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The Hokies have produced a 20-2 mark in their last 22 meetings with Virginia, the best mark in the nation over that span in rivalries pitting in-state FBS programs.

- Fuente was named Virginia Tech's head coach on November 29, 2015 after orchestrating a dramatic resurrection of the football fortunes at the University of Memphis.
- The Hokies enter their sixth season under Fuente in 2021, who has compiled a 38-26 record in Blacksburg. With six more victories in 2021, he would move into fifth place on Tech's all-time coaching victory list.
- Since Fuente arrived in Blacksburg in 2016, the only ACC schools with more wins over that span are Clemson (65) and Miami (40).
- The only active Power Five head coach appointed during the 2016 hiring cycle owning more victories than Fuente (38) is Georgia's Kirby Smart (52).
- The only other active ACC head coach who could top Fuente's 33 wins in his first four full seasons at an ACC school is Clemson's Dabo Swinney (36).
- The Hokies have been ranked in the AP Top 25 during each of Fuente's seasons at the helm at Tech with the squad boasting five victories against Top 25 foes.
- The Hokies have finished in the Top 25 twice under Fuente. Tech finished the 2016 season ranked No. 16 in both the AP Poll and the Coaches Poll and concluded the 2017 season at No. 24 in the AP Top 25 and No. 25 in the Coaches Poll.
- Prior to Fuente's arrival, Tech had never had two players selected in the first round of the same NFL Draft. That feat has occurred twice in the past three years with LB Tremaine Edmunds (Buffalo) and S Terrell Edmunds (Pittsburgh) going in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft, while CB Caleb Farley (Tennessee) and T Christian Darrisaw (Minnesota) matched that feat in the 2021 Draft.
- In total, 15 Tech alums who have played for Fuente have been selected in the NFL Draft over the past five seasons, a list that has included versatile offensive performers such as RB Khalil Herbert and TE Dalton Keene, as well as talented linemen on both sides of the ball in DT Tim Settle and G Wyatt Teller, in addition to Tech's 2021 selections.
- The 2021 NFL Draft illustrated the ability of Fuente and his staff to identify and develop talent. T Christian Darrisaw had no other FBS scholarship offers before developing into a first-round pick in Blacksburg. CB Caleb Farley was a record-setting prep quarterback who began his collegiate career at wide receiver before tapping his true potential at cornerback. S Divine Deablo also played QB in high school and also worked at wide receiver for the Hokies before moving to defense, where he blossomed into a third-round pick of the Las Vegas Raiders in 2021.
- In his initial five seasons in Blacksburg, Fuente has compiled a 12-3 combined record against ACC Coastal Division rivals Virginia (4-1), North Carolina (4-1) and Duke (4-1).
- The Hokies own a 33-4 record under Fuente when leading at halftime, including a streak of five straight wins.
- Two of Fuente's key principles for quarterbacks center around sound decision making and executing plays that result in predicted outcomes. The numbers the past five seasons back up the soundness of that philosophy despite five different QBs playing prominent roles for Tech over that span.
- The Hokies averaged 440.7 ypg of total offense in 2020. Over the past 25 seasons, three of the top four seasons (2016, 2020 and 2018) for total offense at Tech have come under Fuente's watch.
- The Hokies have produced the top three passing seasons in school history since Fuente and offensive coordinator Brad Cornelsen arrived at Tech - 2016 (261.4 ypg), 2018 (253.8 ypg) and 2017 (239.5 ypg).
- Three of the top five seasons in Tech annals for total first downs (2016-18) have come under Fuente's leadership.
- The Hokies own a +77 TD-to-INT differential (118 TDs/41 INTs) since Fuente's arrival, a mark that only Clemson (+120) and North Carolina (+84) can top in the ACC dating back to 2016. In the the five seasons prior to Fuente's arrival the Hokies were +27 (98 TDs/71 INTs).
- VT set a school-record with a 62.2 completion percentage in 2020, breaking the previous mark of 62.1 set in Fuente's initial season at Tech in 2016.
- The Hokies led the ACC in rushing, averaging 240.1 ypg in 2020, which represented Tech's best mark since 2000. The squad's 27 rushing TDs were the most since 2010.
- Tech set a school record by averaging 5.58 yards per carry in 2020, the fourth-best mark by any Power Five squad last season.



