



2020-21 Virginia Tech Wrestling Match Notes

Game Info

February 5 | Match 8
Blacksburg, Va.
Cassell Coliseum

INFORMATION

No. 8 Virginia Tech



Hokies

Record.....7-0, 3-0 ACC
Head Coach.....Tony Robie
Record at Tech (Years).....38-11 (4th)

No. 3 NC State



Wolfpack

Record.....5-0, 3-0 ACC
All-Time Series.....NCSU leads 35-27-1
Head Coach.....Pat Popolizio

NOTES

HOKIES VS. WOLFPACK

- Friday night will be the 64th meeting between the Hokies and Wolfpack on the mat. NC State leads the all-time series 35-27-1.
- The Hokies' last win over the Pack came in Blacksburg on Feb. 11, 2017. Tech has dropped the last three meetings by no more than four team points., however, it is 7-3 in its last 10 meetings vs. NC State.
- Tech is ranked No. 8 in the country by the NWCA Coaches Poll for the sixth straight time this season. No. 3 NC State is the Hokies largest test of the season. Tech 1-0 against ranked opponents this season after a 23-9 win over No. 14 North Carolina Saturday.
- The Hokies and Wolfpack have had two common opponents thus far, with both teams registering wins vs. Virginia and North Carolina.

KEY MATCHUPS

- The Hokies and Wolfpack combined have 15 ranked wrestlers, which should set up a night of ranked matchups at 125, 133, 165, 184 and 285 pounds.
- The marquee matchup of the dual should come at 184 pounds in a rematch of the 2020 ACC Championship between No. 2 Hunter Bolen and No. 4 Trent Hidlay. Bolen defeated Hidlay in both meetings last season, including a 2-1 decision in the ACC title match. With both wrestlers in the top-5 in the country, Friday night's 184-pound

How to Watch



match could very well be a 2021 ACC Championship preview.

• Another potential top-10 matchup Friday night will be at 125 pounds between No. 8 Sam Latona and No. 4 Jakob Camacho.

Latona is 6-0 this season and ranked in the top-10 this week for the first time in his career. The redshirt freshman is 1-0 against ranked opponents, having beat No. 12 Killian Cardinale earlier this season.

• At 133 pounds, No. 8 Korbin Myers could see No. 13 Jarrett Trombly. This season, Myers has major decisions over No. 11 Jaime Hernandez and No. 12 Louie Hayes, securing bonus points in both matches without surrendering a takedown.

• No. 1 Mekhi Lewis gets his second straight ranked matchup after beating No. 8 Kennedy Monday Saturday in No. 15 Thomas Bullard. Lewis is on a 26-match winning streak since Dec. 1, 2018 which includes the 2019 National Championship.

• Lastly, No. 17 John Borst may get his first ranked matchup of the season against No. 19 Deonte Wilson. Borst is 4-0 this season with two technical falls.

HOWARD WINS ACC WOTW

• After winning the biggest match of his career, redshirt sophomore Dakota Howard was named ACC Wrestler of the Week by the conference Tuesday.

• Howard took down No. 9 Gavin Kane of North Carolina late in the third period to take an 8-6 lead in the match which he would not give up, upsetting Kane 8-7.

• Following the win, Howard is ranked for the first time in his career, listed as No. 32 at 174 pounds in TrackWrestling's rankings.

• This marks the second time a Hokie wrestler earned the conference award. Sam Latona was named the wrestler of the week on Jan. 12 after going 3-0 at the West Virginia quad meet.

LEWIS UNBEATEN STREAK

• Since December 1, 2018, Mekhi Lewis has not lost a collegiate match. He has won his last 26 matches, including the 2019 National Championship.

• The redshirt sophomore has never lost an ACC match in his career, boasting a perfect 8-0 record in conference play.

Schedule

JANUARY

2	CAMPBELL vs. Ohio	BLACKSBURG, VA. Morgantown, Va.	W, 28-6 W, 39-6
10	vs. Kent State	Morgantown, Va.	W, 32-9
10	at West Virginia	Morgantown, Va.	W, 24-10
22	VIRGINIA*	BLACKSBURG, VA.	W, 19-15
29	at Duke*	Durham, N.C.	W, 42-3
30	at North Carolina*	Chapel Hill, N.C.	W, 23-9

FEBRUARY

5	NC STATE*	BLACKSBURG, VA.	8 p.m.
12	PITT*	BLACKSBURG, VA.	6 p.m.
28	ACC Championships	Raleigh, N.C.	All Day

MARCH

18	NCAA Championships (Day 1)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
19	NCAA Championships (Day 2)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day
20	NCAA Championships (Day 3)	St. Louis, Mo.	All Day

CAPS = HOME | AT = ROAD | * = ACC CONFERENCE MATCH

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PROBABLES

WT	Name	W-L	MD	TF	F
125	#8 Sam Latona	6-0	2	1	0
OR	Joey Prata	4-0	1	0	0
133	#8 Korbin Myers	5-0	2	0	0
141	Sam Hillegas	4-2	0	0	2
OR	Collin Gerardi	5-0	2	0	1
149	#11 Bryce Andonian	5-1	2	0	2
157	Connor Brady	4-3	1	0	0
165	#1 Mekhi Lewis	7-0	2	2	1
174	Dakota Howard	1-3	0	0	0
184	#2 Hunter Bolen	6-0	1	1	0
197	Andy Smith	4-3	0	0	0
OR	Stan Smeltzer	6-0	0	1	2
285	#17 John Borst	4-0	0	2	0
OR	Hunter Catka	5-1	1	2	0

MD = MAJOR DECISION | TF = TECHNICAL FALL | F = FALL



NWCA Coaches Poll

January 26 | *Opponents in italics*

Team	W-L	Conf.	Prev.
1 Iowa (14)	(3-0)	Big Ten	1
2 Michigan	(3-0)	Big Ten	2
3 <i>NC State</i>	(5-0)	ACC	3
4 Penn State	(2-0)	Big Ten	4
5 Oklahoma State	(7-0)	Big 12	5
6 Missouri	(9-0)	MAC	6
7 Nebraska	(4-1)	Big Ten	7
8 Virginia Tech	(7-0)	ACC	8
9 Illinois	(4-1)	Big Ten	9
10 Arizona State	(2-0)	Pac-12	10
11 Ohio State	(4-1)	Big Ten	11
12 Iowa State	(6-2)	Big 12	13
13 Minnesota	(4-2)	Big Ten	15
14 <i>North Carolina</i>	(2-2)	ACC	14
15 <i>Pittsburgh</i>	(3-2)	ACC	12
16 Northern Iowa	(3-2)	Big 12	16
17 Wisconsin	(1-3)	Big Ten	18
18 Purdue	(2-3)	Big Ten	19
19 Oklahoma	(5-3)	Big 12	22
20 <i>Virginia</i>	(2-2)	ACC	NR
21 Navy	(3-1)	EIWA	24
22 Stanford	(4-2)	Pac-12	21
23 Michigan State	(1-2)	Big Ten	23
24 Rutgers	(0-4)	Big Ten	20
25 Lehigh	(2-2)	EIWA	NR

Others Receiving Votes: Northern Colorado 26, Binghamton 21, *West Virginia* 19, *Campbell* 15, Central Michigan 14, Army West Point 9, South Dakota State 7, Wyoming 7, Northwestern 4, Hofstra 3, Appalachian State 2, North Dakota State 2, Rider 1.



