



Hokies Kick Off 2003 Season Against Golden Knights

Virginia Tech (0-0) vs. UCF (0-0) • 3 p.m. (EDT), Aug. 31, 2003 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

TODAY'S CHECKLIST

- ✓This will be the third football meeting between Virginia Tech and UCF
- ✓Tech won the first two games, including a 46-14 win at Lane Stadium in 2001
- ✓The Hokies carry a 77-31-1 record in season-opening games
- ✓Tech is 144-61-6 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, including a 70-24-1 mark under Coach Frank Beamer
- ✓The Hokies are 3-2 in football games played on Sunday
- ✓VT is ranked ninth by AP and is 10th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll
- ✓The game will be televised by ESPN
- ✓The Hokies have a 20-4 record in games televised by ESPN

THE SERIES

☛Sunday's game will be the third football meeting between Virginia Tech and the University of Central Florida. Tech defeated UCF, 44-21, in Orlando during the 2000 season and handed the Golden Knights a 46-14 loss at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field in 2001.

UCF is one of just three schools from the state of Florida to have played in Lane Stadium. Miami and Florida State are the others.

Tech has a 7-8-1 record at Lane Stadium in football games against teams from the state of Florida. The Hokies are 9-10-1 overall against Florida schools in games played at Blacksburg.

UCF IN VIRGINIA

☛UCF, which began football in 1979 at the Division III level, is no stranger to the commonwealth of Virginia. Besides Tech, UCF has played Richmond, Liberty, VMI, William & Mary, JMU, Hampden-Sydney and Emory & Henry. UCF is 15-9 versus Virginia schools and 3-7 in games played in Virginia.

THE GAME ON TV

☛The Virginia Tech-UCF game will be televised by ESPN. Gary Bender will handle the play-by-play with John Cooper serving as the color analyst and Anne Marie Anderson providing sideline commentary.

Tech is 20-4 in games televised by ESPN, including a 3-1 mark last season. Tech is 11-3 on ESPN2. The Hokies have a 36-10 record in televised games at Lane Stadium under Coach Frank Beamer. Tech is 43-15 in televised games in Blacksburg.

SUNDAYS

☛Over the years, Virginia Tech has played football games on every day of the week, even Sunday. The Hokies' 1995 Sugar Bowl victory against Texas came on a Sunday. Last year's season opener against Arkansas State marked Tech's first regular-season football game on a Sunday since 1915. That season, the Hokies opened their schedule with a Sunday home game versus Roanoke College. Tech won by a score of 26-0. Earlier, Tech had played Sunday games in Roanoke against VMI in 1900 and Davidson in 1907. The Hokies lost both games.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10 Virginia Tech has been ranked in the Top 10 of both polls each time it has faced UCF in football.
- 9 Tech has intercepted at least one pass in nine consecutive games.
- 8 All eight of Virginia Tech's offensive touchdowns in its series with UCF have come on the ground.
- 7 The Hokies intercepted a combined total of seven passes during their first two meetings with UCF.
- 6 Tech will be playing a football game on Sunday for the sixth time.
- 5 There are only five seniors on the Hokies' 2003 defensive roster.
- 4 Tech returns four players who intercepted three or more passes during the 2002 season.
- 3 The Hokies have a 3-0 mark in August during Coach Frank Beamer's 16 seasons at the helm.
- 2 Tech completed just two passes on the way to a 44-21 win at UCF during the 2000 season.
- 1 Tailback Kevin Jones scored his first collegiate touchdown in the Hokies' 2001 game against UCF.

COACH FRANK BEAMER

☛ Frank Beamer (Va. Tech '69), whose teams have averaged nine victories a year over the last 10 seasons, is beginning his 17th year as the head football coach at Virginia Tech. Beamer has guided the Hokies to a 117-69-2 record. He became Tech's winningest football coach in 1997 when the Hokies defeated Arkansas State, 50-0.

Under Beamer, Tech football has enjoyed unprecedented success with 10 consecutive bowl appearances, three BIG EAST Conference titles and a trip to the national championship game. Tech won the BIG EAST title in 1999 and 1995 and shared it in '96. Beamer was voted BIG EAST Coach of the Year by the league's coaches each of those seasons. In 1997, he was inducted into The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame, and following the 1999 season, he earned eight national coach of the year honors.

Last season, the Hokies posted a 10-4 record, including a victory over Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl. During the 2000 season, the Hokies posted an 11-1 record that included a 41-20 win over Clemson in the Gator Bowl. In 1999, Tech marched to an 11-0 regular-season mark before losing a hard-fought 46-29 game to Florida State for the national title in the Sugar Bowl. The Hokies ended the '99 season ranked No. 2 by AP.

Another highlight came when Tech beat Texas, 28-10, in the 1995 Sugar Bowl and finished 10-2. The bowl streak started in '93 when Tech beat Indiana in the Independence Bowl, 45-20, to cap a 9-3 season.

Beamer returned to his alma mater in December 1986 after a six-year stint as the head coach at Murray State University, where he compiled a 42-23-2 mark.

During his undergraduate days at Tech, Beamer started three years as a cornerback and played on the Hokies' 1966 and 1968 Liberty Bowl teams. The 56-year-old Hillsville, Va.,



THE COACHES

Frank Beamer	Coach	Mike Kruczek
Virginia Tech	School	UCF
Virginia Tech ('69)	Alma Mater	Boston College ('76)
117-69-2 (16 yrs.)	Record at School	33-23 (5 yrs.)
159-92-4 (22 yrs.)	Overall Record	same
2-1	Record vs. today's opponent	0-2

native began his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at Maryland in 1972. He held assistant coaching positions at The Citadel and Murray State before being named MSU's head coach in 1981.

ACTIVE WINNERS

☛ Frank Beamer is tied for fifth among the winningest active NCAA Division I-A football coaches with 159 career wins. Joe Paterno (Penn St.) leads the way with 336 wins followed by Bobby Bowden (Florida State; 332), Lou Holtz (South Carolina; 238), and Jackie Sherrill (Mississippi State; 178). Beamer is currently tied with Ken Hatfield of Rice.

STABILITY AT THE TOP

☛ Frank Beamer, the first Tech alumnus to guide the Hokies' football program since the 1940s, has coached and won more football games at Tech than any other coach. His 16 years at the Hokie helm have helped the program develop a sense of stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools.

Only three of the 117 Division I-A head football coaches have been at their current school longer than Beamer. Those coaches are: Joe Paterno (37 yrs., Penn State); Bobby Bowden (27 yrs., Florida State); and Fisher DeBerry (19 yrs., Air Force).

Prior to Beamer, no other grid coach in Tech history had served more than 10 seasons as head coach.

COACH MIKE KRUCZEK

☛ Mike Kruczek (Boston College '76) is beginning his sixth season as the head football coach at UCF, where his record is 33-23. Kruczek began his collegiate coaching career as the quarterbacks coach at Florida State in 1982 and '83.

He served one year as an assistant coach for the Jacksonville Bulls of the United States Football League in 1984 before taking an assistant coaching position at UCF in 1985.

He spent 13 seasons as offensive coordinator for the Golden Knights before being named interim head coach in 1998.

The interim title was replaced with a guaranteed contract before the '98 season ended.

2003 SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Virginia Tech (0-0):		
Aug.	31	UCF (3 p.m.)
Sept.	6	James Madison (1 p.m.)
	18	Texas A&M (7:30 p.m.)
	27	Connecticut (noon)
Oct.	4	at Rutgers* (noon)
	11	Syracuse* (tba)
	22	at WVU* (7:30 pm)
Nov.	1	Miami* (tba)
	8	at Pittsburgh* (tba)
	15	at Temple* (tba)
	22	Boston College* (tba)
	29	at Virginia (tba)

*BIG EAST games

UCF (0-0):		
Aug.	31	at Virginia Tech
Sept.	13	Florida Atlantic
	20	at Syracuse
	27	at Kent State
Oct.	4	Buffalo
	11	at Ohio
	18	at Akron
	25	Central Michigan
Nov.	1	at West Virginia
	8	at Western Michigan
	19	Marshall
	28	Miami (Ohio)

TECH IN THE POLLS

☛Virginia Tech is No. 9 in the Associated Press Poll and No. 10 in *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' Poll.

The Hokies posted their highest-ever football rankings during the 1999 and 2000 seasons. Tech finished the '99 season rated No. 2 by AP and No. 3 by the coaches. In 2000, Tech climbed as high as No. 2 in both polls before finishing No. 6. Prior to the '99 season, Tech's previous high in the AP poll was 10th in the final 1995 poll that followed a 28-10 Sugar Bowl win over Texas. The Hokies had been ranked as high as No. 9 in the coaches' poll. Tech was ranked ninth by the coaches in the final poll of 1995, as well as four times during the '96 season. Tech's highest preseason rankings ever, came in 2001 when it was ranked No. 9 in both polls.

Tech has been ranked a total of 137 voting periods by the AP since the beginning of the 1993 season. When Coach Frank Beamer took over in 1987, Tech had been ranked a total of 12 weeks during the first 49 years of the AP poll. The Hokies have been ranked in 82 of the last 83 AP polls including the last 71 in a row.

TECH IN THE BIG EAST

☛Virginia Tech joined the BIG EAST Football Conference as a charter member when the league formed in 1991. Tech has finished among the top four in the league each year since the BIG EAST went to round-robin play in 1993. Tech won the BIG EAST title in 1999 and 1995 and shared the '96 championship with Miami and Syracuse. Tech finished second in 1994, 1997, 2000 and tied for second in 1998. The Hokies were fourth in '93 and last season. In 2001, Tech tied for third in the league. The Hokies have finished higher than they were picked seven times in the 10 years of competition. Miami (94) and Tech (93) have won more games than any BIG EAST teams since the start of 1993.

TECH AT HOME

☛Virginia Tech has posted a 144-61-6 overall record in its 38 seasons at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech is 70-24-1 at home under the direction of Frank Beamer.

The Hokies have a 27-7-1 record versus non-conference teams at Lane Stadium since BIG EAST football formed in 1991. The Hokies have won 12 straight non-league home games.

Tech is 29-8 against BIG EAST teams at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Since losing to Boston College at Lane Stadium in the opening game of the 1995 season, Tech has won 22 of its last 27 home BIG EAST games.

Tech football teams are 303-92-13 in Blacksburg, including a 6-2 record last season.

SCORING STREAK

☛Tech has scored in a school record 96 straight football games, beginning with a 13-7 win over Miami on Sept. 23, 1995. The streak began after a 16-0 loss to Cincinnati in 1995. The previous record was 66 straight games, which started in 1970 and ran into the 1976 season. During their current streak, the Hokies have scored 13 or more points in all but two games.

