

# VIRGINIA TECH

## 2021 MEN'S SOCCER



9 MLS DRAFT PICKS - 5 CONSECUTIVE NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES - 2007 COLLEGE CUP - FOUR 'SWEET SIXTEENS' SINCE 2016

MATCHDAY 16

### THE MATCHUP

#### #21 VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

9-3-3, 3-3-1 ACC

**Head Coach:** Mike Brizendine (James Madison, 1999)  
**Record at Virginia Tech:** 97-110-35 (13th Season)  
**Career Record:** 124-134-35 (16th Season)

VS

#### #12 PITT PANTHERS

9-4-1, 4-2-1 ACC

**Head Coach:** Jay Vidovich (Ohio Welseyan, 1982)  
**Record at North Carolina:** 53-49-7 (Sixth Season)  
**Career Record:** 325-170-57 (27th Season)

MATCHDAY 16 | VIRGINIA TECH vs. PITT - OCTOBER 29, 2021 | 7 PM | ACCNX | PITTSBURGH, PA. | AMBROSE URBANIC FIELD

#### QUICK COMPARISON

2021 Season		2021 Season
31	Goals	36
2.07	Goals/Game	2.57
1.33	Goals Allowed/Game	1.14
13.4	Shots/Game	14.3
.154	Shot Pct.	.180
.443	SOG Pct.	.450



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### STARTING XI - LAST MATCH

#### VIRGINIA TECH

Pos	#	Name	Note
GK	1	Ben Martino	4 clean sheets in last 6 appearances
D	3	Sivert Haugli	ACC Preseason Watch List
D	5	Welnilton da Silva Jr.	Scored 1st career goal vs. Winthrop
D	6	Cameron Joice	4 assists this season
D	24	Kyle McDowell	Tied for 1st in ACC in assists (7)
MF	8	Mayola Kinyua	1212 minutes played
MF	30	Tyler Taber	1 goal, 2 assists in 4 starts
MF	23	Danny Flores	Named No. 3 freshman by TDS
F	16	Conor Pugh	4 goals in last 4 games
F	17	Nick Blacklock	3 assists in last 5 games
F	18	Jacob Labovitz	Leads team with 8 goals

#### 4-1-4-1 Formation



### KEY STORYLINES

#### BOUNCE BACK OPPORTUNITY

Virginia Tech found itself in unfamiliar territory on Sunday night after falling 2-0 to North Carolina. The result was the Hokies' first loss at home and their first time being shutout at Thompson Field this season. However, with only three losses through 15 games, Tech has not lost back-to-back fixture yet in the 2021 season.

#### SHADES OF 2020

Tech finds itself in a similar spot in the run-in of this season as it did towards the conclusion of the regular season in the spring of 2021. Although they're in a comfortable spot in terms of NCAA Tournament security, the Hokies dropped several results in ACC play after starting strong in last year's campaign. In 2020-21, it took an inspired result on the road against a higher-ranked

ACC squad (1-0, at No. 15 North Carolina) to right the ship ahead of a run to the Sweet Sixteen that included a five-game unbeaten streak.

#### PUT YOUR HEAD ON IT

Eight of Tech's 31 goals (25.8%) have been scored by headers. Labovitz (5), Pugh (2), and Haugli (1). Two of Labovitz's headers (vs. Louisville, vs. Virginia) have been game-winners.

#### VIRGINIA TECH - ACC HISTORY

Should Virginia Tech win on Friday, it would mark the second most ACC wins in one season for the Hokies. Due to unusual scheduling in 2020-21, Tech played 12 ACC fixtures in 2020-21, earning five wins. Four wins would be the most in any eight-game ACC regular season slate. The result would also mark the fourth time that the Hokies have

finished .500 or better in ACC play, other times being: 2004, 2007, and 2020.

#### OLD RELIABLE

Captain Sivert Haugli has played every minute of the 2021 campaign -- 1421 minutes. With 68 career starts in 68 career appearances, the last time the Hokies were on the pitch without Haugli was vs. UNC on Friday, Apr. 2, 2021.

#### IT'S A TEAM EFFORT

Ten players (Labovitz, Pugh, Ameres, Lennon, Monells, Flores, Blacklock, Dover, Haugli, and Taber) have recorded a goal and an assist this season. Only Pugh (ETSU), and Monells and Dover (Louisville) have done it in the same game.

