Coach Frank Beamer was tabbed the ACC Coach of the Year after leading his team to a 7-1 mark in the conference, capturing the league title and a berth in the Nokia Sugar Bowl.
## 2005 Schedule

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* Atlantic Coast Conference game  
† champions of the Atlantic and Coastal Divisions  
Additional TV & times to be announced

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Quick Facts

- **Location:** Blacksburg, Va.
- **Founded:** 1872
- **Enrollment:** 28,000
- **President:** Dr. Charles W. Steger
- **Athletic Director:** Jim Weaver
- **Office Phone:** (540) 231-3977
- **Faculty Chairman of Athletics:** Dr. Larry Killough
- **Ticket Manager:** Sandy Smith
- **Office Phone:** (540) 231-6731

- **Nickname:** Hokies
- **Colors:** Chicago maroon and burnt orange
- **Conference:** Atlantic Coast (Coastal Division)
- **Football Began:** 1892
- **All-Time Football Record:** 616-413-46 (111 seasons)
- **Stadium:** Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
- **Capacity:** 66,233
- **Turf:** GreenTech ITM natural grass
- **Head Coach:** Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, ’69)
- **Best Time To Contact:** Through SID Office
- **Record at VT:** 135-77-2 (18 years)
- **Overall Record:** 177-100-4 (24 years)
- **2004 Record:** 10-3 (including Sugar Bowl loss to Auburn)
- **Final Ranking:** 10th (AP)
- **Conference Record (Finish):** 7-1 (ACC champion)
- **Offensive System:** Multiple
- **Defensive System:** 4-3
- **Lettermen Returning:** 42 (20 off., 20 def., 2 spec.)
- **Lettermen Lost:** 21 (7 off., 11 def., 3 spec.)
- **Starters Returning:** 14 (8 off., 6 def.)
- **Starters Lost:** 8 (3 off., 5 def.)

When the Hokies take the field in Blacksburg this fall, Lane Stadium will have a new look, but will still be a loud and raucous venue for college football!
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**What Is a Hokie?**

That’s a frequently asked question in Virginia Tech athletics, and the answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer, and a contest for that purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his “Hokie” yell which is still used today. Later, when asked if “Hokie” had any special meaning, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was used only as an attention-getter for his yell. It soon became a nickname for all Virginia Tech teams and those people loyal to Tech athletics. The official school colors — Chicago maroon and burnt orange — also were introduced in 1896. They were chosen because they made a “unique combination” not worn elsewhere at the time.

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![The HokieBird — Tech’s lovable mascot](image-url)
Virginia Tech combines great coaches, talented athletes, outstanding academics, state-of-the-art facilities, and top-notch support personnel with an exceptional university setting.
In Virginia Tech’s first season as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Hokies won the league title.
When the Hokies returned from Miami, thousands of fans packed Cassell Coliseum for an impromptu pep rally to welcome back ACC Player of the Year Bryan Randall and the rest of the ACC Champion Virginia Tech Hokies.
Excellence in Academics

Pictured with Coach Frank Beamer (center) are 16 members of the 2005 Virginia Tech football team who have either graduated or are on track to graduate this year.
Virginia Tech takes great pride in the academic achievements of its student-athletes, and André Davis and Bryan Randall serve as great role models. Randall (right) excelled as a record-breaking All-ACC quarterback and the ACC Player of the Year, but also got it done in the classroom. He was named to The National Football Foundation Scholar-Athlete Class of 2004 and received the Coach Eddie Robinson Scholar-Athlete Award.

Randall, who won the Dudley Award as the state’s top player, graduated with a degree in sociology in three years and spent his final season working toward a graduate degree while leading the Hokies to the ACC title.

Though honored as an All-BIG EAST wide receiver and All-America punt returner, Davis collected most of his accolades for his academic achievements. He accepted the NCAA’s Top VIII Award, which recognizes the student-athlete for athletics, academic achievement, character and leadership. Davis went to the NCAA Honors Dinner held in Indianapolis (left, with receiver coach Tony Ball) and was chosen by the other seven winners to speak to the audience on their behalf.

He earned an $18,000 postgraduate scholarship which is handed out by the National Football Foundation to all 16 winners. Davis, a four-time member of the All-BIG EAST football academic team, was drafted in the second round of the NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns in 2002.

Virginia Tech provides excellent academic opportunities and is a great place to learn and grow.

- Virginia Tech Student Athlete Academic Support Services will be moving into a new state-of-the-art academic center in the west side of Lane Stadium this winter.
- Tech’s athletic graduation rate is higher than the average overall graduation rate for all Division I universities and has risen significantly in the past few years.
- More than 85 percent of all Tech student-athletes who enrolled during the 10-year period from 1988-89 through 1997-98 and completed their eligibility, have graduated.
“Blacksburg is a place that has an absolute love affair with its football program. It’s a 100-percent crazy, loud stadium environment. You can go to places with 100,000 people and Tech’s stadium is just as loud, or louder, especially for night games.”

