



# Tech Begins BIG EAST Play at Boston College

Virginia Tech (5-0) vs. Boston College (3-1) • 7:45 p.m., Oct. 10, 2002 • Alumni Stadium

## TONIGHT'S CHECKLIST

- ✓ This will be the 10th meeting between Virginia Tech and Boston College
- ✓ Tech holds a 7-2 advantage in the series, which began in 1993
- ✓ The game will be Tech's first BIG EAST Conference game of the season
- ✓ The Hokies have won 34 of their last 43 regular-season road games
- ✓ Tech is 30-15-1 in night games under Coach Frank Beamer
- ✓ VT is ranked 4th in both the AP poll and the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll
- ✓ The game will be televised by ESPN
- ✓ Tech is 55-14 in televised football games since the start of the 1995 season

## THE SERIES

☛ Thursday night's game will mark the 10th football meeting between Virginia Tech and Boston College. The Hokies hold a 7-2 edge in the series following a 34-20 win last year in Blacksburg.

Tech and BC met for the first time on the gridiron in 1993 with the Eagles taking a 48-34 home win. The following season, the Hokies returned to Alumni Stadium and posted a 12-7 victory. Boston College returned the favor with a 20-14 win at Tech to open the 1995 season.

Tech made it three wins in a row for the visiting team with a 45-7 victory at Boston College in 1996, then ended the trend with a 17-7 win

over BC at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field in 1997.

During the 1998 season, Tech earned a 17-0 victory at Alumni Stadium in a rain-soaked Thursday night game and in '99, the Hokies capped an 11-0 regular season with a 38-14 win in Blacksburg. Tech won at Boston College in 2000 by a score of 48-34.

## THIS SEASON

☛ Virginia Tech is 5-0 following a 30-0 win at Western Michigan on Sept. 28. Tech opened the season with three straight wins at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Hokies beat Arkansas State 63-7 in the third Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. Tech followed that with victories at home against No. 14 Louisiana State (26-8) and No. 16 Marshall (47-21) and a win at No. 19 Texas A&M (13-3).

☛ Boston College has a 3-1 record for the 2002 season, including a 0-1 record in the BIG EAST. The Eagles opened with home wins against UConn (24-16) and Stanford (34-27) before losing at No. 1 Miami (38-6). BC defeated Central Michigan at home 43-0 on Sept. 28.

## TECH ON TURF

☛ The Boston College game will mark Virginia Tech's 44th game on artificial turf since Frank Beamer took the helm in 1987. Tech has won 18 of its last 24 games on turf, but is just 23-20 overall on artificial surfaces under Beamer. Tech will be playing its second-straight game on turf after a 30-0 win at WMU.

## COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10 Virginia Tech has posted a combined 10 quarterback sacks in its last two games.
- 9 Tech has a 9-0 record in BIG EAST Conference openers played on the road.
- 8 Tailback Lee Suggs leads the Hokies with eight touchdowns.
- 7 Seven of Tech's last 10 touchdown drives have covered more than 70 yards.
- 6 Virginia Tech has won its last six football meetings with Boston College.
- 5 The Hokies have started the season with five straight wins for the fifth straight year.
- 4 Tech has blocked a total of four kicks so far in 2002.
- 3 Virginia Tech and Boston College will be meeting in a Thursday night ESPN game for the third time.
- 2 Linebacker Vegas Robinson has two pass interceptions and two fumble recoveries so far this season.
- 1 The Tech defense held Western Michigan to just one rushing first down for the second-straight year.

**COACH FRANK BEAMER**

☛ Frank Beamer (Va. Tech '69), whose teams have averaged nine victories a year over the last nine seasons, is in his 16th year as the head football coach at Virginia Tech. Beamer has guided the Hokies to a 112-65-2 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 nine consecutive bowl appearances, three BIG EAST Conference titles and a trip to the national championship game. Last season, the Hokies posted an 8-4 record and appeared in the Top 20 every week despite having to fill four offensive line spots, the quarterback job vacated by sensational underclassman Michael Vick and the tailback spot left open when All-America tailback Lee Suggs was lost for the season with an injury.

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 that season ranked No. 2 by The Associated Press.

Another highlight of the Hokies' parade of bowl games came when Tech beat Texas, 28-10, in the 1995 Sugar Bowl and finished 10-2. The 1996 Hokies also finished 10-2, bowing to Nebraska, 41-21, in the Orange Bowl. In 1998, Tech registered a 9-3 mark, including a 38-7 win over Alabama in the first Music City Bowl game.

The Hokies posted a record of 7-5 in 1997 after losing to UNC in the Gator Bowl game. The bowl streak started in '93 when Tech beat Indiana in the Independence Bowl, 45-20, to cap a 9-3 season. The Hokies were 8-4 in 1994 after losing to Tennessee, 45-23, in the Gator Bowl.

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.

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. His 154-88-4 overall record ranks him sixth among active Division I-A coaches in wins.

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 55-year-old Hillsville, Va., 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.

**2002 SCHEDULES & RESULTS**

<b>Virginia Tech (5-0; 0-0):</b>	
hW	63- 7 Arkansas State
hW	26- 8 LSU
hW	47-21 Marshall
aW	13- 3 Texas A&M
aW	30- 0 at Western Michigan
Oct.	10 at Boston College (7:45 p.m.)*
	19 Rutgers (tba)*
	26 Temple (tba)*
Nov.	2 Pittsburgh (tba)*
	9 at Syracuse (tba)*
	20 West Virginia (7 p.m.)*
	30 Virginia (tba)
Dec.	7 at Miami (1 p.m.)*
<b>Boston College (3-1; 0-1):</b>	
hW	24-16 Connecticut
hW	34-27 Stanford
aL	6-38 Miami*
hW	43- 0 Central Michigan
Oct.	10 Virginia Tech*
	19 Navy
	26 at Pittsburgh*
Nov.	2 at Notre Dame
	9 at West Virginia*
	16 Syracuse*
	23 at Temple*
	30 Rutgers*

\*BIG EAST games

**STABILITY AT THE TOP**

☛ One of the keys to the success of Virginia Tech football has been the stability of the program. That stability begins with head coach Frank Beamer.

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 15 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 (36 yrs., Penn State); Bobby Bowden (26 yrs., Florida State); and Fisher DeBerry (18 yrs., Air Force).

**ACTIVE WINNERS**

☛ Frank Beamer is ranked sixth among the winningest active NCAA Division I-A football coaches with 154 career wins. Joe Paterno leads the way with 331 wins followed by Bobby Bowden (328), Lou Holtz (237), Jackie Sherrill (176) and Ken Hatfield (156).

**BC COACH TOM O'BRIEN**

☛ Tom O'Brien (Navy '71) is in his sixth season as the head football coach at Boston College, where his record is currently 34-28. O'Brien joined the football staff at Navy in 1975 as the offensive line coach. He served as an assistant coach for the Midshipmen for seven seasons before moving to the University of Virginia in 1982. O'Brien spent 15 seasons working with the offensive unit at Virginia, including the last six as the team's offensive coordinator. He accepted the head coaching job at Boston College in December 1996. O'Brien has guided BC to three straight bowls, including a Music City Bowl win over Georgia in 2001.

**TECH IN THE POLLS**

☛Virginia Tech is ranked No. 4 in both The Associated Press Poll and in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' Poll.

The Hokies posted their highest-ever football rankings during the 1999 and 2000 seasons. Tech finished the 1999 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 last season when it was ranked No. 9 in both polls.

Tech has been ranked a total of 126 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 71 of the last 72 AP polls including the last 60 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. Last year, Tech tied for third in the league, marking just the second time in the last nine years that it did not finish higher than it was picked. Tech has won more games (88) than any BIG EAST team since the start of 1993.

**THE GAME ON TV**

☛The Virginia Tech-Boston College game will be televised nationally by ESPN. Mike Tirico, Kirk Herbstreit, Lee Corso and Dr. Jerry Punch will be the announcing team.

Tech is 18-3 in games televised by ESPN and 10-1 in games shown by ESPN2. The Hokies have won the last 16 games that they have played on ESPN and ESPN2. Earlier this season, Tech defeated Marshall 47-21 in a Thursday night ESPN game. Overall, Tech is 81-42 in televised games, including a 67-30 record during Frank Beamer's tenure as the head coach.

**NIGHT GAMES**

☛Since 1946, Virginia Tech football teams have a 63-48-1 mark in night games, including a 30-15-1 record under Coach Frank Beamer. Tech's last night game was a 47-21 win against Marshall University at Lane Stadium earlier this year. Tech has won 21 of its last 23 regular-season night games. The Hokies have a 13-2 record in night games against BIG EAST opponents.

**TECH ON THE ROAD**

☛Virginia Tech has won 34 of the last 43 regular-season road games it has played, including 19 of its last 25 BIG EAST Conference road games. Tech is 2-0 on the road this season following a 13-3 win at Texas A&M and a 30-0 victory at Western Michigan.

**SCORING STREAK**

☛Tech has scored in a school record 87 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.

**BIG EAST STANDINGS**

Team	Conf.	Overall
Miami	2-0-0	5-0-0
Pittsburgh	2-0-0	5-1-0
Virginia Tech	0-0-0	5-0-0
West Virginia	0-0-0	3-2-0
Boston College	0-1-0	3-1-0
Syracuse	0-1-0	1-4-0
Rutgers	0-1-0	1-4-0
Temple	0-1-0	1-4-0

**Saturday, Oct. 5**

Pittsburgh 48, Syracuse 24  
 Maryland 48, West Virginia 17  
 Miami 48, Connecticut 14

**Thursday, Oct. 10**

Virginia Tech at Boston College

**Saturday, Oct. 12**

Syracuse at Temple  
 West Virginia at Rutgers  
 Florida State at Miami  
 Pittsburgh at Notre Dame

**2001 RESULTS**

**Virginia Tech (8-4; 4-3):**

hW 52-10 Connecticut  
 hW 31- 0 Western Michigan  
 aW 50- 0 Rutgers\*  
 hW 46-14 UCF  
 aW 35- 0 West Virginia\*  
 hW 34-20 Boston College\*  
 hL 14-22 Syracuse\*  
 aL 7-38 Pittsburgh\*  
 aW 35- 0 Temple\*  
 aW 31-17 Virginia  
 hL 24-26 Miami\*  
 nL 17-30 Florida State  
 (Toyota Gator Bowl)

**Boston College (8-4; 4-3):**

hW 34-10 West Virginia\*  
 aL 22-38 Stanford  
 aW 38-21 Navy  
 hW 31-10 Army  
 hW 33-10 Temple\*  
 aL 20-34 Virginia Tech\*  
 hW 45- 7 Pittsburgh\*  
 hW 21-17 Notre Dame  
 hL 7-18 Miami\*  
 aW 38- 7 Rutgers\*  
 aL 28-39 Syracuse\*  
 nW 20-16 Georgia  
 (Music City Bowl)

\*BIG EAST game

**Last Game**

**Tech Overcomes Slow Start to Post Road Win at WMU**

Sept. 28, 2002 • Waldo Field • Attendance 27,218

KALAMAZOO, Mich. — A pair of touchdowns in the final two minutes of the first half helped propel No. 5 Virginia Tech to a 30-0 victory at Western Michigan University.

The Hokies led just 3-0 before scoring twice within a 20-second span of the second quarter. A 28-yard shovel pass from quarterback Bryan Randall to tailback Lee Suggs produced Tech's first touchdown with 1:41 remaining in the half. At the 1:21 mark, linebacker Alex Markogiannakis scooped up a WMU fumble and rambled 25 yards for another Tech touchdown to give the Hokies a 16-0 lead at the end of the half.