AP POLL STREAK

☛Virginia Tech has been ranked for 71 consecutive weeks in the Associated Press Top 25 Football Poll, marking the second-longest active consecutive appearance streak. The Hokies have been ranked in every AP poll since the end of regular-season play in 1998.

Tech began the streak with a No. 23 ranking in the final postseason poll of '98. The Hokies were ranked No. 9 in the first poll of 2003. Michigan has the longest current streak with 81 straight polls. Miami is third at 56, followed by Oklahoma (51) and Texas (44). Tech has appeared in the last 85 *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' polls, dating back to Sept. 13, 1998.

BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Miami	0-0-0	0-0-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	0-0-0
Virginia Tech	0-0-0	0-0-0
West Virginia	0-0-0	0-0-0
Boston College	0-0-0	0-0-0
Syracuse	0-0-0	0-0-0
Temple	0-0-0	0-0-0
Rutgers	0-0-0	0-0-0

Thursday, Aug. 28
Miami at Louisiana Tech

Saturday, Aug. 30
Wisconsin at West Virginia
Temple at Penn State
Buffalo at Rutgers
Wake Forest at Boston College

Sunday, Aug. 31
UCF at Virginia Tech

2002 RESULTS

Virginia Tech (10-4; 3-4 BE):
 hW 63- 7 Arkansas State
 hW 26- 8 LSU
 hW 47-21 Marshall
 aW 13- 3 Texas A&M
 aW 30- 0 Western Michigan
 aW 28-23 Boston College*
 hW 35-14 Rutgers*
 hW 20-10 Temple*
 hL 21-28 Pittsburgh*
 aL 42-50 Syracuse (3OT)*
 hL 18-21 West Virginia*
 hW 21- 9 Virginia
 aL 45-56 Miami*
 nW 20-13 Air Force
 (San Francisco Bowl)

UCF (7-5; 6-2 MAC)
 aL 24-27 Penn State
 aL 13-46 Arizona State
 aL 21-26 Marshall*
 hW 48-17 Liberty
 aW 31-27 Western Michigan*
 hL 24-27 Toledo*
 hW 28-17 Akron*
 hL 35-38 Syracuse
 aW 45-21 Buffalo*
 hW 32- 6 Kent State*
 aW 48-31 Miami (Ohio)*
 hW 42-32 Ohio*

* Conference games

2003 Preseason Notes

Virginia Tech was picked to finish third in the BIG EAST Conference in 2003 based on a poll of media representatives who cover the league on a regular basis. The Hokies were picked behind Miami, which received 21 first-place votes for a total of 188 points, and Pittsburgh, which got one first-place vote and 159 total points. Tech garnered two first-place votes and 156 points in the voting. West Virginia was picked to finish fourth with 102 points. WVU was followed in the voting by Boston College (100), Syracuse (87), Temple (42) and Rutgers (32).

Tech's preseason ranking of ninth by The Associated Press and 10th by the *USA Today* / ESPN polls marked the fifth consecutive year that the Hokies have started a season ranked by both major polls. The Hokies have now started nine of the last 10 seasons ranked in at least one of the two polls. The No. 9 ranking in the AP poll equals the highest preseason ranking ever for Tech. The Hokies were ranked ninth in both preseason polls in 2001.

Tailback Kevin Jones was named to the preseason *Playboy* All-America team and was also selected to preseason All-America teams named by *The Sporting News* (1st team), *Lindy's* (2nd), Phil Steele's *College Football Preview* (2nd) and *Athlon* (3rd). Defensive end Nathaniel Adibi and center Jake Grove were both named first-team preseason All-Americans by *The Sporting News*. Adibi was also a second-team pick by *Street & Smith* and *Athlon* and a third-team selection by *College Football Preview*. Cornerback DeAngelo Hall was named a second-team preseason All-American by *Athlon*.

Virginia Tech's special teams were rated No. 1 in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News*. The Hokies' defensive line was rated No. 5 in Division I-A by TSN and No. 8 by *Lindy's*. *The Sporting News* listed Tech's defensive backfield eighth nationally, while *Lindy's* picked the offensive backfield fourth.

Individual player preseason rankings saw Tech senior Jake Grove rated the No. 1 center in Division I-A by *The Sporting News*. Grove was ranked the No. 4 center by *Lindy's* and the No. 7 center by Phil Steele's *College Football Preview*. Nathaniel Adibi was listed as the No. 2 defensive end in Division I-A by TSN and the No. 6 end by both *Lindy's* and *College Football Preview*. Three publications — *The Sporting News*, *Lindy's* and *College Football Preview* — ranked Tech tailback Kevin Jones as the No. 3 running back in the nation. Junior DeAngelo Hall was recognized as both a cornerback and punt return man during the preseason. Hall was named the No. 6 corner and the No. 14 return man by *The Sporting News*, the No. 7 corner and No. 5 punt returner by *College Football Preview* and the No. 9 cornerback and No. 7 all-purpose player by *Lindy's*. TSN listed Tech's Kevin Lewis as the No. 9 defensive tackle in Division I-A and Vegas Robinson the No. 10 inside linebacker. *Lindy's* picked Mikal Baaqee the No. 9 inside backer and Vinnie Burns the No. 8 punter.

JUST FOR OPENERS

☛ Thanks to a string of 40 consecutive opening-game victories from 1903 through 1942, Tech has an overall 77-31-1 record in season-opening football games. Over the last 34 seasons, however, the Hokies have won just 18 times on opening day. Last year, Tech opened with a 63-7 victory against Arkansas State at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

☛ The Hokies are 12-4 in season openers during Frank Beamer's tenure as the head coach. Tech has won 11 of its last 12 opening-day games, including the last seven in a row.

☛ Tech grid teams are 58-13 in opening-day games played in Blacksburg, but are just 11-11 in season openers at Lane Stadium.

☛ The UCF game will mark the first time Tech has opened a season against a team from Florida since 1967 when the Hokies opened at the University of Tampa. Tech also opened at Tampa in 1964. This year's game with UCF will mark the first time Tech has opened a season in Blacksburg against a team from the Sunshine State.

DEPTH CHARGES

☛ Seventeen of the 22 Virginia Tech players who started on offense and defense in last season's win over Air Force in the San Francisco Bowl are on the 2003 roster, including 10 of the 11 defensive starters.

☛ Twenty-seven of the Hokies' returnees picked up at least one start on offense or defense during the 2002 season. Nineteen of those players started six or more games and 21 had four or more starts. Center **Jake Grove** (r-Sr.; Forest, Va.) and fullback **Doug Easlick** (r-Sr.; Marlton, N.J.) are the only two returnees who started all 14 games.

NOTING TECH-UCF

☛ Virginia Tech's defense has contributed touchdowns in each of the Hokies' first two games against UCF. In 2000, Tech defensive end **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.) picked up a fumble and ran 36 yards for a TD against UCF in Orlando. During the 2001 season, rover Kevin McCadam returned an interception 69 yards for a TD versus the Golden Knights in Blacksburg.

☛ When punter **Vinnie Burns** (New Orleans, La.) completed a 33-yard pass to **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) on a fake punt against UCF in 2001, Burns became the only punter to complete a pass for the Hokies during Frank Beamer's 16 seasons. The last Tech punter to attempt a pass on a fake punt was Chris Baucia at Florida State in 1988. Baucia's attempt was incomplete. Prior to Burns' fake, Tech's last fake punt came in the 2000 Sugar Bowl. Tech's last fake punt attempt was a run by Burns at Pittsburgh in 2001.

☛ During the 2001 Tech-UCF game, the Hokies' special teams were responsible for 22 points. Place-kicker **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.) accounted for 14 points with five PATs and three field goals. **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.) blocked a UCF punt out of the end zone for a safety and André Davis scored on a 55-yard punt return to account for eight more points. Tech also got six points from its defense in that game when Kevin McCadam returned an interception 69 yards for a TD.

☛ Tech has forced 11 turnovers, while committing three during its two games against UCF.

☛ All eight of Tech's offensive touchdowns in its series against UCF have come on rushing plays by tailbacks. Lee Suggs scored five of them in the 2000 game at UCF.

Last Meeting

TECH OVERCOMES SLOW START TO BEAT UCF

Sept. 29, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech found itself behind for the first time all season before pulling away for a 46-14 victory over UCF in front of a sellout crowd at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Tech trailed 7-0 after the first quarter and led by just 19-14 early in the third period before posting 27 unanswered points. The Hokies capitalized on three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt for 29 of their 46 points.

The Hokies finished with 232 yards on the ground and 203 yards through the air. Tailbacks Kevin Jones and Keith Burnell led the rushing attack with 90 and 82 yards, respectively. Tech got an extra aerial lift when punter Vinnie Burns completed a 33-yard pass to cornerback Garnell Wilds on a key fake punt early in the third quarter. The play set up a TD by Burnell that gave Tech a 26-14 lead.

UCF	7	0	7	0	—	14
Virginia Tech	0	19	10	17	—	46

UCF (1:04 re 1st) — Gaines 9 pass from Schneider (Beorlegui kick)

VT (10:05 re 2nd) — Burnell 13 run (Warley kick)

VT (2:36 re 2nd) — FG Warley 31

VT (1:11 re 2nd) — Jones 7 run (Warley kick)

VT (0:05 re 2nd) — safety, UCF punt blocked out of end zone

UCF (10:40 re 3rd) — Haynes 2 run (Beorlegui kick)

VT (7:36 re 3rd) — Burnell 2 run (Warley kick)

VT (3:12 re 3rd) — FG Warley 23

VT (10:52 re 4th) — FG Warley 28

VT (9:00 re 4th) — McCadam 69 pass interception return (Warley kick)

VT (7:06 re 4th) — Davis 55 punt return (Warley kick)

Team Stats	UCF	VT
First downs	16	22
Rushes-yds.	26-24	50-232
Passing yds.	227	203
Return yds.	9	196
Passes	18-36-3	16-29-0
Punts-avg.	8-37	4-34
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-3
Penalties-yds.	7-65	10-89
Time of poss.	26:03	33:57
Sacks by	0-0	3-18

Individual Leaders

Rushing — UCF, Haynes 15-17, Williams 2-15, Baker 4-10, Miller 1-(-3), Schneider 4-(-15); VT, Jones 11-90, Burnell 21-82, Ferguson 5-30, Randall 1-24, Noel 6-7, Ward 3-5, Team 1-(-1), E. Johnson 1-(-1), Davis 1-(-4).