THE FUENTE FILE

Coaching Experience: 21st season/6th at Virginia Tech
Head Coach: 10th season/6th at Virginia Tech
Record at Tech: 38-26
Record at Memphis: 26-23
Overall Record: 64-49
Hometown: Tulsa, Oklahoma
High School: Union (1995)
College: Murray State (1999)
Playing Exp: Oklahoma (1995-96)
 Murray State (1997-98)
Family: Wife - Jenny
 Daughters - Cecilia, Caroline and Charlotte

COACHING HISTORY

Year	School	Position
2016-21	Virginia Tech	Head Coach
2012-15	Memphis	Head Coach
2009-11	TCU	Co-Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2007-08	TCU	Running Backs
2004-06	Illinois State	Offensive Coordinator/ Quarterbacks
2001-03	Illinois State	Quarterbacks

BOWL GAMES/ PLAYOFFS COACHED (12)

2019	Belk	Virginia Tech
2018	Military	Virginia Tech
2017	Camping World	Virginia Tech
2016	Belk	Virginia Tech
2015	Birmingham*	Memphis
2014	Miami Beach	Memphis
2011	Poinsettia*	TCU
2010	Rose	TCU
2009	Fiesta	TCU
2008	Poinsettia	TCU
2007	Texas	TCU
2006	FCS Playoffs	Illinois St.

*Joined new team prior to bowl game

PLAYING HIGHLIGHTS

- Was recruited to the University of Oklahoma by Howard Schnellenberger and played two seasons for the Sooners.
- Saw duty in 20 games at OU and led the Sooners to a 30-27 upset win in overtime against No. 25 Texas in the Red River Shootout (10/12/96) in the inaugural Big 12 contest between the two longtime rivals. Also set an OU freshman record with 11 TD passes that season.
- Transferred to Murray State, the same school that Frank Beamer coached prior to accepting the Tech job in 1987.
- Set 11 school records during his two-year career at Murray State, completing 458 of 794 passes (57.7%) for 6,372 yards with 50 touchdowns and 20 interceptions, good for a 140.8 rating. Also scored two rushing TDs and had a 15-yard reception.
- Posted a career-high 553 yards at Southern Illinois (9/11/99) and threw for 470 yards and five TDs in his final game against Kentucky Wesleyan (11/20/99), leading the Racers to a 53-0 victory.
- Named the 1999 Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award.
- Played professionally for the Arena Football League's Oklahoma Wranglers before beginning his coaching career.



**The Fuentes –
(Clockwise from
top right) Justin,
Charlotte, Caroline,
Jenny and Cecilia.**

- Tech's defense has won 26 straight games when holding foes to 17 points or fewer, including six shutouts during Fuente's tenure.
- Despite no spring practice in 2020 and a revolving door of personnel throughout the season, first-year defensive coordinator Justin Hamilton and Tech's defense held a pair of ACC foes under 17 points a year ago, helping the Hokies post a 40-14 win vs. Boston College (10/17/20) and a 33-15 victory vs. Virginia (12/12/20).
- Virginia Tech has continued its special teams success under Fuente and special teams coordinator, James Shibest. Over the past four seasons, Tech's special teams were ranked fifth overall in the nation by SportSource Analytics.
- SportsSource Analytics has also ranked the Hokies as having the top kickoff coverage unit in the nation from 2018-20.
- Tech has scored 13 defensive and special teams TDs during Fuente's tenure, including five in 2017 (two punt return TDs, two INT return TDs and one fumble return TD).
- P Oscar Bradburn concluded his Tech tenure in 2020 owning the school career record for punting average (43.5), as well as Tech's single-season punting mark (46.5 in 2019).
- In 2018, Tech ranked sixth among FBS squads, permitting only 350 combined punt and kickoff return yards.
- Tech tied for second in the FBS with six blocked kicks in 2017, finished second with 413 punt return yards and led the nation in fewest return yards allowed with 335.
- Virginia Tech led the ACC and ranked sixth among Power Five squads with a 94.5 Red Zone scoring percentage in 2019. Tech also led the ACC in Red Zone defense (73.8 scoring pct.).
- Fuente and the Hokies registered an epic victory in the longest game in ACC history, a 43-41 six-OT win vs. North Carolina (10/19/19).
- Tech's defense finished the 2017 season fourth in the FBS in scoring defense (14.8 ppg) and posted an FBS-best three shutouts, while only Michigan (26.1%) held foes to a lower third-down conversion rate than VT (25.2).