Tech's defense produced another stellar showing, allowing just 35 yards on the ground and 268 yards overall. Tech defenders forced three fumbles, posted five quarterback sacks and compiled 21 QB hurries.

Randall directed the Hokies on scoring drives of 84 and 77 yards in the second half. He completed 13 of 19 passes for 194 yards during the game and added 40 yards rushing.

Virginia Tech	0	16	7	7	—	30
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	—	0

- VT (14:18 re 2nd) — FG Mollerup 37
- VT (1:41 re 2nd) — Suggs 28 pass from Randall (kick failed)
- VT (1:21 re 2nd) — Markogiannakis 25 fumble return (Mollerup kick)
- VT (8:52 re 3rd) — Suggs 5 run (Warley kick)
- VT (11:28 re 4th) — Jones 2 run (Warley kick)

<b>Team Stats</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>WMU</b>
First downs	19	12
Rushing yds.	39-128	27-37
Passing yds.	212	233
Return yds.	58	6
Passes	14-25-2	24-44-0
Punts-avg.	6-44	8-37
Fumbles-lost	2-0	3-3
Penalties-yds.	4-30	9-74
Time of poss.	29:53	30:07
Sacks by	5-30	1-4

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — VT, Suggs 13-48, Randall 8-40, Jones 14-36, Humes 1-3, Imoh 1-3, Team 2-(-2); WMU, Reed 15-31, Riley 3-18, Munson 1-(-3), Drach 8-(-11).  
 Passing — VT, Randall 13-19-2-194, Noel 1-6-0-18; WMU, Drach 22-39-0-210, Munson 2-4-0-23, Thomas 0-1-0-0.  
 Receiving — VT, Wilford 2-38, Willis 2-27, Johnson 2-26, Parham 2-20, Easlick 2-(-2), Witten 1-34, Suggs 1-28, Hamilton 1-23, Spence 1-18; WMU, Mosley 7-66, Afariogun 4-31, Chestnut 3-54, Lewis 3-15, Thomas 2-12, Walker 1-26, Johnson 1-12, Reed 1-6, Jennings 1-6, Kiner 1-5.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

☛ Virginia Tech split end **Terrell Parham** (Bartow, Fla.), linebacker **Alex Markogiannakis** (Chantilly, Va.) and flanker **Richard Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.) all made their first collegiate starts against Western Michigan.

☛ When quarterback **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) threw an interception in the first quarter against WMU, it marked the first Tech pass that had been intercepted during the 2002 season.

☛ **Jon Mollerup** (Lyndhurst, Va.) attempted his first varsity field goal and extra point during Tech's win at Western Michigan. Mollerup, who handles the Hokies' kickoffs, was pressed into duty in the first half when starter **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.) complained of back pains. Mollerup hit a 37-yard field goal for Tech's first points and made one of two extra point attempts. He missed on a 42-yard field goal try. Warley returned to kick two extra points in the second half.

☛ **Senior Alex Markogiannakis** (Chantilly, Va.) became the 38th different Virginia Tech player to score a defensive touchdown since Frank Beamer took over as the head coach in 1987. Markogiannakis picked up a WMU fumble and returned it 25 yards for his first career touchdown. It was the 47th touchdown scored by the defense under Beamer.

☛ When the Hokies and Broncos played a scoreless first quarter, it marked the first scoreless opening quarter in a Tech game since a 1999 game against West Virginia in Morgantown.

☛ Tech was the highest ranked team (No. 5) to ever play a football game at a Mid-American Conference stadium.

**NOTING TECH-BC**

☛ After piling up 213 yards rushing against Virginia Tech during the 2000 season, Boston College managed just 58 yards on the ground during its 34-20 loss in Blacksburg last year. BC tailback William Green, who came into the game as the nation's No. 5 rusher at 142.6 yards a game, was held to 74 yards on 21 carries by the Hokies' top-rated defense. It marked the only time during the season that Green failed to reach 100 yards rushing.

☛ Kevin McCadam returned a fumble nine yards for a touchdown against Boston College in 2001. It marked the fourth straight game in which the Tech defense had scored a touchdown — a first in Frank Beamer's 15-plus seasons as head coach. Tech had scored defensive touchdowns in three consecutive games on two other occasions under Beamer.

☛ Flanker André Davis caught six passes for 112 yards against the Eagles last season as a senior. In 1999, Davis had 172 yards receiving against Boston College.

☛ Tech failed to rush for 200 yards in the 2001 BC game, marking the first time since a 2000 loss at Miami that the Hokies had not registered 200 yards on the ground, a stretch of eight games. It also ended a string of 13 straight home games in which the Hokies had gained 200 or more yards on the ground, dating back to the UAB game in 1999.

☛ Boston College had 16 penalties for 120 yards in last year's game in Blacksburg. Both totals were team highs against the Hokies in 2001.

☛ Wide receiver **Shawn Witten** (Elizabethton, Tenn.) turned in a personal-best 48 yards receiving last season against Boston College.

**Last Season**

**Tech Grounds Eagles in Key BIG EAST Conference Tilt**

**Oct. 13, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662**

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech put Boston College away early during an important, 34-20, BIG EAST win at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Hokies scored 21 first-quarter points and led 34-0 before BC got on the board with three late scores.

Tech quarterback Grant Noel passed for two touchdowns and ran for another in helping the Hokies to the Homecoming win. Noel hooked up with flanker André Davis on a 37-yard TD pass on Tech's first possession, then scored on a run from the one on the Hokies' second drive of the game. Noel and Davis also combined on a 34-yard scoring pass in the third quarter. Tailback Keith Burnell aided the cause with 111 yards rushing on 19 carries.

Tech's defense supplied a touchdown for the fourth straight game when defensive end Jim Davis tipped away an option pitch by BC quarterback Brian St. Pierre and rover Kevin McCadam scooped up the loose ball and returned it nine yards to the end zone.

Boston College	0	0	7	13	—	20
Virginia Tech	21	3	10	0	—	34

- VT (10:20 re 1st) — Davis 37 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (7:56 re 1st) — Noel 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (5:47 re 1st) — McCadam 9 fumble return (Warley kick)
- VT (12:16 re 2nd) — FG Warley 19
- VT (8:23 re 3rd) — Davis 34 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (6:04 re 3rd) — FG Warley 39
- BC (3:57 re 3rd) — Green 8 run ( McMyler kick)
- BC (8:38 re 4th) — Burke 31 pass from St. Pierre (kick failed)
- BC (0:09 re 4th) — Burke 11 pass from St. Pierre (Sciortino kick)

<b>Team Stats</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>VT</b>
First downs	12	23
Rushes-yds.	28-58	49-171
Passing yds.	180	225
Return yds.	75	71
Passes	13-26-0	16-29-2
Punts-avg.	8-45	4-40
Fumbles-lost	4-3	4-0
Penalties-yds.	16-120	8-70
Time of poss.	22:04	37:56
Sacks by	2-10	2-11

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — BC, Green 21-74, St. Pierre 7-(-16); VT, Burnell 19-111, Jones 17-60, Ferguson 5-7, Team 2-(-3), Noel 6-(-4).

Passing — BC, St. Pierre 13-26-0-180; VT, Noel 16-28-1-225, Randall 0-1-1-0.

Receiving — BC, Dewalt 4-60, Green 4-5, Read 2-63, Burke 2-42, Ryan 1-10; VT, Davis 6-112, Witten 3-48, Burnell 2-9, Parham 1-24, Wynn 1-19, E. Johnson 1-9, Jones 1-5, Ferguson 1-(-1).

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

☛Sophomore **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.), who saw only limited action as Tech's top backup at quarterback last season, has already had a hand in four wins in 2002, including three over nationally-ranked opponents. Randall came off the bench after the first two series to direct the Tech attack against LSU and made his first collegiate start against Marshall. He completed 10 of 11 passes for 119 yards in his first road game start at Texas A&M. He added 194 yards passing and 40 rushing during Tech's win at WMU. Randall ran for two touchdowns and passed for another in the 2002 opener against Arkansas State. He has connected on 39 of his 59 passing attempts (66 percent) for 527 yards and two touchdowns. He has also contributed 132 yards and a pair of touchdowns on the ground.

### NOEL'S KNEE

☛Quarterback **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W.Va.) underwent a 15-minute arthroscopic procedure on Tuesday, Sept. 3 to evaluate his left knee. Noel had been slightly limited for about three weeks due to "clicking" in his knee. He opened his senior season as Tech's starter despite a torn ACL in his left knee. Noel, who took over the starting duties last season, injured his knee just days before the Hokies' 2002 spring game. When tests showed there was not a significant amount of looseness in the knee, Noel opted to forego surgery, which would likely have meant the end of his Tech playing career. Instead, he underwent conservative treatment involving a brace and rehabilitation. During his recent procedure, doctors found a partially torn lateral meniscus, which was trimmed up along with the portion of the ACL that was torn during the spring. Noel did not see action against Marshall or Texas A&M. He played two series at WMU.

### Extra Points

☛Tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) became the BIG EAST Conference's all-time leader in total touchdowns when he scored two TDs during Virginia Tech's win at Western Michigan. Suggs, who now has 40 career touchdowns, broke the conference mark of 39 that was shared by William Green of Boston College and Amos Zereoue of West Virginia. Suggs is currently tied with Zereoue for the BIG EAST record for career rushing touchdowns with 38. The Tech senior has scored at least one touchdown in each of the 18 games that he has started for the Hokies, including the 2001 Gator Bowl game. During those 18 games, Suggs has posted a total of 41 TDs. Three of those touchdowns came against Clemson in the Gator Bowl and don't count in his career total because they came in a bowl game. That NCAA rule will change this season, but will not be retroactive. Suggs' official career total now stands at 40 (38 rushing, two receiving). He scored two touchdowns as a reserve in 1999.

☛Virginia Tech's rushing defense is ranked No. 1 in NCAA Division I-A statistics, allowing just 42.2 yards per game. The Tech defense held Western Michigan to just 35 yards rushing. The Hokies have held all five opponents this season to 80 yards or less on the ground. The Hokies are also ranked No. 1 in scoring defense at 7.8 points per game. Tech has finished among the top 20 Division I-A teams in rushing defense six of the last seven seasons and has been ranked among the top 15 teams in scoring defense six of the past seven years.

☛Tech has allowed just three points in the first half of play this season. The Hokies have outscored their opponents 109-3 in the first half and 135-10 during the first three quarters of play. Since the beginning of the 1993 season, Tech has posted a 72-5 record in games when it is leading at the half. During that same stretch, the Hokies are 7-0 in games when the score is tied at the half and 9-20 in contests when they have trailed at the half. Tech has won the last 31 games it has led at halftime.

☛Seven of Virginia Tech's last 10 touchdown drives have covered more than 70 yards, with five covering more than 80 yards. The Hokies had touchdown drives of 90, 22, 85, 73, 81 and 46 yards against Marshall University. Tech's lone touchdown drive at Texas A&M was 86 yards, while its TD drives at Western Michigan were 68, 84 and 77 yards. The average time of the 10 drives was 4:13.

☛Virginia Tech ranks second nationally in turnover margin at plus-2.20 per game. Tech has made the most of its opportunities this season, scoring 58 points off of its opponents' 16 turnovers. Tech's five turnovers this season have not led to any points. The Hokies are tied for fourth nationally in fumbles recovered with 11 and tied for 15th in turnovers gained with 16.