2020-21 ACC Standings

Team	Overall	ACC	Pct.
Virginia Tech	7-0	3-0	1.000
NC State	5-0	3-0	1.000
Pitt	3-2	1-2	.600
North Carolina	2-2	1-2	.500
Virginia	2-2	1-2	.500
Duke	0-3	0-3	.000

ACC Schedule (Week 6)

Friday, Feb. 5

Duke at Virginia, 6 p.m.
North Carolina at Pitt, 6 p.m.
NC State at Virginia Tech, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 6

North Carolina at Lehigh, 4 p.m.

RECORD VS. 2020-21 OPPONENTS

Campbell	16-2
West Virginia	12-11-2
Kent State	1-4
Ohio	3-8
Virginia	49-28-1
Duke	32-12-1
North Carolina	40-31-2
NC State	27-35-1
Pitt	5-12

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Name	Virginia Tech
Location	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
Enrollment	34,000
President	Dr. Timothy Sands
Director of Athletics	Whit Babcock
Nickname	Hokies
Mascot	Hokie Bird
Colors	Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Atlantic Coast
Home Stadium	Cassell Coliseum
Capacity	8,925

INFORMATION

2019-20 Record	11-3
2019-20 Conference Record / Tournament Finish	2-3 / 5th
2020 ACC Individual Champions	1
2020 NCAA Qualifiers	9
Returning Starters	6

STAFF

Head Coach (Alma Mater)	Tony Robie (Edinboro)
Virginia Tech Record / Years	41-11 / Fourth season
Overall Record / Years	41-23 / Five years
Associate Head Coach	Jared Frayer (Oklahoma)
Assistant Coach	Cody Brewer (Oklahoma)
Volunteer Assistant Coach	Jared Haught (Virginia Tech)
Director of Operations	Tucker Davidson (Radford)
Athletic Trainer	Sean Collins (Montana)
Strength & Conditioning	Brian Neal (Bridgewater College)

ROSTER

Name	Yr.	Wt. (lbs.)	Hometown	High School / Previous School
Bryce Andonian	So.	149	Kirtland, Ohio	St. Edward
Hunter Bolen	r-Jr.	184	Floyd, Va.	Christiansburg
John Borst	r-Jr.	285	Stephens City, Va.	Sherando
Connor Brady	r-Fr.	157	Powell, Ohio	Liberty
Hunter Catka	Fr.	285	Brookhaven, Penn.	Sun Valley
Kolton Clark	r-Fr.	174	Scottsboro, Ala.	Scottsboro
Caden Darber	r-Jr.	149	Williamsburg, Va.	New Kent
Sam Fisher	Fr.	174	Warrenton, Va.	Fauquier
Jordan Florence	r-So.	165	Bealeton, Va.	Liberty
Collin Gerardi	r-So.	133	Powhatan, Va.	Powhatan
Mario Gonzalez-Escobar	Fr.	174	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly
Brandon Green	Fr.	174	Swedesboro, N.J.	Paulsboro
Jake Hart	r-So.	157	Fort Mill, S.C.	Fort Mill
Sam Hillegas	Fr.	141	Pittsburgh, Penn.	North Hills
Simeone Holmes	Fr.	174	Midlothian, Va.	Cosby
Dakota Howard	r-So.	197	Cleveland, Ohio	St. Edward
Colby Kassir	Fr.	184	Virginia Beach, Va.	Cape Henry Collegiate
Sam Latona	r-Fr.	125	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson
Mekhi Lewis	r-So.	165	Bound Brook, N.J.	Bound Brook
Korbin Myers	Gr.	133	Carlisle, Pa.	Boiling Springs / Edinboro
Joey Prata	r-Sr.	125	Richmond, Va.	St. Christopher's School
Stanley Smeltzer	r-Jr.	197	Smithfield, Va.	Smithfield
Andy Smith	Fr.	197	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg
Alex Swoope	Fr.	157	Virginia Beach, Va.	Floyd E. Kellam
Nick Thompson	Fr.	125	Fort Worth, Texas	All Saints Episcopal
Jarrett Tronge	So.	285	Powhatan, Va.	Powhatan
Clayton Ulrey	Fr.	165	Grantville, Penn.	Lower Dauphin
Nathan Warden	Fr.	174	Coal City, W. Va.	Christiansburg
Brandon Wittenberg	r-Fr.	125	Haymarket, Va.	Battlefield





Tony ROBIE (ROH-bee)

- Fourth season as Virginia Tech head coach
- 2019 & 2017 ACC Coach of the Year
- Led the Hokies to two ACC Tournament titles and an ACC Dual Meet title
- Been on staff at Virginia Tech since 2006
- Previously served as head coach at Binghamton

The Robie File

PERSONAL

HOMETOWN: Erie, Pennsylvania

FAMILY: Wife, Jennifer; Sons, Nate, Luke Jake

COACHING RECORD AT VIRGINIA TECH: 41-11 (4th year)

CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD: 41-23 (.641)

EDUCATION

Edinboro - Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice

JOINED TECH STAFF: April 17, 2006

PROMOTED TO TECH HEAD COACH: March 21, 2017

YEARS OF COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING: 5

YEARS OF COLLEGIATE COACHING: 22

COACHING HISTORY

- 2017- Virginia Tech (Head Coach)
- 2006-17 Virginia Tech (Assistant Coach)
- 2005-06 Binghamton (Head Coach)
- 2000-04 Michigan (Assistant Coach)
- 1999-00 Edinboro (Assistant Coach)
- 1998-99 West Virginia (Assistant Coach)

WRESTLING HISTORY

Two-time All-American at Edinboro and a 1997 NCAA finalist at 158 pounds. Went 126-23 in his collegiate career. Three-time Eastern Wrestling League champion and Pennsylvania Athletic Conference champion. Earned a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships. Inducted into the Edinboro Sports Hall of Fame in 2008.

POSTSEASON

NCAA Championships

- 2017 - 6th Place / Five All-Americans
- 2018 - 8th Place / Three All-Americans
- 2019 - 11th Place / Three All-Americans
- 2020 - No Championships / Two All-Americans

ACC Championships

- 2017 - 1st Place / Six ACC Champions
- 2018 - 1st Place / Four ACC Champions
- 2019 - 2nd Place / Three ACC Champions
- 2020 - 5th Place / One ACC Champion

When Virginia Tech head wrestling coach Tony Robie came to Blacksburg in 2006, he was an associate head coach who inherited a barren program that had the potential to be great. Progressively he helped build the Hokies into one of the top programs in the ACC and a mainstay in the top 10 nationally. Three full seasons into his tenure as head coach, Robie is still leading the Hokies into new territory.

In 2019-20, the program rose up the ranks to the No. 3 spot in the National Wrestling Coaches of America Coaches Poll, the highest rank under Robie and tied for the highest in its history. He helped the progression of redshirt sophomore Hunter Bolen, who went on to win his first ACC title in 2020 and was the No. 2 seed for the 2020 NCAA Championships at 184 pounds. True freshman Bryce Andonian and fifth-year senior David McFadden were also ACC runners-up in 2020 under Robie's tutelage.

In 2018-19, Robie helped guide Mekhi Lewis to the program's first national championship and Most Outstanding Wrestler honors at the 2019 NCAA Championships in Pittsburgh. Lewis' title run at 165 pounds wrapped up a season that saw the Hokies finish in the top 11 at the NCAA Championships for the eighth consecutive season and a top two placing at the ACC Championships for the seventh straight year. Tech had three All-Americans and three ACC champions in Lewis, Zack Zavatsky and David McFadden. Robie's performance earned him 2019 ACC Coach of the Year accolades, his second time receiving the honor.

