Virginia Tech continues to develop talented players who go on to succeed at the next level. This year, nine Hokies were drafted, joining 56 others who have been drafted under Coach Frank Beamer. Overall, more than 130 of his former Tech players have signed contracts with the NFL.
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*ACC game  Home games in **BOLD CAPS**  Times & TV to be announced
† champions of the Atlantic and Coastal Divisions

2006 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: 627-415-46 (112 seasons)
Stadium: Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
Capacity: 66,233
Turf: natural grass (Patriot Bermuda)
Head Coach: Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech, ’69)
Best Time To Contact: Through SID Office
Record at VT: 146-79-2 (19 years)
Overall Record: 188-102-4 (25 years)
2005 Record: 11-2 (inc. Gator Bowl win over Louisville)
Final Ranking: 7th (AP and Coaches)
Conference Record (Finish): 7-1 (ACC Coastal Div. champion)
Offensive System: Multiple
Defensive System: 4-3
Lettermen Returning: 37 (13 off., 20 def., 4 spec.)
Lettermen Lost: 22 (13 off., 8 def., 1 spec.)
Starters Returning: 9 (4 off., 5 def.)
Starters Lost: 13 (7 off., 6 def.)
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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 yells. 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.

The HokieBird — Tech’s lovable mascot

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Heading into his 20th year at the helm for the Hokies, back-to-back ACC Coach of the Year Frank Beamer is poised to continue the success that has earned Tech 13 straight bowls.
VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL: A SUCCESS STORY

The Hokies haven't missed a beat since stepping into the Atlantic Coast Conference two seasons ago, winning the league title in 2004 and claiming the Coastal Division crown in 2005.

Virginia Tech has led the ACC in scoring defense each of its two years in the league, and led the nation in total defense in 2005.

Vince Hall scores on an interception return in Tech's 30-10 win over then-No.13 Boston College last year. The Hokies have scored 65 touchdowns on defense under Coach Frank Beamer.

Coach Frank Beamer thanks the Hokie fans after Tech's 34-17 win at West Virginia. That turned out to be the Mountaineers' only defeat last year.
Virginia Tech won the Coastal Division in 2005 and played in the inaugural ACC Championship game.

Branden Ore and Jesse Allen celebrate a touchdown in Tech’s 52-14 win at Virginia last year. The Hokies are undefeated in road contests during their two seasons in the ACC.

Virginia Tech won the 2006 Toyota Gator Bowl, coming from behind to beat Louisville, 35-24. The bowl appearance was the 13th in a row for Tech.
THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDES EXCELLENT ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES AND IS A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW

The west side expansion of Lane Stadium is the new home of Student Athlete Academic Support Services.

Student Athlete Academic Support Services provides Hokies what they need to be successful in the classroom. Tech was honored by the American Football Coaches Association for having a graduation rate of more than 70-percent last year.
Excellence ... On and Off the Field

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) 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.
Last year, rivals.com ranked Virginia Tech’s Lane Stadium as the top home field advantage in Division I-A football. According to the site, “Lane Stadium in Blacksburg, Va., doesn’t blow people away by the brute strength of a massive stadium, but with knowledgeable fans that always reach a frenzied pitch at the right time, the Hokies make the most of their numbers.”

“Lane Stadium: Loud and nasty … the place sizzles. I think this is one of the more underrated places in the country.” — Bruce Feldman, ESPN.com
Tech fans are known as some of the most loyal and frenetic in the nation.

“Their fans, when you break the huddle offensively, are just boisterous. Boisterous until the ball is snapped. They are very, very, very loud, and they stay that way for 60 minutes. That was really impressive.”
— NC State coach Chuck Amato

The new configuration of Lane Stadium increases the capacity to 66,233.
The Hokies have routinely been at the top of the charts on the way to winning an ACC Championship, going to 13 straight bowl games, earning high national rankings every season and appearing in the national championship game.
Michael Vick captivated the nation, leading the Hokies to the national title game in 1999.