**LEE AND KJ**

☛ Virginia Tech's tailback duo of senior **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) and sophomore **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) was ranked among the nation's best backfield combinations in many preseason publications. In a contest to nickname the duo held on the Hokies' official athletics Web site hokiesports.com, an amazing 4,016 potential slogans were submitted over a one-month period. After going through all of the choices, Suggs and Jones chose Jeremy Reynolds of Danville, Va., as the winner with his slogan of "The Untouchables."

☛ **Lee Suggs** appears to have regained the form that helped him earn All-America honors in 2000. Suggs has made good showings in Tech's early-season games. He rushed seven times for 87 yards and a touchdown against Arkansas State in his first appearance since the opening game of 2001. He added 91 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries in the LSU game and had 24 carries for 153 yards and two TDs versus Marshall. He is averaging 5.4 yards per carry.

Suggs was lost to the Virginia Tech football team for the 2001 season after suffering a torn ACL in his left knee during the Hokies' 52-10 win over Connecticut. Suggs rushed for 99 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries before injuring his knee in the third quarter.

Suggs made quite an impact in 2000, his first year as a starter. He finished first in the Division I-A ranks in scoring (15.27 ppg) and touchdowns (28) and led the BIG EAST Conference in both scoring and rushing (109.1 ypg).

Suggs' final rushing tally of 1,207 yards was the third-best single-season mark in school history and the best during coach Frank Beamer's 15 seasons. He tied a school season mark with six 100-yard games. He posted a career-high 164 yards against Pittsburgh.

Suggs scored five TDs at UCF, and four versus both Rutgers and Virginia in 2000. He carried the football a total of 222 times without a fumble and was named third-team All-America by The Associated Press.

With his two touchdowns in the UConn game, Suggs established new Tech career records for both rushing touchdowns and total TDs. He currently ranks third on Tech's career scoring list with 240 points. Both players ahead of him on the list are place-kickers.

Suggs' career rushing total of 1,872 yards ranks 15th at Tech. He needs just 57 yards to pass Kenny Lewis (1,928) for 14th place.

☛ Highly-touted **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) lived up to his billing in his first season with the Hokies, earning 2001 BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors. The true freshman running back became a prominent figure in the Tech offense after 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 the final three regular-season games, 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*. His 87-yard TD run at Temple was the longest for a Tech freshman.

Jones opened the 2002 season by gaining 31 yards on four carries in the Arkansas State game. He scored on a 19-yard run and also posted three tackles on special teams. Jones rushed for 70 yards and a TD against LSU and carried 24 times for 171 yards and three TDs versus Marshall.

**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	6-0	194
TE	6-5	255
OT	6-5	310
OG	6-4	308
C	6-3	292
QB	6-1	203
FB	6-0	227
TB	6-0	204
DE	6-2	247
DT	6-2	278
ILB	6-1	225
OLB	6-0	206
CB	5-11	188
SAF	6-2	197

**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 21 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams. Altogether, the defense and special teams have combined for 74 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 57 in Tech's last 103 games.

Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 47 TDs, with 27 coming on pass interceptions, 18 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 27 TDs, including 13 on blocked punts, eight 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 55 different players on Tech's defense and special teams have scored touchdowns. 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 **DeAngelo Hall** — scored twice. Ike Charlton and Ricky Hall had three scores and André Davis had four.

Since the start of the 1993 season, Tech is 38-5 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-yard 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.

**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 94 blocks in Beamer's 179 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 48 punts (13 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 nine kicks against the Panthers and eight versus the Mountaineers and 'Canes.

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

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

**VIRGINIA TECH'S BLOCKED KICKS UNDER FRANK BEAMER**

Totals: 94 in 179 games (48 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 Semonos) 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 (2 punts, 2 FG)**

LSU – punt+ (Justin Hamilton)  
punt@ (Jason Lallis) hW  
Marshall – FG+ (Team) hW  
Western Michigan – FG (Jeff King) aW

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

**GOOD COMPETITION**

☛The competition continues to be close for several positions on the Virginia Tech depth chart, including the rover and whip linebacker spots and tight end.

Senior **Billy Hardee** (Winter Haven, Fla.) and redshirt junior **Michael Crawford** (Baltimore, Md.) took turns holding the top spot at the rover position during the preseason before Crawford got the starting nod prior to the opener. Crawford turned in his best game at Texas A&M with five tackles, a tackle for loss, a sack, a fumble caused and a pass broken up. Hardee had six tackles, a fumble recovery and a pass broken up against Western Michigan. Crawford has 16 tackles for the year, while Hardee has 14.

**Mike Daniels** (Fairfax, Va.), who started the final four games of the 2001 season at whip linebacker, is battling fellow redshirt sophomore **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.) for the starting duties this fall. Manning has started four of the Hokies' five games this season and is fourth on the team in tackles with 27. Daniels, who was slowed during the preseason by a hamstring injury, started the Marshall game and has a total of 16 tackles for the season.

Redshirt junior **Keith Willis** (Norfolk, Va.) has started all five games at tight end after working behind veterans Browning Wynn and Bob Slowikowski the past two seasons. Willis has increased his bench press to 390 pounds, best among the tight ends, and leads the position with a 32-inch vertical jump. He has four receptions for 49 yards on the season.

Redshirt freshman **Jeff King** (Pulaski, Va.) has also seen a substantial amount of playing time at the position and caught a TD pass against ASU. **Jared Mazzetta** (Flemington, N.J.), who was slowed by a preseason ankle injury, could also see increased playing time.

**VEGAS**

☛Defensive coordinator Bud Foster had some big shoes to fill at the backer position, but he may have hit the jackpot with **Vegas Robinson** (Chesapeake, Va.). Robinson has taken over the spot held by Ben Taylor, a two-time All-American and Butkus Award semi-finalist.

Robinson, who saw action on just 78 defensive plays last year, has been in on 240 plays this season. He ranks second on the team in tackles with 32 and has also contributed two pass interceptions, two tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and a pair of quarterback hurries.

The redshirt junior attained Elite Athlete status during the spring with a 370-pound bench press, a 39 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.47 forty.

**2002 START CHART**

Pos.	Offense (starts)
SE	Ernest Wilford (4) Terrell Parham (1)
LT	Anthony Davis (5)
LG	Jacob Gibson (3) James Miller (2)
C	Jake Grove (5)
RG	Luke Owens (5)
RT	Jon Dunn (5)
TE	Keith Willis (5)
QB	Bryan Randall (3) Grant Noel (2)
FB	Doug Easlick (5)
TB	Lee Suggs (5)
FL	Shawn Witten (4) Richard Johnson (1)
Pos.	Defense (starts)
E	Nathaniel Adibi (5)
T	Kevin Lewis (5)
T	Jason Lallis (5)
E	Jim Davis (3) Cols Colas (2)
OLB	Brandon Manning (4) Mike Daniels (1)
ILB	Mikal Baaqee (4) Alex Markogiannakis (1)
ILB	Vegas Robinson (5)
BC	DeAngelo Hall (5)
FS	Willie Pile (5)
ROV	Michael Crawford (5)
FC	Ronyell Whitaker (3) Vincent Fuller (2)

**SECONDARY EXPERIENCE**

☛Virginia Tech's defensive secondary features an experienced cast of performers led by senior returning starters **Ronyell Whitaker** (Norfolk, Va.) and **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) and dynamic sophomore **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.).

Prior to the season, the Tech secondary was rated among the nation's best by several preseason magazines, but the loss of versatile junior **Eric Green** (Clewiston, Fla.) with a season-ending knee injury and the suspension of Whitaker for two games forced the Hokies to shuffle their lineup. During Whitaker's absence, secondary coach Lorenzo Ward started promising sophomore free safety **Vincent Fuller** (Baltimore, Md.) at the field corner spot were Whitaker and Green were both working. Fuller and experienced redshirt junior **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) combined to solidify the position. Fuller has four pass breakups and Wilds has 20 tackles.

Whitaker returned to the starting lineup against Marshall, but Fuller continues to see significant time at corner while also backing up Pile at free safety. Pile, who is in his third season as a starter, has been rated as one of the top free safeties in Division I-A for the second straight year. He currently leads the team with 35 tackles. True freshman **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.) has also seen limited playing time at safety.

Hall, the starting boundary corner, was listed as the best athlete in the BIG EAST by *Street & Smith's* preseason magazine and showed why by returning a punt and an interception for touchdowns in Tech's opening game. Hall has 20 tackles and leads the team in pass breakups with six.

Redshirt freshman **D.J. Walton** (Woodbridge, Va.) and true freshman **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.) have also seen some limited action in the secondary.

**DON'T FORGET THESE GUYS**

☛Virginia Tech's tailbacks and defensive backfield have been rated among the best units in the nation, but it's hard to overlook the Hokies' defensive ends.

This year's group of ends ranks with the best Tech has had. The veteran group includes redshirt junior **Nathaniel Adibi** (Hampton, Va.), who has played in 29 games, 26 as a starter; senior **Lamar Cobb** (Hurt, Va.), who has played in 32 games, 20 as a starter; redshirt junior **Cols Colas** (Plantation, Fla.), who has played in 27 games, six as a starter; and junior **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.), who has played in 26 games, six as a starter.

Last season, those four players combined for 49 quarterback hurries and 11 of the Hokies' 30 sacks. This season, they have already produced 31 hurries and 13 sacks in just five games.

Davis is a play-maker who is trying to shake a nagging ankle injury. Last year, he tied for the team lead in sacks with 4.5, intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown and forced two fumbles that were returned for TDs. He has 12 tackles, three sacks, four total tackles for loss, five hurries and three passes batted down so far in 2002.

Adibi, the team's most outstanding leader during 2002 spring practice, has already equalled his career high with five sacks. He has 14 tackles and six hurries.

Colas' power and explosive speed – 390 bench press and 4.41 forty – make him hard to handle on the corner. He led the team with 17 hurries last fall and added 3.5 sacks. He has 12 hurries and four sacks already this season.

Cobb led the ends in tackles last year with 46. He currently has eight hurries, a sack and 10 tackles.

Fast-rising true freshman **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.) has contributed 12 tackles and three hurries.

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Nathaniel ADIBI .....	uh-DEE-bee
MIKAL BAAQEE .....	meh-CALL bah-KEY
Chris BUIE .....	BOO-ee
John CANDELAS .....	can-DELL-us
COLS COLAS .....	coles CO-las
Billy HARDEE .....	har-DEE
Mike IMOH .....	EEE-moh
Ken KEISTER .....	KEES-ter
Jason LALLIS .....	LAH-liss
Alex MARKOGIANNAKIS .....	marko-gee-an-knock-us
Jared MAZZETTA .....	muh-ZEH-tah
Jon MOLLERUP .....	MAH-ler-up
Grant NOEL .....	knoll
Chris PANNELL .....	puh-NELL
Robert PEASLEE .....	PEESE-lee
Tim SANDIDGE .....	SAN-didge
Chris SHREVE .....	shreev
Carter WARLEY .....	WOR-lee

**ON THE RECEIVING END**

☛A lot of attention was paid to the receiving positions during the spring and preseason as Tech looked to replace veteran wideouts André Davis and Emmett Johnson.

A variety of players have seen action in Tech's first five games with redshirt junior **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) and seniors **Shawn Witten** (Elizabethton, Tenn.) and **Terrell Parham** (Bartow, Fla.) leading the way. Wilford tops the team with eight catches for 176 yards, an average of 22 yards a catch. Witten has seven catches for 118 yards and Parham seven for 54.