In his first season leading the program, Robie continued Virginia Tech wrestling's run of success as the Hokies won its second consecutive ACC Championship and placed eighth at the NCAA Championships in Cleveland.

Robie became the first coach in the history of ACC wrestling to guide his team to conference championships in his first two seasons. With Robie on staff, Virginia Tech has won four ACC titles over the last seven years and seven conference trophies overall when including dual meet championships.

In Robie's first full campaign, Virginia Tech placed at least three wrestlers on the podium at nationals for the sixth consecutive season. Jared Haught led the group of three All-Americans in 2018 by becoming the Hokies' second-ever national finalist, joining Devin Carter in 2014. Four Hokies – Haught, David McFadden, Brent Moore and Dennis Gustafson – won ACC titles, with Moore taking home Most Valuable Wrestler honors. Robie also coached McFadden to a regular season record of 30-0, the first undefeated season at Virginia Tech since 2001-02.

In duals, Robie led the Hokies to a 14-3 overall record, a 4-1 mark in ACC matches and a final ranking of No. 10 in the final NWCA Coaches Poll. Robie's 14 dual meet victories ranks second in the ACC record book for most wins by a first-year head coach behind Wade Schalles' 15 wins with Clemson in 1978. His .824 winning percentage ranks third all-time in ACC history for a rookie head coach. In Virginia Tech history, Robie's winning percentage ranks first among rookie head coaches while his 14 wins ranks second behind Tom Brands' 16 dual meet wins in 2004-05. Robie, who started five freshmen in duals for a majority of the season, was also named a finalist for the Theraworx NWCA National Coach of the Year award.

On March 21, 2017, Robie was promoted to head wrestling coach at Virginia Tech after serving as interim head coach since February of that year. During that span, Robie led the Hokies to the team title at the ACC Championships and a sixth-place finish at the 2017 NCAA Championships in St. Louis – Tech's fifth-straight

top-10 finish at nationals.

Robie was an integral part of the Virginia Tech wrestling staff for 11 seasons as associate head coach under former head coach Kevin Dresser. Between that 2006-07 and 2016-17, the Hokies won three ACC Dual Meet Championships, three ACC tournament championships and finished in the top 10 at the NCAA Championships five times. One of those top 10 team finishes included a then-ACC record and program best fourth place finish in 2016. He also helped recruit and coach 17 ACC champions and 14 All-Americans.

Robie came to Blacksburg after serving as the head coach at Binghamton University, a program that had been discontinued after the 2003-04 school year because of budget constraints. Before taking over at Binghamton, he was an assistant coach for four seasons at the University of Michigan.

In seven years as a Division I assistant coach, Robie helped coach 23 All-Americans, nine Academic All-Americans and one national champion. As the Wolverines' top assistant coach, Robie recruited three top-10 classes, including the No. 2 ranked class in 2004. His one-on-one work with Michigan student-athlete Ryan Bertin culminated with Bertin's 2003 NCAA championship - the school's first national champion in 18 years. In all, Michigan's team earned national top-10 status all four years that Robie was a coach there. His dedication and influence off the mat resulted in the wrestling team winning the 2003 community service award at the school.

Robie joined the Michigan staff after coaching stops at West Virginia (1998-99) and Edinboro (1999-00).

A world-class wrestler in his own right, Robie was a two-time All-American at Edinboro and a 1997 NCAA finalist at 158 pounds who turned in a career record of 126-23. A two-time captain for Olympic gold medalist Bruce Baumgartner, Robie was a three-time Eastern Wrestling League Champion and a three-time Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) champion. As a senior, Robie led the Fighting Scots to a sixth-place national finish - the highest in school history. He ranks fourth on the school's all-time wins list and went on to earn a bronze medal at the 1998 U.S. Open Freestyle Championships. In 2008, he was inducted into the Edinboro Sports Hall of Fame.

A native of Erie, Pa., Robie was a Dean's List student at Edinboro and received the school's Academic Achievement Award before graduating with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 1997. Robie and his wife, Jennifer, reside in Christiansburg with their three children – Nate, Luke and Jake.





BRYCE ANDONIAN (an-DOH-nian)

Sophomore

St. Edward
Kirtland, Ohio

Major:
Human Development

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2020 NCAA QUALIFIER
2020 ACC RUNNER-UP

ON THE MAT

- Four of his five wins this season are bonus-point victories (two major decisions, two fall).
- Added his second ranked win of the season over No. 19 Josh Finesilver of Duke, winning by fall in just 1:02 (1/29).
- Defeated Virginia's Denton Spencer in an 8-0 major decision to open the ACC season with a win (1/22).
- Went 2-0 at the quad meet at West Virginia, including a pin in 1:36 (1/10).
- Defeated ninth-ranked Josh Heil of Campbell in the first dual of the season to add a top-10 victory to his resume (1/2).
- Qualified for the 2020 NCAA Championships after securing an automatic bid at the 2020 ACC Championships.
- Took second place in the 149-pound weight class at the 2020 ACC Championships.
- Went 8-3 in duals in his first season of collegiate wrestling after having his redshirt pulled midseason, including a team-best 4-1 in ACC competition.
- Led the team in falls with six on the season and pinned an opponent in just 58 seconds.
- Won by fall vs. West Virginia (1/11/20) to secure his first career bonus point victory.
- Made his dual debut vs. Chattanooga (12/21/19) and won a 5-3 decision over his opponent Tanner Smith.
- Went 9-2 in open tournament competition.
- Was the 20th-ranked recruit out of high school in the class of 2019 according to FloWrestling.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	18-6	8-3	4-1	6	1	6	0:58	37
2020-21	5-1	5-1	2-1	2	0	2	1:02	23
Career	23-7	13-4	6-2	8	1	8	0:58	60

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Josh Heil (Campbell)	W, 12-9 dec.
	Alex Mosconi (Ohio)	WBF, 1:36
	Brayden Roberts (West Virginia)W,	11-3 MD
	Denton Spencer (Virginia)	W, 8-0 MD
	Josh Finesilver (Duke)	WBF, 1:02
	Austin O'Connor (North Carolina)L,	11-4 dec.

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	20	20	17
2	13	16	10
3	12	16	10
4	12	16	10
5	12	16	9
6	11	16	9



HUNTER BOLEN (BOH-len)

Redshirt Junior

Christiansburg
Floyd, Va.