#### IN THE RANKINGS

United Soccer Coaches: 21  
 College Soccer New: 15  
 Top Drawer Soccer: 25

### 2021 SCHEDULE

RECORD	9-3-3
ACC	3-3-1
NON-CONFERENCE	6-0-2
HOME	6-1
AWAY	1-2-1
NEUTRAL	2-0-2

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
8/13	Charlotte (EXH.)	
8/17	NC State (EXH.)	
8/21	at Georgetown (EXH.)	
8/26	Kansas City <sup>1</sup>	T, 2-2 (OT)
8/29	Marshall <sup>1</sup>	W, 3-2
9/3	UCF <sup>2</sup>	W, 2-1
9/6	Seton Hall <sup>2</sup>	T, 3-3 (2OT)
9/11	at Duke*	L, 0-1
9/17	Virginia*	W, 2-1 (2OT)
9/21	at William & Mary	W, 3-2
9/24	Notre Dame*	W, 2-1 (OT)
9/28	ETSU	W, 2-0
10/1	at Boston College*	T, 0-0 (2OT)
10/8	Louisville*	W, 4-2
10/12	Davidson	W, 4-0
10/16	at Wake Forest*	L, 1-3
10/20	Winthrop	W, 3-0
10/24	North Carolina*	L, 0-2
10/29	at Pitt*	7 PM
11/3	ACC First Round <sup>3</sup>	TBA
11/7	ACC Quarterfinal <sup>3</sup>	TBA
11/10	ACC Semifinal <sup>3</sup>	TBA
11/14	ACC Final (Gary, N.C.)	TBA

<sup>1</sup> - JMU INVITE  
<sup>2</sup> - NC STATE INVITE  
<sup>3</sup> - ACC TOURNAMENT  
 \* - ACC MATCH

### HISTORY AGAINST PITT

RECORD	5-3-4
HOME	3-1-2
AWAY	2-2-2
NEUTRAL	0-0
LAST WIN	Oct. 12, 2018, 3-1, HOME
LAST 10 MATCHUPS	4-3-3

### 2020 RESULTS

RECORD	7-6-4
ACC	5-5-2
NON-CONFERENCE	2-1-2
HOME	0-3-3
AWAY	6-2-0
NEUTRAL	4-5-1



MIKE BRIZENDINE

## THE BRIZENDINE FILE

**Coaching Exp.:** 21st season, 17th at Tech

**Head Coach:** 16th season, 13th at Tech

**Record at Tech:** 97-109-34

**Overall Record:** 124-133-34

**College:** James Madison (1999)

**Playing Exp:** James Madison (1996-99)

Year	School	Position
2009-present	Virginia Tech	Head Coach
2004-09	Virginia Tech	Assistant Coach
2001-03	Bridgewater	Head Coach

### Most NCAA Appearances

\*As Head Coach at Virginia Tech

Coach	Apps	Year(s)
Oliver Weiss	4	2003, 2005-07
Mike Brizendine	5	2016-20

## Year-By-Year Record

### CAREER RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD
2001	Bridgewater	4-11
2002	Bridgewater	11-7
2003	Bridgewater	12-6
2009	Virginia Tech	5-12-2
2010	Virginia Tech	5-13-1
2011	Virginia Tech	4-13-2
2012	Virginia Tech	7-10-3
2013	Virginia Tech	4-8-5
2014	Virginia Tech	7-8-2
2015	Virginia Tech	5-9-3
2016	Virginia Tech	13-5-4
2017	Virginia Tech	10-10
2018	Virginia Tech	11-7-3
2019	Virginia Tech	10-6-3
2020	Virginia Tech	7-6-4
2021	Virginia Tech	9-3-3
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>124-134-35</b>

SCHOOL	RECORD
Bridgewater (3 years)	27-24
Virginia Tech (12 years)	97-110-35



Taking over the reins of a program that faced strict recruiting restrictions, head coach Mike Brizendine has rebuilt the men's soccer team and has seen the most success in program history. Brizendine has made it his mission to lead the Virginia Tech program to new heights and make the Hokies into one of the top programs in the Atlantic Coastal Conference.

Professional development has been an important component in the Virginia Tech men's soccer program under Brizendine's watch and that mission came full circle in the MLS SuperDraft 2021. Daniel Pereira was selected No. 1 by Austin FC after two years with the Hokies, while former walk-on Kristo Strickler was selected No. 30 overall by Houston Dynamo.

From 2016-19 the Hokies had the greatest stretch in program history as they made the NCAA Tournament for a program record fourth consecutive time, earned the highest national seeding in program history (10th), won the most ACC games in a four-year time (46) and made six tournament appearances.

In 2019 the Hokies once again made the NCAA Tournament as they claimed the 10th seed and a first-round bye. Tech would face and defeat No. 16 New Hampshire 4-1 in the round of 32 before falling late to Stanford 2-1 in their second-straight Sweet Sixteen appearance.

James Kasak became the seventh Hokie to train under Brizendine and be drafted as he was taken with the sixth pick of the fourth round.

The 2018 campaign was another stellar year for the Hokies as they once again surpassed 10 wins and made their second trip to the round of 16 in the past three seasons.

The 2017 season saw Tech make their second consecutive NCAA appearance season as they defeated Air Force 2-0 in the First Round. On the way to their tournament appearance, the Hokies had historic victories over Creighton, handing the Blue Jays their first home loss on opening night since 1995 and beating No. 1 Notre Dame thanks to two goals from forward Marcelo Acuna.

