

EIGHT NCAA APPEARANCES (FOUR CONSECUTIVE, ONE OF 12 TEAMS NATIONALLY) ▪ 2007 COLLEGE CUP
 ▪ 17 ALL-ACC SELECTIONS ▪ ONE ALL-AMERICAN ▪ NINE MLS DRAFT PICKS ▪ NO. 1 DRAFT PICK DANIEL PEREIRA

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GAME 7

NO. 13 VIRGINIA TECH (3-2-2, 3-1-2 ACC) vs. DUKE (2-7-2, 2-4-0 ACC)

MARCH 6 ▪ 1:00 PM ET ▪ BLACKSBURG, VA. ▪ THOMPSON FIELD ▪ ACCNX
 Mike Brizendine..... Coach John Kerr
 James Madison (1999)..... Alma Mater Duke University (1986)
 85-102-30 (12th Season)..... Record at School 111-77-27 (13th season)
 112-136-31 (15th Season)..... Overall Record 192-136-40 (23rd season)
 2-8-1 Record vs. Opponent 8-2-1

HISTORY MADE IN THE MLS DRAFT

▪ Daniel Pereira was drafted No. 1 overall by Austin FC in the MLS SuperDraft 2021. Pereira became the first No. 1 and the third first-round pick in program history. Kristo Strickler was selected No. 30 overall by the Houston Dynamo. Pereira and Strickler join Patrick Nyarko and Ben Nason (2008) as the only Hokies duo selected in the same year of the MLS Draft.

IN THE RANKINGS

▪ In the most recent United Soccer Coaches poll (3/2), the Hokies were ranked No. 13 in the country. In Top Drawer Soccer's latest poll (3/1), Tech comes in at No. 10. In College Soccer News most recent poll (2/28), the Hokies came in at No. 7.

FINISHING STRONG

▪ Tech tied its highest ranking in program history in the fall when it finished No. 4 in the country.

DEFENSIVE STRIDES

▪ Since falling to No. 1 Pitt to open the season, Tech has not allowed more than one goal in any contest and have recorded shutouts in back-to-back matches against Notre Dame (11/2) and Virginia (11/6).

SHOOT YOUR SHOT

▪ The Hokies have out shot their opponent in every match during the fall, doing so for the first time in program history.

NEW FACES IN THE LINEUP

▪ Against Coastal Carolina, Welnilton Da Silva Jr., Cameron Joice, Daniel Starr, and Zane Bubb earned their first career starts for the Hokies. Kristo Strickler's 47-game starting streak was snapped when he missed the fixture.

SNAPPING THE STREAK

▪ With their win against Virginia in the fall, Tech snapped a 16-game losing streak against the Cavaliers, earning its first win since 2005.

'BOUT DARN TIME

▪ Junior Sivert Haugli recorded his first career goal in last Sunday's game from a 57th minute penalty kick.

HOT LEG

▪ Jacob Labovitz picked up right where he left off in the fall by scoring in Sunday's outing vs. Coastal. Labovitz scored two goals, including the game winner against Louisville (10/30), then followed up that performance by scoring Tech's lone goal against Notre Dame (11/2).
 ▪ Labovitz's nine points this season leads the team (4 goals, 1 assist).

LABOVITZ NAMED ACC OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

▪ Jacob Labovitz was named the ACC Offensive POTW after recording the first multi-goal game of his career as a Hokie in the win against Louisville (10/30). It also marked his second game-winning goal since

SERIES INFO

Games Played	21
Series	4-13-4
Series Began	1974
Home	2-5-1
Away	2-8-3
Neutral	0-0-0
Under Brizendine	2-8-1
Last Meeting	Nov. 1, 2019 (W, 2-1)

