



Tech-Marshall Square Off Thursday on ESPN

Virginia Tech (2-0) vs. Marshall (1-0) • 7:45 p.m., Sept. 12, 2002 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

TONIGHT'S CHECKLIST

- ✓ This will be the eighth football meeting between Virginia Tech and Marshall
- ✓ Tech holds a 5-2 advantage in the series, which began in 1913
- ✓ The two schools last met on the gridiron in 1953
- ✓ The Hokies have a 140-59-6 record at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field
- ✓ Tech has won 18 of its last 20 home games
- ✓ The Hokies are 26-7-1 in games against non-conference foes at Lane Stadium
- ✓ VT is ranked 11th in the AP poll and 9th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll
- ✓ Marshall is ranked 16th in the AP poll and 17th by USA Today/ESPN
- ✓ The game will be televised by ESPN

THE SERIES

☛ Thursday night's game will mark the eighth football meeting between Virginia Tech and Marshall University. Tech holds a 5-2 edge in the series which began in 1913. The two schools have not met in football since the 1953 season.

Tech won the first two games of the series in Blacksburg during the 1913 and 1914 seasons. The Hokies traveled to Huntington, W.Va., in 1939 and 1940 to take on the Thundering Herd and lost both contests. From 1951-53, the two schools met in night games at Bluefield, W.Va., with the Hokies winning each game by seven points or less. The last meeting was a 7-0 Tech win in 1953.

THE GAME ON TV

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

Tech is 17-3 in games televised by ESPN and 10-1 in games shown by ESPN2. The Hokies have won the last 15 consecutive games that they have played on ESPN and ESPN2. Last season, the Hokies beat Virginia 31-17 on ESPN. The Hokies also played three times on ESPN2 last season with wins over Western Michigan, West Virginia and Boston College.

The Hokies have compiled a 52-14 record in televised football games over the past seven-plus seasons. Overall, Tech is 78-42 in televised games, including a 64-30 record during Frank Beamer's tenure as the head coach.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10 Ten different Virginia Tech players have registered quarterback hurries during the Hokies' first two games of 2002.
- 9 Nine of Tech's 12 touchdowns this season have been scored by freshmen or sophomores.
- 8 Since joining the BIG EAST Conference, Tech has won eight of its nine regular-season night games against non-conference foes.
- 7 Punter Vinnie Burns has placed seven of his 14 punts inside opponents' 20-yard line.
- 6 The Hokies have allowed just six rushing first downs in 2002.
- 5 Tailbacks Lee Suggs and Kevin Jones have combined for five rushing touchdowns during Tech's first two games.
- 4 Through the Hokies' first two games, opposing teams have successfully converted on just four of 27 third-down plays.
- 3 Only three Virginia Tech players had rushing attempts during the Hokies' win over LSU.
- 2 Tech blocked two punts during the LSU game.
- 1 Marshall University will be making its first-ever visit to Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

THIS SEASON

☛ Virginia Tech is 2-0 following a pair of home wins. Tech opened its 2002 season with a 63-7 victory against Arkansas State in the third Hispanic College Fund Football Classic. The Hokies followed that win with a 26-8 decision over No. 14 Louisiana State at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Both games were played on Sundays.

☛ Marshall is 1-0 on the season after defeating Appalachian State, the No. 2 ranked team in Division I-AA at the time, by a score of 50-17. The game was played at Marshall University Stadium in Huntington, W.Va.

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 109-65-2 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 151-88-4 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 (2-0):	
hW	63- 7 Arkansas State
hW	26- 8 LSU
Sept.	12 Marshall (7:45 p.m.)
	21 at Texas A&M (tba)
	28 at Western Michigan (noon)
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	
Marshall (1-0):	
hW	50-17 Appalachian State
Sept.	12 at Virginia Tech
	20 Central Florida
Oct.	5 at Kent State
	12 Buffalo
	19 Troy State
	26 at Central Michigan
Nov.	2 at Akron
	12 Miami (Ohio)
	23 at Ohio
	30 Ball State
Dec.	7 MAC Championship

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 151 career wins. Joe Paterno leads the way with 328 wins followed by Bobby Bowden (325), Lou Holtz (234), Jackie Sherrill (175) and Ken Hatfield (155).

