



Hokies Face LSU For First Time in Football

Virginia Tech (1-0) vs. LSU (0-0) • 2:30 p.m., Sept. 1, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

TODAY'S CHECKLIST

- ✓ This will be the first football meeting between Virginia Tech and LSU
- ✓ LSU will be the first SEC team to play at Lane Stadium since Vanderbilt in 1989
- ✓ The Hokies have a 139-59-6 record at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
- ✓ Tech has won 17 of its last 19 home games
- ✓ The Hokies are 24-7-1 in games against non-conference foes at Lane Stadium
- ✓ VT is ranked 16th in both the AP poll and the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll
- ✓ LSU is ranked 14th by AP and 14th by USA Today/ESPN
- ✓ The game will be televised by ABC
- ✓ Westwood One will broadcast the game nationally.

THE SERIES

☛ Sunday's game will mark the first football meeting between Virginia Tech and Louisiana State University. Tech has a 6-4 record against teams from Louisiana. The Hokies have posted a 5-4 record against Tulane and are 1-0 against Southwestern Louisiana. Tech is 3-0 versus teams from Louisiana in Blacksburg.

Virginia Tech and LSU shared the same conference from 1922 to 1932 but never played. Tech was a charter member of the Southern Intercollegiate Conference in 1921. LSU joined the league in 1922. In 1932, the 13 southern-most members (including LSU) left to form the SEC.

BEAMER MILESTONES

☛ The Hokies' 63-7 victory over Arkansas State gave head coach Frank Beamer his 150th victory as a collegiate coach. It also marked the second straight season that Beamer reached a milestone victory in Tech's season opening game. He earned his 100th win at Virginia Tech when the Hokies beat UConn in last year's opener.

FIRST MEETINGS

☛ During coach Frank Beamer's 15 seasons at Virginia Tech, the Hokies are 10-5 in their first games against new opponents. During Beamer's tenure, Tech has posted wins in its first meetings with Texas, UAB, Indiana, Bowling Green, UCF, Pittsburgh, Akron, Southwestern Louisiana, Arkansas State and UConn. First-game losses under Beamer have come to Nebraska, Boston College, Miami (Ohio), Oklahoma and Georgia Tech.

THIS SEASON

☛ Virginia Tech opened its 2002 season with a 63-7 victory against Arkansas State in the third Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. The game was played on Sunday at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The win marked the Hokies' 11th victory in their last 12 season-opening games.

☛ LSU will be opening its 2002 season when it faces Tech in Blacksburg. The Tigers, who won the 2001 Southeastern Conference title, have won six straight season openers. LSU will be opening on the road for the first time since 1995.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10 Virginia Tech has played 10 games against teams from the state of Louisiana, posting a 6-4 record.
- 9 Nine true freshmen saw action in Tech's 2002 opener.
- 8 Eight of Tech's nine touchdowns in the Arkansas State game were scored by freshmen or sophomores.
- 7 The Hokies opened the season with seven first-time starters on their defensive unit.
- 6 LSU has won six straight season openers.
- 5 Five Tech players scored their first collegiate touchdowns during the Arkansas State game.
- 4 True freshman Mike Imoh led Tech with four pass receptions against ASU.
- 3 The Hokies' defense and special teams combined for three touchdowns against Arkansas State.
- 2 Tech has lost just two of its last 19 games at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.
- 1 LSU will be playing its first-ever football game against a team from the commonwealth of Virginia.

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 108-65-2 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 150-88-4 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

Virginia Tech (1-0):			
hW	63-	7	Arkansas State
Sept.	1		LSU (2:30 p.m.)
		12	Marshall (7:30 p.m.)
		21	at Texas A&M (tba)
		28	at Western Michigan (tba)
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.)*
*BIG EAST Conference Game			
LSU (0-0):			
Sept.	1		at Virginia Tech
		7	The Citadel
		14	Miami (Ohio)
		28	Mississippi State
Oct.	5		Louisiana-Lafayette
		12	at Florida
		19	South Carolina
		26	at Auburn
Nov.	9		at Kentucky
		16	Alabama
		23	Mississippi
		29	at Arkansas

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 150 career wins. Joe Paterno leads the way with 327 wins followed by Bobby Bowden (324), Lou Holtz (233), Jackie Sherrill (175) and Ken Hatfield (155).

COACH NICK SABAN

☛ Nick Saban (Kent State '73) enters his third season as the head football coach at Louisiana State University, where he has an 18-7 record. Saban began his coaching career at Kent State in 1973. He worked as an assistant at Syracuse, West Virginia, Ohio State, Navy and Michigan State before moving to the NFL as a member of the Houston Oilers' staff in 1988. Saban guided Toledo to a 9-2 record as the head coach in 1990, then returned to the NFL with the Cleveland Browns from 1991-94. He was named head coach at Michigan State in 1995 and posted a five-year record of 34-24-1 before moving to LSU in 2000.

