 run (Warley kick)
VT (0:33 re 2nd) – Warley 23 FG
VT (4:55 re 3rd) – Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)
AF (9:58 re 4th) – Ashcroft 21 FG
VT (4:11 re 4th) – Warley 37 FG

Individual Leaders
Rushing – AF, Butler 17-75, Harridge 18-70, Palmer 4-22, Ward 2-20; VT, Suggs 19-70, K. Jones 11-35, Easlick 2-16, Randall 8(-20).
Passing – AF, Harridge 4-19-2-91; VT, Randall 18-23-0-177.
Receiving – AF, Park 1-47, Waller 1-20, Strecker 1-18, Heier 1-6; VT, Wilford 5-50, Witten 4-48, Parham 4-35, K. Jones 2-7, Willis 1-20, Easlick 1-10, Hamilton 1-7.

Team Stats	AF	VT
First downs	17	21
Rushes-yds.	53-227	40-101
Passing yds.	91	177
Return yds.	22	30
Passes	4-19-2	18-23-0
Punts-avg.	3-31	3-40
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yds	7-73	3-25
KO ret.-yds.	5-82	3-52
Interceptions-yds	0-0	2-30
Time of poss.	30:25	29:35
3rd downs	6 of 17	3 of 11
4th downs	4 of 5	1 of 2
Sacks by	2-19	0-0

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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)
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) Carter Warley vs Air Force (Dec 31, 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	10-4	6-2	3-2	1-0		
Conference	3-4	2-2	1-2	0-0		
Non-Conference	7-0	4-0	2-0	1-0		
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		
Dec 31, 2002	vs Air Force	W	20-13	25,966		
SCORE BY QTRS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot.
Virginia Tech	129	115	83	95	7	429
Opponents	47	51	75	75	15	263

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Lee Suggs	14	257	1375	50	1325	5.2	22	59	94.6
Kevin Jones	13	160	902	31	871	5.4	9	67	67.0
Bryan Randall	14	171	769	262	507	3.0	3	34	36.2
Doug Easlick	14	19	96	4	92	4.8	0	17	6.6
Cedric Humes	14	16	69	1	68	4.2	0	9	4.9
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	14	10	0	10	-10	-1.0	0	0	-0.7
Total	14	659	3339	365	2974	4.5	35	67	212.4
Opponents	14	495	2157	457	1700	3.4	19	53	121.4

PASSING	G	Effic	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
Bryan Randall	14	143.09	248-158-11	63.7	2134	12	87	152.4
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	14	0.00	1-0-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	14	139.50	272-168-11	61.8	2229	14	87	159.2
Opponents	14	108.23	443-230-24	51.9	2991	14	73	213.6

TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP
SCORING	429	263
Points Per Game	30.6	18.8
FIRST DOWNS	274	230
Rushing	149	91
Passing	99	119
Penalty	26	20
RUSHING YARDAGE	2974	1700
Yards gained rushing	3339	2157
Yards lost rushing	365	457
Rushing Attempts	659	495
Average Per Rush	4.5	3.4
Average Per Game	212.4	121.4
TDs Rushing	35	19
PASSING YARDAGE	2229	2991
Att-Cmp-Int	272-168-11	443-230-24
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.8
Average Per Catch	13.3	13.0
Average Per Game	159.2	213.6
TDs Passing	14	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	5203	4691
Total Plays	931	938
Average Per Play	5.6	5.0
Average Per Game	371.6	335.1
KICK RET: #-YARDS	33-677	60-1231
PUNT RET: #-YARDS	41-572	30-338
INT RET: #-YARDS	24-409	11-100
KICK RETURN AVG	20.5	20.5
PUNT RETURN AVG	14.0	11.3
INT RETURN AVG	17.0	9.1
FUMBLES-LOST	32-18	37-13
PENALTIES-YARDS	88-744	105-901
Average Per Game	53.1	64.4
PUNTS-YARDS	66-2592	79-2929
Average Per Punt	39.3	37.1
Net punt average	34.2	29.8
TIME OF POSS./GAME	31:28	28:32
3RD-DOWN CONV.	69/181	71/205
3rd-Down Pct	38%	35%
4TH-DOWN CONV.	7/15	9/24
4th-Down Pct	47%	38%
SACKS BY-YARDS	42-281	37-224
MISC YARDS	119	89
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	56	34
FIELD GOALS-ATT.	12-23	9-15
PAT-ATTEMPTS	51-53	28-30
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	13	68	44	112	12-50	3.5-28	1-25	5	8
Willie Pile	14	68	38	106			4-171	5	
Brandon Manning	14	37	38	75	5-14	1.0-6		2	1
Vegas Robinson	11	54	17	71	3-5		3-16		3
Billy Hardee	14	40	20	60	3-3			2	
Jonathan Lewis	14	33	23	56	7-23	2.0-12			5
DeAngelo Hall	12	36	19	55			4-124	12	
Nathaniel Adibi	14	37	18	55	15-72	9.0-61		2	16
Mike Daniels	14	25	26	51	2-7			2	
Cols Colas	14	34	17	51	19-74	9.0-48		1	24
Michael Crawford	13	31	18	49	4-25	2.0-18		2	
Kevin Lewis	11	25	24	49	5-15	1.0-8		1	6
Jason Lallis	12	24	24	48	4-32	2.0-27			7
James Anderson	14	28	20	48	3-9	1.5-8			3
Ronyell Whitaker	12	28	19	47	1-1		1-56	6	
Jimmy F. Williams	14	29	17	46	1-1		1-9	1	
Garnell Wilds	14	27	17	44			5-8	7	
Lamar Cobb	13	20	17	37	1-8	1.0-8			12
Jim Davis	14	24	13	37	9-43	5.5-32		3	10
Tim Sandidge	13	13	17	30	5-28	4.0-25		3	3
Vincent Fuller	14	16	7	23	1-10	0.5-10		4-0	6
Darryl Tapp	14	9	12	21				1	3
Jordan Trott	13	11	8	19					1
Jimmy E. Williams	5	6	12	18					
Jason Murphy	10	2	13	15					1
Blake Warren	9	5	7	12			1-0		
Cary Wade	13	9	2	11					
Alex Markogiannakis	8	7	3	10	2-3				1
D.J. Walton	14	7	3	10					
Kevin Jones	13	6	3	9					
Chad Cooper	13	2	5	7					1
Jared Mazzetta	11	2	3	5					
Ken Keister	14	3	2	5					
Chris Pannell	2	1	3	4					
Chris Buie	1	1	3	4					
Josh Spence	9	2	2	4					
Bob Ruff	1	1	2	3					
Mike Imoh	5	1	1	2					
Bryan Randall	14	2		2					
Keith Willis	14	1	1	2					
Ernest Wilford	14	2		2					
Jon Mollerup	13	2		2					
Vinnie Burns	14		1	1					
Justin Hamilton	13	1		1					
Lance Goff	4	1		1					
Mark Costen	2		1	1					
Jeff King	14								
TEAM	14								
Total	14	781	540	1321	102-423	42-281	24-409	61	105
Opponents	14	539	550	1089	120-344	37-224	11-100	27	2

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ernest Wilford	14	51	925	18.1	7	87	66.1
Shawn Witten	14	25	306	12.2	1	34	21.9
Terrell Parham	13	18	156	8.7	0	22	12.0
Doug Easlick	14	16	118	7.4	1	32	8.4
Richard Johnson	13	14	147	10.5	0	39	11.3
Lee Suggs	14	11	126	11.5	2	30	9.0
Keith Willis	14	8	188	23.5	1	87	13.4
Cedric Humes	14	7	76	10.9	0	26	5.4
Justin Hamilton	13	5	56	11.2	0	23	4.3
Mike Imoh	5	4	28	7.0	1	19	5.6
Kevin Jones	13	4	21	5.2	0	10	1.6
Chris Shreve	10	2	26	13.0	0	19	2.6
Jeff King	14	1	19	19.0	1	19	1.4
Jared Mazzetta	11	1	19	19.0	0	19	1.7
Josh Spence	9	1	18	18.0	0	18	2.0
Total	14	168	2229	13.3	14	87	159.2
Opponents	14	230	2991	13.0	14	73	213.6