**Richard Johnson** (r-So.; Baltimore, Md.) got his first start as a Hokie at Western Michigan and has three catches on the season. **Justin Hamilton** (r-Fr.; Clintwood, Va.), who was moved from tailback during the spring, has two catches for 28 yards. **Mike Imoh** (Fr.; Fairfax, Va.) saw brief action at flanker catching four passes for 28 yards and a TD, but has since moved to tailback. **Chris Shreve** (r-Jr.; Mouth of Wilson, Va.) and **Chris Clifton** (r-Fr.; Chesapeake, Va.) have also seen playing time.

**CLEARING THE WAY**

☛Leading the charge for Tech's highly-touted running backs is an offensive line that ranks among the largest in school history. The unit is anchored by 6-3, 292-pound **Jake Grove** (r-Jr.; Forest, Va.) who moved to center this year after starting every game at guard in 2001. Grove has been outstanding, earning a spot in the Winner's Circle every game with a grade of over 80 percent. He shares the team lead in knockdown blocks with 15.

Also back from last year's starting lineup are 6-4, 322-pound left tackle **Anthony Davis** (Victoria, Va.) and 6-3, 310-pound right guard **Luke Owens** (Grundy, Va.). Davis, who has joined Grove in the Winner's Circle every game, has posted 15 knockdowns, while Owens has 11.

**Jon Dunn** (r-So.; Virginia Beach, Va.), the 6-7, 319-pound right tackle is making big strides with 13 knockdown blocks. Six-four, 302-pound **Jacob Gibson** (r-Jr.; Rocky Mount, Va.) and 6-6, 304-pound **James Miller** (So.; Pompano Beach, Fla.) have both seen starting time at left guard. Gibson has 15 knockdowns.

### FRESH FACES

☞ Twelve true freshmen have dressed for the Hokies this season. True freshmen who dress on offense are tackles **Reggie Butler** (Keswick, Va.) and **Jimmy Martin** (Fairfax, Va.), center **Danny McGrath** (Herndon, Va.), tailback **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.), quarterback **Marcus Vick** (Newport News, Va.) and tailback **John Candelas** (Blacksburg, Va.). The true freshmen on defense who are dressing are end **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.), tackle **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.), cornerback **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.) and safety **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.). Kickers **Nic Schmitt** (Salem, Va.) and **Brandon Pace** (Virginia Beach, Va.) round out the group. All but Vick, Schmitt and Pace have played.

☞ The busiest of the true freshmen are **Darryl Tapp**, who is a starter on five different special teams and has also seen action at defensive end, and defensive tackle **Jonathan Lewis**. Tapp has played 75 snaps at end and 115 plays on special teams. Lewis has been in on 125 plays at tackle and 25 on special teams.

### THE OTHER BACKS

☞ While tailbacks **Lee Suggs** and **Kevin Jones** are stealing all the headlines, **Doug Easlick** (r-Jr.; Marlton, N.J.), **Cedric Humes** (r-Fr.; Virginia Beach, Va.) and **Josh Spence** (r-So.; Riner, Va.) are quietly handling the fullback duties.

All three have seen action in each of the first five games with Easlick getting the starting nod. Easlick has rushed seven times for 36 yards and caught five passes for 16 yards. Humes, who worked some at both fullback and tailback during the Arkansas State game, has rushed for 58 yards on 13 carries. He also has three pass receptions for 22 yards. Spence has also seen his share of action, rushing four times for 26 yards and catching a pass for an 18-yard gain.

### BIG EAST HONORS

☞ Senior free safety **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) was named the BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week following Tech's win at Texas A&M. Pile led the Hokies with 10 tackles, including five solo hits. He also intercepted a pass and returned it 17 yards to set up Tech's go-ahead field goal. Pile added a fumble recovery that he returned 31 yards.

☞ Sophomore tailback **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) was named the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Week for his showing against No. 16 Marshall. Jones carried 24 times for 171 yards and three touchdowns in Tech's 47-21 win. Two of his TDs came in the first half to help the Hokies build a 20-0 lead.

☞ **Mikal Baaqee** (Columbia, Md.) was named BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week after the Hokies' win against Marshall. The redshirt sophomore linebacker set up Tech's second touchdown with an interception. He also contributed three solo tackles, six assists and a pass broken up.

☞ Junior defensive end **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.) was named BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week after posting six tackles, three sacks and two hurries against LSU. Davis was the first Tech player to have three sacks in a game since 1999 when rover Cory Bird had three versus Boston College.

☞ Punter **Vinnie Burns** (New Orleans, La.) enjoyed his best career punting day as a Hokie against a team from his home state. Burns was named the BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week after averaging a personal-best 44.7 yards per punt against LSU. Four of Burns' nine punts covered 50 yards or more and four were placed inside the Tigers' 20-yard line.

### TWO-MINUTE DRILL

☞ Virginia Tech has a 4-1 record in games played at Boston College's Alumni Stadium. Tech's only loss at BC came in 1993.

☞ Tech has allowed just eight rushing touchdowns during its last 16 regular-season games.

☞ Tech inside linebackers **Vegas Robinson** (Chesapeake, Va.) and **Mikal Baaqee** (Columbia, Md.) have accounted for three of Tech's five pass interceptions in 2002.

☞ The Hokies have held teams to under 100 yards rushing in 13 of their last 16 regular-season games.

☞ Only two of Tech's top 20 tacklers this season are seniors.

☞ The Hokies' net punting average of 40 yards per kick ranks eighth nationally in Division I-A.

☞ Punt returner **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.) is currently ranked 12th nationally in punt returns with an average of 16 yards per return.

☞ Tech's 60-consecutive appearances in the AP Poll represent the third-longest active streak behind Florida and Michigan.

☞ Since the start of BIG EAST Conference round-robin play in 1993, Tech is 61-3 when it rushes for 200 yards or more.

☞ Quarterback **Bryan Randall's** 90.9 completion percentage against Texas A&M (10-for-11) tied for the second-best single-game percentage in BIG EAST Conference history.

☞ Brothers **Kevin** and **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) have combined for 38 tackles, eight quarterback hurries and five tackles for loss at defensive tackle.

☛ Seven of defensive end **Cols Colas'** 14 tackles this season have come behind the line of scrimmage.

☛ Half of punter **Vinnie Burns'** 28 punts have been downed inside opponents' 20-yard line.

☛ The Hokies lead the BIG EAST in scoring defense, rushing defense turnover margin and punting.

☛ Texas A&M's 3-0 first-quarter lead marks the only time this year that Tech has trailed in a game.

☛ Fifteen of Virginia Tech's 17 quarterback sacks this season have come from the defensive ends and tackles.

☛ Tech's top tacklers on special teams have been redshirt junior **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) and true freshman **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.). Both players have been in on six special teams tackles. **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) is next with five.

☛ **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.), **Ronyell Whitaker** (Norfolk, Va.) and **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.) are all on the watch list for the Jim Thorpe Award, given to the nation's top defensive back.

☛ Senior tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) has not lost a fumble in his last 363 regular-season carries and his last 383 overall carries, including the 2001 Gator Bowl. The only lost fumble of his career came against Rutgers on his 14th carry of the 1999 season.

☛ **Richard Johnson** (Baltimore, Md.) has gained yardage rushing, receiving and on both punt and kick-off returns this season.

☛ Forty-five of the last 50 passes caught by Virginia Tech tight ends have produced first downs.

### Extra Points

☛ Free safety **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) was named the Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Tech's 13-3 victory at Texas A&M. Pile had 10 tackles in the game, including five solo hits. He also contributed an interception and a fumble recovery. Pile returned the interception 17 yards and advanced the fumble 31 yards. Pile has been added to the watch list for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, which will be presented on Dec. 9.

☛ Tech's win at Texas A&M marked the 10th straight season the Hokies have won their first road game of the year. Tech's win at Texas A&M was the first by a non-conference team at A&M's Kyle Field during Aggie coach R.C. Slocum's 13-plus seasons at the helm. Texas A&M had posted 29 consecutive victories against non-conference teams in College Station under Slocum. The last non-conference team to win at Kyle Stadium was Alabama in 1988.

☛ Former high school teammates **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.) and **Mikal Baaqee** (Columbia, Md.) made their first Tech starts in the same game. Lallis opened at tackle and Baaqee at mike linebacker against Arkansas State. The two players entered Tech together after starring at DeMatha High School. Both players had an impact on the Arkansas State game. Lallis picked up an ASU fumble in the second quarter and rambled 59 yards for a touchdown. Baaqee forced a pass interception that teammate **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.) returned for a TD and earned the most points on defense.

☛ During the Arkansas State game, sophomore **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.) became the first player in coach Frank Beamer's 15-plus seasons at Tech to score a touchdown on defense and a touchdown on special teams in the same game. Hall scored on a 69-yard punt return and a 49-yard interception return during the first quarter of the ASU game.

☛ 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. Kevin, a redshirt sophomore starter, posted six tackles including a sack which forced a fumble that was returned for a touchdown. Jonathan, a true freshman, played 22 downs and was in on five tackles. They are the first brothers to play side-by-side at Tech since offensive linemen T.J. and Todd Washington in 1995 and 1996.

☛ Two Tech players made their first collegiate pass receptions count against Arkansas State. Tight end **Jeff King** (Pulaski, Va.) grabbed a 19-yard touchdown pass from **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W. Va.) for his first catch as a Hokie, while flanker **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.) hauled in a 19-yard TD toss from **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) for his first reception at Tech.

### MORE ON TECH-BC

☛ Virginia Tech rushed for 420 yards during its 48-34 win at Boston College in 2000. The 420 yards marked the most rushing yardage for Tech since running for 453 yards against Akron in 1995. It remains the most rushing yards in a BIG EAST game for the Hokies since 1993 when they piled up a school-record 500 yards on the ground against Pittsburgh.

☛ Michael Vick rushed for 210 yards against BC in 2000, the most rushing yards ever in a single game by a Tech quarterback and the third-best rushing total for any Tech player. The previous school mark of 204 yards was set by Bob Schweickert against Richmond in 1963. Vick also set a new record for a BIG EAST quarterback, breaking the old mark of 147 yards set by Syracuse's Kevin Mason against Pittsburgh in 1994.

☛ Michael Vick and tailback **Lee Suggs** combined for 355 yards rushing against the Eagles, the most ever by two Tech players in a game. The previous high was 336 yards by quarterback Bob Schweickert (204) and fullback Sonny Utz (132) versus Richmond in 1963. Tech had three players — Phil Rogers (120), Roscoe Coles (111) and George Heath (104) — combine for 335 yards in a game at South Carolina in 1974.

☛ The Hokies allowed 213 yards rushing in the 2000 game. It was the most yards rushing by a Tech foe since Nebraska ran for 279 yards against the Hokies in the 1996 Orange Bowl. The 213 yards were the most given up in a win since allowing 231 yards during a 26-9 win versus Virginia in 1996.

☛ Tech's 13 penalties in the 2000 game remain the most for the Hokies since posting 13 versus Arkansas State in 1997.

☛ Virginia Tech's 38-14 victory over Boston College in 1999 gave the Hokies their first ever 11-0 regular-season finish. It marked just the third time a Tech football team had ended the regular-season undefeated and was only the second unbeaten, untied regular-season finish. The 1954 Tech grid team posted an 8-0-1 record, while the 1918 team was 7-0.

☛ The 1999 win gave Tech its second outright BIG EAST title and its third overall. The Hokies won the championship in 1995 and shared it with Miami and Syracuse in 1996.

☛ Michael Vick finished the 1999 game with 366 yards of total offense. The redshirt freshman quarterback's offensive total marked the fourth-best performance in school history. Vick passed for 290 yards during the game and added 76 yards on the ground. He also hit on 11 of 13 passes to finish the season with a Tech record .592 completion percentage. His passing efficiency mark of 180.4 was an NCAA season record for a freshman.