TECH IN THE POLLS

☛Virginia Tech is ranked No. 16 by both The Associated Press and the *USA Today/ESPN Coaches' Polls*. Tech's highest preseason rankings ever came last season when it was ranked No. 9 in both polls.

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 has been ranked a total of 120 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 65 of the last 66 AP polls including the last 54 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 (84) than any BIG EAST team since the start of 1993.

THE GAME ON TV

☛The Virginia Tech-LSU game will be televised by ABC. Tim Brant will handle the play-by play with Ed Cunningham serving as the color analyst. Samantha Ryan will provide sideline commentary.

Virginia Tech has a 5-10 record in games televised by ABC. Tech's last appearance on the network was a 26-24 loss to No. 1 Miami last season in Blacksburg.

The Hokies have compiled a 51-14 record in televised football games over the past seven seasons. Overall, Tech is 77-42 in televised games, including a 63-30 record during Frank Beamer's tenure as the head coach.

TECH AT HOME

☛Virginia Tech has posted a 139-59-6 overall record in its 37 seasons at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech is 65-22-1 at home under the direction of Frank Beamer.

The Hokies have a 23-7-1 record versus non-conference teams at Lane Stadium since BIG EAST football formed in 1991. The Hokies have won 18 of their last 22 non-league home games.

Tech is 27-6 against BIG EAST teams at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Since losing to Boston College at Lane Stadium in the opening game of the 1995 season, Tech has won 20 of its last 23 home BIG EAST games with the only league losses during that span coming to Temple, 28-24, in 1998 and to Syracuse, 22-14, and Miami, 26-24, last season.

Virginia Tech football teams are 298-90-13 in Blacksburg, including a 1-0 record in 2002.

SCORING STREAK

☛Tech has scored in a school record 83 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.

BIG EAST STANDINGS

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

Sunday, Aug. 25

Virginia Tech 63, Arkansas St. 7
(Hispanic College Fund Classic)

Thursday, Aug. 29

Syracuse at BYU
(Kickoff Classic)
Richmond at Temple

Saturday, Aug. 31

Florida A&M at Miami
UConn at Boston College
Ohio University at Pittsburgh
Villanova at Rutgers
Chattanooga at West Virginia

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)

LSU (10-3):

hW	48-17	Tulane
hW	31-14	Utah State
aL	18-26	Tennessee
hL	15-44	Florida
aW	29-25	Kentucky
aW	42- 0	Mississippi State
hL	24-35	Mississippi
aW	35-21	Alabama
hW	30-14	Middle Tennessee
hW	41-38	Arkansas
hW	27-14	Auburn
nW	30-21	Tennessee
nW	47-34	Illinois (Sugar Bowl)

Last Week

FAST START LEADS TO 63-7 TECH WIN OVER ASU

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)

Team Stats	ASU	VT
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.).

YOUTH MOVEMENT

☛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 ended up starting in the Hokies' opener against Arkansas State.

☛Of the 71 players who dressed in Tech's opening-game win against Arkansas State, 43 were freshmen or sophomores. The overall breakdown was 11 true freshmen, 14 redshirt freshmen, 18 sophomores, 18 juniors and 10 seniors.

☛Eight of Tech's nine touchdowns against ASU were scored by either a freshman or sophomore. The lone touchdown scored by an upper-classman came on a 32-yard run by senior **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) in the first quarter. The Hokies got two touchdowns each from sophomores **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.) and **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) and one each from sophomores **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) and **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.). True freshman **Mike Imoh** and redshirt freshman **Jeff King** also scored TDs.

☛Tech's entire defensive roster for 2002 includes just five seniors.

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

Extra Points

☛Five Virginia Tech players scored their first collegiate touchdowns during the Hokies' opening game against Arkansas State. Sophomores **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.), **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) and **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.), redshirt freshman **Jeff King** (Pulaski, Va.) and true freshman **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.) all contributed their first touchdowns as Hokies. Hall and Randall scored two TDs each.

☛Two Tech players pulled some double-duty during the Arkansas State game. Freshman **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.) saw action at flanker and led the Hokies with four catches for 28 yards and a touchdown. He also put in some time at tailback, his natural position, rushing four times for 22 yards. Redshirt freshman **Cedric Humes** (Virginia Beach, Va.), who worked at tailback last fall before moving to fullback in the spring, played at both positions. He finished second on the team in rushing against ASU with 52 yards on a team-high 10 carries.

☛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 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.

☛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.