Passing — UCF, Schneider 16-31-3-212, Miller 2-5-0-15; VT, Noel 15-25-0-170, Randall 0-3-0-0, Burns 1-1-0-33.

Receiving — UCF, Fryzel 5-40, Davis 4-46, Ward 4-35, Gaines 2-14, Gabriel 1-71, Baker 1-12, T. Williams 1-9; VT, Ferguson 5-39, Davis 4-38, Witten 2-9, Wynn 1-39, Wilds 1-33, Jones 1-21, Easlick 1-17, E. Johnson 1-7.

TAKING OVER

☛ Junior **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) will take over as the featured back in Virginia Tech's offense this fall. Jones is considered one of the nation's top backs heading into the 2003 season and has been listed as a Heisman Trophy candidate despite the fact he has started just three regular-season games during his first two seasons with the Hokies. Jones has earned such high praise by taking advantage of his playing time during those two seasons to rush for over 1,800 yards.

Since coming to Tech as the nation's No. 1-rated prep player in 2001, Jones has lived up to his billing. During his first season at Tech, he earned BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors. The true freshman running back became a prominent figure in the Tech offense after starter Lee Suggs suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opening game.

Jones ended up in the starting lineup for the Hokies' last three regular-season games and the Gator Bowl. During his three regular-season starts, Jones contributed 155 yards rushing at Temple, 181 yards against Virginia and 160 yards versus No. 1 Miami. His 957 yards for the season led the team and set a school season mark for a freshman. He ranked fifth among Division I-A freshmen in rushing yards for the season and third among true freshmen. He was named a freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*.

Last season, Jones shared time with Suggs and was having an outstanding season until being slowed late in the year by a hamstring injury. He still managed to rush for 871 yards and nine touchdowns.

Jones, who has bulked up to 221 pounds for the 2003 season, has averaged 5.5 yards per carry on the way to 1,828 career yards at Tech. He has been rated the No. 3 running back in Division I-A by three preseason publications.

VIRGINIA TECH CAREER RECORDS

Rushing Yards

3,767	Cyrus Lawrence	843 att.	1979-82
3,459	Roscoe Coles	656 att.	1974-77
2,981	Maurice Williams	550 att.	1983-86
2,767	Lee Suggs	535 att.	1999-02
2,696	Dwayne Thomas	576 att.	1992-95
2,645	Ken Oxendine	526 att.	1994-97
2,523	Eddie Hunter	466 att.	1983-86
2,461	Phil Rogers	528 att.	1973-75
2,327	Vaughn Hebron	481 att.	1989-92
2,292	Shyrene Stith	448 att.	1996-99
2,259	Tony Kennedy	535 att.	1989-92
2,116	Terry Smoot	510 att.	1967-69
2,052	James Barber	454 att.	1971-73
1,984	Paul Adams	470 att.	1972-76
1,928	Kenny Lewis	358 att.	1976-79
1,828	Kevin Jones	335 att.	2001-

Pass Receptions

121	Antonio Freeman		1991-94
113	Ricky Scales		1972-74
103	André Davis		1998-01
103	Mike Giacalone		1979-82
100	Myron Richardson		1986-89
92	Donald Snell		1983-86
90	Mike Burnop		1970-72
86	Sidney Snell		1983-86
84	Steve Johnson		1984-87
78	Cornelius White		1993-96
77	Marcus Mickel		1988-91
74	Bryan Still		1992-95
72	Jimmy Quinn		1969-71
71	Ernest Wilford		2000-

Pass Reception Yards

2,272	Ricky Scales	113 rec.	1972-74
2,207	Antonio Freeman	121 rec.	1991-94
1,986	André Davis	103 rec.	1998-01
1,541	Myron Richardson	100 rec.	1986-89
1,458	Bryan Still	74 rec.	1992-95
1,409	Donald Snell	92 rec.	1983-86
1,384	Mike Giacalone	103 rec.	1979-82
1,274	Sidney Snell	86 rec.	1978-90
1,262	Jimmy Quinn	72 rec.	1969-71
1,260	Donnie Reel	68 rec.	1970-72
1,195	Carroll Dale	67 rec.	1956-59
1,166	Ernest Wilford	71 rec.	2000-

Scoring

371	Shayne Graham	pk	1996-99
336	Lee Suggs	tb	1999-02
254	Ryan Williams	pk	1991-94
234	Chris Kinzer	pk	1985-88
224	Don Wade	pk	1981-84
217	Carter Warley	pk	2000-

Extra Points Made

167	Shayne Graham	167-169	1996-99
137	Ryan Williams	137-147	1991-94
136	Carter Warley	136-138	2000-

Interceptions

18	Gene Bunn	106 yds.	1976-78
16	Tyronne Drakeford	144 yds.	1990-93
14	Willie Pile	270 yds.	1999-02
13	Ron Davidson	174 yds.	1966-68
13	Lenny Smith	120 yds.	1968-68
12	Mike Widger	220 yds.	1967-69
12	John Granby	98 yds.	1987-91
11	Mike Johnson	173 yds.	1980-83
11	Ashley Lee	351 yds.	1980-84
11	William Yarborough	30 yds.	1992-95
10	John Bell	155 yds.	1972-74
10	Billy Hardee	168 yds.	1973-75
10	Derek Carter	77 yds.	1981-84
10	Keion Carpenter	244 yds.	1995-98
9	Frank Beamer	81 yds.	1966-68
9	Carter Wiley	243 yds.	1984-87
9	Torrian Gray	122 yds.	1993-96
8*	Garnell Wilds	29 yds.	2000-
7*	DeAngelo Hall	137 yds.	2001-

** others tied with them not on list*

Passing Yards

6,009	Don Strock	440-829	1970-72
5,915	Will Furrer	494-920	1988-91
5,720	Maurice DeShazo	397-745	1991-94
4,383	Jim Druckenmiller	313-582	1993-96
4,299	Steve Casey	342-647	1978-81
3,526	Mark Cox	281-518	1981-85
3,074	Michael Vick	177-313	1999-00
2,996	Erik Chapman	234-458	1985-87
2,721	Todd Greenwood	234-443	1982-85
2,622	Al Clark	193-361	1995-98
2,248	Bryan Randall	158-284	2001-

Total Offense

6,105	Maurice DeShazo	qb	1991-94
5,871	Don Strock	qb	1970-72
5,782	Will Furrer	qb	1988-91
4,987	Steve Casey	qb	1978-81
4,634	Jim Druckenmiller	qb	1993-96
4,276	Michael Vick	qb	1999-00
3,890	Mark Cox	qb	1981-85
3,767	Cyrus Lawrence	tb	1979-82
3,458	Roscoe Coles	rb	1974-77
3,448	Bob Schweickert	qb	1962-64
3,190	Al Clark	qb	1995-98
3,025	Phil Rogers	rb/qb	1973-75
2,981	Maurice Williams	tb	1983-86
2,859	Bryan Randall	qb	2001-

Kickoff Returns

1,447	Jon Jeffries	67 ret.	1987-91
1,088	Bob Thomas	51 ret.	1981-84
963	Marcus Mickel	47 ret.	1988-91
889	Eddie Hunter	38 ret.	1983-86
842	Dickie Longerbeam	34 ret.	1965-68
833	Billy Hardee	37 ret.	1973-75
789	Tommy Francisco	34 ret.	1964-66
780	Rich Matijevich	36 ret.	1969-71
752	Richard Johnson	35 ret.	2001-

SWITCHING JERSEYS

☛ Junior tailback **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) has made the switch from jersey No. 7 to No. 25 this year. With former Hokie Billy Hardee, who wore the number last year, graduating, Jones jumped on the opportunity to honor some friends.

The new number has double significance for Jones. In grade school, Jones played for Coach Jim Mattioli. Soon after the Hokies returned from the San Francisco Bowl, Jones learned that Mattioli's son had been killed in an automobile accident. Jones wore No. 25 when he played for Mattioli and decided to wear that again in memory of Mattioli's son.

In high school, Jones wore No. 2. His best friend, James Johnson, wore No. 5. Johnson was sent overseas to prepare for the war in Iraq, so Jones is "wearing 25 for the both of us, too."

RISING SENIOR

☛ Senior receiver **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) is on the brink of moving into Tech's top 10 for pass receptions, receiving yards and touchdown catches.

Wilford is coming off a record-setting junior season in which he hauled in a school single-season record 51 passes. He also set Tech single-game marks for receiving yards (279) and touchdown catches (4) in a game at Syracuse.

The 6-4, 220-pound split end has career totals of 71 catches for 1,166 yards and eight touchdowns. He is currently ranked 14th in catches, 12th in receiving yards and tied for 12th in touchdown catches. Wilford is eight catches, 95 yards and one TD away from becoming a member of Tech's top 10 in all three categories.

Wilford has worked hard to prepare for his senior season. He was one of just two players to earn the Elite Athlete status in the strength and conditioning program during the off-season. He posted a 38 1/2-inch vertical jump during testing.

THE INCUMBENT

☛ After seeing limited action at quarterback as Tech's top backup his freshman year, **Bryan Randall** (Jr.; Williamsburg, Va.) played a major role for the Hokies' in 2002. Following an injury to starter Grant Noel, Randall came off the bench to direct the Tech attack against LSU and made his first collegiate start the next week against Marshall. He went on to start a total of 12 games, including Tech's bowl game against Air Force.

Randall completed 63.7 percent of his passes for the season to set a new school record. His 2,641 yards of total offense were the most for a Tech player since 1972 and marked the second-highest season figure ever for the Hokies. In a game at Syracuse, he set a BIG EAST record with 504 yards passing and established a Tech mark with five passing touchdowns. He rushed for 125 yards in the WVU game and had 132 yards rushing and 165 passing at Miami. Randall helped Tech to three wins over nationally ranked teams and was named the offensive MVP of the San Francisco Bowl. Late in the season, he suffered through a string of costly turnovers, but during the spring he eliminated the mistakes and maintained his hold on the starting duties.

THE YOUNG GUY

☛ The competition at the Hokies' quarterback position drew a lot of attention during the spring and preseason, and will likely continue to do so thanks to a redshirt freshman named **Marcus Vick** (Newport News, Va.).

Vick, the younger brother of former Tech and current Atlanta Falcons' phenom Michael Vick, has been impressive. He capped a redshirt freshman year by being named Tech's top offensive newcomer following spring practice. He also added 20 pounds of muscle and dressed for every 2002 game to prepare for his first season of play.

