

Hokies have respect for for the Vols

Virginia Tech knows SEC opponent could provide tough test in today's Chick-fil-A Bowl

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — One score really got the attention of Virginia Tech's coaches as they prepared for Thursday night's matchup with Tennessee in the Chick-fil-A Bowl.

Alabama 12, Tennessee 10. The Vols' narrow loss at No. 1 Alabama on Oct. 24 impressed Virginia Tech offensive coordinator Bryan Stinespring. Alabama opened its season with a 34-24 win over the Hokies but couldn't reach the end zone against Tennessee.

"Alabama managed four field goals," Stinespring said. "There it is right there. You understand what's in front of you."

Virginia Tech returns to the Georgia Dome, the site of the loss to Alabama, to face Tennessee, another Southeastern Conference team.

The No. 12 Hokies (9-3) are favored against the unranked Vols (7-5), who have won four of their last five games.

Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer said the Vols developed into an elite team at the end of the season.

"I go back to the final results. It's not where you start, it's where you end up," Beamer said Wednesday. "Anyone that looked at it would say this team's right at the top of the SEC. They have won four of their last five."

"We played Alabama and I saw how they played Alabama, and they took it right to them.... The bottom line is that we're playing one of the best, if not the best, teams in the SEC, and we understand that."

Beamer also was impressed by Tennessee's strong play in its 23-13 loss at Florida.

"You look at how they played the good teams," Beamer said. "They crank it up."

The Hokies also finished strong, winning their last four games.

The bowl matches two of college football's most respected defensive coordinators.

Bud Foster's Virginia Tech defense allowed no second-half points in the four consecutive wins and ranks 14th in the nation in total yards allowed.

Monte Kiffin, Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin's father, has a 16th-ranked defense led by star safety Eric Berry. The Vols are 10th in the nation against the pass.

Stinespring said he's motivated by the matchup against Monte Kiffin's defense, and said facing Foster's unit in practice is good preparation.

"Every day when you hit the field, when you're going against Bud and the caliber of defense he puts on the field every single day, you better bring the 'A' game," Stinespring said. "You better prepare yourself for a tough day at the office and play as well as you can play or it's not going to go well for you. It's the same way when you get ready to play Tennessee and Monte Kiffin."

"It's a great defense, a great defensive coordinator. He's proven it over the test of time, the same way Bud has. You know what you're going to get. You're going to line up against one of the best defenses in the country, as we do in Blacksburg. It excites you."

Each team has a running back on the verge of setting a school record for yards rushing in a season.

Tennessee senior Montario Hardesty needs 156 yards to set the Vols' single-season mark. Virginia Tech freshman Ryan Williams needs only 109 yards for the Hokies' record.

Williams' 1,538 yards rushing is the eighth-most by a freshman in NCAA history. He won Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year honors and scored 20 touchdowns to set a conference record for a freshman.

Monte Kiffin can't focus only on Williams. Virginia Tech quarterback Tyrod Taylor passed for 2,102 yards this season with 13 touchdowns and four interceptions.

"They're very, very balanced," Monte Kiffin said. "That quarterback, I just think he's special.... Tyrod Taylor has really come a long way. He's really a seasoned veteran quarterback. He's a leader out there now. He's very confident in what he does."

Hardesty has 1,306 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns. He finished the regular season with a career-best 179 yards and three TDs against Kentucky.

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Pete Hill: Culpeper County's newly discovered Hall of Famer

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Hill helped build Negro Leagues

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In the late 1800s multiple black baseball teams began forming around the United States, forming the early roots of what would become known as the Negro Leagues. Before the turn of the century some black players had found their way onto white teams, but for the most part professional baseball remained segregated until the 1940s.

Pete Hill, who new evidence suggests was born in Culpeper County, was one of the pioneers of black professional baseball, making his professional debut in 1889 and starring for several black teams into the 1920s.

The early days of black baseball in the United States mostly consisted of barnstorming teams traveling the country and playing against any competition they could find, but in 1920 a black player/owner/manager named Rube Foster created what would become the Negro National League, the first prominent black baseball league.

Foster had a close relationship with Hill, and Hill starred on Foster's teams as the Negro National League gained traction in the baseball world. Foster's league spawned famous clubs such as the Chicago American Giants, Detroit Stars, Indianapolis ABC's and the Kansas City Monarchs.