☛Brothers **Kevin** and **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.) played side-by-side at defensive tackle during one series of 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.

BACK IN ACTION

☛ Quarterback **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W.Va.) 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.

Noel worked extremely hard during the summer to prepare for the challenge. In the opening game win over Arkansas State, he worked four series, directing the team to three touchdowns, including one on his 19-yard pass to tight end Jeff King.

Nobody had bigger shoes to fill than Noel when he followed Michael Vick as the Hokies' quarterback in 2001. Noel had seen varsity action in just six games during his three years at Tech. Against UConn in his first start, Noel completed 16 of 20 passes for 267 yards and three touchdowns. His passing total of 267 yards and his total offense of 273 yards were the third-best figures ever for a Tech quarterback in their first start.

At Rutgers, Noel tied a Tech mark with four touchdown passes in a game. He threw 108 passes before suffering his first career interception at WVU.

Noel suffered through the typical ups and downs of a first-year quarterback, tossing three TD passes against state-rival Virginia, then throwing four interceptions against top-ranked Miami, then bouncing back with a Tech bowl record 269 yards passing in the Gator Bowl.

Noel finished the 2001 season completing 146 of 254 attempts (57.5 percent) for 1,826 yards. His 16 touchdown passes during the 2001 season ranks tops among first-year starters at Tech.

2002 Preseason Notes

Virginia Tech was picked to finish second in the BIG EAST Conference in 2002 based on a poll of media representatives who cover the league on a regular basis. The Hokies were picked behind defending national champion Miami, which received all 24 first-place votes for a total of 192 points. Tech garnered 152 points in the voting. Syracuse was picked to finish third with 133 points. The Orangemen were followed in the voting by Boston College (130), Pittsburgh (110), West Virginia (64), Temple (50) and Rutgers (33).

Tech's preseason ranking of 16th from both The Associated Press and the *USA Today/Coaches'* polls marks the fourth consecutive year that the Hokies have started a season ranked by both major polls. The Hokies have now started eight of the last nine seasons ranked in at least one of the two polls.

Virginia Tech's defensive secondary was rated the No. 10 defensive backfield in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News* and *Lindy's*. The Hokies' running backs were rated the best in the BIG EAST by both *TSN* and *Athlon Sports*.

Tailback Lee Suggs was named to the preseason *Playboy* All-America team, while senior cornerback Ronyell Whitaker was picked first-team preseason All-America by *Athlon Sports*.

Virginia Tech was forced to cancel two practices when an outbreak of a flu-like virus sidelined a number of players. Two players became ill on Saturday, Aug. 10, and by Thursday, Aug. 15 – the final day of Tech's two-a-day practices – 43 players, two coaches, two trainers, a manager and a videographer had developed symptoms of the virus. The Hokies did not practice on the 15th, but were able to resume workouts on the afternoon of Aug. 16.

Individual player preseason rankings saw Tech tailback Lee Suggs rated the No. 5 running back in Division I-A by *The Sporting News*. Suggs' runningmate at tailback, Kevin Jones, was named the No. 12 running back by *Lindy's* and the No. 18 back by *TSN*. Junior Jake Grove was selected the No. 6 center in the nation by *The Sporting News*, while senior Ronyell Whitaker was picked the No. 8 cornerback by *TSN* and the No. 10 cornerback by *Lindy's*. Willie Pile was listed as the 10th-best safety in Division I-A by *The Sporting News* and the No. 13 safety by *Lindy's*. Offensive linemen Anthony Davis and Luke Owens were both ranked by *TSN*. Davis was listed as the No. 21 tackle and Owens the No. 23 guard.

The Hokies lost cornerback Eric Green for the season when he suffered a torn ACL in his left knee during a personal workout in late July. Green, a junior from Clewiston, Fla., has a redshirt year available. He was expected to challenge for the starting job at field corner and also be one of the Hokies' top special team performers.

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** took the first steps to regaining the form that helped him earn All-America honors in 2000 by making a good showing in Tech's opener with Arkansas State. Suggs rushed seven times for 87 yards and a touchdown in his first appearance since the opening game of 2001.

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, 145 yards versus Boston College, 143 yards at UCF, 122 yards at East Carolina, 121 yards at Miami and 116 yards versus UVa. Suggs rushed for at least one touchdown in every game in 2000.

Suggs scored five TDs at UCF, and four versus both Rutgers and Virginia. 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 (31) and total TDs (32). He currently ranks fifth on Tech's career scoring list with 198 points. He has scored at least one TD in his last 14 games.

Suggs career rushing total of 1,529 yards ranks 18th at Tech. He needs just 27 yards to pass Tommy Francisco (1,555) for 17th 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 joined with redshirt junior Keith Burnell to fill the position and 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 on record 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 in the first quarter. Jones also saw duty on special teams, registering three tackles.