Following the 2017 season, Ben Lundgaard was taken with the 22nd overall selection by the Columbus Crew Major League Soccer SuperDraft.

The 2016 season was one of the best seasons in recent history and marked a resurgence of the Tech soccer program. The Hokies earned an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, the program's first in a decade, opening with a 1-0 victory over East Tennessee State. The Hokies then went on to defeat Charlotte and Indiana, advancing to the Elite Eight. The program ended the season ranked eighth nationally.

Brizendine was named the 2016 VaSID Coach of the Year with junior Marcelo Acuna earning third-team All-America honors. Senior Juan Pablo Saavedra joined an elite group of former Hokies when he was drafted by FC Toronto in the 2016 MLS Draft.

Brizendine has coached over 25 players that have gone on to play professional soccer, as well as eight MLS draftees. After taking over a program facing significant recruiting restrictions and coming off a four-win season, his leadership has returned Virginia Tech to one of the most competitive programs in the nation.

After serving 10 years as a collegiate assistant coach, including five at Virginia Tech, Brizendine finally got his opportunity lead his own program when former AD Jim Weaver promoted him to the head coach on June 11, 2009.

During the 2015 season, Brizendine's team won five games, including an upset against then-No. 10 Xavier. Sophomore Merlin Baus led the team, tallying 15 points. At the conclusion of the season, Ricardo John signed with the professional team Central F.C. in his native country of Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2014, Brizendine's young squad produced seven wins, including victories over Wake Forest, NC State, SIUE and UNCG. Freshman Ricardo John, who tallied 11 points, was named all-conference and all-region. Underclassmen scored all 19 goals and freshman keeper Ben Lundgaard recorded six shutouts in seeing nearly 75 percent of the minutes in goal.

The 2013 season saw a school-record three players either drafted into the MLS or sign professional contracts following the season. The Hokies also earned eight points in ACC play, the most since 2007, behind five ties and an upset victory over No. 17 Syracuse. Under Brizendine's direction, the Hokie defense only allowed 23 goals all season, the lowest total allowed since 2005, as well as the second first-team All-ACC selection in school history.

Brizendine's 2012 team earned the most wins in a season (seven) for the program since 2007. On Nov. 5, 2012, in College Park, Md., the Hokies scored three unanswered goals to top NC State in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, capturing only the second victory for the team in the tournament since the school joined the conference in 2004.

The 2011 side played five top-25 opponents during the season, and the year was highlighted by a 1-0 double-overtime win over 2011 NCAA champion North Carolina. The victory was the program's first over a No. 1 ranked opponent since 2004.

Under Brizendine's guidance, the Hokies have also had a great deal of success in the classroom. His teams earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award six times (2010-14, 2016-17). The award honors teams with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

As an assistant under former coach Oliver Weiss, Brizendine played an integral role in helping the Hokies make it to the College Cup for the first time in the program's history. For his contributions, he was recognized as the NSCAA's Atlantic Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2007.

Brizendine joined the Hokie staff after a successful stint with Bridgewater (Va.) College, a Division III program that participates in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). After assisting both the men's and women's programs at Bridgewater in 2000, he became the head men's coach from 2001 to 2003, guiding the team from non-competitive status to a full-fledged Division III program. Brizendine led Bridgewater to its two best single-season records - 12-6 in 2003 and 11-7 in 2002 - for a 23-13 mark over two seasons and a .639 winning percentage. For this significant turnaround, his peers named him ODAC Coach of the Year in 2003.

**HOKIE HONORS**

- Sivert Haugli was named to the ACC Pre-season Watch List. The Virginia Tech captain was also named United Soccer Coaches Player of the Week for his two-goal performance against No. 1 Marshall.
- Jacob Labovitz was named ACC Offensive Player of the Week after scoring two goals, including the overtime game winner, against Virginia. It was the second time that Labovitz has earned the award. The forward also received the honor following a two-goal performance against Louisville in 2020.
- Danny Flores earned ACC Offensive Player of the Week honors following his wonder goal in OT against Notre Dame, which also features on SportsCenter's Top 10 plays at No. 4.

**BY THE ACC NUMBERS**

- Jacob Labovitz is tied for fourth in the ACC in goals scored with eight, while Conor Pugh is tied for ninth with six.
- Kyle McDowell is tied for first in the ACC with seven assists.
- Labovitz is sixth in the ACC with 19 points.
- Ben Martino is fourth in the ACC in total saves with 48, averaging 3.69 saves per game which is good for third in the league.

**WELL-BEHAVED HOKIES**

- The Hokies average the least amount of fouls per game with 10.40. Tech is also the only team in the ACC not record a red card.

**CLUTCH GENE**

- Labovitz has now scored three game-winners in overtime for the Hokies. The first occurrence came against Louisville in 2020, then again in the second round of the 2020 NCAA Tournament against No. 15 Oregon State. In each of the three matches, Labovitz scored two goals.