COACH BOB PRUETT

☛ Bob Pruett (Marshall '65) is in his seventh season as the head football coach at Marshall University, where he has a 70-11 record. Pruett began his collegiate coaching career as an assistant at Marshall in 1979. He spent four seasons at his alma mater before accepting an assistant coaching position at Wake Forest in 1983. Pruett was an assistant coach at Mississippi for two seasons (1990-91) and served as the defensive coordinator at Tulane (1992-93) and the University of Florida (1994-95) before accepting the head coaching job at Marshall in 1996. Pruett coached the Thundering Herd to a Division I-AA championship in 1996.

TECH IN THE POLLS

☛Virginia Tech is ranked No. 11 in The Associated Press Poll and No. 9 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 122 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 67 of the last 68 AP polls including the last 56 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 (85) than any BIG EAST team since the start of 1993.

TECH AT HOME

☛Virginia Tech has posted a 140-59-6 overall record in its 37-plus seasons at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech is 66-22-1 at home under the direction of Frank Beamer.

The Hokies have a 26-7-1 record versus non-conference teams at Lane Stadium since BIG EAST football formed in 1991. The Hokies have won 21 of their last 25 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 299-90-13 in Blacksburg, including a 2-0 record in 2002.

NIGHT GAMES

☛Since 1946, Virginia Tech football teams have a 62-48-1 mark in night games, including a 29-15-1 record under Coach Frank Beamer. Tech's last night game was a 34-20 win against Boston College at Lane Stadium last season. Tech has won 20 of its last 22 regular-season night games. Since the BIG EAST started round-robin play in '93, Tech has posted an 8-1 mark in regular-season night games versus non-conference foes. Tech is 13-4 in night games at Lane Stadium.

SCORING STREAK

☛Tech has scored in a school record 84 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 its current streak, Tech has scored 13 or more points in all but two games.

BIG EAST STANDINGS

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

Thursday, Sept. 5
Oregon State 35, Temple 3

Saturday, Sept. 7
Texas A&M 14, Pittsburgh 12
Miami 41, Florida 16
Wisconsin 34, West Virginia 17
Boston College 34, Stanford 27
North Carolina 30, Syracuse 22
Buffalo 34, Rutgers 11

Thursday, Sept. 12
Marshall at Virginia Tech

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)

Marshall (11-2):
aL 14-49 Florida
hW 49-20 Massachusetts
hW 37-31 Bowling Green
aW 37-15 Northern Illinois
aW 34-14 Buffalo
hW 42-21 Central Michigan
hW 50-33 Akron
aW 42-21 Kent State
aW 27-21 Miami (Ohio)
hW 42-18 Ohio
hW 38-24 Youngstown State
aL 36-41 Toledo
nW 64-61 East Carolina (2 ot)
(GMAC Bowl)

Last Game

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.

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 have started in the Hokies' first two games.

☛Of the 75 players who dressed in Tech's game against LSU, 45 were freshmen or sophomores. The overall breakdown was 11 true freshmen, 14 redshirt freshmen, 20 sophomores, 18 juniors and 12 seniors. Of the 71 players who dressed for the Hokies' season opener against Arkansas State, 28 were dressing for the first time.

☛Nine of Tech's 12 touchdowns this season have been scored by either a freshman or sophomore. The other three have all been scored by senior **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.). The Hokies have gotten two touchdowns each from sophomores **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.), **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) and **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.), and one TD each from sophomore **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.), redshirt freshman **Jeff King** (Pulaski, Va.) and true freshman **Mike Imoh** (Fairfax, Va.).

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

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

Extra Points

☛The Virginia Tech-Marshall game features two schools that both have head football coaches who are alumni of the schools. Tech coach Frank Beamer was a starting defensive back for the Hokies from 1966-68 and played on both Tech Liberty Bowl teams. Marshall coach Bob Pruett was an end on Thundering Herd teams from 1962-64. After graduating from Marshall, Pruett earned a master's degree in administration and physical education from Virginia Tech in 1972.

