# VRGINATECH 2018 MEN'S SOCCER

## 2018 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPP.	TIME/RESULT
8-24	Air Force \$	W, 2-1
8-26	Gardner-Webb \$	W, 2-1 (2OT)
8-31	at South Florida	W, 1-0
9-2	at UCF	T, 2-2 (OT)
9-7	at No. 10 Virginia*	T, 1-1 (2OT)
9-11	at UNCG	W, 2-0
9-14	Wake Forest*	L, 1-2
9-18	Longwood	W, 5-1
9-21	at NC State*	L, 0-1
9-28	Syracuse*	W, 1-0 (2OT)
10-2	South Carolina	L, 1-2 (2OT)
10-6	at North Carolina*	L, 1-2
10-12	Pitt*	W, 3-1
10-16	William & Mary	W, 4-0
10-19	at Notre Dame*	W, 5-2
10-23	at Davidson	T, 2-2 (2OT)
10-26	Duke*	L, 0-2
<u>10-31</u>	Syracuse \$	W, 3-1
11-4	at North Carolina \$	L, 0-3
11-18	vs Charlotte #	W, 1-0
11-25	vs JMU #	L, 3-0

\* - ACC Game \$ - ACC Tournament game # - NCAA Tournament All times Eastern Standard Time

#### VIRGINIA TECH BY THE NUMBERS

10 - Goals scored by forward Kristo Strickler, He had three consecutive games with a goal early in the season.

10 - Hokies' Head Coach Mike Brizendine has just completed his 10th season at the helm of the program. He has guided the Hokies to 71 wins and three consecutive NCAA appearances. Under his leadership 8 Hokies have been named All-Conference performers.

7 - Assists by junior James Kasak on the season. The junior has patrolled the left flank, playing winger, wingback and left bank for the Hokies in 2018.

5 - Shutouts recorded by the Hokies so far in 2018, the first career shutout for GK Mathijs Swaneveld a transfer from The Netherlands coming against USF in August.

3 - Consecutive trips to the postseason for the program. It is just the second time that the Hokies have accomplished that feat (2005-07).

2 - All-ACC performers on the Hokies' roster, forward Stricler (Second Team) and goalie Swaneveld (Third Team).

1 - Where Swaneveld ranks in the ACC in saves and saves per game.

# SEASON NOTES

#### THREE STRAIGHT DANCES

•Virginia Tech has appeared in the NCAA Tournament each of the last three seasons, a feat the program had only accomplished once previously.

•Not only have the Hokies been in the competition, but have advanced each time, reaching the Elite Eight in 2016, the Second Round in 2017 and this season, concluding their season in the Sweet Sixteen.

#### **10 WINS AGAIN**

• The Hokies once again reached 10 victories for the third season in a row.

 In this three-year span, the Hokies have accumulated a record of 36-22-7. Their non-conference record is an impressive 27-9-5.

#### **HOKIES AT HOME**

 Thompson Field has proven to be a tough place to for visiting teams to get a result at, with the Hokies' record at the ground in the last three seasons standing at 18-8-2.

 In 2018, Tech went 6-4 while outscoring the opposition 19-12.

#### **STRICKLER NETS 10 GOALS**

• Sophomore forward Kristo Strickler led the club in goals in 2018, finding the back of the net 10 times and scoring a total of 24 points.

• The Hilliard, Ohio native earned Second Team All-ACC recognition for his play in 2018.

• This marks the third consecutive season that the Hokies have had a 10-goal scorer, following the output of Marcelo Acuna in both '16 & '17.

#### SAFE HANDS IN GOAL

 Following the departure of First Team All-ACC performer and MLS Draft pick Ben Lundgaard, the Hokies had to find a new shot stopper to anchor the defense. He arrived in the form of Mathijs Swaneveld, a sophomore from the Netherlands.

 Swaneveld secured five shutouts for the Hokies in his first season, where he played every minute and led the ACC in saves. He was named to the league's Third Team.

#### **HOKIES FINDING THE NET**

• Virginia Tech was the second highest scoring team in the conference this season behind only Wake Forest.

 Strickler's 10 goals led the way, while Nico Quashie had 6, Jon Ingason scored 4 times and midfielders David Sanz and Brendan Moyers each contributed 3 tallies.

 James Kasak tied for fourth in the league with his team-leading 7 assists on the season. The defender also added a goal, for 9 points.

#### SET PIECE SPECIALIST

 Center back and captain Jon Ingason scored four goals in 2018, all from set pieces. He netted three penalties and banged in a free kick at UNCG.

## **HOKIE TRENDS IN 2018**

Overall.  11-7-3    Conference  3-4-1    Thompson Field  6-4-0    On the road  3-3-3    Neutral sites  2-0-0    Overtime games  2-1-3
Natural grass surface
<b>Scoring first</b>
Scoring one goal    3-3-1      Scoring two goals    3-0-2      Scoring 3+ goals    5-0-0
Keeping a shutout    .5-0-0      Allowing one goal    .5-1-1      Allowing two goals    .1-4-2      Allowing 3+ goals    .0-2-0
Games decided by one goal
Leading at halftime4-1-2Trailing at halftime2-3-0Tied at halftime5-3-1
Day games    3-2-2      Night games (5 p.m. or later)    8-5-1
Monday games Tuesday games3-1-1 Wednesday games Friday games Friday games Saturday games0-1-0 Sunday games2-2-1
In August
Wearing white.7-5-0Wearing anthracite.1-0-1Wearing maroon.3-2-2

#### FINAL RPI, RANKINGS, SOS

• In the final RPI, Tech stood at 13.

 The Hokies concluded the season ranked 17 by United Soccer Coaches and 14 by Top Drawer Soccer

 Tech had to navigate the nation's 10th toughest schedule this season. ACC teams occupied 10 of the top 20 spots on the list.