Stars such as Carroll Dale and Lee Suggs are two of the many athletes who have helped build Virginia Tech football into what it is today.
Former Virginia Tech players and coaches in the College Football Hall of Fame

- **Hunter Carpenter**
  - Position: Back
  - Years: 1900-03, '05
  - Inducted in 1957

- **Carroll Dale**
  - Position: Split end
  - Years: 1956-59
  - Inducted in 1987

- **Andy Gustafson**
  - Position: Coach
  - Years: 1926-29
  - Inducted in 1985

- **Frank Loria**
  - Position: Safety
  - Years: 1965-67
  - Inducted in 1999

- **Jerry Claiborne**
  - Position: Coach
  - Years: 1961-70
  - Inducted in 1999
Football at Virginia Tech officially kicked off on Oct. 21, 1892 when the school was known as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College. Its start, however, was slow.

With VAMC President John McBryde’s approval and support, an athletic association was organized in September 1891. The major efforts of this organization during its early years were concentrated on football.

At the urging of a few interested students and faculty during the fall of 1891, a number of students assembled on campus to play pick-up games of the new sport. A year later, largely through the efforts of Professor W.E. Anderson, Professor E.A. Smyth and cadets H.B. Pratt and J.W. Stull, Tech’s first football team was organized. Anderson played right tackle and served as the captain. Smyth was the “trainer” (or coach) and business manager.

It was necessary for the organizers to go into the barracks every day and beg men to come out to play because those who were not placed on the first team one day would refuse to return the next.

The first game was scheduled with St. Albans of Radford on the Blacksburg campus on Oct. 21. The game resulted in a 14-10 victory for VAMC with Anderson scoring the first touchdown in Tech history. After studying a book of rules, Professor Smyth took the leading role as the team’s mentor. As a result, he came to be known as the father of modern football at Virginia Tech.

Old Hokie

In 1896, the words Polytechnic Institute were added to the college’s name and it became known as Virginia Polytechnic Institute, which in turn became Virginia Tech. With the change in names came other changes.

The school colors changed from black and gray to Chicago maroon and burnt orange. The colors were chosen by the Corps of Cadets and adopted as the official college colors in the fall of 1896. They were first worn in a football game against Roanoke College on Oct. 26, 1896.

A student contest was held to produce a new school yell and O.M. Stull won a prize for his new yell, the now famous Old Hokie. Stull’s yell, in its original form, was:

Hoki! Hoki! Hoki Hy! Tech! Tech! V.P.I.!
Sola-Rex Sola-Rah Polytech-Vir-gin-i-a!
Rae, Ri, V.P.I.

At some point an ‘e’ was added to Hoki and the name stuck as a nickname for Tech teams and the school’s spirit. When asked about his yell, Stull admitted that the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning whatsoever, but had been thought up in an effort to grab attention. His effort was successful, as thousands of fans attending Tech athletic contests over the past century can testify.
The Great Carpenter
A true Virginia Tech legend, Hunter Carpenter played in Blacksburg from 1900 to 1903 and again in 1905. His Tech career had intrigue, controversy and greatness.

Carpenter arrived at college at age 15 weighing 128 pounds. He waited two years before becoming Tech’s starting right halfback. When he did get a chance to play, he used the alias Walter Brown because his father had forbidden him to play football. Not until his father saw him star in a 1900 game against VMI in Norfolk did he give approval to young Hunter’s sport.

In 1903, Carpenter helped Tech defeat a powerful Navy club, 11-0. In that game, he kicked a 46-yard field goal and, according to published reports, played much of the game without jersey or stockings, which were torn from his body.

In 1905, he scored 82 points and helped boost Virginia Polytechnic Institute to a 9-1 record that included wins over Army, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Carpenter scored five touchdowns in the South Carolina game and helped the Hokies outscore their opponents 305 to 24.

The Military Classic of the South
For years, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Military Institute clashed in the “Military Classic of the South.” Both schools had corps of cadets and a budding rivalry by the time the series was moved to Roanoke in 1913. Beginning in 1921, the VPI-VMI game was played on Thanksgiving Day and it became the centerpiece of a gala affair.

The Tech Corps of Cadets would march from the train station to the Hotel Patrick Henry and the VMI Corps would march to the Hotel Roanoke. On game day, both corps would march to Victory Stadium. The teams were playing for pride and a 22-inch high Chamber of Commerce trophy.

The VPI-VMI series continued as a Thanksgiving Day treat through 1969. The teams made their last appearance in Victory Stadium on a Saturday in 1971.

Fast Company
During its early years, the Tech football team competed in the South Atlantic Conference. But things changed dramatically for the school with the announcement on Aug. 22, 1921, that it would be a charter member of the newly formed Southern Intercollegiate Conference.

The other charter members were Alabama, Auburn, Clemson, Georgia, Georgia Tech, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi State, North Carolina, North Carolina State, Tennessee, Virginia and Washington & Lee. In 1922, the league added Florida, LSU, Mississippi, South Carolina, Vanderbilt and Tulane. The University of the South joined the conference in 1923 and in December of that year, the league’s name was officially changed to the Southern Conference.

The membership shifted over the years. In 1932 the 13 southern-most members formed the Southeastern Conference. In ’36, six new members — The Citadel, William & Mary, Davidson, Furman, Richmond and Wake Forest — were added. Virginia withdrew in 1937, and George Washington and West Virginia joined in 1941 and 1950, respectively. In 1953, seven colleges withdrew to form the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Tech remained in the league until June 1965, when it withdrew to become an independent.

Tech’s starting lineup in 1909 averaged just 172 pounds, but that didn’t stop the Hokies from posting an outstanding 6-1 season that started with a 6-0 win against Clemson and ended with an 18-5 victory versus North Carolina State. New head coach Branch Bocock, who came to Tech from the University of Georgia, was the Hokies’ first truly professional coach with a full-time salary.
Prominent People

Several Virginia Tech players from the early days reached prominent positions in Southern football. The 1916 Tech team featured fullback Henry “Puss” Redd who was Tech’s head coach from 1932-40. Teammate William “Monk” Younger played defense so well in New Haven against Yale that college football kingmaker Walter Camp labeled him “the Southern Panther.” As Tech’s athletic director in 1941, Younger saw his team upset defending national champion Georgetown, 3-0, on a field goal by Roger McClure.

The captain of the 1918 eleven, Hank Crisp, lost his right hand in a childhood accident, but became a star Tech running back and team captain. Crisp went on to become a coach and athletic director at Alabama and was the man who recruited Paul “Bear” Bryant to play for the Crimson Tide.

In 1926, a University of Pittsburgh graduate named Andy Gustafson took over the football reins at Tech and coached the Hokies’ “Pony Express” backfield. Gustafson would go on to build the University of Miami football machine as head coach and athletic director.

Frank Peake and the Pony Express

After Virginia Tech’s freshman team won a game by a wide margin in 1925, a sports publicist nicknamed the team’s offensive backfield the “Pony Express”, taking off on Notre Dame’s famed “Four Horsemen.” The leader of that group was Frank Peake. He was joined by Scotty MacArthur, Herbert “Mac” McEver and Tommy Tomko.

Peake was a fleet back who loved the open field. He scored three touchdowns in his first varsity game against Roanoke College and two more in the next game against Hampden-Sydney. When the Techmen played VMI in the season finale, he scored both touchdowns in Tech’s 14-7 victory. As a junior, he rushed for almost 200 yards and scored the lone touchdown in Tech’s 6-0 upset of the Colgate Red Raiders in New York. During one three-game stretch, he accumulated rushing and return yardage of 306, 314 and 353 yards.

Peake’s coach, Andy Gustafson, said he had never seen Peake’s equal under a punt. In the 1928 season, Peake injured a hip. Though still recovering, he came off the bench in the Virginia game to run back a punt for a touchdown on his first play of the game. Peake was named an All-Southern halfback his senior year and is still considered one of the greatest players ever to play the game for Tech.

The 1932 Team

Virginia Tech’s 1932 eleven was one of Tech’s finest teams. That team won eight games and lost to Alabama in a game that decided the Southern Conference championship.

The Techmen defeated several top teams in 1932. The Gobblers upset Georgia in Athens by a 7-6 count when team captain Bill Grinus blocked a Bulldogs’ extra-point kick that would have tied the game. Tech also downed an undefeated Kentucky squad, 7-0, in Blacksburg to run its record to 5-0.

The next big game came when the team traveled to Tuscaloosa to play Alabama for the Southern Conference title. It was ‘Bama’s Homecoming game and the crowd of 11,000 was the second largest in the history of Denny Stadium. Tech took a 6-0 lead in the game, but could not hold the lead as Alabama’s bigger offensive line wore the Gobblers down, and the Tide came back for a 9-6 victory.

Despite the disappointing loss, Tech went on to shut out Virginia and Washington & Lee to finish with an 8-1 record.

Frank W. Peake
V.P.I. ’29
All-Southern Halfback

Miles Stadium was the home of Virginia Tech football from 1926 until Lane Stadium opened in 1965.
The Beardless Wonders

With several Tech players serving overseas in World War II, the 1945 team was filled with 17- and 18-year olds known as the “Beardless Wonders.” The youngsters fared poorly, posting a 2-6 record on the season. One of the two wins engineered by Ralph Beard and his fellow wonders came against a coaching legend named Paul “Bear” Bryant.

The Tech offense had practiced against a defense called the Blackboard Six. Practicing against the Blackboard Six did not ready the offensive team for the opposition as Tech was whitewashed by other defenses in its first two games. Bryant, the Terrapin coach, lined up his defense in the Blackboard Six, and Tech ran over Maryland in a 21-13 victory. The Beardless Wonders recorded Tech’s only victory ever over “Bear” Bryant that day.

Frank Moseley

When Frank Moseley was named head football coach and athletic director at Virginia Tech in 1951, The Techgram, the university newsletter, ran the headline, “Va. Tech Football – A Job To Do.” The Techmen had posted an abysmal 1-25-3 record over the previous three years.

Coach Moseley brought to Blacksburg exactly what the Tech administration wanted in a coach. He had coached in winning programs. As an assistant at Maryland and Kentucky, he worked under “Bear” Bryant. Moseley was tough and confident. The 1951 Techgram said that Moseley “… carries about him the air of a man who would do well in a battle with the devil himself.” He coached toughness and preached physical conditioning and after the players went through his drills, many went out the back window. His staples were the running game and a stingy defense.

From 1951 to 1953, Moseley’s teams won 12 games. In 1954, Tech went undefeated with an 8-0-1 mark and finished 16th in the final Associated Press poll. The coach was named the AP Coach of the Year in Virginia. In 1956, he was named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year. By July 1955, he had turned down three offers to coach elsewhere.

Moseley stayed and made a career as Tech’s coach and athletic director. When he gave up the head coach’s job after the 1960 season, he had a career mark of 54-42-4, which was the best mark of any Tech coach at the time. As athletic director, Moseley headed the Lane Stadium construction drive. He retired in 1978.

Preas and Nutter

Buzz Nutter and George Preas wound up in the same place — on the 1958 National Football League champion Baltimore Colts. The two offensive linemen also came from the same place — Virginia Tech. The two players had different experiences, however, in getting from Blacksburg to Baltimore.

Nutter played on the 1950-52 Gobbler teams that turned in a 7-25-3 three-year record. He became the first Tech player drafted by an NFL team and played for the Washington Redskins his first year. After being cut by the Redskins, he signed with the Colts. He played in Baltimore for 11 years and helped the team to NFL championships in 1958 and ‘59.

The right tackle on those championship teams was Preas, who passed up offers from Georgia Tech and Army to play in Blacksburg. He played on the outstanding 1954 Tech team. He was named to the All-Southern Conference second-team as a junior and the first-team as a senior. Preas set a league mark by starting 40 consecutive games in his career.

Preas was at tackle for the Colts in the ‘58 championship game. He helped clear the way for Alan Ameche’s winning touchdown in sudden death of what is considered by many as the greatest NFL game. Preas played 11 years for Baltimore.
The 1954 Team

The 1954 Virginia Tech team was one of the school’s best elevens. That year, the Techmen posted an 8-0-1 record and narrowly missed out on the Southern Conference championship won by a West Virginia team led by Sam Huff. One of the keys to the team’s success was something that would become a staple of Tech football in the late 1990s — speed.

Halfbacks Billy Anderson and Howie Wright were two of the speedsters in the backfield. They were joined by Lee Burke and Dickie Beard. Beard was referred to as “The Cumberland Flash” and led the Southern Conference in rushing with 647 yards. He was named to the all-conference team and was voted The Associated Press Athlete of the Year in Virginia.

That tough ’54 team also included end Tom Petty, who merited all-conference honors after catching five touchdown passes, and guard Billy Kerfoot, the team captain, who joined Petty on the all-conference team. Tackle George Preas, a future NFL standout, was also an all-league honoree.

Senior Johnny Dean and sophomore Billy Cranwell quarterbacked the team, and Don Divers played a key role in the offensive and defensive backfields. That year, Divers intercepted two passes against VMI and returned both for touchdowns — a feat that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it that would not be duplicated by a Tech player until Ashley Lee did it.

Jerry Claiborne

Jerry Claiborne was hired by Athletic Director Frank Moseley in 1961 to run the Virginia Tech football program. In the 10 seasons he coached in Blacksburg, Claiborne eclipsed his boss’ record and became the school’s winningest coach to that point with a 61-39-2 mark. Claiborne, like Moseley, was an assistant under Paul “Bear” Bryant. He coached Bryant’s defense at Alabama after working with the defense for a Missouri team coached by Frank Broyles. Claiborne played safety and offensive end at Kentucky under Bryant.

Tech’s new coach adhered to Moseley’s principles of tough defense and a strong running game. Tech led the Southern Conference in total defense and pass defense in 1961 and 1962. In 1963, Tech was second in the nation in pass interceptions and fourth in punt return defense.

Carroll Dale

Carroll Dale, Virginia Tech Class of 1960, was one of the finest football players in school history. He was an outstanding collegian and a successful pro.

Despite playing in Moseley’s run-oriented offense, Dale became Tech’s all-time leading receiver to that point with 64 career receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. The Tech end started the second game of his freshman year against Tulane and did not come out of the lineup for the rest of his college career.

In 1957, the Saturday Evening Post named Dale the best sophomore lineman in the nation. After his junior season, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and a second-team Associated Press All-American. As a senior, Dale became the first Tech football player to gain first-team All-America honors. The consummate team player, Dale won the Southern Conference’s Jacobs Blocking Trophy in both 1958 and 1959.

Dale went on to have an outstanding career in the National Football League. He spent five seasons with the Los Angeles Rams before being traded to Vince Lombardi’s Green Bay Packers. He played on the 1965 NFL title team and the 1966 and 1967 Packer teams that won Super Bowls. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 1970 and made the game-winning catch. Dale returned to the Pro Bowl in 1971. He also played in Super Bowl IV for the Minnesota Vikings.

SIDELINES

Tech’s football program started reaching more people during the 1950s. The Hokies’ 1954 season opener against North Carolina State marked the first Tech game to be broadcast over the Virginia Tech radio network. In 1959, the Tech-Florida State game at Miles Stadium was televised regionally on 33 stations from Baltimore, Md., to Miami, Fla. It was the first football game ever televised from a Southern Conference stadium.

Carroll Dale had an All-America career as a Hokie, and then went on to a long and prosperous career in the NFL.
The 1963 Gobblers captured Virginia Tech’s only outright Southern Conference football championship. The ’63 edition went 8-2 and featured the all-star running combination of quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz.

Tech beat nationally-ranked Florida State, 31-23, in Tallahassee that year. Newt Green, who was twice named to the all-conference team during his Tech career, blocked a punt against the Seminoles. Jake Adams, a fine end, caught the ball in the air and returned it 38 yards for a touchdown to help Tech seal its victory.

Schweickert, Utz, Green and lineman Gene Breen were all named first-team all-conference, while end Tommy Marvin was a second-team pick. Senior Mike Cahill led the club in interceptions and turned in a key defensive stop by picking off a two-point conversion pass to preserve a 14-13 win over Richmond. Running back Tommy Walker helped Tech win the season finale against VMI by catching a 26-yard scoring pass from Schweickert and running a kickoff back 99 yards.

Schweickert and Utz

Quarterback Bob Schweickert and fullback Sonny Utz drove the Tech offense in the early 1960s. Schweickert was Tech’s “Mr. Outside,” while Utz was “Mr. Inside.” Together, they combined for over 6,000 yards of offense during their three varsity seasons.

Schweickert served notice of things to come in a late-season 1962 game at Tulane. The sophomore had missed four games with a shoulder injury, but that day in New Orleans he rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another. With Tech trailing, 17-14, Schweickert danced through the Green Wave defense on a game-winning 74-yard touchdown run.

The Tech quarterback danced around a lot of would-be tacklers during the ’63 season when he helped lead the team to an 8-2 record and the school’s only Southern Conference football title. On his way to being named the SC Player of the Year, Schweickert ran for 839 yards to set a conference record. His total offense mark of 1,526 yards that year also set a league standard.

Utz led Tech in scoring with 10 touchdowns during the ’63 season and joined Schweickert on the all-conference team. Two of his TDs came in a road win against nationally-ranked Florida State.

The backfield duo returned in 1964 to lead the Techmen to a 6-4 record. Utz rushed for 777 yards to lead the squad, while Schweickert ran and threw for 1,409 yards of total offense. The highlight of the season came when Tech downed 10th-ranked Florida State, 20-11, at Miles Stadium. Schweickert punted eight times for a 47.4-yard average that day, prompting FSU coach Bill Peterson to say it was the first time a quarterback had ever beaten him with a foot.

Frank Loria

Statistics alone do not reveal the gridiron value of Frank Loria, Tech’s first consensus All-American. The 5-9, 175-pound safety was a big hitter with a “sixth-sense”.

Loria, who also excelled as a punt returner, helped the 1966 Tech team to an 8-1-1 regular-season record and a Liberty Bowl bid. The Clarksburg, W.Va., native was named All-America by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. That year, he returned three punts for touchdowns, including one for 80 yards against Florida State that helped Tech beat the Seminoles, 23-21, in Blacksburg. He also saved the William & Mary game with a fourth-quarter interception.

His senior season, Loria was ranked eighth in the nation in punt returns and picked off three passes. Tech’s star was named to the top six All-America first teams. For his career, Loria started all 31 games in which he was eligible to play on the varsity.