2020 FIXTURES

DATE	OPP.	TV	TIME/RESULT
10/10	at Pitt*	ACCNX	L, 2-4
10/14	VIRGINIA*	ACCN	T, 1-1 (2OT)
10/24	SYRACUSE*	ACCN	T, 1-1 (2OT)
10/30	at Louisville*	ACCNX	W, 2-1 (OT)
11/2	at Notre Dame*	ACCN	W, 1-0
11/6	at Virginia*	ACCN	W, 1-0
11/15	vs. Clemson	ACCN	L, 1-4
2/28	at Coastal Carolina	--	W, 2-0
3/6	DUKE	ACCNX	1 PM
3/13	#1 CLEMSON	ACCNX	5 PM
3/19	at Virginia		2 PM
3/27	#4 PITT	ACCNX	1 PM
4/2	at North Carolina		7 PM
4/9	at (RV) Notre Dame		7 PM

Home games listed in all caps

* - ACC Game

All times Eastern Standard Time

TECH BY THE NUMBERS

2 - Tech finished the 2019 regular season with the second-hardest schedule in America.

3 - Tech has played three consecutive seasons where the strength of their schedule has been inside the Top-10.

3 - Despite a reduced schedule, Tech has recorded 3 shutout victories this season. In 2019, the team only had four shutout wins all year.

4 - Four Hokies made their first career start vs. Coastal Carolina: Welnilton Da Silva Jr., Cameron Joice, Daniel Starr, and Zane Bubb.

4 - The Hokies set a new program record in 2019 with their fourth consecutive trip to the postseason. The Hokies previously made three straight trips from 2005-07.

6 - NCAA tournament wins by last year's senior class of, Will Mejia, Brendan Moyers and James Kasak was the most in school history.

23 - Goals scored in 2019 by returning players of the team's 39 (58%). Senior Kristo Strickler (11), senior Jacob Labovitz (5) and senior Camron Lennon (5) are the top returning scorers.

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**

arriving in Blacksburg

- Labovitz (9) trails only Kristo Strickler (14) in goals over the last two seasons.

SWANEVELD MAKES HIS RETURN

- After missing the first two contests of the 2020 season, Mathijs Swaneveld made back-to-back starts against Louisville (10/30) and Syracuse (10/24).

THERE'S NOTHING LIKE YOUR FIRST TIME

- Andrew Weber made the first start of his career as Nick Blacklock scored the first goal of his career in Tech's 1-1 draw against Syracuse (10/24).
- Freshman Landon Ameres also made his first appearance for the Hokies, tallying his first assist in the contest.

STRICKLER STARTS HOT

- Strickler had the sixth multi-goal game of his career against Pitt (10/10), as he scored both of the Hokies goals in the contest.
- It marked the first time of his career that he opened a season recording 2+ goals.

NEW FACES MAKE APPEARANCE IN SEASON OPENER

- Three Hokies made their debuts in the Hokies season opener against No. 2 Pitt (10/10).
- Matt Zambetti (GK) stepped in for two-year starter Mathias Swaneveld, who started every game for the Hokies over the last two seasons.
- Kyle McDowell was one of three new members on Tech's back line.
- Mayola Kinyua was all over the field in his debut at center mid.

2020 KICKS OFF ON THE ROAD

- The Hokies open their season on the road for the fourth consecutive season
- Tech has won four straight season openers and six of the last seven.

UNDERRATED RECRUIT TO #1 PICK

- Roanoke, Virginia native Daniel Pereira quickly worked his way into the starting lineup during the 2019 preseason and never looked back.
- Pereira finished the 2019 season with second-most points on the team and tied the team lead with five assists.
- The midfielder with Venezuelan roots made his mark on the 2020 campaign by scoring the winning goal against UVA.
- Due to his phenomenal freshmen campaign Pereira was named to the 2019 ACC All-Freshman team and was one of two true freshmen invited to the 2020 MLS Combine.

RETURNERS ASSEMBLE

- Though losing the most decorated senior class in program history, the Hokies return six players that started in at least 10 matches last season: Strickler, Swaneveld, Blacklock, Haugli, Bleumler, and Labovitz.

HOKIES PICKED THIRD IN THE ACC NORTH

- Picked to finish third in its ACC division, Tech finished No. 4 overall in the country.

STRICKLER STRIKES

- After a Freshman year that saw him start next to former All-American Marcelo Acuna, forward Kristo Strickler has become the go-to scorer for the Hokies
- The senior has led the Hokies in goals in each of the past two seasons, recording double-digit goals in the 2018 (10) and 2019 (11) seasons.

