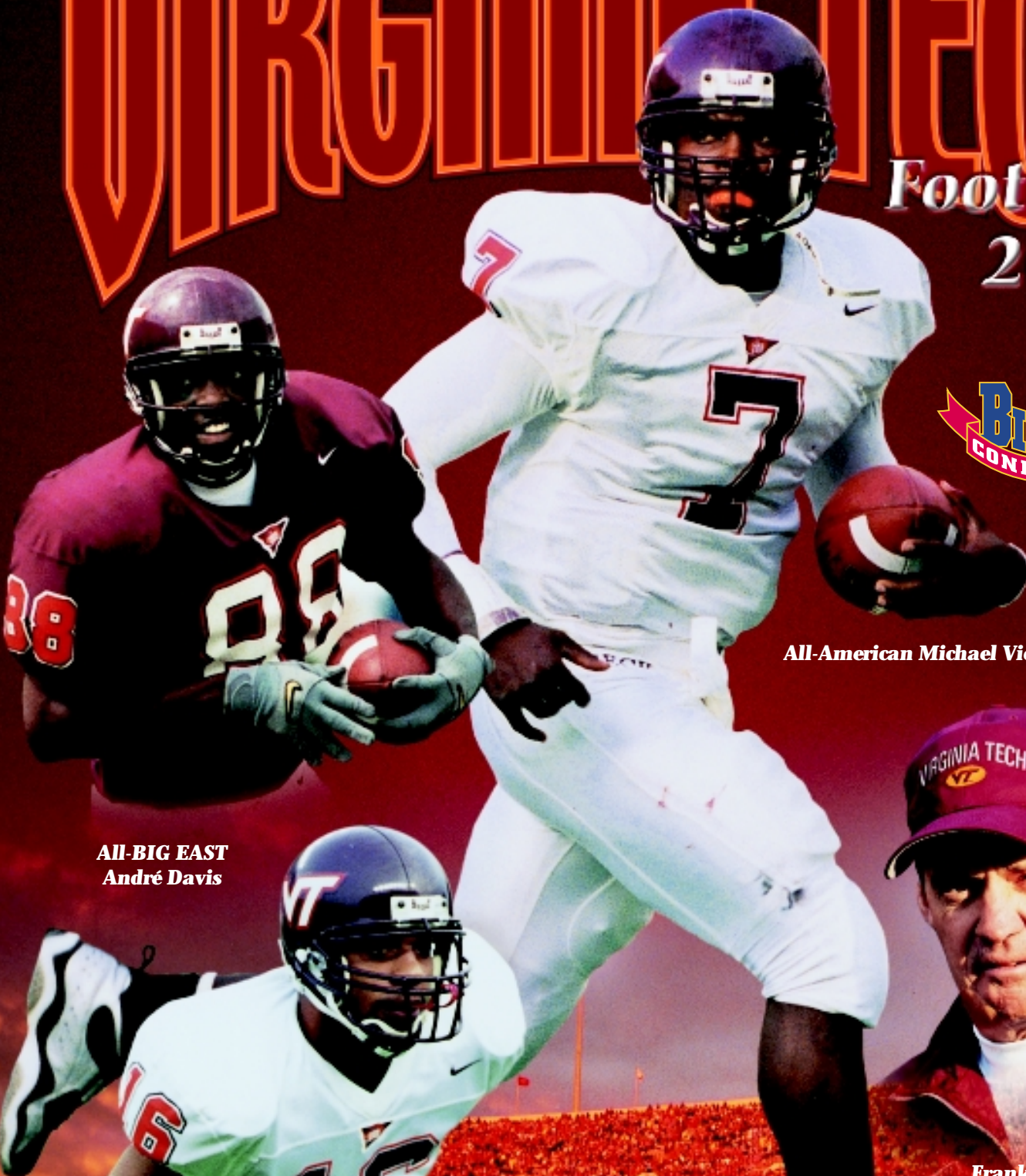


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1999 National Coach of the Year

Following Virginia Tech's sensational 1999 season, which saw the Hokies finish regular-season play 11-0, earn a spot in the national championship game and finish as the No. 2 team in the nation, Tech head coach Frank Beamer was named Coach of the Year by nearly every major organization. His 13 years at the Tech helm have helped the program develop a sense of stability and consistency currently enjoyed by just a handful of other Division I-A schools.