In 1970, a plane carrying the Marshall University football team crashed in West Virginia, killing all passengers. Assistant coach Frank Loria was on the plane. In 1972, Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity, dedicated an award in the memory of Frank Loria for the Tech student-athlete who exemplifies citizenship, leadership and athletic and academic achievement.
Liberty Bowl Teams
Coach Jerry Claiborne took Tech teams to the Liberty Bowl in 1966 and 1968. The Techmen went 8-1-1 in ’66 to earn a spot opposite the Miami Hurricanes in the Memphis, Tenn., bowl. Two years later, Tech finished with five straight wins for a 7-3 regular-season mark that secured a return trip to the Liberty Bowl to play the University of Mississippi.

Tech earned respect with its two bowl visits, but fell short of getting what it wanted most — a victory. Jimmy Richards blocked a Miami punt to set up a Tech touchdown in the 1966 game, but it wasn’t enough as the Gobblers fell 14-7 to the ninth-ranked Hurricanes. In ’68, Tech built a 17-0 first-quarter lead, only to see Ole Miss storm back behind a quarterback named Archie Manning for a 34-17 win.

The bowl experience left an indelible mark on at least one of the Tech players. Frank Beamer, a starting defensive back on the 1966 team, went on to become the head coach of the Atlanta Falcons, putting his mark on at least one of Tech tradition and installed a pass-happy offense.

The highlight of the ’72 season came when Tech upset 19th-ranked Oklahoma State in Blacksburg. Dave Strock, Don’s brother, kicked the game-winning field goal with 12 seconds remaining to lift Tech to a 34-32 victory. That season, Strock threw for 3,170 yards. He led the nation in passing and total offense, and his 3,170 yards passing was the fourth-highest total in NCAA history at the time.

After a disappointing 1973 season came when Tech upset the 19th-ranked Oklahoma State in Blacksburg. Dave Strock, Don’s brother, kicked the game-winning field goal with 12 seconds remaining to lift Tech to a 34-32 victory. That season, Strock threw for 3,170 yards. He led the nation in passing and total offense, and his 3,170 yards passing was the fourth-highest total in NCAA history at the time.

After a disappointing 1973 campaign, Coffey left Blacksburg and took his aerial show with him.

The 1975 Season
The Tech football program went from one extreme to the other when Jimmy Sharpe took the reins in 1974 and installed a wishbone offense.

The Techmen gobbled up Auburn on two running plays before the Tigers threw an incomplete pass. On fourth down, the Auburn quarterback dropped back to pass, could not find an open receiver and was forced to run out of bounds. Linebacker Rick Razzano, noseguard Bill Houseright, tackle Tom Beasley and end Keith McCarver keyed that Tech defense.

Against Florida State in a Homecoming tilt, senior kicker Wayne Latimer boomed a school-record 61-yard field goal to knock off the Seminoles, 13-10. The defense stood tall again, holding FSU on downs from the Tech 12-yard line in the final minutes.

The defense also turned in the big play in a 24-17 win over Virginia that year. The Wahoos had the ball on Tech’s 14-yard line with one minute left in the game when Beasley forced a fumble with a sack of UVa quarterback Scott Gardner.

Bill Houseright (center) and Rick Razzano (38) keyed a goal-line stand as Tech shocked Auburn in 1975.

HISTORY

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Bill Dooley
When Tech President Bill Lavery offered Bill Dooley the dual role of head football coach and athletic director in the winter of 1977, Tech fans were excited. Dooley had annually taken the best high school talent from the Old Dominion and brought it to Chapel Hill to build fine teams at the University of North Carolina.

Dooley was brought to Blacksburg to rebuild the Tech eleven. He would do that with a strong running game and a very good defense. Under Dooley, the nickname Hokies came to the forefront and the Gobblers faded away; the Gobbler mascot was transformed into the HokieBird; and a new VT logo was adopted.

Dooley started the 1978 season with some players he inherited from the previous staff. Safety Gene Bunn broke the school interception record in '78. Kenny Lewis, a fleet tailback, set a school single-game rushing record with 223 yards vs. VMI. Fullback Mickey Fitzgerald was a power runner and blocker who carried the nickname "The Incredible Hulk." Wingback Sidney Snell emerged under Dooley.

A strong recruiter, Dooley brought in running back Cyrus Lawrence, tight end Mike Shaw, defensive tackle Padro Phillips, and offensive linemen Wally Browne and George Evans for the 1979 season.

Dooley would go on to compile the best record of any Tech head coach to that point. He would guide the Hokies to three bowl games and their first-ever bowl victory before leaving the program under a cloud of controversy following the 1986 season.

1980 Peach Bowl
Virginia Tech got the decade rolling with an 8-3 regular-season record in 1980 and a date in Atlanta for the Peach Bowl. Coach Bill Dooley’s Hokies opened the season with a 16-7 road victory over Wake Forest in front of a regionally-televised ABC-TV audience. The Techmen whitewashed archival Virginia, 30-0, at Lane Stadium in front of the state’s first 50,000 crowd for football. The Hokies then bested West Virginia, 34-11. Tech made its first bowl appearance since the 1968 season when it was invited to play 18th-ranked Miami in the Peach Bowl. The Hurricanes defeated the Dooley gang, 20-10, in a hard-fought game.

Cyrus Lawrence
On the second carry of his collegiate career, tailback Cyrus Lawrence ran 59 yards for a touchdown. It would be the longest run of his Tech career. But that didn’t stop Lawrence from going on to become the Hokies’ all-time rushing leader. He did it the hard way with four- and five-yard gains. He turned in just 14 runs of more than 20 yards while at Tech and had only three runs over 40 yards.

In 1980, Lawrence rushed for 1,221 yards in 10 games to set a Tech single-season rushing mark. The 1,221 yards ranked him eighth nationally. Lawrence set another school record with six 100-yard games.

Lawrence was tough enough to carry the ball 29 times a game his junior year after averaging 27 carries in ‘80. During the 1981 season, Lawrence gained 1,403 yards to break his own school record and finish seventh in the country. He gained 202 yards against Virginia.

The star back suffered a season-ending knee injury just four games into his senior season. He totaled 3,767 yards in his 35-game Tech career to establish the school’s career

record. He averaged 107.6 yards rushing per game and turned in a school-record 16 100-yard rushing games in his career.

Bruuuuuuuuuce
Coach Bill Dooley loved defense and Dooley, as well as Tech fans everywhere, loved Bruce Smith.

At 6-3, 276 pounds, Smith had tremendous agility and speed for a player of his size. During his four-year Tech career at tackle, Bruce became the most honored football player in school history at the time. As a junior in 1983, the Norfolk, Va., native recorded 22 quarterback sacks and was a first-team All-American.

Smith didn’t get any easier to block his senior year as he registered 16 more sacks and made a career-high 69 tackles in leading Tech to an Independence Bowl appearance.

The "Sack Man" won the Outland Trophy as America’s top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses, totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards).

In 1985, the Buffalo Bills made Bruce Smith the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft.
The Kick

With four seconds left in the New Peach Bowl at Atlanta on Dec. 31, 1986, Virginia Tech trailed North Carolina State, 24-22. Pass interference was called on the Wolfpack as it was defending Tech wingback David Everett.

The penalty moved the football to State's 23-yard line. The Hokies were within field goal range — the range of kicker Chris Kinzer. State called a timeout to rattle the Tech sophomore. Tech finally snapped the ball for the 40-yard field goal attempt. Kinzer kicked and was knocked down on his follow through. The ball sailed through the uprights as time expired and Tech won, 25-24.

It was Tech's first bowl victory ever.

Frank Beamer

Frank Beamer roamed the Tech defensive backfield for teams that went to Liberty Bowls in 1966 and 1968. After he left Blacksburg, he embarked on a coaching career that included stops as an assistant at Maryland, The Citadel and Murray State. He was promoted to head coach at Murray State in 1981 and ran the Racer program for six years.

The ex-cornerback came back to Tech as the first alumnus to guide the Tech football program since 1945. In replacing the departed Bill Dooley, he brought back to Blacksburg the trademark defense that he learned as a Tech player under Jerry Claiborne and a healthy respect for the importance of special teams. He also brought back to Blacksburg some of the best teams in the land.

In his first five years on the job, Beamer's squads faced 29 bowl-bound teams and 18 Top 20 opponents. Nine of his first 27 games at the helm were against Top 10 teams. In 1987, the Tech slate was rated the most difficult in the nation.

The Hokies also registered a momentous victory over Virginia in the 1990 season finale. The Wahoos had been ranked No. 1 in the nation for part of the season and 54,157 spectators, the largest football crowd in the history of the state at the time, came to see the two teams tangle. ESPN also came and televised the tilt nationally. Vaughn Hebron rushed for 142 yards to lead the Hokie offense, and quarterback Will Furrer threw three touchdown passes in the 38-13 win.

Those upsets were just a hint of things to come under Beamer.

The ‘BIG’ Break

After competing as a football independent for 26 years, the Hokies became a charter member of the BIG EAST Football Conference in 1991. The football-only conference, which also included Boston College, Miami, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse, Temple and West Virginia, was formally announced on Feb. 5, 1991, by Commissioner Michael Tranghese.

No team in the newly-formed league benefited from the alliance as much as Virginia Tech. The Hokies finally had a stage for their football program, and it would only be a short time before they seized the spotlight.

Starting in 1993, the first season of round-robin play in the conference, Tech began an 11-year span that saw it register the second-most wins of any team in the league. During that stretch, the Hokies were the only BIG EAST school to participate in a bowl each season. Tech would win the conference title in 1995 and 1999 and share it in 1996. The Hokies also would represent the league in the Bowl Championship Series each of those three seasons.

One of the trademarks of Coach Frank Beamer's teams at Virginia Tech has been outstanding special teams – most notably, blocking kicks. In the 1990s, no Division I-A team blocked more kicks than the Hokies. Tech blocked a total of 63 kicks during the decade, including 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 field goals. Blocked kicks played key roles in Tech bowl wins against Indiana in the 1993 Independence Bowl and versus Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl. From 1990 through 1999, thirty-one different Tech players blocked kicks while playing for Beamer.

Keion Carpenter blocks a punt against Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl.

Coach Frank Beamer gets doused following Tech's victory over Syracuse in 1993 that clinched Beamer's first bowl bid.
Heading to Another Level

Beamer’s success at Tech was not immediate. And it did not come without hard times. Shortly after Beamer took over the reins in Blacksburg, the Tech football program was hit with NCAA sanctions for problems that occurred during the previous regime. Those sanctions included two years of scholarship reductions that impeded Beamer’s success into the next decade. In 1992, the Hokies suffered through a gut-wrenching season that saw them hold fourth-quarter leads in seven of their 11 games, but win just two games. The final record was 2-8-1.

Out of the ashes of the 1992 season came a rebirth that would ultimately mark the beginning of the most successful period in the history of the program. During the spring of ’93, the Hokies made some changes. They added some new faces to the coaching staff. They adopted an attacking style of defense that emphasized speed and aggressiveness. They fine-tuned the offense and turned it over to quarterback coach Rickey Bustle, who was elevated to offensive coordinator. Tech’s faith in Frank Beamer was about to pay off.

The result was an 8-3 regular-season record and a rousing 45-21 victory over Indiana of the Big Ten in the Independence Bowl. It was the first year of round-robin play in the BIG EAST Conference, and the Hokies finished a surprising fourth. The Tech offense rewrote the school record book, accumulating 4,885 total yards, scoring 400 points and averaging 36.4 points per game.

1995 Season — Sweet Success

One of the most memorable seasons in Virginia Tech football history did not start out memorably.

First there was a 20-14 home loss to Boston College. Then there was a forgettable 16-0 home whitewashing at the hands of Cincinnati. With Miami — an opponent Tech had never beaten in 12 tries — on the horizon, prospects for a third straight bowl trip didn’t appear to be bright.

As it turned out, that appearance was deceiving. Fueled by the leadership of a strong senior class, Tech defeated Miami for the first time ever, 13-7, in a heart-stopping finish. And the Hokies didn’t stop there. They won their last nine regular-season games in a row capped by a sensational comeback victory over archrival Virginia. Along the way, the Hokies also collected their first BIG EAST championship.

Not only did Tech get its third straight bowl trip, it got a big one. As the BIG EAST representative in the Bowl Alliance, the Hokies earned a trip to New Orleans for the Sugar Bowl. Over 25,000 Tech fans went along for the ride.

On New Year’s Eve 1995, the Tech football program scored its biggest victory to date when it came from behind to defeat Texas, 28-10. The stirring victory capped a 10-2 season and helped the Hokies to their highest ever finish in the national polls at the time.

Tech followed by winning a school-record 10 regular-season games on the way to another 10-2 mark in 1996. The Hokies appeared in the Orange Bowl and held their own before losing to powerful Nebraska. Winning records and bowl games followed again in 1997 and 1998.

A Stepping Stone

Of all the successful Tech football teams of the 1990s, the 1998 squad may have been the most surprising. It was supposed to be a rebuilding year for the men in orange and maroon. No one gave them a chance to win big or to challenge for the BIG EAST championship — but they did both.

Tech fooled the experts that season and actually finished just three or four plays away from an unbeaten record. The Hokies “rebuilt” with a 9-3 record and suffered their three losses by a total margin of 10 points. In a showdown with Syracuse for the BIG EAST title, Tech lost in heart-breaking fashion at the Carrier Dome on the last play of the game.

The team benefited from both great leadership and great character. It bounced back from each tough loss to win its next game. The Hokies capped their unexpected run with a dominating 38-7 victory against tradition-rich Alabama in the inaugural American General Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn. The Crimson Tide entered the game with an all-time 10-0 record against Tech and more bowl wins than any other college program.

They exited with the second-worst bowl loss in their storied gridiron history.

Following the game, Coach Frank Beamer was beaming with pride as he addressed the large following of Tech fans whose enthusiasm was never dampened by the evening’s wind and freezing rain.

“This is for the future,” the Tech coach said. “We’ve talked about trying to get up that ladder (to the top of the college football ranks). I think we took another step, maybe two steps, because when you beat a team like Alabama it means something.”

For Virginia Tech it meant a lot. The victory set the stage for the Hokies’ greatest football season ever.
Sign of the Times

The sign was simple. It was written in block letters and taped to a door in the football offices. It read: “Preparing to Win a National Championship”.

It seemed a bold thought for a program that just seven years earlier had produced only two wins. But Tech’s 1999 team took it to heart. They lived and breathed that thought.

There were plenty of reasons for the Hokies to be excited about the ’99 season. Thirteen starters were returning, including seven on defense. The special teams were loaded with experienced performers. The preseason rankings were Tech’s highest ever. Season ticket sales were soaring. And there was this new kid at quarterback named Michael Vick.

All the excitement was tempered, however, by reminders of the recent past. A year earlier, Tech had started fast with a 5-0 record only to have its hopes dashed by an upset loss to Temple. Memories of that loss served as fuel to stay focused in 1999.

From the first day of practice, the 1999 squad set out to take the season one game at a time, to prepare the same way for each opponent. And that is exactly what they did — 11 games in a row.

The season unfolded in storybook fashion with Vick and All-American defensive end Corey Moore playing leading roles. Among the prominent chapters were a hard-fought 31-11 Thursday night victory against Clemson on ESPN, a stunning 62-0 victory against Syracuse and a fifth consecutive win against the Miami Hurricanes, this time by a score of 43-10. The Hokies defeated state-rival Virginia on the road, 31-7, and escaped with an unforgettable, last-second 22-20 victory at West Virginia.

Along the way, Tech was visited by the ESPN GameDay crew twice and drew media attention from coast-to-coast. The Hokies rose to No. 2 in both national polls and capped their first ever 11-0 regular season with a convincing 38-14 win over Boston College.

As for the sign, it remained posted on the office door throughout the season.

A Shot at the Title

Tech’s reward for its first unbeaten, untied regular-season mark since 1918 was an invitation to the Nokia Sugar Bowl where the Hokies would battle No. 1 Florida State for the title of national champions. The Tech football program was breaking new ground once again with yet another first under Coach Frank Beamer.

Before a crowd of 79,280 — the largest crowd ever to view a Sugar Bowl game at the Superdome — the two teams staged a grand finale to the season.

Vick’s touchdown started a run of 22 straight points that vaulted Tech into a 29-28 lead in the third quarter. In the end, however, it was the Seminoles’ ability to produce big plays that made the difference. Led by MVP Peter Warrick, FSU scored 18 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to gain its first 12-0 season and its second national title with a 46-29 win.

Tech’s 1999 dream season did not end the way it had hoped, but the Hokies proved without a doubt that they belonged in the top echelon of college football.

Following the 1999 season, Corey Moore became Virginia Tech’s most honored football player ever. The senior defensive end earned the Bronko Nagurski Award as college football’s defensive player of the year and won the Lombardi Award as the college football lineman of the year. He became just the second Tech player to gain unanimous All-America honors and was named the Football News’ Defensive Player of the Year. He finished the season with 60 tackles, 17 quarterback sacks, 11 additional tackles for loss, 25 hurries, three pass deflections, three fumbles caused and a fumble return for a touchdown.
Michael Vick

Although his stay in Blacksburg was relatively brief, Michael Vick’s impact on the Virginia Tech football program figures to be long-lasting.

During the mercurial quarterback’s two seasons under center, the Hokies enjoyed unprecedented success. Tech posted back-to-back 11-1 seasons, appeared in a national championship game and finished with its highest-ever national rankings. The two-year period produced sky-rocketing ticket sales, increased contributions and an incredible flurry of media exposure that extended from coast-to-coast. All but two of Vick’s games at Tech were televised. Every home game of his career was played before a sellout crowd.

Vick didn’t create all the success and exposure single-handedly. He had plenty of help. But every time he took the field, he generated the type of excitement that comes with special players.

Tech’s coaches realized early-on that Vick was a special player. However, it wasn’t until the 1999 season that they found out just how special he would be.

Coach Frank Beamer promised to redshirt Vick during his first year at Tech and held to that promise during a rash of injuries at quarterback early in the 1998 season. Bolstered by the redshirt season, the 6-1, 207-pound left-hander from Newport News, Va., made the most anticipated debut in school history when the Hokies opened their 1999 season against James Madison.

In his first collegiate game, Vick dazzled the fans with three touchdown runs in just over a quarter of play. The last of those three scores ended with a national highlight reel flip into the end zone. It was the first of many highlights for the young quarterback.