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Negro Leagues grew in size and popularity

FAMILY TIES: Lizzie Seals, above left, was the mother of Baseball Hall-of-Famer Pete Hill. Her family roots helped establish Pete's connection to southern Culpeper County.

Pete Hill's family roots go back a long way in Rapidan area

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Baseball Hall of Famer and most likely the son of former slaves, John Preston "Pete" Hill, born in the village of Buena, Culpeper County, Virginia in 1882, lived his entire adult life north of the Mason-Dixon Line.

He played ball not for fame or fortune, but like so many of the early players, he was driven by a genuine love of the game. When he could no longer play competitively, he managed the team. Then with some irony, his later life brought him back to the very same mechanism that gave him his first opportunity — the railroad.

Though there is no evidence that Pete ever returned to the place of his birth, it is doubtful that he forgot. Many of his friends and relatives had also relocated to Pittsburgh, but Buena was still home and staying in

touch with grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins was a family mandate.

Time has a tendency to eradicate records; letters are destroyed and contact information lost. Pete's induction into the Hall of Fame in 2006 rekindled the fires of family connections and a desire to reestablish ancestral roots.

The primary source of data for non-property owning residents is the Federal census data. However, there is a 10 year gap from census to census in which many life changing events can occur.

Despite these circumstances, significant facts have been discovered proving that the Seals and Hill families lived for decades in the area of Buena/Rapidan in Culpeper County.

The Seals
The 1880 Census record, found the Seals family living in Orange County, across the

Rapidan River from the village of Buena. Listed in the household were parents, Edward and Mary Francis and children, Ella, Lizzie, Annie, Mollie, Maria, Emily and James.

According to the death records found at the State Library in Richmond, Edward Seals died in Orange County of pneumonia in December of 1880.

One can only guess as to the causative circumstances, but by the summer of 1881 the family was living on the Culpeper side of the river. According to court records, Pete's aunt, Emily Seals, died at the age of eight in August of 1881 in Culpeper County.

Further research revealed that three of Pete's other aunts were married in Culpeper County. The local county marriage records

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Hill's family became prominent

Terrell sets Madison scoring mark

Mountaineers stay unbeaten with victory against visiting Luray on Wednesday night

By **Matt Rock**
Sports correspondent

MADISON — Seven points away at tip off, Logan Terrell didn't waste any time breaking the Mountaineers' school record for career points.

His teammates made sure of that.

"My teammates just talked to me," Terrell said. "They were like 'Alright man, were just going to go ahead and get it out the way, and then we can go ahead and focus on the game.'"

With 1:48 left in the first quarter, Terrell broke the 34-year-old record of 1,379 points held by James "Sleepy"

Johnson in the 77-64 win over visiting Luray Wednesday.

"He's just been a solid post player ever since he was a freshman," Madison County coach Ben Breeden said. "He's a guy that's going to bring everything he had every night. He just plays so physical — he likes contact and the more contact he gets the better he tends to play."

Jerel Carter lofted the ball inside to a double-teamed Terrell, who spun, lifted past two pairs of out-stretched hands to sink the milestone.

"That's the confidence that we have in him," Breeden said. "We feel like he can still score over two."

Terrell finished with 20 points to put the record at 1,392 eight games into the season.

Carter tallied 16 points on the night while David Falk had 15 and A.J. Butler recorded 12.

"It was crazy how we're so well rounded," Terrell said. "It doesn't matter who's touching the ball, we all can score and we all can do a lot of great things."

The Mountaineers helped each other out the entire night, with 22-of-32 baskets coming with an assist.

Carter had seven assists on the night, while Terrell and Casey Campbell each recorded four.

"We just click," Carter said. "We've been with each other since our freshman year so everything's just there right now."

The Mountaineers (8-0) held off a late rally by the Bulldogs (4-5) led by junior Josh McKenzie, who had 25 points and nine rebounds.

"We've just got to keep it under control," Carter said. "We've got to trust each other and make free throws."



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RECORD BREAKER: Logan Terrell became Madison Co.'s all-time leading scorer on Wednesday.

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Culpeper Little League registration
Culpeper Little League will be holding registration for the 2010 Spring Season in the Culpeper County High School Cafeteria: Saturday Jan. 9, from 9 a.m. until noon Wednesday Jan. 13, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Saturday Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. until noon Registration fee will remain at \$55.00 Register online: eTEAMZ.COM/CL Please contact Debbie McIlwee at 829-0988 or at dmcilwee@yahoo.com with any questions.

