Virginia Tech's Vernell (Bimbo) Coles

BIMBO!

A Candidate for All-America

Guard, 6-1, 181
Senior, Lewisburg, West Va.


COLES' 1989-90 STATISTICS
Coles heads into the Metro Conference Championship Tournament as the career scoring champion of the Metro, Virginia Tech and all Division 1 schools in the state of Virginia. He has 2,465 career points. Bimbo is the only player ever to lead the Metro Conference in scoring three years in a row, currently averaging 25.5 points per game. He is a complete player as evidenced by his 120 assists, an average of four a game, and his 4.8 rebounding average. He also is one of the country's best defensive players.

THE MOST RECENT PERFORMANCES
Coles paced Tech to closing victories over South Carolina and Memphis State. In the 69-64 win over South Carolina, he had 20 points, six rebounds and six assists. Then Bimbo, in the final home game of his career, tallied 24 in an 87-74 victory over Memphis State. He scored 17 in the first half on a variety of sensational moves to stake the Hokies to an eight-point lead. He injured his ankle mid-way through the second half and saw little action after that. Prior to the start of the Memphis State game, Virginia Tech retired Bimbo's jersey, No. 12. Tech wound up the regular season with three straight wins. Earlier, the Hokies had beaten Florida State at Tallahassee, 84-74, as Coles scored 37 points, making six of seven shots from three-point range.

Virginia Tech's Bimbo Coles drives past Louisville's Pervis Ellison (42) in Metro Conference action.