



HOKIES FACE SEMINOLES IN 2002 GATOR BOWL

Virginia Tech (8-3) vs. Florida State (7-4) • 12:30 p.m., Jan. 1, 2002 • Alltel Stadium (76,951)

TODAY'S CHECKLIST

- ✓Virginia Tech and Florida State first met on the gridiron in 1955.
- ✓FSU holds a 19-10-1 lead in the series.
- ✓The Seminoles won the last meeting, 46-29, in the 2000 Sugar Bowl game.
- ✓Tech's last win in the series was a 13-10 decision at Lane Stadium in 1975.
- ✓The Hokies are 1-2 in previous Gator Bowl appearances; FSU is 3-0-1.
- ✓VT is 0-2 vs. FSU at neutral sites.
- ✓Tech is 15th in the AP poll and 16th in the USA Today/ESPN Coaches' poll.
- ✓The Seminoles are 24th in both the AP poll and the USA Today/ESPN poll.
- ✓Tech is 50-13 in televised football games since the start of the 1995 season.

THE SERIES

☛The 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl game will mark the 31st football meeting between Virginia Tech and Florida State. The Seminoles hold a 19-10-1 advantage in the series, which began in 1955. FSU has won the last 10 meetings, including a 46-29 win in the 2000 Sugar Bowl game that decided the national championship.

Prior to their meeting in the 2000 Sugar Bowl, Tech and FSU had not met since the 1991 season when the No. 1 ranked Seminoles defeated the Hokies, 33-20, in a neutral-site game at Orlando. Tech's last victory in the series came during the 1975 season when the Hokies posted a 13-10 win at Lane Stadium.

Tech is 5-5-1 versus Florida State in Blacksburg, 5-12 against FSU at Doak Campbell Stadium and 0-2 at neutral sites.

Tech's Frank Beamer is 0-5 as a head coach in games against Florida State. Florida State's Bobby Bowden is 13-0 versus Tech as a head coach, including three wins while at West Virginia.

THIS SEASON

☛Virginia Tech finished the regular season 8-3 overall and 4-3 in the BIG EAST Conference. The Hokies tied for third place in BIG EAST play, behind Miami and Syracuse. Tech was 4-2 at home and 4-1 on the road.

☛Florida State was 7-4 during the regular season, including a 6-2 record in Atlantic Coast Conference play. The Seminoles finished second in the ACC behind Maryland. FSU carried a 4-2 record at home and a 3-2 mark on the road.

COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF

- 10 Cornerback Ronyell Whitaker leads Virginia Tech in passes broken up this season with 10.
- 9 Tech has won nine consecutive non-conference games since losing to Florida State in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl game.
- 8 The Hokies have won at least eight games in eight of their last nine seasons.
- 7 Tech has blocked seven kicks this season and has gotten a combined seven TDs from its defense and special teams.
- 6 The Hokies' starting lineup for the bowl game includes six seniors on offense and six seniors on defense.
- 5 Tech is 5-5 at neutral sites during Frank Beamer's 15 seasons.
- 4 Tech's 359 points rank as the Hokies' fourth-highest season total.
- 3 Linebacker Ben Taylor finished third among BIG EAST players in total tackles for loss with 18.
- 2 A start against FSU would make fullback Jarrett Ferguson just the second Tech offensive player to start four bowl games.
- 1 Head coach Frank Beamer needs just one win to reach 150 career victories as a collegiate coach.

THE GAME ON TV

☛The 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl game between Virginia Tech and FSU will be televised by NBC. Tom Hammond will handle the play-by-play duties with Pat Haden serving as the color analyst and Chris Wragge providing the sideline commentary. The game will mark just the third football appearance on NBC for the Hokies. Tech's previous two NBC appearances were also in the Gator Bowl — a 42-3 loss to North Carolina following the 1997 season and a 41-20 win over Clemson in last year's Gator Bowl.

COACH FRANK BEAMER

☛ Frank Beamer (Va. Tech '69), whose teams have averaged nine victories a year over the last nine seasons, is in his 15th year as the head football coach at Virginia Tech. Beamer has guided the Hokies to a 107-64-2 overall record, including back-to-back 11-1 marks in 1999 and 2000. He became Tech's winningest football coach in 1997 when the Hokies beat Arkansas State, 50-0.

Beamer has helped lift the Tech football program to new heights with nine consecutive bowl appearances, three BIG EAST Conference championships and three Top 10 finishes in both national polls over a six-year span.

Last year, the Hokies posted an 11-1 record that included a 41-20 victory 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 Nokia Sugar Bowl. Beamer's team 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 posted a 10-2 record, bowing to Nebraska, 41-21, in the FedEx Orange Bowl. In 1998, Tech registered a 9-3 mark, including a 38-7 win over Alabama in the first Music City Bowl game at Nashville, Tenn.

Tech won the BIG EAST title in 1999 and 1995 and shared it in '96 with Miami and Syracuse.

The Hokies finished second in the BIG EAST in 1997 and posted a record of 7-5 after losing to North Carolina in the Toyota Gator Bowl game. The bowl streak started in 1993 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.

Beamer has earned his share of personal honors. He won eight national coach of the year honors following the 1999 season. In 1995, 1996 and 1999, he was voted the BIG EAST Coach of the Year by the league's coaches. In 1997, he was inducted into The Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Fame.

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 149-87-4 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.

2001 SCHEDULES & RESULTS

Virginia Tech (8-3; 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*

Florida State (7-4; 6-2):		
aW	55-13	Duke
hW	29- 7	UAB
aL	9-41	North Carolina
hW	48-24	Wake Forest
hL	27-49	Miami
aW	43- 7	Virginia
hW	52-31	Maryland
aW	41-27	Clemson
hL	28-34	N.C. State
aL	13-37	Florida
hW	28-17	Georgia Tech

*BIG EAST Conference Game

STABILITY AT THE TOP

☛ One of the keys to the success of Virginia Tech football has been the stability at the top of the program. And of course that stability begins with head coach Frank Beamer.

Beamer, the first Tech alumnus to guide the school's 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).

BUSTLE MOVING ON

☛ Tech offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Rickey Bustle accepted the head coaching position at Louisiana-Lafayette on Dec. 13. Despite the move, Bustle is slated to be on hand to coach the Tech offense during the Hokies' Gator Bowl game against Florida State. Bustle has been at Tech 14 seasons, including eight as the offensive coordinator.

MOVING UP/MOVING IN

☛ Offensive line coach Bryan Stinespring will take over the job of offensive coordinator vacated by Rickey Bustle. Stinespring, who came to Tech as a graduate assistant in 1990, is in his ninth year as a full-time coach on the Tech staff.

Kevin Rogers will join the Tech staff as the quarterbacks coach. Rogers spent the last three seasons as the quarterbacks coach and offensive coordinator at Notre Dame. During an eight-year stint as the quarterbacks coach at Syracuse, his star pupil was Donovan McNabb.

TECH IN THE POLLS

☛Virginia Tech is ranked No. 15 by The Associated Press and No. 16 in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' Poll. Tech's No. 9 preseason rankings were its highest preseason rankings ever in both polls. Tech's best previous preseason ratings were last year (11th AP; 10th *USA Today*/CNN).

The Hokies posted their highest ever football rankings the past two years and finished the 1999 season rated No. 2 by AP and No. 3 by the coaches. Last season, 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 has been ranked a total of 115 weeks 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.

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. This 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 (83) than any BIG EAST team since the start of 1993.

TECH IN THE GATOR BOWL

☛Virginia Tech is 1-2 all-time in the Gator Bowl and 1-1 in Alltel Stadium. Tech's first trip to the Gator Bowl came in 1994 when the game was played at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium in Gainesville due to the construction of Alltel Stadium. The Hokies lost to Tennessee, 45-23, in that game. Tech returned to the Gator Bowl following the 1997 season and lost to North Carolina, 42-3, on Jan. 1, 1998 in Alltel Stadium. Tech got its first Gator Bowl win in last year's game, beating Clemson, 41-20.

TECH AT NEUTRAL SITES

☛Virginia Tech has a 142-114-19 record in football games played at neutral sites. Tech is 5-5 in neutral site games during Coach Frank Beamer's 15 seasons, including a 4-4 mark in bowl games. Tech's other two neutral site games under Beamer have been regular-season contests — a 33-20 loss to Florida State at Orlando, Fla., in 1991 and a 38-16 win over Temple at RFK Stadium in Washington, D.C., during the 1995 season. The Hokies are 0-2 against Florida State at neutral sites.

DEJA VU ... AGAIN

☛For the third straight year, the Hokies will be facing a team coached by a member of the Bowden family in a bowl game. Following the 1999 season, Tech played Coach Bobby Bowden's Florida State team for the national championship in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl. FSU won that game, 46-29. Last year, Tech's Gator Bowl foe, Clemson, was coached by Bobby's son Tommy. The Hokies posted a 41-20 win in that game.

SCORING STREAK

☛Tech has scored in a school record 81 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.

BIG EAST STANDINGS

Team	Conf.	Overall
Miami	6-0-0	11-0-0
Syracuse	6-1-0	9-3-0
Virginia Tech	4-3-0	8-3-0
Boston College	4-3-0	7-4-0
Pittsburgh	4-3-0	6-5-0
Temple	2-5-0	4-7-0
West Virginia	1-6-0	3-8-0
Rutgers	0-7-0	2-9-0

Tangerine Bowl, Dec. 20

N.C. State vs. Pittsburgh

Music City Bowl, Dec. 28

Boston College vs. Georgia

Insight.com Bowl, Dec. 29

Kansas State vs. Syracuse

Toyota Gator Bowl, Jan. 1

Virginia Tech vs. Florida State

Rose Bowl, Jan. 3

Miami vs. Nebraska

POSTSEASON HONORS

ALL-BIG EAST

First Team:

- André Davis, WR
- David Pugh, DT
- Ben Taylor, LB
- Ronyell Whitaker, CB

Second Team:

- Chad Beasley, DT

Rookie of the Year:

- Kevin Jones, TB

ALL-AMERICA

Associated Press A-A

- Ben Taylor, LB, 2nd team
- Ronyell Whitaker, CB, 3rd team

Sporting News A-A

- Ben Taylor, LB, 3rd team
- David Pugh, DT, 3rd team

Sporting News Freshman A-A

- Kevin Jones, TB, 2nd team
- DeAngelo Hall, CB, 4th team

Football News A-A

- Ben Taylor, LB, 2nd team

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Verizon Academic A-A

- André Davis, WR, 1st team

National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame Scholar-Athlete

- André Davis, WR

NCAA Top VIII Award

- André Davis, WR

2001 Gator Bowl

BIG PLAYS AND DEFENSE SPARK TECH PAST TIGERS

Jan. 1, 2001 • Alltel Stadium • Attendance 68,741

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Thanks to big plays from a Michael Vick-led offense and a strong defensive performance, Virginia Tech exorcised its Jacksonville demons and rang in the new year by defeating Clemson, 41-20, in front of 68,741 fans at the 56th annual Gator Bowl. With the win, Tech snapped its two-game losing streak in Gator Bowl games.

Tech scored on its first offensive play of the game, then used big plays to set up three additional touchdowns and break open a close contest. Those big plays included a 49-yard pass play from Vick to André Kendrick that put the Hokies at the Clemson 4; a 55-yard Vick to André Davis pass to the Clemson 1; and a 45-yard run by Kendrick that moved the football to the Tigers' 29.

On the other side of the ball, Tech held Clemson to 88 yards rushing, sacked Clemson's quarterbacks six times and picked off two passes.

Clemson	0	10	3	7	—	20
Virginia Tech	14	7	13	7	—	41

- VT (13:23 re 1st) — Ferguson 23 pass from Vick (Warley kick)
- VT (1:08 re 1st) — Vick 6 run (Warley kick)
- CU (2:34 re 2nd) — Zachery 23 pass from Dantzler (Hunt kick)
- CU (5:45 re 2nd) — Hunt 28 FG
- VT (2:26 re 2nd) — Suggs 3 run (Warley kick)
- VT (12:19 re 3rd) — Suggs 1 run (kick failed)
- CU (7:19 re 3rd) — Hunt 26 FG
- VT (5:14 re 3rd) — Ferguson 5 run (Warley kick)
- CU (7:19 re 4th) — Gardner 23 pass from Simmons (Hunt kick)
- VT (3:41 re 4th) — Suggs 5 run (Warley kick)

Team Stats	CU	VT
First downs	21	19
Rushes-yds.	35-88	47-211
Passing yds.	243	205
Return yds.	0	31
Passes	21-44-2	10-18-1
Punts-avg.	5-38	2-32
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-2
Penalties-yds.	7-50	2-20
Time of poss.	28:24	31:36
Sacks by	2-22	6-28

Individual Leaders

Rushing — CU, Dantzler 18-81, Zachery 5-15, Rambert 4-7, Kelly 2-3, Team 1-(-8), Simmons 5-(-10); VT, Suggs 20-73, Kendrick 4-52, Ferguson 6-26, Ward 4-24, Vick 9-19, Burnell 1-6, Hawkins 2-6, Johnson 1-5.

Passing — CU, Dantzler 15-32-1-180, Simmons 6-12-1-63; VT, Vick 10-18-1-205.

Receiving — CU, R. Gardner 7-94, Watts 4-59, Zachery 2-25, Robinson 2-25, Kelly 3-22, Rambert 2-14, Youngblood 1-4; VT, A. Davis 2-70, Kendrick 2-55, Wynn 2-27, Ferguson 1-23, Hawkins 1-14, Wilford 1-9, Johnson 1-7.