Vick accounted for five first-half touchdowns in a win at Rutgers. He stunned West Virginia with his last-minute heroics to set up a game-winning field goal. His 75-yard touchdown run against Temple was shown coast-to-coast. He accounted for four more touchdowns and 336 yards of offense in the regular-season finale against Boston College.

Vick’s reputation was building. On Jan. 3, 2000, he captivated a national audience with a mesmerizing performance against No. 1 Florida State in the national championship game. Vick accounted for 322 yards of offense against the Seminoles’ vaunted defense, and even though FSU came on to win the game in the final quarter, he was the talk of a nation. In the blink of an eye, Michael Vick became a household name.

The honors rolled in. Vick won an ESPY as the nation’s top college player. He was awarded the first-ever Archie Griffin Award as the nation’s most valuable player in college football. He finished third in the balloting for the Heisman Trophy and second in the voting for The Associated Press Player of the Year. He was named first-team All-America by The Sporting News and second team by the AP.

By the time his sophomore season began, Vick had appeared on practically every preseason magazine cover and been touted as a Heisman favorite. Early on, he filled the highlights again with his quick feet and powerful arm. There was an amazing 82-yard touchdown run at Boston College and a pair of long TD passes against West Virginia. As the season progressed, however, swarming defenses and a troublesome high ankle sprain began to take their toll.

Vick bounced back from six sacks to ice Tech’s first win at Syracuse since 1986 with a 55-yard touchdown run with less than two minutes remaining. A week later against Pittsburgh, he was knocked out of the game in the second quarter. The Hokies went on to win that game, but the following week, with Vick limited to 19 plays off the bench, Tech suffered its lone loss of the 2000 season at Miami.

After starting a home victory against Virginia, Vick returned to form in the Toyota Gator Bowl, helping the Hokies to a 41-20 victory over Clemson and gaining MVP honors in the process. It would be his last game in a Tech uniform.

In early January, the Tech star announced his intentions to turn pro during a press conference at the Hampton Road’s Boys and Girls Club near his old neighborhood. On that day he assured Tech fans he would “always be a Hokie.”

On Apr. 21, Hokie fans everywhere couldn’t have been prouder when Vick was named the No. 1 pick in the 2001 NFL draft.

Michael Vick is carried off the field after leading Tech to an 11-0 regular season and a berth in the 1999 National Championship game during his redshirt freshman season in Blacksburg.
Hokie All-Americans
Virginia Tech’s unanimous All-America selections

In 1993, Jim Pyne achieved something even Bruce Smith failed to do — earn unanimous All-America honors. Pyne helped pave the way for a Virginia Tech offensive unit that set school season marks for total offense and scoring in 1993.

The Hokies averaged 444.1 yards and 36.4 points per game and finished 14th nationally in total offense, 11th in scoring offense and 10th in rushing.

Pyne was named first-team All-America by AP, UPI, Walter Camp, the Football Writers Association and the Football Coaches Association (Kodak). He was one of the 12 semifinalists for the Lombardi Award, which goes to the nation’s top lineman.

In four seasons at Tech, Pyne played more than 2,700 snaps and allowed just one quarterback sack. He started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 games in which he played.

Corey Moore became just the third unanimous All-American in Tech football history when he was named to The Associated Press’ first team on Dec. 15, 2003. Making the AP team was the last in a long line of collegiate honors for the senior center from Forest, Va.

He was named to the first-team of all five recognized All-America squads: the Football Writers Association of America, the American Football Coaches Association, The Sporting News, the Walter Camp Football Foundation and finally, the AP.

These awards came a year after he was selected a fourth-team All-American by The Sporting News, but failed to make the All-BIG EAST squad as a junior.

As a senior, he wasn’t overlooked as he was named first-team All-BIG EAST and was presented the Rimington Trophy in Lincoln, Neb., honoring the nation’s top collegiate center.

In 13 regular season games, Grove graded out at 91.8 percent on over 700 offensive plays and led the offensive line in knockdowns with 48.

He went on to be drafted in the second round by the Oakland Raiders in the 2004 NFL Draft as the first center taken.
Hokie All-Americans
Virginia Tech's first-team honorees

Carroll Dale
E • 1959

After earning second-team Associated Press All-America honors as a junior in 1958, Carroll Dale went on to become the first Virginia Tech football player to earn first-team All-America honors following the 1959 season. Dale was named to the Football Writers Association (LOOK Magazine) and Newspaper Enterprise Association first teams as a senior and was once again a second-team choice by AP. A two-way end for the Hokies, Dale earned most of his notoriety as a receiver. He led Tech in receiving four straight years and finished the '59 season with 17 receptions for 408 yards and six touchdowns.

Bob Schweickert
QB • 1964

One of the finest triple-threat quarterbacks in the history of the Southern Conference, Bob Schweickert was named to the LOOK All-America team picked by the Football Writers Association following the 1964 season. Schweickert fought off injuries during the ’64 season to rush for 576 yards and nine touchdowns and pass for 833 yards and nine more TDs. He led the team in total offense with 1,409 yards and also handled the punting duties with a 37.7-yard average. Schweickert played a big role in Tech wins against Florida State and North Carolina State during the season. As a junior in 1963, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and earned third-team All-America honors from The Associated Press.

Frank Loria
S • 1966, 1967 (Consensus)

Defensive safety Frank Loria was the first Tech football player to gain first-team All-America honors in back-to-back seasons and became the Hokies’ first consensus All-America pick in 1967. As a junior in 1966, Loria helped tech to the Liberty Bowl as a defender and punt return man. He ranked as one of the team’s top hitters and contributed three interceptions from his safety position. Loria also contributed three touchdowns on punt returns, including a pair of 80-yard runbacks. He was named to first-team A-A squads picked by The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association and was a second-team selection by the Helms Athletic Foundation. Loria was named to six major All-America squads following a 1967 season in which he made big play after big play. He finished the year with three interceptions and 420 yards on punt returns, including a 95-yard return for a touchdown against Miami. His first-team honors came from AP, United Press International, Newspaper Enterprise Association, the Football Coaches Association, the Football Writers Association and the Walter Camp Foundation.

Mike Widger
LB • 1968

Mike Widger capped an incredible junior season by earning first-team All-America honors from The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. Widger compiled a record 825 tackling points and was among the national leaders in pass interceptions (7) and return yardage (203 yards). He returned two of his interceptions for touchdowns and scored another TD after pulling the football loose from a Kansas State running back and racing 46 yards to the end zone. He was named the Sports Illustrated National Lineman of the Week after helping Tech to a 17-6 win at South Carolina. Widger posted 15 unassisted tackles, 14 assists and trapped Gamecock quarterback Tommy Suggs five times behind the line for losses of 41 yards.

Bruce Smith
DT • 1983, 1984 (Consensus)

Bruce Smith was named to first-team All-America squads picked by the Football Coaches Association (Kodak) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association after registering an incredible 22 quarterback sacks as a junior in 1983. Smith, who also was named to The Associated Press second team that year, finished the ’83 season with a total of 55 tackles, 31 of which were behind the line scrimmage for losses of 223 yards. As a senior in 1984, Smith accumulated 16 sacks and nine other tackles behind the line despite being double and triple teamed. He finished the year with 69 total tackles and was a consensus All-America pick, making first teams selected by AP, the Football Writers of America, Kodak and Walter Camp. He missed being a unanimous A-A when UPI named him second team. Smith capped his honors by winning the Outland Trophy as the nation’s top interior lineman. He was the first player picked in the 1985 NFL draft.

Eugene Chung
OT • 1991

When Eugene Chung was named to the Football Writers Association All-America team following his senior season, he became the first Tech offensive lineman to win first-team All-America honors. Chung started every game at tackle for the Hokies in 1991, allowing just one quarterback sack in 730 plays. He was rated the top collegiate offensive lineman in the NFL draft by The Sporting News and was listed as one of the five most-draftable players overall in the college ranks by the NFL Scouting Combine. The Washington Gridiron Club honored Chung as the National Lineman of the Year.
Cornell Brown  
DE • 1995 (Consensus), 1996
Cornell Brown became the first Virginia Tech football player to gain consensus All-America honors as a junior when he was named to five first teams in 1995. Brown, who was named the BIG EAST Conference Defensive Player of the Year after leading the league in sacks with 14, was a first-team A-A pick by AP, UPI, the Football Writers Association, The Sporting News and Football News. He finished the year with 103 total tackles, 25 of them behind the line of scrimmage. He was selected National Defensive Player of the Year by Football News and was one of five finalists for the Defensive Player of the Year selected by the Football Writers’ Association of America. In 1996, Brown missed three games, but still earned first-team honors from Walter Camp and second-team recognition from AP. He posted eight sacks, five other tackles behind the line, 19 quarterback hurries and 58 total tackles during the ’96 season.

Billy Conaty  
C • 1996
Considered one of the top offensive linemen in school history, Bill Conaty saw action on 98 percent of Virginia Tech’s offensive plays in 1996 and went on to earn first-team All-America honors from The Sporting News. Conaty helped the Hokies to a 10-2 record and a trip to the Orange Bowl that season, grading a winning percentage in 10 of the 12 games and leading the squad with 65 knockdown blocks. He finished his career by setting an all-time school record for starts and consecutive starts with 48.

Michael Vick  
QB • 1999
In a spectacular freshman season that saw him lead Virginia Tech to its first-ever 11-0 regular season and its first appearance in the national championship game, Michael Vick became the first Tech freshman football player to earn first-team All-America honors. Vick was named first-team by The Sporting News. He also was a second-team pick by The Associated Press. The redshirt freshman quarterback was third in the voting for the 1999 Heisman Trophy and second in the voting for the AP Player of the Year. Vick led Division I-A in passing efficiency (180.37), setting an NCAA record for a freshman in the process. He was voted both the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and Rookie of the Year. He completed 59.2 percent of his passes for 1,840 yards and 12 touchdowns. He also contributed 585 yards and eight TDs rushing.

André Davis  
PR • 2000
A year after showing he had big-play ability as a receiver, André Davis proved he also was dangerous as a punt returner. Davis finished the 2000 season second in the Division I-A ranks in punt returns and earned first-team All-America honors on the American Football Coaches Association team as a return specialist. Davis returned 18 punts for 396 yards for a school-record average of 22 yards per return. He tied another school season mark when he returned three punts for touchdowns. His 87-yard TD return against East Carolina was the second-longest in school history. He also had a 76-yard touchdown return against West Virginia and a 71-yard return versus Boston College.

Kevin Jones  
RB • 2003 (Consensus)
One of the highest rated recruits ever to sign with Virginia Tech, Kevin Jones didn’t disappoint in his first year as the full-time starter. He rushed for a school-record 1,647 yards, including a school-record 241 yards against Pittsburgh, on 281 attempts with 21 touchdowns. He went on to earn first-team All-America honors from The Sporting News, The Walter Camp Football Foundation, The FWAA and AFCA. He was one team shy of being a unanimous All-American as he was named to the second team by The Associated Press.

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**Hokie All-Americans**

**Virginia Tech’s second- and third-team honorees**

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2nd-team Associated Press

George Foussekis  
DE • 1966  
2nd-team Associated Press

Don Strock  
QB • 1972  
3rd-team Associated Press

Robert Brown  
DE • 1981  
2nd team-Newspaper Enterprise Association

Chris Kinzer  
PK • 1986  
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J.C. Price  
DT • 1995  
3rd-team Associated Press

Pierson Prioleau  
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3rd-team Sporting News

Derek Smith  
OT • 1998  
3rd-team Football News

John Engelberger  
DE • 1999  
2nd-team Associated Press

Jamel Smith  
LB • 1999  
2nd-team Associated Press

Anthony Midget  
CB • 1999  
3rd-team Sporting News

Matt Lehr  
OG • 2000  
2nd-team Walter Camp

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3rd-team Associated Press  
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CB • 2001  
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Carroll Dale

A native of Wise, Va., Carroll Dale entered Virginia Tech in 1956 as an offensive and defensive end. After seeing varsity action as a reserve in the first game of the '56 season, Dale went on to start the remaining 39 games of his college career and became Tech's first bona fide All-American. As a junior in 1958, he was named the Southern Conference Player of the Year and won the Jacobs Blocking Trophy. In 1959, Dale was captain of the Tech team and earned first-team All-America honors from the Football Writers of America and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. He was named to The Associated Press second-team All-America squad in both 1958 and 1959. Dale led the Hokies in pass receiving each of his four seasons and finished his Tech career with 67 pass receptions for 1,195 yards and 15 touchdowns. He went on to a professional football career that lasted more than a decade and included a stint with the Green Bay Packers. During his time with the Packers, Dale started on three consecutive championship teams for legendary coach Vince Lombardi. Dale was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., in 1987.

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Frank Loria

Despite his 5-9, 175-pound frame, Frank Loria was one of the most tenacious football players ever to play for Virginia Tech. Loria, who started every game at safety from 1965-67, rapidly established himself as one of Tech's all-time greats with his uncanny ability to diagnose plays and pass patterns. He played every defensive play of his sophomore season. During his junior year, he helped the Hokies to the Liberty Bowl and earned first-team All-America honors from The Associated Press and the Football Writers Association. As a senior in 1967, Loria became Tech's first consensus All-American, making seven first-team All-America squads. He also was named a first-team Academic All-American. Loria finished his Tech career with seven interceptions and still holds Tech records for most touchdowns on punt returns for a season (3) and career (4) and the best punt return average for a career (13.3 ypr). His 95-yard punt return for a touchdown against Miami in 1967 is still the longest in school history. After his playing career, Loria joined the coaching staff at Marshall University where he became the offensive coordinator. In 1970, at age 23, he died in an airplane tragedy that claimed the lives of the Marshall football team and staff. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame on Dec. 7, 1999.

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Bruce Smith

Known as "The Sack Man" of Virginia Tech football and hailed by thunderous roars of "BRUUUUUCE" during games at Lane Stadium, Bruce Smith capped his sensational college career in 1984 as the most honored player in Hokie history at the time. As a Tech player, Smith had a career total of 71 tackles behind the line of scrimmage for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). Smith had 46 career quarterback sacks, including 22 during his junior season in 1983 when he was named first-team All-America by Kodak (coaches) and the Newspaper Enterprise Association. In 1984, the Norfolk, Va., native won the Outland Trophy as America’s top lineman and was a consensus All-American. Smith was the No. 1 player picked in the 1985 National Football League draft. During a 15-year career with the Buffalo Bills, he established himself as one of the greatest defensive players ever to play the game. Smith signed with the Washington Redskins before the 2000 season and ended his career in 2003 as the NFL’s all-time sack leader with 200.

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Jim Pyne

Center Jim Pyne became Virginia Tech's first unanimous All-American when he made all five major teams that were selected in 1993. Pyne clinched the unanimous vote when he made The Associated Press team. He had already become the Hokies’ third consensus All-American by making teams picked by the Football Writers of America, the Walter Camp Foundation, United Press International and the Coaches’ Association for Kodak. In addition to All-America honors, Pyne was named winner of the Dudley Award as Virginia’s Player of the Year. During his four seasons at Tech, he established himself as one of the Hokies’ top linemen of all time, leading the charge for the 1993 team that rewrote the school record books for scoring and total offense. Pyne started 35 consecutive games and 41 of the 42 Tech games in which he played. He allowed just one quarterback sack by the man he was assigned to block during more than 7,700 career snaps. Pyne spent nine seasons as an NFL lineman.
In 2002, the Virginia Tech athletics department developed a new policy on retiring football jerseys. This special honor is bestowed to acknowledge an individual who has won an established national award in their sport, while allowing the number to continue to be worn by others. Tech no longer retires numbers.

That year, three jerseys were retired in ceremonies. The jerseys of Frank Beamer, Cornell Brown and Michael Vick were the first to be honored.

Michael Vick; Sept. 1, 2002: winner of the 2000 ESPY as College Football’s Performer of the Year.

Frank Beamer; Sept. 12, 2002: winner of eight national coach of the year awards following Tech’s 1999 season.

Bruce Smith was named college football’s top lineman in 1984

Bruce Smith, “The Sack Man” of Virginia Tech football, capped his sensational college career in 1984 by winning the Outland Trophy as America’s top lineman.

The big announcement was made by Wilt Browning at a press luncheon in Tech’s Bowman Room. Browning, a sports columnist of The Greensboro Daily News and a committee member of the Football Writers’ Association of America, began by reading a long list of former Outland Trophy winners. He then said, “Add to that list today, the 1984 winner — Bruce Smith of Virginia Tech.”

Smith, bright and articulate, was at his very best as he answered newsmen’s questions that day.

What about the double-teaming and triple-teaming he received from opposing blockers throughout his senior season?

“Oh, it didn’t bother me that much,” Smith replied. “I took it as a compliment. But it did upset my mother.”

Reporting in The Roanoke Times & World News, Bill Brill wrote: “The human side of Smith was reflected at the news conference. Not many collegians feel comfortable behind a microphone, but Bruce not only handled himself with aplomb, he also demonstrated the qualities that make him a special person.”

Browning explained how the nine-member Outland committee selected Smith as the nation’s top lineman. The Greensboro writer said a factor that influenced his decision to vote for Smith was a release that quoted opposing coaches and players about the Hokie tackle. “The one thing though, that stuck in my mind was the statistic on his tackles for losses,” Browning said. “In four years at Virginia Tech, he accounted for losses totaling more than five times the length of a football field (504 yards). That’s amazing.”

Smith was a consensus All-American and was the first Virginian to win one of the national awards (including the Heisman and the Lombardi).

What Football People Were Saying About Bruce:

“Bruce Smith is a man eater. In my years in coaching college football, I don’t remember a defensive lineman who is more difficult to block.”

— Al Groh, Wake Forest coach

“There is no question that Bruce Smith is the premier pass rusher in college football.”

— Don Nehlen, West Virginia coach

“Smith and I talked about my family, his family, world affairs, just about everything. We had plenty of time to get to know each other. He spent the afternoon with me. I’ve played against a lot of great defensive players and Smith has got to be one of the best, if not the best.”

— Ben Bennett, Duke quarterback

“I’ve never seen anyone like Bruce Smith in college. He’s the best pass rusher in my time.”

— Wally English, Tulane coach

“Smith is a one-man wrecking crew.”

— Billy Reed, The Louisville (Ky.) Courier-Journal
When Corey Moore first came to the Virginia Tech campus, all people saw was a guy who had been labeled as “too small” his whole life. What they ended up getting was one of the best defensive ends to ever play the position in college football.