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
Garnell Wilds	5	8	1.6	0	8
DeAngelo Hall	4	124	31.0	1	49
Willie Pile	4	171	42.8	1	96
Vincent Fuller	4	0	0.0	0	0
Vegas Robinson	3	16	5.3	0	8
Ronyell Whitaker	1	56	56.0	0	56
Blake Warren	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jimmy F. Williams	1	9	9.0	0	9
Mikal Baaqee	1	25	25.0	0	25
Total	24	409	17.0	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	5	132	26.4	0	37
Justin Hamilton	2	34	17.0	0	19
Doug Easlick	1	10	10.0	0	10
DeAngelo Hall	1	0	0.0	0	0
Cedric Humes	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total	33	677	20.5	0	91
Opponents	60	1231	20.5	0	83

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Alex Markogiannakis	1	25	25.0	1	25
Willie Pile	1	31	31.0	0	31
Jason Lallis	1	59	59.0	1	59
Vegas Robinson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total	4	119	29.8	2	59
Opponents	3	39	13.0	0	22

SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
Lee Suggs	24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	144
Carter Warley	0	9-15	36-37	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	63
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
DeAngelo Hall	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
Bryan Randall	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-3	0	0	18
Darryl Tapp	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
Alex Markogiannakis	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
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
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
Jason Lallis	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
Jon Mollerup	0	1-2	1-2	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	4
Richard Johnson	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
TEAM	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	2	4
Total	56	12-23	51-53	0-0	1	1-3	0	2	429
Opponents	34	9-15	28-30	1-2	1	1-2	0	0	263

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
Bryan Randall	14	419	507	2134	2641	188.6
Lee Suggs	14	257	1325	0	1325	94.6
Kevin Jones	13	160	871	0	871	67.0
Doug Easlick	14	19	92	0	92	6.6
Grant Noel	5	19	-2	86	84	16.8
Cedric Humes	14	16	68	0	68	4.9
Mike Imoh	5	10	38	0	38	7.6
Josh Spence	9	4	26	0	26	2.9
John Candelas	2	7	26	0	26	13.0
Richard Johnson	13	3	22	0	22	1.7
Will Hunt	3	6	11	9	20	6.7
TEAM	14	11	-10	0	-10	-0.7
Total	14	931	2974	2229	5203	371.6
Opponents	14	938	1700	2991	4691	335.1

FIELD GOALS	FGM-FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	Lg	Blk
Carter Warley	9-15	60.0	0-0	4-6	2-3	3-6	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)	-
Air Force	41,(23),(37)	(45),(21)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Vinnie Burns	64	2591	40.5	58	8	7	22	0
TEAM	2	1	0.5	1	0	0	0	2
Total	66	2592	39.3	58	8	7	22	2
Opponents	79	2929	37.1	64	7	7	12	5

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
Lee Suggs	14	1325	126	0	132	0	1583	113.1
Ernest Wilford	14	0	925	32	0	0	957	68.4
Kevin Jones	13	871	21	0	0	0	892	68.6
Richard Johnson	13	22	147	100	485	0	754	58.0
Bryan Randall	14	507	0	0	0	0	507	36.2
DeAngelo Hall	12	0	0	352	0	124	476	39.7
Shawn Witten	14	0	306	0	0	0	306	21.9
Doug Easlick	14	92	118	0	10	0	220	15.7
Keith Willis	14	0	188	0	0	0	188	13.4
Willie Pile	14	0	0	0	0	171	171	12.2
Cedric Humes	14	68	76	0	16	0	160	11.4
Terrell Parham	13	0	156	0	0	0	156	12.0
Justin Hamilton	13	0	56	46	34	0	136	10.5
Mike Imoh	5	38	28	0	0	0	66	13.2
Ronyell Whitaker	12	0	0	0	0	56	56	4.7
Josh Spence	9	26	18	0	0	0	44	4.9
Nathaniel Adibi	14	0	0	30	0	0	30	2.1
John Candelas	2	26	0	0	0	0	26	13.0
Chris Shreve	10	0	26	0	0	0	26	2.6
Mikal Baaqee	13	0	0	0	0	25	25	1.9
Jeff King	14	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.4
Jared Mazzetta	11	0	19	0	0	0	19	1.7
Vegas Robinson	11	0	0	0	0	16	16	1.5
Darryl Tapp	14	0	0	11	0	0	11	0.8
Will Hunt	3	11	0	0	0	0	11	3.7
Jimmy F. Williams	14	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.6
Garnell Wilds	14	0	0	0	0	8	8	0.6
Jason Lallis	12	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.1
Grant Noel	5	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.4
TEAM	14	-10	0	0	0	0	-10	-0.7
Total	14	2974	2229	572	677	409	6861	490.1
Opponents	14	1700	2991	338	1231	100	6360	454.3

2002 GAME-BY-GAME

Hokies Strong at the Outset En Route to a 10-4 Finish



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

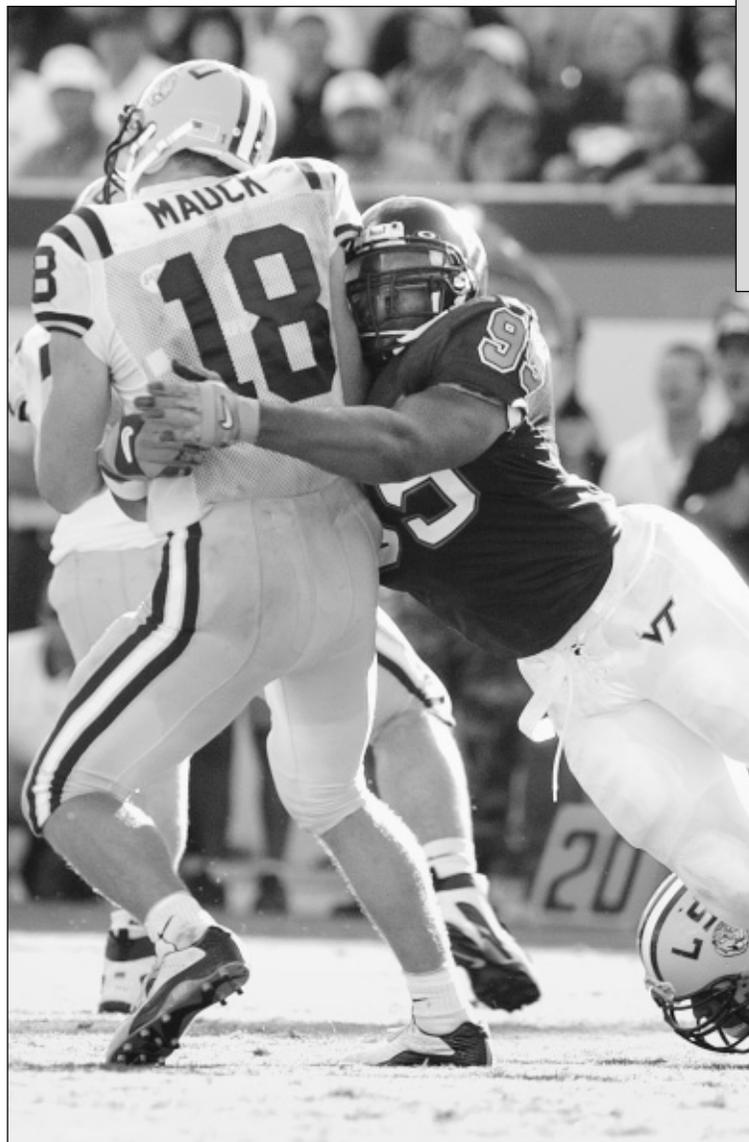
BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sixteenth-ranked Virginia Tech used a strong defense and an opportunistic offense to defeat No. 14 Louisiana State, 26-8, in front of a state-record crowd of 65,049 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

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 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.



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.

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.

