Defensive or Special Team Player of the Week Candidate

Kirk Alexander
Virginia Tech
5-11, 199, Jr., DB
Bowie Md.

Junior defensive back Kirk Alexander, Virginia Tech's chief backup at safety and cornerback, had a day to remember against the University of Cincinnati at Lane Stadium in Blacksburg on Saturday. In the first quarter, Alexander set up a touchdown by recovering a Tech kickoff that was misplayed by Cincinnati at the Bearcat 15-yard line. Late in the third quarter, Alexander blocked a Cincinnati punt from the UC 32, which teammate Ken Landrum scooped up and returned for a touchdown. On Cincinnati's very next possession, Alexander stepped in front of a Lance Harp pass at the Tech 5 and returned it 95 yards for a touchdown, marking the longest interception return in school history. In his spare time, the 5-11 junior contributed five tackles and broke up another pass to help Tech to a 56-9 win.