— ESPN’s Kirk Herbstreit

The spectacular west side expansion will add luxury suites, a state-of-the-art press box, a new President’s area, four private club seating areas, concession stands, a ticket office, athletic fund offices, an Athletics Hall of Fame and a student academic services area.
In its 2005 preseason college football edition, The Sporting News ranked Virginia Tech as the top program in the Atlantic Coast Conference in terms of game day atmosphere and fans. The South End Zone, completed prior to the 2002 season, helps give Tech a distinct home-field advantage. Fans and players enjoy "The Walk" prior to home games.
## National Exposure

The Hokies have earned media attention from coast-to-coast on the way to winning an ACC Championship, going to 12 straight bowl games, earning high national rankings and appearing in the national championship game.

### The Hokies on Television

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Virginia Tech has a tremendous following of loyal fans that has a reputation for travelling well for bowl games. Some of the 25,000 Hokies in New Orleans (top) joined the team for a Sugar Bowl pep rally. Even more impressive is the tremendous national and regional media contingent that follow the Hokies, as evidenced by the throng surrounding Coach Frank Beamer at a practice (above) and a press conference interview (right) with tailback Mike Imoh.
During their run of 12 straight seasons earning a bowl bid, the Hokies have been regulars in the national polls.

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- Virginia Tech has been ranked 10th or higher at some point during 10 of the past 12 seasons.

- The Hokies have finished in the Top 25 final poll 10 of the past 12 seasons, finished in the Top 10 four times and ended the 1999 season ranked No. 2 by The Associated Press.

ESPN GameDay has made three visits to Blacksburg, and has appeared at two other Hokie games on the road.

Senior Jimmy Williams (right) enjoys a light moment with (from left) Boston College defensive end Mathias Kiwanuka, Tennessee defensive back Jason Allen and Southern California quarterback Matt Leinart at the 2005 Playboy Preseason All-America photo shoot in Phoenix this past May.

The Virginia Tech team and individual players have received great publicity in the national sports media. Most recently, Jake Grove (right) won the Rimington Trophy in 2004 as the best center in the country. Tech players have also won the Outland Trophy, Lombardi Award, Nagurski Award and an ESPY — as the nation’s top college player.
“It’s always great to have those [Virginia Tech] guys on the team. The recruiters go to Virginia Tech and they see how hard the guys work. There are a bunch of good guys who come out of that program.”

— Michael Vick
When Virginia Tech’s NFL prospects work out on campus inside Rector Field House, it’s not uncommon to see representatives — even head coaches — from all 32 NFL teams in attendance.

In his rookie year in the NFL, Ernest Wilford made a game-winning TD catch for the Jacksonville Jaguars to beat Buffalo as time expired.

Lee Suggs, who set an NCAA record by scoring a touchdown in 27 straight games, has gone on to success with the Cleveland Browns. In 2004, he led the team with 744 rushing yards. He had an NFL career-high 186 yards and two scores at Cincinnati in 2003.

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

When Virginia Tech has proven to be a great place to develop the strength and skills necessary to play at the next level.
“As much excitement as we have had, and as much as we have accomplished in the last few years, I think our most exciting days are ahead of us!”
— Coach Frank Beamer

SNEAK PREVIEW

- **Virginia Tech:** Picked to finish first in the Coastal Division and ranked No. 4 in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Picked to finish first in the ACC Coastal Division and ranked No. 10 in the nation by *Athlon Sports*; Picked to win the Coastal Division by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook.*

- **Jimmy Williams:** Preseason Jim Thorpe nominee; Chosen as a *Playboy* Preseason All-American; Named a preseason first-team All-American and the No. 1 cornerback in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named preseason first-team All-American and first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*; Named preseason first-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.

- **Darryl Tapp:** Preseason Ted Hendricks Award nominee; Ranked the No. 6 defensive end in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-American and first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*; Named a preseason first-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.

- **Will Montgomery:** Ranked the No. 9 guard in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-ACC pick by both *Athlon Sports* and *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.

- **Brandon Pace:** Preseason Lou Groza Award nominee; Ranked the No. 13 kicker in the nation by *The Sporting News*; Named preseason first-team All-ACC by *Athlon Sports*.

- **Jeff King:** Preseason John Mackey Award nominee; Ranked the No. 17 tight end in the country by *The Sporting News*; Named a preseason first-team All-ACC pick by both *Athlon Sports* and *Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook*.

- Also earning preseason All-ACC second- and third-team honors are: OT Jimmy Martin (No. 17 offensive tackle in the nation by *The Sporting News*), TB Mike Imoh, WR Eddie Royal and DT Jonathan Lewis.