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 "Old Hokie" yell which still is used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning, but had been thought up in an effort to get attention. Hokie soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics. Following is the "Old Hokie" yell in its original form:

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

SIZE CHART

Average heights and weights by position of the players on Tech's active depth chart:

Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.
WR	6-1	195
TE	6-5	258
OT	6-5	311
OG	6-4	304
C	6-3	303
QB	6-1	206
FB	6-1	243
TB	5-11	214
DE	6-1	249
DT	6-1	290
ILB	6-2	238
OLB	6-2	214
CB	5-11	189
SAF	6-0	199

BEAMERBALL

☛ During the Frank Beamer era at Tech, putting points on the scoreboard has always been a team effort — the offensive team, the defensive team and the special teams. It's called BeamerBall, and what sets it apart are the contributions of the defense and special teams.

Each of Tech's last eight teams is ranked among the school's top 10 highest scoring teams. During that time, a player at every position on the defensive unit has produced at least one touchdown. And 22 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams. Altogether, the defense and special teams have combined for 77 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 60 in Tech's last 112 games.

Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 48 TDs, with 28 coming on pass interceptions, 18 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 29 TDs, including 14 on blocked punts, nine on punt returns, three on kickoff returns, two on blocked field goals and one on a fumble recovery.

Fittingly, the trend started in Beamer's first game as Tech's head coach when true freshman Jon Jeffries returned a kickoff 92 yards for a touchdown against Clemson. It was the Hokies' first touchdown under Beamer, and it was scored on special teams.

Under Beamer, a total of 56 different players on Tech's defense and special teams have scored TDs. Twelve of those players — Don Stokes, Jock Jones, Roger Brown, Lawrence Lewis, Antonio Banks, Jim Baron, Keion Carpenter, Pierson Prioleau, Anthony Midget, Cory Bird, Kevin McCadam and Willie Pile — scored twice. **DeAngelo Hall**, Ike Charlton and Ricky Hall have three scores and André Davis four.

Since the start of the 1993 season, Tech is 40-6 in games it scores at least one TD on defense or special teams.

TOUCHDOWNS BY DEFENSE & SPECIAL TEAMS

1987: Jon Jeffries, 92-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Randy Cockrell (ilb), 90-yd. interception return vs. Navy.

1988: Don Stokes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Southern Miss; Jock Jones, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. West Virginia; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina; Leslie Bailey (ilb), 19-yd. interception return vs. South Carolina.

1989: Marcus Mickel, 90-yd. kickoff return vs. Clemson; Jock Jones (olb), 55-yd. interception return vs. Tulane; Roger Brown (cb), 55-yd. interception return vs. North Carolina State.

1990: The '90 season marked the first and only season to date during Beamer's tenure that Tech failed to score at least one TD on either defense or special teams.

1991: P.J. Preston (olb), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Oklahoma; Ken Landrum, 18-yd. blocked punt return vs. Cincinnati; Kirk Alexander (fs), 95-yd. interception return vs. Cincinnati.

1992: Tyronne Drakeford (cb), 40-yd. interception return vs. East Carolina; Tony Kennedy, 91-yd. kickoff return vs. Louisville; Ken Brown (olb), 18-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers.

1993: William Ferrell, 7-yd. blocked punt return vs. Rutgers; DeWayne Knight (olb), 23-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Jeff Holland (dt), 8-yd. fumble return vs. Virginia; Lawrence Lewis (de), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Indiana; Antonio Banks, 80-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Indiana.

1994: Torrian Gray (rov), 66-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Stacy Henley, 25-yd. blocked punt return vs. Temple; Lawrence Lewis (de), 60-yd. fumble return vs. East Carolina; Antonio Freeman, 80-yd. punt return vs. Pittsburgh.

1995: Jermaine Holmes, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Akron; Hank Coleman (de), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Myron Newsome (ilb), 71-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Larry Green (cb), 37-yd. interception return vs. West Virginia; Jim Baron (dt), 46-yd. fumble return vs. Temple; J.C. Price (dt), 19-yd. interception return vs. Temple; Antonio Banks (cb), 65-yd. interception return vs. Virginia; Bryan Still, 60-yd. punt return vs. Texas; Jim Baron (dt), 20-yd. fumble return vs. Texas.

1996: Cornelius White, 60-yd. blocked punt return vs. Syracuse; Keion Carpenter (fs), 100-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

1997: Carl Bradley (dt), recovered fumble in end zone vs. Rutgers; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 43-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Lorenzo Ferguson (fs), 84-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas St.; Anthony Midget (cb), 22-yd. fumble return vs. Pittsburgh.

1998: Keion Carpenter (fs), 16-yd. interception return vs. Pittsburgh; Pierson Prioleau (rov), 85-yd. interception return vs. Boston College; Marcus Gildersleeve, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. UAB; Ricky Hall, 17-yd. blocked punt return vs. West Virginia; Ricky Hall, recovered blocked punt in end zone vs. Syracuse; Loren Johnson (cb), 78-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Ike Charlton (cb), 26-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Jamel Smith (lb), 98-yd. interception return vs. Rutgers; Anthony Midget (cb), 27-yd. interception return vs. Alabama.

1999: Ike Charlton (cb), 34-yd. interception return vs. Clemson; Corey Moore (de), 32-yd. fumble return vs. Clemson; Cory Bird (rov), 26-yd. fumble return vs. Syracuse; Phillip Summers (rov), 43-yd. interception return vs. Syracuse; Tee Butler, recovered fumble by punter in end zone vs. Syracuse; Ricky Hall, 64-yd. punt return vs. Miami; Ike Charlton (cb), 51-yd. fumble return vs. Miami; Larry Austin (cb), 31-yd. interception return vs. Temple.

2000: Willie Pile (fs), 11-yd. interception return vs. Akron; Cory Bird, 9-yd. blocked punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis, 87-yd. punt return vs. East Carolina; André Davis, 71-yd. punt return vs. Boston College; André Davis, 76-yd. punt return vs. WVU; Nathaniel Adibi (de), 36-yd. fumble return vs. UCF.

2001: Channing Reed (dt), 8-yd. fumble return vs. Rutgers; Kevin McCadam (rov), 69-yd. interception return vs. UCF; André Davis, 55-yd. punt return vs. UCF; Jim Davis (de), 27 yd. interception return vs. WVU; Kevin McCadam (rov), 9-yd. fumble return vs. BC; Ronyell Whitaker, 71-yd. blocked field goal return vs. Pittsburgh; Brandon Manning, 22-yd. blocked punt return vs. Miami.

2002: DeAngelo Hall, 69-yd. punt return vs. Arkansas State; DeAngelo Hall (cb), 49-yd. interception return vs. Arkansas State; Jason Lallis (dt), 59-yd. fumble return vs. Arkansas State; Alex Markogiannakis (lb), 25-yd. fumble return vs. Western Michigan; DeAngelo Hall, 51-yd. punt return vs. Rutgers; Darryl Tapp, 11-yd. blocked punt return vs. Virginia; Willie Pile (fs), 96-yd. interception return vs. Miami.

BEAMERBALL II

☛ Virginia Tech's tradition for blocking kicks is another part of BeamerBall. It was carried to new heights in 1998 with 10 blocks during the regular season and two more in the Hokies' Music City Bowl game against Alabama. Tech now has 97 blocks in Beamer's 188 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 51 punts (14 for TDs), 25 field goals and 21 extra points.

☛ Tech blocked more kicks in the 1990s than any other Division I-A team. The Hokies blocked 63 kicks during the decade — 31 punts, 18 PATs and 14 FGs. Tech has started the new decade with 19 blocks.

☛ The most prolific kick blockers under Beamer have been defensive lineman Bernard Basham and safety Keion Carpenter who each posted six blocks during their Tech careers. Basham blocked three field goals and three PATs, while Carpenter blocked six punts.

☛ The teams Tech has victimized the most during Frank Beamer's 16-seasons have been Pittsburgh, WVU and Miami. During that span, the Hokies have blocked 10 kicks versus the Panthers, nine against the Mountaineers and eight versus UM.

☛ Since joining the BIG EAST in 1991, the Hokies have posted at least three blocked kicks against every team in the league. During that span, Tech has blocked 10 kicks against Pittsburgh, eight against Miami, seven versus WVU, five versus Rutgers, four against BC and three versus Syracuse and Temple.

☛ During the Beamer era, Tech has blocked two kicks in a game 17 times, including two against No. 14 LSU last season. Tech blocked two kicks against four different teams in 1998.

VIRGINIA TECH'S BLOCKED KICKS UNDER FRANK BEAMER

Totals: 97 in 188 games (51 punts, 25 FGs, 21 PATs)

1987 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 1 FG)

Syracuse – punt* (Jimmy Whitten) hL
East Carolina – PAT (na) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Roger Brown) hW

1988 (4 punts, 3 FGs)

Clemson – punt (Jock Jones) aL
Southern Miss – punt* (Archie Hopkins) aL
West Virginia – punt* (Archie Hopkins) hL
Cincinnati – punt+ (Jock Jones) aW
Louisville – FG (Jimmy Whitten) aL
Florida State – FG (Roger Brown);
FG+ (Roger Brown) aL

1989 (1 punt, 1 FG)

Tulane – punt+ (Archie Hopkins) hW
N.C. State – FG (Jock Jones) aW

1990 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

East Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) aW
South Carolina – PAT (John Rivers) hL
Florida State – punt+ (Scott Jones) aL
West Virginia – FG+ (Bernard Basham) hW
Temple – punt (Archie Hopkins) aL
N.C. State – PAT (Bernard Basham) hW

1991 (3 punts, 3 FGs)

James Madison – FG (Bernard Basham) hW
Oklahoma – FG (Bernard Basham) aL
Cincinnati – punt+ (P.J. Preston);
punt* (Kirk Alexander) hW
Louisville – FG (John Rivers) hW
East Carolina – punt (Marcus McClung) hL

1992 (5 PATs, 1 FGs)

James Madison – PAT (John Rivers);
FG+ (Kirk Alexander) hW
East Carolina – PAT (Bernard Basham) aL
West Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL
Miami – PAT (Bernard Basham) hL
Virginia – PAT (David Wimmer) hL

1993 (4 punts, 2 FGs)

Miami – punt@ (Willie Wilkins) aL
Maryland – FG (George DelRocco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) aW
Indiana – FG* (Jeff Holland) nW
Independence Bowl

1994 (2 punts, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG (Cornell Brown) hW
Temple – punt* (William Ferrell) hW
Miami – punt# (Michael Williams) aL
Rutgers – FG (Michael Williams) hW

1995 (4 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

BC – PAT (Waverly Jackson) hL
Cincinnati – FG (Jim Baron);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hL
Miami – punt# (Angelo Harrison) hW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Angelo Harrison);
punt# (Angelo Harrison) aW
Akron – punt* (Okesa Smith);
PAT (Lawrence Lewis) hW