LAST YEAR AT THE GATOR

☛When Michael Vick hooked up with **Jarrett Ferguson** (Goodview, Va.) for a TD pass on Virginia Tech's first offensive play against Clemson in the 2001 Gator Bowl, it marked the first time ever that the Hokies had scored on their first offensive play in a bowl game.

☛Tailback Lee Suggs' three touchdowns against Clemson in the 2001 Gator Bowl game set a Tech individual record for TDs in a bowl game and tied the Gator Bowl mark.

☛Last season's Gator Bowl game marked the first time in Tech bowl history that two Hokies scored two or more touchdowns in the same game. The Hokies got three TDs from tailback **Lee Suggs** and two from fullback **Jarrett Ferguson**.

☛Clemson's 44 pass attempts and 21 completions were both records against Tech in a bowl game. The previous record for attempts was 37 by Indiana in the 1993 Independence Bowl and Texas in the 1995 Sugar Bowl. The old mark for completions was 20 by Florida State in the 2000 Sugar Bowl.

☛The Hokies had over 200 yards rushing and 200 yards passing in the Gator Bowl last season. The only other time Tech accumulated over 200 yards both rushing and passing in a bowl game was versus N.C. State in the 1986 Peach Bowl game.

☛Tech's 14 first-quarter points in last year's Gator Bowl were the most points in the first quarter of a bowl game for the Hokies since the 1968 Liberty Bowl. Tech coach Frank Beamer was a player in that game. Tech's 21 first-half points were the second-most in the opening half by the Hokies in a bowl game. Tech scored 28 points in the first half of the 1993 Independence Bowl.

BOWL BITS

☛ No. 1 ranked Florida State and No. 2 ranked Virginia Tech played for the national championship in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl. The Hokies set a school bowl record for total offense with 503 yards but lost the game, 46-29. Tech still finished No. 2 in the AP poll and was No. 3 in the *USA Today*/ESPN Coaches' Poll.

☛ FSU's 329 passing yards and 46 points against Tech in the 2000 Sugar Bowl are both all-time highs against the Hokies in a bowl game.

☛ **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) set a Tech bowl record with seven pass receptions against Florida State in the 2000 Sugar Bowl game.

☛ Tech and Florida State are two of just seven schools that are going to their ninth bowl game in as many years. The other five schools are Tennessee, Kansas State, Nebraska Florida and Michigan.

☛ Tech is making its 15th overall bowl appearance and its fourth trip to the Gator Bowl. The Hokies have also appeared in the Sun Bowl, the Liberty Bowl (twice), the Peach Bowl (twice), the Independence Bowl (twice), the Sugar Bowl (twice), the Orange Bowl and the Music City Bowl.

☛ Florida State is one of four Atlantic Coast Conference teams that Tech has faced in a bowl game. The Hokies beat N.C. State, 25-24, in the 1986 Peach Bowl, lost to North Carolina, 42-3, in the '98 Gator Bowl, lost to FSU, 46-29, in the 2000 Sugar Bowl and beat Clemson, 41-20, in last year's Gator Bowl.

☛ Tech's win in last year's Gator Bowl marked its first bowl win in the state of Florida. The Hokies lost on their first three bowl visits to the Sunshine State.

Last Time vs. FSU

HOKIES FALL TO NO. 1 FSU IN NATIONAL TITLE GAME

Jan. 4, 2000 • Nokia Sugar Bowl • Attendance 79,280

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Virginia Tech simply could not overcome its own mistakes and the big plays of Florida State during a 46-29 loss in the 2000 Sugar Bowl game for the national championship.

Tech rallied from a 21-point first-half deficit to take the lead from the top-ranked Seminoles going into the fourth quarter. The Hokies had the momentum of 22-straight points heading into the final period, but that momentum turned in FSU's favor on a crucial fourth-and-one play with just over 14 minutes remaining in the game.

The Seminoles picked up the first down and went on to take the lead with a touchdown at the 12:59 mark. A Tech fumble led to an FSU field goal less than three minutes later.

Sensational freshman quarterback Michael Vick accounted for 323 yards of total offense as Tech out-gained the Seminoles, 503 yards to 359. But 170 of FSU's total yards came on three long TD passes.

Virginia Tech	7	7	15	0	—	29
Florida State	14	14	0	18	—	46

- FSU (3:22 re 1st) — Warrick 64 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)
- FSU (2:14 re 1st) — Chaney 6 blocked punt return (Janikowski kick)
- VT (0:30 re 1st) — Davis 49 pass from Vick (Graham kick)
- FSU (13:45 re 2nd) — Dugans 63 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)
- FSU (11:40 re 2nd) — Warrick 59 punt return (Janikowski kick)
- VT (0:37 re 2nd) — Vick 3 run (Graham kick)
- VT (7:54 re 3rd) — FG Graham 23
- VT (5:57 re 3rd) — Kendrick 29 run (Graham kick)
- VT (2:13 re 3rd) — Kendrick 6 run (Graham kick)
- FSU (12:59 re 4th) — Dugans 14 pass from Weinke (Warrick pass from Weinke)
- FSU (10:26 re 4th) — FG Janikowski 32
- FSU (7:42 re 4th) — Warrick 43 pass from Weinke (Janikowski kick)

Team Stats	VT	FSU
First downs	24	15
Rushes-yds.	52-278	23-30
Passing yds.	225	329
Return yds.	88	80
Passes	15-29-0	20-34-1
Punts-avg.	6-29	7-44
Fumbles-lost	3-3	2-0
Penalties-yds.	6-65	7-59
Time of poss.	36:25	23:35
Sacks by	4-31	7-37

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Vick 23-97, Kendrick 12-69, Stith 11-68, Davis 1-16, Johnson 1-12, Sorensen 1-7, Ferguson 1-5, Hawkins 1-4, Graham 1-0; FSU, Chaney 4-43, Minor 9-39, Team 3-(-7), Weinke 7-(-41).

Passing — VT, Vick 15-29-0-225; FSU, Weinke 20-34-1-329.

Receiving — VT, Davis 7-108, Hawkins 2-49, Kendrick 2-27, Johnson 1-23, Wynn 1-7, Ferguson 1-6, Carter 1-5; FSU, Warrick 6-163, Dugans 5-99, Minnis 2-25, Minor 2-23, Morgan 2-10, Chaney 2-5, Boldin 1-4.

MISSING MAN

☞ Tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) was lost to the Virginia Tech football team for the 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. He underwent an MRI after the game and was reevaluated the following day. Suggs also suffered a tear of his medial meniscus. He underwent successful surgery on Sept. 14.

With his two touchdowns in the game, the redshirt junior established new Tech career records for both rushing touchdowns (31) and total touchdowns (32).

Suggs made quite an impact last season in 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).

A string of four-straight 100-yard rushing performances at the end of the regular season brought Suggs' final rushing tally to 1,207 yards. His total stands as the third-best single-season mark in school history and the best during Coach Frank Beamer's 14 seasons. Suggs tied a school season mark with six 100-yard games. He posted a career-high 164 yards against Pittsburgh, 145 yards in the Boston College game, 143 yards at UCF, 122 yards at East Carolina, 121 yards at Miami and 116 yards versus Virginia. He now has 1,442 career rushing yards at Tech.

Suggs rushed for at least one touchdown in every game in 2000. He scored five TDs at UCF, four versus Rutgers and Virginia and three against Pittsburgh. He scored two TDs five times and one twice. He carried the football a total of 222 times without a fumble. He was named third-team All-America by The Associated Press.

NOEL IN CHARGE

☞ Nobody had bigger shoes to fill at quarterback than the Hokies after the 2000 season. When sensational sophomore Michael Vick declared himself eligible for the NFL draft, it left the Hokies with only two returning quarterbacks in their program, neither of whom had started a game or earned a letter.

Redshirt junior **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W.Va.), who had seen varsity action in just six games during his three years at Tech, took the challenge to heart. Against UConn in his first start, Noel completed 16 of 20 passes for 267 yards and three touchdowns. His first pass of the game resulted in a touchdown. He was successful on his first eight tries before misfiring a pass.

Noel's passing total of 267 yards and his total offense of 273 yards were the third-best figures ever for a Tech quarterback in their first start. Jim Druckenmiller posted 296 yards passing and 291 yards total in his starting debut versus Boston College in 1995. Erik Chapman had 270 yards passing and 279 yards total offense against Cincinnati in his 1986 debut.

Noel joined Chapman, Maurice DeShazo, Al Clark and Michael Vick as the only Tech quarterbacks over the past 55 seasons to account for three TDs in their starting debuts.

Against WMU, Noel contributed another TD pass along with his first rushing touchdown. At Rutgers, he tied a Tech mark for TD passes in a game with four and became the first Tech quarterback in more than 40 years to throw TD passes in each of his first three starts. He threw 108 consecutive passes before suffering his first career interception at WVU.

Noel passed for two touchdowns and ran for another against BC. He added two TD passes at Temple and three more at UVa. His 16 TD passes this season are tops among first-year starters at Tech, beating the old mark (14) set by Jim Druckenmiller.

THE NUMBERS GAME

3,197 ... career all-purpose yards accumulated by receiver/return man André Davis.

1,890 ... combined rushing yards for Tech's tailbacks during the Hokies' 11 games this season.

761 ... total plays for senior linebacker Ben Taylor in 2001, including action on special teams.

177 ... Tech football coaching staff's combined years of full-time experience on collegiate level.

77 ... points by Tech kicker Carter Warley in each of his first two collegiate seasons.

52 ... number of different Tech players who have scored TDs on defense and special teams during Frank Beamer's 15 seasons.

47-13 ... Tech's record since the beginning of the 1997 season ranks the Hokies eighth among Division I-A schools.

35 ... players have gotten at least one start on offense or defense for the Hokies this season.

32:28 ... Tech's average time of possession was the highest in Frank Beamer's 15 seasons as coach.

18 ... different players caught passes for Tech in 2001, setting a school mark for the most different pass receivers in one season.

11 ... players have interceptions for Tech this season, the most in a season under Frank Beamer.

4 ... the Hokies led Division I-A in shutouts during the 2001 season.

2.1 ... average yards gained on a rushing attempt versus Tech in '01.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

☛ Highly-touted tailback **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) lived up to his billing in his first season with the Hokies, earning BIG EAST Rookie of the Year honors. The true freshman running back became a prominent figure in the Tech offense after All-America tailback Lee Suggs suffered a season-ending knee injury in the opening game.

Jones joined with redshirt junior **Keith Burnell** (Chesapeake, Va.) to fill the position and ended up in the starting lineup for the Hokies' last three games. During those three 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*.

SUCCESS STORY

☛ One of the biggest success stories on the Virginia Tech football team belongs to fullback **Jarrett Ferguson** (Goodview, Va.). Ferguson came to Tech as a 5-9, 183-pound walk-on tailback in 1997. He is now a 5-9, 220-pound scholarship fullback who has started 44 straight games and has won the Excalibur Award, Tech's highest strength and conditioning honor, three times.

A complete player who excels as a runner, receiver and blocker, Ferguson was rated the No. 7 fullback in the nation this summer by *The Sporting News*. His season totals for pass receptions (25), receiving yards (256) and touchdown catches (3) established new Tech marks for a fullback. He tied for third on the team in scoring with 48 points. Ferguson has scored at least one touchdown in nine of the Hokies' last 13 games.

FISH & TACKLE

☛ Off the football field, Virginia Tech defensive tackles **Chad Beasley** (Gate City, Va.) and **David Pugh** (Madison Heights, Va.) are fun-loving, fishing buddies. On the field, they're all business — and that business is disrupting offenses.

The senior roommates are both two-time All-BIG EAST Conference picks and have both been ranked among the top defensive tackles in the country this year by *The Sporting News*. Beasley finished the season with 57 tackles, including two sacks and two other tackles for loss. Pugh had 50 tackles, 3.5 sacks, 14 total tackles for loss and nine QB hurries.

Together, they anchor a line that has been ranked among the 10 best on the Division I-A level. They are joined at the position by fellow seniors **Channing Reed** (Trenton, N.J.) and **Dan Wilkinson** (W. Palm Beach, Fla.) and redshirt sophomore **Mark Costen** (Virginia Beach, Va.).

Another senior, **Derrius Monroe** (Tallahassee, Fla.), moved to tackle after opening the year at end. He had 44 tackles, a sack and 11 quarterback hurries.

YOUNG ENDS

☛ While Tech's defensive tackle spots are loaded with talented veterans, the end spots are loaded with talented youth.

Lamar Cobb (r-Jr.; Hurt, Va.) and **Nathaniel Adibi** (r-So.; Hampton, Va.) have both started 20 games at end. Cobb has 46 tackles, two sacks, five tackles for loss and 11 hurries. Adibi has contributed 41 tackles, 15 hurries, a sack and another TFL.

Joining Cobb and Adibi are **Jim Davis** (So.; Richmond, Va.), who has 4.5 sacks, 38 tackles and a pass interception for a TD; **Cols Colas** (r-So.; Plantation, Fla.), who has 3.5 sacks, 37 tackles and a team-leading 17 QB hurries; and **Jason Lallis** (r-Fr.; Mitchellville, Md.), who has contributed 15 total tackles and a sack.

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	6-2	197
TE	6-4	244
OT	6-4	303
OG	6-3	299
C	6-3	287
QB	6-1	207
FB	5-10	236
TB	6-0	208
DE	6-2	247
DT	6-2	286
ILB	6-0	228
OLB	6-1	207
CB	5-10	191
SAF	6-1	198

BEAMER BALL

☛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 Beamer Ball, and what sets it apart are the contributions of the defense and special teams.

Each of Tech's last eight teams are 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 20 different players have scored touchdowns while playing on Tech's special teams. Altogether, the defense and special teams have combined for 70 TDs since Beamer arrived in 1987, including 53 in Tech's last 97 games.