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2000 Virginia Tech Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Site	TV	Began	Rec.
Aug. 27	GEORGIA TECH (BCA Bowl)	8 p.m.	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN2	1990	0-1
Sept. 2	AKRON	Noon	Blacksburg, Va.	ERT	1989	4-0
7	at East Carolina (Thursday)	8 p.m.	Greenville, N.C.	ESPN	1956	7-4
16	RUTGERS	Noon	Blacksburg, Va.	ERT	1920	7-3
30	at Boston College	(tba)	Chestnut Hill, Mass.	(tbd)	1993	5-2
Oct. 7	TEMPLE (Homecoming)	1 p.m.	Blacksburg, Va.	(tbd)	1934	10-3
12	WEST VIRGINIA (Thursday)	8 p.m.	Blacksburg, Va.	ESPN	1912	18-26-1
21	at Syracuse	(tba)	Syracuse, N.Y.	(tbd)	1964	6-7
28	PITTSBURGH	(tba)	Blacksburg, Va.	(tbd)	1993	6-1
Nov. 4	at Miami	Noon	Miami, Fla.	CBS	1953	5-12
11	at Central Florida	6 p.m.	Orlando, Fla.	(tbd)	First meeting	
25	VIRGINIA	(tba)	Blacksburg, Va.	(tbd)	1895	40-36-5

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Receiver André Davis gets a lift after scoring a touchdown against Florida State in the Sugar Bowl.

Virginia Tech Quick Facts

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Nickname: Hokies, Fighting Gobblers

Colors: Chicago maroon and burnt orange

Conference: BIG EAST

Football Began: 1892

All-Time Football Record: 596-396-4

Stadium: Lane Stadium/Worsham Field

Capacity: 55,075

Turf: Grass

Head Coach: Frank Beamer
(Virginia Tech, '69)

Best Time To Contact: Through
SID Office

Record at VT: 88-60-2 (13 years)

Overall Record: 130-83-4 (19 years)

1999 Record: 11-1

(including Nokia Sugar Bowl)

Final Ranking Last Year:

No. 2 *The Associated Press* Poll

No. 3 *USA Today/ESPN* Poll

Conference Record (Finish): 7-0
(BIG EAST Champions)

Offensive System: Multiple

Defensive System: 4-3

Lettermen Returning: 37
(23 off., 14 def., 0 spec.)

Lettermen Lost: 24
(8 off., 11 def., 5 spec.)

Starters Returning: 11
(8 off., 3 def., 0 spec.)

Starters Lost: 16
(3 off., 8 def., 5 spec.)

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2000 Media Information

The Press Box

The media who visit Lane Stadium/Worsham Field to cover Virginia Tech football work in one of the finest press facilities in this section of the country. The Tech press box comprises five levels. Newspaper and television reporters, the radio network crews and statisticians work on the eighth level. Space in other areas is assigned as follows: Sixth level-University President's box; Seventh level-Golden Hokie Club Box; Ninth level-Public address announcer, scoreboard operators, Tech coaches' phones, private boxes; Roof-Television broadcast booth, cameramen, overflow of media and pro scouts, team film crews, phones for coaches of the visiting teams. All levels of the press box are accessible by an elevator which is centrally located underneath the west stands. Admission to the press box is by credential only. Smoking is not allowed in the stands or in any enclosed area of Lane Stadium, including the press box and rest rooms.

Press Credentials

Requests for press credentials are screened with care to ensure a working press box. Due to the demand for working credentials, print, television and radio media regularly assigned to cover Virginia Tech and the visiting

school will receive top priority. Credentials will be granted to Virginia Tech's official web site, the visiting team's official web site and the BIG EAST Conference's official web site. Other credential requests will be filled on a space-available basis.

Representatives staffing specialty publications (including books and magazines), services (computer on-line scores), web sites (other than designated), other college newspapers or magazines, professional teams and telephone reporting services shall not be accredited for credentials.

All requests should be made in writing on company letterhead at least 10 days prior to the game if possible to guarantee consideration for a seat in the press box. Requests should be directed to Dave Smith, sports information director. Requests the week of the game will be honored on a space-available basis and will be left at the Will Call window at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field if they cannot be mailed.

Spouses, dates, equipment carriers and non-workers are restricted from the press box, sidelines and locker rooms. Any abuse of a working credential to a Virginia Tech athletic event will result in the media agency losing credential privileges for the remainder of

that season and possibly for the following season.

Media Will Call

In most cases, credentials will be mailed. Credentials may be picked up through Friday on a game week from secretary Donna Smith at the Sports Information Office. Credentials not mailed or picked up will be held at the Will Call window located a few steps from the main entrance to the west stands of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Photo Credentials

The NCAA has established a control policy to keep the field free from congestion. Only photographers on assignment and members of the television media are given photo credentials. Freelance or amateur photographers will not be issued credentials. All photographers must work outside the 30-yard lines as prescribed by the NCAA. Photographers are not permitted in the bench area.