**DRAFT DAY**

- History was made on January 21, 2021, as two Virginia Tech players were selected in the MLS SuperDraft: Daniel Pereira and Kristo Strickler.
- Pereira, a native of Roanoke, Va., was selected first overall by Austin FC, and Kristo Strickler, a native of Hilliard, Oh., was selected No. 30 overall by Houston Dynamo.
- Pereira's selection made him the first Virginia Tech men's soccer player selected first overall, along with the first South American player picked first.
- The midfielder was immediately placed into the Austin FC starting lineup, ahead of its inaugural season in the MLS.
- Strickler now plays with Tormenta FC.

**BEST CLASS YET**

- The Hokies brought in the 12th ranked recruiting class in the 2021 cycle, per TopDrawerSoccer.com.
- The freshman class includes players with experience playing in the USL Championship (Martino, Flores), internationally (Taber), and the 2021 North Carolina Gatorade Player of the Year (Hensley).

**TEAM HISTORY**

First Season of Men's Soccer .....	1972
All-Time Record .....	413-382-93
All-Time ACC Record .....	37-83-27
ACC Tournament Appearances .....	14
ACC Tournament Record .....	5-13-2
NCAA Tournament .....	9 (Last in 2020)
NCAA Tournament Record .....	10-7-3

**ACTIVE STARTS STREAK**

	<u>2021</u>	<u>Streak</u>	<u>Career</u>
Timi Adams	0	-	0
Landon Ameres	8	-	8
Carsten Bay	0	-	0
Jordan Black	0	-	0
Nick Blacklock	6	5	31
Zane Bubbs	0	-	4
Da Silva Jr.	15	15	22
Jack Dearie	0	-	-
Kahlil Dover	0	-	2
Nathan Durst	0	-	20
Danny Flores	14	3	14
Ethan Fraser	0	-	0
Sivert Haugli	15	19	68
Carter Hensley	1	-	1
Cameron Joice	14	14	20
Connor Jordan-Hyde	0	-	-
Mayola Kinyua	15	18	29
Jacob Labovitz	12	12	40
Camron Lennon	7	-	18
Chris Little	3	-	15
Ben Martino	13	4	13
Mason McClendon	0	-	0
Kyle McDowell	14	3	29
Pol Monells	5	-	5
Chris Nicola	0	-	0
Joel Opoku	0	-	0
J.P. Pascarella	0	-	0
Conor Pugh	13	10	13
Declan Quill	1	-	1
Daniel Starr	0	-	3
Kyle Stenzel	0	-	3
Tyler Taber	5	2	5
Chris Thompson	0	-	0
Andrew Weber	2	-	3
Matt Zambetti	2	-	12

- Tech's longest streak is 19 by Sivert Haugli. Tech is 11-3-5 in those contests.
- Until missing the match against Davidson on Oct. 12, Kyle McDowell had the longest streak with 17.
- Sivert Haugli leads the team with 68 career starts.

**HOKIE TRENDS**

	<b>2021</b>
Overall .....	9-3-3
Conference .....	3-2-1
Thompson Field .....	6-1-0
On the road .....	1-2-1
Neutral sites .....	2-0-2
Overtime games .....	2-0-3

Scoring first .....	5-0-1
Opp scores first .....	3-3-1

Scoring zero goals .....	0-2-1
Scoring one goal .....	0-1-0
Scoring two goals .....	4-0-1
Scoring 3+ goals .....	5-0-1

Keeping a shutout .....	3-0-1
Allowing one goal .....	3-1-0
Allowing two goals .....	3-1-1
Allowing 3+ goals .....	0-1-1

Games decided by one goal .....	5-1-0
Games decided by two goals .....	2-1-0
Games decided by 3+ goals .....	2-0-0

Leading at halftime .....	2-0-2
Trailing at halftime .....	2-2-0
Tied at halftime .....	5-1-1

Day games .....	3-0-2
Night games (6 p.m. or later) .....	6-3-1

Monday games .....	0-0-1
Tuesday games .....	3-0-0
Wednesday games .....	1-0-0
Thursday games .....	0-0-1
Friday games .....	4-0-1
Saturday games .....	0-2-0
Sunday games .....	1-1-0

In August .....	1-0-1
In September .....	5-1-1
In October .....	3-2-1
In November .....	0-0-0
In February .....	0-0-0
In March .....	0-0-0
In April .....	0-0-0

