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THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MICHAEL VICK

Vick, Davis Lead Tech Back to Victory

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Michael Vick found his passing touch in spectacular fashion, but was upstaged by teammate André Davis as Virginia Tech rallied from a seven-point halftime deficit to knock off BIG EAST foe West Virginia 48-20 in front of 56,272 fans at Lane Stadium on Thursday night.

With the win, Tech is now 6-0 on the season, including a 4-0 mark in the BIG EAST. The Hokies beat West Virginia (4-2, 2-2) for the ninth time in the past 12 meetings between the two schools.

Davis scored three touchdowns in three different ways — all in the second half — and accounted for 273 all-purpose yards. He finished the game with 127 yards receiving on six catches, 116 yards on punt returns and 30 yards rushing.

Trailing 14-7 at halftime, Tech came out

of the locker room blazing and scored on the third play of the half. Vick, who completed 10 of 18 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns, found tight end Bob Slowikowski for a 72-yard touchdown pass. That tied the game at 14.

Then Davis took over.

On Tech's second possession of the second half, he took the handoff on a reverse and sprinted 30 yards for a touchdown to give Tech a 20-14 lead. The Hokies added to their lead when Davis caught a 64-yard touchdown pass from Vick on their next possession. Davis' final score came on a 76-yard punt return to give Tech a 34-14 lead and put the game away for the Hokies.

Tech scored two more touchdowns to account for its scoring. Jarrett Ferguson scored on a 16-yard run in the fourth quarter, while André Kendrick added a 2-yard run.

Tech's offense amassed more than 500 yards of total offense, including 271 yards rushing against a WVU defense that went into the game allowing a little more than 95 per game. Tailback Lee Suggs led Tech's rushing attack with 84 yards on 18 carries and he scored his 12th touchdown of the season, leaving him one short of tying the single-season record for rushing touchdowns.

Even more impressive was Tech's defense. The Hokies allowed just 248 yards of total offense, including just 78 on the ground. West Virginia made just 4-of-16 third-down conversions.

Tech now gets ready to take on Syracuse at the Carrier Dome on Oct. 21. The Hokies haven't won at the Carrier Dome since 1986. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. and will be broadcast on ESPN.



Michael Vick turns up field against the West Virginia defense. This 29-yard run helped set up the first TD.

MICHAEL VICK ...

QUARTERBACK OF THE FUTURE

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Michael Vick stormed onto the college football scene as a redshirt freshman a year ago, leading the Hokies to an 11-0 regular season and a berth in the national championship game. His combination of a powerful arm, blazing speed and Houdini-like escape moves have fans and opposing teams holding their breath on every play. At just 20 years old, Vick truly has the ability to become the “Quarterback of the Future.”

Last Year he ...

- went 10-1 as a starter in his first year at the helm, leading the Hokies to the BCS National Championship game.
- finished third in the voting for the Heisman Trophy, equalling the highest finish ever by a freshman.
- accounted for 322 yards of total offense in the Nokia Sugar Bowl against Florida State.
- won the inaugural Archie Griffin Award as the College Football Player of the Year.
- won an ESPY as the College Football Performer of the Year.
- was the runner-up for The Associated Press Player of the Year.
- was *The Sporting News*' First-Team All-American.
- was *The Sporting News*' Freshman of the Year.
- was the BIG EAST Offensive Player and Rookie of the Year.
- set an NCAA freshman record for passing efficiency (180.4).

This year he ...

- passed for two scores and 186 yards and ran for two TDs and 102 yards in a 52-23 win over Akron.
- had a touchdown pass in the Hokies big win over East Carolina on Sept. 7.
- rushed for 104 yards and a touchdown and threw for 120 yards and a score in the Hokies' 49-0 win over Rutgers on Sept. 16.
- rushed for a career-high 210 yards and three touchdowns in the Hokies' 48-34 win over BC.
- accounted for 270 yards of total offense and two TDs in the 48-20 win over West Virginia.



#7 - Michael Vick
Class: r-Sophomore
Height: 6-1
Home: Newport News, Va.
Weight: 214
Position: Quarterback
Experience: 1 yr

One of the most exciting players in the college football ranks ... Considered among the leading preseason candidates for the prestigious Heisman Trophy ... Named to first-team preseason All-America teams by *Athlon*, *Playboy*, *Blue Ribbon*, *Lindy's*, *The Sporting News*, *Rivals.com* and *Collegefootballnews.com* ... Will be given more responsibility in his second season ... Still has room to grow as a player ... Will have to adjust to being a marked man in 2000 ... Enjoyed a spectacular freshman season in 1999 leading Virginia Tech to its first-ever 11-0 regular-season record and a spot in the national championship game ... Won an ESPY as the nation's top college player ... Was awarded the first-ever Archie Griffin Award as the nation's most valuable player in college football ... Finished third in the balloting for the 1999 Heisman Trophy, matching the highest finish ever by a freshman in the voting ... Finished second in the voting for The Associated Press Player of the Year ... Named first-team All-America by *The Sporting News* and also picked as that publication's Freshman of the Year ... Made first-team freshman All-America teams selected by TSN and *Football News* ... Named to The Associated Press second-team All-America squad ... Led the Division I-A ranks in passing efficiency (180.37), setting a NCAA record for a freshman in the process ... Was voted both the BIG EAST Offensive Player of the Year and