Under Beamer, Tech's defense has scored 44 TDs, with 26 coming on pass interceptions, 16 on fumble returns and two on fumble recoveries. The special teams have added 26 TDs, including 13 on blocked punts, seven 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 52 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 and **Kevin McCadam** — scored twice. Ike Charlton, and Ricky Hall have three scores and current player **André Davis** has four.

Since the start of the 1993 season, Tech is 36-5 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-yard 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.

BEAMER BALL II

☛ Virginia Tech's tradition for blocking kicks is another part of Beamer Ball. 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 90 blocks in Beamer's 173 games as the head coach. The Hokies have blocked 46 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-plus 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 16 times, including two in this season's game with Miami. Tech blocked two kicks against four different teams in 1998.

VIRGINIA TECH'S BLOCKED KICKS UNDER FRANK BEAMER

Totals: 90 in 173 games (46 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 DelRicco) hW
Rutgers – punt* (Marcus McClung) hW
Syracuse – punt+ (William Ferrell) hW
Virginia – punt# (Brandon Semones) 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

*recovered or returned for touchdown +led to TD @led to safety #led to FG ^led to a two-point defensive extra point

TRIPLE THREAT

Senior wide receiver **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) made his first reception of the season count when he took a quick screen pass from quarterback **Grant Noel** and wove his way through the UConn defense for a 47-yard touchdown. He went on to lead the Hokies with 39 catches for 623 yards and seven touchdowns. His 39 catches were the most for a Tech player since 1984.

Davis demonstrated exactly how explosive he can be during the 2000 West Virginia game. In that win, he scored three touchdowns in three different ways on three straight Tech possessions over a period of just 6:06.

Davis is third at Tech in career receiving yards (1,986). He is tied for third in receptions (103) and is tied for second in TD catches (18). His 26 career touchdowns, which include four TDs on punt returns and three on reverses, place him 11th in career scoring. Davis is Tech's all-time leader in punt return yardage (872) and holds season marks for average yards per pass reception (27.5) and average yards per punt return (22.0).

In the classroom, Davis is a first-team Academic All-American. He was one of 16 National Scholar-Athletes this fall and was also one of the recipients of the prestigious NCAA Today's Top VIII Award.

PILEdriver

Tech free safety **Willie Pile** (r-Jr.; Alexandria, Va.) has been labeled one of the five hardest hitters in the Division I-A ranks by *The Sporting News* and was rated the No. 4 'Assassin' in college football by ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit. Pile was Tech's second-leading tackler in 2001 with 94. He topped the team with four interceptions and also had six pass deflections, two fumble recoveries, two TFL and a QB hurry. Pile was in on 13 tackles versus Syracuse, 14 at Pittsburgh and had a career-high 18 tackles against No. 1 Miami.

VETERAN LINEBACKERS

Senior linebackers **Ben Taylor** (Bellaire, Ohio), **Jake Houseright** (Gate City, Va.) and **Brian Welch** (Fairfax, Va.) provide the Hokies with a productive combination that is a perfect complement for the D-line.

Taylor, a semifinalist for the Butkus Award the past two seasons and a second-team AP All-America pick in 2001, has team-leading totals in tackles (121) and tackles for loss (18). He is tied for the team lead in sacks (4.5) and had 13 hurries.

Houseright finished the regular season with 54 tackles, four tackles for loss, a sack and an interception. Welch, who shared starting time with Houseright, stands fourth on the team with 68 tackles and has an interception. He posted 11 tackles in both the Syracuse and Miami games.

2001 START CHART

Pos.	Offense (starts)
SE	Shawn Witten (7) Emmett Johnson (4)
LT	Anthony Davis (11)
LG	Luke Owens (6) Jacob Gibson (5)
C	Steve DeMasi (11)
RG	Jake Grove (10) Luke Owens (1)
RT	Matt Wincek (11)
TE	Bob Slowikowski (11)
QB	Grant Noel (11)
FB	Jarrett Ferguson (11)
TB	Keith Burnell (7) Kevin Jones (3) Lee Suggs (1)
FL	André Davis (11)
Pos.	Defense (starts)
E	Lamar Cobb (8) Cols Colas (3)
T	Chad Beasley (11)
T	David Pugh (10) Dan Wilkinson (1)
E	Nathaniel Adibi (8) Jim Davis (3)
OLB	Deon Provitt (4) T.J. Jackson (4) Mike Daniels (3)
ILB	Jake Houseright (6) Brian Welch (5)
ILB	Ben Taylor (11)
BC	Ronyell Whitaker (10) DeAngelo Hall (1)
FS	Willie Pile (11)
ROV	Kevin McCadam (11)
FC	Larry Austin (9) Eric Green (1) Garnell Wilds (1)

THE O-LINE

Replacing four veteran starters and a top reserve in the offensive line kept offensive line coach Bryan Stinespring plenty busy in 2001.

Stinespring's lone returning starter was senior center **Steve DeMasi** (Virginia Beach, Va.). DeMasi entered the Tech program as a walk-on, started two games as a sophomore and has now started 23 consecutive games. His knowledge and experience have made him a valuable leader. DeMasi saw action on 87 percent of Tech's snaps during the regular season.

The tackle spots are manned by **Matt Wincek** (Sr.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) and **Anthony Davis** (Jr.; Victoria, Va.). Both Wincek and Davis have been like additional starters in the past and made the most of their new opportunities — averaging 57 and 60 offensive snaps, respectively.

One of Tech's most promising linemen, redshirt sophomore **Jake Grove** (Forest, Va.), was moved from center to right guard where he has played a key role. He led the team in knockdown blocks with 48. The left guard spot has been occupied by **Jacob Gibson** (r-So.; Rocky Mount, Va.) and **Luke Owens** (r-Jr.; Grundy, Va.), who have both seen starting time. Owens started seven games and had a team-high 11 knockdown blocks at West Virginia. Gibson had a personal-best 63 plays versus UCF.

True freshman **James Miller** (Pompano Beach, Fla.) gained some playing time at guard and big (6-7, 310) redshirt freshman **Jon Dunn** (Virginia Beach, Va.) averaged over 23 snaps at tackle.

Tim Selmon (r-Jr.; Trenton, N.J.) worked behind Davis at tackle. Sophomores **Anthony Nelson** (Kingsport, Tenn.) and **Jeff Werner** (Yardley, Pa.) got some limited playing time at guard, while **Robert Ramsey** (r-Fr; Coraopolis, Pa.) and **Travis Conway** (r-Fr.; Richmond, Va.) provided depth at center.

GETTING HIS CHANCE

☛The loss of tailback **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) opened the door for **Keith Burnell** (r-Jr.; Chesapeake, Va.) to prove his ability. Burnell got his first Tech start against Western Michigan and ran for 74 yards and one touchdown on 21 carries. He also hauled in an 18-yard pass.

In the Hokies' opener against UConn, Burnell rushed for 71 yards and posted his first two-touchdown game at Tech. He also scored two touchdowns against both UCF and West Virginia.

Burnell turned in a career-high 22 carries against WVU and posted his first 100-yard rushing day with 102 yards. He topped that with 111 yards in the Boston College game. For the year, he ran for nine TDs and 707 yards on 149 carries. He is second on the team in rushing and scoring (54 pts.).

WYNN-WIN SITUATION

☛From walk-on to a starter at tight end, **Browning Wynn** (r-Sr.; Jonesville, Va.) is another Virginia Tech success story.

After redshirting as a freshman in 1997, Wynn earned a spot on special teams and lettered during the 1998 season. His work ethic helped him gain playing time and a scholarship. In 1999, he made the most of his playing time, catching seven passes for 157 yards, an average of 22.4 yards per catch.

During the spring of 2000, he became the first Tech player to earn the Elite Level of Performance award. The past two summers, he won Tech's Iron Man competition.

Wynn made his first collegiate start against Akron last year and caught his first TD pass for Tech at ECU. He also made second-team All-BIG EAST in 2000. Twenty-three of his 24 career catches have gone for first downs. He had a career-long 39-yard catch against UCF and has a career average of 20.2 yards a catch.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Nathaniel ADIBI	uh-DEE-bee
MIKAL BAAQUEE	meh-CALL bah-KEY
Chris BUIE	BOO-ee
Keith BURNELL	burr-NELL
COLS COLAS	coles CO-las
Steve DEMASI	Duh-MASS-ee
Ken KEISTER	KEES-ter
Jason LALLIS	LAH-liss
Alex MARKOGIANNAKIS	marko-gee-an-knock-us
Jon MOLLERUP	MAH-ler-up
Grant NOEL	knoll
Robert PEASLEE	PEESE-lee
Deon PROVITT	PRO-vit
Bob SLOWIKOWSKI	slow-COW-ski
Carter WARLEY	WOR-lee
MATT WINCEK	win-SECK

CORNERING THE MARKET

☛Another position where the Hokies can boast about quality depth is cornerback. Tech returned three players at cornerback who saw starting time last season and have two more on the depth chart who have become key contributors.

Leading the way is **Ronyell Whitaker** (r-Jr.; Norfolk, Va.), who earned first-team All-BIG EAST and third-team AP All-America honors this year while starting 10 games at boundary corner. He has 53 tackles, one pick and a team-leading 10 passes broken up.

The other starting corner is senior **Larry Austin** (Norfolk, Va.), one of the best stories on the team. Austin started the first four games of the 2000 season at boundary corner before suffering a season-ending knee injury. After having reconstructive surgery, Austin worked his way back into shape in time to compete in spring practice. During preseason testing, he became the first Tech defensive back to reach the Elite Level of Performance in the strength and conditioning program. Less than 10 months after his surgery, Austin posted a 41 1/2-inch vertical jump, a

345-pound bench press and a 500-pound back squat. He started nine games at field corner and has 22 tackles and one interception.

Eric Green (So.; Clewiston, Fla.), who earned second-team freshman All-America honors while starting five games at field corner last season, kept the pressure on Austin for playing time in 2001. Green has played in 10 games, registering 18 tackles, including one for a 10-yard loss.

Another player who returned to action after being injured during the 2000 season was redshirt sophomore **Garnell Wilds** (Tampa, Fla.). Wilds underwent knee surgery after the fifth game in 2000 and, like Austin, came back fit for action. Wilds played in all 11 games, including one start. He contributed 27 tackles, four pass breakups and a pair of interceptions.

The lone newcomer in the group, **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.), made enough of an impact to be named fourth-team freshman All-America by *The Sporting News*. Hall had the best forty time (4.37) and vertical jump (37) among Tech's incoming freshmen. He played in every game, starting one, and posted 42 tackles and three interceptions.

SPECIAL ROLE

☛ Last year as a junior, **Wayne Ward** (Plant City, Fla.) played a huge role on Tech's special teams. The Tech tailback blocked one punt during the East Carolina game that was returned for a touchdown and another punt against Temple that set up a TD. He contributed 26 special teams tackles and, against WVU, turned in a bone-jarring block that helped clear the way for **André Davis'** 76-yard punt return and made all the national highlights.

During the 2001 season, Ward contributed on both special teams and offense. He was in on three tackles on coverage teams at Temple and had a blocked punt and a tackle at UVa. In the Western Michigan game, he blocked a punt to set up Tech's first touchdown. Ward also had a career-best 50 yards rushing on six carries in that game and added a 10-yard pass reception. He rushed for 112 yards on 23 carries in 2001.

NASCAR NUTS

☛ Six Hokies were featured in the college football edition of *Sports Illustrated* in a spread on how college players bond during the off-season.

The six Hokies — center **Steve DeMasi**, tight ends **Browning Wynn** and **Bob Slowikowski**, linebackers **Ben Taylor** and **Brian Welch** and offensive lineman **Matt Wincek**, spent the summer going to NASCAR Winston Cup races. The group would rent tents, then pile into Wynn's minivan to head for their destination. Once they arrived, the group would camp in the infield or around the race track. Among the tracks they visited this summer were Richmond, Bristol, Martinsville, Charlotte and Long Pond, Pa.

A *Sports Illustrated* photographer took pictures of the players chatting with native Virginia drivers Ricky Rudd, Ward Burton and Jeff Burton a day before the Pocono 500 in Long Pond, Pa.

PICKING UP YARDAGE

☛ Tight end **Bob Slowikowski** (Pittsburgh, Pa.), who has started all 11 regular-season games in 2001, caught a 72-yard touchdown pass against West Virginia last year — the longest reception ever for a Tech tight end. Slowikowski has averaged 23.8 yards on his 12 career catches.

FIRST-TIME STARTERS

☛ Eighteen Tech players made their first collegiate starts during the 2001 season. The first-time starters on offense have been tackles **Matt Wincek** (Sr.; Wilkes-Barre, Pa.) and **Anthony Davis** (Jr.; Victoria, Va.), guards **Jake Grove** (r-So.; Forest, Va.), **Jacob Gibson** (r-So.; Rocky Mount, Va.) and **Luke Owens** (r-Jr.; Grundy, Va.), end **Shawn Witten** (Jr.; Elizabethton, Tenn.), quarterback **Grant Noel** (r-Jr.; Ridgeley, W.Va.) and tailbacks **Keith Burnell** (r-Jr.; Chesapeake, Va.) and **Kevin Jones** (Fr.; Chester Pa.). The new defensive starters have been ends **Cols Colas** (r-So.; Plantation, Fla.) and **Jim Davis** (So.; Richmond, Va.), linebackers **Brian Welch** (r-Sr.; Fairfax, Va.), **Deon Provitt** (r-So.; Warren, Ohio), **T.J. Jackson** (r-Jr.; Delray Beach, Fla.) and **Mike Daniels** (r-Fr.; Fairfax, Va.), cornerbacks **DeAngelo Hall** (Fr.; Chesapeake, Va.) and **Garnell Wilds** (r-So.; Tampa, Fla.) and rover **Kevin McCadam** (Sr.; Lakeside, Calif.).