TRENDS AND FIGURES

TEAM HISTORY

First Season of Men's Soccer	1972
All-Time Record	402-372-88
All-Time ACC Record	31-78-26
ACC Tournament Appearances	14
ACC Tournament Record.....	5-13-2
NCAA Tournament.....	8 (Last in 2019)
NCAA Tournament Record	9-7-2

ACTIVE STARTS STREAK

	<u>2020-21</u>	<u>Streak</u>	<u>Career</u>
Alex Adjetey	0	-	0
Landon Ameres	0	-	0
Nick Blacklock	4	-	19
Jakob Bluemler	7	-	44
Zane Bubb	1	1	-
Da Silva Jr.	1	1	-
Jack Dearie	0	-	-
Kahlil Dover	1	-	2
Nathan Durst	7	-	13
Birkir Eythorson	0	-	-
Sivert Haugli	8	23	45
Camron Joice	1	1	1
Connor Jordan-Hyde	0	-	-
Hayden Kickbush	0	-	0
Oryem Kilama	0	-	0
Mayola Kinyua	8	8	8
Jacob Labovitz	7	5	19
Camron Lennon	5	-	10
Chris Little	3	3	4
Mason McClendon	0	-	0
Kyle McDowell	8	8	8
Chris Nicola	0	-	0
J.P. Pascarella	0	-	0
Daniel Starr	1	1	1
Kyle Stenzel	2	2	2
Kristso Strickler	7	-	64
Mathijs Swaneveld	6	6	46
Andrew Weber	1	-	1
Matt Zambetti	2	-	2

▪ Tech's longest streak is 23 by Strickler. Tech is 10-8-5 in those contests.

▪ Until last Sunday's match with Coastal Carolina, Kristo Strickler held the longest streak at 47. Tech was 24-15-8 in those contests.

▪ Strickler leads the team with 64 career starts, Swaneveld is second with 46, Sivert Haugli is third with 45, and Jakob Bluemler is fourth with 44.

RESULTS VS. DUKE UNDER BRIZENDINE

10/31/09	AWAY	L, 1-4
10/30/10	HOME	L, 1-6
10/28/11	AWAY	L, 1-2
10/27/12	HOME	L, 0-2
9/13/13	AWAY	T, 1-1
10/31/14	HOME	L, 0-2
10/30/15	AWAY	L, 1-2
10/7/16	HOME	W, 3-1
9/8/17	AWAY	L, 1-3
10/26/18	HOME	L, 0-2
11/1/19	AWAY	W, 2-1

**-2019-
10-6-3**

ACC: 2-4-2

HEAD COACH: MIKE BRIZENDINE

Aug 30	@ Loyola Marymount	W, 2-1
Sep 1	@ UC Santa Barbara	W, 3-1
Sep 6	vs. Loyola (Md.) 1	W, 2-1
Sept 8	vs. Hofstra 1	W, 4-3
Sept 13	#18 UNC	L, 1-3
Sept 17	Grand Canyon	W, 4-0
Sept 20	@ RV Louisville	L, 1-2
Sept 27	Boston College	T, 2-2
Oct 1	Gardner Webb	W, 4-0
Oct 5	@ #6 Clemson	T, 0-0
Oct 11	@ Pitt	L, 1-3
Oct 18	Notre Dame	W, 2-1
Oct 25	#6 UVA	L, 0-2
Oct 29	at Princeton	L, 2-3
Nov 1	at Duke	W, 2-1
Nov 6	@ Louisville 2	W, 2-0
Nov 10	@ #7 Wake Forest 3	T, 2-2 (5-6PK)
Nov 24	#16 New Hampshire 4	W, 4-1
Dec 1	@ Stanford 5	L, 1-2

- 1-JMU Invitational
- 2-ACC Tournament in Louisville, KY.
- 3-ACC Tournament in Winston-Salem, N.C..
- 4-NCAA Tournament in Blacksburg, VA
- 5-NCAA Tournament in Stanford, CA.