the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... Became the first player in Division I history to win a league's Player of the Year award (offensive, defensive or special teams) in the same season he won Rookie of the Year ... Set school single-season records for highest yards passing per completion (20.4), per attempt (12.1) and for the highest completion percentage (59.2) ... Also set a school mark for the most yards per play at 9.3 ... His total offense figure for the season (2,425) led the BIG EAST and was the second-highest single-season total in school history ... Compiled 322 yards of total offense against Florida State in the Nokia Sugar Bowl game ... The first freshman to open a season as Tech's starting quarterback since Will Furrer in 1989 ... Possesses outstanding talent and a great arm ... Has a quick release and can get the football to any part of the field ... Equally as dangerous as a runner ... Ran the second-fastest 40 in Tech football history during the spring at 4.25 seconds ... The best all-around athlete the Hokies have had at QB ... Has the confidence of his teammates and the personality it takes to be an outstanding leader ...

1999: Rushed for three touchdowns in just over a quarter against James Madison in his first collegiate game ... Injured his left ankle diving into the end zone on his third TD ... Missed the rest of the JMU game and all of the UAB game ... Threw three interceptions in his return against Clemson ... Went six games before throwing another interception ... Engineered Tech's game-winning drive at West Virginia, taking the Hokies

from their own 15 to the WVU 27 for a field goal ... Started that drive with 1:15 remaining and no time outs ...

Completed three passes and turned in a 26-yard run during that drive ...

Accounted for five first-half touchdowns against Rutgers ...

Completed 11 of 12 passes for 248 yards and four TDs in that game and rushed eight times for 68 yards and another TD ... Hit 7-of-9 passes for 222 yards and a TD in a win over Virginia ...

Rushed for touchdowns of 53 and 75 yards at Temple and also threw two TD passes ... Tossed three touchdown passes and accounted for 366 yards of offense in the regular-season finale against Boston College ...

Also posted a 5-yard touchdown run in that game ... Completed 90 of 152 passes for 1,840 yards and 12 touchdowns ... Averaged 5.4 yards per rush with 585 yards on 108 carries ...

Scored eight rushing TDs, the most for a Tech quarterback in a season since 1977 ... Rushed for 97 yards on 23 carries against FSU in the Sugar Bowl ... Scored on a 3-yard run and threw a 49-yard TD pass to André Davis ...

Completed 15 of 29 passes against the Seminoles for 225 yards ... Earned first-team All-BIG EAST honors and was named to the ECAC All-Star team ...

Voted the Player of the Year in Virginia by the state sports information directors ... Earned Super Iron Hokie honors in the weight room during spring testing ... Set a position record in the back squat at 515 pounds ...

Completed just two of 11 passing attempts during the Hokies' spring football game for a total of 26 yards ...

1998: Got a lot of work during preseason practice ... Dressed for

every game but never saw action ...

Worked hard in the strength and conditioning program during the winter ...

Bench pressed 320 pounds, posted a 38-inch vertical jump and ran a 4.33

forty on the way to Iron Hokie honors ...

Completed 6 of 11 passes for 73 yards in one spring scrimmage and was 6-for-

11 for 79 yards and a touchdown in another ...

Ran for one touchdown during the scrimmages ... Completed just 3 of 10 passes for 35 yards and one

interception during the annual spring game ...

But was the second leading rusher in the contest with 43 yards on

10 carries ... Won the Paul Torgersen Award as the team's top offensive

newcomer ...

High School: A three-year starter for Coach Tommy Reamon at Warwick High ... Listed as the No. 5 quarterback prospect in the nation by SuperPrep ...

Was a preseason and postseason All-

America pick by both *SuperPrep* and *PrepStar* ...

Also gained postseason A-A honors from The National Recruiting

Advisor ... Ranked the No. 5 pass/run

quarterback recruit in the country by

NRA ... Finished as the No. 11 running/

passing QB in Tom Lemming's

postseason report ... Was selected as

the No. 3 prospect in Virginia by *The*

Roanoke Times ... Passed for 4,846

yards and 43 touchdowns during his

career ... Added 1,048 yards and 18

TDs on the ground ... Contributed 1,668

yards passing as a senior ... Accounted

for 20 touchdowns, 10 rushing and 10

passing ... Accounted for 295 yards

passing against Hampton ...

Personal: Michael Dwayne Vick ... Born

June 26, 1980 in Newport News, VA ...

Son of Brenda Boddie ... Majoring in

sociology.