Parking

Game day media parking is available on a limited basis in a media-designated lot near the Burrows-Burleson Tennis Center. The entrance to this lot is on Tech Center Drive off of Southgate Drive. Requests for parking credentials should be submitted to Dave Smith, sports information director. If

you plan to visit the Tech campus during the week, parking information is available on page 290.

Press Box Services

Complete team and individual statistics, a play-by-play, drive chart and postgame coaches' quotes will be provided. An inside public address announcer keeps the media abreast of play-by-play, records that are broken and game notes. A pregame meal is served, starting approximately one and one-half hours before kickoff and refreshments are available throughout the game. Postgame stats will be faxed upon request.

Telephones

Long distance telephones will be located on the working press tables. These phones require collect calls or a credit card for billing. Newsmen desiring their own telephones should submit requests to Virginia Tech CNS (Bill Blevins) at (540) 231-6460. If you request your own phone, please notify Sports Information so we can tell the phone company where to install it. And please make your requests well in advance of the game.

Postgame Interviews

Coach Frank Beamer and the coach of the visiting team will meet members of the news

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media after each home game in separate areas of conference room 160 on the first floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center. This is the same room where Beamer's interviews have been conducted in the past. Tech players selected by the media will be escorted to the media room following Coach Beamer's conference. Media access to visiting players will be determined by the visiting SID. A portion of room 160 also will be set aside for the possibility of those interviews.

Virginia Tech Website

Notes, releases, statistics and other pertinent information are available on Tech's official website (hokiesports.com). This website will replace Tech's fax-on-demand system. Because of easy access to information on the website, members of the media no longer receive weekly releases by mail. Tech's football statistics will be available on the same day of home games and the day after road games. Official defensive statistics are available by 6 p.m., the day

after all games. Notes on the upcoming game will be updated each Monday in the late afternoon.

The BIG EAST on the Web

The BIG EAST site on the internet is available at www.bigeast.org. The site contains current information on all facets of the BIG EAST Conference. In addition, in-game scores for football contests involving BIG EAST teams will be updated in-progress. Please contact Rob Carolla in the BIG EAST media relations department for more information.

Interview Policy

Virginia Tech's coaches and players will be available throughout the season for interviews with members of the news media. It is important, however, that all requests for interviews be made through the Tech Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726. Requests should be made on Monday for Tuesday and Wednesday interviews whenever possible. Players' telephone numbers will not be released, and members

of the media are requested not to contact players at their homes.

Weekly Press Interview Session

On Tuesdays prior to each Tech game, Coach Frank Beamer and select members of the Tech team will be available to meet the media in the Bowman Room, located on the fourth floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center. Coach Beamer will begin the interview session at 1 p.m., followed by player interviews at 1:30 p.m. The interview session will close at approximately 2:30 p.m.

The Tech Hotline

Coach Frank Beamer will be featured each week on The Tech Sports Hotline. These taped telephone reports will begin the Monday before the first game and will be updated each Monday afternoon during the season. The telephone number for these reports is (540) 232-3719.

Calling Coach Beamer

The best way to reach Coach Frank Beamer, other

than on the BIG EAST Teleconference on Mondays or at his weekly press interview session on Tuesdays, is through the Sports Information Office at (540) 231-6726.

BIG EAST Teleconference

The BIG EAST football coaches will be featured on a weekly teleconference, beginning on Monday, Aug. 28 and continuing each Monday through Nov. 20. Each coach will be available for 10 minutes. The teleconference number will be mailed to media members who cover Virginia Tech football. Members of the media can also secure the number by calling The BIG EAST Conference Office at (401) 453-0660.

Sports Information Office

The Virginia Tech Sports Information Offices are now located on the fourth floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center in room 460, right next to the Bowman Room. Jamerson Athletic Center is located behind Cassell Coliseum, overlooking Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