ESPN’s GameDay has visited Tech five times over the past seven seasons.

Corey Moore won the Lombardi and Nagurski awards in ’99.

Jake Grove won the Rimington Trophy in 2003 as the nation’s best center.

The Hokies were crowned Gator Bowl Champions following the 2005 season.

Tech joined the Atlantic Coast Conference for the 2004 season and hit the jackpot, winning the ACC title in its inaugural season in the league and going to the Sugar Bowl.

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FROM TECH TO THE NFL

Virginia Tech has proven to be a great place to develop the strength and skills necessary to play at the next level.

"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

Former Tech players meeting on the field at NFL games — like Shayne Graham, Kevin McCadam, Keion Carpenter and Michael Vick did at a Carolina-Atlanta game a few years ago — is a common occurrence. This summer, the Panthers and Falcons had a combined 12 ex-Hokies in their camps.

Nick Sorensen played in Super Bowl XXXVI with the Rams and has been a special teams standout with the Jacksonville Jaguars.
NFL stars like Kevin Jones come back to Virginia Tech to catch their Hokies in action.

Ernest Wilford went from catching passes for the Hokies to making game-winning TD catches for the Jacksonville Jaguars as a rookie in the NFL in 2004.

DeAngelo Hall made the Pro Bowl last season, his second year in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons.

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

John Engelberger went from a walk-on to a long and prosperous career in the NFL thanks in part to the Virginia Tech coaching staff and the Hokies’ strength and conditioning program.
Virginia Tech will continue its success by recruiting young men who are great people, great students and great athletes — and who are committed to working hard to be the very best.

Sneak Preview

- **Virginia Tech**: Ranked 20th nationally and picked second in the Coastal Division by Lindy’s; Linebacking corps rated No. 3 in the country (tops in ACC) and the wide receivers ranked No. 8 group in the country (tops in the ACC) by Lindy’s; Ranked 21st nationally and second in the Coastal Division in Athlon’s preseason edition; Tech’s defensive backfield is ranked tops in the ACC by Athlon; Special teams ranked No. 1 in the ACC by Lindy’s.

- **Xavier Adibi**: Bednarik Award Watch List; Rated the No. 19 outside linebacker in the country and second-team All-ACC by Lindy’s; Named second-team All-ACC by The Sporting News.

- **Chris Ellis**: Rated the No. 18 defensive end in the country by Lindy’s and the No. 19 defensive end in the nation by The Sporting News; Named first-team All-ACC in Lindy’s and Athlon’s preseason editions; A preseason All-ACC selection by Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook; Named second-team All-ACC by The Sporting News.

- **Vince Hall**: Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List; Lott Trophy Watch List; Bednarik Award Watch List; Rated the No. 3 outside linebacker in the country by Lindy’s; Ranked the No. 5 inside linebacker in the country by The Sporting News; Named second-team All-America and first-team All-ACC by both Lindy’s and Athlon’s preseason editions; A preseason All-ACC selection by both The Sporting News and Blue Ribbon College Football Yearbook.

- **Brandon Pace**: Named second-team All-ACC in Athlon’s preseason edition; Rated the No. 10 kicker in the country by Lindy’s and the No. 13 kicker in the nation by The Sporting News; Named second-team All-ACC by The Sporting News.

- **Aaron Rouse**: Ranked the No. 3 strong safety in the country and first-team All-ACC by The Sporting News; Named third-team All-ACC in Athlon’s preseason edition.

- **Nic Schmitt**: Named a preseason All-American by Playboy; Named second-team All-ACC in Athlon’s preseason edition; Rated the No. 5 punter in the country by Lindy’s and the No. 15 punter in the country by The Sporting News; Named second-team All-ACC in Lindy’s and The Sporting News’ preseason edition.

- Also earning preseason All-ACC second- and third-team honors are: OT Duane Brown, TB Brandon Ore, CB Roland Minor and WR Eddie Royal. Additionally, freshman guard Sergio Render has been named the Offensive Newcomer of the Year by The Sporting News.