In his first year as a starter, he was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year after posting 13.5 sacks and 69 tackles. He followed that campaign up with a senior season people will be talking about for years to come. The Brownsville, Tenn., native recorded 17.0 sacks and 11 tackles for loss.

In three years on campus, Moore amassed 35.0 sacks for losses totaling 292 yards. He also left town as the most decorated player ever to put on the Hokie uniform. He won the 1999 Bronko Nagurski Award as college football’s defensive player of the year. Moore also won the 1999 Lombardi Award as college football’s lineman of the year. He became Tech’s second-ever unanimous All-American, joining Jim Pyne. Moore won the Dudley Award as the top college player in Virginia, the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Year award again and was selected as Football News’ Defensive Player of the Year.

But through all of the awards and accolades, Moore always stayed humble, directing the spotlight toward his teammates. “I’m very uncomfortable with all of the attention, but I don’t want to be rude,” Moore said. “I just think it’s unfortunate that everyone wants to throw all the attention on me when the defensive line as a whole deserves the attention.” Moore will always be remembered as a terror on the field and the exact opposite off the field.

“Corey Moore is a special player,” Coach Frank Beamer said, “but more importantly, he is a great person.”

At 6-foot, 225 pounds, Moore was constantly questioned about his size, but his heart and athleticism more than made up for that. Despite being double- and even triple-teamed most of his senior year, Moore was a wrecking ball on the top-rated defense in America and helped lead the Hokies to their first 11-0 regular season.

What Football People Were Saying About Corey:

“Moore is everything he’s built up to be … We couldn’t stop the guy. Good players like that will themselves in the fourth quarter to make big plays.”

— Tommy Bowden, Clemson coach

“He has the speed of a cornerback. This is the fastest potential (NFL) speed linebacker I ever remember.”

— Charlie Casserly, former general manager of the Washington Redskins

“I’ve seen no better. This guy is just unbelievable. This guy is Superman.”

— Lee Corso, ESPN analyst

“He was almost on me as fast as I got the ball.”

— Brandon Streeter, Clemson quarterback
When Michael Vick took to the field against James Madison on Sept. 4, 1999, little did people in attendance or watching on television realize they would be watching the beginning of the most exciting two years in Virginia Tech football history.

His name was Michael Vick and he was supposed to make the Hokies a good team. He made the Hokies a great team, became one of the best players in college football and has since gone on to re-invent the quarterback position.

In 1999, he led the Hokies to a perfect 11-0 regular season and a berth in the national championship game, both firsts in school history. The Hokies lost that game to Florida State, but all the talk was about the performance the redshirt freshman put on in that game.

ESPN The Magazine’s Gene Wojciechowski had this to say following that game: “Florida State’s players don’t offer compliments very often, but to a man, the Seminoles gave post-Sugar Bowl props to Virginia Tech’s living, breathing contrail. Vick is the best thing to come out of Virginia since baked ham and Sam Snead. I’d pay to watch him throw skeleton drills.”

Writers weren’t the only ones impressed with the Newport News, Va., native. Florida State coach Bobby Bowden said, “...There isn’t a damn thing you can do about Vick. When we made some of our best defensive plays, he ran 50 yards. I knew he was good but I didn’t know he was that good.”

For his accomplishments, he was awarded an ESPY by ESPN, given to the nation’s top college football player. Vick was awarded the trophy at the ESPY ceremonies on Feb. 14, 2000, in Las Vegas as he mingled with some of sports’ all-time greats.

In two short years as a starter, he went 20-1, broke numerous school and conference records, and went on to be the No. 1 draft pick of the Atlanta Falcons in the 2001 NFL Draft.

What Football People Were Saying About Michael:

“He’s so amazing, that unleashing his skills on some poor defense is almost unsportsmanlike. It’s not fair.”
- Chris Fowler, ESPN analyst

“(Vick is) the best football player in the country, and the best football player I’ve seen in 22 years of college coaching.”
- Bobby Wallace, Temple head football coach

“I think if Michael Vick is a stock, I’m buying 100 shares right now, at any price. To run for 215 yards against a good college team (Boston College) illustrates what a man-against-boys world he’s playing in right now.”
- Peter King, CNNSI.com

“It’s nothing like I’ve seen before. He’s one of a kind.”
- Lenny Walls, Boston College defensive back

“He’s like that dude from The Matrix, the one who has all those bullets coming at him, but he dodges every one. I don’t even want to know what it’s like to have to tackle him.”
- Ernest Wilford, Virginia Tech wide receiver

“We have seen the future of college football and it is Michael Vick.”
- Dennis Dodd, CBS SportsLine Senior Writer
Jake Grove arrived on the Virginia Tech campus as a lightly recruited guard from Forest, Va. He left as a unanimous All-American, winner of the Rimington Trophy and a second-round draft pick of the Oakland Raiders.

Known for his tenacious aggressiveness between the whistles, Grove was the gentle big man off the field, becoming a media darling for his quick wit, honesty and sense of humor with the media.

Heading into his junior season, Grove made the switch over to the center position and became a natural fit. By the time he headed into his final season, he was gaining headlines and recognition for his play. He was rewarded by being named to all five major All-America first teams. As a result, he was awarded the Dave Rimington Trophy, given to the nation’s top collegiate center.

“When the season started, winning the Rimington Trophy was a goal of mine in the back of my mind,” Grove said. “I kept it there until after the season because I wanted to focus on winning, but it’s always been there.

“This is a huge honor because the previous winners of the award have all been great players. I’m privileged to have my name mentioned in their company. I’d like to thank Mr. Rimington and the committee. To win the award named after one of the greatest centers means a lot to me.”

Grove graded out at 80 percent or higher in all 13 games of his senior year, earning a season grade of 91.8 percent with over 50 knockdown blocks. He was also a semifinalist for the Lombardi Award, a first-team All-BIG EAST selection and the starter of 33 consecutive games.

On April 24, 2004, he was taken by the Oakland Raiders with the 13th pick of the second round.

What Football People Were Saying About Jake:

“He’s an intimidating guy. He works hard. He’s a mean guy. He doesn’t care about your feelings out there. He’s out there to win football games.”
— Tech offensive guard Jacob Gibson

“Jake Grove, wimp? Well, yes, back in the day, if you can believe such a thing. He was an undersized ninth-grader then — a farm boy from the outskirts of Lynchburg — and if there’d been any sand on the practice field at Jefferson Forest High, someone would’ve kicked it in his face. That’s how much the older guys picked on him. Little did they realize he’d grow into a 300-pound wrecking ball.”
— Bob Lipper, Richmond Times-Dispatch

“I think he’s aggressive, he’s tough, he’s nasty. Off the field, he’s a good student, he’s a good citizen. He’s everything you want a kid to be. But on the field, I wouldn’t mess with him. I’d stay away from him.”
— Tech head coach Frank Beamer

“He’s a quarterback’s dream. Sometimes I’ll look, and Jake’s downfield on top of somebody or he’s about to cut somebody — he never stops. Going into the game, you’re going to be in for a long day — whoever’s lined up against him. If it’s your first time across from Jake, you’ll know who he is for sure. And you’re probably not going to like him.”
— Tech quarterback Bryan Randall
**Conference Honors**

### ALL-BIG EAST CONFERENCE

Virginia Tech was in the BIG EAST Conference from 1991-2003

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<td>Eugene Chung, ot; William Boatwright, og; Tyrone Drakeford, cb; Bo Campbell, ret. specialist.</td>
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<td>1997</td>
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<td>1998</td>
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<td>Second Team: Dwight Vick, ol; Derek Smith, ol; John Engelberger, dl; Nathaniel Williams, dl; Jamel Smith, lb; Keion Carpenter, s.</td>
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<td>1999</td>
<td>First Team: Michael Vick, qb; Shyorne Stith, rb; Shayne Graham, pk; Ricky Hall, pr/kr; Corey Moore, dl; John Engelberger, dl; Anthony Midget, cb; Jimmy Kibble, p.</td>
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<td>2002</td>
<td>Second Team: Ernest Wilford, wr; Anthony Davis, og; Lee Suggs, rb; DeAngelo Hall, kr/pr; Nathaniel Adibi, dl; DeAngelo Hall, cb; Willie Pile, s; Vinnie Burns, p.</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>First Team: Jake Grove, c; Kevin Jones, rb; DeAngelo Hall, cb, pr;</td>
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<td>Second Team: Ernest Wilford, wr; Cols Colas, de; Nathaniel Adibi, de; Vegas Robinson, lb; Michael Crawford, s.</td>
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### ALL-SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

Virginia Tech was in the Southern Conference from 1921-1964

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<td>Red Negri, end; Al Casey, back</td>
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<td>Dave Thomas, end</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>Herman “Foots” Dickerson, fullback</td>
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<td>1946</td>
<td>John Maskas, tackle</td>
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<td>Second team: Howie Wright, back</td>
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<td>1955</td>
<td>First team: Jim Locke, guard; Jack Prater, center;</td>
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<td>Second team: Carroll Dale, end; Jim Burks, tackle; Corbin Bailey, back</td>
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<td>Second team: Jim Burks, tackle; Nick Mihalas, center</td>
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Hokie All-Stars

Blue-Gray All-Star Classic
Montgomery, Alabama
1939 H.W. Gosney, T
1954 Tom Petty, E
1954 George Preas, L
1954 Howie Wright, HB
1954 Frank Mosely, Coach
1955 Jack Prater, C
1958 Billy Holuslaw, QB
1959 Carroll Dale, SE
1963 Jake Adams, E
1964 Bob Schweickert, QB
1964 Sonny Utz, FB
1964 Jerry Claiborne, Coach
1967 Donald Thacker, DE
1969 Mike Widger, LB
1970 Jack Simcsak, P
1972 Mike Burnop, TE
1972 Don Strock, QB
1972 Craig Valentine, WR
1972 Charlie Coffey, Coach
1975 Phil Rogers, RB
1976 Tom Beasley, DL
1976 Gene Bunn, CB
1979 Kenny Lewis, RB
1979 Doug McDougald, DL
1979 Bill Dooley, Coach
1982 Padro Phillips, DT
1983 Mike Johnson, LB
1983 Mike Shaw, TE
1983 Bill Dooley, Coach
1984 Ashley Lee, FS
1984 Jesse Penn, DE
1984 Bruce Smith, DE
1987 Carter Wiley, S
1989 Roger Brown, CB
1991 William Boatwright, OL
1991 Will Furrer, QB
1991 Frank Beamer, Coach
1992 Vaughn Hebron, RB

Senior Bowl
Mobile, Alabama
1956 Jim Locke, T
1960 Carroll Dale, E
1961 Allen Whittier, T
1961 Mike Zeno, G
1964 Jake Adams, E
1965 Bob Schweickert, B
1965 Sonny Utz, B
1968 Ken Barefoot, E
1985 Joe Jones, TE
1992 Eugene Chung, OL
1992 John Granby, DB
1992 Will Furrer, QB
1992 Damian Russell, DB
1994 Tyrone Drakeford, DB
1994 Jim Pyne, OL
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR
1996 J.C. Price, DL
1997 Cornell Brown, DL
1997 Jim Druckenmiller, QB
1997 Torrian Gray, DB
1997 Jay Hagood, OL
1998 Todd Washington, OL
1999 Derek Smith, OL
2000 Shayne Graham, PK
2000 Corey Moore, DE
2000 Nathaniel Williams, DT
2001 Cory Bird, DB
2003 Anthony Davis, OT
2004 Nathaniel Adibi, DE
2004 Jake Grove, C
2004 Ernest Wilford, WR

East-West Shrine Football Classic
Palo Alto, California
1967 Frank Loria, DB
1969 Jerry Green, OT
1980 Doug McDougald, DL
1994 Tyrone Drakeford, CB
1995 Ken Brown, OLB
1995 Antonio Freeman, WR
1998 Shawn Scales, WR
1999 Derek Smith, DT
2002 Ben Taylor, LB
2002 David Pugh, DT
2003 Willie Pile, FS
2003 Ronyell Whitaker, CB

Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Football Classic
Honolulu, Hawaii
1968 Frank Loria, DB
1973 Don Strock, QB
1982 Robert Brown, DE
1992 Eugene Chung, OG
1992 Damian Russell, FS
1994 Jim Pyne, OL
1995 Ken Brown, LB
1998 Ken Oxendine, RB
1999 Shawn Scales, WR
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S
2000 Jimmy Kibble, P/PK
2001 Matt Lehr, OG
2001 Dave Kadela, OT
2001 Frank Beamer, Coach
2004 Keith Willis, TE

Rotary Gridiron Classic
Orlando, Florida
1999 Loren Johnson, CB
1999 Pierson Prioleau, S
2000 Carl Bradley, DT
2000 Anthony Midget, CB/S
2000 Jamel Smith, LB
2002 Chad Beasley, DT
2002 Derrrius Monroe, DE
2002 Emmett Johnson, WR
2004 Michael Crawford, S
2004 Doug Easlick, FB
2004 Keith Willis, TE

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1982
Hunter Carpenter ........................................................ Football
Carroll Dale .............................................................. Football
Frank Loria ................................................................. Football
C.P. Miles ................................................................. Football, Coach, Administrator
Frank Moseley .......................................................... Football Coach, Administrator
Chris Smith ............................................................... Basketball

1983
G.F. (Red) Laird ......................................................... Baseball Coach
H.M. McEver ............................................................. Football, Coach, Administrator
Johnny Oates ............................................................ Baseball
Frank Peake .............................................................. Football
George Preas ............................................................ Football
Bob Schweickert ........................................................ Football

1984
Allan Bristow ........................................................... Basketball
Paul (Buddy) Dear ..................................................... Basketball
William (Monk) Younger ............................................ Football, Coach, Administrator

1985
Leo Burke ................................................................. Football, Baseball
Tim Collins ............................................................... Golf
Madison (Buzz) Nutter ................................................ Football
Don Strock ................................................................. Football
John Wetzel ............................................................... Basketball

1986
Harry Bushkar ......................................................... Basketball, Baseball
Mel Henry ................................................................. Football, Basketball, Baseball
George Parrish ......................................................... Football, Basketball, Coach
Henry Redd .............................................................. Football, Coach
Howie Wright ........................................................... Football, Baseball

1987
Dickie Beard ........................................................... Football
Glen Combs .............................................................. Basketball
Hank Crisp ................................................................. Football
Ed Motley ................................................................. Trainer
Sonny Utz ................................................................. Football

1988
Tom Beasley ............................................................ Football
Dr. Wilson Bell ......................................................... Baseball
Brandon Glover ......................................................... Wrestling
Mike Widger ............................................................ Football

1989
George Foussekis ..................................................... Football
Stuart Johnson .......................................................... Track
Leland (Lee) Melear ................................................... Basketball, Baseball
Herb Thomas ............................................................ Football

1990
Bob Ayersman ......................................................... Basketball
Bill Buchanan .......................................................... Tennis, Coach, Staff
Jack Burrows ............................................................ Tennis
Dick Esleeck ............................................................. Football, Coach
Jerry Gaines ............................................................. Track
Bill Grossmann ......................................................... Swimming
Ken Whitley ............................................................. Football, Wrestling

1991
Mac Banks .............................................................. Track
Al Casey ................................................................. Football
Lewis Mills .............................................................. Basketball
Joe Moran ............................................................... Football
Wendy Weisend ....................................................... Sports Information
1992
William Grinus, Jr. ......................... Football
Earl (Bus) Hall .......................... Basketball
H.V. (Byrd) Hooper ...................... Football, Baseball
James Franklin Powell .................. Football, Baseball
Keith Neff .................................. Track
Howard Pardue ................................ Basketball
Franklin Stubbs ............................... Baseball

1993
Lucy Hawk Banks ............................ Track
Roy Beskin .................................. Tennis
Bucky Keller ................................. Basketball
Bill Matthews ............................... Basketball, Coach,
Jack Prater .................................... Administrator

1994
Milton Andes ............................ Wrestling
Richard Bullock ..................... Team Physician
Mike Johnson ............................... Football
Neff McClary .................................. Golf
Dale Solomon ................................ Baseball
Ginny Lessman Stonick .................... Volleyball

1995
Waddey Harvey ............................... Football
Tony Paige .................................. Football
Louis P. Ripley ......................... Team Surgeon
Bruce Smith ................................ Football
Linda King Steel ............................. Track
Frank Teske ................................ Wrestling Coach

1996
Dick Arnold ................................. Track
Dell Curry ................................. Basketball
Connie Sellers ................................ Golf
George Smith ............................... Football

1997
Frank Beamer ......................... Football, Coach
Reneé Dennis .............................. Football
Cyrus Lawrence .......................... Football
Rick Razzano .............................. Football
Jim Stewart .............................. Baseball
Sterling Wingo ............................ Football, Baseball,
Track

1998
Robert Brown ............................... Football
Berkeley (Berky) Cundiff ................ Baseball
Don Divers ............................... Football
Loyd King ................................ Basketball
Kenny Lewis ............................ Football, Track

1999
Ken Barefoot .............................. Football
Eddie Ferrell ............................ Trainer
Bob Phillips ............................... Track
Steve Taylor ............................ Cross Country, Track
Ted Ware ................................. Basketball

2000
Mike Burnop ............................... Football
Bimbo Coles ............................. Basketball
Ken Edwards ................................ Football
Ki Luczak ................................ Football
Bobby Smith ............................... Football
Lori McKee Taylor ....................... Cross Country, Track

2001
Amy Byrne Feathers .................. Basketball
George Canale .......................... Baseball
Don Oakes ................................ Football
Ricky Scales ............................ Football
Margaret Soulen Gilbert ............... Swimming
Sherman Vandevender ................. Wrestling

2002
Gene Breen ................................ Football
Mickey Fitzgerald ..................... Football
Bob Grossmann ....................... Swimming
Chuck Hartman ...................... Baseball Coach
Judy Williams ....................... Cross Country, Track

2003
Jerry Claiborne ......................... Football
Ron Davidson .......................... Football
Anne Jones Thompson ............ Tennis
Wayne Robinson ................... Basketball
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Tony Paige, who was a star at fullback in the early 1980s, was inducted into the Tech Sports Hall of Fame in 1995.