Major: Comm. Science
and Social Inquiry

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2020 ACC CHAMPION
TWO-TIME NCAA QUALIFIER
2020 VASID WRESTLER OF THE YEAR
2018 ACC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR
2018 VASID FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

ON THE MAT

- Has not given up a takedown this season.
- Got his first ranked win of the season with an 8-3 decision over UNC's No. 15 Clay Laultt (1/30).
- Opened the ACC season with a 10-4 decision over Virginia's Michael Battista (1/22).
- Got his first bonus-point win of the season with a 17-2 tech fall and followed it up with a 18-6 major decision at the West Virginia quad meet (1/10).
- Won his first ACC Championship over NC State's Trent Hidlay (3/8/20) in a 2-1 decision at the 2020 ACC Championships in Pittsburgh, Penn.
- Qualified and was the No. 2 seed at 184 pounds for the 2020 NCAA Championships before they were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Finished the 2019-20 campaign with a 24-2 record and the No. 1 ranking from Intermat.
- Went 3-1 during ACC competition.
- Placed third at the Cliff Keen Invitational after a 5-1 showing, including 4-1 against ranked opponents.
- Won the title at the Navy Classic after going 5-0.
- Claimed an 8-1 decision over Ohio State's Zach Steiner (10/3/19) to help the Hokies pull the upset on the Buckeyes.
- Redshirted during the 2018-19 season.
- Won ACC Freshman of the Year during the 2017-18 season after going 21-12 and an undefeated 4-0 in conference competition.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2017-18	21-12	7-5	4-0	1	2	3	1:27	27
2019-20	24-2	12-1	3-1	4	2	2	1:58	45
2020-21	6-0	6-0	3-0	1	1	0	-	24
Career	51-14	25-6	10-1	6	5	5	1:27	96

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Caleb Hopkins (Campbell)	W, 4-3 dec.
	Tyler Bates (Kent St.)	W, 17-2 TF (5:00)
	Anthony Carman (West Virginia)W,	18-6 MD
	Michael Battista (Virginia)	W, 10-4 dec.
	Unknown (Duke)	Win via Forfeit
	Clay Laultt (North Carolina)	W, 8-3 dec.

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	2	2	2
2	2	2	2
3	2	2	2
4	2	2	2
5	2	2	2
6	2	2	2





JOHN BORST

Redshirt Junior
 Sherando
 Stephens City, Va.
 Major:
 Public Relations

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2020 NCAA QUALIFIER

ON THE MAT

- Closed out the Hokies win over No. 14 North Carolina with a 3-1 decision vs. Andrew Gunning (1/30) for his first ACC dual win of the season.
- Won by technical fall in both his matches at the West Virginia quad meet (1/10), including a 15-0 win in the bout against Kent St.
- Defeated Campbell's Taye Ghadiali to start the season off with a win (1/2).
- Qualified for the 2020 NCAA Championships after receiving an auto bid at the ACC Championships.
- Placed third at the 2020 ACC Championships (3/8/20) after defeating North Carolina's Andrew Gunning.
- Went 9-5 in dual matches in his first season starting at heavyweight.
- Earned bonus points in eight matches.
- Placed seventh at the 2019 Cliff Keen Invitational after going 5-2, including a win over No. 14 Brian Andrews of Wyoming.
- Took second place at the 2019 Navy Classic after a 4-1 showing.
- Sealed the 21-18 win over No. 21 Northwestern at the Mat on the Mound with a 9-0 major decision (11/10/19).
- Opened the 2019-20 season with a major decision to help the Hokies pull the upset on the No. 9 Missouri Tigers (11/2/19).
- Went 12-10 and started two duals for the Hokies in the 2018-19 season.

CAREER STATS

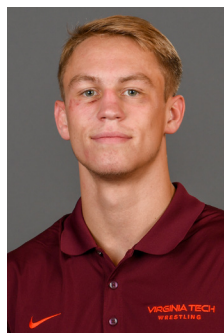
Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2018-19	13-9	0-2	0-0	3	4	0	-	0
2019-20	21-9	9-5	2-3	5	2	1	0:31	33
2020-21	4-0	3-0	1-0	0	2	0	-	11
Career	38-18	12-7	3-3	8	8	1	0:31	44

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Taye Ghadiali (Campbell)	W, 6-3 dec.
	Jacob Padilla (Ohio)	W, 17-0 TF (3:51)
	Jacob Cover (Kent St.)	W, 15-0 TF (7:00)
	<i>Andrew Gunning (North Carolina)</i>	<i>W, 3-1 dec.</i>

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	17	19	15
2	16	19	15
3	14	19	-
4	15	20	-
5	15	19	-
6	17	19	21



CONNOR BRADY

Redshirt Freshman
 Liberty
 Powell, Ohio
 Major: Business

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ON THE MAT

- Got his first two ACC dual wins with back-to-back decisions against Duke (1/29) and North Carolina (1/30).
- Made his ACC dual debut vs. Virginia (1/22).
- Won his first match for Virginia Tech in a 14-1 major decision against Kent St and followed it up with an 8-2 decision win vs. West Virginia (1/10).
- Redshirted during the 2019-20 season and went 9-2 wrestling unattached.
- Placed fifth at the 2019 Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open after going 5-1 with two major decisions and a win-by-fall.
- Went 4-1 to finish fifth at the 2019 Southeast Open to finish fifth.
- No. 9 overall recruit in the country from the class of 2019 according to FloWrestling.
- Won the titles at Super 32 and Ironman.
- Three-time state placer.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	4-3	4-2	2-1	1	0	0	-	13

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Ben Barton (Campbell)	L, 7-4 dec.
	Troy Nation (Campbell)	L, 11-6 dec.
	Ian Senz (Kent St.)	W, 14-1 MD
	Alex Hornfeck (West Virginia)	W, 8-2 dec.
	<i>Justin McCoy (Virginia)</i>	<i>L, 3-2 dec.</i>
	<i>Brandon LaRue (Duke)</i>	<i>W, 9-3 dec.</i>
	<i>Josh McClure (North Carolina)</i>	<i>W, 6-1 dec.</i>

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	-	-	23
2	-	-	26
3	-	-	26
4	-	-	27
5	-	-	28
6	-	-	29





HUNTER CATKA (CAT-ka)

Freshman

Sun Valley
Brookhaven, Penn.

Major: Human Nutrition,
Foods and Exercise

285

ON THE MAT

- Won his first career ACC dual match by securing bonus points in an 18-1 technical fall in 5:45 over Duke's Jonah Niesenbaum (1/29).
- Made his ACC dual debut vs. Virginia (1/22).
- Won his first dual match of his career with a 10-4 decision vs. Ohio and followed it with his first dual bonus-point win in a 17-3 major decision against West Virginia (1/10).
- Beat Luke Davis of Campbell in the extra matches via technical fall for his first victory and bonus-point victory of his career (1/2).
- Top heavyweight recruit in the country from the class of 2020 according to FloWrestling.
- Two-time Pennsylvania state champion.
- Won the title at the 2019 Beast of the East.
- 2019 Cadet World Team member.
- 2019 Super 32 champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	5-1	3-1	1-1	1	2	0	-	12

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP. **RESULT**
 Luke Davis (Campbell) W, 17-2 TF (5:39)
 Jordan Earnest (Ohio) W, 10-4 dec.
 Michael Wolfgram (West Virginia) W, 17-3 MD
 Quinn Miller (Virginia) L, 4-0 dec.
 Jonah Niesenbaum (Duke) W, 18-1 TF (5:45)
 Brandon Whitman (North Carolina) W, 4-3 dec.



KOLTON CLARK

Redshirt Freshman

Scottsboro
Scottsboro, Ala.