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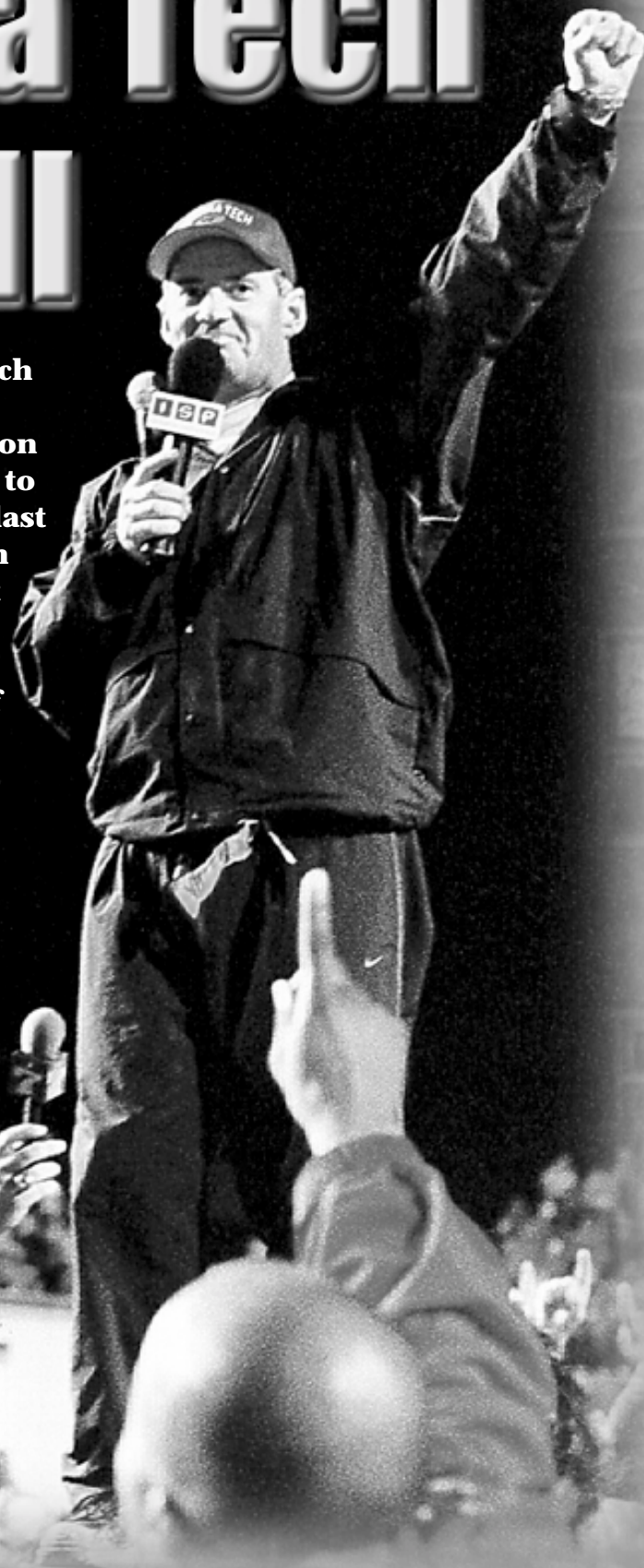
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Virginia Tech Football

Under the leadership of head coach Frank Beamer and his staff, the Virginia Tech football program is on the move. From two wins in 1992 to the national championship game last season, Tech has put together an impressive seven-year run that has lifted its program to new heights. Following is a look at some of the key components of the Hokies' rapidly developing tradition of success.





Unforgettable

Eleven regular-season wins without a loss, and a trip to the Nokia Sugar Bowl to play for the National Championship. That's the latest chapter in a success story that has seen Virginia Tech elevate its football program to a new level.

Tech Tops the BIG EAST

Virginia Tech has won the BIG EAST Championship three of the past five years. In seven years of round-robin play in the conference, the Hokies top the win list.

1. Virginia Tech	64
2. Miami	59
3. Syracuse	53
4. West Virginia	50
5. Boston College	41
6. Pittsburgh	25
7. Rutgers	21
8. Temple	12

Although the Hokies fell short in a hard-fought battle with Florida State for the national championship, sensational redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Vick dazzled the Seminoles and the nation with 322 yards of total offense. The Tech offense led Division I-A in scoring (41.4 ppg) and set school records for scoring and total offense.

Hokies a Bowl Fixture

Virginia Tech is one of only eight teams to go to seven bowl games in the last seven years. The other seven teams are Florida, Florida State, Kansas State, Michigan, Nebraska, Penn State and Tennessee.

Tech's success as a team was accompanied by individual success with a record 15 players earning All-BIG EAST honors and five players gaining All-America recognition. Senior defensive end Corey Moore became Tech's most honored player by earning the Bronko Nagurski Award (I) and the Lombardi Award, as well as unanimous All-America honors.



