

VIRGINIA TECH[®]

MEN'S BASKETBALL



16/17 VIRGINIA TECH
(3-0, 0-0)

vs.
#23/22 PURDUE
(4-0, 0-0)

TD Arena (5,100)
Charleston, South Carolina
Nov. 18, 2018
8:30 p.m.



2018-19 SCHEDULE

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Date	Opponent	Time	TV
11/ 4	Hurricane Relief Exhibition (Lynchburg, Va.) at Liberty	W	86-70
11/ 9	GARDNER-WEBB (ACCNE)	W	87-59
Charleston Classic (Charleston, S.C.)			
11/15	vs. Ball State (ESPN2)	W	73-64
11/16	vs. Northeastern (ESPN2)	W	88-60
11/18	#23/22 Purdue	8:30 p.m.	ESPN2
11/24	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	1 p.m.	ACCNE
Big Ten/ACC Challenge (University Park, Pa.)			
11/27	at Penn State	7 p.m.	ESPN2/U
12/ 1	CENTRAL CONN. ST.	1 p.m.	ACCNE
12/ 5	VMI	7 p.m.	ACCNE
12/ 9	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	1 p.m.	ACCNE
Boardwalk Classic (Atlantic City, N.J.)			
12/15	vs. Washington	7 p.m.	ESPNU
12/19	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7 p.m.	ACCNE
12/28	UMES	7 p.m.	ACCNE
1/ 1	NOTRE DAME*	1 p.m.	ESPNU
1/ 5	BOSTON COLLEGE*	Noon	RSN
1/ 9	at Georgia Tech*	7 p.m.	RSN
1/15	at Virginia*	8 p.m.	Raycom
1/19	WAKE FOREST*	4 p.m.	RSN
1/21	at North Carolina*	7 p.m.	ESPN
1/26	SYRACUSE*	8 p.m.	ESPN2
1/30	at Miami*	7 p.m.	ESPN2/U
2/ 2	at NC State*	Noon	Raycom
2/ 4	LOUISVILLE*	7 p.m.	ESPN
2/ 9	at Clemson*	Noon	ESPN2/U
2/13	GEORGIA TECH*	8 p.m.	Raycom
2/16	at Pittsburgh*	4:30 p.m.	RSN
2/18	VIRGINIA*	7 p.m.	ESPN
2/23	at Notre Dame*	4 p.m.	ESPN2/U
2/26	DUKE*	7/9 p.m.	ESPN/Ray
3/ 5	at Florida State*	7 p.m.	ESPNU
3/ 8	MIAMI	7 p.m.	ESPN2
3/12	ACC Basketball Tournament	ESPN2/Raycom	
3/16	(Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.)		

* - Atlantic Coast Conference Games
All times are EST and are subject to change

HOKIE NOTES

About Tonight's Game

The Hokies enter the game 3-0 on the season and the Boilermakers are 4-0 this season ... The Hokies are ranked 16th in the AP poll and 17th in the USA Today Coaches poll and Purdue is ranked 23rd in the AP poll and 22nd in the coaches poll.

Last Time Out: VT 88, Northeastern 60

The Hokies defeated Northeastern, 88-60, in the semifinals of the Charleston Classic on Friday morning ... Tech outscored the Huskies 23-2 in the final 6:12 of the first half and never trailed after that ... Four Hokies scored in double figures, led by **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** with 20 points and a career-high seven assists ... **Justin Robinson** added 19 points, **Ahmed Hill** had 15 points and **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, score 12 points.

Vs. Purdue

This will be the fourth meeting between the two schools on the hardwood ... The Hokies hold a 2-1 lead in the all-time series, which dates back to the 1965-66 season ... Tech won both ends of a home-and-home with the Boilermakers back in the mid 1960's and lost to No. 22 Purdue, 58-55, in overtime in Cassell Coliseum in the 2010 ACC/Big Ten Challenge ... Two of the three previous meetings have gone to overtime ... Tech is 37-52 all-time against schools currently in the Big Ten.

Notes from Friday

The Hokies outscored Northeastern, 36-12 in the paint ... Tech shot just four free throws in the game ... **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** set a new career-high with seven assists and tied a career-high with four steals ... The Hokies did not allow the Huskies a two-point field goal in the first half and did not allow NU a field goal of any kind in the final 6:12 of the first half ... **Wabissa Bede** set a new career-high with 29 minutes played ... Tech assisted on 21 of their 36 made baskets.

Friday Climbing

In the win over Northeastern, **Justin Robinson** scored his 1,100th career point at Virginia Tech ... He now has 1,105 points and is in 40th place in career scoring at the school ... **Ahmed Hill** is now alone in 46th place in career scoring at Virginia Tech ... He has 1,049 career points.