Coach Frank Beamer was presented his Tech Sports Hall of Fame plaque in 1997 by his former coach at Tech, Jerry Claiborne, who was inducted posthumously this past fall.
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Virginia Tech’s first football team opened play on Oct. 21, 1892 with a 14-10 win over St. Albans.

1900s

1900 (3-3-1)
Coach: Dr. Davis

1901 (6-1)
Coach: A.B. Morrison

1902 (3-2-1)
Coach: R.R. Brown

1903 (5-1)
Coach: C. A. Lueder

Year-By-Year Scores & Results

Tech ranks 26th nationally with 606 all-time victories
1912 (5-4-5)
 Coach: Branch Bocock
 S 30 hW 40- 0 Roanoke College
 05 hW 42- 7 Hampden-Sydney
 12 al 0- 31 Princeton
 19 hW 44- 0 Western Md.
 26 nW 26- 0 UNC
 N 02 hl 0- 10 MCV
 N 16 hL 6- 20 W&L
 N 16 hW 41- 0 West Virginia
 N 28 al 3- 24 Georgetown
 VT 202- 92

1913 (7-1-1)
 Coach: Branch Bocock
 S 27 hW 26- 0 Roanoke College
 04 hW 14- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 11 hW 34- 13 Mississippi
 18 hW 20- 12 VPI Stars
 25 nW 14- 7 UNC
 N 01 nL 1- 0 W&L
 N 08 hl 47- 0 Marshall
 N 10 hW 14- 0 Morris Harvey
 N 27 nT 6- 6 VMl
 VT 175- 59

1914 (6-2-1)
 Coach: Branch Bocock
 S 26 hW 35- 0 King College
 03 hW 13- 0 Randolph-Macon
 10 hW 22- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 17 al 0- 31 Va. Wesleyan
 24 hT 7- 7 Roanoke College
 31 nL 6- 7 W&L
 N 07 hW 54- 6 Marshall
 N 14 nW 3- 0 N.C. State
 N 26 nW 3- 0 VMl
 VT 143- 33

1915 (4-6)
 Coach: Branch Bocock
 S 26 hW 26- 0 Roanoke College
 02 hW 19- 3 Randolph-Macon
 09 hW 19- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 16 nL 1- 13 W&L
 23 al 0- 20 Navy
 30 al 0- 45 Cornell
 N 13 al 0- 19 West Virginia
 N 25 nW 27- 9 VMl
 VT 91-109

1916 (7-2)
 Coach: Jack Ingersoll
 S 30 hW 13- 0 Richmond
 07 hW 10- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 14 nL 6- 0 West Virginia
 20 al 0- 19 Yale
 28 nW 40- 0 N.C. State
 N 04 nW 14- 7 UNC
 N 11 hW 52- 0 Wake Forest
 N 18 hW 41- 0 Roanoke College
 N 30 nW 23- 14 VMl
 VT 193- 60

1917 (6-2-1)
 Coach: Charles Bernier
 06 hW 12- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 13 hW 59- 6 Emory & Henry
 20 hW 13- 7 Davidson
 27 al 0- 28 Georgetown
 N 03 hW 50- 0 Wake Forest
 N 10 nL 13- 27 West Virginia
 N 17 nT 7- 7 N.C. State
 N 24 hW 70- 0 Roanoke College
 N 29 nW 1- 0 VMl
 VT 220- 75

1918 (7-0)
 Coach: Charles Bernier
 01 hW 36- 0 Belmont Ath. Club
 07 hW 33- 6 Camp Humphreys
 N 02 nW 13- 0 W&L
 09 hW 27- 0 Wake Forest
 N 16 nW 25- 0 N.C. State
 N 23 hW 18- 0 UNC
 N 28 nW 6- 0 VMl
 VT 152- 13

1919 (5-4)
 Coach: Charles Bernier
 04 hW 13- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 11 hW 21- 0 Richmond
 18 al 7- 33 Georgetown
 25 al 6- 0 Maryland
 N 01 nL 3- 0 W&L
 N 08 hW 40- 0 Wake Forest
 N 15 nL 0- 3 N.C. State
 N 22 hW 98- 0 Emory & Henry
 N 27 nL 0- 13 VMl
 VT 186- 52

1920s

1920 (4-6)
 Coach: Stanley Sutton
 S 25 hW 35- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 02 hW 21- 0 Win & Mary
 09 hW 75- 6 Emory & Henry
 16 al 6- 19 Rutgers
 23 hL 0- 7 Maryland
 30 nL 0- 13 W&L
 N 06 hW 21- 0 Richmond
 N 11 nL 6- 14 N.C. State
 N 20 nL 0- 28 Centre
 N 25 nL 7- 4 VMl
 VT 171-111

1921 (7-3)
 Coach: B.C. Cubbage
 S 24 hW 14- 6 Hampden-Sydney
 01 hW 14- 0 W&M & Mary
 08 al 0- 14 Centre
 15 aw 34- 0 Richmond
 22 nL 7- 10 Maryland
 29 nL 0- 3 W&L
 N 05 hW 54- 7 Morris Harvey
 N 11 nW 7- 3 N.C. State
 N 19 hW 35- 0 Roanoke College
 N 24 nW 26- 7 VMl
 VT 191- 50

1922 (8-1-1)
 Coach: B.C. Cubbage
 S 23 hW 38- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 30 hW 25- 0 King College
 07 hW 20- 6 W&m & Mary
 14 nL 0- 10 Centre
 21 at 7- 7 Davidson
 28 hW 73- 0 Catholic U.
 N 04 hW 21- 0 Maryland
 N 11 nW 24- 0 N.C. State
 N 18 nW 41- 6 W&L
 N 30 nW 7- 3 VMl
 VT 262- 32

1923 (6-3)
 Coach: B.C. Cubbage
 S 29 hW 29- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 06 hW 7- 0 Davidson
 13 al 17- 0 3rd Corp Area
 20 nW 16- 7 Maryland
 27 nL 0- 12 W&L
 N 03 hW 25- 6 Clemson
 N 10 nW 16- 0 N.C. State
 N 17 aw 6- 3 Virginia
 N 29 nL 0- 6 VMl
 VT 116- 55

1924 (4-2-3)
 Coach: B.C. Cubbage
 S 27 hW 28- 0 Richmond
 04 hW 10- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 11 nT 7- 2 Auburn
 17 nW 12- 0 Maryland
 N 03 nT 0- 0 W&L
 N 01 aw 50- 6 Clemson
 N 08 al 0- 19 N.C. State
 N 15 hL 0- 6 Virginia
 N 27 hT 0- 0 VMl
 VT 103- 18

1925 (5-3-2)
 Coach: B.C. Cubbage
 S 19 hW 10- 0 Lynchburg College
 04 hW 7- 0 Roanoke College
 05 hW 13- 3 Hampden-Sydney
 10 al 0- 19 Auburn
 17 nW 3- 0 Maryland
 24 nL 20- 0 W&L
 03 al 6- 0 South Carolina
 07 hT 0- 0 N.C. State
 14 al 0- 10 Virginia
 N 26 al 7- 0 VMl
 VT 39- 52

1926 (5-3-1)
 Coach: A.F. Gustafson
 S 25 hW 47- 0 Roanoke College
 02 hW 30- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 01 nL 13- 21 Dartmouth
 16 nW 24- 8 Maryland
 23 hW 6- 0 Virginia
 03 at 13- 13 Kentucky
 N 08 nL 19- 0 South Carolina
 N 13 nL 13- 0 W&L
 N 25 al 14- 7 VMl
 VT 134- 81

1927 (5-4)
 Coach: A.F. Gustafson
 S 24 hW 21- 2 Roanoke College
 01 hW 13- 0 Hampden-Sydney
 08 aw 6- 0 Colgate
 13 al 7- 13 Maryland
 22 al 0- 7 Virginia
 29 al 13- 14 Chattanooga
 N 05 nL 35- 0 South Carolina
 N 12 hW 21- 0 W&L
 N 24 al 13- 2 VMl
 VT 125- 48

1928 (7-2)
 Coach: A.F. Gustafson
 S 29 hW 34- 7 Roanoke College
 06 hW 32- 7 Hampden-Sydney
 13 al 14- 35 Colgate
 20 aw 16- 14 UNC
 27 hW 54- 0 King College
 N 03 nW 9- 6 Maryland
 N 10 hW 20- 0 Virginia
 N 17 aw 13- 7 W&L
 N 29 nL 16- 18 VMl
 VT 196- 92

1929 (5-4)
 Coach: A.F. Gustafson
 S 28 hW 19- 0 Roanoke College
 05 nL 37- 6 Hampden-Sydney
 12 al 8- 14 Pennsylvania
 19 nW 25- 14 W&m & Mary
 26 al 13- 38 UNC
 N 02 nW 36- 6 W&L
 09 aw 32- 12 Virginia
 N 16 nL 24- 0 Maryland
 N 28 al 0- 14 VMl
 VT 170-128

Mac McEver picks up yardage in the 1929 win over Virginia.
1930 (5-3-1)
Coach: O.F. Neale
S 24 hW 9-0 Roanoke College
O 04 hL 21-9 UNCl
O 11 al 0-40 Vanderbilt
O 18 nW2 7-6 Wm & Mary
O 25 aW 20-19 Davidson
N 01 at 0-0 W&L
O 08 nW 34-13 Maryland
N 15 nl4 7-13 VMI
N 27 nW1 24-0 VMI
VT 122-130

1931 (3-4-2)
Coach: O.F. Neale
S 26 hW 33-0 King College
O 03 al 0-40 Georgia
O 10 nW 18-6 Davidson
O 17 nT 6-2 Wm & Mary
O 24 al 6-20 Kentucky
O 31 hl 0-20 Maryland
N 07 nl1 0-6 W&L
N 14 at 0-0 Virginia
N 26 nW1 13-6 VMI
VT 76-104

1932 (8-1)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 24 hW 32-7 Roanoke College
O 01 aW 7-6 Georgia
O 08 aW 23-0 Maryland
O 15 nW2 7-0 Wm & Mary
O 22 hW 7-6 Kentucky
O 29 aW 32-6 W&L
N 05 al 6-9 Alabama
N 12 hW 13-0 Virginia
N 24 nW1 26-0 VMI
VT 153-28

1933 (4-3-3)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 23 hW 7-0 Roanoke College
S 30 al 0-27 Tennessee
S 07 nW4 14-0 Maryland
O 14 nW2 13-7 Wm & Mary
O 21 W 7-0 Richmond
N 07 hW 1-3 South Carolina
O 04 ht 7-7 W&L
N 11 al 0-27 Alabama
N 18 at 6-6 Virginia
N 30 nl1 0-0 VMI
VT 54-86

1934 (5-5)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 22 hW 21-0 Roanoke College
S 29 al 0-34 Temple
O 06 hl 13-20 Florida
O 13 nW2 6-0 Wm & Mary
O 20 nl4 9-14 Maryland
O 27 al 7-13 W&L
N 03 al 0-20 South Carolina
N 10 nW 7-6 N.C. State
N 17 hW 19-6 Virginia
N 29 nW1 13-0 VMI
VT 95-113

1935 (4-3-2)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 21 hW 7-0 Roanoke College
S 28 hl 7-28 Clemson
O 05 nl23 0-7 Maryland
O 12 nT 0-0 Wm & Mary
O 26 nW6 15-0 W&L
N 02 hW 27-0 South Carolina
N 09 nl21 0-6 N.C. State
N 16 al 0-0 Virginia
N 28 nW1 12-6 VMI
VT 68-47

1936 (5-5)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 17 hW 16-7 Roanoke College
S 26 al 0-20 Clemson
O 03 nl1 0-6 Maryland
O 10 nW 14-6 Wm & Mary
O 17 al 0-14 South Carolina
O 24 al 0-13 N.C. State
O 31 hW 20-7 Richmond
N 07 al 0-27 W&L
N 14 hW 7-6 Virginia
N 26 nW 6-0 VMI
VT 63-100

1937 (5-5)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 18 hW 27-7 Roanoke College
S 25 nl15 0-25 Duke
O 02 al 0-27 Tennessee
O 09 nl2 0-12 Wm & Mary
O 16 al 7-13 N.C. State
O 23 hW 19-7 W&L
O 30 hW 31-0 Hampden-Sydney
N 06 al 7-12 Richmond
N 13 al 14-7 Virginia
N 25 nW1 12-6 VMI
VT 117-116

1938 (3-5-2)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 17 hW 33-0 Emory & Henry
S 24 nl15 0-18 Duke
O 01 al 0-39 Army
O 08 nW 27-0 Wm & Mary
O 15 hl 6-14 Virginia
O 22 al 0-6 W&L
O 29 hW 7-0 N.C. State
N 05 al 0-7 UNC
N 11 at 0-0 Richmond
N 24 nl1 2-2 VMI
VT 75-86

1939 (4-5-1)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 23 hW 26-0 Randolph-Macon
S 30 al 0-20 Marshall
O 07 nl4 6-13 UNC
O 14 nT 6-6 Wm & Mary
O 21 hl 28-0 Centre
O 28 nl3 0-6 W&L
O 30 hW 20-7 Furman
N 11 al 0-13 Richmond
N 18 at 13-0 Virginia
N 30 nl1 7-19 VMI
VT 106-84

1940 (5-5)
Coach: Henry B. Redd
S 21 hW 34-12 Catawba
S 28 hl 7-13 Marshall
O 05 hl 7-13 Richmond
O 12 nl2 13-20 Wm & Mary
O 19 al 4-46 Georgetown
O 26 nW3 21-0 W&L
N 02 nW 6-0 Virginia
N 09 hW 38-21 Furman
N 16 al 10-6 Centre
N 21 nl1 0-14 VMI
VT 140-145

1941 (6-4)
Coach: James R. Kitts
S 20 hW 22-2 Catawba
S 27 nl17 14-7 Kentucky
O 06 hW 3-14 Georgetown
O 11 nl2 7-16 Wm & Mary
O 18 aW 16-0 Davidson
O 25 nW3 13-3 W&L
N 01 nl4 0-34 Virginia
N 08 nW 14-13 N.C. State

1942 (7-2-1)
Coach: S.D. Tilson/H.M. McEver
S 19 hW 28-14 Catawba
S 26 aW 7-6 Furman
O 03 hl 7-21 Wm & Mary
O 10 hW 16-0 Davidson
O 17 nl1 21-21 Kentucky
O 24 nW 19-6 W&L
O 31 nW4 20-16 Virginia
N 07 aW 16-7 Richmond
N 14 al 7-19 Army
N 26 nW1 20-6 VMI
VT 112-120

1943 (4-3-3)
Coach: James R. Kitts
S 28 aT 14-14 UNC
O 06 nl1 0-14 UNCl
O 16 nl2 0-38 Wm & Mary
O 20 hW 21-13 Maryland
O 27 nl1 13-31 Virginia
N 03 al 0-6 N.C. State
N 10 al 0-35 Clemson
N 17 hl 44-6 Richmond
N 22 nl1 0-7 VMI
VT 78-150

1944 (2-6)
Coach: H.M. McEver
O 06 nl1 0-14 UNC
O 13 nl2 0-38 Wm & Mary
O 20 hW 21-13 Maryland
O 27 nl1 13-31 Virginia
N 03 al 0-6 N.C. State
N 10 al 0-35 Clemson
N 17 hl 44-6 Richmond
N 22 nl1 0-7 VMI
VT 78-150

1945 (4-5)
Coach: James R. Kitts
S 27 hw 20-6 Furman
O 04 nl1 7-41 Virginia
O 11 nl2 7-21 Wm & Mary
O 18 al 0-40 Army
O 25 hl 19-23 Maryland
O 31 aW 42-6 G-W
O 08 nW 27-14 W&L
N 15 hw 26-14 Richmond
N 27 nl1 14-28 VMI
VT 162-191

1946 (6-5)
Coach: Robert C. McReish
N 25 hL 0-13 G-W
O 02 nl1 0-28 Virginia
O 09 nl18 0-28 Maryland
O 16 hl 0-30 Wm & Mary
O 23 nl1 0-7 Duke
O 30 al 7-49 Army
O 06 nl3 17-4 W&L
N 13 al 7-7 Richmond
N 25 nl1 7-33 VMI
VT 28-209

1947 (1-7-2)
Coach: Robert C. McReish
S 17 nl22 14-33 Quantico
S 24 hl 7-34 Maryland
O 01 al 13-39 Wm & Mary
O 08 nl1 0-26 Virginia
O 15 hl 14-24 G-W
O 22 al 7-55 Duke
O 29 nl4 13-14 N.C. State
N 05 nl3 6-6 W&L
O 12 aW 28-13 Richmond
N 24 nl1 28-28 VMI
VT 130-272
1950s

1950 (0-10)

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1950 (0-10)
Coaches: Robert C. McNeilsh/Allan M. Learned
S 30 nL 21- 61 Quantico
0 07 nL1 6- 45 Virginia
0 13 al 7- 42 G-W
0 21 hL 0- 54 Wm & Mary
0 28 al 6- 34 N.C. State
N 04 al 7- 25 W&L
N 11 hL 12- 32 Richmond
N 18 nL5 6- 47 Duke
N 23 nL 1- 0- 27 VMI
D 02 al 7- 63 Maryland
VT 72-430

1951 (2-8)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 15 nW6 18- 12 Marshall
S 29 hL 20- 32 Davidson
0 06 nL1 0- 33 Virginia
0 12 nL2 13- 38 G-W
0 20 nL4 6- 55 Duke
0 27 hL 14-19 N.C. State
N 03 nL2 0- 60 W&L
N 10 al 7- 28 Wm & Mary
N 17 hW 20-14 Richmond
N 22 nL1 7- 70 VMI
VT 105-311

1952 (5-6)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 15 nW6 18- 12 Marshall
S 20 aW 27- 14 Davidson
S 27 aW 14- 7 The Citadel
0 04 nL1 0- 42 Virginia
0 11 al 0- 33 Alabama
0 18 hL 0- 6 G-W
0 25 aL 27- 34 W&L
N 01 al 20- 2 Richmond
N 08 hL 15- 35 Wm & Mary
N 15 al 7- 27 West Virginia
N 27 nW1 26- 7 VMI
VT 155-221

1953 (5-5)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 19 nW6 7- 0 Marshall
S 26 aW 20- 6 Virginia
0 03 al 13-20 Rutgers
0 10 hW 21- 7 Richmond
0 17 al 7- 13 Wm & Mary
0 24 hW 32- 12 W&L
0 30 nW1 22- 0 The Citadel
N 07 nL8 7- 12 West Virginia
N 13 al 0- 26 Miami (Fla.)
N 26 nL 13- 28 VMI
VT 142-124

