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**THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MICHAEL VICK**

# Tech, Vick Run Away From BC, 48-34

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CHESTNUT HILLS, Mass. — The Hokies didn't play well, but thanks to the play of their quarterback, they got the win nonetheless.

Michael Vick rushed for a career-high 210 yards and scored three touchdowns to lead fourth-ranked Virginia Tech past Boston College 48-34 in front of 44,500 fans at Alumni Stadium in Chestnut Hill, Mass.

The win marked Tech's fifth straight over the Eagles and kept the Hokies undefeated on the season. That, combined with third-ranked Florida's loss to Mississippi State, should mean that Tech probably will move to No. 3 in both the Associated Press and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' polls.

But the Hokies got a battle from BC right down to the wire. In fact, not until Vick scampered 82 yards on an incredible touchdown run in the fourth quarter, did Tech have the game in hand.

"That was one heckuva BIG EAST

football game," Tech head coach Frank Beamer said.

Tech bolted out to a 14-0 lead behind a 1-yard touchdown run by fullback Jarrett Ferguson on the opening drive of the game and a 71-yard punt return by receiver André Davis — his second punt return for a touchdown this season.

After a BC (2-2) score, Tech answered. A 24-yard touchdown run by tailback Lee Suggs enabled the Hokies to regain the lead and Tech took a 14-point lead on another scoring run by Vick. By the time the first half ended, Tech led 35-20.

In the second half, Tech added to its lead. On the Hokies' first possession of the second half, they drove the length of the field and Suggs finished it off with a 10-yard touchdown run to give Tech a 42-20 lead. Tech seemingly had the game in hand at that point.

On Tech's next drive, it faced a third-and-11 from deep in its own territory and the BC faithful got into a frenzy. Vick, though, avoided an all-out blitz, made a couple of people miss and then sprinted 82 yards to the end zone, sealing the game for Tech.

Vick amassed his 210 yards on 16 carries. In doing so, he set the single-game rushing record by a quarterback, breaking Bob Schweickert's mark of 204 rushing yards against Richmond in 1963. Vick's total also was the third-highest ever by a Tech player.

"We're seeing a lot of teams blitz us," said Vick, who completed just 5-of-17 for 61 yards throwing. "I hope this makes them stop. If not, we're going to continue to do the same things."

The Hokies return home this Saturday for a game with Temple. The game - Tech's Homecoming - kicks off at noon.



**Michael Vick jukes two BC defenders on his way to 210 yards of rushing and three touchdowns.**

# MICHAEL VICK ...

## QUARTERBACK OF THE FUTURE

6-1 214 r-Sophomore Newport News, Va.



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 another two TDs and 102 yards in a 52-23 win over Akron on Sept. 2.
- 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.



**#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.

# Vick Named BIG EAST Player of the Week

For the seventh time in his short career, quarterback Michael Vick was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Oct. 2 by the conference office. Vick led his team to a 48-34 win over Boston College Saturday.

The sophomore from Newport News, Va., posted a career-high 210 rushing yards with three touchdowns on 16 carries, a 13.1 average.

He also added 61 yards of passing for 271 yards of total offense.

His rushing total is a new school and BIG EAST record for quarterbacks and his 82-yard TD run is a new BIG EAST record for longest scoring run by a signal caller.

Vick has rushed for over 100 yards in three of four games this season in leading the Hokies to a 4-0 start.

## What They're Saying — *a look at quotable quotes on Vick*

"He's gonna be one of the great ones in the NFL. If I had any draft picks, I'd give them up for the next couple of years to get him."

**Mike Ditka**, CBS studio host

"You can't prepare for Michael Vick because you don't know what he's going to do," BC coach Tom O'Brien said. "That's the beauty of his game. I've never seen anyone run like him. Maybe more athletic or faster teams can get to him. I don't know but we couldn't."

**Tom O'Brien**, Boston College head coach

"I've never seen anyone like you before in my coaching career"

**Boston College defensive coordinator Frank Spaziani** to Vick after the BC game

"Vick is one of those players whose talents are done a disservice by statistics. But for those of you who insist on it, be advised that he rushed for a school-record 210 yards and three touchdowns, one of them an 82-yard gallop that Eaglefolk will be talking about for years, in the Hokies' 48-34 victory over the Eagles.

So there. You have your statistics. But if you watch the numbers instead of watching the kid, it's like reading the score to Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" without bothering to listen to the music. Vick is pure dazzle, a young quarterback who seems to have it all — the arm, the speed, the smarts, the hustle . . . the duende. Duende?"

**Steve Buckley**, *The Boston Herald*

"Michael Vick had not put up the statistics that matched the superlatives he inspired before the season. He knew it, and it frustrated him. Today, he demonstrated what a quarterback can accomplish when he is angry and determined. Unstoppable."

**Joe Drape**, *New York Times*

"In the end, it just wasn't a fair fight: 1 vs. 11. Virginia Tech's one-man gang of a quarterback, Michael Vick, confused, confounded, and dominated Boston College's young and inexperienced defense by scoring three touchdowns and rushing for a career-high 210 yards to lead the No. 4 Hokies to a 48-34 victory yesterday before a sellout Alumni Stadium crowd of 44,500."

**Michael Vega**, *The Boston Globe*

### All About Michael

<b>Major</b>	Sociology
<b>Hometown</b>	Newport News, VA
<b>High School</b>	Warwick High School
<b>Favorite Color</b>	Dark Blue
<b>Favorite Food</b>	Lasagna
<b>Favorite School Subject</b>	English
<b>Favorite TV Show</b>	"Hits" on BET
<b>Favorite Music Group</b>	Wu Tang Clan
<b>Favorite Role Model</b>	Donovan McNabb
<b>Favorite Athlete</b>	Jerry Rice
<b>Best Childhood Memory</b>	First Football Game

#### Words of Wisdom:

"Always move forward. Don't let mistakes get you down. Bounce back from your mistakes."