BIG EAST HONORS

☛ Quarterback **Grant Noel** (r-Jr.; Ridgeley, W.Va.) was named BIG EAST Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Week for his showing in Tech's 50-0 win at Rutgers. Noel tied a school single-game record against the Scarlet Knights by tossing four touchdown passes, including three in the first quarter. Noel's touchdown passes covered 5, 16, 6 and 7 yards. He completed 17 of 22 passes for 164 yards and was not intercepted.

☛ Rover **Kevin McCadam** (Sr.; Lakeside, Calif.) earned BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week honors for his showing against UCF. McCadam intercepted a pass and returned it 69 yards for a touchdown against the Golden Knights. It was his first Tech touchdown and marked the longest interception return for a Tech player since Jamel Smith's 98-yard return against Rutgers in 1998. McCadam also contributed three solo tackles and an assist in the game.

☛ **Ben Taylor** (Bellaire, Ohio) was named the BIG EAST Co-Defensive Player of the Week after posting 11 tackles and four tackles behind the line versus West Virginia. The senior linebacker had seven primary tackles and four assists. He also contributed two QB hurries.

☛ Senior **André Davis** earned BIG EAST Special Teams Player of the Week honors for his showing at WVU. Davis (Niskayuna, N.Y.) returned six punts for 116 yards and a kickoff for 32 yards in the game. He set up Tech's second touchdown of the game with a 53-yard punt return.

☛ **André Davis** was named Co-BIG EAST Player of the Week after catching six passes for 112 yards and two touchdowns against Boston College. Davis had TD catches of 37 and 34 yards and finished with 209 all-purpose yards during the win.

☛ **Ben Taylor** (Bellaire, Ohio) earned Co-BIG EAST Defensive Player of the Week honors for his part in Tech's 31-17 win at Virginia. Taylor equalled a personal-best with 18 total tackles during the win. He posted nine solo tackles and nine assists to earn a team season-high grade with 50 defensive points. The 6-2, 235-pound senior linebacker also had a quarterback sack and caused a fumble that set up the Hokies' first touchdown of the game.

COAST-TO-COAST

☛Rover **Kevin McCadam** may have come the greatest distance of any Tech player to earn a starting position. McCadam, who is from Lakeside, Calif., has been one of Tech's best players during the 2001 season. He tied for second on the team in pass interceptions with three, finished third in tackles with 83 and had two defensive TDs. He posted one of the top two defensive grades in five games this season. He turned in a career-high 17 tackles, including 15 primary hits, during Tech's game with No. 1 Miami. He also registered 11 tackles in the Hokies' victory at Virginia. His season totals include two sacks, eight total tackles behind the line and six passes broken up.

EXTRA POINTS

☛Four players on Tech's current team were in the starting lineup when the Hokies took on Florida State in the 2000 Nokia Sugar Bowl. Three offensive players — receivers **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) and **Emmett Johnson** (Chesapeake, Va.) and full-back **Jarrett Ferguson** (Goodview, Va.)— started against the Seminoles. Davis caught seven passes for 108 yards and hauled in a 49-yard touchdown pass for the Hokies' first score of the game. He also gained 16-yards on a reverse. Johnson had one catch for 23 yards and ran for 12 yards on a reverse, while Ferguson rushed once for five yards and caught a pass for a six-yard gain. Tech's only returning defensive starter from that game is linebacker **Ben Taylor** (Bellaire, Ohio). Taylor, who started as an outside linebacker in that game, was credited with seven tackles.

☛Defensive tackle **David Pugh** (Madison Heights, Va.) had one of Tech's four sacks against FSU in the 2000 Sugar Bowl game. Pugh dropped Seminoles' quarterback Chris Weinke for an 8-yard loss in the second quarter of play.

BIG (EAST) PLAYS

Tech's Longest Plays in BIG EAST Games

Longest Run from Scrimmage: VT — 87 yds., tb Kevin Jones vs. Temple, 2001; Opp. — 78 yds., tb James Jackson of Miami, 1997.

Longest Pass Completion: VT — 85 yds., qb Jim Druckenmiller to fl Bryan Still vs. Pittsburgh, 1995; Opp. — 97 yds., qb Tim Hasselbeck to wr Dedrick Dewalt of Boston College, 1999.

Longest Kickoff Return: VT — 65 yds., Shawn Scales vs. Temple, 1997; Opp. — 86 yds., Jeyson Wilson of Syracuse, 1993.

Longest Punt Return: VT — 80 yds., Antonio Freeman vs. Pittsburgh, 1994; Opp. — 51 yds., Jamel Riddle of Syracuse, 2001.

Longest Interception Return: VT — 100 yds., fs Keion Carpenter vs. Miami, 1996; Opp. — 68 yds., cb Shawntae Spencer of Pittsburgh, 2001.

Longest Field Goal: VT — 52, Shayne Graham vs. Pittsburgh, 1999; Opp. — 49, Chris Ferencik of Pittsburgh, 1996.

Longest Punt: VT — 75 yds., Jimmy Kibble vs. Pittsburgh, 1997; Opp. — 78 yds., Mark Fazzolari of West Virginia, 1999.

☛Senior flanker **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) has averaged 19.8 yards per catch during Tech's last two bowl games. Davis had seven receptions for 108 yards against Florida State in the 2000 Sugar Bowl and two catches for 70 yards versus Clemson in last year's Gator Bowl game.

☛**Jarrett Ferguson** (Goodview, Va.) is hoping to become just the sixth Virginia Tech player and only the second Tech offensive player to start four bowl games. Ferguson has started 44 consecutive games at full-back for the Hokies, including the 1998 Music City Bowl, the 2000 Sugar Bowl and the 2001 Gator Bowl. The only other Tech offensive player who has gotten four bowl starts is former offensive lineman Billy Conaty. Conaty started at tackle in the 1993 Independence Bowl game and got starts at center in Tech's 1994 Gator, 1995 Sugar and 1996 Orange Bowl games. Tech defensive players who have started in four bowl games are ends Cornell Brown and John Engelberger and defensive backs Torrian Gray and Antonio Banks.

☛Split end **Emmett Johnson** (Chesapeake, Va.) has caught a pass in each of the Hokies' last three bowl games. Johnson had an 8-yard catch against Alabama in the 1998 Music City Bowl, a 23-yard catch versus FSU in the 2000 Sugar Bowl and a 7-yard grab against Clemson in last year's Gator Bowl.

☛Tech assistant coach **Billy Hite** has been to more bowl games with the Hokies than any other coach in school history. The 2002 Toyota Gator Bowl game will be Hite's 12th bowl game since joining the Tech staff in 1978 under Coach Bill Dooley. Current head coach **Frank Beamer** is one behind Hite with 11 bowl appearances with the Hokies — nine as a coach and two as a player.

☛Forty-one of the last 45 passes caught by Tech tight ends have produced first downs. That includes all 14 catches this season.

☛Since the start of BIG EAST Conference round-robin play in 1993, Tech is 60-3 when it rushes for 200 yards or more.

Game 1

TECH OPENS WITH 52-10 VICTORY OVER UCONN

Sept. 1, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Quarterback Grant Noel passed for three touchdowns to lead Virginia Tech to a 52-10 season-opening win against the University of Connecticut before a sellout crowd at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Noel, making his first collegiate start, completed 16 of 20 passes including first-half touchdown tosses of 47, 19 and 8 yards. The redshirt junior's 19-yard scoring pass to André Davis gave Tech a 28-10 lead at the half.

UConn trailed just 14-10 after the first quarter, but the Tech defense shut the Huskies out the rest of the way. The Hokies held Connecticut to just four first downs and 88 total yards during the final three quarters of play.

UConn	10	0	0	0	—	10
Virginia Tech	14	21	7	10	—	52

- VT (13:08 re 1st) — Davis 47 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- UC (9:09 re 1st) — FG Hickok 42
- VT (6:16 re 1st) — Ferguson 8 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- UC (2:46 re 1st) — Henry 15 run (Hickok kick)
- VT (14:22 re 2nd) — Suggs 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (12:24 re 2nd) — Suggs 49 run (Warley kick)
- VT (3:57 re 2nd) — Davis 19 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (6:49 re 3rd) — Burnell 3 run (Warley kick)
- VT (14:08 re 4th) — Burnell 2 run (Warley kick)
- VT (2:20 re 4th) — FG Warley 39

Team Stats	UC	VT
First downs	10	29
Rushes-yds.	27-74	46-283
Passing yds.	110	323
Return yds.	11	28
Passes	10-29-1	21-30-0
Punts-avg.	7-43	2-42
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-yds.	5-35	7-66
Time of poss.	26:58	33:02
Sacks by	1-7	0-0

Individual Leaders

Rushing — UC, Henry 6-35, Bellamy 8-22, Poole 6-14, Small 4-6, McClowry 1-1, Spence 1-(-1), Team 1-(-3); VT, Suggs 12-99, Burnell 9-71, Jones 11-63, Randall 6-30, E. Johnson 1-11, Noel 3-6, Ferguson 2-6, Ward 1-4, Davis 1-(-7).

Passing — UC, Henry 10-29-1-100; VT, Noel 16-20-0-267; Randall 5-10-0-56.

Receiving — UC, Hill 2-58, Spence 2-16, Timko 2-13, Cutaia 2-11, Ridley 1-9, Drayton 1-3; VT, Davis 4-94, Whitten 3-43, Ferguson 3-33, R. Johnson 2-29, Parham 2-25, E. Johnson 2-19, Willis 1-31, Slowikowski 1-20, Shreve 1-13, Moody 1-10, Wayne Briggs 1-6.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛ Virginia Tech piled up 606 yards of total offense in its 52-10 victory over Connecticut. The total was the fifth-best in school history and fourth-best during Frank Beamer's 14-plus seasons as head coach. The last time the Hokies had more total offense in a game was during a 1995 victory over Akron. Tech collected 638 yards of offense in that contest.

☛ Tech's 323 yards passing were the most by a Tech team since 1993 when the Hokies threw for 339 yards during a home win against Temple.

☛ Eleven different Tech players caught at least one pass in the game against UConn. The last time Tech had at least 11 different players catch a pass in game was during a 33-20 loss to No. 1 Florida State at Orlando in 1991. Tech also had 11 players contribute catches in that game.

☛ Tech got two touchdowns from three different players during the UConn game. Flanker **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) caught a pair of touchdown passes, while tailbacks **Lee Suggs** (Roanoke, Va.) and **Keith Burnell** (Chesapeake, Va.) both had a pair of TD runs. It marked just the third time in Frank Beamer's 14-plus seasons at Tech that three different players scored two touchdowns in the same game. The last time was during a 1999 win at Temple, when Davis, quarterback Michael Vick and tailback André Kendrick each posted two TDs. The Hokies also got two touchdowns apiece from tight end Bryan Jennings, fullback Brian Edmonds and tailback Shyrone Stith during a '96 game at Boston College.

☛ Four true freshmen saw action against UConn: QB **Bryan Randall** (Williamsburg, Va.), CB **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.), TB **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) and OG **James Miller** (Pompano Beach, Fla.).

Game 2

DEFENSE SHINES IN 31-0 VICTORY OVER WMU

Sept. 8, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech's defense held Western Michigan to 166 yards of offense to win its first-ever football meeting with the Broncos. The game also marked the Hokies' first football game against a team from the state of Michigan.

Tech capitalized on a blocked punt by Wayne Ward and a pass interception by rover Kevin McCadam to build a 10-0 lead. The Hokies got the football at the WMU 16 after Ward's block and took just two plays to score a touchdown. McCadam's pick put Tech at the Broncos' 22 and led to a Carter Warley field goal.

Defensively, the Hokies held Western Michigan out of Tech territory until the third quarter. Overall, WMU ran just 10 offensive plays on Tech's side of the 50. The Broncos got 113 of their 166 yards during the first half and managed just seven first downs during the entire game.

Quarterback Grant Noel ran for one touchdown and passed for another. He also directed a 10-play, 98-yard touchdown drive during the third quarter.

WMU	0	0	0	0	—	0
Virginia Tech	7	10	14	0	—	31

- VT (2:34 re 1st) — Burnell 11 run (Warley kick)
- VT (12:21 re 2nd) — FG Warley 20
- VT (6:35 re 2nd) — Noel 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (5:31 re 3rd) — Ferguson 24 run (Warley kick)
- VT (2:45 re 3rd) — Easlick 22 pass from Noel (Warley kick)

Team Stats	WMU	VT
First downs	7	27
Rushes-yds.	23-34	58-271
Passing yds.	132	156
Return yds.	6	71
Passes	15-31-1	14-26-0
Punts-avg.	10-36	3-41
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-2
Penalties-yds.	13-103	4-25
Time of poss.	24:32	35:28
Sacks by	1-7	2-7

Individual Leaders

Rushing — WMU, Reed 16-45, Welsh 3-2, Clark 1-2, Harris 2-(-5), Team 1-(-10); VT, Jones 10-75, Burnell 21-74, Ward 6-50, Ferguson 3-35, Spence 5-15, Noel 7-11, Randall 5-8; Easlick 1-3.

Passing — WMU, Welsh 12-25-1-100, Harris 3-6-0-32; VT, Noel 13-25-0-144, Randall 1-1-0-12.