☛Virginia Tech's first consensus All-American, defensive back Frank Loria, went on to become an assistant coach at Marshall University following his playing career at Tech. Loria was one of 75 people who lost their lives in the tragic crash of the Marshall team plane in 1970. Another former Tech player, Rick Tolley, was the head coach of the Herd and also perished in the crash. Tech retired Loria's jersey number (10) in 1970 and will present a duplicate of that jersey to members of Loria's family between the first and second quarters of the Tech-Marshall game.

☛Junior defensive end **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.) posted three quarterback sacks during the Hokies' 26-8 win over LSU. He was the first Tech player to post three sacks in a game since the final regular-season game of 1999 when rover Cory Bird registered three sacks against Boston College. Davis entered the 2002 season with eight career sacks, the most among returning Tech players.

☛Virginia Tech has held 10 of the last 13 teams that have visited Lane Stadium/Worsham Field to less than 100 yards rushing. The Hokies' first two opponents this year, Arkansas State and LSU, finished with 24 and 80 yards rushing, respectively. Miami rushed for 149 yards last year in Blacksburg and Syracuse had 168 yards. The University of Virginia posted 171 yards on the ground at Lane Stadium in 2000. Syracuse was the only one of the 13 teams to outrush the Hokies.

☛Tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) has scored at least one touchdown in each of the 15 games that he has started for Virginia Tech. During those 15 games, Suggs has posted a total 36 touchdowns. Three of those touchdowns, against Clemson in the 2001 Gator Bowl, 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 35, including two touchdowns as a reserve in 1999.

☛Third-down conversions have been hard to come by at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field this season — both for opposing teams and the Hokies. Tech has limited its first two opponents to a combined 4-for-27 (15 percent) on third-down conversions. The Hokies have fared only slightly better, making good on 6 of 23 tries (26 percent).

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 last week's 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. His status for the Marshall game is uncertain.

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. He played just two series against LSU before leaving the game.

RANDALL READY

☛Sophomore **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.) will make his first collegiate start when he opens at quarterback against Marshall. Last year, he saw limited action as Tech's top backup at quarterback. He made steady progress during the spring and preseason. Randall ran for two touchdowns and passed for another in the 2002 opener against Arkansas State. He came off the bench after the first two series to direct the Tech attack against LSU. He has completed 11 of 17 passes for 113 yards and has added 42 yards on the ground.

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.

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 good showings in Tech's first two games. Suggs 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 more touchdowns on 22 carries in the LSU game. He is averaging 6.1 yards per carry and leads the team with three touchdowns.

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 fifth on Tech's career scoring list with 210 points. All four players ahead of him on the list are place-kickers.

Suggs' career rushing total of 1,620 yards ranks 16th at Tech. He needs another 104 yards to pass Bob Schweickert (1,723) for 15th 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 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 and also posted three tackles on special teams. Jones rushed for 70 yards and another TD during Tech's win over LSU.

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 73 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 56 in Tech's last 100 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 92 blocks in Beamer's 176 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 48 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 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: 92 in 176 games (48 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 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, 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

2002 (2 punts, 0 PAT, 0 FG)

LSU – punt+ (Justin Hamilton)
punt@ (Jason Lallis) hW

*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 spots.

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. Each player has contributed four tackles during Tech's first two games. 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 has started the first two games and is tied for the team lead in tackles with 15. Daniels, who has three tackles, was slowed during the preseason by a hamstring injury. Manning was primarily a special teams player last season.

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 and added a 7-yard catch in the Hokies' win against LSU.

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 has been in on 75 plays this season, contributing 11 tackles and a pass interception.

2002 START CHART

Pos.	Offense (starts)
SE	Ernest Wilford (2)
LT	Anthony Davis (2)
LG	James Miller (2)
C	Jake Grove (2)
RG	Luke Owens (2)
RT	Jon Dunn (2)
TE	Keith Willis (2)
QB	Grant Noel (2)
FB	Doug Easlick (2)
TB	Lee Suggs (2)
FL	Shawn Witten (2)

Pos.	Defense (starts)
E	Nathaniel Adibi (2)
T	Kevin Lewis (2)
T	Jason Lallis (2)
E	Jim Davis (2)
OLB	Brandon Manning (2)
ILB	Mikal Baaqee (2)
ILB	Vegas Robinson (2)
BC	DeAngelo Hall (2)
FS	Willie Pile (2)
ROV	Michael Crawford (2)
FC	Vincent Fuller (2)

WHITAKER RETURNING

☛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 forced Tech to shuffle its lineup briefly.