☛ The Tech defense had six sacks in the 1999 game against BC, upping its season total to 58. That set a BIG EAST mark for sacks in a season, surpassing the old record of 52 set by West Virginia.

☛ Virginia Tech defeated Boston College in 1998 despite losing four fumbles and throwing two pass interceptions. The last time the Hokies had six or more turnovers in a game was during their 1994 regular-season finale versus Virginia when they turned the ball over eight times (five interceptions, three fumbles). The last time Tech had six or more turnovers in a game and still won also came in 1994. The Hokies won at Southern Mississippi, 24-14, that year despite six miscues (four fumbles, 2 interceptions).

☛ Tech's 17-0 victory in 1998 marked the first time Boston College had been shut out in a game since 1980 when Navy handed the Eagles a 21-0 loss. BC had not suffered a shutout at home since 1972 when Tulane posted a 10-0 shutout at Alumni Stadium.

☛ Tech's André Davis and Keion Carpenter blocked punts in the 1998 Boston College game. Davis' block, the first of his career, set up a key touchdown in the third quarter.

☛ Virginia Tech had 63 rushing attempts against Boston College in 1997. Until Tech rushed 66 times against Marshall earlier this season, that was the most rushing plays in a game for the Hokies since 1993 when they rushed 72 times for a school-record 500 yards at Pittsburgh. Tech also had 63 rushing plays versus Southwestern Louisiana in 1996.

☛ Virginia Tech got two touchdowns from three different players during its 45-7 victory at Boston College in 1996. Tight end Bryan Jennings caught a pair of touchdown passes, while tailback Shyrone Stith and fullback Brian Edmonds each rushed for two TDs. Prior to that game, the last time three different Tech players had scored two touchdowns in the same game was 1986 when tailbacks Eddie Hunter and Maurice Williams and wingback Donald Wayne Snell each had two TDs in a 42-10 win over Virginia. Tech matched the feat at Temple in 1999 and against UConn last season.

☛ A key to Tech's win in 1996 was a goal-line stand that saw the Hokies hold BC on four tries from inside the 10, including three from the 1.

☛ The season-opening 20-14 loss to BC in 1995 stands as Tech's only loss in a BIG EAST opener since the league formed in 1991.

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☛The Hokies' 296 yards passing against Boston College in 1995 were the most passing yards ever compiled in a season opener by a Tech team. In his first start quarterback Jim Druckenmiller passed for 296 yards and had 291 yards of total offense — the highest totals ever for a Tech quarterback in his first start.

☛Tech attempted 43 passes in the 1995 Boston College game. Only once in Coach Frank Beamer's 179 games at Tech have the Hokies tried more passes in a game. That came at Oklahoma in 1991 when quarterback Will Furrer had 50 attempts. Tech also tried 43 passes in a 1988 game versus South Carolina.

☛Tech intercepted four passes on the way to a 12-7 win at BC in 1994. The Hokies' only touchdown in the game came on one of those interceptions, which was returned 66 yards by rover Torrian Gray.

☛In 1993, Tech and BC combined for 82 points and 1,126 yards of offense in their first meeting, a 48-34 win by BC. The Eagles' 617 yards of offense still ranks as the fourth-highest total ever against Tech.

☛Ten of the 12 touchdown drives in the '93 Tech-BC game covered 70 or more yards, including six of 80 or more yards. The two teams converted on 20 of 30 third-down opportunities in that game. In 1994, there was only one TD drive — a 70-yard BC march in the final minute of the game.

#### NEW LEADER

☛The 2002 season is Bryan Stinespring's 10th year as a full-time coach on Frank Beamer's staff at Tech, but it is his first as offensive coordinator. Stinespring was promoted to the position in December and handled those duties during Tech's Gator Bowl game against FSU.

#### TECH IN BIG EAST OPENERS

☛Since BIG EAST football was formed in 1991, Tech is 10-1 in league openers. The Hokies defeated West Virginia (20-14) in 1991, Temple (26-7) in 1992, Pittsburgh (63-21) in 1993 and Boston College (12-7) in 1994 before losing to BC (20-14) in the 1995 opener. Tech beat Boston College (45-7) in its '96 opener followed by wins over Rutgers (59-19), Miami (27-20 in OT) and Rutgers (58-20, 49-0 and 50-0) the past five seasons. Until the 2000 shutout win over Rutgers in Blacksburg, all of Tech's wins in BIG EAST openers had come on the road. The lone opening loss against BC came in Blacksburg.

#### TECH ON THURSDAY

☛The Boston College game will mark the eighth Thursday night ESPN game for a Virginia Tech grid team and the ninth Thursday night game overall. The Hokies defeated Virginia 21-14 in a Thursday night game in 1982 that marked the first night game at Lane Stadium.

Tech's first Thursday night ESPN game was a 34-6 win over West Virginia in 1994 that marked the Hokies' 100th win at Lane Stadium. Tech opened its 1995 season with a 20-14 home loss to Boston College in a Thursday night ESPN game and traveled to BC for its first ever ESPN Thursday night road game in 1998. The Hokies won that game, 17-0. In 1999, Tech beat Clemson 31-11 in an ESPN Thursday night game in Blacksburg. Tech downed East Carolina 45-28 on the road and West Virginia 48-20 at home in Thursday night ESPN games in 2000, and beat Marshall 47-21 earlier this season.

Playing on Thursday used to be routine for Tech football teams. Tech and VMI clashed in Roanoke, Va., every Thanksgiving afternoon except two from 1913 through 1969 in what once was known as "The Military Classic of the South." Tech is 51-26-5 overall on Thursdays.

#### THE NUMBERS GAME

**211** ... total rushing yards allowed by Tech's defense through the first five games of 2002 season.

**202.5** ... the Hokies' average yards rushing per game during running back's coach Billy Hite's 24-plus seasons at Tech (269 games).

**197** ... career tackles make free safety Willie Pile the top tackler among Tech's current players.

**119** ... yards on fumble returns by Tech so far this season.

**87.7** ... percentage of offensive snaps played by starting linemen Jake Grove, Anthony Davis and Jon Dunn during Tech's first five games.

**85.4** ... Tech's winning percentage since the start of the 1999 season.

**66.1** ... sophomore quarterback Bryan Randall's pass completion percentage for the season.

**54** ... Tech's quarterback hurries through five games.

**33** ... average points scored by Tech in Thursday night ESPN games.

**29** ... consecutive starts for senior Willie Pile at free safety.

**15** ... Virginia Tech players have made their first collegiate starts during the 2002 season.

**14** ... combined touchdowns for tailbacks Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones for the 2002 season.

**4** ... Tech's combined touchdowns on defense and special teams.

**0** ... touchdowns allowed by the Hokies in the first half of play this season.

### OPEN DATES

☛October 5 marked the 30th open date for Tech since the start of the 1970 season. The Hokies are 16-13 in games following those open dates, including a 15-9 mark under Coach Frank Beamer. Earlier this season, Tech defeated Marshall at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field after an open date. The Hokies will also have an open date later this season before the West Virginia game.

### YOUTH MOVEMENT

☛Of the 74 Tech players who have seen action this season, 43 are freshmen or sophomores. The overall breakdown is nine true freshmen, 14 redshirt freshmen, 20 sophomores, 18 juniors and 13 seniors. Of the 71 players who dressed for the Hokies' season opener against Arkansas State, 28 were dressing for the first time.

☛Fourteen of Tech's 23 touchdowns this season have been scored by either a freshman or sophomore.

☛Thirteen of the 15 players who have registered quarterback hurries for the Hokies this season have at least one year of eligibility left. Sixteen of Tech's 17 sacks have come from players with at least one year remaining.

☛Of the 11 players who got some work at defensive tackle during the preseason, seven were true freshmen or redshirt freshmen. Only three of the players had seen any varsity action at the position. Redshirt junior **Mark Costen** (Virginia Beach, Va.) played in six games last year as a reserve and was in for 71 plays. **Kevin Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) saw action on 125 plays as a freshman in 2000, then was redshirted last year. **Jason Lallis** (r-So.; Mitchellville, Md.) was primarily an end until playing a few downs at tackle late last season. Lallis and Lewis have started in the Hokies' first five games.

### BIG (EAST) PLAYS

Tech's Longest Plays in BIG EAST Games

**Longest Run from Scrimmage:** VT — 87 yds., tb Kevin Jones vs. Temple, 2001; Opp. — 78 yds., tb James Jackson of Miami, 1997

**Longest Pass Completion:** VT — 85 yds., qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still vs. Pittsburgh, 1995; Opp. — 97 yds., qb Tim Hasselbeck to wr Dedrick Dewalt of Boston College, 1999.

**Longest Kickoff Return:** VT — 65 yds., Shawn Scales vs. Temple, 1997; Opp. — 86 yds., Jeyson Wilson of Syracuse, 1993

**Longest Punt Return:** VT — 80 yds., Antonio Freeman vs. Pittsburgh, 1994; Opp. — 51 yds., Jamel Riddle of Syracuse, 2001

**Longest Interception Return:** VT — 100 yds., fs Keion Carpenter vs. Miami, 1996; Opp. — 68 yds., cb Shawntae Spencer of Pittsburgh, 2001

**Longest Field Goal:** VT — 52, Shayne Graham vs. Pittsburgh, 1999; Opp. — 49, Chris Ferencik of Pittsburgh, 1996

**Longest Punt:** VT — 75 yds., Jimmy Kibble vs. Pittsburgh, 1997; Opp. — 78 yds., Mark Fazzolari of West Virginia, 1999.

☛Tech's kickoff team features seven freshmen, including true freshmen **Jimmy Williams** (Hampton, Va.), **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.) and **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.).

### KICKING DUTIES

☛Redshirt junior kicker **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.), who is 20-for-20 on extra points and 5 of 8 on field goals in 2002, will be sidelined for an undetermined amount of time while being treated for low back pain. Warley's off-and-on bout with back pain kept him on the sidelines during the first half of the Western Michigan game. He entered the contest to kick two extra points in the second half. Head coach Frank Beamer plans to take a close look at senior **Jon Mollerup** (Lyndhurst, Va.) and true freshmen **Nic Schmitt** (Salem, Va.) and **Brandon Pace** (Virginia Beach, Va.) before naming a replacement.

### TONIGHT'S GAME ON RADIO

☛Tonight's game 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 Cory Provus (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 tonight's game, 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.), Bristol-Johnson City (WCYB, Sunday 9:30 a.m.). The show is also shown on Comcast SportsNet every Tuesday at 2:30 p.m.

**Game 1**

**Fast Start Leads To 63-7 Tech Win Over Arkansas State**

Aug. 25, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 54,016

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech scored 35 points in the first quarter on the way to a 63-7 season-opening victory against Arkansas State in the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Sophomore DeAngelo Hall scored two of Tech's first three touchdowns, returning a punt 69 yards for the Hokies' first score and racing 49 yards with an interception for the team's third TD. Tech's No. 2 quarterback, Bryan Randall, accounted for three touchdowns during the game, scoring on runs of 12 and 5 yards and tossing a 19-yard touchdown pass.

Defensively, the Hokies held ASU to 24 yards on the ground and 227 yards overall. Tech's offense accounted for 387 total yards, including 288 yards rushing.