Major:
Building Construction

174

ON THE MAT

- Pinned Campbell's Josh Kenny in the extra matches for his first official win and pin of his collegiate career (1/2).
- Redshirted during the 2019-20 season and went 6-6 wrestling unattached.
- Finished sixth at the 2020 Appalachian Open after going 3-2 with three pins.
- Went 2-2 with both wins by fall at the 2019 ARMS Software/GMU Patriots Open.
- Went 1-2 with a major decision at the 2019 Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open.
- Three-time Alabama state champion.
- Two-time NHSCA All-American.
- Super 32 All-American.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	1-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	1	2:20	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual

OPP. **RESULT**
 Austin Murphy (Campbell) L, 6-4 dec.
 Josh Kenny (Campbell) WBF, 2:20





CADEN DARBER

Redshirt Junior
 New Kent
 Williamsburg, Va.
 Major: History

149

ON THE MAT

- Got his first bonus-point victory of the season in the extra matches of the Virginia dual (1/22) with a 14-5 major decision.
- Made his dual debut at the Moss Arts Center match versus Duke (2/8/20) at 165 pounds.
- Placed fifth at the 2020 Appalachian Open after going 4-1, including a win-by-fall.
- Went 3-2 at the 2019 ARMS Software/GMU Patriots Open with all three wins being bonus point victories.
- Placed sixth at the 2019 Southeast Open after going 3-2.
- Went 3-2 at the 2019 Appalachian Open.
- Finished with a 3-1 record at the 2018 Storm Open.
- Went 3-1 at the 2018 Hokie Open.
- Redshirted during the 2017-18 season and went 14-8 while wrestling unattached.
- Two-time Virginia state champion in high school.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2018-19	9-4	0-0	0-0	3	1	0	-	0
2019-20	10-8	0-1	0-1	2	0	3	2:32	0
2020-21	2-0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	-	0
Career	21-12	0-1	0-1	6	1	3	2:32	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

OPP.	RESULT
Jason Kraisser (Campbell)	W, DQ
Ray Costa (Virginia)	W, 14-5 MD



SAM FISHER

Freshman
 Fauquier
 Warrenton, Va.
 Major:
 Computer Science

174

ON THE MAT

- Appeared in his first ACC dual match vs. Duke (1/29).
- Made his dual match debut against Ohio (1/10).
- Made his collegiate debut in the extra matches of the Campbell dual (1/2).
- Four-year letterwinner.
- Wrestled at Fauquier High School for Coach Doug Fisher.
- Four-time Virginia state champion.
- Two-time Fargo All-American.
- Two-time Ironman placer.
- Two-time Beast of the East placer.
- Wrestled for Birds of Prey Wrestling Club for coaches Tyler Atwell, Bobby Sims and Doug Fisher.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-5	0-2	0-1	0	0	0	-	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Austin Murphy (Campbell)	L, 3-1 (SV-1)
	Logan Stanley (Ohio)	L, 8-5 dec.
	Robby Patrick (Virginia)	LBF, 1:02
	Conor Becker (Duke)	L, 10-7 dec.
	Gavin Kane (North Carolina)	L, 8-2 dec.





JORDAN FLORENCE

Redshirt Sophomore
Liberty
Bealeton, Va.
Major: Criminology

165

ON THE MAT

- Made his dual debut vs. West Virginia (1/10).
- Went 1-2 at the 2019 Southeast Open in his only appearance of the 2019-20 season.
- Redshirted during the 2018-19 campaign and went 3-4 while competing unattached in open tournaments.
- Virginia state champion in high school.
- Two-time NHSCA All-American.
- Region and conference champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
2020-21	0-2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Career	1-4	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	:0	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual
OPP. Austin Kraisser (Campbell) **RESULT** L, 8-6 dec.
Peyton Hall (West Virginia) **L, 13-4 MD**



COLLIN GERARDI

Redshirt Sophomore
Powhatan
Powhatan, Va.
Major: Human Nutrition,
Foods and Exercise

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2020 NCAA QUALIFIER

ON THE MAT

- Won his first ACC dual match of the season in his first start with a 10-2 major decision over Patrick Rowland of Duke (1/29).
- Won a 7-6 decision in the extra matches of the Virginia dual (1/22).
- Made his season debut in the quad meet at West Virginia, winning his first match by fall against Ohio. He also won a decision in the extra matches. (1/10).
- Qualified for the 2020 NCAA Championships at 133 pounds after securing an automatic bid from the 2020 ACC Championships.
- Placed fifth at the 2020 ACC Championships.
- Finished the dual schedule with a 9-5 record during his first season starting at 133 pounds.
- Beat Jamie Hernandez of North Carolina by a 4-3 decision (1/24/20) for his first career ACC win.
- Defeated Central Michigan's Drew Marten by 7-6 decision (1/3/20)
- Went 1-2 at the Cliff Keen Invitational.
- Went 3-2 at the Navy Classic.
- Won a 7-1 decision over No. 14 Quinn Kinner of Ohio State to help the Hokies pull the upset of the third-ranked Buckeyes (11/17/19).
- Redshirted during the 2018-19 season and went 17-6 wrestling unattached.
- Four-time Virginia state champion in high school.
- 2018 NHSCA National Champion.
- 2015 Beast of the East All-American.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	14-11	9-5	2-3	1	0	3	3:42	36
2020-21	5-0	2-0	1-0	2	0	1	5:37	10
Career	19-11	11-5	3-3	3	0	4	3:42	46

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual
OPP. **RESULT**
Conor McCrone (Ohio) **WBF, 5:37**
Ryan Sullivan (West Virginia) W, 5-1 dec.
Dylan Cedeno (Virginia) W, 7-6 dec.
Patrick Rowland (Duke) **W, 10-2 MD**
Joseph Heilmann (North Carolina) W, 9-0 MD





MARIO GONZALEZ-ESCOBAR

Freshman
Chantilly
Chantilly, Va.

174

ON THE MAT

- Three-year letterwinner.
- Wrestled at Chantilly High School for coaches Zachary Winfrey, Matthew Keel and Mark Weader.
- Started three years on the team and wrestled at 170 pounds, 182 pounds and 195 pounds.
- Three-time district champion.
- All-region placer.
- All-state qualifier.
- Also played football and lacrosse at Chantilly.
- Wrestled for Tech Squad Wrestling Club for Coach Matthew Keel.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



BRANDON GREEN

Freshman
Paulsboro
Swedesboro, N.J.

174

ON THE MAT

- New Jersey state champion.
- Council Rock champion.
- 2019 South Jersey Wrestler of the Year.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0





JAKE HART

Redshirt Sophomore

Fort Mill
Fort Mill, S.C.

Major:
Multimedia Journalism

157

ON THE MAT

- Made his dual debut vs. Kent St. (1/10).
- Went 8-3 in his first season wrestling attached for the Hokies.
- Placed second at the 2020 Appalachian Open after going 3-1 at the tournament.
- Won the title at the 2019 Southeast Open after a perfect 5-0 showing.
- Redshirted during the 2018-19 season and went 11-7 competing unattached.
- South Carolina state champion in high school.
- Was the No. 1 ranked high school wrestler in South Carolina.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	8-3	0-0	0-0	3	0	2	1:58	0
2020-21	0-1	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Career	8-4	0-1	0-0	3	0	2	1:58	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Kody Komara (Kent St.)	W, 3-2 dec.