1996 (5 punts, 1 PAT)

Akron – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
BC – punt+ (Keion Carpenter) aW
Syracuse – punt* (Cornelius White) aL
Temple – punt (Keion Carpenter) hW
SW Louisiana – punt (Michael Stuewe);
punt+ (Keion Carpenter) hW

1997 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 2 FGs)

Arkansas St. – FG+ (Carl Bradley) hW
WVU – punt# (Phillip Summers) aL
Miami – PAT (Carl Bradley) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (Corey Moore);
PAT (John Engelberger) aL
Virginia – punt (Keion Carpenter);
FG (John Engelberger) aL

1998 (8 punts, 2 PATs, 2 FGs)

East Carolina – FG+ (Corey Moore) hW
Miami – PAT (John Engelberger) aW
Pittsburgh – FG (Corey Moore);
punt# (Larry Austin) hW
Boston College – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (André Davis) aW
UAB – punt* (Larry Austin) aW
WVU – punt* (Marcus Gildersleeve);
PAT (John Engelberger) hW
Syracuse – punt* (Anthony Midget) aL
Alabama – punt (Keion Carpenter);
punt+ (Corey Moore) nW
Music City Bowl

1999 (1 punt, 1 PAT)

Rutgers – PAT^ (Carl Bradley) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (André Davis) aW

2000 (4 punts, 2 FGs, 2 PATs)

Akron – FG+ (Cory Bird) hW
East Carolina – punt* (Wayne Ward);
FG (Larry Austin) aW
Rutgers – punt+ (Eric Green) hW
Temple – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
West Virginia – punt (Lee Suggs);
PAT (Lamar Cobb) hW
Pittsburgh – PAT (David Pugh) hW

2001 (5 punts, 2 FG)

W. Michigan – punt+ (Wayne Ward) hW
Rutgers – punt@ (Eric Green) aW
UCF – punt@ (Brandon Manning) hW
Pittsburgh – FG* (Lamar Cobb) aL
Virginia – punt (Wayne Ward) aW
Miami – FG# (David Pugh)
punt* (Eric Green) hL

2002 (5 punts, 2 FG)

LSU – punt+ (Justin Hamilton)
punt@ (Jason Lallis) hW
Marshall – FG+ (Team) hW
Western Michigan – FG (Jeff King) aW
Pittsburgh – punt+ (Nathaniel Adibi) hL
West Virginia – punt# (Ernest Wilford) hL
Virginia – punt* (Justin Hamilton) hW

*recovered or returned for touchdown +led to TD @led to safety #led to FG ^led to a two-point defensive extra point

CRAWFORD UPDATE

☛Tech starting rover **Michael Crawford** (r-Sr.; Baltimore, Md.) has good reason to be excited about his senior season after an emotionally challenging junior year.

Last fall, Crawford underwent a needle biopsy prior to the Hokies' game with Pittsburgh, then traveled to Baltimore for more tests the following week. Both tests revealed the suspicion of lymphoma.

On Nov. 11, Crawford underwent an open biopsy at Montgomery Regional Hospital. He missed a week after that biopsy, but returned to play in the Hokies' last three games. Then came the best news of his life. Further testing in January found Crawford to be cancer free.

Crawford showed no ill effects during spring practice and regained his starting position with a solid performance.

VEGAS

☛After just one season as a starter, senior **Vegas Robinson** (Chesapeake, Va.) enters the 2003 season rated the No. 10 inside linebacker in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News*. Robinson's value to the Tech defense became obvious last season when he suffered an ankle injury and had to sit out three games.

After starting 8-0, Tech lost two of the three games Robinson missed and dropped a third game before he returned to form. Tech had problems stopping the run during that span, an area in which Robinson excels.

Robinson, who had seen action on just 78 defensive plays in 2001, finished fourth on the team in tackles (71) last year despite missing three games. He also contributed three tackles for loss, three interceptions and three quarterback hurries. Robinson underwent ankle surgery during the spring and came back 100 percent for preseason practice. He is expected to be a key leader this fall.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nathaniel ADIBI	uh-DEE-bee
XAVIER ADIBI	ZAY-vee-ur uh-DEE-bee
MIKAL BAAQEE	mih-KeLL bä-KEE
Noland BURCHETTE	bur-CHET
John CANDELAS	can-DELL-us
COLS COLAS	coles CO-las
DeANGELO Hall	dee-ANNE-juh-lo
Josh HYMAN	HY-men
Mike IMOH	EEE-moh
Jason LALLIS	LAH-liss
Jared MAZZETTA	muh-ZEH-tah
Chris PANNELL	puh-NELL
Robert PEASLEE	PEEZ-lee
Aaron ROUSE	rhymes with house
Tim SANDIDGE	SAN-didge
Chris SHREVE	shreev
Carter WARLEY	WOR-lee

END GAME

☛This year's group of defensive ends ranks among the best Tech has had. The talented group includes redshirt senior **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.), who has played in 38 games, 34 as a starter; redshirt senior **Cols Colas** (Plantation, Fla.), who has played in 36 games, 13 as a starter; and sophomore **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.), who played in all 14 games last season as a true freshman. Rounding out the two-deep is redshirt freshman **Noland Burchette** (Richmond, Va.).

Adibi is garnering preseason honors left and right. He was named a first-team All-American by *The Sporting News*, while *Athlon* named him a second-team selection. *TSN* ranked him as the No. 2 end in the nation. Last season, he had a career-high nine sacks and 15 total tackles for loss. He had 55 tackles, 16 hurries and forced three fumbles, one of which was returned for a TD. During the Syracuse game he had a career-high 13 tackles, two sacks and two other tackles behind the line.

Colas' power and explosive speed – 420 bench press and 4.41 forty – make him hard to handle on

the corner. He had 24 hurries, nine sacks and 19 total tackles for loss to go with 51 tackles. He was in on 11 tackles at Syracuse. Colas has been named a preseason first-team all-BIG EAST Conference selection by collegefootballnews.com and both he and Adibi are on the watch list for the Hendricks Award, given to the nation's top defensive end.

Tapp has drawn rave reviews during the preseason and will see plenty of action this season after playing mostly special teams a year ago. He met all six of his goals in the weight room on his way to earning Super Iron Hokie honors.

Burchette is a quick player who missed some time in the preseason with an ankle injury. He will complete a four-man rotation that looks to be one of the best around.

The Hokies were expected to have the services of **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.), who has played in 35 games, nine as a starter. But Davis tore his pectoral muscle in the off-season and elected to have surgery. He will miss the entire 2003 season while taking a redshirt year and will be back in 2004 as a redshirt senior.

WALK-ON SUCCESS

☛ Redshirt junior **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.) started 13 of the Hokies' 14 games last season at whip linebacker. Manning is another successful product of the Hokies' walk-on program, having already earned a scholarship and a starting position. Manning finished third on the team in tackles with 75. He had five tackles for loss, including one quarterback sack. Manning also broke up two passes and recovered a fumble.

Other former walk-ons who have earned scholarships and are contributing this year are fullback **Doug Easlick** (r-Sr.; Marlton, N.J.), place-kicker **Carter Warley** (r-Sr.; Richmond, Va.) and lineman **Will Montgomery** (r-So.; Clifton, Va.).

On Aug. 22, holder/punter **Robert Peaslee** (r-Sr.; Pulaski, Va.), as well as split ends **Chris Shreve** (r-Sr.; Mouth of Wilson, Va.) and **Michael Malone** (r-Fr.; Friendswood, Texas), learned they have earned scholarships for the upcoming season.

THE "J" SQUAD

☛ The offensive line is a big, strong and experienced unit, which bodes well for Tech's offense. Leading the way up front on the offensive line is All-America center **Jake Grove** (Forest, Va.).

He is joined up front by tackles **Jon Dunn** (r-Jr.; Virginia Beach, Va.), a 6-7, 343-pounder, and **Jimmy Martin** (So.; Fairfax, Va.). Six-four, 299-pound **Jacob Gibson** (r-Sr.; Rocky Mount, Va.) and 6-6, 300-pound **James Miller** (Jr.; Pompano Beach, Fla.) man the guard spots.

Between the five, whose first names all start with the letter "J", they have started 56 games.

Grove has started 25 games, while Gibson has started 17 games. Miller has seen action in 25 games, starting two, while the tackles have started seven games each.

THE OTHER BACKS

☛ While tailback **Kevin Jones** is stealing all the headlines, there are several others who are chipping in. **Doug Easlick** (r-Sr.; Marlton, N.J.)

and **Jeff King** (r-So.; Pulaski, Va.) will hold down the fullback duties while **Cedric Humes** (r-So.; Virginia Beach, Va.) and **Mike Imoh** (So.; Fairfax, Va.) will relieve Jones.

Easlick is "Mr. Reliable" at fullback, getting the starting nod in all 14 games last season. Easlick rushed 19 times for 92 yards and caught 16 passes for 118 yards and one TD. King will see time as both a tight end and fullback. Humes, who made the move from fullback to tailback, rushed for 68 yards on 16 carries last year. He also had seven pass receptions for 76 yards. Imoh saw limited action last season, carrying the ball five times for 38 yards. He also caught four passes for 28 yards and a score.

KICKING DUTIES

☛ Place-kicker **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.), who was 36-for-37 on extra points and 9 of 15 on field goals in 2002, was sidelined for four games by low back pain before returning to action at Syracuse. He held off strong competition this

Career Starts for 2003 Players											
Name	Yr.	GP	GS	Name	Yr.	GP	GS	Name	Yr.	GP	GS
Adibi	r-Sr.	36	34	Humes	r-So.	14	0	Schmitt	So.	5	0
Anderson	r-So.	14	3	Imoh	So.	5	0	Shreve	r-Sr.	16	0
Baaqee	r-Jr.	24	13	Johnson	r-Jr.	20	2	Tapp	So.	14	0
Burns	r-Jr.	25	0	Jones	Jr.	24	4	Trott	r-So.	13	0
Butler	So.	5	0	King	r-So.	14	6	Wade	So.	13	0
Candelas	So.	2	0	Lallis	r-Jr.	12	11	Warley	r-Sr.	32	0
Canter	r-Sr.	3	0	J. Lewis	So.	14	3	Warren	r-So.	9	0
Clifton	r-So.	6	0	K. Lewis	r-Jr.	19	11	Wilds	r-Sr.	41	5
Colas	r-Sr.	36	13	Manning	r-Jr.	25	13	Wilford	r-Sr.	36	15
Conway	r-Jr.	9	0	Martin	So.	11	7	Williams	So.	14	0
Cooper	r-Jr.	24	0	Mazzetta	r-Jr.	11	0	Willis	r-Sr.	35	8
Crawford	r-Sr.	33	12	McGrath	So.	2	0				
Daniels	r-Jr.	25	5	Miller	Jr.	25	2				
Dunn	r-Jr.	24	7	W. Montgomery	r-So.	4	0				
Easlick	r-Sr.	29	14	Murphy	r-So.	11	0				
Fuller	r-Jr.	24	4	Pannell	r-So.	3	0				
Gibson	r-Sr.	29	17	Peaslee	r-Sr.	37	0				
Green	r-Jr.	23	6	Ramsey	r-So.	12	0				
Grove	r-Sr.	38	25	Randall	Jr.	22	12				
Hall	Jr.	23	11	Robinson	r-Sr.	23	11				
Hamilton	r-So.	13	0	Sandidge	r-So.	13	3				

preseason and is slated as the place-kicker. Redshirt-freshman **Brandon Pace** (Virginia Beach, Va.) won the kickoff job and **Vinnie Burns** (r-Jr.; New Orleans, La.) will once again handle the punts. The Ray Guy Award nominee averaged 40.5 yards per punt a year ago.