1999 Hokies

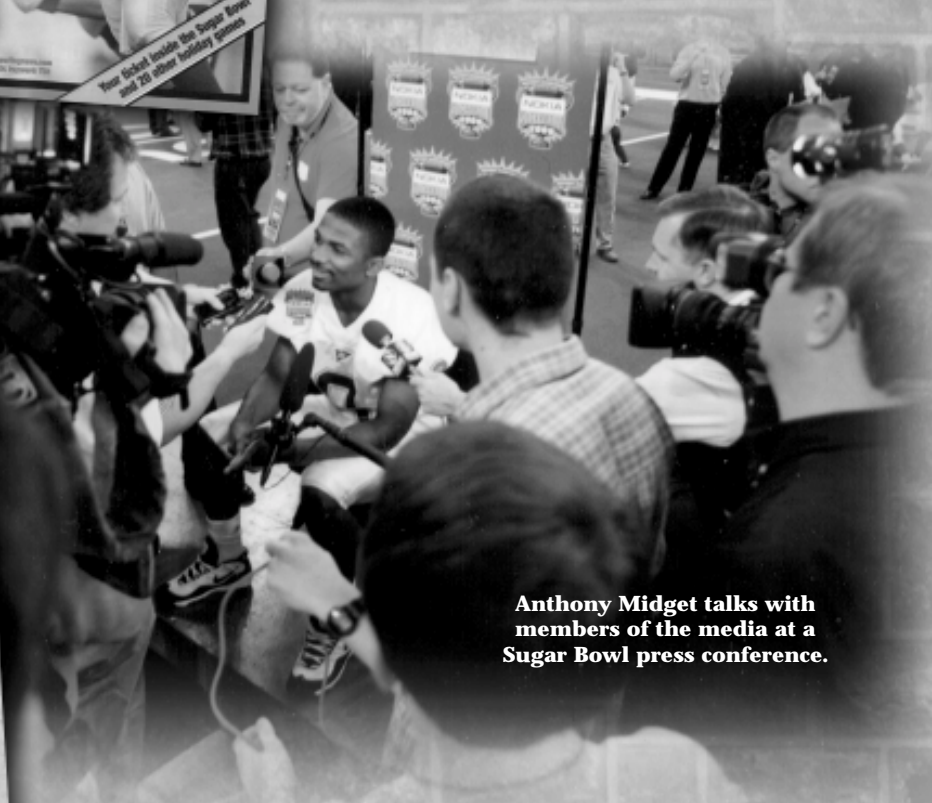
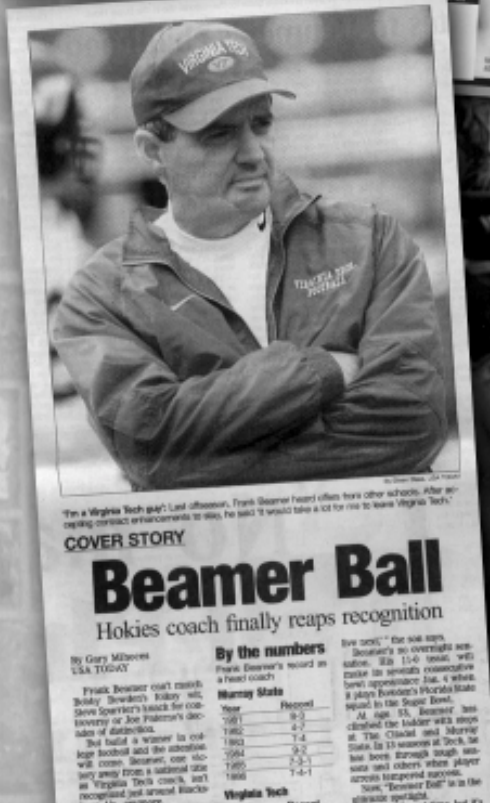


Kicker Shayne Graham (holding helmet) preserved Tech's perfect 11-0 regular-season mark when he kicked a 44-yard field goal as time expired, giving the Hokies a 22-20 win at West Virginia. Defensive end John Engelberger (96) was one of the driving forces behind Tech's defensive unit, which led the nation in scoring defense (10.5 ppg) and set a BIG EAST record with 58 sacks. Engelberger came to Tech as a walk-on and left as a graduate and a second-round draft pick of the San Francisco 49ers.



Making

The Hokies are drawing coast-to-coast attention from the national print, radio, television and on-line media.



Anthony Midget talks with members of the media at a Sugar Bowl press conference.

Virginia Tech in the National Rankings

Virginia Tech has been a regular in the national polls the past seven seasons, posting its highest-ever finish at No. 2 in last year's AP poll.