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

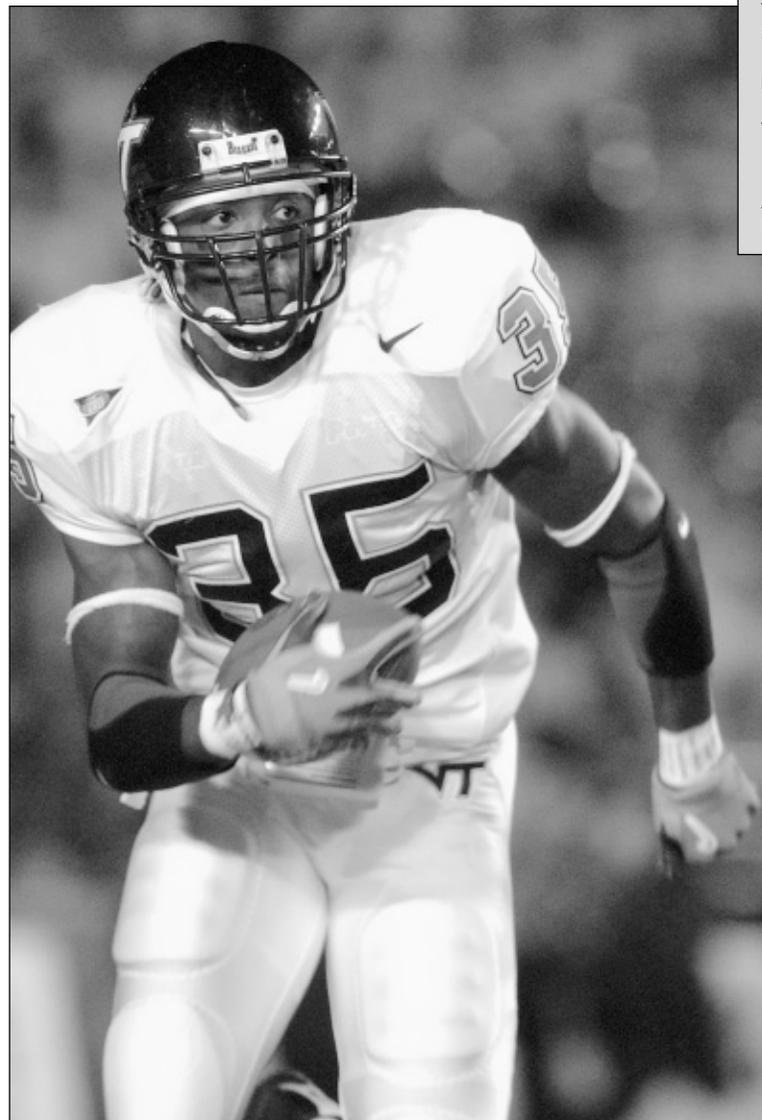
CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — Virginia Tech used a ball-control offense that ground out 334 yards rushing to open its BIG EAST Conference schedule with a 28-23 victory over Boston College in a Thursday night ESPN game at Alumni Stadium.

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.

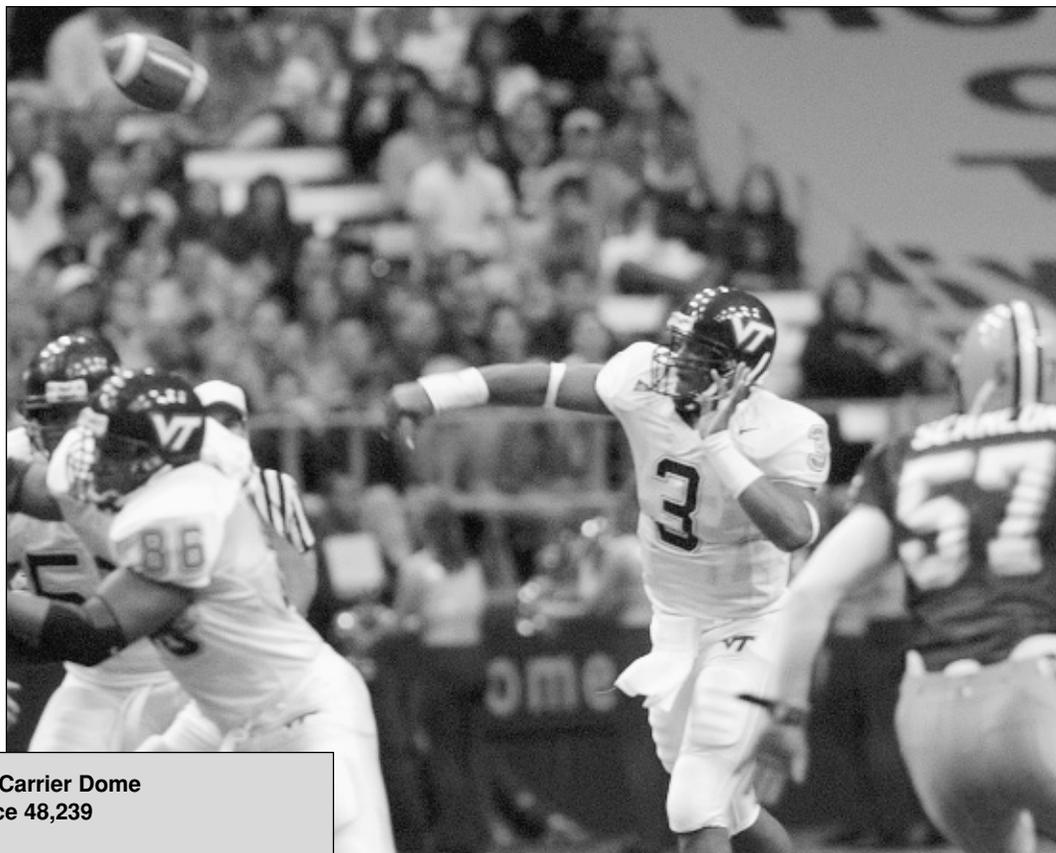
• **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.) blocked a punt in the first quarter against Pittsburgh. It was the first block of Adibi's career and Tech's 10th block during its series against the Panthers. Tech has blocked more kicks against Pittsburgh during Frank Beamer's tenure as head coach than against any 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.

Col Colas posted three sacks against Virginia as the Tech defense held the Wahoos to 203 yards of total offense.

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 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.

- **Col 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.

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.

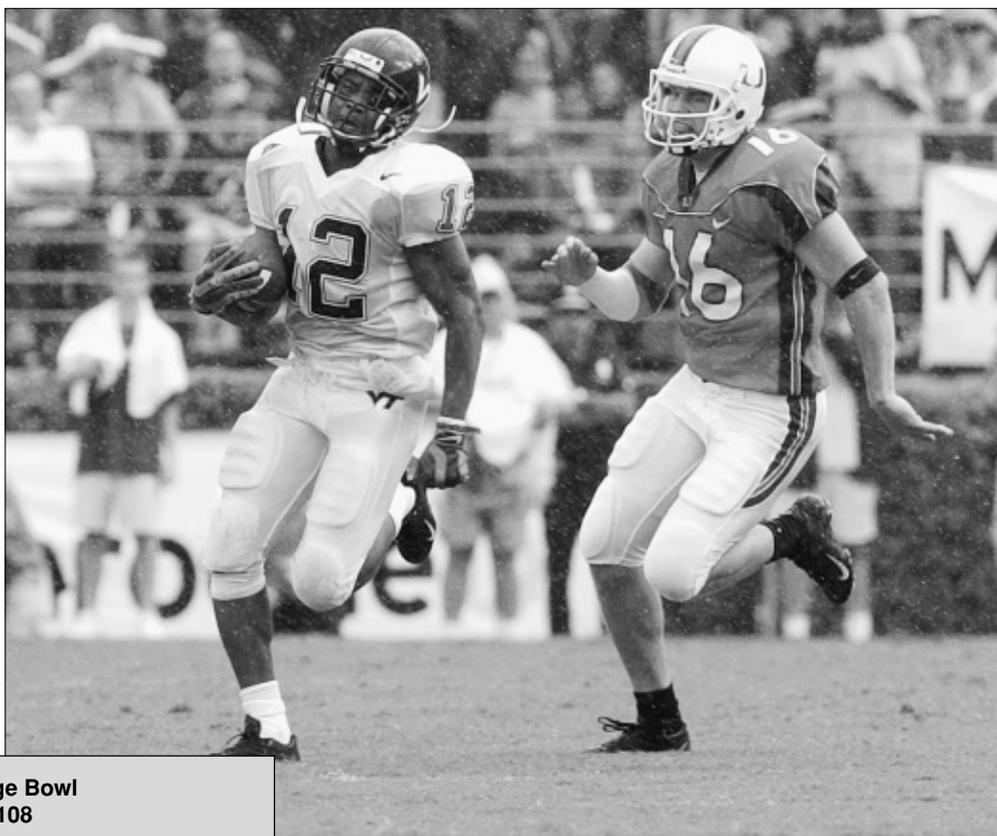
Receiving — UVa, McMullen 4-14, Lundy 4-10, Miller 2-15, Newby 1-8, Hagans 1-4, Snelling 1-0; VT, Wilford 2-33, Johnson 1-39, Suggs 1-9, Easlick 1-4.