- Fuente's ability to identify and develop talent isn't limited to the ranks of players. Multiple Fuente hires have blossomed under his tutelage.
- Tech alum Justin Hamilton was hired by Fuente as director of player development—defense in 2018. He was promoted to safeties coach in February 2019 before moving into his current role as defensive coordinator/safeties coach in 2020.
- An All-ACC linebacker for the Hokies, Jack Tyler joined Fuente's staff in 2016 as a student assistant before serving as a graduate assistant (2017-18). After a two-year stint as defensive quality control coach (2019-20) he was promoted to linebackers coach by Fuente in 2021.
- Hamilton and Tyler are among four former Tech alums on Fuente's defensive staff, joining J.C. Price (co-defensive line/defensive recruiting coordinator) and Pierson Prioleau (director of player development – defense).
- Several former Fuente assistants at Tech are now excelling thanks to their experience on his staff. Holmon Wiggins coached receivers at Tech from 2016-18 and currently serves as assistant head coach of offense at Alabama.
- Former Tech All-America DT Darryl Tapp returned to Blacksburg under Fuente in 2020 as co-defensive line coach and now works as assistant defensive line coach for the San Francisco 49ers.
- VT All-America LB Cody Grimm worked on Fuente's staff from 2016-18 before joining Bruce Arians' Tampa Bay Buccaneers staff in 2019 and earning a Super Bowl LV ring in 2020 as a defensive/special teams assistant.
- Current Tech director of recruiting Beau Davidson began his tenure in Blacksburg as an offensive quality control coach for the Hokies.
- Other notable former Fuente staffers at Tech working in FBS roles include: Mike Bangston (South Alabama-offensive line), Will Burnham (Kansas State-special teams graduate assistant), Johnathan Galante (Alabama-special teams analyst) and Zach Sparber (Duke-defensive graduate assistant).

FUENTE BY THE NUMBERS

- 3,660** School-record passing yards accumulated by Tech under Fuente in 2016.
- 240.1** Tech's ACC-best rushing-yards-per game average in 2020, the team's best mark since 2000.
- +77** TD-to-INT differential in five seasons under Fuente at Tech (118 TD passes, 41 INTs). Tech's TD-to-INT differential in the five seasons prior to Fuente's arrival was +27 (98 TD passes, 71 INTs).
- 50** TD passes thrown by QB Paxton Lynch under Fuente at Memphis in 2009-10.
- 38** Victories at Virginia Tech. Third-highest total by an ACC coach dating back to 2016.
- 33-5** Tech's record under Fuente when leading at halftime.
- 32-2** VT's record under Fuente when allowing 21 points or fewer.
- 31** School-record TD passes thrown by Tech in 2016.
- 28-7** VT's record under Fuente when scoring 30+ points.
- 26-0** Tech's record under Fuente when allowing 17 points or fewer.
- 25** ACC wins in Fuente's first five seasons at Tech.
- 22** Victories at Lane Stadium under Fuente.
- 15** Number of Virginia Tech players who played for Fuente selected in the NFL Draft.
- 13** Defensive and special teams TDs scored by Tech under Fuente.
- 12-3** Tech's combined record against ACC Coastal Division rivals Virginia (4-1), North Carolina (4-1) and Duke (4-1) under Fuente.
- 10** Single-season records set or tied by Tech in 2016.
- 6** Shutouts pitched by Tech under Fuente.
- 4** Number of first-round NFL Draft picks who have played for Fuente at Virginia Tech.