TOP TOPICS

- ❖ The Hokies are ranked No. 16 in the AP Top 25 poll and 17th in the USA Today/Coaches poll
- ❖ The Hokies have now made a three-point field goal in 501 consecutive games
- ❖ **Justin Robinson** is on the Watch List for the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award, the 2019 John R. Wooden Award, presented by Wendy's and the Naismith Award
- ❖ **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** has scored at least 20 points in all three Hokies' games this season

The Most Important Thing

Virginia Tech has three seniors on the roster ... Two of them, **Ty Outlaw** and **Ahmed Hill**, have already earned their undergraduate degrees from Virginia Tech ... **Justin Robinson** has announced that he will finish his degree requirements in December 2018, in just 3 1/2 years ... Outlaw and Hill are wearing special insignia on their jerseys to honor their graduations.

Outlaw Returns

Ty Outlaw has been granted a sixth year of competition by the NCAA and has returned to the active roster for the 2018-19 season ... The wing from Roxboro, North Carolina missed the 2017-18 season following surgery on a torn ACL in his right knee ... He missed the 2015-16 season with a heart ailment.

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GAME 4



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That's a TO

Virginia Tech forced Gardner-Webb into 29 turnovers in the season-opener ... The 29 forced turnovers are the most by a Virginia Tech team since forcing UNC Greensboro into 29 turnovers on Nov. 21, 2010 in the Greensboro Coliseum ... The last time the Hokies forced 30-or-more turnovers in a game was 35 forced turnovers against Maryland-Eastern Shore on Nov. 23, 2004 in Cassell Coliseum ... The school record is 37 forced turnovers, twice, most recently against VMI in 1983.

Sharing is Good

Virginia Tech recorded 20 assists on 32 made baskets in the win over Gardner-Webb ... Tech reached the 20-assist mark eight times last year, including a school-record 36 assists in the win over The Citadel ... Tech dished out 14 assists in the win over Ball State and hit the 20-assist mark for the second time in three games this season with 21 assists on 36 made baskets in the win over Northeastern.

Gimme That!

Virginia Tech recorded 16 steals in the win over Gardner-Webb ... That is the most steals in a game by the Hokies since Nov. 21, 2010, when Tech forced UNC Greensboro into 20 steals ... The 16 steals is the most in a game for the Hokies under **Buzz Williams** and just the sixth time that Tech has had double figure steals in a game under Williams.

People are Watching 5

Justin Robinson is one of 20 players named to the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award Watch List ... He is one of 50 players named to the 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year watch list ... Robinson is one of 50 players named to the 2019 John R. Wooden Award, presented by Wendy's Player of the Year watch list.

Top Returner

Nickeil Alexander-Walker is one of only seven returning sophomores in the Power 6 to start every game during their rookie season ... He is one of just two in the ACC, joining Oshae Brissett of Syracuse ... Of the seven players, Alexander-Walker owns the third-best points per game mark among the group, trailing Iowa State's Lindell Wigginton (16.7 ppg) and Brissett (14.9) ... He also has the second-most 3-pointers made (58) and 3-point field goal percentage (.392) ... Last season, 30 freshmen in the Power Five and BIG EAST started 25 or more games for their squads, including Alexander-Walker ... Among that group, arguably the best sophomores in the country, Alexander-Walker had the third-best 3-point field goal percentage.

Ah, Youth

Isaiah Wilkins is the 10th-youngest player in Division I basketball this season and the fourth-youngest among Power 6 players ... Wilkins was born on September 29, 2000.

More About Wilkins

Isaiah Wilkins was 5-7 from three-point range in the win over Gardner-Webb ... That is the most three-pointers in a game by a Virginia Tech freshman since Justin Bibbs was 5-of-6 from three-point range in a win over Miami of Ohio in the 2014-15 season ... The school record for three-pointers in a game by a freshman at Virginia Tech is six, by Carlos Dixon against High Point on Dec. 30, 2000 ... The five made threes are the most for a freshman under **Buzz Williams**.

Preseason Rankings

Virginia Tech was ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 preseason poll ... The Hokies made the AP preseason poll for the first time since the beginning of the 2010-11 season when Tech was ranked No. 21 to open the season ... The No. 15 ranking tied the Hokies' best ever preseason ranking ... Tech was ranked 15th entering the 1984-85 season, while coming off a 22-13 season that saw Tech reach the semifinals of the 1984 NIT ... Tech is currently ranked 16th in the AP poll and 17th in the USA Today/Coaches poll.

Analytics and All

The Hokies are currently ranked 22nd by Kenpom.com ... Tech leads the nation in turnover percentage, is seventh in steal percentage, ninth in both adjusted offensive efficiency and three-point field goal percentage defense, 21st in raw offensive efficiency, 24th in effective field goal percentage and 29th in two-point field goal percentage ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.** is 10th in offensive rating and 36th in offensive rebounding percentage ... Isaiah Wilkins is tied for first in turnover percentage.

Buzz Williams Facts

Buzz Williams is in his fifth season at Virginia Tech ... He has a record of 230-146 in his 12th season as a collegiate head coach ... He is 77-60 at Virginia Tech and 53-20 in games played in Cassell Coliseum.