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.

BIG EAST CONFERENCE

FINAL 2002 STANDINGS

	Conference		Overall	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Miami	7-0	1.000	12-1	.923
West Virginia	6-1	.857	9-4	.692
Pittsburgh	5-2	.714	9-4	.692
Virginia Tech	3-4	.429	10-4	.714
Boston College	3-4	.429	9-4	.692
Syracuse	2-5	.286	4-8	.333
Temple	2-5	.286	4-8	.333
Rutgers	0-7	.000	1-11	.083

THE BIG EAST BOWL RESULTS

Tostitos Fiesta Bowl, Tempe, Ariz.

Friday, January 3 • Ohio State 31, Miami 24 (2OT)

Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl

Tuesday, December 31 • Virginia Tech 20, Air Force 13

Continental Tire Bowl, Charlotte, N.C.

Saturday, December 28 • Virginia 48, West Virginia 22

Motor City Bowl, Detroit, Mich.

Thursday, December 26 • Boston College 51, Toledo 25

Insight Bowl, Phoenix, Ariz.

Thursday, December 26 • Pittsburgh 38, Oregon State 13



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 McDougale	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

2002 BIG EAST STATISTICS

RUSHING	Team	Cl	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	13	282	1753	6.2	28	134.8
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	13	335	1710	5.1	17	131.5
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	13	259	1432	5.5	12	110.2
SHARPS, Tanardo	TU	SR	12	311	1276	4.1	8	106.3
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	14	257	1325	5.2	22	94.6
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	182	1135	6.2	17	94.6
MIREE, Brandon	UP	JR	13	214	943	4.4	4	72.5
WILSON, Quincy	WVU	JR	13	140	901	6.4	6	69.3
JONES, Kevin	VT	SO	13	160	871	5.4	9	67.0
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	173	666	3.8	13	51.2

PASSING AVG/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg/G
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	13	393	222	12	56.5	3369	28	259.2
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	13	407	237	17	58.2	2983	18	229.5
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	13	367	192	12	52.3	2783	22	214.1
MCGANN, Mike	TU	SO	12	353	173	22	49.0	1994	13	166.2
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	14	248	158	11	63.7	2134	12	152.4
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	198	115	7	58.1	1337	8	148.6
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	259	139	5	53.7	1616	9	124.3
ANDERSON, R.J	SU	JR	9	134	58	8	43.3	899	4	99.9

TOTAL OFFENSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total	Yds/G
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	13	-39	3369	416	3330	256.2
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	13	398	2783	549	3181	244.7
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	13	126	2983	475	3109	239.2
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	14	507	2134	419	2641	188.6
MCGANN, Mike	TU	SO	12	200	1994	448	2194	182.8
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	666	1616	432	2282	175.5
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	24	1337	249	1361	151.2
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	13	1753	0	282	1753	134.8
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	13	1710	0	335	1710	131.5
ANDERSON, R.J	SU	JR	9	108	899	187	1007	111.9

RECEPTIONS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Rec/G
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	13	69	1005	12	14.6	5.31
WINSLOW, Kellen	UM	SO	13	57	726	8	12.7	4.38
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	12	52	1092	9	21.0	4.33
COBB, Zamir	TU	SR	12	45	483	6	10.7	3.75
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	41	626	5	15.3	3.73
SLADE, Lamar	UP	SR	13	48	649	4	13.5	3.69
WILFORD, Ernest	VT	JR	14	51	925	7	18.1	3.64
HENDERSON, Miqu	WVU	SO	11	40	496	2	12.4	3.64
DILLARD, Sean	TU	SR	9	31	378	1	12.2	3.44
HEMMINGS, Keith	BC	SR	12	41	559	2	13.6	3.42

RECEIVE YDS/GAME	Team	Cl	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/C	Yds/G
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	12	52	1092	9	21.0	91.0
FITZGERALD, L	UP	FR	13	69	1005	12	14.6	77.3
WILFORD, Ernest	VT	JR	14	51	925	7	18.1	66.1
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	41	626	5	15.3	56.9
WINSLOW, Kellen	UM	SO	13	57	726	8	12.7	55.8
SLADE, Lamar	UP	SR	13	48	649	4	13.5	49.9
TYREE, David	SU	SR	12	36	559	3	15.5	46.6
HEMMINGS, Keith	BC	SR	12	41	559	2	13.6	46.6
BURKE, Jamal	BC	SR	11	33	498	3	15.1	45.3
HENDERSON, Miqu	WVU	SO	11	40	496	2	12.4	45.1

ALL PURPOSE	Team	Cl	G	Rush	Rcv	PR	KR	Yds	Avg/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	13	1753	355	0	0	2108	162.2
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	13	1710	146	0	0	1856	142.8
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	13	1432	372	0	0	1804	138.8
SHARPS, Tanardo	TU	SR	12	1276	205	0	0	1481	123.4
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	14	1325	126	0	132	1583	113.1
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	12	-2	1092	0	91	1181	98.4
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	38	626	316	0	980	89.1
MIREE, Brandon	UP	JR	13	943	123	0	0	1066	82.0

INTERCEPTIONS	Team	Cl	G	Int	Yds	TD
WILDS, Garnell	VT	JR	14	5	8	0
PILE, Willie	VT	SR	14	4	171	1
HALL, DeAngelo	VT	SO	13	4	124	1
TAYLOR, Sean	UM	SO	13	4	122	0
HAW, Brandon	RU	SR	12	4	17	0
ADDAE, Jahmile	WVU	SO	13	4	14	0
FULLER, Vincent	VT	SO	14	4	0	0
SIKES, Maurice	UM	JR	13	3	150	2
SPENCER, S.	UP	JR	13	3	49	0
PARENT, Ralph	BC	SO	13	3	35	0

PASS EFFICIENCY	Team	Cl	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Eff.
DORSEY, Ken	UM	SR	13	393	222	12	56.5	3369	28	145.9
RANDALL, Bryan	VT	SO	14	248	158	11	63.7	2134	12	143.1
RUTHERFORD, Rod	UP	JR	13	367	192	12	52.3	2783	22	129.3
ST. PIERRE, Bri	BC	SR	13	407	237	17	58.2	2983	18	126.0
NUNES, Troy	SU	SR	9	198	115	7	58.1	1337	8	121.1
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	259	139	5	53.7	1616	9	113.7
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	Cl	G	Ret	Yds	TD	Avg
HALL, DeAngelo	VT	SO	13	22	352	2	16.0
PARRISH, Roscoe	UM	FR	13	27	392	0	14.5
RIDDLE, Jamel	SU	JR	11	23	316	1	13.7
BURKE, Jamal	BC	SR	11	24	286	1	11.9
SANDS, Ethenic	UM	SR	13	17	169	0	9.9
COBB, Zamir	TU	SR	12	23	222	0	9.7
FRAZIER, Lance	WVU	JR	13	30	208	0	6.9
SEABROOKS, Shawn	RU	SR	12	19	97	1	5.1

PUNTING	Team	Cl	G	Punt	Yds	Avg
LEE, Andy	UP	JR	13	73	3147	43.1
CAPSHAW, F.	UM	SR	13	54	2225	41.2
BURNS, Vinnie	VT	SO	14	64	2591	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	13	56	2087	37.3
FAZZOLARI, Mark	WVU	SR	13	54	1993	36.9

SCORING	Team	Cl	G	TD	XPT	FG	Pts	Pts/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	13	28	0	0	168	12.9
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	14	24	0	0	144	10.3
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	17	2	0	104	8.7
SCIORTINO, Sand	BC	JR	13	0	38	23	107	8.2
SIEVERS, Todd	UM	SR	13	0	66	13	105	8.1
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	13	17	0	0	102	7.8
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	13	14	0	0	84	6.5
JAMES, Todd	WVU	JR	13	0	46	11	79	6.1
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	13	0	0	78	6.0
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	13	12	0	0	72	5.5