1993

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /CNN
10/24/93	NR	#24
10/31/93	#25	#23
11/7/93	NR	NR
11/14/93	#25	#23
11/21/93	#22	#20
11/28/93	#22	#22
Final Regular Season	#22	T-#20
Final Postseason	#22	#20

1994

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /CNN
Preseason	#22	#19
8/30/94	#21	no poll
9/4/94	#21	#18
9/11/94	#18	#16
9/18/94	#14	#12
9/25/94	#14	#10
10/2/94	#20	#17
10/9/94	#19	#14
10/16/94	#17	#13
10/23/94	#13	#10
10/30/94	#17	#16
11/6/94	#16	#12
11/13/94	#14	#11
11/20/94	#18	#16
11/27/94	#17	#15
Final Regular Season	#17	#15
Final Postseason	NR	#24

1995

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /CNN
Preseason	#24	NR
8/28/95	#24	no poll
9/3/95	#20	#22
9/10/95	NR	NR
9/17/95	NR	NR
9/24/95	NR	NR
10/1/95	NR	NR
10/8/95	NR	NR
10/15/95	NR	NR
10/22/95	NR	NR
10/29/95	NR	NR
11/5/95	#21	#19
11/12/95	#20	#18
11/19/95	#13	#11
11/26/95	#13	#11
Final Regular Season	#13	#11
Final Postseason	#10	#9

1996

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /CNN
Preseason	#16	#15
8/25/96	#14	no poll
9/1/96	#15	#14
9/8/96	#19	#19
9/15/96	#18	#16
9/22/96	#18	#16
9/29/96	NR	#23
10/6/96	NR	#23
10/13/96	NR	#23
10/20/96	NR	#21
10/27/96	NR	#20
11/3/96	#25	#17
11/10/96	#21	#13
11/17/96	#17	#9
11/24/96	#17	#9
12/1/96	#11	#9
Final Regular Season	#10	#9
Final Postseason	#13	#12

1997

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /ESPN
Preseason	NR	#25
8/25/97	NR	no poll
8/31/97	NR	#22
9/7/97	#22	#19
9/14/97	#18	#14
9/21/97	#14	#12
9/28/97	#14	#12
10/5/97	#23	#20
10/12/97	#22	#19
10/19/97	#19	#17
10/26/97	#23	#22
11/2/97	#20	#18
11/9/97	#19	#17
11/16/97	#19	#15
11/23/97	NR	#21
11/30/97	NR	NR
Final Regular Season	NR	NR
Final Postseason	NR	NR

1998

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /ESPN
Preseason	NR	NR
8/29/98	NR	NR
9/6/98	NR	#21
9/13/98	NR	#21
9/20/98	#21	#19
9/27/98	#19	#16
10/4/98	#17	#15
10/11/98	#14	#10
10/18/98	#23	#21
10/25/98	#20	#17
11/2/98	#15	#14
11/9/98	#16	#12
11/16/98	#23	#20
11/23/98	#20	#19
11/30/98	#25	#24
Final Regular Season	NR	#24
Final Postseason	23	19

1999

Date of Poll	AP Poll	USAT /ESPN
Preseason	#13	#14
8/29/99	#11	no poll
9/5/99	#11	#11
9/12/99	#10	#10
9/19/99	#8	#8
9/26/99	#8	#7
10/3/99	#5	#5
10/10/99	#4	#4
10/17/99	#4	#4
10/24/99	#3	#3
10/31/99	#3	#3
11/7/99	#2	#2
11/14/99	#2	#2
11/21/99	#2	#2
11/28/99	#2	#2
Final Regular Season	#2	#2
Final Postseason	#2	#3

NR: Denotes not ranked

Headlines



Tech football appeared on the covers and in the headlines of numerous national publications in '99. *Sports Illustrated* printed a commemorative issue on the Hokies' season. National media members from New York, Washington, Los Angeles, Chicago, Boston, Dallas, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Miami, New Orleans, Kansas City, Fort Worth, San Diego, Baltimore and Charlotte visited the Tech campus for games or interviews. Tech football has reached a national audience thanks to appearances on ESPN, ESPN2, CBS, ABC and NBC during the past three seasons. Over the past five years, the Hokies have posted a 32-9 record in televised games.



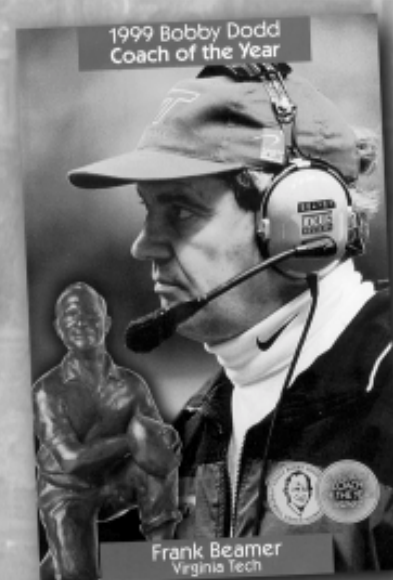
The ESPN GameDay crew of Chris Fowler (l), Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit got caught up in Hokie fever as record-setting crowds turned out for their Blacksburg visits prior to the Syracuse and Miami games. Corso, donning the HokieBird head, correctly picked Tech to win both games.