Arkansas St.	0	0	7	0	—	7
Virginia Tech	35	21	7	0	—	63

- VT (12:40 re 1st) — Hall 69 punt return (Warley kick)
- VT (9:47 re 1st) — Suggs 32 run (Warley kick)
- VT (6:05 re 1st) — Hall 49 interception return (Warley kick)
- VT (5:50 re 1st) — King 19 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (2:11 re 1st) — Jones 19 run (Warley kick)
- VT (12:14 re 2nd) — Randall 12 run (Warley kick)
- VT (9:50 re 2nd) — Lallis 59 fumble return (Warley kick)
- VT (5:43 re 2nd) — Imoh 19 pass from Randall (Warley kick)
- ASU (11:06 re 3rd) — Cox 73 pass from Jacobs (Neihouse kick)
- VT (7:02 re 3rd) — Randall 5 run (Warley kick)

<b>Team Stats</b>	<b>ASU</b>	<b>VT</b>
First downs	10	21
Rushes-yds.	33-24	41-288
Passing yds.	203	99
Return yds.	22	196
Passes	14-27-1	11-18-0
Punts-avg.	9-43	5-41
Fumbles-lost	6-4	1-1
Penalties-yds.	8-72	10-82
Time of poss.	31:47	28:13
Sacks by	1-16	1-8

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — ASU, Smith 17-36, Stegall 6-12, Warren 4-(-4), Team 1-(-6), Jacobs 4-(-6), Miller 1-(-8); VT, Suggs 7-87, Humes 10-52, Randall 5-36, Jones 4-31, Imoh 4-22, Spence 3-21, Easlick 1-15, Candelas 5-15, Hunt 1-11, Noel 1-(-2).

Passing — ASU, Jacobs 9-16-0-177, Miller 5-11-1-26; VT, Randall 6-8-0-66, Hunt 3-5-0-9, Noel 2-5-0-24.

Receiving — ASU, Cox 5-120, Hickenbotham 2-39, Wood 2-17, Smith 2-13, Stegall 1-9, Mack 1-3, C. Walker 1-2; VT, Imoh 4-28, King 1-19, Wilford 1-15, Willis 1-15, Witten 1-11, Hamilton 1-5, Easlick 1-5, Humes 1-1.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

☛Virginia Tech's 56 points in the first half against Arkansas State marked the most points in a half for a Tech squad during the modern era (since 1950). It also ranked as the second-highest point total in a half by a BIG EAST Conference team behind the 59 points scored by West Virginia against Rutgers last season. The Hokies' 35 first-quarter points against the Indians tied modern day school and BIG EAST Conference marks for points in a quarter.

☛Tech's 63 points in the ASU game were the most points scored by the Hokies in a season opening game since Tech defeated Roanoke College 86-0 to open the 1905 season. The last time Tech scored more points in a game was a 77-27 win over Akron in 1995.

☛Each of the Hokies' first four touchdowns against ASU were scored in a different manner. Tech scored on a punt return, a rushing play, an interception and a pass play. The Hokies also had a fumble return for a TD later in the game. Special teams, offense and defense each contributed one of Tech's first three scores.

☛Eleven Tech players made their first collegiate starts in the Arkansas State game. The first-time starters on offense were guard **James Miller** (Pompano Beach, Fla.), tackle **Jon Dunn** (Virginia Beach, Va.), tight end **Keith Willis** (Norfolk, Va.) and fullback **Doug Easlick** (Marlton, N.J.). Starting for the first time on defense were tackles **Kevin Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) and **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.), linebackers **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.), **Vegas Robinson** (Chesapeake, Va.) and **Mikal Baaqee** (Columbia, Md.), rover **Michael Crawford** (Baltimore, Md.) and cornerback **Vincent Fuller** (Baltimore, Md.).

**Game 2**

**Hokies Post Victory Over Defending SEC Champs LSU**

Sept. 1, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 65,049

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Sixteenth-ranked Virginia Tech used a strong defense and an opportunistic offense to defeat No. 14 Louisiana State, 26-8, in front of a state-record crowd of 65,049 at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Tech capitalized on good field position to build a 14-0 advantage in the first half. A 17-yard punt return by sophomore DeAngelo Hall put the Hokies at the LSU 27 late in the first quarter. From there, it took Tech just six plays to score its first touchdown. A blocked punt gave the Hokies the football at the LSU 29 less than two minutes into the second quarter. A 6-yard TD run by Lee Suggs capped a four-play drive.

Defensively, the Hokies kept the pressure on LSU quarterback Matt Mauck, registering four quarterback sacks and 14 hurries. Tech limited the Tigers to 80 yards on the ground and 214 yards overall. LSU converted on just one of 13 third-down plays during the contest. A pass interception by linebacker Vegas Robinson set up Tech's last touchdown.

Suggs led the Hokies with 91 yards rushing and two touchdowns on 22 carries.

Louisiana State	0	0	0	8	—	8
Virginia Tech	7	7	3	9	—	26

- VT (0:30 re 1st) — Jones 2 run (Warley kick)
- VT (12:58 re 2nd) — Suggs 6 run (Warley kick)
- VT (11:22 re 3rd) — FG Warley 41
- VT (14:02 re 4th) — Suggs 2 run (Warley kick)
- LSU (10:00 re 4th) — Toefield 1 run (Clayton pass from Mauck)
- VT (0:05 re 4th) — safety, punt blocked out of end zone

Team Stats	LSU	VT
First downs	14	13
Rushes-yds.	28-80	32-166
Passing yds.	134	65
Return yds.	52	68
Passes	15-35-1	7-14-0
Punts-avg.	9-27	9-45
Fumbles-lost	4--1	4-1
Penalties-yds.	8-61	8-65
Time of poss.	25:56	34:04
Sacks by	3-21	4-20

**Individual Leaders**

- Rushing — LSU, Toefield 10-46, Davis 7-23, Mauck 10-6, Addai 1-5; VT, Suggs 22-91, Jones 14-70, Randall 14-6, Team 1-(-1).
- Passing — LSU, Mauck 15-35-1-134; VT, Randall 5-9-0-47, Noel 2-5-18-0.
- Receiving — LSU, Clayton 5-49, Toefield 3-20, Brazell 1-12, Edwards 1-11, Henderson 1-10, Carey 1-9, Addai 1-9, Davis 1-8, Myers 1-6; VT, Humes 1-17, Parham 1-11, Wilford 1-11, Witten 1-8, Willis 1-7, Suggs 1-6, Easlick 1-5.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

☛ Louisiana State, which was ranked 14th in the Associated Press poll, was the highest-ranked team in the AP poll that Virginia Tech has defeated since a 28-10 win over No. 9 Texas in the 1995 Sugar Bowl game. The last time Tech beat a higher ranked team in Blacksburg was during the 1964 season when the Hokies downed No. 10-ranked Florida State by a score of 20-11. That game was played at Miles Stadium.

☛ The attendance of 65,049 for the Tech-LSU game set new state and Tech records for the largest crowd to see a football game. The previous attendance record for the commonwealth of Virginia was 61,625 set during last season's game between Virginia Tech and Virginia in Charlottesville. The former Tech mark was set during the 2000 season when all six home games were sell-outs of 56,272.

☛ Redshirt freshman **Justin Hamilton** (Clintwood, Va.) and redshirt sophomore **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.) both blocked punts during the Hokies' win over LSU. Hamilton's block in the second quarter set up Tech's second touchdown of the game, while Lallis' block in the fourth quarter resulted in a safety. It marked the 17th time in Frank Beamer's tenure as head coach that the special teams unit posted two blocks in a game.

☛ Only three players had rushing carries for the Hokies during the LSU game. The last time Tech only had three players carry the football in a game was during a 1994 game with Virginia.

☛ Tech's 231 yards of total offense against LSU ranks as the lowest total for the Hokies in a victory since gaining just 206 yards during a 1999 win at Pittsburgh.

**Game 3**

**Tech Rushes To 47-21 Victory Against Thundering Herd**

Sept. 12, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 65,049

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Tailbacks Kevin Jones and Lee Suggs combined for 324 yards rushing and five touchdowns as No. 11 Virginia Tech posted a convincing 47-21 win against No. 16 Marshall in a Thursday night ESPN game at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

While the Tech defense was holding Marshall quarterback Byron Leftwich in check, Jones and Suggs helped the Hokies pile up a 33-0 lead before the Herd got on the scoreboard with three fourth-quarter touchdowns. Jones rushed for 171 yards and three touchdowns, while Suggs added 153 yards and a pair of TDs.

Defensively, Tech was at its best when it mattered, holding Marshall to just 234 yards during the first three quarters. The offense helped out with four touchdown drives of more than 70 yards, including a 15-play, 85-yard drive that took up more than eight minutes on the clock.

Marshall	0	0	0	21	—	21
Virginia Tech	10	10	6	21	—	47

- VT (10:46 re 1st) — FG Warley 42
- VT (2:47 re 1st) — Jones 25 run (Warley kick)
- VT (13:21 re 2nd) — FG Warley 43
- VT (9:11 re 2nd) — Jones 15 run (Warley kick)
- VT (2:57 re 3rd) — Suggs 1 run (pass failed)
- VT (14:02 re 4th) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)
- MU (11:56 re 4th) — Watts 9 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- VT (5:38 re 4th) — Jones 1 run (Warley kick)
- MU (4:20 re 4th) — Marriott 18 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- MU (2:25 re 4th) — Bates 19 pass from Leftwich (Head kick)
- VT (1:28 re 4th) — Candelas 10 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	MU	VT
First downs	25	28
Rushing yds.	16-34	66-395
Passing yds.	442	101
Return yds.	0	52
Passes	36-56-1	5-12-0
Punts-avg.	3-49	1-49
Fumbles-lost	3-2	1-0
Penalties-yds.	5-40	7-65
Time of poss.	25:53	34:07
Sacks by	1-8	2-14

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — MU, Carey 6-17, Wallace 4-16, Hargrove 1-9, Watts 1-6, Leftwich 4-(-14); VT, Jones 24-171, Suggs 24-153, Randall 7-36, Easlick 4-18, Candelas 2-11, Spence 1-5, Humes 2-3, Team 2-(-2).

Passing — MU, Leftwich 31-49-1-406; Hill 5-6-0-36, Team 0-1-0-0; VT, Randall 5-12-0-101.

Receiving — MU, Jones 11-164, Watts 7-85, Davis 6-72, Marriott 6-60, Rader 3-30, Deifel 2-12, Bates 1-19; VT, Wilford 2-49, Witten 2-44, Easlick 1-8.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

☛Prior to the kickoff of the Marshall game, Tech head coach Frank Beamer's jersey was retired. Beamer, who is in his 16th season as the Hokies' head coach, was a three-year starter in the secondary for Tech from 1966-68. He is the winningest football coach in school history and is a member of the Tech Sports Hall of Fame. Beamer was the consensus Division I-A Coach of the Year in 1999 when he helped guide Tech to the national championship game.

☛Tech running backs **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) and **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) both rushed for over 150 yards in the Marshall game. Jones compiled 171 yards on 24 carries, while Suggs finished with 153 yards on 24 attempts. It marked just the second time in Tech history that two players had rushed for 150 or more yards in the same game. It was first done by tailbacks Maurice Williams (165) and Eddie Hunter (159) against William & Mary during the 1985 season. Jones and Suggs were just the third set of backs to accomplish the feat in BIG EAST history. Boston College backs Chuckie Dukes (162) and Dwight Shirley (160) did it against Michigan State in 1992. Two other BC backs, Omari Walker (185) and Mike Cloud (159), equalled the feat against Miami in 1997.

☛Tech mounted its longest touchdown drive of the season against Marshall, going 90 yards in nine plays. Tech also had a season-high 15-play drive that took 8:02 off the clock, another season-best.