SCORING (TDs)	Team	Cl	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Ret	PAT	Pts	Pts/G
McGAHEE, Willis	UM	SO	13	28	28	0	0	0	168	12.9
SUGGS, Lee	VT	SR	14	24	22	2	0	0	144	10.3
REYES, Walter	SU	SO	12	17	17	0	0	1	104	8.7
COBOURNE, Avon	WVU	SR	13	17	17	0	0	0	102	7.8
KNIGHT, Derrick	BC	JR	13	14	12	2	0	0	84	6.5
MARSHALL, Rashe	WVU	SO	13	13	13	0	0	0	78	6.0
FITZGERALD, L.	UP	FR	13	12	0	12	0	0	72	5.5
RHODES, Damien	SU	FR	12	9	7	1	1	1	56	4.7
JOHNSON, Andre	UM	JR	12	9	0	9	0	0	54	4.5
SHARPS, Tanardo	TU	SR	12	9	8	1	0	0	54	4.5

2002 BIG EAST DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

TACKLES	Team	CI	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	13	LB	94	39	133	10.2	2.0
VILMA, Jonathan	UM	JR	13	LB	75	58	133	10.2	1.5
OTT, Josh	BC	JR	13	LB	81	47	128	9.8	0.0
WILEY, Grant	WVU	JR	13	LB	81	41	122	9.4	2.0
MORRIS, Tez	UP	FR	13	DB	71	48	119	9.2	1.0
ESTRADA, Angel	WVU	SR	13	DB	72	42	114	8.8	5.0
SEABROOKS, Shawn	RU	SR	12	DB	68	36	104	8.7	1.0
DAVIS, James	WVU	SR	13	LB	60	52	112	8.6	4.0
BAAQEE, Mikal	VT	SO	13	LB	68	44	112	8.6	3.5
DUMAS, Jameel	SU	JR	11	LB	58	36	94	8.5	0.5
CIURCIU, Vinny	BC	SR	13	LB	61	47	108	8.3	0.0
WILLIAMS, D.J.	UM	JR	13	LB	55	53	108	8.3	4.0
WALLACE, Jamal	TU	SR	12	SAF	65	31	96	8.0	0.0
PARENT, Ralph	BC	SO	13	SAF	68	31	99	7.6	1.0
COLLINS, Ben	WVU	SR	13	LB	48	50	98	7.5	0.0
PILE, Willie	VT	SR	14	SAF	66	38	104	7.4	0.0
WALKER, Keeon	SU	SR	12	SS	70	18	88	7.3	2.0
MOORE, Lewis	UP	JR	13	LB	69	25	94	7.2	1.0
ADDAE, Jahmile	WVU	SO	13	DB	58	36	94	7.2	0.0
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
TAYLOR, Sean	UM	SO	13	DB	53	32	85	6.5	0.0
BESSETTE, Doug	BC	SR	12	SS	59	19	78	6.5	0.0
HUNTER, Will	SU	SR	12	CB	63	15	78	6.5	0.0
ROBINSON, Vegas	VT	JR	11	LB	54	17	71	6.5	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
COX, Torrie	UP	SR	13	DB	70	12	82	6.3	0.0
KLECKO, Dan	TU	SR	11	DL	46	22	68	6.2	10.0
FLORES, Brian	BC	JR	12	LB	43	31	74	6.2	0.0
SIKES, Maurice	UM	JR	13	DB	34	46	80	6.2	0.0
BEINECKE, Brian	UP	SR	13	LB	50	29	79	6.1	2.0
THAXTON, Jermai	WVU	SR	13	DB	42	37	79	6.1	0.0
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	JR	13	DL	50	28	78	6.0	9.5
ALMONTE, Jairo	TU	SR	12	DB	40	31	71	5.9	0.0
KING, Brian	WVU	JR	13	DB	60	16	76	5.8	0.0
SCOTT, O'Neil	SU	SO	11	SAF	47	14	61	5.5	1.0
CROCHUNIS, Vince	UP	SO	13	DL	37	34	71	5.5	2.5
JACKSON, Yazid	TU	JR	12	DB	48	17	65	5.4	0.0
MANNING, Brandon	VT	SO	14	LB	37	38	75	5.4	1.0
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
ROLLE, Antrel	UM	SO	13	CB	48	18	66	5.1	1.5

SACKS	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
KLECKO, Dan	TU	SR	11	DL	9	2	82	10.0	0.91
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	JR	13	DL	9	1	78	9.5	0.73
GREEN, Jamaal	UM	SR	13	DE	9	1	47	9.5	0.73
ADIBI, Nathaniel	VT	JR	14	DE	9	0	61	9.0	0.64
COLAS, Cols	VT	JR	14	DE	8	2	48	9.0	0.64
GACHELIN, Louis	SU	JR	12	DT	8	1	44	8.5	0.71
McDOUGLE, J.	UM	SR	12	DE	6	1	44	6.5	0.54
GUZEK, Brian	UP	SR	13	DL	5	2	39	6.0	0.46
ROSSY, Derric	BC	SR	12	DE	6	0	36	6.0	0.50
WILFORK, Vince	UM	SO	12	DT	5	2	28	6.0	0.50
GREEN, C.	UM	SR	10	DE	5	1	40	5.5	0.55
DAVIS, Jim	VT	JR	14	DE	5	1	32	5.5	0.39
JOSEPH, William	UM	SR	13	DT	5	0	35	5.0	0.38
ESTRADA, Angel	WVU	SR	13	DB	5	0	22	5.0	0.38

TACKLES FOR LOSS	Team	CI	G	Pos	Solo	Ast	Yds	Total	Avg/G
KLECKO, Dan	TU	SR	11	DL	21	3	114	22.5	2.05
HARRIOTT, Claude	UP	JR	13	DL	19	2	106	20.0	1.54
COLAS, Cols	VT	JR	14	DE	18	1	74	18.5	1.32
HAYES, Gerald	UP	SR	13	LB	16	3	42	17.5	1.35
GACHELIN, Louis	SU	JR	12	DT	16	2	61	17.0	1.42
JOSEPH, William	UM	SR	13	DT	14	2	60	15.0	1.15
ADIBI, Nathaniel	VT	JR	14	DE	15	0	72	15.0	1.07
McDOUGLE, J.	UM	SR	12	DE	12	4	62	14.0	1.17
WILLIAMS, D.J.	UM	JR	13	LB	13	2	45	14.0	1.08
UPCHURCH, David	WVU	SR	13	DL	13	2	28	14.0	1.08
DAVIS, James	WVU	SR	13	LB	14	0	64	14.0	1.08
SMITH, Clifton	SU	SR	12	LB	12	3	29	13.5	1.12
WILFORK, Vince	UM	SO	12	DT	11	4	46	13.0	1.08
BEINECKE, Brian	UP	SR	13	LB	11	2	38	12.0	0.92
WILEY, Grant	WVU	JR	13	LB	12	0	40	12.0	0.92

Season Team Rankings

SCORING OFFENSE	G	TD	XP	2XP	DXP	FG	Saf	Pts	Avg
Miami	13	70	66	0	0	13	1	527	40.5
Virginia Tech	14	56	51	1	0	12	2	429	30.6
West Virginia	13	52	47	0	0	11	2	396	30.5
Boston College	13	46	40	2	0	24	0	392	30.2
Syracuse	12	45	38	3	0	11	0	347	28.9
Pittsburgh	13	41	35	1	0	16	0	331	25.5
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
Pittsburgh	13	27	25	0	0	15	0	232	17.8
Virginia Tech	14	34	28	2	0	9	0	263	18.8
Miami	13	31	27	1	0	11	0	248	19.1
Boston College	13	31	29	1	0	12	0	253	19.5
West Virginia	13	39	34	1	0	10	1	302	23.2
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	13	432	241	13	55.8	3695	8.6	32	284.2
Boston College	13	414	243	17	58.7	3010	7.3	18	231.5
Pittsburgh	13	371	194	12	52.3	2796	7.5	22	215.1
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	14	272	168	11	61.8	2229	8.2	14	159.2
West Virginia	13	279	148	9	53.0	1753	6.3	11	134.8

