Quarterback Michael Vick, the No. 1 pick in the 2001 NFL Draft, is another example of the overall success enjoyed by the Virginia Tech football program. That success extends to the NFL, where at least one former Tech player has participated in nine of the last 11 Super Bowls.

Hokies succeeding at all levels

Antonio Freeman
Super Bowl Record Holder

Cornell Brown
A 2001 Super Bowl Champion Raven

Bruce Smith
First Pick in the 1985 NFL Draft
Fullback Jarrett Ferguson and the Hokies ended their second straight 11-1 season with a 41-20 win over Clemson in the 2001 Toyota Gator Bowl.

2001 Football Schedule

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* denotes BIG EAST Conference game
∆ denotes Virginia Tech 2001 Homecoming

Virginia Tech’s lunch pail is a symbol of the strong blue-collar work ethic the Hokies live by as they prepare each and every day to be successful on the football field and in life. The rings from the Hokies’ eight straight bowl games are lasting symbols of the rewards that can be achieved through that strong work ethic.
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What’s a Hokie?

That’s the most often-asked question in Virginia Tech athletics. 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 such a purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his “Hokie” yell which still is 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 Tech teams and for 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 Press Box

The press box at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field comprises five levels. Newspaper and television reporters, the radio network crews and statisticians work on the eighth level. Space in other areas is assigned as follows: Sixth-level-University President’s box; Seventh-level- Athletic Fund Box; Ninth level- Public address announcer, scoreboard operators, Tech coaches’ phones, private boxes; Roof-Television broadcast booth, team coaches’ show and film crews, phones for visiting team’s coaches and overflow area for media and pro scouts. The press box is accessible by an elevator which is centrally located underneath the west stands and runs to levels six through nine. Steps from the ninth level provide access to the roof area. Admission to the press box is by credential only. Smoking is not allowed in the stands or in any enclosed area of Lane Stadium, including the press box and rest rooms.

Press Credentials

Requests for press credentials are screened with care to ensure a working press box. Due to the demand for working credentials, print, television and radio media regularly assigned to cover Virginia Tech and the visiting school will receive top priority. Credentials will be granted to Virginia Tech’s official web site, the visiting team’s official web site and the BIG EAST Conference’s official web site. Other credential requests will be filled on a space-available basis.

Representatives staffing specialty publications (including books and magazines), services (computer on-line scores), web sites (other than designated), other college newspapers or magazines, professional teams publications and telephone reporting services shall not be accredited for credentials.

All requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game to guarantee consideration for a seat in the press box. Requests should be directed to Dave Smith, sports information director. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and will be left at the Will Call window at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Spouses, dates, equipment carriers and non-workers are restricted from the press box, sidelines and locker rooms. Any abuse of a working credential to a Virginia Tech athletic event will result in the media agency losing credential privileges for the remainder of that season and possibly for the following season.

Media Will Call

In most cases, credentials will be mailed. Credentials may be picked up through Friday on a game week from secretary Donna Smith at the Sports Information Office. Credentials not mailed or picked up will be held at the Will Call window located a few steps from the main entrance to the west stands of Lane Stadium/ Worsham Field.

Photo Credentials

The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment and members of the television media are given photo credentials. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued credentials. All photographers must work outside the 30-yard lines as prescribed by the NCAA. Photographers are not permitted in the bench area.

Parking

Game day media parking is available on a limited basis in a media-designated lot near the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center. The entrance to this lot is on Tech Center Drive off of Southgate Drive. Requests for parking credentials should be submitted to Dave Smith, sports information director. If you plan to visit the Tech campus during the week, parking information is available on page 304.

Press Box Services

Complete team and individual statistics, a play-by-play, drive chart, defensive stats and postgame coaches’ quotes will be provided. An inside public address announcer keeps the media abreast of play-by-play, records that are broken and game notes. A pregame meal is served, starting approximately one and one-half hours before kickoff and refreshments are available throughout the game. Postgame stats will be faxed upon request.

Telephones

Long distance telephones will be located on the working press tables. These phones require collect calls or a credit card for billing and are designated for pool use. Newsmen desiring their own telephones should submit requests to Virginia Tech CNS (Bill Blevins) at (540) 231-6460. If you request your own phone, please notify the sports information office so we can give the phone company the proper location. Please make your requests well in advance of the game.

Postgame Interviews

Due to construction at the Jamerson Athletic Center, the areas for postgame interviews will be relocated for the 2001 season. Coach Frank Beamer

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will meet with the news media after each home game in the Merryman Center auditorium. Tech players selected by the media will be escorted to the media room following Coach Beamer’s conference. An area for interviews with the coaches and players from the visiting team will be located in a designated first-floor area of Cassell Coliseum. Directions to both interview areas will be available in the press box or through the SID office. Media access to visiting players will be determined by the visiting SID.

**Virginia Tech Website**

Notes, releases, statistics and other pertinent information are available on Tech’s official website (hokiesports.com). Because of easy access to information on the website, members of the media no longer receive weekly releases by mail. Tech’s football statistics will be available on the same day of home games and the day after road games. Official defensive statistics are generally available by 6 p.m., the day after all games. Notes on the upcoming game will be updated late Monday afternoon.

**The BIG EAST on the Web**

The BIG EAST site on the Internet is available at www.bigeast.org. The site contains current information on all facets of the BIG EAST Conference. In addition, in-game scores for football contests involving BIG EAST teams will be updated in-progress. Please contact Rob Carolla in the BIG EAST media relations department for more information.