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 are 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 73 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 56 in Tech's last 99 games.

Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 46 TDs, with 27 coming on pass interceptions, 17 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 54 different players on Tech's defense and special teams have scored touchdowns. Eleven 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 37-5 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.

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 90 blocks in Beamer's 175 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 46 punts (13 for TDs), 23 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 started the new decade with eight 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 15-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 16 times, including two against top-ranked Miami last season. Tech blocked two kicks against four different teams in 1998.

VIRGINIA TECH'S BLOCKED KICKS UNDER FRANK BEAMER

Totals: 90 in 175 games (46 punts, 23 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 DelRicco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) aW
Indiana – FG* (Jeff Holland) nW
Independence Bowl

1994 (2 punts, 2 FGs)

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

1995 (4 punts, 3 PATs, 1 FG)

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

1996 (5 punts, 1 PAT)

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

1997 (2 punts, 3 PATs, 2 FGs)

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

1998 (8 punts, 2 PATs, 2 FGs)

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

1999 (1 punt, 1 PAT, 0 FGs)

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, 0 PAT, 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

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

UP FOR GRABS

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

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 nod for the opener. Crawford was in on two tackles against Arkansas State, while Hardee posted one tackle. Hardee was making good progress at rover last fall before he was sidelined for six games by a knee injury. Crawford, who saw some reserve action at rover, was making a strong push for the position during the spring before suffering an ankle injury.

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 got the start against ASU and was in on six tackles, while Daniels had a tackle behind the line and two total hits. Daniels was slowed during the preseason by a hamstring injury. Manning, who excelled on special teams last year, took advantage of the opportunity.

READY FOR HIS TURN

☛Redshirt junior tight end **Keith Willis** (Norfolk, Va.) is anxious to prove what he can do after working behind veterans Browning Wynn and Bob Slowikowski the past two seasons. Willis, who has bulked up to 254 pounds, was one of three offensive players to meet all six of his goals in preseason strength and conditioning tests. He increased his bench press to 390 pounds, best among the tight ends. He also led the position with a 32-inch vertical jump. Willis had a 15-yard reception in the opening game with Arkansas State.

VEGAS

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

In Robinson, the Hokies have a physical, athletic player with all the tools to follow in Taylor's footsteps. The 6-0, 245-pound redshirt junior attained Elite Athlete status during the spring when he turned in a 370-pound bench press, a 600-pound back squat, a 39 1/2-inch vertical jump and a 4.47 second clocking in the 40-yard dash.

Robinson saw action on just 78 defensive plays last season, posting 14 tackles. He was in for 20 plays in the opening game against Arkansas State.

2002 START CHART

Pos.	Offense (starts)
SE	Ernest Wilford (1)
LT	Anthony Davis (1)
LG	James Miller (1)
C	Jake Grove (1)
RG	Luke Owens (1)
RT	Jon Dunn (1)
TE	Keith Willis (1)
QB	Grant Noel (1)
FB	Doug Easlick (1)
TB	Lee Suggs (1)
FL	Shawn Witten (1)

Pos.	Defense (starts)
E	Nathaniel Adibi (1)
T	Kevin Lewis (1)
T	Jason Lallis (1)
E	Jim Davis (1)
OLB	Brandon Manning (1)
ILB	Mikal Baaqee (1)
ILB	Vegas Robinson (1)
BC	DeAngelo Hall (1)
FS	Willie Pile (1)
ROV	Michael Crawford (1)
FC	Vincent Fuller (1)

SHUFFLING THE DECK

☛Virginia Tech's defensive secondary was rated among the nation's best in several preseason magazines, but the loss of versatile junior cornerback **Eric Green** (Clewiston, Fla.) with a season-ending knee injury and the suspension of All-America corner **Ronyell Whitaker** (Norfolk, Va.) for two games have forced Tech to shuffle its lineup.

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 will work with experienced redshirt junior **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) to solidify the position until Whitaker's return.

With Fuller's move to corner, true freshman **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.) is backing up starter **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) at free safety.

DeAngelo Hall (Chesapeake, Va.) is the starting boundary corner. The talented sophomore 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.

Redshirt freshman **D.J. Walton** (Woodbridge, Va.) and true freshman **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.) are also providing help at the corners.

ALIVE AND KICKING

☛Redshirt junior kicker **Carter Warley** (Richmond, Va.) is coming off excellent spring and preseason practices after experiencing some ups and downs last season. Warley connected on just 11 of his 21 field goal attempts in 2001, but has been extremely accurate since then. During spring scrimmages, Warley made his first seven field goals before just missing from 56 yards. He was 2-for-3 in the spring game and 4-for-4 in fall scrimmages, including two 47-yard field goals.