HOKIE TRENDS

	2019	2020-21
Overall	10-6-3	4-2-2
Conference	2-4-2	3-1-2
Thompson Field	3-2-1	0-0-2
On the road	4-3-2	4-1-0
Neutral sites	3-0-0	0-1-0
Overtime games	0-0-3	1-0-2
Scoring first	7-2-1	4-0-1
Opp scores first	3-4-1	0-2-1

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

Keeping a shutout	3-0-1	3-0-0
Allowing one goal	6-0-0	1-0-2
Allowing two goals	0-2-2	0-0-0
Allowing 3+ goals	1-3-0	0-2-0

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

Leading at halftime	6-1-1	2-0-0
Trailing at halftime	1-2-1	0-2-0
Tied at halftime	3-2-1	2-0-2

Day games	4-0-1	3-1-0
Night games (5 p.m. or later)	6-6-2	1-1-2

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

In August	1-0-0	0-0-0
In September	4-2-1	0-0-0
In October	2-3-1	1-1-2
In November	3-1-1	2-1-0
In February	0-0-0	3-1-0
In March	0-0-0	0-0-0

Against ranked opposition	1-3-2	1-2-1
In televised games	6-4-5	1-2-1

THE LAST TIME THE HOKIES.....

TEAM

Home win.....	Sun., Nov. 24, 2019	4-1 vs. #23 New Hampshire
Home loss.....	Fri., Oct. 25, 2019	0-2 vs. #6 Virginia
Road win	Sun., Feb. 28, 2021	2-0 at #5 Coastal Carolina
Road loss	Sat., Oct. 10, 2020	2-4, at #2 Pitt
OT win	Sun., Aug. 26, 2018	2-1, vs Gardner-Webb
OT loss.....	Tue., Oct. 2, 2019	1-2, vs South Carolina
ACC win	Fri., Nov. 6, 2020	1-0 at Virginia
ACC loss	Sat., Oct. 10, 2020	2-4, at #2 Pitt
Non-conference win.....	Sun., Feb. 28, 2021	2-0 at #5 Coastal Carolina
Non-conference loss	Sun., Dec. 1, 2019	1-2 at #7 Stanford
Shutout win	Sun., Feb. 28, 2021	2-0 at #5 Coastal Carolina
Shutout tie	Fri., Oct. 22, 2019	0-0, vs Longwood
Scored 1 goal.....	Sun., Nov. 15, 2020	1-4 vs #2 Clemson
Scored 2 goals.....	Sun., Feb. 28, 2021	2-0, at #5 Coastal Carolina
Scored 3 goals.....	Sun., Sept. 1, 2010	3-1 at #16 UC Santa Barbra
Scored 4 goals.....	Sun., Nov. 24, 2019	4-1 vs. #23 New Hampshire
Scored 5+ goals	Fri., Oct. 19, 2018	5-2 at Notre Dame
Allowed 1 goal.....	Sat., Oct. 24, 2020	1-1 vs. Syracuse
Allowed 2 goals.....	Sun., Dec. 1, 2019	1-2 at #7 Stanford
Allowed 3 goals.....	Sun., Oct. 22, 2018	2-3 at Princeton
Allowed 4 goals.....	Sun., Nov. 15, 2020	1-4, vs. #2 Clemson
Allowed 5+ goals.....	Sun., Aug. 27, 2017	1-5 at Omaha
5+ assists.....	Tue., Oct. 29, 2019	4-0 vs Grand Canyon
10+ corner kicks.....	Sun., Sept. 8, 2019	4-3 vs Hofstra
25+ Shots	Fri., Oct. 30, 2020	2-1 at Louisville

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	Sun., Nov. 24, 2019	Jacob Labovitz (2) vs. #23 New Hampshire
10+ saves.....	Sun., Nov. 10, 2019	Mathijs Swaneveld(10) vs Wake Forest

2020 ACC STANDINGS

NORTH REGION

	PTS	ACC	PCT	OVERALL	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Pitt	12	4-0	1.000	8-1	.889	2-0	4-0	2-1-0	W1
Virginia Tech	11	3-1-2	0.667	4-2-2	0.625	0-0-2	4-1-0	0-1-0	W1
Notre Dame	9	3-2	0.600	6-4	0.600	4-2	2-1	0-1-0	W1
Virginia	7	2-3-1	0.417	4-4-1	0.500	3-2-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	W1
Louisville	4	1-4-1	0.250	1-6-1	0.188	1-3-0	0-3-1	0-0-0	L3
Syracuse	2	0-3-2	0.200	1-4-3	0.312	1-1-1	0-2-2	0-1-0	L1