2016 ACC COACH OF THE YEAR

- The consensus 2016 ACC Coach of the Year, Fuente was also named the top first-year FBS head coach in the nation by the Football Writers Association of America, sharing that honor with USC's Clay Helton.
- Tech finished the 2016 season ranked No. 16 in both the AP Poll and the Coaches Poll, marking the highest final mark for the Hokies since 2010 (No. 16 AP, No. 15 Coaches).
- Virginia Tech, Penn State, Colorado, West Virginia and Western Michigan all finished in the AP Top 25 after getting zero votes in the AP Preseason Poll.
- Tech's 10 wins were the team's most since 2011 and the most ever by a first-year Virginia Tech head coach, surpassing the previous mark of nine wins by C.P. Miles in 1905.
- Fuente led Tech to its sixth ACC Coastal Division title and its first since 2010, sending the Hokies to the ACC Championship Game where Tech lost a narrow 42-35 decision to eventual national champion Clemson.
- The Hokies did not lose consecutive games under Fuente in 2016 as the Hokies extended the nation's longest active bowl streak.
- Virginia Tech's 35-24 victory over Arkansas in the Belk Bowl marked the largest comeback in school history. The Hokies were down 24-0 at halftime before scoring 35 unanswered points en route to victory, making Fuente the initial coach to guide the Hokies to a bowl victory in his debut season.
- The Hokies broke or tied 10 offensive single-season records in 2016, most notably registering school marks for points (490), total first downs (330), TD passes (31), passing yards (3,660) and yards of total offense (6,223).
- Among ACC squads, only Clemson (26.9) averaged more first downs per game than Virginia Tech (23.6) in 2016.
- The Hokies also returned to their dominant defensive ways in Fuente's debut campaign as Tech ranked second in the nation in third-down defense (27.5%), while ranking fourth among Power Five squads in tackles for loss (113.0) and fifth in opponent completion percentage (50.1).
- Virginia Tech also experienced a special teams resurgence as the Hokies returned to its roots, blocking four kicks (three FGs, one punt), while registering TDs on a punt return and a blocked FG return.



1. Zachariah Hoyt and Tyrell Smith douse Fuente with Gatorade following a 33-15 win vs. Virginia (12/12/20).
2. The squad celebrates an ACC Coastal Division title after a 52-10 victory vs. Virginia (11/26/16).
3. Norell Pollard and the squad enjoy a locker room celebration after a 38-31 decision at Duke (10/3/21).
4. Fuente enjoys a moment of postgame levity after Tech won by a 42-35 margin at Miami (10/5/19).



