From Tech to the NFL

This year’s five draft picks, plus five others who signed free agent deals, bring to 116 the number of Tech players under Coach Frank Beamer who have gone on to sign with NFL teams.

DeANGELO HALL
First Round • 8th overall
Atlanta Falcons

JAKE GROVE
Second Round • 45th overall
Oakland Raiders

KEVIN JONES
First Round • 30th overall
Detroit Lions

NATHANIEL ADIBI
Fifth Round
Pittsburgh Steelers

ERNEST WILFORD
Fourth Round
Jacksonville Jaguars

Michael Vick

John Engelberger

Matt Lehr

Antonio Freeman

Cornell Brown
## 2004 Football Schedule

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*ACC game;  All times & additional TV to be announced later

## Quick Facts

- **Location:** Blacksburg, Va.
- **Founded:** 1872
- **Enrollment:** 28,000
- **President:** Dr. Charles W. Steger
- **Athletic Director:** Jim Weaver
- **Office Phone:** (540) 231-3977
- **Faculty Chairman of Athletics:** Dr. Larry Killough
- **Ticket Manager:** Sandy Smith
- **Office Phone:** (540) 231-6731
- **Nickname:** Hokies
- **Colors:** Chicago maroon and burnt orange
- **Conference:** Atlantic Coast
- **Football Began:** 1892
- **All-Time Football Record:** 606-410-46 (110 seasons)
- **Stadium:** Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
- **Capacity:** 65,115
- **Turf:** GreenTech ITM natural grass
- **Head Coach:** Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, ’69)
- **Best Time To Contact:** Through SID Office
- **Record at VT:** 125-74-2 (17 years)
- **Overall Record:** 167-97-4 (23 years)
- **2003 Record:** 8-5 (including Insight Bowl loss to Cal)
- **Final Ranking:** NR
- **Conference Record (Finish):** 4-3 (fourth, BIG EAST)
- **Offensive System:** Multiple
- **Defensive System:** 4-3
- **Lettermen Returning:** 41 (17 off., 20 def., 4 spec.)
- **Lettermen Lost:** 16 (8 off., 6 def., 2 spec.)
- **Starters Returning:** 9 (4 off., 5 def., punter)
- **Starters Lost:** 13 (7 off., 6 def., place-kicker)
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Coach Frank Beamer has led Virginia Tech football to tremendous success over the past decade, and with the Hokies now members of the prestigious Atlantic Coast Conference, the future looks even brighter. The ACC provides Tech a great association with natural rivals and a union of universities in pursuit of excellence on the playing field and in the classroom.
The Hokies and Tigers first met in 1900 and have played 28 times. Tech has won the last three games in the series, winning 37-0 at Death Valley in 1998, 31-11 at home in 1999 and 41-20 in the 2001 Gator Bowl.

The Hokies and Blue Devils have met 11 times since the series’ inception in 1937 but haven’t played since 1984 when Tech downed Duke 27-0 at home. Tech also beat Duke in 1982 on the road and in 1983 at home to ride a three-game series winning streak heading into this year’s contest.

The Hokies and Yellow Jackets have played just one time before — in 1990 when the Ramblin’ Wreck squeaked out a 6-3 win and went on to share a national championship. The teams were scheduled to meet in 2000 in the BCA Bowl, but lightning forced the cancellation of the game.

The last two times the Hokies and Seminoles met were in bowl games, most notably in the 2000 Sugar Bowl playing for the national championship. The two have met 31 times since 1955, and were regular opponents as football independents, playing every year from 1961-1980.

Virginia Tech has a fresh alignment with familiar opponents in the expanded Atlantic Coast Conference.
The Hokies and Hurricanes have had a heated rivalry, highlighted by last year’s 31-7 Tech victory when the ‘Canes were ranked second in the nation. The two schools moving from the BIG EAST will be the new kids on the block this season in the ACC.

One of the tightest series in Tech history, the Hokies and Tar Heels have tied six times, tops among the 111 opponents Tech has ever played. The two teams first met in 1895 and Tech leads the series 11-9-6, with the two having last met in the 1998 Gator Bowl.

Another close series over the years, Tech leads the Wolfpack 23-17-4. The last time the two met, in 1992, the game ended in a 13-13 tie on a last-second field goal. In the 1986 Peach Bowl, Tech’s Chris Kinzer’s field goal as time expired gave the Hokies a 25-24 victory and their first-ever bowl win.

Having met 85 times, the Tech-Virginia rivalry is the longest in school history. The two teams have met every year on the gridiron since 1970 and the series began in 1895. Overall, Tech leads the series 43-37-5 and the Hokies will be looking to take back the Commonwealth Cup this season.