THE JEFF KING EXPERIMENT

☛ **Jeff King** (r-So.; Pulaski, Va.) is going to see plenty of action this season, but where he'll see the most time remains to be determined. King spent the spring learning the fullback position and is listed as the No. 2 man there. He is also second on the depth chart at tight end, where he started the last six games a year ago. The plan is to use the 6-5 King at either position to try and create matchup problems for defenses.

With starter **Keith Willis** (r-Sr.; Norfolk, Va.) and **Jared Mazzetta** (r-Jr.; Flemington, N.J.) back, Tech has three experienced players at tight end. Willis started eight games a year ago, catching seven passes for 168 yards. Mazzetta saw most of his action a year ago on special teams.

JIMMY WILLIAMS

☛ Tech lost only two starters on the defensive side of the ball, but one of them was All-America free safety Willie Pile. Sophomore **Jimmy Williams** (Hampton, Va.) will take over the spot after spending a year learning under Pile. At 6-3, 217 pounds, Williams has the size and speed (4.4 forty) to fill in nicely for the departed Pile. Last season, Williams played in all 14 games, mostly on special teams, recording 46 total tackles. In the San Francisco Bowl, he tallied 10 tackles, including one for loss.

Mih-KELL Bä-KEE

☛ While there's been confusion over the correct pronunciation of his name, there's no debating that linebacker **Mikal Baaqee** (r-Jr.;

Columbia, Md.) is a vital part of the Hokies' defense. Last season, he became the first sophomore to lead Tech in tackles since defensive tackle Scott Hill in 1987. This past off-season, he added 25 pounds to his frame to bulk him up to 240 pounds and is a Butkus Award nominee.

FAMILY TIES

☛ Brothers **Kevin** and **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) played side-by-side at defensive tackle for the first time at Tech during the Arkansas State game a year ago. Sunday, they'll line up together as starters. Kevin, a redshirt junior, and Jonathan, a sophomore, are the first brothers to play side-by-side at Tech since offensive linemen T.J. and Todd Washington in 1995 and 1996.

The Lewis brothers combined for 105 tackles, 11 quarterback hurries, 12 tackles for losses and three sacks.

THE GAME ON RADIO

☛ Tech's games can be heard on radio stations throughout Virginia and the mid-Atlantic region on the Virginia Tech ISP Sports Network. Bill Roth (play-by-play), Mike Burnop (analyst) and Tony Luftman (studio host) comprise Tech's football broadcast crew. Coverage begins 90-minutes prior to kickoff with Virginia Tech Gameday and continues 90-minutes following the game with the Kroger Point After. For a complete list of radio stations, please consult Tech's football media guide or the Fan's Guide to Radio and TV on hokiesports.com.

ISP SPORTS TELEVISION

☛ Highlights of Tech's games, post-game interviews and other features can be seen on Virginia Tech Sports Today, Tech's weekly television magazine show presented by ISP Sports. The show, featuring Tech coach Frank Beamer with host Bill Roth, can be seen every Sunday on a network of stations throughout

the Commonwealth: Washington D.C. (Newschannel 8, Sunday, 10 a.m.), Norfolk (WAVY-TV, Sunday, 10 a.m.), Richmond (WRIC-TV, Sunday, 1 p.m.), Roanoke (WSLS-TV, Sunday 10 a.m.), Harrisonburg (WHSV-TV, Sunday, 11:35 a.m.), Bristol-Johnson City (WCYB, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.). The show is also shown on Comcast SportsNet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

THE NUMBERS GAME

1,437 ... combined total offense produced by Virginia Tech and UCF in their first two meetings.

558 ... total passing yards by UCF quarterback Ryan Schneider in two starts against Tech.

545 ... rushing yards by Tech in its first two games against UCF.

496 ... Kevin Jones' combined rushing yardage in his three regular-season starts at Tech.

96 ... percentage of offensive snaps played by Tech center Jake Grove during the 2002 season.

50 ... consecutive years Tech games have been broadcast on radio.

47 ... rushing yards by UCF on 49 carries against the Hokies.

33:30 ... Tech's average time of possession during its two games against UCF.

24 ... consecutive games Tech has won during the months of August and September.

19 ... consecutive games in which Tech has forced at least one turnover.

3 ... times Coach Frank Beamer has faced UCF, including a 1986 game at Murray State.

Virginia Tech Offensive Two-Deep vs. UCF, Aug. 31, 2003

First Team

SE 19 Ernest Wilford (6-4, 220, r-Sr.)

Second-team All-BIG EAST in 2002 ... Caught 8 passes for 284 yards & 4 TDs at Syracuse ... Had a school-record 51 catches for 925 yards & 7 TDs last year

LT 52 Jimmy Martin (6-5, 291, So.)

Started last seven games of 2002 ... Played 409 snaps and graded out at 83.1% ... Has a 32.5-inch vertical jump

LG 60 Jacob Gibson (6-4, 299, r-Sr.)

Can play any position on the line ... Started 12 games, playing in all 14 ... Played in 768 snaps and graded out at 85 percent

C 64 Jake Grove (6-3, 300, r-Sr.)

Started all 14 games last year ... Fourth-team All-American ... Graded out at 90.6% for the year ... Preseason Rimington, Lombardi & Outland candidate

RG 76 James Miller (6-6, 300, Jr.)

Started two games last season ... Played 274 snaps ... Had a 33-pound clean, third-best among offensive linemen

RT 79 Jon Dunn (6-7, 343, r-Jr.)

A key to the offense's success this season ... Started seven games last year ... Had 22 knockdown blocks

TE 86 Keith Willis (6-5, 261, r-Sr.)

Started eight games in 2002 ... Caught seven passes for 168 yards and a TD ... Had an 87-yard catch at SU, a VT TE record

QB 3 Bryan Randall (6-1, 221, Jr.)

A preseason Davey O'Brien candidate ... Threw for 2,134 yards and 12 TDs while rushing for 507 yards ... Started the last 12 games ... Had an efficiency rating of 143.09, 10th-best in the nation ... MVP of the San Francisco Bowl

FB 43 Doug Easlick (5-11, 238, r-Sr.)

Started all 14 games a year ago ... Carried the ball 19 times for 92 yards in 2002 ... Squatted 640 pounds in the offseason

TB 25 Kevin Jones (6-0, 221, Jr.)

Has started just four games (including a bowl) in two years, but still has rushed for 1,828 yards ... A preseason Doak Walker Award candidate ... A preseason Playboy and CBS Sportsline first-team A-A ... Rushed for 871 yards and nine TDs in 2002

FL 12 Richard Johnson (5-10, 189, r-Jr.)

Caught 14 passes for 147 yards last season ... Had a long of 39 yards ... Also returned kickoffs

PK 49 Carter Warley (5-11, 195, r-Sr.)

Has held off the competition throughout the preseason ... Status as starting kicker could change at any time ... Went 9-for-15 on FGs last season and 36-for-37 on PATs

Second Team

SE 81 Chris Shreve (5-11, 183, r-Sr.)

Was awarded a scholarship on Aug. 22 ... The fastest of the receivers ... Caught two passes for 26 yards last season

LT 61 Reggie Butler (6-6, 345, So.)

A big, physical presence on the line ... Saw brief action in five games a year ago ... Recorded a 570-lb. squat

LG 66 Will Montgomery (6-3, 298, r-So.)

A former invited walk-on who earned a scholarship this past offseason ... Played four games at guard last year

C 68 Robert Ramsey (6-3, 307, r-Jr.)

Played in four games a year ago ... Benched 370 pounds during off-season workouts ... Also had a 575-pound squat

RG 77 Brandon Gore (6-5, 332, r-Fr.)

Will dress for his first collegiate game Sunday ... A big player who has come along nicely ... Redshirted a year ago

RT 58 Chris Pannell (6-3, 279, r-So.)

Another player who makes the move from the defensive line to the offensive side of the ball ... Played in three games a year ago ... Is learning his new position quickly

TE 90 Jeff King (6-5, 256, r-So.)

Started six games last year at tight end ... Caught one pass for 19 yards and a touchdown ... Will also see action at fullback this year

QB 5 Marcus Vick (6-0, 208, r-Fr.)

Has pushed Randall for the job in both the spring and preseason ... Is ready to play if needed ... A young player with poise looking for game experience

FB 90 Jeff King (6-5, 256, r-So.)

Will be used as an H-back in the Hokies' offense ... Spent the spring at the fullback spot ... Will still play some tight end

TB 32 Cedric Humes (6-1, 232, r-So.)

Makes the move from fullback to tailback this season ... Can still play fullback if needed ... Rushed 16 times for 68 yards and caught seven passes for 76 yards

FL 27 Justin Hamilton (6-3, 217, r-So.)

A former tailback who is still learning the position ... A tall player with good hands and size ... Caught five passes for 56 yards a year ago

PK 46 Brandon Pace (5-10, 191, r-Fr.)

Pushed Warley all preseason for the job ... Won the kickoff duties ... has a strong leg ... Still looking for consistency ... Can be used if needed

Virginia Tech Defensive Two-Deep vs. UCF, Aug. 31, 2003

First Team

DE 83 Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 263, r-Sr.)

Second-team All-BIG EAST ... Preseason Lombardi and Hendricks Award candidate ... Had nine sacks last season

DT 70 Kevin Lewis (6-1, 292, r-Jr.)

Preseason Lombardi Candidate ... Fully back from offseason surgery ... Had 49 tackles, including five for loss, in 2002

DT 56 Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 299, So.)