Receiving — WMU, Jennings 4-31, Thomas 3-21, Wolverton 2-30, Zuhl 2-23, Afariogun 2-14, Mosely 1-7, Bush 1-6; VT, Davis 4-29, Slowikowski 1-27, Ferguson 1-25, Easlick 1-22, Burnell 1-18, Moody 1-12, Ward 1-10, E. Johnson 1-6, Wilford 1-3, Jones 1-3, Whitten 1-1.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛Tech's 31-0 win over Western Michigan marked the Hokies' 14th-straight football victory at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. That sets a new record for consecutive wins at Lane Stadium, surpassing the old mark of 13 set during the 1979-81 seasons. The school record for consecutive victories in Blacksburg is 23, beginning during the 1914 season and ended in 1920. Tech played its games on Miles Field at that time.

☛Western Michigan was just 1-for-13 on third-down conversions against the Hokies. WMU's lone successful attempt came on its first third-down play of the game.

☛WMU's 103 penalty yards were the most for a Tech opponent since Clemson had 116 yards in penalties during a 1998 game against Tech. The Broncos' 13 penalties were the most by a Tech foe since Miami had 13 in 1998.

☛For the second straight game, 11 different Tech players caught at least one pass. Tech has not had 10 or more players catch passes in back-to-back games during Frank Beamer's tenure as coach. Prior to the Western Michigan and UConn games, the last time Tech had at least 11 different players catch a pass in a game was during a 33-20 loss to No. 1 Florida State at Orlando in 1991. Eleven Tech players caught passes in that game.

☛The loss was the worst for WMU since a 32-point setback to Michigan State in 1997. It marked the first shutout loss for the Broncos since a 38-0 loss to Ohio during the 1996 season (50 games).

☛The WMU game marked just the ninth time since 1950 that the Hokies held an opponent to just one rushing first down.

Game 3

HOKIES OPEN BIG EAST PLAY WITH SHUTOUT

Sept. 22, 2001 • Rutgers Stadium • Attendance 27,514

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Virginia Tech got 28 first quarter points from its offense and a second-straight shutout from its defense to open BIG EAST Conference play with a 50-0 victory at Rutgers.

Quarterback Grant Noel passed for four touchdowns, including three in the opening 15 minutes, to give Tech its ninth-straight win over the Scarlet Knights. The Tech offensive unit also piled up over 200 yards on the ground for the 23rd time in its last 25 games.

The Hokies capitalized on six Rutgers turnovers, beginning with an interception by linebacker Brian Welch on the second offensive play of the game. Welch returned his interception to the Scarlet Knight 1-yard line to set up a quick Tech touchdown. Defensive tackle Channing Reed finished the scoring with an 8-yard fumble return for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter. The Hokies held Rutgers to just 102 total yards of offense.

Virginia Tech	28	0	6	16	—	50
Rutgers	0	0	0	0	—	0

- VT (13:40 re 1st) — Burnell 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (7:13 re 1st) — Ferguson 5 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (4:04 re 1st) — E. Johnson 16 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (0:08 re 1st) — Parham 6 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (8:12 re 3rd) — FG Warley 38
- VT (4:02 re 3rd) — FG Warley 37
- VT (14:04 re 4th) — Willis 7 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (7:51 re 4th) — Safety, blocked punt recovered in ez by kicking team
- VT (2:19 re 4th) — Reed 8 fumble return (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	RU
First downs	23	11
Rushes-yds.	46-223	38-32
Passing yds.	175	70
Return yds.	107	0
Passes	19-27-0	12-24-4
Punts-avg.	4-33	8-36
Fumbles-lost	3-1	4-2
Penalties-yds.	8-108	11-78
Time of poss.	34:42	25:18
Sacks by	4-37	0-0

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Jones 18-76, Burnell 12-74, Randall 3-39, Ward 6-23, Noel 5-9, Easlick 1-1, Briggs 1-1; RU, Ohene 19-43, Jones 6-23, Moses 1-13, Cook 4-6, team 1-(-5), Trump 1-(-15), Cubit 6-(-33).

Passing — VT, Noel 17-22-0-164, Randall 2-5-0-11; RU, Cubit 11-23-4-55, Barr 1-1-0-15.

Receiving — VT, Ferguson 3-28, Witten 3-15, Wilford 2-28, Briggs 2-23, Parham 2-10, Slowikowski 1-22, Wynn 1-16, E. Johnson 1-16, Davis 1-13, Willis 1-7, R. Johnson 1-4, Burnell 1-(-7); RU, Smith 4-9, Martin 2-20, Fletcher 2-3, Seabrooks 1-15, Hobbs, 1-9, Moses 1-7, Andre 1-7.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛By shutting out Rutgers, 50-0, Virginia Tech posted back-to-back shutouts for the first time since the 1983 season when Tech blanked Louisville and VMI in consecutive games. Since giving up 10 points in the first quarter of its season opener against UConn, Tech has not been scored on over a span of 11 quarters.

☛Tech's 28 first quarter points at Rutgers represented the most points by the Hokies in the first quarter of a game since 1992. That year, Tech had 28 points during the first quarter of a 50-49 loss at Rutgers.

☛Redshirt junior quarterback **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W.Va.) tied a school single-game record with four touchdown passes against Rutgers. Don Strock set the mark in 1972 against Ohio University. Maurice DeShazo equalled the mark twice during the 1993 season in games against Maryland and Temple. It was also tied by Michael Vick in 1999 at Rutgers.

☛Three Tech players — receiver **Terrell Parham** (Bartow, Fla.), tight end **Keith Willis** (Norfolk, Va.) and defensive tackle **Channing Reed** (Trenton, N.J.) — scored their first collegiate touchdowns during the win at Rutgers.

☛Tech defensive players **Brian Welch** (Fairfax, Va.), **Billy Hardee** (Winter Haven, Fla.) and **Jake Houseright** (Gate City, Va.) posted their first interceptions to help Tech to victory at RU.

☛**Eric Green** (Clewiston, Fla.) posted his second career blocked punt during the fourth quarter of the RU game. Green's block was eventually recovered in the end zone by the Scarlet Knights for a safety. It was Tech's first safety since a 1999 game at West Virginia.

Game 4

TECH OVERCOMES SLOW START TO BEAT UCF

Sept. 29, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech found itself behind for the first time all season before pulling away for a 46-14 victory over UCF in front of a sellout crowd at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Tech trailed 7-0 after the first quarter and led by just 19-14 early in the third period before posting 27 unanswered points. The Hokies capitalized on three interceptions, two fumble recoveries and a blocked punt for 29 of their 46 points.

The Hokies finished with 232 yards on the ground and 203 yards through the air. Tailbacks Kevin Jones and Keith Burnell led the rushing attack with 90 and 82 yards, respectively. Tech got an extra aerial lift when punter Vinnie Burns completed a 33-yard pass to cornerback Garnell Wilds on a key fake punt early in the third quarter. The play set up a TD by Burnell that gave Tech a 26-14 lead.

UCF	7	0	7	0	—	14
Virginia Tech	0	19	10	17	—	46

- UCF (1:04 re 1st) — Gaines 9 pass from Schneider (Beorlegui kick)
- VT (10:05 re 2nd) — Burnell 13 run (Warley kick)
- VT (2:36 re 2nd) — FG Warley 31
- VT (1:11 re 2nd) — Jones 7 run (Warley kick)
- VT (0:05 re 2nd) — safety, UCF punt blocked out of end zone
- UCF (10:40 re 3rd) — Haynes 2 run (Beorlegui kick)
- VT (7:36 re 3rd) — Burnell 2 run (Warley kick)
- VT (3:12 re 3rd) — FG Warley 23
- VT (10:52 re 4th) — FG Warley 28
- VT (9:00 re 4th) — McCadam 69 pass interception return (Warley kick)
- VT (7:06 re 4th) — Davis 55 punt return (Warley kick)

Team Stats	UCF	VT
First downs	16	22
Rushes-yds.	26-24	50-232
Passing yds.	227	203
Return yds.	9	196
Passes	18-36-3	16-29-0
Punts-avg.	8-37	4-34
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-3
Penalties-yds.	7-65	10-89
Time of poss.	26:03	33:57
Sacks by	0-0	3-18

Individual Leaders

Rushing — UCF, Haynes 15-17, Williams 2-15, Baker 4-10, Miller 1-(-3), Schneider 4-(-15); VT, Jones 11-90, Burnell 21-82, Ferguson 5-30, Randall 1-24, Noel 6-7, Ward 3-5, Team 1-(-1), E. Johnson 1-(-1), Davis 1-(-4).

Passing — UCF, Schneider 16-31-3-212, Miller 2-5-0-15; VT, Noel 15-25-0-170, Randall 0-3-0-0, Burns 1-1-0-33.

Receiving — UCF, Fryzel 5-40, Davis 4-46, Ward 4-35, Gaines 2-14, Gabriel 1-71, Baker 1-12, T. Williams 1-9; VT, Ferguson 5-39, Davis 4-38, Witten 2-9, Wynn 1-39, Wilds 1-33, Jones 1-21, Easlick 1-17, E. Johnson 1-7.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛When Tech fell behind UCF, 7-0, in the first quarter, it marked the first time the Hokies had trailed during the 2001 season. The points broke a string of 11 consecutive scoreless quarters registered by the Tech defense. The last points scored against the Hokies came on a TD by UConn in the first quarter of Tech's season-opening game.

☛For the second straight game, Tech blocked a punt for a safety and posted a defensive touchdown. The Hokies' **Brandon Manning** (r-Fr.; Harrisburg, Pa.) blocked a UCF punt out of the end zone for a safety in the second quarter and rover **Kevin McCadam** (Sr.; Lakeside, Calif.) returned an interception 69-yards for a TD in the fourth quarter. A week earlier at Rutgers, Tech blocked a punt that was recovered by RU in the end zone for a safety and returned a fumble for a touchdown.

☛When punter **Vinnie Burns** (r-Fr.; New Orleans, La.) completed a 33-yard pass to **Garnell Wilds** (r-So.; Tampa, Fla.) on a fake punt against UCF, he became the first punter to complete a pass for the Hokies during Frank Beamer's 15 seasons. The last Tech punter to attempt a pass on a fake punt was Chris Baucia at FSU in 1988. Baucia's attempt was incomplete. Tech's last fake punt attempt under Beamer was an option run against Florida State in the 2000 Sugar Bowl.

☛UCF finished with 251 yards of total offense to become the first team this season to collect more than 200 yards of offense against Tech. The previous high was 184 by UConn.

☛**Kevin McCadam's** 69-yard interception return against UCF was the longest by a Tech player since 1998 when Jamel Smith had a 98-yard return against Rutgers.

Game 5

DEFENSE STYMIES WVU IN 35-0 ROAD VICTORY

Oct. 6, 2001 • Mountaineer Field • Attendance 63,271

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Virginia Tech's defense continued its stellar play as the Hokies blanked BIG EAST rival West Virginia, 35-0, before a sellout crowd at Mountaineer Field. It was the most lopsided win by either team in the series since the very first meeting in 1912 when Tech won 41-0.

The Hokies held the Mountaineers to 174 total yards of offense and never let the home team penetrate closer than the Tech 23-yard line. The defense also contributed a touchdown for the third straight game.

Tailback Keith Burnell posted his first career 100-yard rushing game and scored two touchdowns to lead the offense. Burnell finished with 102 yards on 22 carries, including touchdown runs of 1 and 10 yards. Overall, the Hokies' offense piled up 412 yards, with 224 coming on the ground.

André Davis set up one touchdown with a 53-yard punt return and another with a 39-yard pass reception. Davis finished the game with 206 all-purpose yards.

Virginia Tech	14	7	14	0	—	35
West Virginia	0	0	0	0	—	0

- VT (7:00 re 1st) — Burnell 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (4:23 re 1st) — Ferguson 3 run (Warley kick)
- VT (11:33 re 2nd) — Jones 44 run (Warley kick)
- VT (7:23 re 3rd) — Burnell 10 run (Warley kick)
- VT (4:56 re 3rd) — Jim Davis 27 interception return (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	WVU
First downs	20	11
Rushes-yds.	56-224	36-33
Passing yds.	188	140
Return yds.	143	23
Passes	14-24-2	15-38-3
Punts-avg.	8-37	10-44
Fumbles-lost	2-0	1-1
Penalties-yds.	6-60	3-15
Time of poss.	36:01	23:59
Sacks by	5-40	1-3

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Burnell 22-102, Jones 16-67, Noel 7-28, Ward 4-16, Ferguson 3-6, Briggs 1-4, Randall 2-1, Davis 1-0; WVU, Cobourne 18-31, Brown 1-11, Rego 1-4, Nastasi 2-0, Jones 13-(-4), Lewis 1-(-9).

Passing — VT, Noel 12-20-2-171, Randall 2-4-0-17; WVU, Jones 9-23-2-98, Lewis 6-15-1-42.

Receiving — VT, Davis 3-58, Parham 3-51, Wynn 3-42, Ferguson 1-10, Moody 1-9, Ward 1-8, Briggs 1-5, Wilford 1-5; WVU, Braxton 5-62, Cobourne 4-33, Terry 3-31, Brown 2-11, Nastasi 1-3.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛Prior to their 35-0 win at West Virginia, the Hokies had never scored more than 28 points in Morgantown. It was WVU's worst shutout loss at home in 41 years, dating back to a 45-0 loss to Syracuse in 1960.

☛The shutout was Tech's second this season against a BIG EAST team. That marks the first time the Hokies have posted two BIG EAST shutouts in a season and ties the league mark set by Miami in 1992. Earlier this season, Tech blanked Rutgers, 50-0, on the road. The last time the Hokies had two shutouts on the road in a season was in 1998 when they had shutouts at Clemson, BC and UAB.