PASS DEFENSE	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct.	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
Miami	13	353	163	12	46.2	1556	4.4	8	119.7
Boston College	13	373	201	15	53.9	2237	6.0	12	172.1
Pittsburgh	13	400	210	15	52.5	2321	5.8	8	178.5
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	13	416	230	19	55.3	2777	6.7	17	213.6
Virginia Tech	14	443	230	24	51.9	2991	6.8	14	213.6
Syracuse	12	384	223	10	58.1	3645	9.5	22	303.8

RUSHING OFFENSE	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Yds/G
West Virginia	13	714	3687	5.2	39	283.6
Virginia Tech	14	659	2974	4.5	35	212.4
Syracuse	12	528	2265	4.3	30	188.8
Miami	13	455	2379	5.2	33	183.0
Boston College	13	492	2064	4.2	25	158.8
Pittsburgh	13	547	1860	3.4	15	143.1
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
Pittsburgh	13	478	1527	3.2	17	117.5
Virginia Tech	14	495	1700	3.4	19	121.4
West Virginia	13	453	1584	3.5	19	121.8
Boston College	13	549	2166	3.9	17	166.6
Miami	13	582	2202	3.8	19	169.4
Syracuse	12	497	2063	4.2	26	171.9
Rutgers	12	525	2484	4.7	20	207.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Rush	Pass	Plays	Yards	Avg/P	TD	Yds/G
Miami	13	2379	3695	887	6074	6.8	65	467.2
West Virginia	13	3687	1753	993	5440	5.5	50	418.5
Boston College	13	2064	3010	906	5074	5.6	43	390.3
Syracuse	12	2265	2252	861	4517	5.2	42	376.4
Virginia Tech	14	2974	2229	931	5203	5.6	49	371.6
Pittsburgh	13	1860	2796	918	4656	5.1	37	358.2
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	13	2202	1556	935	3758	4.0	27	289.1
Pittsburgh	13	1527	2321	878	3848	4.4	25	296.0
Temple	12	1300	2488	815	3788	4.6	42	315.7
Virginia Tech	14							

TECH SIGNS 23 TO FOOTBALL GRANTS-IN-AID

Two of Nation's Top LBs Highlight Class

Two of the nation's top linebackers and nine of the top 15 players in the state of Virginia, as rated by SuperPrep Magazine, highlight a football recruiting class composed of 23 student-athletes who signed grants-in-aid with Virginia Tech on Wednesday. Three of those signees enrolled at Tech in January and are already taking part in classes and winter workouts.

Hampton's Xavier Adibi (6-3, 215) and Chesapeake's Vince Hall (6-1, 240) are ranked the No. 4 and the No. 5 linebackers in the nation, respectively, by SuperPrep. Adibi and Hall, along with defensive end Chris Ellis of Hampton, Va., comprise the top three players in the Commonwealth as ranked by

SuperPrep. The Roanoke Times ranked Adibi No. 1 in the state, while Hall was third and Ellis was fourth.

Adibi was the state's defensive player of the year as voted on by the Virginia High School Coaches' Association (VHSCA) after leading his team to its second-consecutive Virginia AAA Group 6 state championship. He finished with a team-best 13.5 sacks, 100-plus tackles and 31 tackles for loss. Adibi was ranked the No. 1 player in Virginia by SuperPrep and the No. 4 inside linebacker in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com.

Hall earned the Gatorade State High School Player of the Year award and was rated the No. 2 prospect in Virginia

by SuperPrep Magazine. He was also ranked the No. 5 inside linebacker in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com. He earned first-team all-state honors from both The Associated Press and the VHSCA, while earning second-team honors on the VHSCA team as a tight end. For his final season, he recorded over 120 tackles, 23 tackles for loss and 10 sacks.

Ellis was ranked the No. 13 defensive end in the country and the No. 3 prospect in Virginia by SuperPrep. This past season, he led his team with 50 tackles – seven for loss – and 10 sacks. He was rated the No. 21 defensive end in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com.

Joining Adibi, Hall and Ellis on the SuperPrep All-America team were tight end John Kinzer of Fairfax and offensive lineman Tripp Carroll, who played most of his high school career in Charlotte, N.C., before playing his final season in Jacksonville, Fla. Kinzer was rated the No. 5 tight end in the nation by SuperPrep, while Carroll was rated the No. 13 offensive lineman in the nation by the same magazine.

Adibi, Carroll, Ellis and Hall were also named to the PrepStar All-America team, along with fellow signees Joe Razzano and offensive lineman Matt Welsh. Razzano, from Milford, Ohio, was rated the No. 7 fullback in the nation by Tom Lemming

VIRGINIA TECH'S 2003 FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

Three of the 23 signees – Carroll, Gordon and Griffin – are already enrolled at Virginia Tech.

Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Last School	Hometown
Xavier Adibi	Linebacker	6-3	215	Phoebus H.S.	Hampton, Va.
Barry Booker	Defensive End	6-5	270	Amherst H.S.	Amherst, Va.
Duane Brown	Tight End	6-6	248	Hermitage H.S.	Richmond, Va.
Michael Brown	Linebacker	6-3	218	Palm Beach Gardens H.S.	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
Tripp Carroll	Offensive Line	6-4	290	Myers Park H.S.	Charlotte, N.C.
David Clowney	Wide Receiver	6-1	175	Atlantic H.S.	Delray Beach, Fla.
Chris Ellis	Defensive End	6-4	245	Bethel H.S.	Hampton, Va.
Corey Gordon	Defensive Back	6-3	205	Hargrave Academy (Va.)	Gainesville, Fla.
James Griffin	Safety	6-2	195	Pasadena (Calif.) C.C.	Memphis, Tenn.
Vince Hall	Linebacker	6-1	240	Western Branch H.S.	Chesapeake, Va.
Michael Hinton	Athlete	6-3	200	Hargrave Academy (Va.)	Burlington, N.C.
Cory Holt	Quarterback	6-4	205	Lexington H.S.	Lexington, N.C.
Josh Hyman	Wide Receiver	6-0	180	Fork Union Military (Va.)	Chesapeake, Va.
John Kinzer	Tight End	6-5	255	Robinson H.S.	Fairfax, Va.
Kenny Lewis	Running Back	5-9	185	George Washington H.S.	Danville, Va.
Nick Marshman	Offensive Line	6-5	270	Turner Ashby H.S.	Harrisonburg, Va.
Roland Minor	Defensive Back	6-1	175	H.D. Woodson H.S.	Washington, D.C.
D.J. Parker	Defensive Back	6-0	180	Phoebus H.S.	Hampton, Va.
Carlton Powell	Defensive Tackle	6-3	290	Great Bridge H.S.	Chesapeake, Va.
Joe Razzano	Running Back	6-0	220	Milford H.S.	Milford, Ohio
Kory Robertson	Defensive Line	6-3	295	Magna Vista H.S.	Martinsville, Va.
Brett Warren	Linebacker	6-1	212	Centreville H.S.	Clifton, Va.
Matt Welsh	Offensive Line	6-5	280	Centreville H.S.	Clifton, Va.

on ESPN.com and carried the ball 90 times for 542 yards as a senior. Welsh, from Fairfax, was ranked the No. 39 player in the Mid-Atlantic region by Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report. Carroll was named to PrepStar's "Dream Team" as one of the top 100 players in the nation.

The Hokies also picked up a junior college All-American in rover James Griffin from Pasadena (Calif.) City College. Griffin, who went to high school in Memphis, Tenn., was rated the No. 76 junior college prospect by SuperPrep Magazine and was named one of PrepStar's top 125 JUCOs as a defensive back. He was also named a first-team All-America linebacker by JC Grid-Wire.

The Hokies signed a total of 14 players from the state of Virginia, 12 of whom were ranked among the state's top 26 players by The Roanoke Times. Tech's other signees from Virginia were defensive end Barry Booker of Amherst (#18); tight end Duane Brown of Richmond (#13); wide receiver Josh Hyman of Chesapeake, who prepped last year at Fork Union Military Academy; running back Kenny Lewis of Danville (#26); offensive lineman Nick Marshman of Harrisonburg (#23); quarterback D.J. Parker of Hampton; defensive tackle Carlton Powell of Chesapeake (#24); defensive tackle Kory Robertson of Martinsville (#16); and linebacker Brett Warren of Clifton (#17).