SAM HILLEGAS (HILL-E-gas)

Freshman

North Hills
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Major:
Building Construction

141

ON THE MAT

- He has won half his collegiate matches by fall.
- Took No. 10 Zach Sherman, the 2020 ACC 149-pound champion, to sudden victory before dropping the match in his first ranked test of his career (1/30).
- Made his ACC dual debut vs. Virginia (1/22).
- Won both his matches in the West Virginia quad meet, first a win by fall in 1:49, then a 7-4 decision (1/10).
- Won his dual debut in convincing fashion, pinning Campbell's Shannon Hanna in 4:17. Also defeated Spencer Leonhardt in the extra matches to begin his career 2-0 (1/2).
- Two-time Pennsylvania state champion.
- Two-time Powerade champion.
- Three-time Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League champion.
- Three-time county champion.
- Finished high school career with a 157-5 record with 79 pins and 103 bonus point victories.
- Pennsylvania freestyle state champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	4-2	3-2	0-2	0	0	2	1:49	15

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Shannon Hanna (Campbell)	WBF, 4:17
	Spencer Leonhardt (Campbell)	W, 5-2 dec.
	Avry Mutschler (Kent St.)	WBF, 1:49
	Jeffrey Boyd (West Virginia)	W, 7-4 dec.
	Brian Courtney (Virginia)	L, 8-3 dec.
	Zach Sherman (North Carolina)	L, 12-6 (SV-1)

IN THE RANKINGS

Wk	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	25	-
4	-	25	-
5	-	25	24
6	-	-	23





SIMEONE HOLMES (SIM-E-ohn)

Freshman

Cosby
Midlothian, Va.

Major:
Building Construction

174

ON THE MAT

- Two-time Virginia state champion.
- Three-time regional champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



DAKOTA HOWARD

Redshirt Sophomore

St. Edward
Cleveland, Ohio

Major: Public Health

174

ON THE MAT

- **Named ACC Wrestler of the Week (2/2) after upsetting No. 9 Devin Kane of North Carolina.**
- Knocked off No. 9 Devin Kane of North Carolina for the biggest win of his career in an 8-7 decision, helping the Hokies take down the Tar Heels (1/30).
- Made his season debut at the West Virginia quad meet (1/10).
- Made his dual debut at the Moss Arts Center match at 184 pounds versus Duke (2/8/20), winning by 23-6 technical fall in 4:36, for his first career ACC win.
- Placed second at the 2020 Appalachian Open after going 3-1 at the tournament.
- Finished sixth at the 2019 ARMS Software/GMU Patriots Open after a 3-2 showing.
- Went 2-2 at the 2019 Navy Classic.
- Placed fourth at the 2019 Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open going 2-2 at the tournament.
- Finished fifth at the 2019 Southeast Open after a 3-1 showing.
- Redshirted during the 2018-19 season and went 9-2 competing unattached in three open tournaments.
- Was the No. 10 recruit of out high school in the class of 2018 at 195 pounds according to FloWrestling.
- 2017 Ohio freestyle state champion.
- 2018 Ohio state runner-up.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	14-8	1-0	1-0	5	5	0	-	5
2020-21	1-3	1-3	1-1	0	0	0	-	3
Career	15-11	2-3	2-1	5	5	0	-	8

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual	OPP.	RESULT
	Andrew McNally (Kent St.)	L, 13-8 dec.
	Scott Joll (West Virginia)	L, 13-8 dec.
	Vic Marcelli (Virginia)	L, 6-4 dec.
	Devin Kane (North Carolina)	W, 8-7 dec.

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	-	-	-
2	-	-	-
3	-	-	-
4	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
6	-	-	32





COLBY KASSIR (KASS-eer)

Freshman

Cape Henry Collegiate
Virginia Beach, Va.

Major: Business

184

ON THE MAT

- Three-time state placer.
- State finalist.
- Conference champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



SAM LATONA (luh-TONE-a)

Redshirt Freshman

Thompson
Alabaster, Ala.

Major: Business

125

ON THE MAT

- Had another ACC bonus-point win with a 18-7 major decision over UNC's Will Guida (1/30).
- Made his ACC dual debut vs. Virginia (1/22), and secured his first career technical fall, winning 18-3 over Sam Book.
- **Named ACC Wrestler of the Week on Jan. 12 after his showing at the West Virginia quad meet.**
- Was the only Hokie to go 3-0 at the West Virginia quad meet, including a 3-2 decision win over No. 12 Killian Cardinale (1/10).
- Won his dual debut in a 6-3 decision over Campbell's Zurich Storm (1/2).
- Redshirted during the 2019-20 campaign.
- Went 20-2 competing unattached in five tournaments.
- Placed third at the 2020 Southern Scuffle after a 6-1 showing with his only loss coming All-American Nick Piccinnini of Oklahoma State.
- Won titles at the 2020 Appalachian Open, 2019 ARMS Software/GMU Patriots Open and 2019 Southeast Open.
- Placed third at the 2019 Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open, going 4-1 with two major decisions and a technical fall.
- Three-year letterwinner at Thompson High School.
- Two-time Fargo national champion.
- 2018 Super 32 finalist.
- 2017 Alabama state champion.
- Ranked No. 51 on FloWrestling's Class of 2019 Big Board.
- Two-time NHSCA national champion.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	6-0	6-0	2-0	2	1	0	-	22

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Zurich Storm (Campbell)	W, 5-3 dec.
Unknown (Ohio)	W, Forfeit
Jake Ferri (Kent St.)	W, 10-2 MD
Killian Cardinale (West Virginia)	W, 3-2 dec.
Sam Book (Virginia)	W, 18-3 TF (7:00)
Will Guida (North Carolina)	W, 18-7 MD

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	18	10	14
2	18	9	13
3	12	9	9
4	10	12	11
5	10	11	11
6	8	10	9





MEKHI LEWIS (ma-KAI)

Redshirt Sophomore

Bound Brook
Bound Brook, N.J.

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- 2019 NATIONAL CHAMPION (165)
- 2019 NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS' MOST OUTSTANDING WRESTLER
- 2019 ACC CHAMPION
- 2019 ACC WRESTLER OF THE YEAR
- 2018 JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPION (74 KG)
- 2018 JUNIOR WORLD TEAM MEMBER (74 KG)

ON THE MAT

- Has won 26 straight matches since Dec. 1, 2018.
- Is the only Hokie at 7-0 so far this season.
- Took down No. 8 Kennedy Monday 4-3 for his first top-10 win of the season, second ranked win (1/30).
- Registered the fastest pin of his career, winning in just 34 seconds vs. Duke (1/29).
- Won his ACC season debut with an 8-2 decision over Virginia's No. 15 Jake Keating (1/22), improving to 6-0 in conference matches.
- Had two bonus-point victories at the West Virginia quad meet, major decision and technical fall (1/10).
- Opened the 2020-21 season with a major decision win in the dual vs. Campbell and a technical fall victory in the extra matches (1/2).
- Took an Olympic redshirt last season to qualify and train for the 2020 U.S. Olympic Team Trials.
- Captured Virginia Tech wrestling's first individual national championship at the 2019 NCAA Championships as the No. 8 seed.
- Defeated top-seeded Alex Marinelli of Iowa in the quarterfinals (3-1), the No. 4 seed Evan Wick of Wisconsin in the semis (5-2) and the No. 2 seed, two-time defending national champion Vincenzo Joseph of Penn State, in the final (7-1).
- Was named the tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler by the NWCA, joining Cael Sanderson (Iowa State, 1999) as the only freshmen to win the award.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2018-19	28-2	13-1	5-0	8	3	2	3:55	53
2020-21	7-0	6-0	3-0	2	2	1	0:34	26
Career	35-2	19-1	8-0	10	5	3	0:34	79

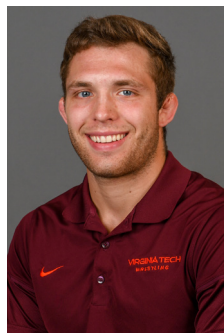
VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Austin Kraisser (Campbell)	W, 13-4 MD
Jack Ervien (Campbell)	W, 17-2 TF (5:43)
Colt Yinger (Ohio)	W, 12-2 MD
James Limongi (Kent St.)	W, 17-2 TF (6:47)
Jake Keating (Virginia)	W, 8-2 dec.
Eric Carter (Duke)	WBF, 0:34
Kennedy Monday (North Carolina)	W, 4-3 dec.