Against ranked opposition .....	2-1-1
In televised games .....	5-3-1

**TEAM**

Home win.....	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 .....	3-0 vs. Winthrop
Home loss.....	Sun., Oct. 24, 2021 .....	0-2 vs. North Carolina
Road win.....	Tues., Sep. 21, 2021 .....	3-2 at William & Mary
Road loss.....	Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 .....	1-3, at (RV) Wake Forest
OT win .....	Fri. Sep. 24, 2021 .....	2-1 (OT) vs. Notre Dame
OT loss.....	Sat., March 27, 2021 .....	1-2 (2OT) vs. #5 Pitt
ACC win .....	Fri. Oct. 8, 2021 .....	4-2 vs. #23 Louisville
ACC loss .....	Sun., Oct. 24, 2021 .....	0-2 vs. North Carolina
Non-conference win.....	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 .....	3-0 vs. Winthrop
Non-conference loss .....	Sun., Dec. 1, 2019 .....	1-2 at #7 Stanford
Shutout win .....	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 .....	3-0 vs. Winthrop
Shutout tie .....	Fri., Oct. 1, 2021 .....	0-0, at Boston College
Scored 1 goal.....	Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 .....	1-3, at (RV) Wake Forest
Scored 2 goals.....	Tues. Sep. 28, 2021 .....	2-0 vs. ETSU
Scored 3 goals.....	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 .....	3-0 vs. Winthrop
Scored 4 goals.....	Tues. Oct. 12, 2021 .....	4-0 vs. Davidson
Scored 5+ goals .....	Fri., Oct. 19, 2018 .....	5-2 at Notre Dame
Allowed 1 goal.....	Fri. Sep. 24, 2021 .....	2-1 (OT) vs. Notre Dame
Allowed 2 goals.....	Sun., Oct. 24, 2021 .....	0-2 vs. North Carolina
Allowed 3 goals.....	Sat., Oct. 2, 2021 .....	1-3, at (RV) Wake Forest
Allowed 4 goals.....	Sat., March 6, 2021 .....	2-4 vs. Duke
Allowed 5+ goals.....	Sun., Aug. 27, 2017 .....	1-5 at Omaha
5+ assists.....	Tues. Oct. 12, 2021 .....	4-0 vs. Davidson
10+ corner kicks.....	Fri., Oct. 1, 2021 .....	0-0, at Boston College
25+ Shots.....	Sat., April 17, 2021 .....	3-3 vs. UMass

**INDIVIDUAL**

Hat trick.....	Tue., Oct. 1, 2019 .....	Kristo Strickler vs. Gardner Webb
5+ points .....	Tue., Oct. 1, 2019 .....	Kristo Strickler (6) vs. Gardner Webb
2+ assists .....	Wed., Oct. 20, 2021 .....	3-0 vs. Winthrop
10+ saves.....	Sun., Nov. 10, 2019 .....	Mathijs Swaneveld(10) vs Wake Forest

**2021 ACC STANDINGS**

**ATLANTIC**

	PTS	ACC	PCT	OVERALL	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Louisville	15	5-2	0.714	10-5	0.667	9-2	1-3	0-0	W1
Clemson	12	4-3	0.571	10-4	0.714	6-2	4-2	0-0	L1
Wake Forest	10	3-3-1	0.500	9-5-1	0.633	7-3-0	2-2-1	0-0-0	L1
Boston College	8	2-3-2	0.429	6-5-2	0.538	5-0-2	1-5-0	0-0-0	W2
Syracuse	7	2-4-1	0.357	8-6-2	0.563	6-3-1	2-3-1	0-0-0	W1
NC State	2	0-5-2	0.143	6-7-2	0.467	5-4-1	1-3-1	0-0-0	L3

**COASTAL**

	PTS	ACC	PCT	OVERALL	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Notre Dame	14	4-1-2	0.714	9-4-2	0.667	7-2-1	2-2-1	0-0-0	T1
Duke	13	4-2-1	0.643	10-3-1	0.750	6-2-0	4-1-1	0-0-0	T1
Pitt	13	4-2-1	0.643	9-4-1	0.679	7-0-0	2-4-1	0-0-0	W1
Virginia Tech	10	3-3-1	0.500	9-3-3	0.700	6-1-0	1-2-1	2-0-2	L1
North Carolina	9	3-4	0.429	9-5-1	0.633	6-2-1	3-3-0	0-0-0	W2
Virginia	7	2-4-1	0.357	6-7-3	0.469	5-3-3	1-3-0	0-1-0	W1