SOUTH REGION

	PTS	ACC	PCT	OVERALL	PCT	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	STREAK
Wake Forest	15	5-1-0	0.833	8-2	0.800	5-1	3-1-0	0-0-0	W1
North Carolina	11	3-1-2	0.667	3-2-2	0.500	2-1-1	1-1-1	0-0-0	L2
Clemson	10	3-2-1	0.583	8-2-1	0.773	4-0-1	2-2-0	2-0-0	W3
Duke	6	2-4-0	0.333	2-7-1	0.273	1-3-2	1-3-2	0-1-0	T1
NC State	1	0-5-1	0.083	2-6-1	0.278	1-4-0	1-2-1	0-0-0	W2
Boston College	0	0-0-0	0.000	0-0-0	0.000	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	---

VIRGINIA TECH ROSTERS

#	NAME	POS	HT	YR	HOMETOWN	HS/LAST SCHOOL	ALPHABETICAL
0	Connor Jordan-Hyde	GK	6' 2"	r-So.	Leawood, Ks.	The Pembroke School	20 Ameres
1	Mathijs Swaneveld	GK	6' 4"	Sr.	Schoonhoven, Netherlands	Schoonhovenscollege	17 Blacklock
2	Jack Dearie	M	6' 2"	Fr.	Ponte Verde Beach, Fla.	Nease	31 Bluemler
3	Sivert Haugli	D	6' 5"	So.	Oslo, Norway	Norges Toppidrettsgymnas	28 Bubb
4	Kyle Stenzel	M	6' 0"	So.	Staunton, Virginia	Robert E. Lee	5 Da Silva II
5	Welnilton Da Silva II	D	6' 1"	Fr.	Para, Brazil	Montverde Academy	2 Dearie
6	Camron Joice	M	5' 9"	Jr.	NewCastle, South Wales	Monroe College	14 Dover
8	Mayola Kinyua	F	5' 8"	So.	Nairobi, Kenya	Montverde Academy	19 Durst
10	Chris Little	M	5' 10"	Jr.	Fairfax, Va.	Briar Woods	16 Eythorsson
11	Daniel Starr	F	6' 3"	So.	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle	3 Haugli
12	Andrew Weber	M	5' 9"	Jr.	Earlsville, Va.	Albemarle	6 Joice
14	Kahlil Dover	F	6' 3"	Jr.	Reston, Va.	South Lakes	0 Jordan-Hyde
15	Kristo Strickler	M	5' 10"	Sr.	Hilliard, Ohio	St. Charles Preparatory School	27 Kickbush
16	Birkir Eythorsson	M	6' 0"	Fr.	Reykjavik, Iceland	Borgarholt School	8 Kinyua
17	Nick Blacklock	M	5' 10"	So.	Hellertown, Pa.	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	24 McDowell
22	Mason McClendon	D	5' 11"	So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	First Colonial	26 Nicola
23	J.P. Pascarella	D	5' 10"	Fr.	Blaine, Minn.	Lesville Road	23 Pascarella
24	Kyle McDowell	M	5' 10"	Jr.	West Sussex, England	Ottawa University	11 Starr
25	Matt Zambetti	GK	6' 1"	So.	Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Cumberland Valley	4 Stenzel
26	Chris Nicola	D	6' 3"	So.	San Diego, Calif.	Northwood	15 Strickler
27	Hayden Kickbush	GK	6' 2"	r-Jr.	Arlington, Va.	Yorktown	1 Swaneveld
28	Zane Bubb	D	6' 4"	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	North Florida	12 Weber
31	Jakob Bluemler	D	5' 8"	Jr.	Bad Soden, Germany	Humboldtschule, Bad Homburg	25 Zambetti