Played in all 14 games and started the last three a year ago ... Had 56 total tackles, including seven tackles for loss and two sacks, last season

DE 99 Cols Colas (6-0, 241, r-Sr.)

Preseason Lombardi and Hendricks Award candidate ... Had nine sacks a year ago ... Led team with 24 QB hurries ... Recorded 410-pound bench press and 600-pound squat

LB 48 Brandon Manning (6-0, 214, r-Jr.)

Returns as the No. 1 man at whip LB ... Started 13 of 14 games a year ago ... Was third on the team in tackles with 75 ... Had five tackles for loss and a sack

LB 45 Mikal Baaqee (5-11, 240, r-Jr.)

Returns as the starter at the mike LB spot ... Led the team with 112 tackles ... A Super Iron Hokie ... Had a 380-pound bench press ... Started 13 games a year ago

LB 6 Vegas Robinson (6-0, 250, r-Sr.)

Back from off-season ankle injury ... Missed three games in 2002 ... Had 71 tackles and three interceptions last season

FC 17 Garnell Wilds (6-0, 200, r-Sr.)

Led the BIG EAST in interceptions last year with five ... Has eight career INTs ... Started four games, playing in all 14 ... Had 27 tackles in 2003

FS 2 Jimmy Williams (6-3, 217, So.)

Steps into the starting role ... Had 46 tackles in 2002, including 10 tackles in the bowl game ... Ran a 4.4 forty in the spring

ROV 21 Michael Crawford (5-11, 202, r-Sr.)

Returns as the starting rover ... Started 10 games last year ... Had 49 tackles, including four for loss and two sacks in 2002

BC 4 DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 195, Jr.)

Second-team All-BIG EAST DB and return man ... Scored 3 TDs last season (2 PR & 1 INT return) ... A preseason Thorpe Award candidate ... Will also return punts and play offense

P 38 Vinnie Burns (5-11, 199, r-Jr.)

Averaged 40.5 yards per punt ... Second-team All-BIG EAST ... Ray Guy semifinalist a year ago ... Had a long of 58 yards with 22 inside the 20

Second Team

DE 55 Darryl Tapp (6-1, 257, So.)

Played mostly on special teams a year ago ... Had 21 total tackles ... Played in all 14 games ... Scored a TD on a blocked punt vs. Virginia last year

DT 71 Tim Sandidge (6-1, 307, r-So.)

The winner of the Ironman Competition ... Started the last three games of 2002 ... Played in 13 games, recording 30 total tackles

DT 91 Jason Lallis (6-0, 264, r-Jr.)

Played in 12 games in 2002, starting 11 before an injury sidelined him ... Had 48 stops, including two tackles for loss and two sacks

DE 96 Noland Burchette (6-2, 253, r-Fr.)

A redshirt frosh who is expected to contribute a lot ... Won the Torgersen Award as the top defensive newcomer in the spring

LB 36 Aaron Rouse (6-3, 207, r-Fr.)

A talented young player who should be a factor at the whip position ... Turned in a 400-pound squat ... Ran a 4.4 forty

LB 41 Jordan Trott (6-4, 247, r-So.)

A special teams demon who is expected to see a lot of action on defense this year ... Led the team in special teams stops in 2002

LB 40 Blake Warren (6-3, 239, r-So.)

Played in nine games a year ago ... Had 12 total stops, five of which were solo ... Tallied an interception against West Virginia

FC 1 Eric Green (5-11, 189, r-Jr.)

Missed the 2002 season with a torn ACL ... Has blocked three kicks in two seasons ... Also has four career interceptions and 49 total tackles

FS 31 Mike Daniels (6-0, 209, r-Jr.)

Makes the move back to free safety, where he started his career ... Played whip LB the past two seasons ... Had 51 tackles last year, playing in all 14 games

ROV 22 James Griffin (6-1, 191, Jr.)

A junior college transfer who is expected to contribute both on special teams and defense ... Will push for playing time

BC 8 Vincent Fuller (6-1, 191, r-So.)

Started four games at cornerback, including the bowl ... Had 23 tackles for the season ... Had four INTs, including two against Temple

P 89 Robert Peaslee (6-0, 202, r-Sr.)

Is primarily used as the holder on the field goal and PAT teams ... Can hold from either the right or left side, depending on the kicker ... Last punted in 2000, averaging 35.3 yards per punt

2003 Virginia Tech Depth Chart

vs. UCF (8/31/03)

Offense (Multiple)

SE	19	Ernest Wilford (6-4, 220, r-Sr.)
	81	Chris Shreve (5-11, 183, r-Sr.)
LT	52	Jimmy Martin (6-5, 291, So.)
	61	Reggie Butler (6-6, 345, So.)
LG	60	Jacob Gibson (6-4, 299, r-Sr.)
	66	Will Montgomery (6-3, 298, r-So.)
C	64	Jake Grove (6-3, 300, r-Sr.)
	68	Robert Ramsey (6-3, 307, r-Jr.)
RG	76	James Miller (6-6, 300, Jr.)
	77	Brandon Gore (6-5, 332, r-Fr.)
RT	79	Jon Dunn (6-7, 343, r-Jr.)
	58	Chris Pannell (6-3, 279, r-So.)
TE	86	Keith Willis (6-5, 261, r-Sr.) OR
	90	Jeff King (6-5, 256, r-So.)
QB	3	Bryan Randall (6-1, 221, Jr.)
	5	Marcus Vick (6-0, 208, r-Fr.)
TB	25	Kevin Jones (6-0, 221, Jr.)
	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 232, r-So.)
FB	43	Doug Easlick (5-11, 238, r-Sr.)
	90	Jeff King (6-5, 256, r-Jr.)
FL	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 189, r-Jr.)
	27	Justin Hamilton (6-3, 217, r-So.)

Defense (4-3)

DE	99	Cols Colas (6-0, 241, r-Sr.)
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DT	70	Kevin Lewis (6-1, 292, r-Jr.)
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DT	56	Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 299, So.)
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DE	83	Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 263, r-Sr.)
	55	Darryl Tapp (6-1, 257, So.)
ILB	6	Vegas Robinson (6-0, 250, r-Sr.)
	40	Blake Warren (6-3, 239, r-So.)
ILB	45	Mikal Baaqee (5-11, 240, r-Jr.)
	41	Jordan Trott (6-4, 247, r-So.)
OLB	48	Brandon Manning (6-0, 214, r-So.)
	36	Aaron Rouse (6-3, 207, r-Fr.)
BC	4	DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	8	Vincent Fuller (6-1, 191, r-Jr.)
ROV	21	Michael Crawford (5-11, 202, r-Sr.)
	22	James Griffin (6-1, 191, Jr.)
FS	2	Jimmy Williams (6-2, 217, So.)
	31	Mike Daniels (6-0, 209, r-Jr.)
FC	17	Garnell Wilds (6-0, 200, r-Sr.)
	1	Eric Green (5-11, 189, r-Jr.)

Special Teams

P	38	Vinnie Burns (5-11, 199, r-Jr.)
	89	Robert Peaslee (6-0, 202, r-Sr.)
FG/PAT	49	Carter Warley (5-11, 195, r-Sr.)
	46	Brandon Pace (5-10, 191, r-Fr.)
Punt Snap	62	Travis Conway (6-4, 256, r-Jr.)
	53	Nick Leeson (6-1, 237, r-Fr.)
FG/PAT Snap	53	Nick Leeson (6-1, 237, r-Fr.)
	62	Travis Conway (6-4, 256, r-Jr.)
FG/PAT Hold	89	Robert Peaslee (6-0, 202, r-Sr.)
KO	46	Brandon Pace (5-10, 191, r-Fr.)
	49	Carter Warley (5-11, 195, r-Sr.)
KR	20	Mike Imoh (5-7, 194, So.) AND
	32	Cedric Humes (6-1, 232, r-So.)
PR	4	DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 195, Jr.)
	12	Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-Jr.)

THE LAST TIME ...

TEAM

Scored 90+ points 99, vs. Emory & Henry, 1919
 Scored 80-89 points 86, vs. Roanoke College, 1905
 Scored 70-79 points 77, vs. Akron, 1995
 Scored 60-69 points 63, vs. Arkansas State, 2002
 Scored 50-59 points 50, @ Rutgers, 2001
 Scored 40-49 points 45, @ Miami, 2002
 Back-to-back 40+ games vs. RU (50), @ UCF (46), 2000
 Rushed for 500+ yds 500, @ Pittsburgh, 1993
 Rushed for 400-499 yds 453, vs. Akron, 1995
 Rushed for 300-399 yds 342, vs. Rutgers, 2002
 Rushed for 200-299 yds 272, vs. Virginia, 2002
 Passed for 500+ yds 504, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Passed for 400-499 yds 408, @ Wake Forest, 1972
 Passed for 300-399 yds 312, @ Pittsburgh, 1995
 Passed for 200-299 yds 212, @ WMich, 2002
 Rushed/Passed for 200+ yards vs. UCF, 2001
 232 rush, 202 pass
 Had 600+ yards in total off 606, vs. UConn, 2001
 Had 500-599 yards in total off 559, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Scored on first off play vs. Clemson, 2000
 J. Ferguson 23 TD pass from M. Vick (bowl)
 Won on final off play @ West Virginia, 1999
 S. Graham 44 FG
 Won in overtime @ Miami, 1998
 Recorded a safety vs. West Virginia, 2002
 Recorded two def. TDs vs. Arkansas State, 2002
 Zero punts in a game vs. William & Mary, 1984
 Zero sacks allowed in a game vs. Temple, 2002
 Recorded a shutout @ Western Michigan, 2002
 Held opp. to 0- yds. rush -28, vs. Arkansas St., 1997
 Blocked two kicks in a game vs. LSU, 2002
 Scored special teams TD vs. Virginia, 2002
 Scored def. & spec. teams TD vs. Arkansas St., 2002

INDIVIDUAL

Rushed for 200+ yds 210, M. Vick, @ BC, 2000
 Rushed for 150-199 yds 197, L. Suggs, vs. RU, 2002
 Two players rushed for 100 yards vs. Rutgers, 2002
 (L. Suggs, 197 yds. & K. Jones, 132 yds.)
 Three players rushed for 100 yards ... @ S. Carolina, 1974
 P. Rogers (120), R. Coles (111) & G. Heath (104)
 Had 40+ carries 42, C. Lawrence, vs. Mem. St., 1981
 Had 30-39 carries 37, K. Jones, @ Virginia, 2001
 Had 20-29 carries 25, B. Randall, @ Miami, 2002
 Rushed for 6 TDs T. Francisco, vs. VMI, 1966
 Rushed for 5 TDs L. Suggs, @ UCF, 2000
 Rushed for 4 TDs L. Suggs, vs. Rutgers, 2000
 Rushed for 3 TDs L. Suggs, @ Miami, 2002
 Rushed for 2 TDs L. Suggs, vs. Virginia, 2002