# VIRGINIA TECH MEN'S SOCCER

## VIRGINIA TECH ROSTERS

#	NAME	POS	HT	YR	HOMETOWN	HS/LAST SCHOOL	ALPHABETICAL
0	Connor Jordan-Hyde	GK	6' 2"	r-So.	Leawood, Kan.	The Pembroke School	27 Adams
1	Ben Martino	GK	6' 6"	Fr.	Pittsburgh, Penn.	YSC Academy	20 Ameres
2	Jack Dearie	M	6' 2"	Fr.	Ponte Verde Beach, Fla.	Nease	32 Bay
3	Sivert Haugli	D	6' 5"	So.	Oslo, Norway	Norges Toppidrettsgymnas	33 Black
4	Kyle Stenzel	M	6' 0"	So.	Staunton, Virginia	Robert E. Lee	17 Blacklock
5	Welnilton Da Silva II	D	6' 1"	Fr.	Para, Brazil	Montverde Academy	28 Bubb
6	Cameron Joice	M	6' 0"	Jr.	Newcastle, Australia	Monroe College	5 da Silva Jr.
7	Declan Quill	M	6' 2"	Fr.	Falls Church, Va.	George Mason	2 Dearie
8	Mayola Kinyua	F	5' 8"	So.	Nairobi, Kenya	Montverde Academy	14 Dover
9	Pol Monells	F	5' 6"	Gr.	Barcelona, Spain	USC-Upstate	19 Durst
10	Chris Little	M	5' 10"	Jr.	Fairfax, Va.	Briar Woods	23 Flores
11	Daniel Starr	F	6' 3"	So.	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle	15 Fraser
12	Andrew Weber	M	5' 9"	Jr.	Earlsville, Va.	Albemarle	3 Haugli
13	Carter Hensley	M	6' 2"	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Myers Park	13 Hensley
14	Kahlil Dover	F	6' 3"	Jr.	Reston, Va.	South Lakes	6 Joice
15	Ethan Fraser	F	6' 1"	Fr.	Leesbueg, Va.	Heritage	0 Jordan-Hyde
16	Conor Pugh	M	6' 0"	So.	Dublin, Ireland	Coastal Carolina	8 Kinyua
17	Nick Blacklock	M	5' 10"	So.	Hellertown, Penn.	YSC Academy	18 Labovitz
18	Jacob Labovitz	F	6' 1"	Sr.	Great Falls, Va.	Farleigh Dickinson	21 Lennon
19	Nathan Durst	D	6' 2"	r-So.	Loudon, Va.	Rock Ridge	10 Little
20	Landon Ameres	M	5' 8"	Fr.	Palmetto, Fla.	Palmetto	22 McClendon
21	Camron Lennon	F	6' 0"	Sr.	Austin, Texas	Westwood	1 Martino
22	Mason McClendon	D	5' 11"	So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	First Colonial	24 McDowell
23	Danny Flores	M	5' 9"	Fr.	Half Moon Bay, Calif.	YSC Academy	9 Monells
24	Kyle McDowell	M	5' 10"	Jr.	West Sussex, England	Ottawa University	26 Nicola
25	Matt Zambetti	GK	6' 1"	So.	Mechanicsburg, Penn.	Cumberland Valley	31 Opoku
26	Chris Nicola	D	6' 3"	So.	San Diego, Calif.	Northwood	34 Pascarella
27	Timi Adams	GK	6' 7"	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Riverwood International Charter	16 Pugh
28	Zane Bubb	D	6' 4"	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	North Florida	7 Quill
29	Chris Thompson	D	5' 10"	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va.	Colgan	11 Starr
30	Tyler Taber	M	5' 7"	Fr.	Bertrange, Luxembourg	University of Nebraska (HS)	4 Stenzel
31	Joel Opoku	D	5' 11"	Fr.	Brampton, Ontario	Casper College	30 Taber
32	Carsten Bay	D	6' 2"	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va.	Frank W. Cox	29 Thompson
33	Jordan Black	D	6' 6"	Fr.	Woodbridge, Va.	Colgan	12 Weber
34	J.P. Pascarella	D	5' 10"	So.	Leawood, Kan.	Leesville Road	25 Zambetti

## PRONUNCIATIONS

<b>Sivert Haugli</b> . . . . . See-vert How-glee	<b>Pol Monells</b> . . . . . Pole
<b>Welnilton da Silva Jr.</b> . . . . . Well-NIL-ton	<b>Andrew Weber</b> . . . . . Webb-er
<b>Mayola Kinyua</b> . . . . . MY-oh-la Ken-YOU-ah	<b>Timi Adams</b> . . . . . Timmy
<b>Joel Opoku</b> . . . . . Jole OH-po-ku	<b>Mike Brizendine</b> . . . . . Briz-en-DINE (fine)

## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

### BY STATE

#### STATES REPRESENTED (8)

Virginia (13 student-athletes)  
 Pennsylvania (Zambetti, Blacklock, Martino)  
 Florida (Dearie, Ameres)  
 North Carolina (Bubb, Hensley)  
 Kansas (Pascarella, Jordan-Hyde)  
 California (Flores, Nicola)  
 Texas (Lennon)  
 Georgia (Adams)

### BY COUNTRY

#### COUNTRIES REPRESENTED (10)

USA (26)  
 Australia (1), Joice  
 Brazil (1), Da Silva II  
 Canada (1), Opoku  
 England (1), McDowell  
 Germany (1), Bluemler  
 Ireland (1), Eythorsson  
 Kenya (1), Kinyua  
 Luxembourg (1), Taber  
 Norway (1), Haugli  
 Spain (1), Monells

### BY CLASS

#### SENIORS (10)

Haugli, Joice, Little, Weber, Dover, Labovitz, Lennon, McDowell, Bubb, Monells (Grad.)