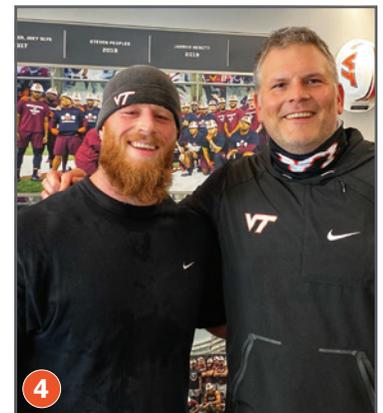
THE MEMPHIS TURNAROUND

- Compiled a 19-6 record in his final two seasons at Memphis, guiding the Tigers to back-to-back bowl berths after inheriting a program that went 5-31 in three years before his arrival.
- Unanimous selection as 2014 American Athletic Conference Coach of the Year when he led Memphis to its first conference title since 1971.
- Guided Memphis to a 15-game winning streak that included a 37-24 win over No. 13 Ole Miss (10/17/15).
- Memphis posted a 9-3 regular season mark in 2015, capped by a 63-0 win vs. SMU in Fuente's finale as the Tigers' head coach.
- The Tigers concluded a 10-3 season in 2014 with a 55-48 double-OT triumph over BYU in the Miami Beach Bowl, the first 10-win season for the Tigers since 1938.
- Fuente's final game as Memphis head coach was a 63-0 win vs. SMU (11/28/15). QB Paxton Lynch tied an FBS record with seven touchdown passes in the first half of that game. Lynch threw for a school-record 28 TD passes on the 2015 season.
- Memphis outscored its opponents by an average margin of 20.7 points per game during a run of 15 consecutive wins from 2014-15, scoring 652 points (43.5 ppg), while allowing only 341 (22.7 ppg).
- Memphis scored 471 points in 2014, shattering the old school record of 430 points set in 2004, while allowing a mere 19.5 points per game, a figure that ranked 11th among FBS squads.
- The Tigers went +11 (31 takeaways/20 giveaways) in the turnover column in 2014, finishing the campaign ranked in both the AP Top 25 and in the USA Today/Amway Coaches Polls, a first in school history.
- Fuente's squad led Conference USA in total defense in league games in 2012, giving up just 331.6 ypg.
- The Tigers also excelled on special teams under Fuente as Tom Hornsey won the 2013 Ray Guy Award as the nation's top collegiate punter.

FCS ROOTS AT ILLINOIS STATE

- The composition of Fuente's current staff traces some key roots to his initial coaching assignment at Illinois State as three of his 10 assistants — Brad Cornelsen, Bill Teerlinck and Vance Vice — worked with him there.
- After beginning his tenure at Illinois State coaching quarterbacks in 2001, he added offensive coordinator duties to his assignment for his final three seasons with the Redbirds (2004-06).
- Under his direction in 2005, Illinois State ranked fifth in both total offense (477.6 ypg) and scoring (39.2 ppg) among FCS squads.

1. **Bruce Smith, the NFL's all-time sack leader, is a frequent gameday visitor in Blacksburg.**
2. **Tremaine Edmunds and Greg Stroman were among numerous alums attending the 2019 Spring Game.**
3. **Terrell Edmunds, Andrew Motuapuaka, Isaiah Ford, Greg Stroman and Tim Settle all signed NFL contracts after playing at Virginia Tech.**
4. **K Joey Slye is Tech's all-time leading scorer and enters his third season with the Carolina Panthers.**



BUILDING THE BLUEPRINT AT TCU

- Earned a well-deserved reputation not only as a top recruiter, but also as one of football's most innovative offensive minds during a record-setting five-year stint on head coach Gary Patterson's staff at TCU (2007-11).
- It was also at TCU where Fuente began a track record of developing quarterbacks and preparing them for NFL futures.
- During his final three seasons as play caller, QBs coach and co-offensive coordinator at TCU from 2008-10, the Horned Frogs produced a 36-3 overall record and went on a 24-game win streak in the Mountain West Conference.
- From 2008-10, TCU was the only program in the country that finished in the Top 10 in both the AP Poll and USA Today Coaches Poll all three of those campaigns. TCU also made back-to-back appearances in BCS bowls with Fuente on the staff, registering a 2011 Rose Bowl victory over No. 5 Wisconsin.
- In 2010, TCU set single-season school marks in touchdowns (73), points scored (541), total offense (6,199 yards) and first downs (327).
- The Horned Frogs also ranked fourth nationally in scoring (41.6 ppg), sixth in passing efficiency (166.9), 10th in rushing (247.4 ypg) and 12th in total offense (476.9 ypg) in 2010.
- His prowess for mentoring quarterbacks garnered national attention as TCU QB Andy Dalton flourished under his tutelage. From 2009-10, Dalton led TCU to a 25-1 record and set the Mountain West career record for total offense (11,925 yards).
- TCU was the only school in the nation to have two different quarterbacks rank in the top 10 in the country in passing efficiency from 2009-11.
- After Dalton completed his career as TCU's career leader in virtually every passing category, QB Casey Pachall picked up where Dalton left off. In 2011, Pachall led TCU to an 11-2 mark, completing 66.5 percent of his throws (228 of 343) with 25 TDs and seven INTs.



PROMINENT NFL PUPILS

CB ADONIS ALEXANDER **D6-2018 – Washington**
Virginia Tech
Saw action in nine games as an NFL rookie in 2018.

LB GENARD AVERY **D5-2018 – Cleveland**
Memphis
Registered 21.5 sacks, 44.5 TFL at Memphis.