Top Ten Winner

Winningest teams of the last seven years:

1. Nebraska 81-8
2. Florida St. 77-8-1
3. Florida 75-12-1
4. Tennessee 72-14
- Ohio St. 72-19
6. Kansas St. 70-14
- Penn St. 70-16
8. Michigan 65-21
9. **Virginia Tech 64-20**
10. Texas A&M 63-22-1

** Marshall has 85 wins over the last seven years, but has only been a Division I-A team for three years.*



Tech's success has led to plenty of recognition for its players and coaches. Over the past seven seasons, the Hokies have had two unanimous All-Americans, a consensus All-American and 12 different players who have earned All-America recognition. Head Coach Frank Beamer, who has been named BIG EAST Coach of the Year three of the past five seasons, won eight national coach of the year awards in 1999, while assistant coach Bud Foster was named the Division I-A Defensive Coordinator of the Year by *American Football Coach Magazine*.

Game Day



Football games at Virginia Tech are a special experience. Lane Stadium/Worsham Field is alive with excitement, and the crowd erupts when the players run out of the tunnel, touching the Hokiestone as they take the field.

At Tech



'We're All In This

Coach Frank Beamer frequently says that "family atmosphere" is one of the valued trademarks of the Virginia Tech football program. Building close relationships between the players and the coaches and the team and its fans are symbolic of the football program at Tech.



2000
More than
35,000
Applications

1999
23,816

An allegiance to the Tech family continues after the players' careers in Blacksburg are over. Former players join the team at home games, on the road and during bowl week. NFL All-Pro defensive end Bruce Smith (above) was one of many former Hokies who attended the Sugar Bowl. Over 40,000 Hokie faithful showed their support, traveling to New Orleans for the national championship game.

Tech fans can't get their fill of Hokie football ... It has become an obsession that starts early in the week and doesn't stop when the game ends ... It even lasts long after the season ends. Every home game last year was a sell out, marking a first in Tech football history. This year will mark another first with every home game being sold out before the season begins. The Hokies have set new records for season ticket sales each of the last seven years.

1998
18,433

1997
16,675

1996
16,087

1995
14,124

1994
12,280

1993
10,506



Together'



Tech fans got up early to produce record-setting crowds when ESPN College GameDay visited Blacksburg before the Syracuse and Miami games. The turnouts marked the two biggest crowds to watch the GameDay show on a college campus.

"This is such an up and down business that you have to be in there with people that you like and trust ... There is a certain talent level that you have to have as far as ability on your team, but to me, getting good people and treating them with respect is the way you build a program."

— Coach Frank Beamer



Center Keith Short and offensive line coach Bryan Stinespring share a light moment at a Sugar Bowl press conference in New Orleans.



The Hokies enjoy giving something back, especially to the young fans. Nick Sorensen (above) signs autographs in Lane Stadium and a youngster (right) gets some throwing instruction from the Tech players at a Kids' Day celebration.



A Great Place To

Virginia Tech is an excellent academic institution set in the cozy town of Blacksburg. The two co-exist nicely as Virginia Tech serves as a great source for the town and Blacksburg serves as a great home to the university. Virginia Tech is regarded as a leading academic school and Blacksburg is considered to be on the cutting edge of technology.



Virginia Tech offers first-rate academic facilities for its student-athletes. There are numerous computer labs around campus. Tutoring programs and study halls are available as well as a full staff of academic advisors.



Learn and Grow



Each football season, thousands of Virginia Tech alumni return to Blacksburg for Homecoming. Above, the Corps of Cadets marches down Main Street in the annual Homecoming Parade.



The Office of Student Life gives players numerous opportunities to give back to the Blacksburg community. Above, former Hokie Chris Cyrus reads to local elementary school students. At right, several Hokies visit a local hospital to raise the spirits of the patients.



Heisman Candidate Michael Vick



Keep up with Michael Vick's progress at
hokiesportsinfo.com/vick

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. Last season, he won the Espy Award as the College Football Performer of the Year. At just 20 years old, Vick truly has the capability to become the "Quarterback of the Future."