Whitaker will return to game action against Marshall. The 5-9, 192-pound senior was a first-team All-BIG EAST pick last season and was named third-team AP All-America.

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 worked extremely well with experienced redshirt junior **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.) to solidify the position.

Fuller is still likely to see some action at corner while also backing up starter **Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) 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. The 6-3 senior currently leads the secondary with 11 tackles. True freshman **Jimmy F. Williams** (Hampton, Va.) saw playing time at safety in the opening game and contributed 10 tackles.

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. Hall has eight tackles and is ranked 10th nationally in punt returns (23.6 ypr).

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

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 26 games, 23 as a starter; senior **Lamar Cobb** (Hurt, Va.), who has played in 29 games, 20 as a starter; redshirt junior **Cols Colas** (Plantation, Fla.), who has played in 24 games, four as a starter; and junior **Jim Davis** (Highland Springs, Va.), who has played in 23 games, five 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 TDs. He had six tackles, three sacks and two hurries in Tech's win over LSU.

Adibi, the team's most outstanding leader during 2002 spring practice, finished with 41 tackles and 15 hurries in 2001. He was moved to the stud end position during the spring to get him and Davis on the field at the same time. He has four tackles and three hurries in 2002.

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. He had four hurries in the LSU game on Sept. 1.

Cobb led the defensive ends in tackles last season with 46 and had 11 hurries. He registered four tackles and one hurry during the LSU game.

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 saw action in the Hokies' first two games 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 at Pittsburgh, has caught two passes for 19 yards, while Wilford has two catches for 26 yards.

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

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.) have all seen playing time during the first two games. **Terrell Parham** (r-Jr.; Bartow, Fla.), who caught 14 passes in 2001, played against LSU.

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 are dressing 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.), flanker **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.). Freshman place-kicker/punter **Nic Schmitt** (Salem, Va.) rounds out the group. All but Schmitt and Vick have played.

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 have seen action in the first two games with Easlick getting the starting nod. Easlick has rushed once for 15 yards and caught two passes for 10 yards. Humes, who worked some at both fullback and tailback during the Arkansas State game, is the team's third-leading rusher with 52 yards on 10 carries. He also has two pass receptions for 18 yards. Spence has also seen his share of playing time and has gained 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.

TECH ON THURSDAY

☞ The Marshall game will mark the seventh Thursday night ESPN game for a Virginia Tech grid team and the eighth 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. That contest was televised by WTBS.

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. During the 1999 season, Tech beat Clemson, 31-11, in an ESPN Thursday night game in Blacksburg. The Hokies played two Thursday night ESPN games in 2000, beating East Carolina, 45-28, on the road and West Virginia, 48-20, at home.

Playing on Thursday used to be routine for Virginia Tech football teams. Tech and Virginia Military Institute 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 has an overall record of 50-26-5 in games played on Thursdays.

NUMBERS GAME

☞ Tech held Arkansas State to 24 yards rushing. That was the lowest rushing total by a Tech foe in an opening game since 1980 when Wake Forest had just three yards.

☞ Forty-three of the last 48 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.

BIG EAST HONORS

☞ 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 register 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.

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. So far this season, Warley is 12-for-12 on extra points and has made his only field goal attempt, a 41-yarder.

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.

OPEN DATES

☛September 7 marked the 29th open date for Tech since the start of the 1970 season. The Hokies are 15-13 in games following those open dates, including a 14-9 mark under Coach Frank Beamer. Last season after open dates, Tech defeated Rutgers, 50-0, on the road and lost to Syracuse (22-14) and No. 1 Miami (26-24) at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Hokies will also have open dates later this season before games against Boston College and West Virginia.

TONIGHT'S GAME ON RADIO

☛Tonight's game can be heard on radiostations 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.

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.

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)

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.).