☛Marshall's 442 yards passing were the most against the Hokies since 1993 when Boston College passed for 448 yards. It was the third-highest overall total ever against a Tech team. The Herd got 233 of their passing yards during the fourth quarter.

**Game 4**

**Hokies End Texas A&M Home Streak With 13-3 Victory**

Sept. 21, 2002 • Kyle Field • Attendance 83,746

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Virginia Tech snapped Texas A&M's 29-game home winning streak against non-conference teams with a hard-fought 13-3 victory over the 19th-ranked Aggies. Tech became the first non-conference team to win at Kyle Field since Alabama in 1988.

Points and yards were hard to come by in a game that featured two of the nation's best defenses. But the Tech offense, under the direction of sophomore quarterback Bryan Randall, did what it had to do to help secure the Hokies' third straight victory over a Top 20 team. Randall guided Tech on an eight-play, 86-yard touchdown drive early in the fourth quarter that put the Hokies in control. A 52-yard pass from Randall to end Ernest Wilford was the key play, setting up a 1-yard Lee Suggs touchdown run with 12:29 left.

Tech's defense assured the victory by limiting the Aggies' offense to just 58 total yards during its last five possessions. Overall, the Hokies allowed just 156 total yards in the game. Tech forced three turnovers and sacked A&M quarterbacks five times.

Randall, in his first road start, completed 10 of 11 passes for 119 yards and did not throw an interception.

Virginia Tech	0	3	3	7	—	13
Texas A&M	3	0	0	0	—	3

A&M (4:58 re 1st) — FG Pegram 43  
 VT (0:57 re 2nd) — FG Warley 22  
 VT (9:10 re 3rd) — FG Warley 26  
 VT (12:29 re 4th) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	A&M
First downs	13	10
Rushing yds.	48-129	28-38
Passing yds.	119	118
Return yds.	85	6
Passes	10-11-0	14-35-2
Punts-avg.	7-41	7-48
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-1
Penalties-yds.	2-20	5-40
Time of poss.	32:57	27:03
Sacks by	5-32	4-24

**Individual Leaders**

Rushing — VT, Suggs 13-51, Jones 15-48, Randall 17-14, Johnson 1-13, Easlick 2-3; A&M, Farmer 12-22, McNeal 6-5, Joseph 1-4, Weber 2-4, Long 4-2, Goynes 1-1, Flemming 2-0.

Passing — VT, Randall 10-11-0-119; A&M, Long 13-28-1-111; McNeal 1-6-1-7.

Receiving — VT, Parham 4-23, Wilford 2-63, Witten 2-21, Johnson 1-8, Humes 1-4; A&M, Taylor 5-56, Murphy 4-25, Thomas 2-19, Porter 2-10, Weber 1-8.

**A CLOSER LOOK**

☛The crowd of 83,746 at Texas A&M's Kyle Field was the largest ever to see a Tech team play. The previous high was 80,500 fans at Clemson in 1988.

☛Tech's win at Kyle Field gave the Aggies a rare home loss. It marked just the ninth time Texas A&M has lost to any team at home since the 1988 season.

☛Tech's win against the No. 19 Aggies marked the Hokies' third win against a top 20 team in as many games. The Hokies defeated No. 14 LSU and No. 16 Marshall earlier. That marks the first time in school history Tech has beaten three teams ranked among the top 20 teams in the Associated Press Poll in successive games. The Hokies posted three wins in a row against teams in the AP Top 25 during the 1996 season, downing No. 18 Miami, No. 23 West Virginia and No. 20 Virginia in consecutive games.

☛When Texas A&M kicked a field goal in the first quarter, it marked the first points of the season against Tech in the first half of play. It also marked the first successful field goal of the season against the Hokies. Opposing teams are 1-for-2 on field goals against Tech in 2002.

☛Willie Pile's interception in the Texas A&M game was the 11th of his Tech career. The senior free safety from Alexandria, Va., is now tied for seventh on Tech's career interception list with Mike Johnson, Ashley Lee and William Yarborough.

☛Defensive end Nathaniel Adibi (Hampton, Va.) posted three sacks against Texas A&M. Adibi is the second Tech player to register three sacks in a game this season. End Jim Davis (Highland Springs, Va.) had three against LSU.

# TECH OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team	Second Team
<p><b>SE 19 Ernest Wilford</b> ..... (6-4, 217, r-Jr.) Had a big catch at Texas A&amp;M for 52 yards ... Catch set up the lone TD of the game ... Caught a 39-yard pass vs. Marshall</p>	<p><b>SE 9 Terrell Parham</b> ..... (6-0, 20195, r-Sr.) Made his 1st career start at WMU ... Caught a team-high 4 passes in the win at Texas A&amp;M ... Has 7 catches for 54 yards this year</p>
<p><b>LT 57 Anthony Davis</b> ..... (6-4, 322, Sr.) Started all 5 games this year ... Had 3 knockdowns and graded out at 83% at TAMU ... Graded out at 84% with 5 KDs vs. MU</p>	<p><b>LT 61 Reggie Butler</b> ..... (6-5, 330, Fr.) Saw significant action against Arkansas State, playing 34 snaps ... A big, physical presence on the line ... Recorded a 500-lb. squat</p>
<p><b>LG 60 Jacob Gibson</b> ..... (6-4, 302, r-Jr.) Got the start in the last 3 games ... Graded out at 84% vs. WMU ... Had 3 knockdowns and graded out at 83% in the win at TAMU</p>	<p><b>LG 76 James Miller</b> ..... (6-6, 304, So.) Started the 1st 2 games this year ... Saw action on 49 plays against LSU ... Graded out at 84% on 38 snaps in the win against Marshall</p>
<p><b>C 64 Jake Grove</b> ..... (6-3, 292, r-Jr.) Started all 5 games this year ... Graded out at 93% vs. Western Mich. ... Had 6 knockdowns vs. LSU ... Graded out at 93% vs. MU</p>	<p><b>C 68 Robert Ramsey</b> ..... (6-3, 296, r-So.) Saw significant action against Arkansas State, playing 34 snaps ... Saw limited action vs. MU ... Has a solid grasp of VT's offense</p>
<p><b>RG 74 Luke Owens</b> ..... (6-3, 310, r-Sr.) Has started all 5 games this year ... Graded out at 82 % with 3 knockdown blocks at Texas A&amp;M ... Had 3 KDs in the win over MU</p>	<p><b>RG 66 Will Montgomery</b> ..... (6-3, 294, r-Fr.) A former invited walk-on who earned a scholarship this past offseason ... Saw significant action against Arkansas State</p>
<p><b>RT 79 Jon Dunn</b> ..... (6-7, 319, r-So.) Graded at 89% vs. Arkansas State ... Had 5 knockdowns vs. MU ... The biggest player on the team ... Started all 5 games this year</p>	<p><b>RT 52 Jimmy Martin</b> ..... (6-5, 269, Fr.) A standout lineman at Fork Union Military Academy in 2001 ... Saw significant action against Arkansas State, playing 34 snaps</p>
<p><b>TE 86 Keith Willis</b> ..... (6-5, 254, r-Jr.) Has started all 5 games this year ... Has 4 catches for 49 yards ... Caught 2 passes at WMU ... Had 1 catch for 19 yards vs. ASU</p>	<p><b>TE 90 Jeff King</b> ..... (6-5, 252, r-Fr.) Caught his first career pass and touchdown pass against Arkansas State, a 19-yarder ... The biggest of the three main tight ends</p>
<p><b>QB 3 Bryan Randall</b> ..... (6-0, 213, So.) Is 3-0 as a starter... Completed 10-of-11 passes at TAMU ... Led 8 scoring drives vs. MU ... Threw for 194 yards and a TD at WMU</p>	<p><b>QB 11 Grant Noel</b> ..... (6-2, 221, r-Sr.) Had surgery on Sept. 3 to clean up his left knee ... Saw his 1st action back at Western Mich. ... Playing with slightly-torn ACL in left knee</p>
<p><b>FB 43 Doug Easlick</b> ..... (5-11, 235, r-Jr.) Had an 18-yard run vs. Marshall ... Blocked well in all 5 games ... Had a 15-yard run vs. ASU ... A former walk-on ... A physical back</p>	<p><b>FB 32 Cedric Humes</b> ..... (6-1, 218, r-Fr.) Moved to FB from TB following spring ... Had 10 rushes for 52 yards against Arkansas State ... A great runner with breakaway speed</p>
<p><b>TB 22 Lee Suggs</b> ..... (6-0, 198, r-Sr.) Ran for 153 yards and 2 TDs vs. MU ... Ran for 91 yards and 2 TDs vs. LSU ... Virginia Tech's all-time touchdown leader with 39</p>	<p><b>TB 7 Kevin Jones</b> ..... (6-0, 212, So.) Ran for 171 yards and 3 TDs vs. MU ... Ran for 70 yards and a TD vs. LSU ... Had a 34-yard run ... BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in '01</p>
<p><b>FL 26 Shawn Witten</b> ..... (6-0, 192, Sr.) Recorded 2 catches for 21 yards in the win over TAMU ... Has 7 catches for 118 yards in '02 ... Caught a 34-yard pass at WMU</p>	<p><b>OR FL 12 Richard Johnson</b> ..... (5-11, 180, r-So.) Made his first career start at Western Michigan ... Caught 2 passes for 26 yards in that game ... Also returns kickoffs and punts</p>
<p><b>PK 23 Nic Schmitt</b> ..... (6-3, 238, Fr.) A young kicker who has been held out thus far ... Could be used in place of the injured Carter Warley ... Has a very strong leg</p>	<p><b>OR PK 29 Brandon Pace</b> ..... (5-10, 184, Fr.) A talented young kicker with a strong leg ... A walk-on from Va. Beach ... Travelled to WMU, but didn't play ... Co-No. 2 w/Mollerup</p>