☛Quarterback **Grant Noel** (r-Jr.; Ridgeley, W.Va.) suffered the first interceptions of his career during the WVU game. Noel had thrown 108 consecutive passes without an interception before having one picked off near the end of the first quarter. He fell just short of Michael Vick's school record string of 111 passes without an interception set in 1999.

☛Defensive end **Jim Davis** (So.; Richmond, Va.) posted his first pass interception during the West Virginia game and returned it 27 yards for his first touchdown. It marked the third-straight game in which the defense has contributed a TD. In both 1993 and 1995, Tech scored a defensive touchdown in each of its last two regular-season games and then in a bowl game. This season, however, marks the first time under Coach Frank Beamer that Tech has scored a defensive TD in three consecutive regular-season games.

☛**Luke Owens** (r-Jr.; Grundy, Va.) made his first career start in Tech's win over the Mountaineers. Owens moved into the right guard spot in place of starter Jake Grove, who was slowed by a broken hand.

Game 6

HOKIES GROUND EAGLES IN KEY BIG EAST TILT

Oct. 13, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech put Boston College away early during an important, 34-20, BIG EAST win at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. The Hokies scored 21 first-quarter points and led 34-0 before BC got on the board with three late scores.

Tech quarterback Grant Noel passed for two touchdowns and ran for another in helping the Hokies to the Homecoming win. Noel hooked up with flanker André Davis on a 37-yard TD pass on Tech's first possession, then scored on a run from the one on the Hokies' second drive of the game. Noel and Davis also combined on a 34-yard scoring pass in the third quarter. Tailback Keith Burnell aided the cause with 111 yards rushing on 19 carries.

Tech's defense supplied a touchdown for the fourth straight game when defensive end Jim Davis tipped away an option pitch by BC quarterback Brian St. Pierre and rover Kevin McCadam scooped up the loose ball and returned it nine yards to the end zone.

Boston College	0	0	7	13	—	20
Virginia Tech	21	3	10	0	—	34

- VT (10:20 re 1st) — Davis 37 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (7:56 re 1st) — Noel 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (5:47 re 1st) — McCadam 9 fumble return (Warley kick)
- VT (12:16 re 2nd) — FG Warley 19
- VT (8:23 re 3rd) — Davis 34 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (6:04 re 3rd) — FG Warley 39
- BC (3:57 re 3rd) — Green 8 run (McMyler kick)
- BC (8:38 re 4th) — Burke 31 pass from St. Pierre (McMyler kick)
- BC (0:09 re 4th) — Burke 11 pass from St. Pierre (McMyler kick)

Team Stats	BC	VT
First downs	12	23
Rushes-yds.	28-58	49-171
Passing yds.	180	225
Return yds.	75	71
Passes	13-26-0	16-29-2
Punts-avg.	8-45	4-40
Fumbles-lost	4-3	4-0
Penalties-yds.	16-120	8-70
Time of poss.	22:04	37:56
Sacks by	2-10	2-11

Individual Leaders

Rushing — BC, Green 21-74, St. Pierre 7-(-16); VT, Burnell 19-111, Jones 17-60, Ferguson 5-7, Team 2-(-3), Noel 6-(-4).

Passing — BC, St. Pierre 13-26-0-180; VT, Noel 16-28-1-225, Randall 0-1-1-0.

Receiving — BC, Dewalt 4-60, Green 4-5, Read 2-63, Burke 2-42, Ryan 1-10; VT, Davis 6-112, Witten 3-48, Burnell 2-9, Parham 1-24, Wynn 1-19, E. Johnson 1-9, Jones 1-5, Ferguson 1-(-1).

A CLOSER LOOK

☛ After piling up 213 yards rushing against Virginia Tech during the 2000 season, Boston College managed just 58 yards on the ground during its 34-20 loss in Blacksburg. BC tailback William Green, who came into the game as the nation's No. 5 rusher at 142.6 yards a game, was held to 74 yards on 21 carries by the Hokies' top-rated defense. It marked the first time during the season that Green had failed to reach 100 yards rushing.

☛ **Kevin McCadam** (Lakeside, Calif.) returned a fumble nine yards for a touchdown against Boston College. It marks the fourth straight game in which the Tech defense has scored a touchdown—a first in Frank Beamer's 14-plus seasons as head coach. Tech had scored defensive touchdowns in three consecutive games on two other occasions under Beamer.

☛ Senior flanker **André Davis** (Niskayuna, N.Y.) caught six passes for 112 yards against the Eagles. The performance marks the seventh time Davis has posted over 100 yards receiving in a regular-season game and the eighth time overall. In 1999, Davis had 172 yards against BC, 157 yards versus Rutgers, 138 yards against West Virginia, 121 yards at Temple and 110 yards in the Virginia game. Last season, he turned in 127 receiving yards against WVU. Davis also had 108 receiving yards versus Florida State in the 2000 Sugar Bowl.

☛ Tech failed to rush for 200 yards in the BC game, marking the first time since last season's loss at Miami that the Hokies had not registered 200 yards on the ground, a stretch of eight games. It also ended a string of 13 straight home games in which the Hokies had gained 200 or more yards on the ground, dating back to the UAB game in 1999.

Game 7

ORANGEMEN SNAP HOKIES' WINNING STREAKS

Oct. 27, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Syracuse beat Virginia Tech at its own game, using good special teams play, aggressive defense and its running game to hand the Hokies a 22-14 home loss. The Syracuse victory snapped a nine-game Tech winning streak and produced the Hokies' first home loss since the 1998 season.

SU's special teams contributed a punt return for a touchdown and a blocked punt that set up a field goal. Meanwhile, the 'Cuse defense limited Tech's highly-ranked running game to minus-three yards in the first half and 90 yards overall. The Hokies compounded their problems with two fumbles, one of which led to a touchdown, and a costly penalty that helped keep another Syracuse scoring drive alive.

The Orangemen played error-free football and controlled the game offensively behind the efforts of quarterback R.J. Anderson and tailback James Mungro. Syracuse finished with 168 yards on the ground against a Tech defense that had held each of its first six opponents to an average of 42.5 yards rushing.

Syracuse	14	3	0	5	—	22
Virginia Tech	0	0	7	7	—	14

- SU (13:18 re 1st) — Riddle 51 punt return (Barber kick)
- SU (7:35 re 1st) — Mungro 1 run (Barber kick)
- SU (0:04 re 2nd) — FG Barber 26
- VT (4:36 re 3rd) — Burnell 2 run (Warley kick)
- SU (12:25 re 4th) — FG Barber 45
- VT (5:19 re 4th) — Witten 17 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- SU (2:24 re 4th) — team safety

Team Stats	SU	VT
First downs	14	18
Rushes-yds.	53-168	34-90
Passing yds.	52	162
Return yds.	73	26
Passes	6-17-0	15-32-0
Punts-avg.	9-39	7-33
Fumbles-lost	0-0	3-2
Penalties-yds.	7-55	3-30
Time of poss.	32:50	27:10
Sacks by	5-24	1-7

Individual Leaders

Rushing — SU, Mungro 23-102, Anderson 21-63, Johnson 4-6, Jackson 1-2, Reyes 2-(-1), Team 2-(-4); VT, Burnell 13-51, Jones 6-29, Ferguson 4-11, R. Johnson 1-9, Davis 1-4, Noel 9-(-14).

Passing — SU, Anderson 6-17-0-52; VT, Noel 15-32-0-162.

Receiving — SU, Morant 1-19, Tyree 1-13, Riddle 1-9, Campbell 1-8, Johnson 1-3, Mungro 1-0; VT, Ferguson 5-43, Witten 4-45, Wilford 2-23, Davis 2-13, Wynn 1-19, E. Johnson 1-19.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛Syracuse's 22-14 win ended Virginia Tech's school-record 16-game winning streak at Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Tech's last home loss was a 36-32 defeat at the hands of Virginia on Nov. 28, 1998. The win also ended a nine-game overall Tech winning streak that dated back to a 41-21 loss at Miami last season. The SU victory — the Orangemen's first in Blacksburg since 1987 — also produced a bit of irony. Last season, Tech posted its first win at Syracuse since 1986 by the same score, 22-14.

☛Tech managed just 14 points in its loss to the Orangemen, the Hokies' lowest point total since finishing with just three points in a loss to North Carolina in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1998. The last time the Hokies had 14 points or fewer in a regular-season game was against Navy during the 1995 season. Tech's point total against Syracuse broke a school-record string of 37 straight games in which the Hokies had scored 20 or more points.

☛Tech's 90 yards rushing versus Syracuse marked the lowest rushing total for the Hokies since a 1997 loss at West Virginia when they managed just 66 yards on the ground.

☛When Syracuse's Jamel Riddle returned a punt for a touchdown against the Hokies, it marked just the third time a punt had been returned for a TD against Tech since Coach Frank Beamer arrived in 1987. The most recent TD return was by Florida State's Peter Warrick during the 2000 Sugar Bowl. The only other return was during the 1988 season.

☛When David Tyree blocked a Tech punt to set up a Syracuse field goal, it marked the second straight year that Tyree had blocked a punt against the Hokies.

Game 8

PANTHERS HAND TECH SECOND STRAIGHT LOSS

Nov. 3, 2001 • Heinz Field • Attendance 55,585

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The University of Pittsburgh broke a 7-7 tie with 31 unanswered points to defeat Virginia Tech, 38-7, at new Heinz Field. The loss equalled Tech's worst-ever BIG EAST defeat, a 52-21 loss at Syracuse in 1996.

Pittsburgh struck for three touchdowns through the air on the way to a 24-7 halftime advantage. The Panthers finished with 393 total yards, including 245 passing. The Pittsburgh defense also played a major role, holding Tech to just 15 yards on the ground and 151 yards overall, and contributing an interception return for a touchdown.

Tech's only score came when Lamar Cobb blocked a field goal attempt and Ronyell Whitaker returned it 71 yards for a first-quarter touchdown. The Hokies were held to four first downs and 67 total yards in the first half. Tech hurt is own cause by committing 11 penalties and losing a pair of fumbles during the game.

Virginia Tech	7	0	0	0	—	7
Pittsburgh	7	17	14	0	—	38

- UP (9:33 re 1st) — Bryant 24 pass from Priestley (Lotz kick)
- VT (1:42 re 1st) — Whitaker 71 blocked FG return (Warley kick)
- UP (9:46 re 2nd) — English 33 pass from Priestley (Lotz kick)
- UP (4:06 re 2nd) — FG Lotz 32
- UP (2:26 re 2nd) — Bryant 36 pass from Priestley (Lotz kick)
- UP (9:50 re 3rd) — Spencer 68 interception return (Lotz kick)
- UP (3:58 re 3rd) — Rutherford 2 run (Lotz kick)

Team Stats	VT	UP
First downs	8	24
Rushes-yds.	25-15	44-148
Passing yds.	136	245
Return yds.	138	94
Passes	17-36-2	16-28-1
Punts-avg.	8-38	6-38
Fumbles-lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-yds.	11-120	10-70
Time of poss.	25:32	34:28
Sacks by	3-25	2-17

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Burnell 9-27, Ward 2-12, Davis 1-3, Ferguson 1-2, Jones 4-1, Randall 1-1, Briggs 1-(-1), Burns 1-(-12), Noel 5-(-18); UP, Furman 3-45, Polite 9-37, Kirkley 11-27, Priestley 6-14, Rutherford 12-11, Vaglia 2-9, Jemison 1-5.

Passing — VT, Noel 15-29-2-118, Randall 2-7-0-18; UP, Priestley 16-26-0-245; Rutherford 0-2-1-0.

Receiving — VT, Davis 8-80, Parham 2-15, E. Johnson 2-14, Jones 2-12, Wilford 1-7, Ferguson 1-5, Burnell 1-3; UP, English 8-134, Bryant 5-93, Slade 1-10, Wilson 1-9, Furman 1-(-1).

A CLOSER LOOK

☛Tech's loss to Pittsburgh gave the Hokies back-to-back losses for the first time since 1997. That year, Tech ended the regular season with two straight losses, then dropped a 42-3 decision to North Carolina in the Gator Bowl.

☛Tech's seven points in its loss to the Panthers marked the lowest point total for the Hokies since they scored just three points in a loss to North Carolina in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 1998. The last time Tech had seven points or fewer in a regular-season game was in a 16-0 loss to Cincinnati during the 1995 season.

☛Shawntae Spencer's 68-yard pass interception for a touchdown was the first interception for a TD against Tech since Miami's Edward Reed posted a 44-yard touchdown return last season. Spencer's return was the longest against Tech since 1995 when Cincinnati's Brad Jackson scored on a 71-yard interception.

☛Tech's 15 yards rushing against the Panthers were the fewest for the Hokies since being held to minus-14 yards on the ground by Miami during the 1994 season.

☛Junior **Ronyell Whitaker's** touchdown on a 71-yard return of a blocked field goal against Pittsburgh was the first TD of his Tech career. Whitaker (Norfolk, Va.) scored two points on a defensive PAT at Rutgers in 1999. The blocked field goal was the first field goal returned for a TD by Tech since 1993 when Antonio Banks had an 80-yard return for a touchdown in an Independence Bowl win over Indiana.

☛Tech's 120 yards in penalties were the most by a Tech team since 1992 when the Hokies were penalized 122 yards during a 50-49 loss at Rutgers.

Game 9

HOKIES SNAP LOSING SKID WITH WIN AT TEMPLE

Nov. 10, 2001 • Veterans Stadium • Attendance 21,915

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — True freshman Kevin Jones rushed for 155 yards and two touchdowns in his first collegiate start as Virginia Tech snapped a two-game losing streak with a 35-0 shutout win over Temple at Veterans Stadium.

