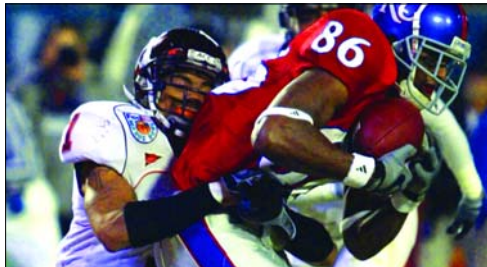




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# Harris makes about-face, will return next season



AP photo

Virginia Tech CB Victor 'Macho' Harris (left) will be back for the Hokies.

Tech CB announced he was leaving on Saturday before changing mind

**From staff reports**

Virginia Tech cornerback Victor "Macho" Harris changed his mind and has decided to return for his senior season, according to The Virginian-Pilot.

Harris announced Saturday, through a school athletics communications office press release, his intentions to forgo his final season and enter the Apr. 29-30 NFL draft, but according to a report on The Virginian-Pilot's Web site Monday, he contacted Hokies defensive backs coach Torrian Gray and told him

he wanted to come back.

That's welcome news to Tech, which was faced with replacing both of its all-ACC cornerbacks. All-American junior Brandon Flowers announced his intentions to go pro last week.

The Hokies also must replace three senior defensive linemen, two senior line-backers and a senior free safety.

Harris, from Highland Springs, was a first-team all-ACC pick after recording five interceptions and 36 tackles. Hokies defensive coordinator Bud Foster said during a pre-Orange Bowl press conference that Harris could use another season to ready himself for the NFL.

"I think Victor needs to stay another

year," Foster said. "He wasn't redshirted. He needs another year to grow from a maturity standpoint and another year to grow physically."

This isn't the first time Harris has changed his mind about his professional future. He told reporters before the Orange Bowl that he planned to be back in a Hokies uniform next season before making his announcement on Saturday.

He was a projected third-round pick, according to ESPN.com. Today is the deadline for underclassmen to declare for the draft. Underclassmen have until Friday to withdraw their names and return to their schools, as long as they have not signed with an agent.

## HERITAGE PIONEER TRACK



Staff photo by Chet White

Heritage High School senior sprinter Corey Calloway, who has played a key role in the Pioneers' success this season, is aiming for a state title.

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Corey Calloway is the last in line of a family quartet of Pioneer sprinters

Corey Calloway is the last in line in a series of sibling sprinters who have flourished on Heritage High's indoor and outdoor track and field teams in recent years.

Following the lead of older brothers Marcus and Kevin Payne and Ricky Calloway, Corey has taken the baton and run with it for the Pioneers as a senior this year.



"I think he's superceded his brothers' footsteps," Pioneers second-year coach Theo McIvor said.

Over the past seven years, Heritage has captured four Group AA state championships and at least one of the four brothers played a key role on each of them.

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## Former Virginia top-rated offensive line recruit transfers to Liberty



Stadler

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When Alex Stadler left Bealeton's Liberty High School in 2006, he was the nation's 12th-ranked offensive tackle recruit, according to Rivals.com, and the top offensive line recruit in Virginia. David Shula drew him to Alabama,

where he signed a national letter of intent.

Once Shula was dismissed, Stadler's chances for playing time decreased. He didn't play at all last season under first-year Tide coach Nick Saban, leaving Stadler looking for a way out of Tuscaloosa.

Like a handful of Division I-FBS players of late, Stadler found a home at Liberty. He started classes

Monday and will be with the team for spring practice. He'll have three years of eligibility remaining.

Liberty coach Danny Rocco was one of the coaches who recruited Stadler when he was on the staff at Virginia.

"I can remember watching his high school training tape as if it was yesterday," Rocco said. "He was a guy who had an unbelievably exten-

sive highlight tape out of high school. It had weight training, it had vertical jumping, it had him doing all kinds of drills in the gym. And then football film."

Stadler is one of three potential transfers, and the only one from an FBS school, but Rocco cannot comment on the other two until they are officially enrolled in class at LU.

Any potential transfer will be

able to participate in spring practice provided he is in class by the add/drop date, which is next Monday at Liberty.

Stadler is a 6-foot-5, 320-pound sophomore who redshirted his first year at Alabama. He also received scholarship offers from Virginia Tech, Virginia, Michigan and Boston College, among others.

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