# TECH DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team	Second Team
<p><b>DE 83 Nathaniel Adibi</b> ..... (6-3, 261, r-Jr.) Recorded 3 sacks at TAMU ... Also caused a fumble and had 7 tackles ... Had 2 solo stops vs. LSU ... Had a sack vs. MU &amp; WMU</p>	<p><b>OR DE 95 Jim Davis</b> ..... (6-3, 265, Jr.) Has been slowed by a sprained ankle ... Had a team-high 3 sacks vs. LSU ... Had 6 total stops, 1 TFL, 2 QB hurries and caused a FF</p>
<p><b>DT 70 Kevin Lewis</b> ..... (6-1, 287, r-So.) Had 3 solo stops, a TFL and an assist vs. TAMU ... Had 6 stops, a TFL, a sack and a FF vs. ASU ... Had 5 tackles and 2 QBH vs. LSU</p>	<p><b>DT 71 Tim Sandidge</b> ..... (6-1, 273, r-Fr.) Missed the WMU due to a sprained ankle ... Had a sack and a PBU against Marshall ... Had 3 tackles and a FR vs. Arkansas St.</p>
<p><b>DT 91 Jason Lallis</b> ..... (6-0, 254, r-So.) Had 8 tackles and a FF at WMU ... Returned a fumble 59 yards for a TD vs. ASU ... Had 6 tackles and a QB hurry against LSU</p>	<p><b>DT 56 Jonathan Lewis</b> ..... (6-1, 3000, Fr.) Had 4 tackles, a TFL and 2 QBH at TAMU ... Had 2 solo stops vs. LSU ... Had 5 tackles and a TFL in the win over Arkansas State</p>
<p><b>DE 99 Cols Colas</b> ..... (6-0, 239, r-Jr.) Has started the last 2 games ... Had 6 stops, 2 TFL, 4 QBH, 2 sacks and a FF at WMU ... Had 3 solo stops, a sack and 2 QBH at TAMU</p>	<p><b>DE 28 Lamar Cobb</b> ..... (6-2, 236, r-Sr.) Registered 2 solo stops and 3 quarterback hurries in the win at Texas A&amp;M ... Had 4 tackles, including 1 for a loss against LSU</p>
<p><b>LB 48 Brandon Manning</b> ..... (6-0, 214, r-So.) Registered 9 total stops against LSU ... Also recovered a fumble ... Recorded 6 stops, a TFL and a PBU in his 1st career start (ASU)</p>	<p><b>LB 31 Mike Daniels</b> ..... (6-0, 201, r-So.) Got the start vs. Marshall ... Had 5 tackles - two solo - vs. the Thundering Herd ... Had 2 solo stops and a TFL vs. Arkansas St.</p>
<p><b>LB 45 Mikal Baaqee</b> ..... (5-10, 217, r-So.) Missed the WMU with a sprained ankle ... Had a team-high 10 stops vs. LSU ... Had 9 tackles — 3 solo — and an INT vs. Marshall</p>	<p><b>LB 39 Alex Markogiannakis</b> .... (5-9, 204, r-Sr.) Got his 1st career start at WMU, recording 4 stops and returning a fumble 25 yards for a TD ... Had a FR and a TFL vs. Arkansas State</p>
<p><b>LB 6 Vegas Robinson</b> ..... (6-0, 245, r-Jr.) Had 7 stops and a FR vs. Marshall ... Had 6 stops and an INT at Texas A&amp;M ... Had 9 total stops, 2 QBH and an INT against LSU</p>	<p><b>LB 47 James Anderson</b> ..... (6-3, 222, r-Fr.) Had 6 tackles — 5 solo — at WMU ... Also had a sack ... Had a 3 stops against ASU ... Had 3 tackles and caused a fumble vs. LSU</p>
<p><b>CB 4 DeAngelo Hall</b> ..... (5-11, 194, So.) Had 7 total tackles vs. LSU ... Also had a PBU ... Returned a punt and an INT for TDs vs. ASU ... Had 5 stops and 2 PBU vs. TAMU</p>	<p><b>CB 17 Garnell Wilds</b> ..... (5-11, 192, r-Jr.) Recorded 4 tackles against LSU ... Also had 2 PBUs ... Had 3 solo stops at Western Michigan ... Had 4 total stops against Marshall</p>
<p><b>FS 35 Willie Pile</b> ..... (6-3, 211, r-Sr.) Had 10 stops, an INT and a FR vs. TAMU ... Had 10 tackles vs. MU ... Had 7 tackles and a PBU against LSU ... Has 11 career INTs</p>	<p><b>FS 18 Jimmy F. Williams</b> ..... (6-2, 203, Fr.) Played 37 snaps on defense vs. ASU, registering 5 solo stops, 5 assists and a PBU ... Had 3 tackles on defense at Western Mich.</p>
<p><b>ROV 21 Michael Crawford</b> ..... (5-11, 206, r-Jr.) Had 5 stops, including 1 for a loss, a sack, a PBU and caused a fumble at TAMU ... Had 6 stops vs. MU ... Had 2 stops vs. LSU</p>	<p><b>ROV 25 Billy Hardee</b> ..... (5-11, 203, r-Sr.) Recovered a fumble and had 2 tackles vs. Marshall ... Recorded 4 solo stops, 2 assists and recovered a fumble in the win at WMU</p>
<p><b>CB 2 Ronyell Whitaker</b> ..... (5-9, 192, r-Sr.) Caused a fumble on the 1st drive vs. MU ... Had 3 solo stops and 3 PBU in the win at TAMU ... A third-team All-American last year</p>	<p><b>CB 8 Vincent Fuller</b> ..... (6-1, 184, r-So.) Had 2 tackles against LSU ... Also broke up a pass and caused a fumble ... Recorded 3 tackles and 2 passes broken up vs. Marshall</p>
<p><b>P 38 Vinnie Burns</b> ..... (5-11, 194, r-So.) Is averaging 43.0 yards per punt ... Was named the BIG EAST S.T. POW after LSU game ... Had a long of 58 yds w/14 inside the 20</p>	<p><b>P 23 Nic Schmitt</b> ..... (6-3, 238, Fr.) Can be used at both P and PK ... Has a very strong leg ... Was scheduled to redshirt this year but will be forced into action</p>

# CHARTING THE HOKIES

## On The Move

<u>Quarterback</u>	Drives				Drives Ended By						<u>Points Scored</u>	<u>Pts. Drive</u>	<u>Drive Efficiency</u>
	<u>Started</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FGA</u>	<u>Punt</u>	<u>Downs</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>Clock</u>	<u>Safety</u>				
Randall	53	16	6	10	20	0	5	2	0	128	2.4	41.5%	
Noel	8	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	21	2.6	37.5%	
Hunt	6	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0.0	0.0%	
VT Offense	67	19	6	10	28	0	5	5	0	149	2.2	37.3%	
Opp. Offense	72	5	1	4	35	6	16	5	1	39	0.5	8.3%	

## What Happens On First Down

<u>Team</u>	<u>Plays</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Rush</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>	<u>Pass</u>	<u>Yds.</u>	<u>Avg.</u>
VT	148	814	5.5	117	545	4.7	31	269	8.7
Opp.	137	536	3.9	69	127	1.8	68	409	6.0

Times Gained 10+ Yards (on any down): VT 62/Opponents 45

Times Gained 5+ Yards (on any down): VT 129/Opponents 109

Negative Yardage Attempts on First Downs: VT 18/Opponents 13

Own Penalty on First Down: VT 7/Opponents 5

## The Money Downs (Results on third- and fourth-down conversions)

Opponents are 23 for 74 (31%) on third-down conversions and 0 for 7 (0%) on fourth-down conversions

Virginia Tech is 23 for 65 (35%) on third-down conversions and 2 for 3 (67%) on fourth-down conversions

## Capitalizing On Turnovers

Virginia Tech's 5 total turnovers have led to 0 points for the opposition

Opponents' 16 total turnovers have led to 58 points for Virginia Tech

## Field Position

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Drives Started	67	72
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	2,707	1,650
Average Starting Field Position	Own 40.4	Own 22.9
Times Started Inside 20	9	21
Drives Started in Plus Territory	21	4

## Kickoffs (20 yards added to average drive started total for touchbacks)

Player	No.	Ret.	FC	OB	TB	EZ+	O-S	Avg. Depth	Avg. Drive Start
Mollerup	33	21	0	0	12	2	0	2.4-yd. line (80)	22.5-yd. line (741)

## Inside The Red Zone

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	23	7
Total Scores	19	4
Touchdowns	17	4
Field Goals	1	0
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	2	1
Lost on Missed Field Goals	2	2
Lost on Expiration of Time	0	0
Scoring Percentage	82.6%	57.1%
Scoring Percentage (TDs out of total red zone scores)	89.5%	100%
Percent of total drives (All Scores In Red Zone)	28.4%	5.6%

## Longest Scoring Drives:

	By Tech	By Opponent
# Plays	15 (85 yds, 8:02-TD) vs. MU	10 (82 yds, 4:02-TD) by LSU
# Yards	90 (9 pl, 4:18-TD) vs. MU	86 (6 pl, 3:54-TD) by ASU
Possession Time	8:02 (15 pl, 85 yds-TD) vs. MU	4:02 (10 pl, 82 yds-TD) by LSU

## 2002 Virginia Tech Depth Chart for Boston College (10/10/02)

### Offense (Multiple)

**SE** 19, Ernest Wilford (6-4, 217, r-Jr.)  
9, Terrell Parham (6-0, 195, r-Sr.)

**LT** 57, Anthony Davis (6-4, 322, Sr.)  
61, Reggie Butler (6-5, 330, Fr.)

**LG** 60, Jacob Gibson (6-4, 302, r-Jr.)  
76, James Miller (6-6, 304, So.)

**C** 64, Jake Grove (6-4, 292, r-Jr.)  
68, Robert Ramsey (6-3, 296, r-So.)

**RG** 74, Luke Owens (6-3, 310, r-Sr.)  
66, Will Montgomery (6-3, 294, r-Fr.)

**RT** 79, Jon Dunn (6-7, 319, r-So.)  
52, Jimmy Martin (6-5, 269, Fr.)

**TE** 86, Keith Willis (6-5, 254, r-Jr.)  
90, Jeff King (6-5, 252, r-Fr.)

**QB** 3, Bryan Randall (6-0, 213, So.)  
11, Grant Noel (6-2, 221, r-Sr.)

**TB** 22, Lee Suggs (6-0, 198, r-Sr.)  
7, Kevin Jones (6-0, 212, So.)

**FB** 43, Doug Easlick (5-11, 235, r-Jr.)  
32, Cedric Humes (6-1, 218, r-Fr.)

**FL** 12, Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.) OR **CB**  
26, Shawn Witten (6-0, 192, Sr.)

### Defense (4-3)

**DE** 83, Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 261, r-Jr.) OR  
95, Jim Davis (6-3, 265, Jr.)

**DT** 70, Kevin Lewis (6-1, 287, r-So.)  
71, Tim Sandidge (6-1, 273, r-Fr.)

**DT** 91, Jason Lallis (6-0, 254, r-So.)  
56, Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 300, Fr.)

**DE** 99, Cols Colas (6-0, 239, r-Jr.)  
28, Lamar Cobb (6-16-2, 236, r-Sr.)

**ILB** 6, Vegas Robinson (6-0, 245, r-Jr.)  
47, James Anderson (6-3, 222, r-Fr.)

**ILB** 45, Mikal Baaqee (5-10, 217, r-So.)  
39, Alex Markogiannakis (5-9, 204, r-Sr.)

**OLB** 48, Brandon Manning (6-0, 214, r-So.)  
31, Mike Daniels (6-0, 201, r-So.)

**CB** 2, Ronyell Whitaker (5-9, 192, r-Sr.)  
8, Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-So.)

**ROV** 21, Michael Crawford (5-11, 206, r-Jr.)  
25, Billy Hardee (5-11, 203, r-Sr.)

**FS** 35, Willie Pile (6-3, 211, r-Sr.)  
18, Jimmy F. Williams (6-2, 203, Fr.)

4, DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.)  
17, Garnell Wilds (5-11, 192, r-Jr.)

### Special Teams

**P** 38, Vinnie Burns (5-11, 194, r-So.)  
23, Nic Schmitt (6-2, 238, Fr.)

**FG/PAT** 23, Nic Schmitt (6-2, 238, Fr.) OR  
29, Brandon Pace, 5-10, 184, Fr.) OR  
97, Jon Mollerup (5-11, 215, r-Sr.)

**FG/PAT Snap** 55, Ken Keister (6-1, 240, r-Sr.)  
62, Travis Conway (6-5, 257, r-So.)

**FG/PAT Hold** 89, Robert Peaslee (6-1, 199, r-Jr.)  
26, Shawn Witten (6-0, 192, Sr.)

**Punt Snap** 55, Ken Keister (6-1, 240, r-Sr.)  
62, Travis Conway (6-5, 257, r-So.)

**Kos** 97, Jon Mollerup (5-11, 215, r-Sr.)  
23, Nic Schmitt (6-2, 238, Fr.)

**KR** 12, Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.)  
7, Kevin Jones (6-0, 212, So.) OR  
22, Lee Suggs (6-0, 198, r-Sr.)

**PR** 12, Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.) OR  
4, DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.)