Jones provided a spark for the Tech offense, which had produced a combined total of just 105 yards on the ground during back-to-back losses to Syracuse and Pittsburgh. Jones' 11-yard touchdown run in the second quarter gave the Hokies a 14-0 halftime lead and his 87-yard TD burst in the third period broke the game open. Tech finished with 225 yards and three TDs on the ground and also got a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Grant Noel, who hit on 11 of 15 passes.

While the offense was getting back on track, the Tech defense was busy posting its fourth shutout of the season. With five first-time starters in the lineup, the defense held the Owls to 237 total yards, including just 60 rushing. The Hokies intercepted four Temple passes.

Virginia Tech	7	7	14	7	—	35
Temple	0	0	0	0	—	0

- VT (2:20 re 1st) — Davis 41 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (11:56 re 2nd) — Jones 11 run (Warley kick)
- VT (8:41 re 3rd) — Jones 87 run (Warley kick)
- VT (2:17 re 3rd) — Ferguson 1 run (Warley kick)
- VT (8:26 re 4th) — Wilford 34 pass from Noel (Warley kick)

Team Stats	VT	TU
First downs	13	13
Rushes-yds.	44-225	27-60
Passing yds.	134	177
Return yds.	33	18
Passes	11-18-1	14-45-4
Punts-avg.	9-40	11-34
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-2
Penalties-yds.	8-65	8-45
Time of poss.	31:57	28:03
Sacks by	3-25	3-20

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Jones 21-155, Burnell 8-45, Ferguson 3-28, Davis 1-2, Ward 1-2, Randall 2-1, Easlick 2-1, Noel 6-(-9); TU, Sharps 7-46, Staples 1-26, Fenton 6-12, Trammer 6-9, McKie 1-3, Amore 1-(-9), Devito 5-(-27).

Passing — VT, Noel 11-15-1-134, Randall 0-3-0-0; TU, Devito 11-34-2-152, McGann 1-6-1-13, Hannigan 2-5-1-12.

Receiving — VT, Davis 4-60, Parham 3-18, Wilford 1-34, Wynn 1-12, E. Johnson 1-6, Ferguson 1-4; TU, Dillard 5-47, Muckerson 4-73, Lewis 2-36, Trammer 1-13, McKie 1-8, Fenton 1-0.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛ Tech's 35-0 shutout victory at Temple marked the Hokies' third shutout of the season against a BIG EAST team and their fourth overall. The last time Tech posted four shutouts in a season was 1983. The Hokies have accomplished that feat just three times (the other was 1938) since recording five shutouts during the 1935 season.

☛ True freshman **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) rushed for 155 yards against the Owls. He is the first true freshman to rush for 100 yards for Tech since Shyrone Stith gained 119 yards at Akron in 1996. Jones' 155 rushing yards were the most by a true freshman at Tech since 1987 when Jon Jeffries posted 160 yards on the ground against Cincinnati.

☛ **Kevin Jones'** 87-yard touchdown run against the Owls was the fourth longest running play by a Tech player since 1950. His run was the longest by a Tech freshman over that same span and was the longest by any Tech player in a BIG EAST game.

☛ **André Davis'** 41-yard touchdown catch in the Temple game was the 16th of his career, giving him sole possession of third place at Tech for TD receptions. Davis (Niskayuna, N.Y.) entered the game tied for third with Carroll Dale.

☛ **Ernest Wilford** (Richmond, Va.) posted the first touchdown catch of his Tech career when he hauled in a 34-yard toss from **Grant Noel** in the fourth quarter of the Temple game.

☛ **DeAngelo Hall** (Chesapeake, Va.), one of five defensive players who made their first Tech starts at Temple, was in on a personal-best 11 tackles. The freshman cornerback also notched his third interception of the season and broke up two passes.

Game 10

FAST START PROPELS TECH TO BIG WIN OVER UVA

Nov. 17, 2001 • Scott Stadium • Attendance 61,625

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Quarterback Grant Noel threw three first-half touchdown passes as Virginia Tech handed rival Virginia a 31-17 loss in front of the largest crowd to see a college football game in the Commonwealth of Virginia and a national ESPN television audience.

Tech took advantage of five UVa turnovers to build a 31-0 lead by the end of the first half. Noel's three TD passes all came in the first 17 minutes of play, with two going to senior flanker André Davis. The Cavaliers managed to get on the scoreboard in the second half, but Tech's defense and the running of freshman tailback Kevin Jones helped the Hokies control the game.

Led by linebacker Ben Taylor, the Hokies' defensive unit held Virginia to just 269 total yards, including only eight yards rushing. Tech posted six sacks, recovered three fumbles (two on special teams), picked off two passes and blocked a punt.

Virginia Tech	17	14	0	0	—	31
Virginia	0	0	10	7	—	17

- VT (9:22 re 1st) — Ferguson 17 pass from Grant Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (7:12 re 1st) — FG Warley 27
- VT (1:20 re 1st) — Davis 26 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (13:49 re 2nd) — Davis 58 pass from Noel (Warley kick)
- VT (4:38 re 2nd) — Jones 1 run (Warley kick)
- UVa (7:44 re 3rd) — Schaub 2 run (Greene kick)
- UVa (0:33 re 3rd) — FG Greene 35
- UVa (10:53 re 4th) — Foreman 1 pass from Schaub (Greene kick)

Team Stats	VT	UVa
First downs	20	15
Rushes-yds.	55-241	28-8
Passing yds.	190	261
Return yds.	78	20
Passes	12-24-1	21-36-2
Punts-avg.	5-36	6-41
Fumbles-lost	3-1	3-3
Penalties-yds.	8-79	7-62
Time of poss.	35:37	24:23
Sacks by	6-57	0-0

Individual Leaders

Rushing — VT, Jones 37-181, Burnell 9-36, Ferguson 6-25, Noel 2-1, Team 1-(-2); UVa, Womack 12-36, Pearman 3-7, Foreman 1-1, Spinner 5-(-13), Schaub 7-(-23).

Passing — VT, Noel 12-22-1-190, Team 0-2-0-0; UVa, Schaub 19-28-1-243, Spinner 2-8-1-18.

Receiving — VT, Davis 3-126, Ferguson 3-28, Easlick 2-15, Burnell 2-3, Parham 1-12, Jones 1-6; UVa, McMullen 7-130, Foreman 4-19, Pearman 3-59, Mason 3-28, Womack 2-10, Luzar 1-13, Anderson 1-2.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛During their 31-17 victory at Virginia, the Hokies held the Cavs to just eight yards rushing. That's the lowest rushing total on record for UVa in a game against Tech. The previous low was 10 yards rushing during the 1982 meeting.

☛True freshman **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) rushed for 181 yards on 37 carries against Virginia. Jones' performance marks the highest single-game rushing total on record for a Tech freshman and stands second only to quarterback Michael Vick's 210 rushing yards at Boston College in 2000 as the top rushing game in Coach Frank Beamer's 15 seasons at Tech.

☛**Kevin Jones'** 37 rushing carries against Virginia were the most for a Tech player since Cyrus Lawrence carried the football 38 times versus the Cavaliers in 1981.

☛**Willie Pile** (Alexandria, Va.) intercepted passes at the Tech 8-yard line and the Tech 1-yard line to stop Virginia drives. The picks give the redshirt junior free safety 10 career interceptions, placing him in a five-way tie for 10th all-time at Tech. One of the former players Pile passed on the career list was current coach Frank Beamer, who had nine picks during his Tech career (1966-68).

☛**Wayne Ward** (Plant City, Fla.) blocked a punt during the win over Virginia. It was the second blocked punt of the season for Ward and the fourth of his Tech career.

☛**Grant Noel** (r-Jr., Ridgeley, W.Va.) passed for three touchdowns against UVa. The last Tech quarterback to throw three TD passes in a game against the Cavs was Will Furrer in 1990. Noel now has 16 TD passes on the season, equalling the fourth-best season total at Tech.

Game 11

TECH GIVES TOP-RANKED HURRICANES A SCARE

Dec. 1, 2001 • Lane Stadium/Worsham Field • Attendance 53,662

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech came painfully close to ending No. 1 Miami's undefeated season before falling in a hard-fought, 26-24, loss to the 'Canes at Lane Stadium.

Tech, which trailed 20-3 at halftime, staged a fierce second-half comeback, scoring twice within a 2 1/2-minute span of the fourth quarter. The second of those two touchdowns, a blocked punt return by Brandon Manning, cut the Miami lead to just two points with 6:03 remaining. A two-point conversion pass that could have tied the game fell incomplete. Miami ended the Hokies' final threat with an interception at the UM 31 with just under five minutes left.

An inspired defensive performance helped Tech stay within striking distance despite committing five turnovers. The Hokies held the 'Canes to 132 total yards during the second half and forced a fumble that set up the first of two 1-yard TD runs by fullback Jarrett Ferguson.

Miami	0	20	3	3	—	26
Virginia Tech	3	0	7	14	—	24

- VT (3:08 re 1st) — FG Warley 27
- UM (13:05 re 2nd) — Shockey 14 pass from Dorsey (Sievers kick)
- UM (6:11 re 2nd) — Portis 7 run (Sievers kick)
- UM (3:59 re 2nd) — FG Sievers 34
- UM (0:16 re 2nd) — FG Sievers 43
- VT (10:30 re 3rd) — Ferguson 1 run (Warley kick)
- UM (4:41 re 3rd) — FG Sievers 42
- UM (11:32 re 4th) — FG Sievers 39
- VT (8:33 re 4th) — Ferguson 1 run (Parham pass from Noel)
- VT (6:03 re 4th) — Manning 22 blocked punt return (pass failed)

Team Stats	UM	VT
First downs	23	11
Rushes-yds.	41-149	39-167
Passing yds.	235	81
Return yds.	60	41
Passes	21-44-0	4-16-4
Punts-avg.	7-35	6-42
Fumbles-lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties-yds.	10-73	3-27
Time of poss.	34:18	25:42
Sacks by	5-31	1-3

Individual Leaders

Rushing — UM, Portis 34-124, Gore 4-19, Davenport 1-7, McGahee 1-2, Dorsey 1-(-3); VT, Jones 24-160, Burnell 6-34, Ferguson 3-6, R. Johnson 1-(-2), Noel 5-(-31).

Passing — UM, Dorsey 21-44-0-235; VT, Noel 4-16-4-81.

Receiving — UM, Jones 5-29, Shockey 4-60, Beard 3-46, Sands 3-32, Portis 2-35, Davenport 2-18, Johnson 1-11, Williams 1-4; VT, Ferguson 1-42, Slowikowski 1-29, E. Johnson 1-9, R. Johnson 1-1.

A CLOSER LOOK

☛ Virginia Tech's 24 points were the second-most against Miami all year and the two-point final margin was the closest of the season for the 'Canes. Going into the game, Miami had held eight of its first 10 foes to seven points or less. Florida State managed 27 points against UM and Pittsburgh scored 21 points.

☛ True freshman **Kevin Jones** (Chester, Pa.) rushed for 160 yards against the Hurricanes, the most yards by an opposing player against the 'Canes during the 2001 season. His 56-yard run in the third quarter was also the longest against Miami during the season. Jones posted his third-straight 100-yard rushing game. He is the first Tech freshman to post three 100-yard rushing games in a season since Jon Jeffries finished with three in 1987. Roscoe Coles also had three 100-yard rushing games as a freshman in 1974.

☛ When **Grant Noel** (Ridgeley, W.Va.) passed to **Terrell Parham** (Bartow, Fla.) for a two-point conversion against Miami, it marked Tech's first successful two-point conversion since the 1996 season when Angelo Harrison caught a Jim Druckenmiller pass for two points against Akron.

☛ Redshirt freshman **Jason Lallis** (Mitchellville, Md.) registered his first collegiate sack in the second quarter of the Miami game. It was only the fourth sack allowed by UM all season.

☛ Tech blocked two kicks against Miami. Defensive tackle **David Pugh** (Madison Heights, Va.) blocked a field goal in the first quarter that led to a Tech field goal. During the fourth quarter, **Eric Green** (Clewiston, Fla.) blocked a punt that was picked up by **Brandon Manning** (Harrisburg, Pa.) and returned for a touchdown.

TECH OFFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team

SE 18 Emmett Johnson (6-3, 211, Sr.)

Caught a 6-yard pass in the win at Temple ... Had a 16-yard TD catch vs. Rutgers ... Has 11 catches for 105 yards on the year

LT 57 Anthony Davis (6-4, 324, Jr.)

Started all 11 games ... Averaged 59 snaps a game on offense ... Graded out at 81 percent for the year with 29 knockdown blocks

LG 74 Luke Owens (6-3, 310, r-Jr.)

Started the last seven games ... Averaged 46.5 snaps per game on offense ... Graded out at 81% with 37 knockdown blocks

C 61 Steve DeMasi (6-3, 290, r-Sr.)

Started all 11 games ... Playing with sprained ankle ... Averaged 63 offensive snaps per game ... Graded out at 87.6% for the year

RG 64 Jake Grove (6-3, 281, r-So.)

Started 10 of 11 games ... Averaged 51 snaps per game on offense ... Graded out at 84.9% this year with 48 knockdown blocks

RT 58 Matt Wincek (6-5, 291, Sr.)

Playing with a possible torn lateral meniscus in his left knee ... Started all 11 games ... Graded out at 89.7% for the season

TE 87 Bob Slowikowski (6-5, 255, r-Sr.)

A huge target at TE ... Caught a 72-yard TD pass vs. WVU in 2000, the longest ever by a Tech TE ... Had 1 catch for 27 yds. vs. WMU

QB 11 Grant Noel (6-1, 219, r-Jr.)