Quarterback of the Future

What They're Saying About Michael Vick

"We have seen the future of college football and it is Michael Vick."

— *Dennis Dodd,
CBS SportsLine Senior Writer*

"Somebody asked me, 'Would you rather play Virginia Tech without Vick or (defensive end Corey) Moore,' I said Vick. We can double team Moore. There isn't a darn thing you can do about Vick. When we made some of our best defensive plays, he ran 50 yards for touchdowns. I knew he was good but I didn't know he was that good."

— *Florida State coach Bobby Bowden*

"This kid has a monstrously-huge future in this game."

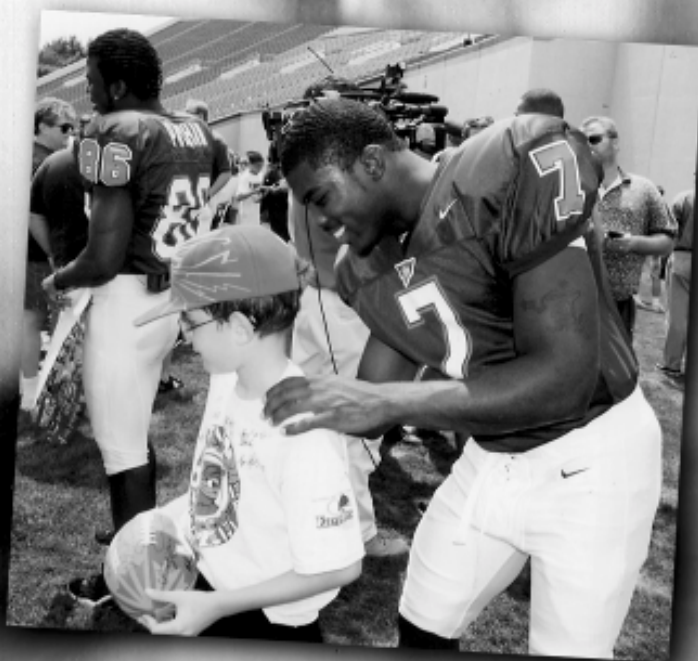
— *Chris Fowler, ESPN*

"In quarterback Michael Vick, Virginia Tech has a quarterback who any coach would trade a half a dozen scholarships to get."

— *Mark Blaudschun, The Sporting News*



At the 1999 Heisman Trophy ceremony (opposite), Michael Vick (4th, from left) poses with the trophy and Drew Brees, Joe Hamilton, Ron Dayne and Chad Pennington. Vick won the ESPY Award for College Football Performer of the Year and traveled to Las Vegas, where he rubbed shoulders with stars like Tiger Woods (above). A fan favorite, Vick (right) likes to take time out to sign autographs for kids.



First-Class

The incredible run the Hokies had last year can be traced in part to the first-class facilities the team uses on a daily basis. While the end product comes to fruition in Lane Stadium, there are many other facilities that help the Hokies in all phases of preparation. It is the work that is done in these areas that leads to success both on the football field and in life.



The auditorium in the Merryman Center is used for team meetings and also for guest speakers and other programs to benefit the student-athletes at Tech.



Rector Field House (above) is Tech's on-campus indoor practice facility. The players' lounge (right), located across the hall from the team locker room, gives the Hokies a nice place to relax when they have some spare time.



Facilities



In a convenient arrangement, Tech's outstanding training and medical facilities are located near the locker room, which features a hot tub and a sauna.



Nathaniel Adibi (above) studies in the HEAT lab, one of Cassell Coliseum's top-notch facilities for academic enrichment.



The Merryman Center is home to the Hokies' expansive strength and conditioning areas which include the weight room (above) and a speed and agility room.

Forward Thinking

"As soon as you sit still in terms of facilities, you have taken a step backward."

— Director of Athletics Jim Weaver

There's certainly no sitting still on the facilities front for the Hokies these days. Under Virginia Tech's athletics administration, there is a continuous stream of improvements in the athletics complex - the most exciting of which involve the ongoing multi-phase expansion and renovation of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.



"I think we have everything at Virginia Tech that it takes to play at a high level, year in and year out. We've got a great academic school to sell; we're in a good state for football; we've got great facilities; and we're in a great conference. I don't see why Virginia Tech shouldn't be able to play at the top level. That's our plan."

— Coach Frank Beamer

This architect's rendering shows the south end zone expansion project which is currently in the planning stages, but is scheduled to be completed in time for the 2001 football season. This structure will add nearly 12,000 seats to Lane Stadium/Worsham Field, bringing the total capacity to approximately 66,000.