PRONUNCIATIONS

Name	Pronunciation	Birkir Eythorsson	Brr-kerr Ay-thor-son
Mathijs Swaneveld	Mat-tie-us	Jakob Bluemler	Jacob Bloom-ler
Sivert Haugli	See-vert How-glee	Landon Ameres	UH-mare-es
Mayola Kinyua	May-o-luh Kin-you-uh	Mike Brizendine	Briz-en-dine (fine)

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY STATE

STATES REPRESENTED (9)

Virginia (10 student-athletes)
 Pennsylvania (Zambetti, Blacklock)
 Florida (Dearie, Ameres)
 California (Nicola)
 Texas (Lennon)
 Kansas (Jordan-Hyde)
 Ohio (Strickler)
 Minnesota (Pascarella)
 North Carolina (Bubb)

BY COUNTRY

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED (8)

USA (20)
 Australia (1), Joice
 Brazil (1), Da Silva II
 England (1), McDowell
 Germany (1), Bluemler
 Iceland (1), Eythorsson
 Netherlands (1), Swaneveld
 Norway (1), Haugli

BY CLASS

SENIORS (5)

Mathijs Swaneveld, Kristo Strickler, Jacob Labovitz, Camron Lennon, Jakob Bluemler

JUNIORS (8)

Hayden Kickbush, Sivert Haugli, Chris Little, Kahlil Dover, Andrew Weber, Camron Joice, Kyle McDowell, Zane Bubb,

SOPHOMORES (9)

Connor Jordan-Hyde, Kyle Stenzel, Mayola Kinyua, Daniel Starr, Nick Blacklock, Mason McClendon, Matt Zambetti, Chris Nicola, Nathan Durst,

FRESHMEN (5)

Jack Dearie, Welnilton Da Silva II, Birkir Eythorsson, Landon Ameres, J.P. Pascarella,

HEAD COACH MIKE BRIZENDINE



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.

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 22 players that have gone on to play professional soccer, as well as six 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.

THE BRIZENDINE FILE

Coaching Exp.: 21th season, 16th at Tech
Head Coach:..... 15th season, 12th at Tech
Record at Tech:..... 85-103-30
Overall Record:..... 112-137-31
College: James Madison (1999)
Playing Exp:James Madison (1996-99)

THE BRIZENDINE FILE

Year	School	Position
2009-pres	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)
1. Oliver Weiss	4	'03, '05-07
2. Mike Brizendine	4	2016-19

YEAR-BY-YEAR 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	4-2-2



ASSISTANT COACHES AND STAFF



PAT MCSORLEY

Associate Head Coach

Experience: 12 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: Second 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.

THOMPSON FIELD, THE HOME OF THE HOKIES



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	19
Overall record	75-56-21
ACC record	17-36-1
Non conference record	55-18-19
Ranked opponents	11-28
Coach Brizendine's Record	46-38-16

WOMEN'S SOCCER QUICK FACTS

Seasons	19
Overall record	109-46-21
ACC record	36-34-1
Non conference record	74-9-20
Ranked opponents	16-34-1

LACROSSE QUICK FACTS

Seasons	18
Overall record	49-52
ACC record	4-32
Non conference record	43-18
Ranked opponents	3-35

2020-21 COMBINED STATISTICS



2020-21 Virginia Tech Men's Soccer Combined Statistics All games

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Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
* 10/10/2020	at Pittsburgh	L	2-4	55
* 10/14/2020	Virginia	Tot2	1-1	130
* 10/24/2020	Syracuse	Tot2	1-1	101
* 10/30/2020	at Louisville	Wot1	2-1	212
* 11/02/2020	at Notre Dame	W	1-0	0
* 11/06/2020	at Virginia	W	1-0	265
11/15/2020	vs Clemson	L	1-4	0
02/28/2021	at Coastal Carolina	W	2-0	200

Team statistics

	HOKIES	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	11-132	11-69
Goals scored per game	1.38	1.38
Shot pct.	.083	.159
Shots on goal-Attempts	48-132	31-69
SOG pct.	.364	.449
Shots/Game	16.5	8.6
Assists	9	14
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	11	11
Penalty	1	0
Unassisted	-	-
Overtime	1	0
Goals scored average	1.38	1.38
CORNER KICKS		
Goals off corners	46	29
PENALTY KICKS		
	1-1	0-1
OFFSIDES		
	15	15
PENALTIES		
Fouls	105	90
Yellow cards	19	9
Red cards	1	1
ATTENDANCE		
Total	231	732
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/116	5/146
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/0	-