1954 (8-0-1)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 18 hW 30-21 N.C. State
S 25 nW2 32- 0 Wake Forest
0 02 aW 18- 7 Clemson
0 16 aW 19-12 Richmond
0 23 nW1 6- 0 Virginia
0 30 hT 7- 7 Wm & Mary
N 05 aW 20- 3- G-W
N 13 hW 20- 6 Williamsburg
N 25 nW1 46- 9 VMI
VT 198-75

1955 (6-3-1)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 17 aL 0- 13 Wake Forest
S 24 aW 33- 0 Pennsylvania
0 01 aW 14- 7 Wm & Mary
0 08 aW 24- 20 Florida State
0 15 hT 7- 7 Richmond
0 22 nW1 17- 13 Virginia
N 05 nL1 16- 21 Clemson
N 12 nW6 34- 26 N.C. State
N 24 nW1 39- 13 VMI
VT 191-133

1956 (7-2-1)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 15 nW6 37- 2 East Carolina
S 22 al 14- 21 Tulane
S 29 nW4 35- 6 N.C. State
0 06 aW 20- 7 Florida State
0 13 hW 34- 7 Wm & Mary
0 20 aW 46- 14 Richmond
0 27 nW1 14- 7 Clemson
N 03 al 6- 21 Clemson
N 10 hT 13- 13 Wake Forest
N 22 nW1 45- 0 VMI
VT 264-98

1957 (4-6)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 20 aW 14- 3 Tulane
S 28 al 0- 14 West Virginia
0 05 al 7- 13 Wm & Mary
0 12 hW 14- 3 Villanova
0 19 nL2 7- 38 Virginia
0 26 al 7- 20 Florida State
N 02 hW 42- 7 Richmond
N 09 aW 10- 3 Wake Forest
N 16 nL1 0- 12 N.C. State
N 28 nL1 6- 14 VMI
VT 114-148

1958 (5-4-1)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 20 nW1 28- 12 West Texas State
S 27 nL4 6- 13 Wake Forest
0 04 hW 27- 15 Wm & Mary
0 11 nW1 22- 13 Virginia
0 18 al 0- 28 Florida State
0 25 nL2 20- 21 West Virginia
N 01 al 14- 14 N.C. State
N 08 hW 27- 23 Richmond
N 15 al 0- 41 Southern Miss
N 27 nW1 21- 16 VMI
VT 185-196

1959 (6-4)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 19 nL4 13- 15 N.C. State
S 26 nW2 15- 0 West Virginia
0 03 nW1 20- 14 Wm & Mary
0 10 hL 6- 7 Florida State
0 17 nW2 40- 14 Virginia
0 24 aW 24- 14 Villanova
0 31 hL 51- 29 Richmond
N 07 aW 26- 21 West Texas State
N 14 al 12- 0 West Virginia
N 26 nL1 13- 37 VMI
VT 222-178

1960s

1960 (6-4)

Coach: Frank O. Moseley
S 17 al 14-29 N.C. State
S 26 nW2 15- 0 West Virginia
0 01 al 7- 13 Clemson
0 08 hW 22- 13 Wake Forest
0 15 al 27- 0 Wm & Mary
0 22 nW1 40- 6 Virginia
0 29 aW 20- 0 Richmond
N 05 hL 7- 9 Davidson
N 11 al 8-21 G-W
N 24 nW1 13- 12 VMI
VT 173-103

1961 (4-5)

Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 16 nW1 20- 6 Wm & Mary
0 07 al 0- 28 West Virginia
0 14 al 14- 27 Tulane
0 21 nW1 20- 0 Georgia
0 28 hW 10- 7 Florida State
N 04 al 0- 11 Richmond
N 11 al 15- 24 Wake Forest
N 17 hW 14- 3 G-W
N 23 nL1 0- 6 VMI
VT 93-112

1962 (5-5)

Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 15 al 0- 3 Wm & Mary
S 22 nW1 15- 4 G-W
S 29 nL2 0- 14 West Virginia
0 06 nW1 20- 15 Virginia
0 13 hW 13- 7 Richmond
0 20 al 12- 20 Army
0 27 al 7- 20 Florida State
N 03 aW 24- 22 Tulane
N 10 hW 37- 8 Wake Forest
N 22 nL1 9- 14 VMI
VT 137-137

Coaches Jerry Claiborne (I) and Frank Moseley.
1963 (8-2)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 21 al 14- 33 Kentucky
S 28 aW 27- 0 Wake Forest
O 05 wW 10- 0 Virginia
O 11 aW 22- 8 G-W
O 19 hW 28- 13 Wm & Mary
O 26 aL 31- 23 Florida State
N 02 aW 14- 13 Richmond
N 09 al 7- 13 N.C. State
N 16 aW 28- 3 West Virginia
N 28 nW1 35- 20 VMI
VT 216-126

1964 (6-4)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 19 aW 18- 14 Tampa
S 26 nL1 21- 38 Wake Forest
O 03 al 17- 20 Virginia
O 10 hW 45- 14 Richmond
O 17 hL 10- 23 West Virginia
O 24 hW 20- 11 Florida State
O 31 aL 27- 20 Wm & Mary
N 07 hW 28- 19 N.C. State
N 14 al 15- 20 Syracuse
N 26 nW1 35- 13 VT
VT 224-178

1965 (7-3)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 18 nW1 12- 3 Wake Forest
S 23 aW 25- 7 Richmond
O 02 hW 9- 7 Wm & Mary
O 09 aW 17- 12 G-W
O 16 al 10- 21 Vanderbilt
O 23 hW 22- 14 Virginia
O 30 al 6- 7 Florida State
N 06 al 22- 31 West Virginia
N 13 hW 21- 19 Villanova
N 25 nW1 44- 13 VMI
VT 188-134

1966 (8-2-1)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 17 al 6- 13 Tulane
S 24 hW 49- 0 G-W
O 01 hT 13- 13 West Virginia
O 08 aW 7- 0 Kentucky
O 15 nW2 21- 6 Vanderbilt
O 22 aW 24- 7 Virginia
O 29 hW 23- 21 Florida State
N 05 al 11- 0 Wake Forest
O 24 nW1 70- 12 VT
VT 234-90

Liberty Bowl
(Dec. 10, 1966 at Memphis, Tenn.)

1967 (7-3)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 16 aW 13- 3 Tampa
S 23 hW 31- 7 Wm & Mary
S 30 aW 15- 3 Kansas State
O 07 hW 3- 0 Villanova
O 14 aW 24- 14 Kentucky
O 21 hW 45- 14 Richmond
O 28 aW 20- 7 West Virginia
N 04 hL 7- 14 Miami (Fla.)
N 11 al 15- 38 Florida State
N 23 nL1 10- 12 VMI
VT 183-112

1968 (7-4)
Coach: Jerry Claiborne
S 21 nL1 7- 14 Alabama
S 28 aL 12- 0 Wm & Mary
O 05 hL 19- 34 Kansas State
O 12 hW 7- 6 Wake Forest
O 18 al 8- 13 Miami (Fla.)
O 26 hW 27- 12 West Virginia
N 02 aW 40- 22 Florida State
N 09 hW 31- 18 Richmond
N 16 aW 17- 6 South Carolina
N 28 nW1 55- 6 VMI
VT 223-131

Liberty Bowl
(Dec. 14, 1968 at Memphis, Tenn.)

1970 (5-6)
Coach: Jimmy Sharpe
S 12 hT 0- 7 Virginia
S 19 nL1 18- 51 Alabama
S 26 hL 20- 21 Memorial
O 03 al 7- 24 South Carolina
O 10 hL 9- 28 Wake Forest
O 17 hW 17- 14 Tulsa
O 24 hW 31- 14 Buffalo
O 31 aW 35- 14 Wm & Mary
N 07 hW 34- 7 Villanova
N 14 al 8- 34 Florida State
N 21 nW1 20- 14 VMI
VT 199-228

1971 (4-7)
Coach: Charlie Coffey
S 18 hL 9- 20 Wake Forest
S 25 al 16- 24 Oklahoma State
O 02 hL 3- 17 Florida State
O 09 al 39- 46 Tulia
O 16 hW 41- 30 Wm & Mary
O 23 hW 37- 29 Ohio Univ.
O 30 al 27- 33 Kentucky
N 06 aW 6- 0 Virginia
N 13 al 29- 56 Houston
N 20 hL 18- 7 Southern Miss
N 27 nW1 34- 0 VMI
VT 249-272

1972 (6-4-1)
Coach: Charlie Coffey
S 16 al 20- 24 Virginia
S 23 aL 15- 27 Florida State
S 30 hW 13- 10 SMU
O 07 hT 27- 27 Houston
O 14 hW 34- 32 Okla. State
O 21 aW 53- 21 Ohio Univ.
O 28 nL2 16- 17 Wm & Mary
N 04 hW 27- 14 Southern Miss
N 11 hW 45- 20 South Carolina
N 18 al 13- 52 Alabama
N 25 aW 44- 9 Wake Forest
VT 307-253

1973 (2-9)
Coach: Charlie Coffey
S 08 hL 24- 31 Wm & Mary
S 15 al 26- 31 Kentuck
S 22 al 10- 24 West Virginia
S 29 al 6- 37 SMU
O 06 hL 24- 27 South Carolina
O 12 al 27- 54 Houston
O 20 hW 27- 15 Virginia
O 27 al 6- 77 Alabama
N 03 al 16- 49 Memphis State
N 10 hL 36- 13 Florida State
N 17 hL 21- 22 VMI
VT 223-380

1974 (4-7)
Coach: Jimmy Sharpe
S 14 hL 7- 38 Kentucky
S 21 al 25- 28 SMU
S 28 hL 12- 49 Houston
O 05 nL2 17- 22 VMI
O 12 aW 31- 17 South Carolina
O 19 al 27- 28 Virginia
O 26 hL 41- 7 Richmond
N 01 al 7- 14 Miami (Fla.)
N 09 aW 34- 15 Wm & Mary
N 16 aW 56- 21 Florida State
N 23 hL 21- 22 West Virginia
VT 278-261

1975 (8-3)
Coach: Jimmy Sharpe
S 13 al 8- 27 Kentucky
S 20 al 11- 17 Kent State
S 27 hW 21- 9 Richmond
O 04 aW 23- 16 Auburn
O 11 hW 13- 10 Florida State
O 18 hW 24- 17 Virginia
O 25 al 7- 10 West Virginia
N 01 nW4 24- 7 Wm & Mary
N 08 aW 34- 28 Houston
N 15 hW 33- 0 VMI
N 22 hW 40- 10 Wake Forest
VT 238-151

Don Thacker (67) and other Tech defenders surround Miami quarterback Bill Miller during the 1966 Liberty Bowl in Memphis, Tenn.
Chris Kinzer’s last-second field goal lifted the Hokies over N.C. State 25-24 in the 1986 Peach Bowl for Tech’s first bowl victory.

1987 (2-9)
Coach: Frank Beamer
S 12 hL 10- 22 Clemson
S 19 al 13- 14 Virginia
S 26 hL 21- 35 Syracuse
O 03 hW 31- 11 Navy
O 10 al 10- 19 South Carolina
O 17 hL 23- 32 East Carolina
O 24 al 38- 57 Tulane
O 31 al 7- 14 Kentucky
N 01 al 13- 27 Miami (Fla.)
N 21 hW 21- 20 Cincinnati
VT 203-300

1988 (3-8)
Coach: Frank Beamer
S 03 hW 7- 40 Clemson
S 10 hW 27- 16 East Carolina
S 17 al 13- 35 Southern Miss
S 26 al 67- 35 Syracuse
O 01 hL 10- 22 West Virginia
O 08 hL 24- 26 South Carolina
O 15 al 41- 14 Cincinnati
O 29 hL 10- 16 Virginia
N 05 al 9- 13 Louisville
N 12 al 14- 41 Florida State
N 19 hW 27- 6 James Madison
VT 176-264

1989 (6-4-1)
Coach: Frank Beamer
S 02 hW 29- 3 Akron
S 09 al 17- 17 South Carolina
S 16 hL 7- 27 Clemson
S 23 hW 23- 0 Temple
O 07 al 12- 10 West Virginia
O 14 hL 7- 41 Florida State
O 21 al 10- 14 East Carolina
O 28 hW 30- 13 Temple
N 04 al 18- 0 Vanderbilt
N 11 al 25- 32 Virginia
N 18 al 25- 23 N.C. State
VT 203-180

1990 (6-5)
Coach: Frank Beamer
S 01 al 13- 20 Maryland
S 08 hW 21- 7 Bowling Green
S 15 aW 24- 23 East Carolina
S 22 hL 24- 35 South Carolina
S 29 al 28- 39 Florida State
O 06 hW 26- 21 West Virginia
O 20 al 28- 31 Temple
O 27 hW 20- 16 Southern Miss
N 03 hW 20- 16 N.C. State
N 10 al 3- 6 Georgia Tech
N 24 hW 38- 13 Virginia
VT 245-227

1991 (5-6)
Coach: Frank Beamer
A 31 al 41- 12 James Madison
S 07 al 0- 7 N.C. State
S 21 al 21- 28 South Carolina
S 28 al 17- 27 Oklahoma
O 05 aW 20- 14 West Virginia
O 12 hL 30- 9 South Carolina
O 19 hW 56- 9 Cincinnati
O 26 hW 41- 13 Louisville
N 09 hW 42- 24 Akron
N 16 hL 17- 24 East Carolina
N 23 al 6- 38 Miami (Fla.)
VT 275-229
Michael Vick led the Hokies to the National Championship game in 1999.
The Hokies and the AP Rankings

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Virginia Tech's first ranking in the AP poll..................................................Oct. 4, 1954 — #19

Longest consecutive-poll streak .........................................................84 — Jan. 5, 1999 (final postseason) through Nov. 23, 2003

Highest regular season ranking .........................................................#2 — During the 1999 and 2000 seasons

Highest final ranking ............................................................................#2 after the 1999 season

First game against a ranked opponent ...............................................Oct. 26, 1946 vs. #12 N.C. State W, 14-6 at Blacksburg, Va.

First game between two ranked teams .....................Nov. 3, 1956 — #15 Virginia Tech vs. #13 Clemson L, 21-6 at Clemson, S.C.

Highest ranked opponent defeated .......................................................#2 Miami on Nov. 1, 2003 W, 31-7 at Blacksburg, Va.

André Davis and the second-ranked Hokies faced No. 1 Florida State in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl.
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**All-time record:** 606-410-46 (1,062 games, 110 seasons)

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**Football Team Awards**

**Players who have led the Hokies under Coach Beamer**

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- 1992: Tyrone Drakeford
- 1993: Scott Jones
- 1994: William Yarborough
- 1995: William Yarborough
- 1996: Torrian Gray
- 1997: Pierson Prioleau
- 1998: Pierson Prioleau
- 1999: Anthony Midget
- 2000: Ronny Whitaker
- 2001: Ronny Whitaker
- 2002: Willie Pile, Kevin McCadam
- 2003: Willie Pile
- 2004: Michael Crawford

### Outstanding Offensive Lineman
- 1989: Eugene Chung
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- 1991: Eugene Chung
- 1992: Jim Pyne
- 1993: Jim Pyne
- 1994: Jay Hagood, Chris Malone
- 1995: Shane Scales
- 1996: Shayne Graham
- 1997: Shayne Graham
- 1998: Wayne Ward
- 1999: Vinnie Burns
- 2000: James Anderson, Vinnie Burns
- 2001: Brian Welch
- 2002: Ronny Whitaker
- 2003: Brian Welch

### Outstanding Receiver
- 1989: Myron Richardson
- 1990: Nick Cullen
- 1991: Bo Campbell
- 1992: Antonio Freeman
- 1993: Antonio Freeman
- 1994: Bryan Still
- 1995: Willie DeShazo
- 1996: Bryan Jennings
- 1997: Shawn Scales
- 1998: Ryan Smith
- 1999: Andre Davis
- 2000: Emmett Johnson
- 2001: Andre Davis
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### Blacksburg Sports Club

#### Paul Frederick Cobb Award
This award is given in memory of former Tech player Freddie Cobb, who was awarded the Navy Cross for heroism in Vietnam. It goes to the most spirited player.

- 1993: Jeff Holland
- 1994: Jim Pyne
- 1995: Chris Malone
- 1996: Jeff Holland
- 1997: Shaune Miles
- 1998: Shadrack Ekhoma
- 2000: Kerwin Hairston

#### John William Schneider Award
This is given in memory of former player William Schneider, who was killed in an automobile crash. It goes to a player who excels in academics, scholarship and leadership.

- 1989: Rich Fox
- 1990: Lamar Smith
- 1991: Will Furrer
- 1992: Kirk Alexander
- 1993: Marcus McClung
- 1994: Chris Peduzzi
- 1995: Lawrence Lewis, Jim Baron
- 1996: Brandon Semones
- 1997: Korey Eby
- 1998: Ken Handy
- 1999: Greg Shockley, Steven Hunt
- 2000: Dave Kadela
- 2001: Bob Slavikowski
- 2002: Willie Pile
- 2003: Keith Willis

#### Lawrence R. White Award
This award is given in honor of former Tech President Lawrence R. White, a former Tech linebacker who excelled in the weight room and was a positive role model for all Tech football players. It is given to the team's most outstanding strength and conditioning athlete.

- 1993: Rich Fox
- 1994: Will Furrer
- 1995: Jeff Holland
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- 1998: Shadrack Ekhoma
- 1999: Lawrence Lewis
- 2000: Brian Welch
- 2001: Ronny Whitaker
- 2002: Brian Welch
- 2003: Matt Lehr
- 2004: Steve DeMasi

### Outstanding Linebacker
- 1989: Randy Crockrell
- 1990: Archie Hopkins
- 1991: P.J. Preston
- 1992: Ken Brown
- 1993: Ben Taylor
- 1994: George DelRicco
- 1995: George DelRicco
- 1996: Myron Nosewicz
- 1997: Steve Tate
- 1998: Jamel Smith
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- 2002: Wes Worsham
- 2003: Vegas Robinson

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### Wes Worsham Award
Named for long-time Tech supporter Wes Worsham, this award is given to a player who exceeds expectations and surprises everyone with his performance.