The Big 500+1

By making 14 three-pointers in the win over Northeastern, Tech has now hit a three-point field goal in 501 consecutive games ... Since the three-point arc was added for the 1986-87 season, the Hokies have hit at least one three in all but three games ... The last time Tech did not record a three-point field goal in a game was at Providence on Feb. 1, 2003.

Threes' Points

Virginia Tech made 15 three-point field goals in a game twice last season ... The Hokies made 14 three-pointers in the win over Northeastern, but no one Hokie had more than three, three-pointers ... **Ahmed Hill** and **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** made at least four, three-pointers in a game six times last season.

Vs. Ranked Teams

The Hokies are 39-181 all-time against ranked teams ... Tech was 4-3 against ranked teams last season ... The wins over No. 10 UNC and No. 2 Virginia marked the first time Tech won two straight against top 10 teams since winning three straight against top 10 teams in 2007 ... The Hokies also defeated No. 15 Clemson and No. 5 Duke last year ... Tech is 3-0 all-time against teams ranked 23rd in the AP poll ... Purdue is the first ranked team the Hokies will play this season ... Tonight's game is the second-earliest in a season that Tech has played a nationally-ranked team ... Tech lost at No. 3 Kansas State, 73-57, on Nov. 16, 2010 ... That was the second game of the 2010-11 season.

On This Date

The Hokies are 4-0 all-time on Nov. 18 ... Tech won its most recent game on this date, 71-62, over Jacksonville State in Cassell Coliseum in 2015 ... Tech has never played Purdue on this date ... Tech is 1-0 in in-season tournaments on this date, but have never played away from Cassell Coliseum on Nov. 18.

THE STAT CREW SYSTEM
Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 16, 2018)
All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	1-0	0-0	2-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg									
04	Nickeil Alexander-Wa	3-3	104	34.7	25-47	.532	6-16	.375	6-6	1.000	2	14	16	5.3	7	0	15	4	2	9	62	20.7	
05	Justin Robinson	3-3	91	30.3	15-31	.484	6-15	.400	9-12	.750	5	0	5	1.7	5	0	18	9	0	7	45	15.0	
24	Kerry Blackshear	3-3	64	21.3	20-31	.645	1-4	.250	3-4	.750	9	5	14	4.7	11	1	5	5	2	1	44	14.7	
13	Ahmed Hill	3-3	103	34.3	14-29	.483	5-12	.417	2-2	1.000	2	11	13	4.3	6	0	2	5	0	4	35	11.7	
01	Isaiah Wilkins	3-0	63	21.0	10-19	.526	6-13	.462	2-2	1.000	3	6	9	3.0	2	0	3	0	2	1	28	9.3	
03	Wabissa Bede	3-2	63	21.0	6-12	.500	4-7	.571	0-2	.000	1	7	8	2.7	6	0	7	1	0	5	16	5.3	
42	Ty Outlaw	3-1	61	20.3	5-13	.385	3-10	.300	0-2	.000	4	11	15	5.0	8	0	4	4	2	1	13	4.3	
14	Preston Horne	3-0	43	14.3	2-6	.333	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	2	1	3	1.0	9	1	0	6	2	0	5	1.7	
10	Jonathan Kabongo	3-0	8	2.7	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2	2	0.7	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	0.0	
11	Brendan Palmer	1-0	1	1.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	
Team											6	4	10					1					
Total.....		3	601		97-188	.516	31-78	.397	23-32	.719	34	61	95	31.7	55	2	55	38	10	28	248	82.7	
Opponents.....		3	601		63-143	.441	28-74	.378	29-43	.674	22	58	80	26.7	41	-	37	61	13	8	183	61.0	

TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
SCORING	248	183	11/09/18	GARDNER-WEBB	w 87-59	7736
Points per game	82.7	61.0	11/15/18	vs Ball State	w 73-64	2648
Scoring margin	+21.7	-	11/16/18	vs Northeastern	w 88-60	2752
FIELD GOALS-ATT	97-188	63-143	* - Conference game			
Field goal pct	.516	.441				
3 POINT FG-ATT	31-78	28-74				
3-point FG pct	.397	.378				
3-pt FG made per game	10.3	9.3				
FREE THROWS-ATT	23-32	29-43				
Free throw pct	.719	.674				
F-Throws made per game	7.7	9.7				
REBOUNDS	95	80				
Rebounds per game	31.7	26.7				
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-				
ASSISTS	55	37				
Assists per game	18.3	12.3				
TURNOVERS	38	61				
Turnovers per game	12.7	20.3				
Turnover margin	+7.7	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.4	0.6				
STEALS	28	8				
Steals per game	9.3	2.7				
BLOCKS	10	13				
Blocks per game	3.3	4.3				
ATTENDANCE	7736	5400				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-7736	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	2-2700				

Score by Periods	1st	2nd	Totals
Virginia Tech	131	117	248
Opponents	88	95	183