#### JUNIORS (9)

Stenzel, Kinyua, Starr, Blacklock, McClendon, Zambetti, Nicola, Jordan-Hyde, Durst

#### SOPHOMORES (5)

Dearie, da Silva Jr., Pugh, Ameres, Pascarella

#### FRESHMEN (11)

Martino, Quill, Hensley, Fraser, Flores, Adams, Thompson, Taber, Opoku, Bay, Black



**PAT MCSORLEY**

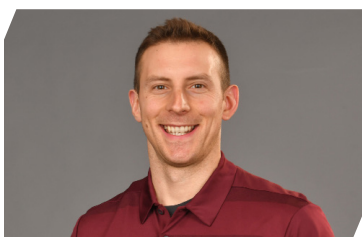
**Associate Head Coach**

Experience: 13 years  
Alma Mater: James Madison (1995)

McSorley remains the all-time leader goalscorer at JMU, where he starred from 1992-95. He scored 42 goals and tallied 103 total points while helping the Dukes go 73-14-6 during his four years

He joined the Hokies after working in Harrisonburg for six years serving as the associate head coach.

McSorley is married to Virginia Tech Assistant AD, Compliance and Athletics Title IX Bridget Brugger McSorley.



**JAMES LOFTON**

**Assistant Coach**

Experience: Third season  
Alma Mater: William & Mary

Lofton joined the Hokies after a successful five-year tenure as the head coach of the Ferrum College women's soccer program. With the Panthers, Lofton won 11 games in back-to-back seasons, the program's best stretch in history.

He played collegiately at UNC Greensboro and William & Mary appearing with both programs in the NCAA tournament.

**JUST VIRGINIA TECH, PLEASE**

- While the full name of the school is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the school is commonly referred to as "Virginia Tech."
- Founded in 1872, as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, the university changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1896.
- Fans of the athletic department, as well as media covering the Hokies, shortened the name to VPI, but it eventually became Virginia Tech.
- The "State University" was added in 1970 to bring the official title to what it is today.
- Those covering Hokie athletics are asked to refer to the university as simply "Virginia Tech."
- **Virginia Tech University, VPI and SU, VPI&SU, VT or VA Tech are not recognized names and should not be used.**

**WHAT IS A HOKIE?**

- That's the most frequently asked question regarding Virginia Tech athletics. The answer leads back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute.
- With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Old Hokie" yell which still is used today.
- Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning, but had been thought up in an effort to get attention.
- Hokie soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics.
- Following is the "Old Hokie" yell in its original form:

**Hoki, Hoki, Hoki Hy!  
Tech! Tech! V.P.I!  
Sola-Rex Sola-Rah**



Thompson Field serves as the home of the Virginia Tech men’s and women’s soccer teams as well as the lacrosse team. Located in the center of the Virginia Tech athletics complex, the facility ranks as one of the finest for both soccer and lacrosse in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Located across from Lane Stadium, the Hokies’ football home, and adjacent to Tech Softball Park, Thompson Field was completed in the fall of 2003 and dedicated in 2008 in the name of Sandra D. Thompson, a longtime supporter of women’s athletics at Virginia Tech.

The field is a bluegrass playing surface and measures approximately 75 by 120 yards. It is equipped with an underground irrigation system and a drainage system that allows for it to be ready for play quickly following rainstorms. The complex also features a wireless scoreboard, and a permanent Hubbell lighting system allows for night games.

The athletics department has made improvements gradually since the venue opened in 2003. In 2005, workers completed a new restroom facility for the field, and during the summer of 2008, a new game operations center was erected atop the stadium above the fans. The approximately 900-square foot facility includes two broadcast booths for both home team and visiting team radio broadcasts. The center also has two covered areas devoted to broadcasting and/or videographers’ cameras, and there is a large working area for media members covering the Hokies.

The climate-controlled facility also contains a state-of-the-art sound system and Ethernet capability. The Internet-ready facility allows Tech’s official athletics website, hokiesports.com, to originate live audio broadcasts and live stats of the Hokies’ matches from the press box. Above the grandstand is a wired camera deck.

Between each team’s bench area is the Sandy D. Thompson Press Box. Formerly the press operations center for the field, the facility is now used as a halftime room for game officials and as an auxiliary area for press and game operations.

Thompson Field, which has been expanded since it was opened, now features approximately 2,028 bench-back seats, where each fan has an unobstructed view of the playing surface. Spacious area around the field allows for nearly 1,500 more fans to watch games.

A video board was installed in the spring of 2019 and debuted for the soccer programs in the fall of 2019.

With the ACC Network’s launch in August of 2019, the field has been equipped with new lights to better showcase the field not only in-venue but on television.