TECH OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team	Second Team
<p>SE 19 Ernest Wilford (6-4, 217, r-Jr.) Had a catch for 11 yards vs. LSU ... A huge target at wide receiver ... Caught 8 passes last year for 100 yards and a touchdown</p>	<p>SE 9 Terrell Parham (6-0, 195, r-Sr.) Caught a pass for 11 yards vs. LSU after returning from a 1-game suspension ... Caught 14 passes for 155 yards last year</p>
<p>LT 57 Anthony Davis (6-4, 322, Sr.) Started both games this year ... Averaged 59 snaps a game on offense last year ... Graded out at 81% with 29 knockdowns in '01</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>LG 76 James Miller (6-6, 304, So.) Started both games this year ... Was 1 of 4 true frosh to play last season ... Saw action in 10 of 11 regular season games in 2001</p>	<p>OR LG 60 Jacob Gibson (6-4, 302, r-Jr.) Considered the "utility player" of the line ... Can play either guard or tackle spot ... Has seen significant action in both games thus far</p>
<p>C 64 Jake Grove (6-3, 292, r-Jr.) Has made a successful move to center this year ... Started both games this year ... Graded out at 87.6% for the year in 2001</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>RG 74 Luke Owens (6-3, 310, r-Sr.) Started both games this year ... Graded out at 84.9% last year with 48 knockdown blocks ... Moves over from the left guard spot</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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 both games this year</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>OR TE 90 Jeff King (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>QB 3 Bryan Randall (6-0, 213, So.) Will make his 1st career start vs. Marshall ... Directed 4 scoring drives vs. LSU ... Ran for 2 TDs and threw for 1 against Arkansas St</p>	<p>QB 11 Grant Noel (6-2, 221, r-Sr.) Had surgery on Sept. 3 to clean up his left knee ... Is probable for the Marshall game ... Playing with slightly-torn ACL in left knee</p>
<p>FB 43 Doug Easlick (5-11, 235, r-Jr.) Blocked well against both Arkansas State and LSU ... Had a 15-yard run vs. ASU ... A former walk-on ... A physical back</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>TB 22 Lee Suggs (6-0, 198, r-Sr.) Ran for 91 yards and 2 TDs on 22 carries vs. LSU ... Ran for 87 yards vs. ASU ... Virginia Tech's all-time touchdown leader with 34</p>	<p>TB 7 Kevin Jones (6-0, 212, So.) Ran for 70 yards and a score vs. LSU ... Had a 34-yard run ... BIG EAST Rookie of the Year in '01 ... TSN Freshman All-American</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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</p>
<p>PK 49 Carter Warley (5-11, 189, r-Jr.) All-BIG EAST in 2000 ... Is 12 of 12 on PATs this year ... Kicked a 41-yd. FG vs. LSU ... Coaches are looking for more consistency in '02</p>	<p>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</p>