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	1	1	1
2	1	1	1
3	1	1	1
4	1	1	1
5	1	1	1
6	1	1	1



KORBIN MYERS

Graduate Student

Boiling Springs /
Edinboro
Carlisle, Penn.

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Major: Agriculture and
Life Sciences

THREE-TIME NCAA QUALIFIER

ON THE MAT

- Won via 11-2 major decision over UNC's No. 11 Jaime Hernandez for his second straight bonus-point win over a ranked opponent (1/30).
- Beat No. 12 Louie Hayes of Virginia by 12-1 major decision in his ACC season debut (1/22), registering his first bonus-point victory of the season.
- Won both his dual matches at the West Virginia quad via decision (1/10).
- Returned to the mat with a win over Campbell's Gabe Hixenbaugh in the first dual of the season (1/2).
- Missed all of last season with an injury and was granted a medical redshirt by the NCAA.
- Qualified for the 2019 NCAA Championships.
- Placed third at the 2019 ACC Championships.
- Went 20-10 during the 2018-19 season, his first in Blacksburg after transferring from Edinboro.
- Named ACC Wrestler of the Week (1/29/19) after knocking off Pitt's Micky Phillippi and Lehigh's Brandon Paetzell.
- Left Edinboro with a 74-34 career record including his redshirt year.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2016-17	30-12	10-5	0-0	11	3	3	0:53	37
2017-18	28-11	11-2	0-0	7	2	3	1:38	39
2018-19	20-10	9-4	3-2	5	2	2	3:41	34
2020-21	5-0	5-0	2-0	2	0	0	-	17
Career	83-33	35-11	6-2	25	7	8	0:53	127

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Gabe Hixenbaugh (Campbell)	W, 4-1 dec.
Mario Guillen (Ohio)	W, 7-2 dec.
Joey Thomas (West Virginia)	W, 8-2 dec.
Louie Hayes (Virginia)	W, 12-1 MD
Jaime Hernandez (North Carolina)	W, 11-2 MD

IN THE RANKINGS

WK	INTERMAT	FLO	TRACK
1	10	8	11
2	9	7	11
3	8	7	9
4	8	7	9
5	8	7	9
6	8	7	9





JOEY PRATA (PRAH-tah)

Redshirt Senior

St. Christopher's School
Richmond, Va.

Major: Finance

125

2020 NCAA QUALIFIER

ON THE MAT

- Beat Logan Agin of Duke in a 3-2 decision to win his first start of the season (1/29).
- Won both of his extra matches at the West Virginia quad, including a major decision win (1/10).
- Wrestled in the extra matches of the Campbell dual, beating Zurich Storm in a 7-1 decision (1/2).
- Qualified for the 2020 NCAA Championships.
- Placed third at the 2020 ACC Championships.
- Placed fourth at the 2019 Cliff Keen Invitational after a 6-2 showing, including an upset of Alex Mackall of Iowa State.
- Started every dual at 125 pounds and went 8-6.
- Placed fourth at the 2019 Navy Classic after going 3-2.
- Claimed a 5-2 decision over Malik Heinselmann of Ohio State to secure the 21-15 upset over the Buckeyes (11/17/19).
- Won a 2-0 decision over Missouri's Dack Punke to help the Hokies pull the upset over the Tigers (11/2/19).

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2018-19	15-13	4-7	3-2	4	0	1	5:34	16
2019-20	20-11	8-6	2-3	0	0	1	6:46	27
2020-21	4-0	1-0	1-0	1	0	0	-	3
Career	39-24	13-13	6-5	5	0	2	5:34	46

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Zurich Storm (Campbell)	W, 7-1 dec.
Colton Drousius (West Virginia)	W, 12-0 MD
Tomas Gutierrez (Kent St.)	W, 6-1 dec.
Logan Agin (Duke)	W, 3-2 dec.



STAN SMELTZER

Redshirt Junior

Smithfield
Smithfield, Va.

Major:
Aerospace Engineering

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ON THE MAT

- Secured bonus points in his first dual start of the season vs. Duke, winning by fall in 1:06 (1/29).
- Remained undefeated on the season with a 2-1 decision win over Virginia's Ethan Weatherspoon in the extra matches (1/22).
- Won both his extra matches at the West Virginia quad meet, both of which ended early either by fall or technical fall (1/10).
- Won his first match of the 2020-21 season with a 12-5 decision over Campbell's Levi Hopkins in the extra matches (1/2).
- Went 6-8 in duals in his first season as a starter in 2019-20.
- Led the team with nine major decision wins.
- Had the fastest pin of the season, taking just 18 seconds to end the match.
- Named ACC Wrestler of the Week (1/21/20) after back-to-back major decision wins at Binghamton and Cornell.
- Went 3-2 with a tech fall and two major decisions at the Navy Classic.
- Went 3-1 at the Southeast Open en route to a third-place finish in the 197 open division.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2018-19	4-3	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	-	0
2019-20	13-15	6-8	2-3	9	1	1	0:18	25
2020-21	6-0	1-0	1-0	0	1	2	1:06	6
Career	23-18	7-8	3-3	10	3	3	0:18	31

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Levi Hopkins (Campbell)	W, 12-5 dec.
Jace Bradbury (West Virginia)	WBF, 4:19
Ryan Boyle (Kent St.)	W, 19-4 TF (7:00)
Ethan Weatherspoon (Virginia)	W, 2-1 dec.
Kaden Russell (Duke)	WBF, 1:06
Mark Chaid (North Carolina)	W, 8-2 dec.





ANDY SMITH

Freshman

Christiansburg
Christiansburg, Va.

Major: Geography

197

ON THE MAT

- Made his ACC dual debut vs. Virginia (1/22).
- Went 2-1 at the West Virginia quad meet with his only loss coming to No. 1 Noah Adams in a decision (1/10).
- Made his dual debut vs. Campbell and won a 12-7 decision over Levi Hopkins for his first collegiate victory. Also beat Taye Ghadiali in the extra matches 5-2 (1/2).
- Wrestled at Christiansburg High School for Coach Cliff Warden.
- Five-time All-American.
- State champion.
- Wrestled for Virginia Elite for Coach Cliff Warden.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	4-3	3-3	0-2	0	0	0	-	12

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Levi Hopkins (Campbell)	W, 12-7 dec.
Taye Ghadiali (Campbell)	W, 5-2 dec.
Unknown (Ohio)	W, Forfeit
Colin McCracken (Kent St.)	W, 6-4 (SV-1)
Noah Adams (West Virginia)	L, 7-3 dec.
Jay Aiello (Virginia)	L, 10-3 dec.
Max Shaw (North Carolina)	L, 9-5 dec.



ALEX SWOOPE

Freshman

Floyd E. Kellam
Virginia Beach, Va.