- 1997: Brad Baylor
- 1998: Ryan Smith
- 2000: Tim Schnecker
- 2001: Josh Redding
- 2002: Dan Wilkinson
- 2003: Lamar Cobb
- 2004: Chris Shreve, Garnell Wilds

### Edward G. Ferrell Award
This award is given in honor of the late Eddie Ferrell, whose hard work, sense of humor, and unselfishness touched thousands of athletes during his 28-year career as a trainer at Tech. It is given to the player who best exemplifies hard work and unselfishness.

- 1998: Lamont Pegues, Angelo Harrison
- 1999: Nathaniel Williams
- 2000: Anthony Lambo
- 2001: Chad Beasley
- 2003: Doug Easlick

### Williams-Moss Award
Named in honor of John E. Williams, a former Dean of the College, and Joseph S. Moss, a former player and coach at Tech. The award goes to the player who demonstrates the highest quality of leadership and character.

- 1999: Chris Cyrus
- 2000: Nick Sorenson
- 2001: Jarrett Ferguson
- 2002: Billy Hardee
- 2003: Jacob Gibson

### Paul Torgerson Award
Given in honor of former Tech President Paul Torgerson who has served the university with distinction for three decades in a variety of capacities. The award goes to a player who shows a commitment to hard work and great effort every time he takes the field.

- 1999: John Engelberger
- 2000: Cullen Hawkins
- 2001: Jake Housewright
- 2002: Shawn Witten
- 2003: Ernest Wilford
For its first bowl appearance, Tech traveled west to El Paso, Texas, to face Cincinnati in the Sun Bowl on January 1, 1947.
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Miami Hurricanes, getting second wind from a third-quarter roughing the kicker penalty, rebounded for two touchdowns in the second half to score a come-from-behind 14-7 win over Virginia Tech in the eighth annual Liberty Bowl.

In a game dominated primarily by defense, Tech got the early edge when Jimmy Richards blocked Miami’s first punt of the game. The block gave the Hokies possession at the Miami 21. It took Tech just five plays to cash in on the opportunity with a 2-yard touchdown run by tailback Tommy Francisco. Jon Utin’s extra-point kick gave Tech a 7-0 lead.

The Hokies got two more golden opportunities during the first half, marching inside the Miami 30 on both occasions. Both times Tech came up empty handed, seeing one drive stall on a clipping penalty and the other end on a dropped pass at the goal line and a fumbled snap. Although Tech dominated the first half, the failed chances would come back to haunt the Hokies.

Tech’s relentless defense held the Hurricanes to just 16 yards of total offense during the first half. But Miami, ranked ninth with wins over Southern Cal, Georgia and Florida, slowly turned the tide in the second half. First, the ‘Canes stopped a Tech threat with a 42-yard interception return. The play did not lead to a touchdown, but it changed the momentum of the game, as well as the battle for field position.

On its next possession, Miami got the spark it needed for its offense. After a drive stalled at the Hokies’ 41, the Hurricanes got new life when a roughing the kicker penalty against Tech gave them a first down at the Tech 26. Five plays later UM quarterback Bill Miller found halfback Joe Mira for a 7-yard touchdown pass, and Ray Harris tied the game with his extra point at the 4:20 mark of the third quarter.

By the midway point of the third quarter, Miami’s size and strength were starting to make a difference on defense. UM All-American defensive end Ted Hendricks and company kept the Hokies bottled up in their own territory and allowed just one second-half first down.

Miami’s winning drive marked the only lengthy offensive push by either team all day. The Hurricanes started at their own 30 and made the march in 10 plays, including a key 38-yard pass from Miller to end Jim Cox that put the ball at the Tech 5. It took the ‘Canes four tries to score, with fullback Doug McGee diving over from the one on fourth down.

A Liberty Bowl record 39,101 tickets were sold for the game, but only 25,012 braved the 36-degree weather. The game was televised nationally by ABC and was not blacked out in the Memphis area.

1966 Liberty Bowl
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Virginia Tech’s second visit to the Liberty Bowl played out much like its first — the Hokies built an early lead, then saw the game turn on a play in the kicking game. This time it was the University of Mississippi and sophomore quarterback Archie Manning who tamed the Hokies, 34-17, before 46,206 fans, the largest crowd in the 10-year history of the bowl.

For 13 minutes and 11 seconds, it appeared that Tech would blow Ole Miss out of cold, blustery Memorial Stadium. Scoring on a 58-yard run by Ken Edwards on a quick-snap, trick play on the game’s second offensive play, Tech shocked the Rebels with its ground attack. The Hokies recovered a fumble on Mississippi’s first offensive play and got their second touchdown just three plays later on a 7-yard run by Terry Smoot. Before the quarter was over, Jack Simcsak added a 29-yard field goal for a 17-0 Tech lead.

Eager to capitalize on their momentum, the Hokies attempted an on-side kick following Simcsak’s field goal. The ploy took Ole Miss by surprise, but the ball failed to travel the required 10 yards and the Rebels took over at the Tech 49. Manning quickly turned Mississippi’s good fortune into a touchdown with a 21-yard scoring pass to end Hank Shows.

Just like that, the momentum of the game turned, and when it did, it turned completely.

What followed was a rash of Tech penalties, fumbles and interceptions that Ole Miss was all too happy to take advantage of.

Eventually, a 79-yard touchdown run by tailback Steve Hindman on the first play of the second half and a 70-yard interception return for a TD by monster man Bob Bailey gave Mississippi the victory. Hindman finished the game with 121 yards on 15 carries and was named the MVP.

Tech continued to battle, making two goal-line stands in the second half. But the Hokies could not overcome their three fumbles, two interceptions and 120 yards in penalties.
Miami 20, Virginia Tech 10

ATLANTA, Ga. — Explosive Miami of Florida fought off a gallant Virginia Tech comeback to defeat the Hokies, 20-10, in the 13th annual Peach Bowl game.

The Hurricanes scored two touchdowns in the first 16 minutes of the game and appeared to be on their way to an easy triumph after thwarting two Tech threats with interceptions at the goal line. The Hokies, however, had other ideas, holding 18th-ranked Miami to just two field goals the rest of the way.

Over 14,000 Tech fans cheered the Hokies on as they closed the gap to 14-10. First, place-kicker Dennis Laury booted a Peach Bowl record-tying 42-yard field goal with just 29 seconds remaining in the first half. Then, midway through the third quarter, tailback Cyrus Lawrence capped an 80-yard Tech drive with a 1-yard scoring plunge. The big play in the drive was a 44-yard pass from quarterback Steve Casey to tight end Rob Purdham.

Suddenly, the Hurricanes’ lead was just four. But poor field position, penalties and the tough Miami defense prevented Tech from getting any closer.

Lawrence, who lost out in the most valuable offensive player voting to UM quarterback Jim Kelly, rushed for 134 yards on 27 carries. Kelly completed 11 of 22 passes for 179 yards and a touchdown.

The Hokie defense, which limited UM to six points after the 13:47 mark of the second quarter, was led by freshman linebacker Ashley Lee’s 15 tackles. Safety Mike Scharnus contributed eight tackles and an interception, while end Robert Brown and linebacker Mike Johnson were in on eight tackles each.

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SHREVEPORT, La. — Quarterback Bart Weiss got Air Force's wishbone attack going in the second half and led the Falcons to a 23-7 victory over Virginia Tech in the Independence Bowl.

Tech took a 7-3 lead in the first quarter on a 10-play, 72-yard drive that featured a 32-yard run by tailback Eddie Hunter. Maurice Williams, who alternated at the tailback spot with Hunter, capped the march with a 3-yard touchdown run.

The complexion of the game changed drastically midway through the second quarter when the Falcons forced and recovered a fumble at the Tech 3. Halfback Jody Simmons took a pitchout to the left and put Air Force ahead.

The Hokies missed a great chance to regain the lead before the half, and found themselves trailing 10-7, despite having 192 yards of offense and 11 first downs to Air Force's 73 yards and three first downs.

The news got worse for Tech in the second half when Weiss got the Falcons' ground attack going. Neither team scored in the third quarter, but Air Force controlled the football for all but eight plays of the quarter. The Falcons got a break in the fourth quarter when a halfback pass by Hunter was intercepted. From their own 38, the Falcons scored on a classic wishbone drive that ate up seven minutes and put them ahead 17-7 with just six minutes remaining in the game.

Tech's comeback hopes ended when a fumble at its own 30 set up another Air Force score. Weiss, who was named the game's most valuable offensive player, put the finishing touches on the Falcons' win with a 13-yard touchdown run.

Tech linebacker Vince Daniels, who was credited with 15 tackles, was named the game's most valuable defensive player.

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Individual Leaders

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Passing — VT, M. Cox 6-7-0-49, Evans 5-7-0-49, Brown 2-0-0-0; AF, Weiss 6-7-0-49.

Receiving — VT, Rider 4-45, Nelson 3-24, Jones 2-21, Howell 1-7, Becton 1-5; AF, Simmons 2-7, Coleman 1-6, Flaming 1-14, Brennan 1-9, Brown 1-3.
Virginia Tech 25, N.C. State 24

ATLANTA, Ga. — Virginia Tech earned its first-ever bowl victory in dramatic fashion when Chris Kinzer's 40-yard field goal as time expired gave the Hokies a heart-stopping 25-24 comeback win over North Carolina State in the Peach Bowl.

Tech started the winning drive at its own 20 with a full complement of timeouts and 1:53 on the clock. Quarterback Erik Chapman moved the ball to the Tech 44 with a pair of first down passes to tight end Steve Johnson. But another completion, followed by four running plays, left the Hokies facing a fourth-and-3 at the State 37 with just 20 seconds left. Again it was Chapman to Johnson, this time for 9 yards and a first down on the Wolfpack 28.

With 15 seconds left, Tech opted for a long pass. The Hokies were penalized for holding on the incompletion, moving the ball back to the 38. Chapman once again went to the air on a deep pattern to wingback David Everett. Another flag fell, but this time it was a 15-yard pass interference call against State.

The penalty moved the ball to the 23 with four seconds left. Out trotted Kinzer, whose field goals had already been the difference in five wins and a tie during the regular season. Earlier in the game, he had connected on a 46-yarder, the second-longest in Peach Bowl history at the time. The Wolfpack called a time out, but anyone who knew Kinzer knew it would not matter. Although flattened on his follow through, the Tech kicker was right on target as the final second disappeared in what had been one of the wildest and most exciting finishes in any bowl game.

Tech's last-minute comeback was actually the Hokies' second rally of the game. At one point, State led 21-10 with just six minutes left in the third quarter. The Tech defense turned the tide by forcing fumbles on two consecutive Wolfpack possessions. Both times the Hokies were able to capitalize on State's mistakes, with Chapman directing the team to a pair of touchdowns. Chapman's 6-yard touchdown pass to Johnson with 9:36 remaining in the game put Tech on top, 22-21.

State put together its only scoring drive of the second half to regain the lead on a Mike Cofer field goal with 7:12 left in the game. Then, after halting a Tech drive, the 'Pack threatened to put the game away when Kelly Holloidy faked a punt and ran for a crucial first down at the Hokie 35.

Linebacker Jamel Agemy kept Tech's hopes alive with back-to-back tackles behind the line. Two plays later State was forced to punt, and the Hokies began their winning drive. Just seconds after Kinzer's kick cleared the goalpost, thousands of Tech fans stormed the field to celebrate.
Virginia Tech 45, Indiana 20

SHREVEPORT, La. — In a stunning turn of events, Virginia Tech scored two touchdowns in the final 35 seconds of the first half to spark an unforgettable 45-20 victory over No. 20 Indiana in the Poulan Weed Eater Independence Bowl.

Tech led the New Year’s Eve bowl game by one point (14-13) just before the half, but Indiana was rallying. With 35 seconds left and the ball on the Tech 49, IU quarterback John Paci dropped back to pass and was hit by Hokie defenders George DelRicco and DeWayne Knight. The ball popped loose and eventually bounced into the hands of Tech end Lawrence Lewis who sprinted the final 20 yards to the end zone.

Suddenly, the Tech lead was 21-13 and the Hokies had a big momentum boost going into the locker room. But the half wasn’t quite over.

Indiana returned the ensuing kickoff to the Tech 42, then Paci completed a 9-yard pass. The Hokies thought time expired and started trotting off the field. The officials ruled, however, that IU had called timeout with one second remaining.

The Hoosiers lined up for a 51-yard field goal. When the ball was snapped, Tech’s Jeff Holland pushed through the line and tipped the kick. The ball caromed in the air and Hokie defensive back Antonio Banks settled under it at the 20. Banks started to his right, then reversed his field as blockers formed. A block by teammate Torrian Gray at the IU 15 cleared the last obstacle, and Banks strutted into the end zone untouched with an 80-yard return.

Just like that, the No. 22 Hokies sealed a win in their first bowl appearance of the Frank Beamer era. Tech’s 21 points were the most ever scored in the second quarter of the 18-year bowl game.

Tech quarterback Maurice DeShazo won the Outstanding Offensive Player award after completing 19 of 33 passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns. One of his scoring tosses was a 42-yard strike to split end Antonio Freeman, who finished the day with five catches for 66 yards.

Banks, who had an interception, a fumble recovery and nine tackles to go with his touchdown return, was named the Outstanding Defensive Player. The Hokies were credited with seven quarterback sacks in the game and allowed an Independence Bowl record-low 11 first downs, including just six during the first three quarters.
Tennessee 45, Virginia Tech 23

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Quick-striking Tennessee got off to a big lead early and went on to defeat Virginia Tech, 45-23, in the transplanted Outback Steakhouse Gator Bowl game at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium on the University of Florida campus.

Tech backed itself into a corner early, throwing an interception on the game’s second play. The Volunteers kept the Hokies there with a variety of big plays that resulted in a 35-10 halftime advantage. Overall, UT had seven plays of 20 or more yards and a total of 495 yards of offense.

Tennessee capitalized on the early interception for its first touchdown, then got its second on a 36-yard scoring pass by quarterback Payton Manning — whose father, Archie, directed Mississippi to a bowl win over Tech in 1968. The Vols used a 75-yard end-around to set up their third TD and a 21-0 advantage just 17 minutes into the game.

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NEW ORLEANS, La. — Virginia Tech scored one of the most stirring victories in the university’s athletic history when it came from behind to defeat Texas, 28-10, in the 1995 Nokia Sugar Bowl.

A crowd of 70,283 at the Superdome saw Tech spot the favored Longhorns a 10-0 lead and then race back behind the sensational play of flanker Bryan Still. The momentum changed dramatically when Still returned a punt 60 yards for a Tech touchdown with 2:34 left in the first half. In the second half, it was more of the same.

Still caught a 27-yard pass from quarterback Jim Druckenmiller at the Texas 2-yard line to set up a touchdown run by Marcus Parker that put the Hokies ahead 14-10. Then, Still got behind the Texas defenders and pulled in a 54-yard touchdown pass from Druckenmiller. That play spelled doom for the Longhorns and helped earn Still the game’s MVP award.

Tech’s defense blitzed Texas into submission. Led by All-America end Cornell Brown, the Hokies sacked Texas quarterback James Brown five times and came up with three pass interceptions. The defense also accounted for Tech’s last touchdown when a Brown sack forced a fumble that was picked up and returned 20 yards for a TD by tackle Jim Baron.

The Tech defense, No. 1 in the nation against the rush, held the Longhorns to 226 total yards. Texas stars Ricky Williams and Shon Mitchell were held to 62 and 57 yards, respectively.

Offensively, Tech finished the game with 371 yards of offense. Druckenmiller led the way, completing 18 of 34 passes for 266 yards. Still and tight end Bryan Jennings were each on the receiving end of six passes totaling 119 and 77 yards, respectively.

The win was the 10th straight for Tech, which earned the appearance with its first BIG EAST Conference championship. The Hokies had tremendous fan support at the game. The Tech Ticket Office sold its complete allotment of 15,000 tickets in just four days; it was estimated that nearly 25,000 Tech fans were on hand for the victory.
Nebraska 41, Virginia Tech 21

MIAMI, Fla. — Virginia Tech’s second venture into Bowl Alliance territory wasn’t as successful as the first, but the Hokies’ 41-21 loss to power-packed Nebraska was much closer than the final score indicated.

Nebraska out-gained Tech by just seven yards, 415 to 408, in total offense and managed to lead by only three points with less than one minute remaining in the third quarter. In the end, it was the Nebraska depth that wore down the Hokies.

A crowd of 51,212 at Pro Player Stadium saw Tech quarterback Jim Druckenmiller throw three touchdown passes despite a fierce rush by the Cornhusker defenders. Tech opened the scoring with 3:14 left in the first quarter when Marcus Parker scored on a 19-yard screen pass from Druckenmiller.

Nebraska answered with a 25-yard field goal by Kris Brown and a 5-yard scoring run by quarterback Scott Frost. Then came the play that may have been most crucial in the Hokies’ defeat. Druckenmiller fumbled when hit and Nebraska’s Jason Peter scooped up the ball and ran 31 yards into the end zone. That made the score 17-7, Nebraska.

Tech came right back, scoring with just 19 seconds left in the half on a 6-yard pass from Druckenmiller to Shawn Scales, who took the ball away from a Cornhusker defender. The score was 24-21 in favor of Nebraska after Druckenmiller’s 33-yard scoring pass to Cornelius White late in the third quarter. But Nebraska then salted the victory away, scoring the final 17 points.

Tailback Ken Oxendine was voted Tech’s Most Valuable Player after running for 150 yards on 20 carries — the fifth-best individual rushing performance in the bowl’s history. Druckenmiller wound up completing 16 of 33 passes for 214 yards. The Hokies’ top defensive player was safety Torrian Gray who had a total of 12 tackles.

Ken Oxendine (28) run for 150 yards against Nebraska’s defense in the 1996 Orange Bowl and Jim Druckenmiller (16) threw three TD passes.
North Carolina 42, Virginia Tech 3

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Highly rated North Carolina outplayed Virginia Tech in every phase of the game to score a 42-3 victory in the Toyota Gator Bowl game at Alltel Stadium.

The Tar Heels, ranked seventh by the AP and fifth by the coaches, impressed a crowd of 54,116 by passing for 318 yards and grinding out 124 more yards on the ground. Tech, meanwhile, was held to a total of 185 yards, its lowest total of the season.

Two of Carolina’s first-half touchdowns came on defensive plays. The Tar Heels blocked a punt in the first quarter and Dré Bly returned it six yards for a touchdown. Then in the second period, Tech quarterback Al Clark fumbled in the end zone and Greg Ellis fell on it for another UNC touchdown.