For the 15th time since 1988, the Hokies' class contains at least one player from the state of Florida. This year's class has linebacker/defensive end Michael Brown (Palm Beach Gardens), wide receiver David Clowney (Delray Beach) and free safety Corey Gordon (Gainesville). Brown was ranked the No. 10 inside linebacker in the nation by Tom Lemming on ESPN.com,

while Clowney was an honorable mention all-state wide receiver. Gordon, a free safety, attended prep school last fall at Hargrave in Chatham, Va. He was named to the all-area team by The Gainesville Sun as a senior in high school.

Tech also tapped into North Carolina's talent, signing three players from the Tar Heel State. In addition to Carroll, Tech signed quarterback Cory Holt of Lexington, who tied a state record as a junior by throwing for eight touchdown passes in a game, and Burlington's Michael Hinton, who also played at Hargrave in the fall. Hinton was rated the No. 14 player in the state of Virginia by SuperPrep this past year.

Virginia Tech also picked up one of the top players from Washington, D.C., in defensive back Roland Minor. Minor was ranked the No. 13 player in the DC and Maryland area by SuperPrep and earned first-team All-Metro honors from The Washington Post as a senior.

Three of Tech's signees – Razzano, Lewis and Warren – are the sons of former NFL players. Both Razzano and Lewis' fathers played at Tech before going on to the pro ranks with the Cincinnati Bengals and New York Jets, respectively. Razzano's dad, Rick, still ranks as the Hokies' all-time leading tackler (634), while Lewis' father, Kenny, Sr., still holds the Tech single-game record for rushing yards (223). Warren's father, Don, played 14 years for the Washington Redskins.

Warren and Adibi will join their older brothers at Tech, giving the Hokies three sets of brothers on their defense. Warren's brother, Blake, will be a redshirt sophomore linebacker this fall, while Adibi's brother, Nathaniel, will be a senior defensive end. Brothers Kevin and Jonathan Lewis played side-by-side last year on Tech's defensive line.

2002 LETTERMEN AND RETURNING STARTERS

Total Lettermen: 60; Lost 15/Returning 45
(Starts in parentheses)

OFFENSE

Lost - 7		Returning - 17	
Terrell Parham (1)	SE	Ernest Wilford (13), Chris Shreve, #Chris Clifton	
		Keith Willis (8), Jeff King (6), #Jared Mazzetta	
Anthony Davis (14)	OT	Jon Dunn (7), Jimmy Martin (7)	
Luke Owens (14)	OG	Jacob Gibson (12), Jim Miller (2), C Jake Grove (14)	
Grant Noel (2)	QB	Bryan Randall (12)	
Josh Spence	FB	Doug Easlick (14), †Cedric Humes	
Lee Suggs (14)	TB	Kevin Jones	
Shawn Witten (12)	FL	Richard Johnson (2), Justin Hamilton	

DEFENSE

Lost - 6		Returning - 25	
Lamar Cobb	E	Nathaniel Adibi (13), Cols Colas (9), Jim Davis (6), Darryl Tapp	
		T Jason Lallis (12), Kevin Lewis (11), Jonathan Lewis (3), Tim Sandidge (2), Jimmy E. Williams, †Jason Murphy	
Chris Buie	OLB	Brandon Manning (13), †Mike Daniels (1)	
Alex Markogiannakis (1)	ILB	Mikal Baaqee (13), Vegas Robinson (11), †James Anderson (1), #Chad Cooper, #Blake Warren, #Jordan Trott	
Ronyell Whitaker (10)	CB	§DeAngelo Hall (10), Garnell Wilds (4), Vincent Fuller (4), #Cary Wade	
Billy Hardee (4)	ROV	Michael Crawford (10), D.J. Walton	
Willie Pile (14)	S	Jimmy F. Williams	

SPECIALISTS

Lost - 2		Returning - 3	
Jon Mollerup	PK	Carter Warley	
	KO		
	P	Vinnie Burns	
	H	Robert Peaslee	
Ken Keister	DS		

#Lettered mainly for play on special teams

†Has changed positions for 2003 spring practice

§Will remain at defensive position, but also work on offense

SERIES VS. 2003 OPPONENTS

UCF

Tech leads 2-0-0

2000	aW	44-	21
2001	hW	46-	14

JAMES MADISON

Tech leads 5-0-0

1980	hW	38-	6
1988	hW	27-	6
1991	hW	41-	12
1992	hW	49-	20
1999	hW	47-	0

TEXAS A&M

Texas A&M leads 2-1-0

1976	aL	0-	19
1977	hL	6-	27
2002	aW	13-	3

CONNECTICUT

Tech leads 1-0-0

2001	hW	52-	10
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RUTGERS

Tech leads 10-3-0

1920	aL	6-	19
1953	aL	13-	20
1992	aL	49-	50
1993	hW	49-	42
1994	hW	41-	34
1995	aW	45-	17
1996	hW	30-	14
1997	aW	59-	19
1998	hW	47-	7
1999	aW	58-	20
2000	hW	49-	0
2001	aW	50-	0
2002	hW	35-	14

SYRACUSE

SU leads 9-7-0

1964	aL	15-	20
1985	hW	24-	14
1986	aW	26-	17
1987	hL	21-	35
1988	aL	0-	35
1992	aL	9-	28
1993	hW	45-	24
1994	aL	20-	28
1995	hW	31-	7
1996	aL	21-	52
1997	hW	31-	3
1998	aL	26-	28
1999	hW	62-	0
2000	aW	22-	14
2001	hL	14-	22
2002	aL(3OT)	42-	50

WEST VIRGINIA

WVU leads 27-20-1

1912	hW	41-	0
1915	aL	0-	19
1916	nL	0-	20
1917	nL	3-	27
1952	aL	7-	27
1953	nL	7-	12
1957	aL	0-	14
1958	nL	20-	21
1959	aW	12-	0
1960	nW	15-	0
1961	aL	0-	28

1962	nL	0-	14
1963	aW	28-	3
1964	hL	10-	23
1965	aL	22-	31
1966	hT	13-	13
1967	aW	20-	7
1968	hW	27-	12
1973	aL	10-	24
1974	hL	21-	22
1975	aL	7-	10
1976	hW	24-	7
1977	aL	14-	20
1978	hW	16-	3
1979	aL	23-	34
1980	hW	34-	11
1981	aL	6-	27
1982	hL	6-	16
1983	aL	0-	13
1984	hL	7-	14
1985	aL	9-	24
1986	hW	13-	7
1987	aL	16-	28
1988	hL	10-	22
1989	aW	12-	10
1990	hW	26-	21
1991	aW	20-	14
1992	hL	7-	16
1993	aL	13-	14
1994	hW	34-	6
1995	aW	27-	0
1996	hW	31-	14
1997	aL	17-	30
1998	hW	27-	13
1999	aW	22-	20
2000	hW	48-	20
2001	aW	35-	0
2002	hL	18-	21

MIAMI

Miami leads 15-5-0

1953	aL	0-	26
1966	nL	7-	14
1967	hL	7-	14
1968	aL	8-	13
1974	aL	7-	14
1980	nL	10-	20

1981	aL	14-	21
1982	hL	8-	14
1987	aL	13-	27
1992	hL	23-	43
1993	aL	2-	21
1994	aL	3-	24
1995	hW	13-	7
1996	aW	21-	7
1997	hW	27-	25
1998	aW (ot)	27-	20
1999	hW	43-	10
2000	aL	21-	41
2001	hL	24-	26
2002	aL	45-	56

PITTSBURGH

Tech leads 7-3-0

1993	aW	63-	21
1994	hW	45-	7
1995	aW	26-	16
1996	hW	34-	17
1997	aL	23-	30
1998	hW	27-	7
1999	aW	30-	17
2000	hW	37-	34
2001	aL	7-	38
2002	hL	21-	28

TEMPLE

Tech leads *13-3-0

1934	aL	0-	34
1984	aW	9-	7
1986	*nF	13-	29
1989	hW	23-	0
1990	aL	28-	31
1992	aW	26-	7
1993	hW	55-	7

1994	hW	41-	13
1995	nW	38-	16
1996	hW	38-	0
1997	aW	23-	13
1998	hL	24-	28
1999	aW	62-	7
2000	hW	35-	13
2001	aW	35-	0
2002	hW	20-	10

* Temple forfeited a game due to an ineligible player.