Tech and Wake Forest have met 32 times before, but 2004 will be the first meeting in 20 years, when the Hokies downed the Demon Deacons 21-20 in 1984. Overall, Tech holds a 20-11-1 advantage in the series.
Excellence in Academics

Virginia Tech and the Atlantic Coast Conference share a philosophy that places strong emphasis on scholastic achievement.

Nineteen of 20 seniors on this year’s football team have either graduated or are on track to finish this year.
Excellence ... On and Off the Field

Virginia Tech takes great pride in the academic achievements of its student-athletes, and André Davis serves as a great role model.

Though honored as an All-BIG EAST wide receiver and All-America punt returner, Davis collected most of his accolades for his academic achievements. He accepted the 2002 Socrates Award given to the college athlete who best embodies the Socrates Creed “mens sana in corpore sano” or “a strong mind in a strong body.”

Davis’ top honor, though, came from the NCAA Honors Committee when he was named one of the NCAA’s Top VIII Award winners. That award recognizes the student-athlete for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership. Davis went to the NCAA Honors Dinner held in Indianapolis (right, with receiver coach Tony Ball) and was chosen by the other seven winners to speak to the audience on their behalf.

Davis also spoke to the audience at the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame’s Awards Dinner in New York on behalf of the 16 National College Scholar-Athletes. He earned an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship which is handed out by the National Football Foundation to all 16 winners.

Davis, a four-time member of the All-BIG EAST football academic team, was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns in 2002.

Prior to joining the ACC, Virginia Tech already had a tradition of academic cooperation with many of the member schools, including Maryland, Wake Forest, Virginia, N.C. State, Georgia Tech, Duke and Florida State. The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine has been a joint venture of Tech and Maryland since 1978, while the Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University School of Biomedical Engineering is a more recent partnership.

Virginia Tech’s beautiful campus in Blacksburg is nestled in the mountains of scenic Southwest Virginia.
Lane Stadium/ Worsham Field

The great reputation Virginia Tech’s stadium has earned for being a tough place to play should continue to grow as the Hokies bring their tremendous spirit and support to the ACC.

When the Hokies take the field at Lane Stadium, you can feel the energy and excitement explode in one of the best college football settings in the nation.
Construction is underway on the new west side that, when completed for the 2005 season, will be a distinctive setting for the pageantry and excitement of Virginia Tech and ACC football.
The Hokies have earned plenty of attention from coast-to-coast on the way to 11 straight bowl games, high national rankings and an appearance in the national championship game, and it only figures to get better as they move into the highly competitive Atlantic Coast Conference.

The Hokies have had most of their games on TV the past few years and have become familiar with the likes of ESPN’s Lee Corso.

Jake Grove winning the Rimington Trophy as the best center in the country is the latest national award won by a Hokie. Tech players have also won the Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award, Nagurski Award and an ESPY — as the nation’s top college player.

Coach Frank Beamer, who was the National Coach of the Year in 1999, celebrates with his players following Virginia Tech’s headline-grabbing 31-7 win over No. 2-ranked Miami last season.
In broadcast and print media, Coach Frank Beamer and the Hokies are regulars on the national scene. In each of the past 11 years, the Hokies have been to bowl games, and have traveled to San Francisco, Phoenix, New Orleans, and other exciting bowl locations.

Three of ESPN's top eight highest-rated games in 2003 involved the Hokies, including the win over Miami, which was the network's most-watched college football game of the year. The Hokies also have great exposure regionally, as a large media contingent regularly covers Virginia Tech.
A Stepping Stone to the NFL

Virginia Tech has proven to be a great place to develop the strength and skills necessary to play at the next level. Every spring, scouts from the NFL teams come to Virginia Tech to meet and evaluate the many Hokie seniors who have a shot to move on to the professional ranks.

NFL starters, such as the Atlanta Falcons’ Michael Vick and the Cowboys’ Matt Lehr, honed their skills as Hokies.

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

It is a regular occurrence for former Tech players to meet on the NFL gridiron. Former Hokies Lee Suggs (44), Ben Taylor (58) and André Davis (87) of the Cleveland Browns and Baltimore’s Cornell Brown (90).

Tech’s Bruce Smith is the NFL’s all-time sack leader.
A Bright Future for Virginia Tech and the ACC

“The addition of Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College elevates the ACC to the very top echelon of collegiate football power conferences.”

— Loren Matthews, ABC Sports’ senior vice president, programming

With lucrative new television contracts in place, the expanded ACC has already given its schools a great deal of stability and continuity for the future from both a financial and exposure point of view.

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

— Coach Frank Beamer

Virginia Tech’s bowl tradition will fit right in with the ACC, which is the all-time winningest conference in bowl play. The league’s postseason excitement will include a conference championship game beginning in 2005.

Virginia Tech’s commitment to build onto its first-class athletic complex will be enhanced by membership in the ACC.