The Hokies never could get their offense on track, losing three of their six fumbles. Tech’s only points came on a 40-yard field goal by Shayne Graham late in the third quarter.

Clark, recovering from a postseason knee operation, had to give way to reserve Nick Sorensen at the start of the second half. Sorensen went on to be voted Tech’s Player of the Game by the media.

Tech was the winner in one category. For the fifth straight year, Hokie fan support far exceeded that of their bowl opponent. The Hokies sold almost twice as many tickets as the Tar Heels.

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Individual Leaders

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A sellout crowd of 41,600, who braved freezing rain and a wind chill that dipped to 14 degrees, watched as Virginia Tech beat Alabama, 38-7, in the inaugural American General Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tenn.

The win was Tech’s first-ever football victory against Alabama, snapping a 10-game losing streak against the Crimson Tide. The winning margin was the largest ever in a bowl game for the Hokies, while the losing margin was the second-worst in a bowl game for the Tide.

Quarterback Al Clark got Tech off to a quick start with a 43-yard touchdown run on the fourth play of the game. But for the rest of the first half, the Hokies failed to take advantage of opportunities. A 44-yard Shayne Graham field goal near the end of the second quarter enabled Tech to take a 10-7 lead at halftime.

Things changed dramatically for the Hokies in the second half as they began to make the most of every opportunity, thanks in large part to the play of defensive end Corey Moore.

Moore then blocked an Alabama punt to set up another Tech rushing touchdown — this time a 4-yard burst by Shyrone Stith.

Tech polished things off in the fourth quarter. The Hokies recovered a fumbled punt at the Alabama 19 and marched in for another TD by Pegues. Tech defensive back Anthony Midget put the finishing touches on with a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown.

Tech blocked two punts against the Crimson Tide, including this one by Corey Moore (56).
NEW ORLEANS, La. — Playing on the biggest stage in school history — the national championship game — Virginia Tech proved it belonged among the nation’s elite, but fell short in its drive to capture the coveted national crown. In the end, the Hokies simply could not overcome their own mistakes and the big plays of the Florida State Seminoles during a 46-29 loss in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.

In one of the best championship games in recent history, Tech rallied from a 21-point first-half deficit to take the lead from the top-ranked Seminoles going into the fourth quarter. The Hokies had the momentum of 22-straight points heading into the final period, but that momentum turned in FSU’s favor on a crucial fourth-down play with just over 14 minutes remaining in the game.

The Seminoles picked up the first down and went on to take the lead with a touchdown at the 12:59 mark. A Tech fumble led to an FSU field goal less than three minutes later, and the Seminoles iced the game with another TD with 7:42 remaining. Tech showed no fear against its highly touted opponent, driving 76 yards to the FSU 4 on its first possession of the game only to fumble. It was the first of several costly mistakes.

Florida State scored on a blocked punt and a punt return on the way to building a 28-7 lead. Sensational freshman quarterback Michael Vick directed an 80-yard scoring drive just before the half to get the Hokies closer at 28-14. Tech added 15 more points in the third quarter to go ahead, 29-28.

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Michael Vick (above) wowed the nation with his performance in the national championship game against Florida State. Great plays such as Anthony Midget’s interception (right) had the Hokies leading going into the fourth quarter.
Virginia Tech 41, Clemson 20

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Thanks to big plays from a Michael Vick-led offense and a strong defensive performance, Virginia Tech exorcised its Jacksonville demons and rang in the new year by defeating Clemson 41-20 in front of 68,741 fans at the 56th annual Gator Bowl. With the win, Tech snapped its two-game losing streak in Gator Bowl games.

The Hokies held Clemson to three-and-out on the Tigers’ first possession, forcing them to punt. Clemson snapper Henry Owen, though, tossed back a poor snap to Jamie Somaini who was tackled for a loss at the Clemson 23.

The Hokies then took advantage of the great field position. On Tech’s first play, Vick hit fullback Jarrett Ferguson with a perfect strike up the middle and Ferguson coasted into the end zone for the touchdown.

Vick accounted for Tech’s second touchdown as well. Near the end of the first quarter, the redshirt sophomore led the Hokies on a 59-yard march that ended with him scoring on a 6-yard run — on third-and-goal — with 1:08 left in the quarter.

Clemson sliced into Tech’s lead in the second quarter, but the Hokies answered, getting three plays for 45 yards or more and all three led to touchdowns.

A 49-yard pass play from Vick to André Kendrick on third-and-2 put the Hokies at the Clemson 4, and two plays later, tailback Lee Suggs scored from the 3. The extra point capped a seven-play, 78-yard drive and gave the Hokies a 21-10 lead that they took into the locker room at halftime.

On Tech’s first possession of the second half, Vick hit André Davis for a 55-yard gain to the Clemson 1 and Suggs scored from a yard out on the next play — his second of three scores on the day.

After a Clemson field goal made the score 27-13, the Hokies answered with another big play and another touchdown. A 45-yard run by Kendrick got the Hokies into Clemson territory, and four plays later, Ferguson polished off the drive — and the Tigers — with a 5-yard touchdown run.

On the other side of the ball, Tech kept Clemson quarterback Woody Dantzler on the run — backwards — all day long. The Hokies held Clemson to 88 yards rushing, sacked Clemson’s quarterbacks six times and picked off two passes.

Vick, playing his final collegiate game, finished with 224 yards of total offense and earned the game’s most valuable player award. He completed 10 of 18 passes for 205 yards, with one touchdown and one interception. He averaged more than 20 yards per completion.

Clemson 0 10 3 7 — 20
Virginia Tech 14 7 13 7 — 41

VT (13:23 re 1st) — Ferguson 23 pass from Vick (Warley kick)
VT (1:08 re 1st) — Vick 6 run (Warley kick)
CU (2:34 re 2nd) — Zachery 23 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick)
CU (5:45 re 2nd) — FG Hunt 28
VT (2:26 re 2nd) — Suggs 3 run (Warley kick)
CU (7:19 re 2nd) — FG Hunt 26
VT (2:26 re 3rd) — Ferguson 5 run (Warley kick)
CU (7:19 re 4th) — Gardner 23 pass from Simmons (Hunt kick)
VT (3:41 re 4th) — Suggs 5 run (Warley kick)

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Passing — VT, Vick 10-18-1-205; CU, Dantzler 15-32-1-302, Simmons 6-12-1-43.

Receiving — VT, Davis 2-70, Gardner 2-54, Wilford 1-9, Johnson 1-7; CU, Gardner 2-74, Watts 4-59, Zachery 2-25, Robinson 2-25, Kelly 3-22, Rambert 2-14, Youngblood 1-4.
JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Despite 158 yards receiving from André Davis in the final game of his career, Virginia Tech couldn’t hold off the big-play capabilities of Florida State, falling to the Seminoles, 30-17, in front of 72,202 fans at the 57th annual Gator Bowl on New Year’s Day.

In a game eerily similar to the 1999 Sugar Bowl game in which the Hokies and Seminoles battled for the national championship, Tech led after three quarters. A 55-yard touchdown pass from Tech quarterback Grant Noel to Davis with 40 seconds left in the third quarter gave the Hokies a 17-13 lead.

But then the big plays by FSU killed Tech. On the first play of the fourth quarter, FSU quarterback Chris Rix found Javon Walker on a 77-yard scoring play that gave the Seminoles a 20-17 lead.

The Hokies drove to the Seminole 32 on their next possession, but tailback Kevin Jones was stopped on fourth-and-1, giving FSU the ball on downs. On the next play, Rix hit Walker again, this time for 50 yards to the Tech 18. That led to a 35-yard field goal by Xavier Beitia with 10:13 left in the game that gave the Seminoles a 23-17 lead.

The Seminoles put the game away late in the fourth quarter. A 23-yard touchdown pass from Rix to Walker accounted for the final margin.

Rix threw for 326 yards and two touchdowns, while Walker caught four passes for 195 yards — a new Gator Bowl record — and two touchdowns.

Noel completed 15-of-27 for 269 yards for Tech. Davis was the Hokies’ MVP in the game, catching five passes for 158 yards and a score.

The loss marked the end of the careers of 22 Tech seniors. That senior class went down as the winningest class in school history with a 39-9 record.

The Gator Bowl appearance marked Tech’s ninth-straight bowl game, a feat matched by only six other college teams.

Kevin Jones heads into the end zone for the Hokies’ first touchdown of the game (above). Andre Davis (right) later scores on a 55-yard pass from Grant Noel.
SAN FRANCISCO — Virginia Tech rallied from a 10-point deficit and then held off Air Force on the game’s final drive to win the inaugural Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl, 20-13, at Pacific Bell Park. With the win, Tech finished the season 10-4, marking the third time in four years that the Hokies had posted 10 or more victories.

Things looked shaky in the early going when the Hokies found themselves on the wrong end of a 10-0 score just eight minutes into the game. From there on, however, Tech’s defense held the Falcons in check, allowing just three points.

A pass interception by Tech linebacker Vegas Robinson set up the Hokies’ first touchdown, which came on a 16-yard run by tailback Lee Suggs with 2:26 left in the first quarter. Place-kicker Carter Warley booted a 23-yard field goal with 33 seconds in the half to tie the game.

Tech took the lead for good in the third quarter with a 60-yard drive that was capped by Suggs’ second touchdown of the game — a 1-yard run. The two teams traded field goals the rest of the way, setting up the Falcons’ final drive.

Air Force began that final push on its own 18 and moved all the way to the Tech 10. Two incompletions left the Falcons with seven seconds on the clock and a chance for one last play. Air Force quarterback Chance Harridge dropped back to pass on the final play, but failed to find anyone open. He tried to scramble for the end zone and was met head-on by Tech cornerback Ronyell Whitaker at the four. A desperation lateral attempt was stuffed, and the Hokies’ victory celebration began. The big play was Whitaker’s second on the final drive. Earlier, he batted away a sure touchdown pass at the goal line.

Tech quarterback Bryan Randall was named the game’s most valuable offensive player. Randall completed 18-of-23 passes for 177 yards and did not have any turnovers. Defensively, Tech held Air Force’s top-ranked rushing attack to 227 yards, 87 below its average. The Falcons completed just 4-of-19 passes during the game and were intercepted twice by the Hokies.
PHOENIX — It wasn’t New Year’s Eve, but the Virginia Tech Hokies and the California Golden Bears certainly blasted off more than their fair share of fireworks. Unfortunately for the Hokies, Cal got to fire off the final round.

Cal kicker Tyler Fredrickson, who came into the game having made just 14 of 29 field goal attempts all season, drilled a 35-yarder at the final horn to lift Cal past the Hokies 52-49 in a thrilling Insight Bowl game played in front of a record crowd of 42,364 fans at Bank One Ballpark in Phoenix.

Trailing by seven at halftime, Cal scored touchdowns on its first four possessions of the second half, taking a 49-35 lead on a 13-yard run by Vincent Strang with 6:26 left in the game. Strang’s touchdown capped a 65-yard drive that ate 7:09 off the clock.

But the Hokies rallied, scoring 14 unanswered points themselves. After Strang’s touchdown, Tech went 80 yards in less than two minutes and quarterback Bryan Randall found Chris Shreve for a 28-yard touchdown that cut the Cal lead to seven, 49-42, with 4:28 left.

Tech forced the Bears to punt on Cal’s next possession — Cal’s only punt of the second half. Tech punt returner DeAngelo Hall got the ball and tied the game at 42 when he took that punt 52 yards for a touchdown with 3:11 remaining.

But on the ensuing kickoff after Hall’s touchdown, Tech’s Brandon Pace kicked the ball out of bounds, giving the Bears the ball at the 35. Cal marched 47 yards on seven plays, reaching the Tech 18 before calling a timeout with two seconds in the game to set up Fredrickson’s heroics.

The loss overshadowed a brilliant game by Tech’s offense, and most notably, Randall, who completed 24-of-34 for 398 yards and four touchdowns. He also scored a touchdown rushing, thus accounting for five of Tech’s seven scores. Keith Willis, Ernest Wilford and Shreve also enjoyed huge games in their final contest as Hokies.

Willis became the first Tech player ever to catch two touchdown passes in a bowl game and Wilford broke Antonio Freeman’s career mark for receptions. Shreve caught three passes for 93 yards and the touchdown. Kevin Jones, also playing his final game as a Hokie before heading to the NFL, rushed for 153 yards on 16 carries and scored a touchdown. Tech finished with 551 yards of total offense.

The Hokies, who were playing in their 11th-consecutive bowl game, finished the season 8-5 overall.

Bryan Randall (above) completed 24 of 34 passes for 398 yards and four touchdowns as Tech put up 551 yards of total offense. Ernest Wilford hauled in eight passes for 110 yards in his final game as a Hokie.
### Bowl Superlatives

**LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE:** 77 yds., tb Maurice Williams vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach

**Opponent:** 79 yds., tb Steve Hindman, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)

**LONGEST PASS COMPLETION:** 55 yds., qb Michael Vick to fl André Davis vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator; qb Grant Noel to fl André Davis vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator (TD)

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**Opponent:** 59 yds., Peter Warrick, Florida State, 2000 Sugar (TD)

**LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN:** 63 yds., cb Ronyell Whitaker vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator

**Opponent:** 27 yds., cb Anthony Midget vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City (TD); cb Ronnyell Whitaker vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator

**MOST PASSING COMPLETIONS:** 63, qb Michael Vick vs. N.C. State, 1998 Independence; qb Grant Noel vs. Florida State, 2002 Gator (TD)

**MOST PASSING ATTEMPTS:** 3, tb Lee Suggs vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator

**MOST RUSHING YARDS:** 153, tb Kevin Jones vs. California, 2003 Insight

**Opponent:** 27 yds., Aaron Rodgers, California, 2003 Insight

**MOST RUSHING CARRIES:** 27, tb Cyrus Lawrence vs. Miami, 1981 Peach

**Opponent:** 24, tb Keion Carpenter vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City

**LONGEST FIELD GOAL:** 46 yds., Chris Kinzer vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach

**Opponent:** 20, wr Rod Gardner, Clemson, 2001 Gator

**LONGEST PUNT:** 70 yds., mon Robert Bailey, Mississippi, 1968 Liberty (TD)

**Opponent:** 51 yds., Jermaine Chaney, Indiana, 1993 Independence

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**Bowl Superlatives:**

- **Longest Touchdown Pass:** 46 yds., qb Grant Noel to fl André Davis vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator
- **Most Passing Yards:** 398, qb Grant Noel vs. California, 2003 Insight
- **Most Rushing Yards:** 153, tb Kevin Jones vs. California, 2003 Insight
- **Most Field Goals Made:** 20, wr Peter Warrick, Florida State, 2000 Sugar
- **Most Receptions:** 8, se Javon Walker, Florida State, 2002 Gator (TD)
- **Most Touchdowns by Receptions:** 4, cb Ronyell Whitaker vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator

**Bowl History:**

- **1947 Sun Bowl:** Cincinnati 18, Virginia Tech 6
- **1966 Liberty Bowl:** Miami (Fla.) 14, Virginia Tech 7
- **1968 Liberty Bowl:** Mississippi 34, Virginia Tech 17
- **1980 Peach Bowl:** Miami (Fla.) 20, Virginia Tech 10
- **1984 Independence Bowl:** Virginia Tech 23, Virginia Tech 7
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- **2003 Insight Bowl:** California 52, Virginia Tech 49

**Best Passing Average:** 46.7 yds., Jimmy Kibble vs. Alabama, 1998 Music City

**Best Punting Average:** 44.5 yds., Jesse Kosch, Nebraska, 1998 Orange

**100-Yard Rushing Performances:**

- **153 yds. vs. California, 2003 Insight:**
  - Kevin Jones (153 yds. vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange)
  - Cyrus Lawrence (134 yds., vs. Miami, 1981 Peach)
  - Maurice Williams (129 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach)
  - Ken Edwards (119 yds., vs. Mississippi, 1968 Liberty)
  - Eddie Hunter (113 yds., vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach)
  - Dwayne Thomas (102 yds., vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator)

- **101 yds. vs. N.C. State, 1986 Peach:**
  - Greg Jones (120 yds., Florida State, 2002 Gator)

**Blocked Punts:**

- **John Maskas (vs. Cincinnati, 1947 Sun):**
  - Jimmy Richards (vs. Miami, 1966 Liberty, set up TD)

**Miscellaneous Touchdowns:**

- **Lawrence Lewis vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence:**
  - Returned fumble 20 yds.
- **Antonio Banks vs. Indiana, 1993 Independence:**
  - Returned blocked field goal 80 yds.
- **Jim Baron vs. Texas, 1995 Sugar:**
  - Returned fumble 20 yds.

- **Brian Bulluck, N. C. State, 1998 Peach:**
  - Recovered blocked punt for TD
- **Jason Peter, Nebraska, 1996 Orange:**
  - Returned fumble 31 yds.
- **Dre Bly, North Carolina, 1998 Gator:**
  - Returned blocked punt 6 yds.
- **Greg Ellis, North Carolina, 1998 Gator:**
  - Recovered fumble for TD.
### Team Bowl Marks

#### Tech Offensive High and Low Marks

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#### Longest Touchdown Drive by Tech: 80 yards vs. Miami, 1981 Peach; vs. Tennessee, 1994 Gator; vs. Nebraska, 1996 Orange (twice); vs. Florida State, 2000 Sugar (twice); vs. Clemson, 2001 Gator; vs. California, 2003 Insight (three times)

#### Longest Touchdown Drive by an Opponent: 99 yards by Miami, 1981 Peach

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**HISTORY**

DeAngelo Hall’s 52-yard punt return for a TD in the 2003 Insight Bowl helped Tech to its highest point total in a bowl game.

Anthony Midget (shown returning an interception for a touchdown) and the rest of the Tech defense held Alabama to seven points in the 1998 Music City Bowl.
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ESPN’s College GameDay show came to Tech twice during the 1999 season, and huge numbers of Hokie fans came out to watch the production.

The vast majority of Virginia Tech’s football games have been on television during the past decade, and the Hokies have done well in televised games.
In front of a national ABC television audience, Virginia Tech put on a show and beat Texas 28-10 in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's Eve 1995.

Cornell Brown and the Hokies took on Nebraska on CBS in the 1996 Orange Bowl.