CCHS winter baseball camp
Culpeper County High School is hosting its second annual winter baseball camp. It will begin Jan. 17 and run every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for four weeks. It is intended to prepare kids 10 and above for spring baseball and high school baseball. Admission is \$25 for each session or \$80 for all four, with the proceeds going to the CCHS and EVHS baseball programs. For more information contact Wes Wimmer at 540-222-9970 or 540-349-9340.

Culpeper Blue Angels
The Culpeper Blue Angels Allstar Cheerleading program is now accepting members for the upcoming 2010-11 season. The season will begin in May 2010 thru May 2011 for ages 3 and up. CBA is also offering, for NEW members ages 3-14 only, FREE tuition for up to 4 months (January thru April). For more information, go to www.culpeperblueangels.com or call 540-727-2087.

New Year's Day 5K postponed
The New Year's 5K has been rescheduled for Jan. 9 at the Culpeper Recreation Club. Race-day registration is 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Shirts guaranteed to first 50 5K entrants. 10:15: 5K walk; 10:20 kids mile; 10:30 5K run. Please bring at least one non-perishable food item for our local food bank per applicant and an old pair of running shoes to recycle. Applications available at Bike Stop, Gold's Gym, or print from culpeper-roadrunners.com, worldbeanroasters.com. Contact: Julia Peck - jptrigal@yahoo.com, Andrea Rodman - Kids Run - annielepp@hotmail.com

Co-ed Adult Flag Football
Anyone interested in playing in the Culpeper Adult Coed Flag Football League needs to reply at culpepercoedflagfootball@yahoo.com. All players must be 18 years of age to play.

Culpeper County Parks and Recreation
Culpeper County Parks and Recreation Department will offer three evenings of open basketball for the following age groups. Each program will be 10 weeks in duration from 7pm to 9:30pm at Yowell Elementary School Gym located on Route 522. The total program fee of \$30 for A & B and \$20 for C will be paid when registering. All games will be pick-up.
A. Tuesdays, January 5 - Adult ages 21 to 40 B. Wednesdays, January 6 - Adults ages 40 and above C. Thursday January 7 - Teens ages 16 to 20 Questions may be directed to Culpeper County Parks and Recreation Department at 727-3412. Registration begins Monday, January 4 and payment may be made by phone, walk-in or mail-in. For convenience credit cards are accepted.

Culpeper Soccer Association
On-line registration for the Culpeper Soccer Association's spring season begins January 1st through February 13th. Go to www.culpepersoccer.net to register! We will be taking players for recreation, travel (by 1/15/10), adult and TOPS leagues! LATE registration(+\$15) runs 2/14-2/27/10. Late registrations are wait listed and not guaranteed team placement. Registration by mail is: PO Box 1105, Culpeper VA, 22701 with checks made payable to CSA. In person registration is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 10-noon; Monday, Feb. 8, 6-8pm; Saturday, Feb. 13, 10-noon at the Culpeper County Library.

Winter soccer camp
There will be a winter soccer camp coached by Shay Bell at Culpeper Sport and Racquet Club 6 week program. Saturday evenings. Speed and agility clinic, 6 - 13 yrs first touch soccer clinic and JV / Varsity boys and girls soccer pre-season camps. Call 825 0000 for More information.

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National Football League						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-New Eng	10	5	0	.667	400	251
N.Y. Jets	8	7	0	.533	311	236
Miami	7	8	0	.467	336	360
Buffalo	5	10	0	.333	228	319
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Indy	14	1	0	.933	409	277
Houston	8	7	0	.533	354	306
Jacksonville	7	8	0	.467	273	357
Tennessee	7	8	0	.467	337	389
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Cincy	10	5	0	.667	305	254
Baltimore	8	7	0	.533	370	248
Pittsburgh	8	7	0	.533	338	300
Cleveland	4	11	0	.267	222	358
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-San Die	12	3	0	.800	431	300
Denver	8	7	0	.533	302	280
Oakland	5	10	0	.333	184	358
Kansas City	3	12	0	.200	250	400

NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Philly	11	4	0	.733	429	313
y-Dallas	10	5	0	.667	337	250
N.Y. Giants	8	7	0	.533	395	383
Washington	4	11	0	.267	246	313
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-New Or	13	0	0	.667	500	318
Atlanta	8	7	0	.533	343	315
Carolina	7	8	0	.467	292	298
Tampa Bay	3	12	0	.200	234	380
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Minn	11	4	0	.733	426	305
y-GB	10	5	0	.667	327	275
Chicago	6	9	0	.400	290	352
Detroit	2	13	0	.133	239	457
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	368	292
San Fran	7	8	0	.467	302	275
Seattle	5	10	0	.333	267	373
St. Louis	1	14	0	.067	169	408

Friday's Games					
Sunday's Games					
Atlanta 31, Buffalo 3					
Houston 27, Miami 20					
Green Bay 48, Seattle 10					
Carolina 41, N.Y. Giants 9					
Pittsburgh 23, Baltimore 20					
Tampa Bay 20, New Orleans 17, OT					
Cleveland 23, Oakland 9					
Cincinnati 17, Kansas City 10					
New England 35, Jacksonville 7					
San Francisco 20, Detroit 6					
Arizona 31, St. Louis 10					
N.Y. Jets 29, Indianapolis 15					
Philadelphia 30, Denver 27					
Dallas 17, Washington 0					
Monday's Game					
Chicago 36, Minnesota 30, OT					
Sunday, Jan. 3					
Chicago at Detroit, 1 p.m.					
Pittsburgh at Miami, 1 p.m.					
New England at Houston, 1 p.m.					
Indianapolis at Buffalo, 1 p.m.					
San Francisco at St. Louis, 1 p.m.					
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.					
New Orleans at Carolina, 1 p.m.					
Jacksonville at Cleveland, 1 p.m.					
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, 1 p.m.					
Tennessee at Seattle, 4:15 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Dallas, 4:15 p.m.					
Washington at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.					
Kansas City at Denver, 4:15 p.m.					
Baltimore at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.					
Green Bay at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.					
Cincinnati at N.Y. Jets, 8:30 p.m.					

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EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Boston	23	0	.767	—	
Toronto	16	17	.485	8½	
New York	12	20	.375	12	
Philadelphia	8	22	.267	15	
New Jersey	3	29	.094	21	
Central Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Chicago	39	26	.600	—	
Indiana	15	16	.484	7	
Minnesota	13	16	.448	8	
San Antonio	11	18	.386	10	
Dallas	22	9	.710	—	
San Antonio	18	11	.621	3	
Houston	19	13	.594	3½	
Memphis	15	16	.484	7	
New Orleans	13	16	.448	8	
Northwest Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Denver	20	12	.625	—	
Portland	20	13	.606	½	
Utah	17	13	.567	2	
Oklahoma City	17	14	.548	2½	
Minnesota	7	25	.219	13	
Pacific Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
L.A. Lakers	25	6	.806	—	
Phoenix	20	12	.625	½	
Utah	14	16	.467	10½	
L.A. Clippers	13	17	.433	11½	
Golden State	9	22	.290	15	
Tuesday's Games					
Oklahoma City 110, Washington 98					
Cleveland 106, Atlanta 91					
New York 104, Detroit 87					
Chicago 104, Indiana 95					
Houston 108, New Orleans 100					
San Antonio 117, Minnesota 99					
L.A. Lakers 124, Golden State 118					
Wednesday's Games					
Cleveland 106, Atlanta 91					
Toronto 107, Charlotte 103					
Orlando 117, Milwaukee 92					
New Jersey 104, New York 95					
Miami at New Orleans, 8 p.m.					
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.					
Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.					
L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.					
Philadelphia at Sacramento, 10 p.m.					
Thursday's Games					
Chicago at Detroit, 3 p.m.					
Dallas at Houston, 7 p.m.					
Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.					
Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.					
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New York at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.					
Orlando at Minnesota, 8 p.m.					
Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.					

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Southeast Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Orlando	23	8	.742	—	
Atlanta	21	10	.677	2	
Miami	16	12	.571	5½	
Charlotte	12	18	.400	10½	
Washington	10	20	.333	12½	
Central Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	26	8	.765	—	
Chicago	12	17	.414	11½	
Milwaukee	12	18	.400	12	
Detroit	11	20	.355	13½	
Indianapolis	9	22	.290	15½	
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
Southwest Division					
W	L	T	Pct	GB	
Dallas	22	9	.710	—	
San Antonio	18	11	.621	3	
Houston	19	13	.594	3½	
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