Started all 11 games ... Threw for 1,826 yards on 146-of-254 passing ... Had 18 total touchdowns this year (16 passing)

FB 27 Jarrett Ferguson (5-9, 220, r-Sr.)

Has 25 catches this year, a school record for a FB ... 3 TD catches also a VT fullback record ... Has started 44 games in a row at FB

TB 7 Kevin Jones (6-0, 205, Fr.)

BIG EAST Rookie of the Year ... Ran for 160 yds. vs. #1 Miami ... Finished with 957 yards and 5 TDs ... TSN Frosh All-American

FL 88 André Davis (6-1, 198, r-Sr.)

First-Team Academic A-A ... First-team All-BIG EAST as a receiver ... Has 7 TDs this year ... Has 18 career receiving TDs, T-2nd at VT

PK 49 Carter Warley (5-11, 190, r-So.)

2nd-team All-BIG EAST in 2000 ... Is 44 of 44 on PATs this year ... Is 11-for-21 on field goals ... Has a long of 39 yards this year

Second Team

SE 19 Ernest Wilford (6-5, 211, r-So.)

A huge target at wide receiver ... Caught his 1st career TD pass at TU, a 34-yarder ... A champion long jumper for the Tech track team

LT 65 Tim Selmon (6-4, 290, r-Jr.)

Saw action on 26 total plays vs. both UConn and WMU ... Played 13 snaps at WVU ... Played 87 offensive snaps and 15 on S.T. this year

LG 76 James Miller (6-5, 302, Fr.)

One of 4 true frosh to see action this year ... Averaged 18 offensive snaps per game ... Played 160 offensive snaps this season

C 64 Jake Grove (6-3, 281, r-So.)

A strong, physical player ... Backup at center last year, but is starting at RG this season ... Has good size and footwork

RG 60 Jacob Gibson (6-4, 290, r-So.)

Started 5 of 10 games ... Averaged 31 offensive snaps per outing ... Played on 286 total plays this year with 17 knockdown blocks

RT 79 Jon Dunn (6-7, 310, r-Fr.)

The biggest lineman on the team ... Averaged nearly 26 snaps per game on offense ... Played a total of 231 offensive plays this year

TE 93 Browning Wynn (6-3, 242, r-Sr.)

2nd-team All BIG EAST pick in '00 ... Caught a 39-yard pass against Central Florida ... Caught his 1st pass of 2001 vs. Rutgers, for 16 yds.

QB 14 Bryan Randall (6-1, 208, Fr.)

Threw for 50 yards on 5-of-10 passing and ran for 30 yards in 1st action vs. UConn ... Ran for 39 yards in the win over Rutgers

FB 43 Doug Easlick (5-11, 226, r-So.)

A former walk-on ... Caught two passes for 15 yards at Virginia ... Caught a 22-yd. pass for a TD against WMU, the 1st of his career

TB 20 Keith Burnell (6-0, 206, r-Jr.)

Had 2nd-career 100-yard game against BC ... Rushed for 82 yds. & 2 TDs vs. UCF ... Rushed for 707 yards and 9 TDs on the season

FL 9 Terrell Parham (6-0, 192, r-Jr.)

Caught 1st career TD pass vs. Rutgers ... Had 2 catches for 10 yards in that game ... Had 3 catches for 51 yards against West Virginia

PK 97 Jon Mollerup (5-11, 200, r-Jr.)

A talented kicker with a strong leg ... Handles the kickoffs for the Hokies ... Has 29 touchbacks in 11 games, including 6 vs. Rutgers

TECH DEFENSIVE DEPTH CHART

First Team	Second Team
<p>DE 99 Coles Colas (6-0, 233, r-So.) Started the last three games for Tech ... Had 22 solo stops, 15 assists and 10 TFL this year ... Also had 3.5 sacks and 17 QBH</p>	<p>DE 28 Lamar Cobb (6-2, 235, r-Jr.) Started eight games this season ... Recorded 21 solo stops, 25 assists and 11 QB hurries ... Also had 5 TFL and 2 sacks</p>
<p>DT 94 Chad Beasley (6-5, 294, r-Sr.) Second-team All-BIG EAST ... Started all 11 games ... Fifth on the team in tackles with 57 ... Had two sacks, three QBH, a FF and a FR</p>	<p>DT 98 Derrius Monroe (6-4, 275, r-Sr.) A good in-season addition to the defensive line ... Played in the last 10 games ... Had 44 total tackles, a sack and 11 QB hurries</p>
<p>DT 71 David Pugh (6-3, 276, r-Sr.) Third-team All-American by TSN ... First-team All-BIG EAST ... Had 50 tackles, 3.5 sacks, nine QBH, 14 TFL, a FF, a FR & a blocked kick</p>	<p>DT 54 Dan Wilkinson (6-1, 261, r-Sr.) Played in all 11, starting one (Temple) ... Recorded 43 total tackles and 2 TFL ... Had 14 solo stops, 29 assists, 4 QB hurries and a sack</p>
<p>DE 83 Nathaniel Adibi (6-3, 259, r-So.) Started eight games this season ... Recorded 18 solo stops, 23 assists and two TFL this year ... Also had 15 QB hurries and 2 PBU</p>	<p>OR DE 95 Jim Davis (6-4, 250, So.) Questionable for Gator Bowl with torn pectoral muscle ... Started the last three games ... Had 38 tackles, 8 TFL and an interception</p>
<p>LB 31 Mike Daniels (6-0, 187, r-Fr.) Started the last three games ... Had 28 tackles and a PBU this season ... Also plays special teams ... Started season at rover</p>	<p>LB 48 Brandon Manning (6-0, 211, r-Fr.) Played in all 11 games ... A co-No. 2 with T.J. Jackson ... Returned a blocked punt for a TD against #1 Miami ... Had 12 tackles in '01</p>
<p>LB 41 Jake Houseright (6-3, 245, Sr.) Scheduled to get the start in the Gator Bowl ... Started six games this year ... Had 54 tackles, 4 TFL, 6 QB hurries, a sack and an INT</p>	<p>LB 34 Brian Welch (6-0, 231, r-Sr.) Played in all 11 games, starting 5 ... Was 4th on the team in tackles with 68 ... Had 5 TFL, 2 PBU, 2 QB hurries, 2 FF, 1.5 sacks & an INT</p>
<p>LB 40 Ben Taylor (6-2, 235, Sr.) A two-time All-American ... First-team All-BIG EAST selection ... Led team with 121 tackles ... Also had 4.5 sacks, 2 FR, a FF and 18 TFL</p>	<p>LB 6 Vegas Robinson (6-0, 238, r-So.) Played in all 11 games, mostly on special teams ... Recorded 14 tackles (3 solo, 11 assisted) ... Runs a 4.46 40-yard dash</p>
<p>BC 2 Ronyell Whitaker (5-9, 198, r-Jr.) Third-Team All-American by the Associated Press ... First-team All-BIG EAST ... Recorded 53 tackles, 1 INT and a team-high 10 PBU</p>	<p>BC 4 DeAngelo Hall (6-0, 190, Fr.) A Frosh All-American by TSN ... Played in all 11 games, starting 1 (Temple) ... Had 3 interceptions this year, along with 42 tackles</p>
<p>FS 35 Willie Pile (6-3, 206, r-Jr.) The leader of the secondary ... Had 4 INTs this year ... Has 10 INTs in 2 seasons as a starter ... Also had 94 tackles, 2 TFL and 2 FR</p>	<p>FS 8 Vincent Fuller (6-2, 182, r-Fr.) Expected to be a great player at Tech ... Played in 10 games this season ... Had 12 tackles this year, 2 PBU and a QB hurry</p>
<p>ROV 5 Kevin McCadam (6-1, 215, Sr.) Started all 11 games at the rover position ... Finished third on the team in tackles with 83 ... Also had 8 TFL, 6 PBU, 2 sacks and 1 FF</p>	<p>ROV 25 Billy Hardee (5-11, 196, r-Jr.) Missed 2 games due to stretched PCL ... Played in 5 games, recording 8 tackles ... Had 6 solo stops, 2 assists and an INT</p>
<p>FC 24 Larry Austin (5-9, 187, r-Sr.) Finished up his senior with 17 solo tackles, 5 assists and four PBU ... Also had one interception and one fumble recovery this year</p>	<p>FC 17 Garnell Wilds (5-11, 193, r-So.) Rotates with Eric Green at the spot ... Played in all 11 games, recording 27 tackles (16 solo) ... Also had 4 PBU and 2 INTs</p>
<p>P 38 Vinnie Burns (5-11, 186, r-Fr.) Averaged 37.8 yards on 59 punts ... Completed a 33-yd. pass on a fake punt vs. UCF ... Has a long of 63 yds. ... Runs a 4.34 40</p>	<p>P 89 Robert Peaslee (6-0, 200, r-So.) Averaged 35.3 ypp in 2000 ... Averaged 45.7 yds. on 3 punts vs. RU ... Had 2 51-yard punts ... Had 14 punts downed inside the 20</p>

CHARTING THE HOKIES

On The Move

<u>Quarterback</u>	<u>Drives</u>				<u>Drives Ended By</u>						<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	145	38	10	18	51	7	22	8	1	296	2.0	33.1%	
Randall	20	1	1	3	9	1	2	4	0	10	0.5	10.0%	
Davis	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0.0	0.0%	
VT Offense	166	39	11	21	60	8	24	13	1	306	1.8	30.1%	
Opp. Offense	167	15	9	12	90	11	31	6	2	132	0.8	14.4%	

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	343	1,745	5.1	250	1,105	4.4	93	640	6.9
Opp.	309	1,177	3.8	183	482	2.6	126	695	5.5

Times Gained 10+ Yards: VT 120/Opponents 105

Times Gained 5+ Yards: VT 271/Opponents 208

Negative Yardage Attempts on First Downs: VT 29/Opponents 38

Own Penalty on First Down: VT 16/Opponents 18

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

Opponents are 34 for 157 (21.7%) on third-down conversions and 3 for 15 (20.0%) on fourth-down conversions

Virginia Tech is 55 for 164 (33.5%) on third-down conversions and 7 for 15 (46.7%) on fourth-down conversions

Capitalizing On Turnovers

Virginia Tech's 24 total turnovers have led to 59 points for the opposition

Opponents' 34 total turnovers have led to 137 points for Virginia Tech

Field Position

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Drives Started	166	167
Cumulative Starting Yardlines	6,222	4,661
Average Starting Field Position	Own 38.9	Own 27.9
Times Started Inside 20	23	33
Drives Started in Plus Territory	41	20

Kickoffs (20 yards added to average drive started total for touchbacks)

<u>Player</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Ret.</u>	<u>FC</u>	<u>OB</u>	<u>TB</u>	<u>EZ+</u>	<u>O-S</u>	<u>Avg. Depth</u>	<u>Avg. Drive Start</u>
Mollerup	68	36	1	3	29	14	0	4.8-yd. line (326)	24.9-yd. line (1,694)

Inside The Red Zone

	Virginia Tech	Opponents
Times Penetrated Opponent 20	51	19
Total Scores	36	12
Touchdowns	27	11
Field Goals	9	1
Lost on Downs or Turnovers	10	4
Lost on Missed Field Goals	5	2
Lost on Expiration of Time	0	1
Scoring Percentage	70.6%	63.2%
Scoring Percentage (TDs out of total red zone scores)	52.9%	57.9%
Percent of total drives (All Scores In Red Zone)	21.7%	7.2%

Longest Scoring Drives:

	By Tech	By Opponent
# Plays	15 (79 yds, 6:51-FG) vs. BC	15 (52 yds, 7:11-TD) by SU
# Yards	98 (10 pl, 5:14-TD) vs. WMU	82 (7 pl, 1:47-TD) by UCF
Possession Time	6:57 (14 pl, 79 yds-TD) vs. SU	7:11 (15 pl, 52 yds-TD) by SU

2001 Virginia Tech Depth Chart for Florida State (1/1/02)

Offense

SE 18, Emmett Johnson (6-3, 211, Sr.)
19, Ernest Wilford (6-5, 211, r-So.)

LT 57, Anthony Davis (6-4, 324, Jr.)
65, Tim Selmon (6-4, 290, r-Jr.)

LG 74, Luke Owens (6-3, 310, r-Jr.) OR
76, James Miller (6-5, 302, Fr.)

C 61, Steve DeMasi (6-3, 290, r-Sr.)
64, Jake Grove (6-3, 281, r-So.)

RG 64, Jake Grove (6-3, 281, r-So.)
60, Jacob Gibson (6-4, 290, r-So.)

RT 58, Matt Wincek (6-5, 291, Sr.)
79, Jon Dunn (6-7, 310, r-Fr.)

TE 87, Bob Slowikowski (6-5, 255, r-Sr.)
93, Browning Wynn (6-3, 242, r-Sr.)

QB 11, Grant Noel (6-1, 219, r-Jr.)
14, Bryan Randall (6-1, 208, Fr.)

TB 7, Kevin Jones (6-0, 205, Fr.)
20, Keith Burnell (6-0, 206, r-Jr.)

FB 27, Jarrett Ferguson (5-9, 220, r-Sr.)
43, Doug Easlick (5-11, 226, r-So.)

FL 88, André Davis (6-1, 198, r-Sr.)
9, Terrell Parham (6-0, 192, r-Jr.)

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Special Teams

P 38, Vinnie Burns (5-10, 186, r-Fr.)
89, Robert Peaslee (6-0, 200, r-So.)

FG/PAT 49, Carter Warley (5-11, 190, r-So.)
97, Jon Mollerup (5-11, 200, r-Jr.)

FG/PAT Snap 55, Ken Keister (6-1, 238, r-Jr.)
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