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THE OFFICIAL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR MICHAEL VICK

Vick Leads 49-0 Blowout of Rutgers

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BLACKSBURG, Va. — The eighth-ranked team in the nation lived up to that Saturday as Virginia Tech pounded Rutgers 49-0 on a brisk, autumn afternoon at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg. The Hokies (3-0) beat the Scarlet Knights (2-1) for the eighth straight time in a game that served as the BIG EAST openers for both teams.

Tech used big games from quarterback Michael Vick and tailback Lee Suggs to put the game away early. The Hokies scored on their first three possessions and five of their first six to take a 35-0 lead at halftime and never look back.

"I thought the defense played well and the offense made some plays and we got some plays from our special teams," Tech head coach Frank Beamer said. "I like it when everyone joins in. I think that's what it takes to be a good football team."

Vick rebounded from a sub-par game at East Carolina — he totaled a career-low 119 yards in that game — by putting together one of his better efforts against a team he blistered for five touchdowns in a 58-20 win last season. Vick rushed for 104 yards on 11 carries and scored once and he also completed 10 of 18 passes for 120 yards and a touchdown — an 18-yard pass to receiver Emmett Johnson.

Suggs, meanwhile, rushed 16 times for 76 yards and scored four touchdowns. Suggs opened the game with a 7-yard touchdown run on Tech's first possession and

later added scoring runs of 3, 1 and 3 yards. He became the first Tech player since Tommy Edwards in 1993 to score four touchdowns in a game. Edwards scored four in Tech's 63-21 at Pittsburgh that year.

"I didn't really realize that," Suggs said. "I don't think about things like that. I just go out and try to do the best that I can. I've still got some things to work on."

Tech's defense stood tall too. The Hokies kept Rutgers quarterback Mike McMahon in check as McMahon completed just 12 of 36 passes for 149 yards and was intercepted three times. McMahon came into the game ranked 11th nationally in total offense at 302.5 yards per game and Tech knocked McMahon out of the game in the third quarter.

The Hokies have an off week before stepping back on to the field Sept. 30. Tech travels to Boston College for a 3:30 p.m. kickoff in a game that will be televised by CBS.



Michael Vick and Tech downed Rutgers, 49-0, Saturday. Here, Vick leaps over a Knight defender on the way to a touchdown.

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, rushing for 97 yards and a TD and throwing for 225 yards and a score on 15-of-29 passing 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.



#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 sixth time in his short career, quarterback Michael Vick was named the BIG EAST Player of the Week on Sept. 18 by the conference office. Vick led his team to a 49-0 win over Rutgers last Saturday.

The redshirt sophomore from Newport News, Va., posted a game-high 104 rushing yards with one touchdown on 11 carries, a 9.5 average.

He also completed 10-of-18 passes for 120 yards and one touchdown with no interceptions.

His totals came in just over one half of play, as Tech jumped out to a 35-0 half-time lead.

Vick has rushed for over 100 yards in two of three games this season and has recorded 9.2 yards per play.

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

"He's like that dude from *The Matrix*, the one who has all those bullets coming at him, but he dodges every one. I don't even want to know what it's like to have to tackle him."

Ernest Wilford, Virginia Tech wide receiver

"If defeat is an education, then the Scarlet Knights must have Ph.D.s. This time, Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick was the teacher, and oh what a lesson he gave them."

Kevin T. Czerwinski, Bergen County Record

"He is not so untouchable, this Michael Vick. He may be strong and swift, with the fastest feet and the strongest arm anywhere, and he may be the best college football player in the land. But yesterday, Rutgers refuted the notion no one

can get to the Virginia Tech quarterback. Getting to Vick, it turns out, is a relatively simple matter. Getting him down? Now we have a problem."

Brad Parks, The Star-Ledger

"In Tech's impressive dismantling of East Carolina 10 days ago, Vick didn't have to play spectacularly. To his credit, he didn't try. His refusal to force it, amidst expectations and Heisman hype, is one of his strengths."

Jack Bogaczyk, The Roanoke Times

"Vick's the real deal. He's so exciting and it seems like every time he gets his hands on the football, he can take it to the house and score. I've never seen anyone like him."

John Madden, FOX football analyst

Critics are saying Michael Vick hasn't put up breakout numbers yet this year. But with the Hokies jumping out to big leads, Vick and the Hokies haven't had to do a lot. In fact, Vick has yet to play a full game. Below are the Hokies' leads at the end of the first half, the end of the third quarter and the final score each game.

	Half	End 3rd	Final
Akron	35-17	49-17	52-23
ECU	31-0	38-14	45-28
Rutgers	35-0	42-0	49-0

All About Michael

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

Words of Wisdom:

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