## HOKIES AT HOME

### MEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

Seasons	20
Overall record	78-59-21
ACC record	19-39-1
Non conference record	56-18-19
Ranked opponents	11-29
Coach Brizendine’s Record	47-41-16

### WOMEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

Seasons	20
Overall record	114-47-21
ACC record	37-35-1
Non conference record	78-9-20
Ranked opponents	16-35-1

### LACROSSE QUICK FACTS

Seasons	18
Overall record	51-54
ACC record	4-33
Non conference record	45-19
Ranked opponents	3-37

# VIRGINIA TECH MEN'S SOCCER

## 2021 COMBINED STATISTICS

Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
08/26/2021	vs Kansas City	Tot1	2-2	160
08/29/2021	vs Marshall	W	3-2	113
09/03/2021	vs UCF	W	2-1	50
09/06/2021	vs Seton Hall	Tot2	3-3	116
* 09/11/2021	at Duke	L	0-1	863
* 09/17/2021	Virginia	Wot2	2-1	2725
09/21/2021	at William & Mary	W	3-2	1129
* 09/24/2021	Notre Dame	Wot1	2-1	1423
09/28/2021	ETSU	W	2-0	511
* 10/01/2021	at Boston College	Tot2	0-0	1956
* 10/08/2021	Louisville	W	4-2	765
10/12/2021	Davidson	W	4-0	435
* 10/16/2021	at Wake Forest	L	1-3	3026
10/20/2021	Winthrop	W	3-0	551
* 10/24/2021	North Carolina	L	0-2	1115

### Team statistics

	HOKIES	OPP
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	31-201	20-167
Goals scored per game	2.07	1.33
Shot pct.	.154	.120
Shots on goal-Attempts	89-201	77-167
SOG pct.	.443	.461
Shots/Game	13.4	11.1
Assists	36	16
<b>GOAL BREAKDOWN</b>		
Total Goals	31	20
Penalty	3	4
Unassisted	-	-
Overtime	2	0
Goals scored average	2.07	1.33
<b>CORNER KICKS</b>		
Goals off corners	72	75
<b>PENALTY KICKS</b>		
	3-3	4-5
<b>OFFSIDES</b>		
	31	21
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Fouls	156	165
Yellow cards	29	28
Red cards	0	4
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	7525	6974
Dates/Avg Per Date	7/1075	4/1744
Neutral Site #/Avg	4/110	-

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	9-3-3	6-1-0	1-2-1	2-0-2
Conference	3-3-1	3-1-0	0-2-1	0-0-0
Non-Conference	6-0-2	3-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-2

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GWG	PK-ATT
18	Labovitz, Jacob	13	8	3	19	32	.250	18	.563	2	0-0
16	Pugh, Conor	15	6	2	14	31	.194	17	.548	2	0-0
9	Monells, Pol	15	4	2	10	33	.121	13	.394	2	0-0
20	Ameres, Landon	15	3	3	9	9	.333	4	.444	0	0-0
3	Haugli, Sivert	15	3	1	7	9	.333	5	.556	0	2-2
17	Blacklock, Nick	15	2	3	7	17	.118	7	.412	1	1-1
24	McDowell, Kyle	14	0	7	7	2	.000	2	1.000	0	0-0
23	Flores, Danny	14	1	3	5	18	.056	6	.333	1	0-0
14	Dover, Kahlil	15	1	2	4	9	.111	4	.444	0	0-0
30	Taber, Tyler	9	1	2	4	7	.143	4	.571	0	0-0
6	Joice, Cameron	15	0	4	4	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
21	Lennon, Camron	10	1	1	3	5	.200	2	.400	0	0-0
5	Da Silva Jr., Welnilton	15	1	0	2	9	.111	2	.222	1	0-0
12	Weber, Andrew	15	0	1	1	8	.000	3	.375	0	0-0
8	Kinyua, Mayola	15	0	1	1	4	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
10	Little, Chris	6	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
7	Quill, Declan	5	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11	Starr, Daniel	5	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
4	Stenzel, Kyle	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	McClendon, Mason	4	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	Bubb, Zane	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
26	Nicola, Chris	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Martino, Ben	13	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Durst, Nathan	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
25	Zambetti, Matt	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
13	Hensley, Carter	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>.154</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>.443</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3-3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>.120</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>.461</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4-5</b>

#	Goalie	GP	MIN.	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W-L-T	SHO/CBO
1	Martino, Ben	13	1235:54	16	1.17	48	.750	8-3-2	4/0
25	Zambetti, Matt	2	183:52	4	1.96	7	.636	1-0-1	0/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0-0-0	0/0
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>1419:46</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>.740</b>	<b>9-3-3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>1419:46</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.97</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>.652</b>	<b>3-9-3</b>	<b>3</b>

### Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	8	21	1	1	31
Opponents	8	12	0	0	20

### Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	94	96	6	5	201
Opponents	69	87	5	6	167

### Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	31	22	2	2	57
Opponents	29	28	1	0	58

### Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	32	37	2	1	72
Opponents	31	39	3	2	75

### Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	74	76	2	4	156
Opponents	80	74	9	2	165