S LONNIE BALLENTINE **D7-2014 – Houston**
Memphis
Three INTs and 10 PDs in final two seasons at Memphis.

T MARCUS CANNON **D5-2011 – New England**
TCU
Patriots (2011-19), Three-Time Super Bowl Champion.

S CHUCK CLARK **D6-2017 – Baltimore**
Virginia Tech
In 63 games (30 starts), owns 203 tackles (130 solo), three INTs, three FRs with one TD, four FFs and 2.5 sacks.

TE ALAN CROSS **FA-2016 – Tampa Bay**
Memphis
Played in 36 games for Buccaneers (2016-18).

T CHRISTIAN DARRISAW **D1-2021 – Minnesota (23rd overall)**
Virginia Tech
Consensus All-America second-team selection, first-team All-ACC pick in 2020. All-ACC honorable mention in 2019.

S AKEEM DAVIS **FA-2014 – Washington**
Memphis
Played in 21 NFL games (2014-16).

S DIVINE DEABLO **D3-2021 – Las Vegas**
Virginia Tech
First-Team All-ACC in 2020, led Tech with four INTs. Was second on Tech's defense with 84 tackles in 2019.

G JORDAN DEVEY **FA-2013 – Baltimore**
Memphis
SB XLIX champion with Patriots (2013-14), also played for 49ers (2015), Chiefs (2016-18) and Raiders (2019).

S TERRELL EDMUNDS **D1-2018 - Pittsburgh (28th overall)**
Virginia Tech
Has played in 47 games (43 starts), producing 251 total tackles (172 solo), three INTs and one FR with Steelers.

LB TREMAINE EDMUNDS **D1-2018 – Buffalo (16th overall)**
Virginia Tech
Two-time Pro Bowler owns 355 tackles (223 solo), 19.0 TFL, 5.5 sacks, three INTs, 24 PDs, 2 FFs and a safety in 46 career starts.

K JAKE ELLIOTT **D5-2017 – Cincinnati**
Memphis
2014 & 2015 American Conference Special Teams POY; Super Bowl LII winner with Eagles (2017).

CB BRANDON FACYSON **FA-2018 – L.A. Chargers**
Virginia Tech
44 games played (four starts) with 60 tackles, two FRs.

CB CALEB FARLEY **D1-2021 – Tennessee (22nd overall)**
Virginia Tech
2019 First-Team All-ACC, led the conference with 16 passes defended. Also registered four INTs and 12 PBUs.

WR ISAAH FORD **D7-2017 – Miami**
Virginia Tech
VT career leader with 24 TD catches. Ranks second in receptions (210) and receiving yards (2,967).

WR MOSE FRAZIER **FA-2017 – Carolina**
Memphis
135 receptions for 1,599 yards and eight TDs at Memphis.

RB KHALIL HERBERT **D6-2021 – Chicago**
Virginia Tech
Third in the nation with 1,791 all-purpose yards in 2020, with 1,182 rushing yards, second-best ACC total.

TE BUCKY HODGES **D6-2017 – Minnesota**
Virginia Tech
VT's all-time TE receiving leader - 133 catches for 1,747 yards with 20 TDs.

DE MARTIN IFEDI **D7-2015 – St. Louis**
Memphis
Owns Memphis career record with 22.5 sacks.

WR TEVIN JONES **FA-2016 – Houston**
Memphis
Played in five games for Steelers in 2019.

TE DALTON KEENE **D3-2020 – New England**
Virginia Tech
Caught 59 passes for 748 yards & eight TDs at VT (2017-19).

WR JEREMY KERLEY **D5-2011 – N.Y. Jets**
TCU
Jets (2011-15), 49ers (2016) 246 recs., 2,892 yards, 12 TDs.

C JAKE KIRKPATRICK **FA-2011 – Indianapolis**
TCU
2009 Rimington Trophy winner; All-America pick by SI.

CB ARTHUR MAULET **FA-2017 – New Orleans**
Memphis
Played in six games as a rookie in 2017.