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 24 games, 21 as a starter; senior **Lamar Cobb** (Hurt, Va.), who has played in 28 games, 20 as a starter; redshirt junior **Cols Colas** (Plantation, Fla.), who has played in 22 games, four as a starter; and junior **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.), who has played in 21 games, three as a starter.

Last season, those four players combined for 49 quarterback hurries, 25 tackles for loss and 11 of the Hokies' 30 sacks. Those numbers are expected to improve this season.

Davis is a play-maker who is being counted on for a big year. 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 touchdowns. He was named the most valuable performer during Tech's spring workouts.

Adibi was also recognized for his efforts during the spring when he was named the team's outstanding leader. He finished with 41 tackles and 15 quarterback hurries in 2001. Adibi was moved to the stud end position during the spring in an effort to get him and Davis on the field at the same time.

Colas will see a lot of playing time at the stud end, too. His 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.

Cobb, who missed the first game due to a violation of team rules, led the defensive ends in tackles last season with 46 and had 11 hurries.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nathaniel ADIBI	uh-DEE-bee
MIKAL BAQUEE	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 saw action in the Hokies' season opener with senior **Shawn Witten** (Elizabethton, Tenn.) and redshirt junior **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) getting the starts at flanker and split end, respectively. Witten, who started seven games last season before suffering a broken leg against Pittsburgh, caught one pass for 11 yards, while Wilford hauled in a 15-yard reception.

True freshman **Mike Imoh** (Fr.; Fairfax, Va.), who saw action at flanker and tailback, led Tech with four catches for 28 yards and a TD against Arkansas State.

Richard Johnson (r-So.; Baltimore, Md.), **Chris Shreve** (r-Jr.; Mouth of Wilson, Va.), **Justin Hamilton** (r-Fr.; Clintwood, Va.) and **Chris Clifton** (r-Fr.; Chesapeake, Va.) all saw some significant playing time against ASU. **Terrell Parham** (r-Jr.; Bartow, Fla.), who caught 14 passes in 2001, missed the opener.

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 last season. 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.).

Jon Dunn (Virginia Beach, Va.), a 6-7, 319-pound redshirt sophomore is the starter at right tackle, while 6-6, 304-pound **James Miller** (So.; Pompano Beach, Fla.) is the starting left guard. **Jacob Gibson** (r-Jr.; Rocky Mount, Va.) is a 6-4, 302-pound swing man at guard and tackle.

Guards **Will Montgomery** (r-Fr.; Clifton, Va.) and **Anthony Nelson** (r-Jr.; Kingsport, Tenn.), tackles **Reggie Butler** (Fr.; Keswick, Va.) and **Jimmy Martin** (Fr.; Chantilly, Va.) and centers **Robert Ramsey** (r-So.; Coraopolis, Pa.) and **Danny McGrath** (Fr.; Herndon, Va.) provide solid depth along the offensive front.

FRESH FACES

☛Eleven true freshmen dressed for the Hokies' opening game against Arkansas State. True freshmen who dress on offense were tackles **Reggie Butler** (Keswick, Va.) and **Jimmy Martin** (Fairfax, Va.), center **Danny McGrath** (Herndon, Va.), flanker **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.), quarter-back **Marcus Vick** (Newport News, Va.) and tailback **John Candelas** (Blacksburg, Va.). The true freshmen on defense who dressed for ASU were end **Darryl Tapp** (Chesapeake, Va.), tackle **Jonathan Lewis** (Richmond, Va.), cornerback **Cary Wade** (Fairfax, Va.) and safety **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.). Freshman place-kicker/punter **Nic Schmitt** (Salem, Va.) rounded out the group. All but Schmitt and Vick played in the game.

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 battling for the fullback duties.

All three saw action against Arkansas State on Sunday with Easlick getting the starting nod. In limited action, he rushed once for 15 yards and caught a 5-yard pass. Humes worked at both fullback and tailback during the game and was the team's second-leading rusher with 52 yards on 10 carries. He also caught a pass for a 1-yard gain. Spence also saw his share of playing time and contributed 21 yards rushing on three carries.

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 versus FSU.

RECORD IN THE MAKING?

☛Lane Stadium/Worsham Field has a new look for 2002 with the completion of the new south end zone addition. The addition adds over 11,000 new seats and includes luxury suites and club areas. The stadium's total capacity now stands at 65,115.

The current Virginia state record for the largest attendance at a college football game is 61,625 set during last season's Virginia Tech-Virginia game in Charlottesville.

Tech's current attendance mark was set during the 2000 season when all six home games were sellouts of 56,272.