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	4-2-2	0-0-2	4-1-0	0-1-0
Conference	3-1-2	0-0-2	3-1-0	0-0-0
Non-Conference	1-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-1-0

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	GWG	PK-ATT
18	Labovitz, Jacob	7	4	1	9	24	.167	8	.333	3	0-0
15	Strickler, Kristo	7	3	1	7	24	.125	8	.333	0	0-0
9	Pereira, Daniel	7	1	1	3	26	.038	15	.577	1	0-0
14	Dover, Kahlil	8	1	1	3	7	.143	4	.571	0	0-0
17	Blacklock, Nick	6	1	0	2	16	.063	5	.313	0	0-0
3	Haugli, Sivert	8	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	0	1-1
24	McDowell, Kyle	8	0	2	2	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
20	Ameres, Landon	6	0	1	1	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
31	Bluemler, Jakob	7	0	1	1	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
10	Little, Chris	8	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
12	Weber, Andrew	6	0	0	0	5	.000	1	.200	0	0-0
8	Kinyua, Mayola	8	0	0	0	5	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	Lennon, Camron	6	0	0	0	5	.000	3	.600	0	0-0
11	Starr, Daniel	4	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	0	0-0
19	Durst, Nathan	8	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	0	0-0
4	Stenzel, Kyle	5	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
21	Adjetye, Alexander	2	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	Bubb, Zane	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	McClendon, Mason	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
1	Swaneveld, Mathijs	6	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
6	Joice, Camron	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
16	Eythorsson, Birkir	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
5	Da Silva Jr., Welnilton	3	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		8	11	9	31	132	.083	48	.364	-	1-1
Opponents		8	11	14	36	69	.159	31	.449	-	0-1

#	Goalie	GP	MIN.	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W-L-T	SHO/CBO
1	Swaneveld, Mathijs	6	562:47	6	0.96	12	.667	4-1-1	3/0
25	Zambetti, Matt	2	200:00	5	2.25	6	.545	0-1-1	0/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0-0-0	0/0
Total		8	762:47	11	1.30	20	.645	4-2-2	3
Opponents		8	762:47	11	1.30	37	.771	2-4-2	0

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	4	6	1	0	11
Opponents	6	5	0	0	11

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	55	64	10	3	132
Opponents	31	35	1	2	69

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	10	9	0	1	20
Opponents	16	16	5	0	37

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	19	23	3	1	46
Opponents	13	14	0	2	29

TV/RADIO ROSTER



0 CONNOR JORDAN-HYDE



1 MATHIJS SWANEVELD



2 JACK DEARIE



3 SIVERT HAUGLI



4 KYLE STENZEL



5 WELNILTON DA SILVA



6 CAMERON JOICE



8 MAYOLA KINYUA



10 CHRIS LITTLE



11 DANIEL STARR



12 ANDREW WEBER



14 KAHLIL DOVER



15 KRISTO STRICKLER



16 BIRKIR EYTHORSSON



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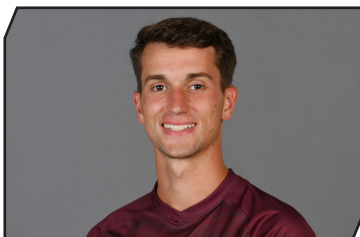
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20 LANDON AMERES



21 CAMRON LENNON



22 MASON MCCLENDON

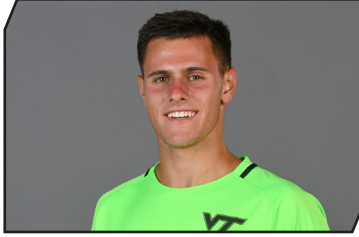
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24 KYLE MCDOWELL



25 MATT ZAMBETTI



26 CHRIS NICOLA



27 HAYDEN KICKBUSH



28 ZANE BUBB



31 JAKOB BLUEMLER