BOSTON COLLEGE

Tech leads 8-2-0

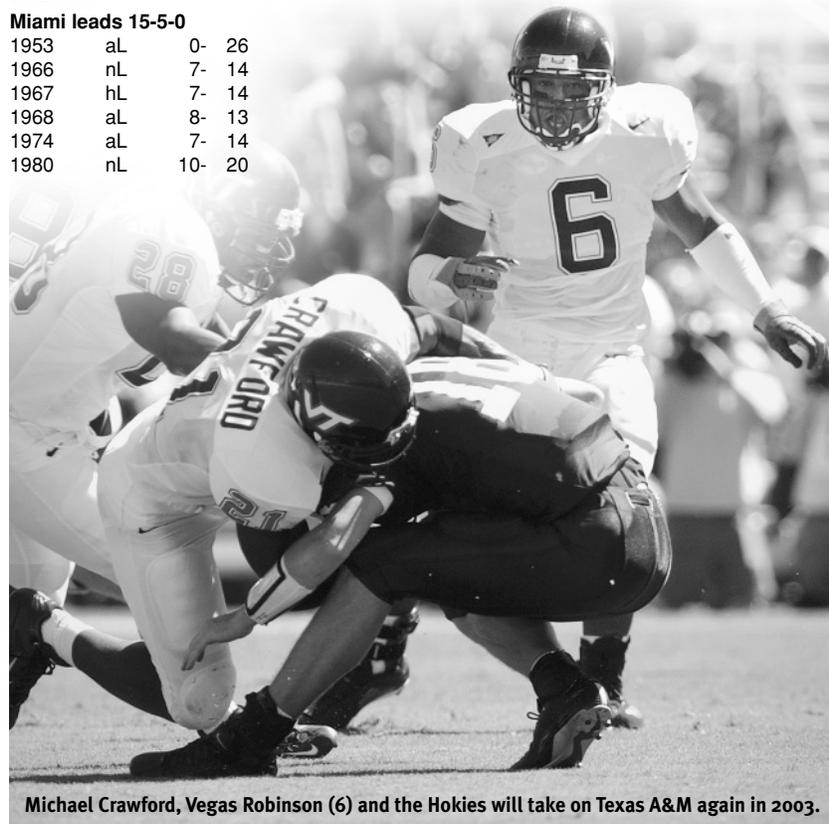
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1997	hW	17-	7
1998	aW	17-	0
1999	hW	38-	14
2000	aW	48-	34
2001	hW	34-	20
2002	aW	28-	23

VIRGINIA

Tech leads 43-36-5

1895	aL	0-	38
1896	aL	0-	44
1899	aL	0-	28
1900	aL	5-	17
1901	hL	0-	16
1902	aL	0-	6
1903	nL	0-	21
1904	nL	0-	5
1905	aW	11-	0

1923	aW	6-	3
1924	hL	0-	6
1925	aL	0-	10
1926	hW	6-	0
1927	aL	0-	7
1928	hW	20-	0
1929	aW	32-	12
1930	hW	34-	13
1931	aT	0-	0
1932	hW	13-	0
1933	aT	6-	6
1934	hW	19-	6
1935	aT	0-	0
1936	hW	7-	6
1937	aW	14-	7
1938	hL	6-	14
1939	aW	13-	0
1940	nW	6-	0
1941	nL	0-	34
1942	nW	20-	14
1945	nL	13-	31
1946	nT	21-	21
1947	nL	7-	41
1948	nL	0-	28
1949	nL	0-	26
1950	nL	6-	45
1951	nL	0-	33
1952	nL	0-	42
1953	aW	20-	6
1954	nW	6-	0
1955	nW	17-	13
1956	nW	14-	7
1957	nL	7-	38
1958	nW	22-	13
1959	nW	40-	14
1960	nW	40-	6
1961	nW	20-	0
1962	nW	20-	15
1963	nW	10-	0
1964	aL	17-	20
1965	hW	22-	14
1966	aW	24-	7
1970	hL	0-	7
1971	aW	6-	0
1972	aL	20-	24
1973	hW	27-	15
1974	aL	27-	28
1975	hW	24-	17
1976	aW	14-	10
1977	hT	14-	14
1978	aL	7-	17
1979	aL	18-	20
1980	hW	30-	0
1981	aW	20-	3
1982	hW	21-	14
1983	aW	48-	0
1984	hL	23-	26
1985	aW	28-	10
1986	hW	42-	10
1987	aL	13-	14
1988	hL	10-	16
1989	aL	25-	32
1990	hW	38-	13
1991	aL	0-	38
1992	hL	38-	41
1993	aW	20-	17
1994	hL	23-	42
1995	aW	36-	29
1996	hW	26-	9
1997	aL	20-	34
1998	hL	32-	36
1999	aW	31-	7
2000	hW	42-	21
2001	aW	31-	17
2002	hW	21-	9



Michael Crawford, Vegas Robinson (6) and the Hokies will take on Texas A&M again in 2003.



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JIM DAVIS

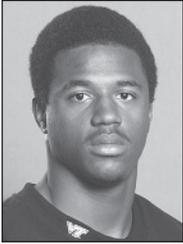


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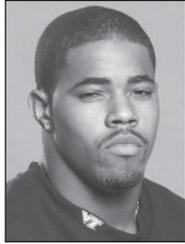
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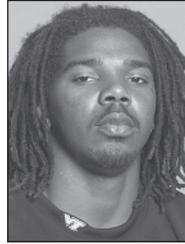
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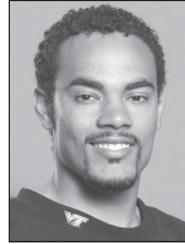
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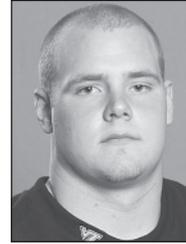
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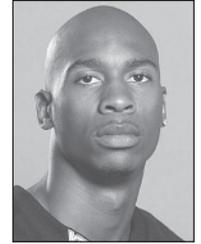
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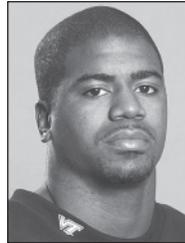
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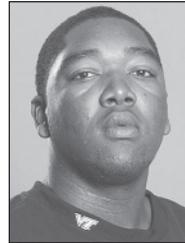
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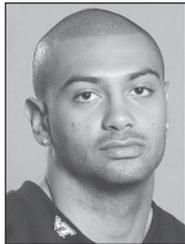
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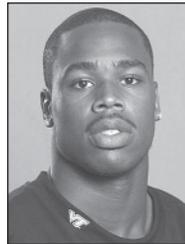
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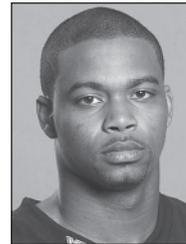
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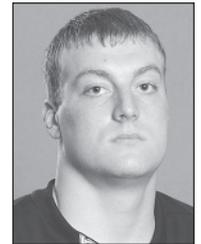
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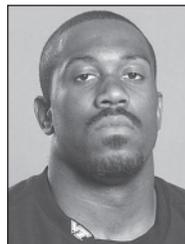
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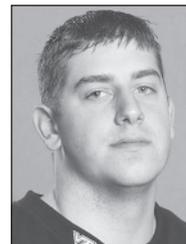
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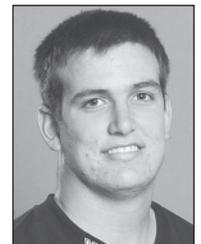
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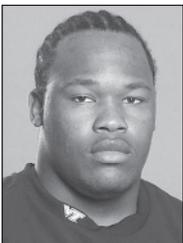
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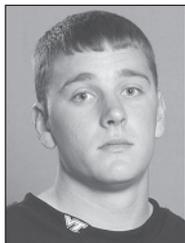
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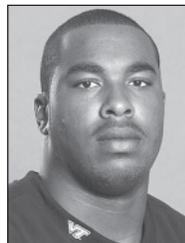
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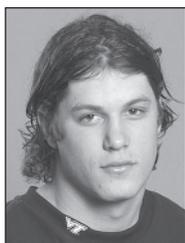
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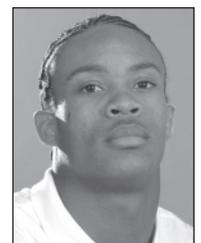
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17 Garnell Wilds
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