TECH ON SUNDAYS

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

LOUISIANA PRODUCT

☛Redshirt sophomore punter **Vinnie Burns** was born and raised in New Orleans, La. Burns took over as Tech's starting punter last season and averaged 37.8 yards on 59 punts. He retained the starting job after a pre-season battle with freshman Nic Schmitt (Salem, Va.). Burns, who attended St. Augustine High, punted five times for a 40.6-yard average in Tech's 2002 season opener against Arkansas State. He had a long kick of 55 yards against the Indians and dropped three kicks inside the 20-yard line.

NUMBERS GAME

☛Virginia Tech held Arkansas State to 24 yards rushing. That is the lowest rushing total by a Tech foe in a season opener since 1980 when Tech held Wake Forest to three yards.

☛Forty-three of the last 47 passes caught by Virginia Tech tight ends have produced first downs.

☛Since the start of BIG EAST Conference round-robin play in 1993, Tech is 60-3 when it rushes for 200 yards or more.

TODAY'S GAME ON RADIO

☛Today'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 today'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.

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>				
Noel	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	4.5	75.0%
Randall	5	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	18	3.6	60.0%
Hunt	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0.0	0.0%
VT Offense	13	6	0	0	5	0	1	1	0	0	36	2.8	46.2%
Opp. Offense	16	1	0	0	9	0	5	1	0	0	6	0.4	6.3%

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	28	177	6.3	20	154	7.7	8	23	2.9
Opp.	25	69	2.8	17	28	1.6	8	41	5.1

Times Gained 10+ Yards: VT 16/Opponents 6

Times Gained 5+ Yards: VT 30/Opponents 13

Negative Yardage Attempts on First Downs: VT 2/Opponents 1

Own Penalty on First Down: VT 3/Opponents 1

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

Opponents are 3 for 14 (21%) on third-down conversions and 0 for 0 (0%) on fourth-down conversions

Virginia Tech is 2 for 8 (25%) on third-down conversions and 1 for 1 (100%) on fourth-down conversions

Capitalizing On Turnovers

Virginia Tech's 1 total turnovers have led to 0 points for the opposition

Opponents' 5 total turnovers have led to 28 points for Virginia Tech

Field Position

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Drives Started	16	13
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	543	372
Average Starting Field Position	Own 33.9	Own 28.6
Times Started Inside 20	0	4
Drives Started in Plus Territory	3	1

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	10	6	0	0	4	1	0	1.0-yd. line (10)	21.3-yd. line (213)

Inside The Red Zone

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	5	0
Total Scores	5	0
Touchdowns	5	0
Field Goals	0	0
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	0	0
Lost on Missed Field Goals	0	0
Lost on Expiration of Time	0	0
Scoring Percentage	100%	0.0%
Scoring Percentage (TDs out of total red zone scores)	100%	0.0%
Percent of total drives (All Scores In Red Zone)	38.5%	0.0%

Longest Scoring Drives:

	By Tech	By Opponent
# Plays	9 (72 yds, 4:04-TD) vs. ASU	6 (86 yds, 3:54-TD) by ASU
# Yards	72 (9 pl, 4:04-TD) vs. ASU	86 (6 pl, 3:54-TD) by ASU
Possession Time	4:04 (9 pl, 72 yds-TD) vs. ASU	3:54 (6 pl, 86 yds-TD) by ASU

TECH OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team

SE 19 Ernest Wilford (6-4, 217, r-Jr.)

A huge target at wide receiver ... Looking to have a breakout season ... Caught 8 passes last year for 100 yards and a TD

LT 57 Anthony Davis (6-4, 322, Sr.)

Started against Arkansas State ... Averaged 59 snaps a game on offense last year ... Graded out at 81% with 29 knockdowns in '01

LG 76 James Miller (6-6, 304, So.)

Started against Arkansas State ... Was 1 of 4 true frosh to play last season ... Saw action in 10 of 11 regular season games

C 64 Jake Grove (6-3, 292, r-Jr.)

Has made the move to center this year ... Started against Arkansas State ... Graded out at 87.6% for the year in 2001

RG 74 Luke Owens (6-3, 310, r-Sr.)

Started against Arkansas State ... Graded out at 84.9% last year with 48 knockdown blocks in ... Moves over from LG spot

RT 79 Jon Dunn (6-7, 319, r-So.)

The biggest player on the team ... Has progressed nicely and is ready to assume a bigger role ... Started against Arkansas State

TE 86 Keith Willis (6-5, 254, r-Jr.)

Has waited his turn and is ready to take over the starting job ... An athletic TE with good hands ... Had 1 catch for 19 yards vs. ASU

QB 11 Grant Noel (6-2, 221, r-Sr.)