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 ... Recorded 2 solo stops and 2 QB hurries against LSU ... A big end with speed</p>	<p>DE 99 Cols Colas (6-0, 239, r-Jr.) Had 4 QB hurries and a sack vs. LSU ... Had a tackle, a QBH and a TFL vs. Arkansas State ... Has explosive speed for the position</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 State ... Had 5 tackles and 2 QB hurries against LSU</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 ... Had 6 tackles and a QB hurry in the win over LSU</p>	<p>DT 56 Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 3000, Fr.) Had 2 solo stops against Louisiana State ... Played 22 snaps against Arkansas State ... Had 5 tackles and a TFL in that game</p>
<p>DE 95 Jim Davis (6-3, 265, Jr.) Earns the lunch pail for this week ... Had a team-high 3 sacks vs. LSU ... Had 6 total stops, 1 TFL, 2 QB hurries and caused a fumble</p>	<p>DE 28 Lamar Cobb (6-2, 236, r-Sr.) Had 4 tackles (3 solo), a TFL and a QB hurry against LSU ... Started 8 games last year ... Only senior on defensive line two-deep</p>
<p>LB 48 Brandon Manning (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>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.) Had a team-high 10 stops vs. LSU ... Had 4 solo stops, an assist, 2 TFL, a QBH and caused an 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.) Had 5 solo stops and 4 assists against LSU ... Also had 2 QB hurries and recorded an INT ... Had 2 assists against Arkansas St.</p>	<p>LB 47 James Anderson (6-3, 222, r-Fr.) Had a solo stop and an assist against Arkansas State ... Had 3 tackles and caused a fumble in the win over Louisiana State</p>
<p>BC 4 DeAngelo Hall (5-11, 194, So.) Had 7 total tackles vs. LSU ... Also had a PBU ... Returned a punt and an INT for TDs vs. ASU ... Also had a solo stop on defense</p>	<p>BC 17 Garnell Wilds (5-11, 192, r-Jr.) Recorded 4 tackles against LSU ... Had 2 PBUs ... Had a solo stop against Arkansas State ... Can play both the FC and BC positions</p>
<p>FS 35 Willie Pile (6-3, 211, r-Sr.) Had 7 total tackles against LSU ... Also broke up a pass ... The leader of the secondary ... Has 10 INTs in 2+ seasons as a starter</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 2 total tackles against LSU ... Played 34 snaps in that game</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 ... Recorded a solo stop in the win over LSU</p>
<p>FC 2 Ronyell Whitaker (5-9, 192, r-Sr.) Returns after serving a 2-game suspension ... A third-team All-American last year by AP ... Can also serve as the punt returner</p>	<p>FC 8 Vincent Fuller (6-1, 184, r-So.) Had 2 tackles against LSU ... Also broke up a pass and caused a fumble ... Can still play free safety if needed ... Has a lot of speed</p>
<p>P 38 Vinnie Burns (5-11, 194, r-So.) Was named the BE ST POW after the LSU game ... Punted 9 times for an avg. of 44.7 yards ... Had a long of 58 yds w/4 inside the 20</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>

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	6	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	21	3.5	50.0%
Randall	18	6	1	1	8	0	2	1	0	45	2.5	38.9%
Hunt	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.0%
VT Offense	28	9	1	1	11	0	2	2	0	66	2.4	35.7%
Opp. Offense	31	2	0	0	17	2	7	2	1	14	0.5	9.5%

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	54	292	5.4	46	264	5.7	11	28	2.5
Opp.	52	174	3.3	34	78	2.3	18	96	5.3

Times Gained 10+ Yards (on any down): VT 25/Opponents 13

Times Gained 5+ Yards (on any down): VT 52/Opponents 37

Negative Yardage Attempts on First Downs: VT 4/Opponents 4

Own Penalty on First Down: VT 5/Opponents 2

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

Opponents are 4 for 27 (14.8%) on third-down conversions and 0 for 2 (0%) on fourth-down conversions

Virginia Tech is 6 for 23 (26.1%) on third-down conversions and 1 for 2 (50.0%) on fourth-down conversions

Capitalizing On Turnovers

Virginia Tech's 2 total turnovers have led to 0 points for the opposition

Opponents' 7 total turnovers have led to 35 points for Virginia Tech

Field Position

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Drives Started	28	31
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	1,195	726
Average Starting Field Position	Own 42.7	Own 23.4
Times Started Inside 20	2	10
Drives Started in Plus Territory	9	2

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	15	11	0	0	4	1	0	1.7-yd. line (25)	22.6-yd. line (339)

Inside The Red Zone

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	9	1
Total Scores	8	1
Touchdowns	8	1
Field Goals	0	0
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	1	0
Lost on Missed Field Goals	0	0
Lost on Expiration of Time	0	0
Scoring Percentage	88.9%	100%
Scoring Percentage (TDs out of total red zone scores)	88.9%	100%
Percent of total drives (All Scores In Red Zone)	28.6%	3.2%

Longest Scoring Drives:

	By Tech	By Opponent
# Plays	9 (72 yds, 4:04-TD) vs. ASU	10 (82 yds, 4:02-TD) by LSU
# 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	4:02 (10 pl, 82 yds-TD) by LSU

2002 Virginia Tech Depth Chart for Marshall (9/12/02)

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

C 64, Jake Grove (6-4, 292, r-Jr.)
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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.) OR
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 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.)
56, Jonathan Lewis (6-1, 300, Fr.)

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.)
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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.)

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