LB WYNTON MCMANIS **FA-2016 – San Francisco**
Memphis
Played 12 games for Calgary (CFL) in 2017.

CB BOBBY MCCAIN **D5-2015 – Miami**
Memphis
Has played in 71 games (40 starts) for Dolphins, recording six INTs, 25 PDs, 4.0 sacks and 208 tackles (161 solo).

WR ANTHONY MILLER **D2-2018 – Chicago**
Memphis
First-team All-America had 238 catches for 3,590 yards with 37 TDs at Memphis. 134 recs. in 47 NFL games.

T MARSHALL NEWHOUSE **D5-2010 – Green Bay**
TCU
133 career NFL games (81 starts).

T YOSUAH NIUMAN **FA-2019 – Green Bay**
Virginia Tech
Played in all 16 games for Packers in 2020.

WR CAM PHILLIPS **FA-2018 – Buffalo**
Virginia Tech
VT career leader with 236 catches for 3,027 yards.

WR LAURENT ROBINSON **D3-2007 – Atlanta**
Illinois State
192 receptions with 29 TDs at Illinois State

RB SAM ROGERS **D6-2017 – L.A. Rams**
Virginia Tech
Accounted for 1,507 yards of total offense & 12 TDs at VT.

K JOEY SLYE **FA-2018 – Tampa Bay**
Virginia Tech
Tech's all-time leading scorer (403 points). 54 made FGs w Panthers. Led NFL with eight FGs of 50+ yards in 2019.

CB GREG STROMAN **D7-2018 – Washington**
Virginia Tech
Owns 38 tackles (31 solo), 1 FF, 1 FR and four PDs in 20 NFL games (three starts).

G WYATT TELLER **D5-2018 – Buffalo**
Virginia Tech
2020 PFF All-Pro Team selection for Browns; 34 career NFL games (27 starts); 2017 First-Team All-ACC selection.

RB MATTHEW TUCKER **FA-2013 – Philadelphia**
TCU
Eagles (2013-14)

PROMINENT QB PUPILS

BRAXTON BURMEISTER **Virginia Tech**
Compiled a 3-1 record as Tech's starter in 2020, generating 869 yards of total offense and four TDs during an injury-shortened campaign.

ANDY DALTON **TCU**
D2-2011 (35th overall) – Cincinnati
Three-time Pro Bowler completed 63.8 percent (408 of 639) of his passes for 5,613 yards with 50 TDs and 14 INTs at TCU (2009-10). In 133 career regular season starts with Cincinnati, threw for 31,594 yards with 204 TDs and 111 INTs, leading the Bengals to five playoff berths. Earned Pro Bowl berths following the 2011, 2014 and 2016 seasons. Set a career high with a 64.9 completion percentage for Dallas in 2020.

JEROD EVANS **Virginia Tech**
Set VT single-season records for TD passes (29), passing yards (3,546) and total offense (4,392) in 2016.

HENDON HOOKER **Virginia Tech**
Won his first six collegiate starts for Tech in 2019, throwing 10 TDs and no INTs in those games. Led Tech by averaging 173.7 ypg of total offense and ran for five TDs in 2019.

JOSH JACKSON **Virginia Tech**
Set a VT freshman single-season record and led all FBS freshmen with 2,991 yards in 2017, while his 20 TD passes, 135.2 rating, 59.6 completion percentage and 255.0 ypg of total offense ranked second nationally among FBS freshmen.

PAXTON LYNCH **Memphis**
D1-2016 (26th overall) – Denver
Completed 555 of 856 (64.8%) of his passes for 6,807 yards with 50 TDs and 13 INTs in 2014-15.

CASEY PACHALL **TCU**
Completed 66.5 pct. of his throws (228 of 343) with 25 TDs and seven INTs in 2011.

RYAN WILLIS **Virginia Tech**
Finished 2018 with 24 TD passes, the second-best seasonal mark in VT history. His 226.3 passing ypg ranked fourth, while his 3,070 yards of total offense ranked seventh.



Tremaine and Terrell Edmunds made history in 2018 as the only brothers both picked in the first round of the same NFL Draft.