Directed just 4 drives against Arkansas State ... Threw a TD pass ... Started every game in '01 ... Playing with torn ACL in left knee

FB 43 Doug Easlick (5-11, 235, r-Jr.)

Blocked extremely well against Arkansas State ... Had a 15-yard run in that game ... A former walk-on ... A physical back

TB 22 Lee Suggs (6-0, 198, r-Sr.)

Returned to the field in style last week, running for 87 yards and a TD ... Virginia Tech's all-time touchdown leader with 32

FL 26 Shawn Witten (6-0, 192, Sr.)

Has the best hands and runs the best routes of any receiver ... Had 16 catches and 161 yds. before breaking his leg vs. Pitt in '01

PK 49 Carter Warley (5-11, 189, r-Jr.)

All-BIG EAST in 2000 ... Was 9 of 9 on PATs last week against Arkansas State ... Coaches are looking for more consistency

Second Team

SE 81 Chris Shreve (6-0, 185, r-Jr.)

A speedy receiver who has moved up the depth chart ... Will battle Terrell Parham for playing time and the #2 spot ... A former walk-on

LT 61 Reggie Butler (6-5, 330, Fr.)

Saw significant action against Arkansas State ... A big, physical presence on the line ... Recorded a 500-lb. squat in the spring

LG 60 Jacob Gibson (6-4, 302, r-Jr.)

Considered the "utility player" of the line ... Can play either guard or tackle spot ... Saw significant action against Arkansas State

C 68 Robert Ramsey (6-3, 296, r-So.)

Saw significant action against Arkansas State ... Has a solid grasp of VT's offense ... Has a legitimate chance for playing time this year

RG 66 Will Montgomery (6-3, 294, r-Fr.)

A former invited walk-on who earned a scholarship this past offseason ... Saw significant action against Arkansas State

RT 52 Jimmy Martin (6-5, 269, Fr.)

A standout lineman at Fork Union Military Academy in 2001 ... Saw significant action against Arkansas State last week

TE 90 Jeff King (6-5, 252, r-Fr.)

Caught his 1st career pass and TD pass last week against Arkansas State, a 19-yarder ... The biggest of the three main tight ends

QB 14 Bryan Randall (6-0, 213, So.)

Ran for 2 TDs and threw for 1 against Arkansas State ... An athletic QB who will see action this year ... Played in 8 games as true frosh

FB 32 Cedric Humes (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

TB 7 Kevin Jones (6-0, 212, So.)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in '01 ... Ran for 160 yds. vs. #1 Miami ... Finished with 957 yards and 5 TDs ... TSN Frosh All-American

FL 12 Richard Johnson (5-11, 180, r-So.)

Looking to make a big impact this year after struggling with a hamstring injury most of last year ... Also returns kickoffs

PK 23 Nic Schmitt (6-3, 238, Fr.)

A talented young kicker with a strong leg ... Impressed the coaches in preseason practices ... Likely to redshirt this year unless needed