157

ON THE MAT

- Four-year letterwinner.
- Wrestled at Kellam High School for coaches Mike and Ross Benzel.
- Team captain.
- Named Team MVP.
- 2020 state runner-up at 160 pounds.
- Two-time regional finalist.
- Two-time state placer.
- Wrestled for Mat Rats Wrestling Club for coaches Mike and Ross Benzel.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0





NICK THOMPSON

Freshman

All Saints Episcopal
Fort Worth, Texas

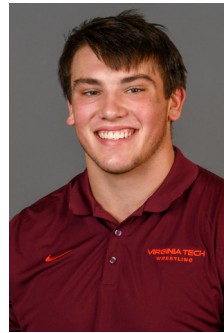
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ON THE MAT

- Four-year letterwinner.
- Wrestled at All Saints Episcopal School for coaches Greg Duke and Johnny Hendricks.
- Two-time Texas state placer.
- Two-time Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools runner-up.
- Two-time team captain.
- Wrestled for Johnny Hendricks Wrestling Academy for Coach Johnny Hendricks.
- Placed third at the 2019 Texas Freestyle State Tournament.
- Texas National Team member.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0



JARRETT TRONGE (TRONG)

Sophomore

Powhatan
Powhatan, Va.

Major: Public Relations

285

ON THE MAT

- Went 3-8 as a freshman during the 2019-20 season.
- Wrestled for Powhatan High School at 245 pounds.
- Placed fifth at the 2019 Virginia state tournament.
- Two-time state tournament qualifier.
- Wrestled club for Virginia Team Predator.
- Won a freestyle state championship.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2019-20	3-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
2020-21	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0
Career	3-8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	-	0





CLAYTON ULREY (OOL-ray)

Freshman

Lower Dauphin
Grantville, Penn.

Major: Engineering

165

ON THE MAT

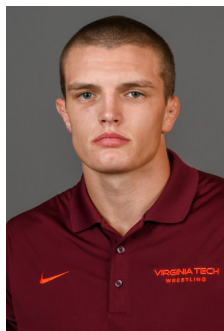
- Has won three straight major decisions in extra matches.
- Secured his first career major decision win, beating Virginia's Nic Sansone 12-4 in the extra matches (1/22).
- Won his dual debut against Ohio with an 18-2 technical fall (1/10). Also, won in the extra matches at the West Virginia quad meet.
- Made his collegiate debut in the extra matches of the Campbell dual (1/2).
- Four-year letterwinner.
- Coached by Kemal Pegram at Lower Dauphin High School.
- Wrestled at 138 pounds, 152 pounds and 160 pounds in high school career.
- Three-time state place-winner.
- Four-time district champion.
- Four-time state tournament qualifier.
- Three-year captain.
- Wrestled for Team Nauman under coach Daniel Nauman.
- 2019 Cadet Trials champion.
- Placed third at the 2019 Super 32.
- Placed fifth at the 2018 Fargo.
- Runner-up at 2019 Beast of the East.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	5-1	1-0	0-0	3	1	0	-	5

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual OPP.	RESULT
Ben Barton (Campbell)	L, 2-0 dec.
Kamal Adewumi (Ohio)W, 18-2 TF (5:00)	
Caleb Dowling (West Virginia)	W, 7-4 dec.
Nic Sansone (Virginia)	W, 12-4 MD
Bryson Neace (Duke)	W, 16-5 MD
William MacDonald (North Carolina)W, 15-4 MD	



NATHAN WARDEN

Freshman

Christiansburg
Coal City, W. Va.

Major: Criminology

174

ON THE MAT

- Made his dual debut against Ohio (1/10).
- Made his collegiate debut in the extra matches of the Campbell dual (1/2).
- Four-year letterwinner.
- Wrestled at Independence High School in West Virginia and Christiansburg High School for Coach Cliff Warden.
- Four-time state finalist.
- Two-time state champion.
- Four-time regional champion.
- Member of the 2017 West Virginia state championship team for Independence.
- Member of the 2018 Virginia state championship team at Christiansburg.
- Wrestled for Virginia Elite Wrestling for Coach Cliff Warden.
- Earned fourth-place at 2019 Super 32.
- 2019 Powerade placer.
- 2018 Beast of the East placer.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	0-3	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	-	0

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual OPP.	RESULT
Caleb Hopkins (Campbell)	L, 5-4 dec.
Carson Brewer (Ohio) L, 4-3 dec.	
Hudson Stewart (Virginia)	L, 8-6 (SV-1)





BRANDON WITTENBERG (WITT-en-burg)

Redshirt Freshman

Battlefield
Haymarket, Va.

Major: Business

125

ON THE MAT

- Got his first career win in his ACC dual match debut with a 5-3 decision over Duke's Drake Doolittle (1/29).
- Made his dual debut vs. Kent St. (1/10).
- Made his debut for Virginia Tech in the extra matches of the Campbell dual (1/2).
- Redshirted last season.
- Finished with a 12-7 record wrestling unattached.
- Went 3-2 at the ARMS Software/GMU Patriots Open with two pins and a technical fall.
- Went 4-2 with two pins, including one in 1:10, and a technical fall at the Wolfpack Wrestling Club Open.
- Went 5-2 at the Southeast Open to finish sixth in the 125 freshman/sophomore division.

CAREER STATS

Year	Overall	Dual	ACC	MD	Techs	Falls	Time	Points
2020-21	1-2	1-1	1-0	0	0	0	-	3

VS. '20-'21 OPPONENTS

Dual / ACC Dual

OPP.	RESULT
Gabe Hixenbaugh (Campbell)	L, 3-0 dec.
Brendon Fenton (Kent St.)	L, 5-2 dec.
Drake Doolittle (Duke)	W, 5-3 dec.





Bryce ANDONIAN
149 lbs. | So.
Kirtland, Ohio
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Hunter BOLEN
184 lbs. | r-Jr.
Floyd, Va.
BOH-lin



John BORST
Heavyweight | r-Jr.
Stephens City, Va.



Connor BRADY
157 lbs. | r-Fr.
Powell, Ohio



Hunter CATKA
Heavyweight | Fr.
Brookhaven, Penn.
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Kolton CLARK
174 lbs. | r-Fr.
Scottsboro, Ala.



Caden DARBER
149 lbs. | r-Jr.
Williamsburg, Va.



Sam FISHER
174 lbs. | Fr.
Warrenton, Va.



Jordan FLORENCE
165 lbs. | r-So.
Beaeton, Va.



Collin GERARDI
141 lbs. | r-So.
Powhatan, Va.



Mario GONZALEZ-ESCOBAR
174 lbs. | Fr.
Chantilly, Va.



Brandon GREEN
174 lbs. | Fr.
Swedesboro, N.J.



Jake HART
157 lbs. | r-So.
Fort Mill, S.C.



Sam HILLEGAS
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Pittsburgh, Penn.
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Dakota HOWARD
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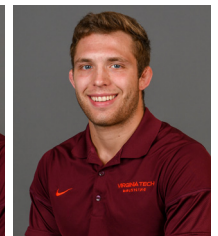
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Virginia Beach, Va.
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Sam LATONA
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Mekhi LEWIS
165 lbs. | r-So.
Bound Brook, N.J.
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Korbin MYERS
133 lbs. | Gr.
Carlisle, Pa.



Joey PRATA
125 lbs. | r-Sr.
Richmond, Va.
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Stan SMELTZER
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Smithfield, Va.



Andy SMITH
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Christiansburg, Va.



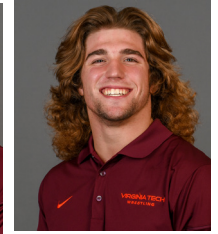
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Tony ROBIE
Head Coach
Fourth Season
ROH-bee



Jared FRAYER
Associate Head Coach
Fourth Season



Cody BREWER
Assistant
Second Season



Jared HAUGHT
Volunteer Assistant
Second Season
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