**Interview Policy**

Virginia Tech’s coaches and players will be available throughout the season for interviews with members of the news media. It is important, however, that all requests for interviews be made through the Tech Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726. Requests should be made on Monday for Tuesday and Wednesday interviews. Players’ telephone numbers will not be released, and members of the media are requested not to contact players at their homes.

**Weekly Press Interview Session**

On Tuesdays prior to each Tech game, Coach Frank Beamer and select members of the Tech team will be available to meet accredited media in the Bowman Room, located on the fourth floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center. Coach Beamer will begin the interview session at 1 p.m., followed by player interviews at approximately 1:30. The interview session will conclude by 2:30 p.m.

**The Tech Hotline**

Coach Frank Beamer will be featured each week on The Tech Sports Hotline. These taped telephone reports will begin the Monday before the first game and will be updated each Monday afternoon during the season. The telephone number for these reports is (540) 232-3719.

**Calling Coach Beamer**

The best way to reach Coach Frank Beamer, other than on the BIG EAST Teleconference on Mondays or at his weekly press interview session on Tuesdays, is through the Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726.

**BIG EAST Teleconference**

The BIG EAST football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Monday, Aug. 27 and continuing each Monday through Nov. 19. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes. The teleconference number will be mailed to media members who cover Virginia Tech football. Members of the media can also secure the number by contacting The BIG EAST Conference Office at (401) 453-0660.

**Satellite Feed**

Both Virginia Tech and the BIG EAST provide weekly satellite feeds with highlights and coaches interviews. Additional information is available through the SID office.

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Coach Frank Beamer and the Hokies have enjoyed an unprecedented run of success over the past eight years. With continued improvements underway in all phases of the program, Tech remains on the upswing. Whether it’s in academics, Facilities, conditioning, tickets sales or performing on Saturdays, Virginia Tech football is moving full speed ahead.
There are only six other schools in the country that have been to eight straight bowls. We’ve had the best player in the country and the number one draft pick here. Our tailback led the country in scoring last season and another player was second nationally in punt returns. It’s becoming more-and-more obvious that we can compete at the highest level.”

– Coach Frank Beamer

Tailback Lee Suggs led the nation in scoring with 28 touchdowns and topped the BIG EAST in rushing with 1,207 yards.

Tech fans gobbled up tickets and goal posts on the way to running the Hokies’ string of consecutive home sellouts to 13. Tech sold out every home game before the season for the first time ever.

Quarterback Michael Vick helped Virginia Tech to its second-straight 11-1 season then became the No. 1 pick in the 2001 NFL Draft.
André Davis earned first-team All-America honors as a punt return man in 2000.

Coach Frank Beamer was named the best coach a school could hire to run its football program in a Bloomberg News survey of Division I-A football coaches last fall.

With linebacker Ben Taylor (40) leading the way, the Virginia Tech defense held Clemson to 88 yards rushing and 331 yards overall as the Hokies capped their 11-1 season with a 41-20 victory over the Tigers in the Toyota Gator Bowl.
Game Day at Tech

“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
ESPN’s College GameDay crew has visited Lane Stadium three times during the past two seasons, including twice in 1999 when Tech fans turned out in record numbers to watch the show.
“It’s a message of commitment ... this university wants to compete at the highest level of athletics.”
- Director of Athletics Jim Weaver
HokieVision — a huge video scoreboard above the north end zone stands at Lane Stadium — was unveiled for the 2000 football season.

Two spacious club seating areas, like the one pictured, will be located in the new south end zone addition.
Last April, Coach Frank Beamer and the Hokies earned an award for their efforts to promote reading among 1.1 million Virginia schoolchildren.

Dan Wilkinson is one of the increasing number of Virginia Tech football players who enter their senior season with a degree.
Virginia Tech offers its student-athletes first-rate academic programs and services which allow them to maximize their academic potential.

“I visited Tech and I liked it. There are no cliques here. No big heads. Everyone’s genuine.”
- Tech senior Ben Taylor
Virginia Tech Enjoys

“We’ve watched Virginia Tech grow and copied them in so many ways. Frank Beamer stuck with a recruiting philosophy and a coaching philosophy and did not waver. He didn’t do it overnight, but his plan finally came together and it worked for him. We get inspiration from that.”

– UAB Coach Watson Brown

Virginia Tech posted an 11-0 regular season mark in 1999 and played in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl national championship game. The Hokies have won 10 or more games four times in the past six seasons and have earned the prestigious Lambert Trophy, symbolizing Eastern football supremacy, twice during that span.

Virginia Tech in the National Rankings

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Following the Hokies' trip to the national championship game, quarterback Michael Vick won an ESPY as the Performer of the Year in college football.

Tech has won the BIG EAST Conference championship three times in the past six seasons and has posted more wins (75) than any other league team since round-robin play began in 1993.

The Paul “Bear” Bryant Award was one of eight national coach of the year awards Frank Beamer won following the 1999 season.

Virginia Tech has posted 75 wins in the last eight seasons, making it the seventh-winningest team in that span.

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* Marshall has 92 wins over the last eight years, but has only been a Division I-A team for four years.

Tech players have reaped numerous individual honors, including the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (above), the Lombardi Award and eight BIG EAST Player of the Year trophies.
“When people see construction in our stadium and know that we’re getting ready to have what I think is the best playing facility in the country, it shows that we are on an up-swing and not cooling our jets. It says things are full speed ahead at Virginia Tech.”

- Frank Beamer