TECH FOOTBALL PLAYERS
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BLACKSBURG, Va. — Six Virginia Tech football players have been named to the freshman and sophomore All-America football squads picked by Football News.

True freshman defensive end Cornell Brown of Lynchburg, Va., and redshirt freshman offensive guard Billy Conaty of Pennsauken, N.J., were named second-team freshman All-Americans, while true freshman free safety Antonio Banks of Newport News, Va., was a third-team choice.

Tailback Dwayne Thomas of Ft. Myers, Fla., offensive guard Chris Malone of Emporia, Va., and linebacker George DelRicco of Seabrook, Md., were all named to the publication's second-team sophomore All-America squad.

Brown started nine games at defensive end, leading the team in quarterback pressures with 24 and finishing fifth in tackles with 57. Conaty started every game at split tackle and played over 80 percent of the Hokies' offensive snaps, while Banks tied for the team lead in interceptions with three and led the defensive backs in tackles with 44.

Thomas was a key figure in Tech's record-setting offense, rushing for 1,130 yards and scoring 12 touchdowns. He was among the BIG EAST Football Conference leaders in rushing, scoring, all-purpose yards and kickoff returns.

Malone, who has started all 22 of his games at Tech, earned honors from Football News for the second straight year. He was named second-team freshman All-America by the publication following the 1992 season.

DelRicco, in his first year as a starter, finished second on the team in tackles with 103 and led the BIG EAST in tackles for loss with 11 for minus 32 yards.

Tech finished the 1993 season 8-3 and is scheduled to meet Indiana in the Independence Bowl on Dec. 31.