Passed for 500+ yds 504, B. Randall, @ Syr, 2002
 Passed for 300-499 yds ... 312, J. Druckenmiller, @ Pitt, 1995
 Passed for 200-299 yds ... 225, G. Noel, vs. FSU, 2001 (bowl)
 Passed for 5 TDs B. Randall, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Passed for 4 TDs G. Noel, @ Rutgers, 2001
 Passed for 3 TDs G. Noel, @ Virginia, 2001
 Passed for 2 TDs G. Noel, @ Temple, 2001
 Had 50+ pass atts. 50, W. Furrer, @ Oklahoma, 1991
 Had 40-49 pass atts. ... 42, J. Druckenmiller, vs. BC, 1995
 Had 30-39 pass atts. 35, B. Randall, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Had 20-29 pass atts. . 23, B. Randall, vs. Air Force, 2002 (bowl)
 Had 30+ pass comp. ... 34, D. Strock, vs. Houston, 1972
 Had 20-29 pass comp. ... 23, B. Randall, @ Syracuse, 2002
 QB rush/pass for 100 yds. ... B. Randall, @ Miami, 2002
 (132 rush, 165 pass)
 Had 10+ rec 13, N. Cullen, vs. So. Miss, 1990
 Had 250+ yards rec. .. 279, E. Wilford, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Had 200-249 yards rec. 213, R. Scales, @ Wake, 1972
 Had 100+ yards rec. 119, K. Willis, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Had 4 TD receptions 4, E. Wilford @ Syracuse, 2002
 Had 3 TD receptions A. Freeman, vs. Temple, 1993
 Had 2 TD receptions A. Davis, @ Virginia, 2001
 Intercepted 3 passes G. Wilds, @ Syracuse, 2002
 Intercepted 2 passes V. Fuller, vs. Temple, 2002
 Ret. a KO for TD T. Kennedy, @ Louisville, 1992
 Ret. punt for TD D. Hall, vs. Rutgers, 2002
 Ret. an INT for TD W. Pile, @ Miami, 2002
 Ret. a fumble for TD A. Markogiannakis, @ WMU, 2002
 Ret. blocked punt for TD D. Tapp, vs. Virginia, 2002
 Ret. blocked PAT for 2 pts ... J. Smith, @ Syracuse, 1998
 Blocked an extra point ... D. Pugh, vs. Pittsburgh, 2000
 Blocked a FG Team, vs. Marshall, 2002
 Blocked a punt J. Hamilton, vs. Virginia, 2002
 Scored a def. and S.T. TD in a game D. Hall
 vs. Arkansas St, 2002 (49-yd. INT & 69-yd. PR)
 2-point conversion @ Miami, 2002
 R. Johnson pass from Randall
 Made 6 FGs M. Thomas, vs. Vanderbilt, 1989
 Made 5 FGs C. Kinzer, vs. Vanderbilt, 1996
 Made 4 FGs S. Graham, vs. Virginia, 1998
 Made 3 FGs C. Warley, @ UCF, 2000
 Kicked a 60+ FG ... 61, W. Lattimer, vs. Florida St., 1975
 Kicked a 50-59 FG ... 52, S. Graham, @ Pittsburgh, 1999
 Kicked a 40-49 FG 43, C. Warley, vs. Marshall, 2002
 Kicked a 70+ punt 75, J. Kibble, @ Pittsburgh, 1997
 Kicked a 60-69 punt 63, V. Burns, @ Temple, 2001
 Played Off./Def. in same game ... I. Charlton (CB/WR)
 @ Pittsburgh, 1997

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Nathaniel Adibi
Defensive End

Preseason: 1st-team A-A by *The Sporting News* ... Listed as #2 DE in nation by TSN ... 2nd-team A-A by *Athlon*

Last Season: Started 13 games ... Had 9 sacks ... Semifinalist for Hendricks Award

★ Hendricks & Lombardi Awards ★



Mikal Baaqee
Linebacker

Preseason: Athlon 2nd-team All-BIG EAST linebacker

Last Season: Led the team in tackles with 112 ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room

★ Butkus Award ★



Vinnie Burns
Punter

Preseason: N/A

Last Season: Semifinalist for the Ray Guy Award ... 2nd-team All-BIG EAST ... Averaged 40.5 yards per punt

★ Ray Guy Award ★



Cols Colas
Defensive End

Preseason: 1st-team All-BIG EAST by collegefootballnews.com

Last Season: On the watch list for the Hendricks Award ... Had 9 sacks ... Started 9 games ... Led team with 24 QBH

★ Hendricks & Lombardi Awards ★

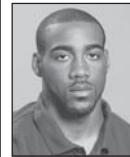


Jake Grove
Center

Preseason: Listed as #1 center in nation & 1st-team A-A by TSN ... Rimington watch list

Last Season: 4th-team A-A by TSN ... Graded at 90.6% for the season

★ Rimington, Outland & Lombardi Trophies ★



DeAngelo Hall
Cornerback/Receiver

Preseason: #6 corner & #14 return man in the nation by TSN ... 2nd-team A-A by Athlon

Last Season: Had 4 INTs, 1 ret. for TD ... Was 7th nationally in PR, 2 ret. for TD

★ Thorpe Award ★



Kevin Jones
Tailback

Preseason: *Playboy* A-A ... #3 RB in nation by TSN ... 1st-team A-A by TSN

Last Season: Was on watch list for Walker Award ... Rushed for 871 yds. & 9 TDs

★ Doak Walker Award ★



Kevin Lewis
Defensive Tackle

Preseason: #9 DT in nation by TSN

Last Season: Started 11 games ... Had 49 total stops ... Had 5 TFL & a sack ... Season shortened by injury

★ Lombardi Award ★



Bryan Randall
Quarterback

Preseason: O'Brien Watch List ...

Last Season: O MVP of SF Bowl ... Set school record for completion percentage, 63.7% ... Threw for 2,134 yds. & rushed for 507 yds.

★ Davey O'Brien Award ★



Vegas Robinson
Linebacker

Preseason: #10 MLB in the nation by TSN

Last Season: Started 11 games ... Had 71 stops, 3 TFL, 3 INTs, 3 QBHs & a forced fumble ... Missed 3 games with ankle injury

★ Butkus Award ★



Ernest Wilford
Wide Receiver

Preseason: Watch List A-A by collegefootballnews.com ... 1st-team All-BIG EAST

by Athlon

Last Season: Set school record with 51 catches ... Had 925 yds. & 7 TDs

★ Biletnikoff Award ★



Keith Willis
Tight End

Preseason: N/A

Last Season: Started 8 games ... Set school record with 87-yd. rec. at Syracuse ... Caught 7 passes for 168 yds. and a TD

★ Mackey Award ★

Frank Beamer Interview Opportunities

BIG EAST TELECONFERENCE

The eight BIG EAST coaches are featured on a weekly teleconference each Monday at 11 a.m. (ET) during the regular season, beginning Aug. 25. Coach Beamer speaks for 10 minutes starting at 11:40 a.m. To access the teleconference, dial [REDACTED]. No password is needed, but you must identify yourself and the outlet you work for. Another option is to go to <http://www.bigeast.org/airwaves> for the Internet link to the broadcast.

TUESDAY PRESS LUNCHEON

On Tuesday at 1 p.m., in the **Shott Media Center, which is located on the bottom level of the South End Zone**. Coach Beamer meets with the media. Luncheons are weekly beginning Tuesday, Aug. 26 through Tuesday, Nov. 25 with the exception of open date weeks (Sept. 9 and Oct. 14). **Media needs to park in the lot adjacent to the track and behind the outfield fence of the softball stadium.** The print media session is recorded and can be listened to by calling [REDACTED] from the menu. The recording should be up by 3 o'clock that day.

POST PRACTICE

Coach Beamer is available for brief on-field interviews immediately after practice on Tuesday and Wednesday (days adjusted for games not on Saturday) during the regular season on the practice field, which is located between Lane Stadium/Worsham Field and the Jamerson Athletic Center.

BY PHONE VIA APPOINTMENT

Coach Beamer is available by phone in the early portions of each week. Contact Dave Smith in the Virginia Tech Sports Information Department to schedule an interview with Coach Beamer.

Virginia Tech Player Interview Opportunities

FOLLOWING THE PRESS LUNCHEON

Virginia Tech players will be made available immediately following head coach Frank Beamer's press luncheon Tuesday afternoon. Requests **MUST** be made by noon on **Monday**. Please contact Bryan Johnston in the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office to make these requests.

POST PRACTICE

Virginia Tech players are available after practice on Tuesday and Wednesday for this week's game by appointment. Interview requests must be to Virginia Tech SID Office by 2 p.m., the day of the interview. Contact Bryan Johnston for player interviews.

BY PHONE VIA APPOINTMENT

Players are available by phone on Tuesday and Wednesday for the UCF game. Interviews will be done following practice, around 6:30 p.m. All phone requests **MUST** be made by noon on Monday. Please contact Bryan Johnston in the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office to make these requests.

Virginia Tech and BIG EAST Conference Satellite Newsfeed

Video highlights of Virginia Tech football, along with an interview with Coach Beamer, are available each Wednesday during the regular season between 2:15 and 2:30 p.m. (ET). For satellite coordinates and information, contact Donna Smith at (540) 231-6726.

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The Gameday section has live stats, radio and television coverage information and other pertinent information. This section is for home games only.

[REDACTED] This media-only Web site is designed to make the media's job easier. Here you will find high-resolution, color mug shots of every Hokie football player and coach available to download.

allstars.hokiesports.com

The official all-star Web site of Virginia Tech athletics. Here you can find updated bios, stats and information on all of Tech's football players up for national awards.

www.bigeast.org

Updated standings, results, schedules, statistics and notes are on the site each week during the season.

www.ucfathletics.com/

This week's opponent's athletics Web site.

Dave Smith: vtsid@vt.edu		THIS WEEK — vs. UCF						Bryan Johnston: blj@vt.edu					
Monday	25	Tuesday	26	Wednesday	27	Thursday	28	Friday	29	Saturday	30	Sunday	31
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BIG EAST Teleconference Beamer: 11:40 a.m. (913) 981-5520		Practice 5:10-6:30 p.m. Interviews Following										Post Game Coach Beamer and players available.	