TECH DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team	Second Team
<p>DE 83 Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 261, r-Jr.) Had 2 tackles, 1 QBH and a PBU vs. Arkansas State ... Has started 22 games at end over the past 2 seasons, including 2 bowl games</p>	<p>DE 99 Cols Colas (6-0, 239, r-Jr.) Had a tackle, a QBH and a TFL vs. Arkansas State ... Has explosive speed for the position ... Had 57 tackles and 3.5 sacks last year</p>
<p>DT 70 Kevin Lewis (6-1, 287, r-So.) Had 3 solo stops, 3 assists, a TFL, a sack and a forced fumble vs. Arkansas St ... Coming off a redshirt year ... A very physical player</p>	<p>DT 72 Jason Murphy (6-2, 288, r-Fr.) Had 3 assists and a QBH vs. Arkansas State ... A physical player who plays hard ... Runs well and is athletic ... Redshirted last year</p>
<p>DT 91 Jason Lallis (6-0, 254, r-So.) Returned a fumble 59 yards for a TD against Arkansas State in his 1st start ... Also had 3 tackles ... Spent the first 2 years at D end</p>	<p>DT 92 Mark Costen (6-3, 270, r-Jr.) Expected to play this week after leaving the ASU game early with a bruised kidney ... Played just 11 snaps ... A former walk-on</p>
<p>DE 95 Jim Davis (6-3, 265, Jr.) A playmaking end who could also move inside to the tackle spot ... A pass-rushing specialist ... Had an assist vs. Arkansas State</p>	<p>DE 28 Lamar Cobb (6-2, 236, r-Sr.) Returns for the LSU game after serving a 1-game suspension last week ... Started 8 games last year ... Only senior on defensive line</p>
<p>LB 48 Brandon Manning (6-0, 214, r-So.) Recorded 6 stops in his 1st career start ... Also had a TFL and a PBU ... Returned a blocked punt for a TD against #1 Miami in '01</p>	<p>LB 31 Mike Daniels (6-0, 201, r-So.) Had 2 solo stops and a TFL against Arkansas State ... Started the last 4 games of the '01 season after a mid-season position change</p>
<p>LB 45 Mikal Baaqee (5-10, 217, r-So.) Earns the lunch pail for this week ... Had 4 solo stops, an assist, 2 TFL, a QBH and caused and interception against Arkansas State</p>	<p>LB 39 Alex Markogiannakis (5-9, 204, r-Sr.) Had 3 solo stops and a TFL against Arkansas State ... Also recovered a fumble ... Will challenge for playing time this year</p>
<p>LB 6 Vegas Robinson (6-0, 245, r-Jr.) Played just 20 snaps against Arkansas State ... Had 2 assists ... Has a chance to become a playmaker at the backer LB spot</p>	<p>LB 47 James Anderson (6-3, 222, r-Fr.) Had a solo stop and an assist against Arkansas State ... A physical player who impressed in camp ... HS teammate of V. Robinson</p>
<p>BC 4 DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.) The MVP of the Hispanic College Fund Football Classic ... Returned a punt and an INT for TDs ... Also had a solo stop on defense</p>	<p>BC 17 Garnell Wilds (5-11, 192, r-Jr.) Had a solo stop on defense against Arkansas State ... Has great technique ... Can play both the field and boundary corner positions</p>
<p>FS 35 Willie Pile (6-3, 211, r-Sr.) The leader of the secondary ... Had 4 INTs last year ... Has 10 INTs in 2 seasons as a starter ... Also had 162 tackles, 6 TFL and a sack</p>	<p>FS 18 Jimmy F. Williams (6-2, 203, Fr.) Had a big game in his 1st collegiate action ... Played 37 snaps on defense, registering 5 solo stops, 5 assists and a pass broken up</p>
<p>ROV 21 Michael Crawford (5-11, 206, r-Jr.) Recorded a solo stop and an assist against Arkansas State ... Had a very good fall preseason to capture the starting rover job</p>	<p>ROV 25 Billy Hardee (5-11, 203, r-Sr.) Had a solo tackle vs. Arkansas State ... Looking to make the most of his last year ... Has been hampered by injuries in his career</p>
<p>FC 8 Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-So.) Moved to the FC spot after the season-ending injury to Eric Green ... Can still play free safety if needed ... Has a lot of speed</p>	<p>FC 24 D.J. Walton (5-9, 197, r-Fr.) A smart player who has been bumped up to #2 after the 2-game suspension to R. Whitaker ... Had an assist against Arkansas State</p>
<p>P 38 Vinnie Burns (5-11, 194, r-So.) Had 5 punts vs. ASU for an average of 40.6 yards ... Had a long of 55 yds ... Completed a 33-yard pass on fake punt vs. UCF last yr.</p>	<p>P 23 Nic Schmitt (6-3, 238, Fr.) Has pressed Burns for playing time in the preseason ... Has a strong leg ... Will likely redshirt this year, unless needed in a pinch</p>

2002 Virginia Tech Depth Chart for Louisiana State (9/1/02)

Offense (Multiple)

SE	19, Ernest Wilford (6-4, 217, r-Jr.) 81, Chris Shreve (6-0, 185, r-Jr.)
LT	57, Anthony Davis (6-4, 322, Sr.) 61, Reggie Butler (6-5, 330, Fr.)
LG	76, James Miller (6-6, 304, So.) 60, Jacob Gibson (6-4, 302, r-Jr.)
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	11, Grant Noel (6-2, 221, r-Sr.) 3, Bryan Randall (6-0, 213, So.)
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	26, Shawn Witten (6-0, 192, Sr.) 12, Richard Johnson (5-10, 180, r-So.)

Defense (4-3)

DE	83, Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 261, r-Jr.) 99, Cols Colas (6-0, 239, r-Jr.)
DT	70, Kevin Lewis (6-1, 287, r-So.) 72, Jason Murphy (6-2, 288, r-Fr.)
DT	91, Jason Lallis (6-0, 254, r-So.) 92, Mark Costen (6-3, 270, r-Jr.)
DE	95, Jim Davis (6-3, 265, Jr.) 28, Lamar Cobb (6-2, 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.)
FC	8, Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-So.) 24, D.J. Walton (5-9, 197, r-Fr.)
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.)
BC	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	49, Carter Warley (5-11, 189, r-Jr.) 23, Nic Schmitt (6-2, 238, Fr.)
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.) 4, DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.)