

# **VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL**

**2021 POSTGAME NOTES** 

#10 TAR HEELS (0-1, 0-1 ACC)

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VS.

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(1-0, 1-0 ACC) **VIRGINIA TECH** 

LANE STADIUM/WORSHAM FIELD (65,263) • BLACKSBURG, VA. • SEPT. 3, 2021

## **GAME NOTES**

- Virginia Tech is now 25-13-6 against the Tar Heels and 14-4 since joining the ACC in 2004.
- UNC QB Sam Howell threw three INTs in the game, continuting the streak of the preseason ACC Player of the Year (QB) throwing a pick against the Hokies. This is the fifth such occasion in as many games. Additionally, Howell's turned the ball over for the first time in his career in the fourth quarter.

## **HEAD COACH JUSTIN FUENTE**

- Record moves to 39-26 at Virginia Tech and 65-49 in his career.
- Fuente is 26-17 in ACC contests.
- Moves to 6-0 in home openers
- Is now 11-1 in games in which the Hokies' defense produces 5.0 sacks or more.

#### **VIRGINIA TECH TEAM NOTES**

- The 17 points scored against the Tar Heels mark the 334th consecutive game Virginia Tech has scored, the third-longest active streak in the nation among FBS schools. It's also the sixth-longest streak in FBS history.
- The defense pitched a first half shutout for the first time since Nov. 23, 2019 vs. Pitt.

## NOTES ON THE DATE

- Virginia Tech football is now 7-1 all-time on September 3.
- The Hokies are 26-14-1 on Fridays.

## PLAYER NOTES **QB BRAXTON BURMEISTER**

- Record moves to 4-1 as starting QB at Tech.
- Ran the ball nine times for 42 yards and a TD, his sixth career rushing TD, third at VT.
- Was 12-of-19 for 169 yards and a TD, throwing an 11-yd TD to TE James Mitchell.

## **RB JALEN HOLSTON**

 Had 13 carries for 49 yards to lead the Hokies in that category.

#### **RB RAHEEM BLACKSHEAR**

- Ran the ball 11 times for 16 yards.
- Recorded 66 receiving yards on three catches with a long of 33 yards.

## **WR TRÉ TURNER**

 Caught four passes for 64 yards and ran the ball once for 12 yards. He now owns 98 career receptions.

## **WR TAYVION ROBINSON**

• Caught two passes for 25 yards.

#### **TE JAMES MITCHELL**

- Caught an 11-yd TD in the second quarter, the seventh of his career.
- Finished the game with three receptions for 36 yards.

## **DB CHAMARRI CONNER**

- Wore Coach Beamer's #25 jersey for the contest. Tech is now 3-1 when he wears 25 and 2-0 against UNC.
- Recorded the fourth INT of his career, to go along with a team-best eight tackles.

## **DB ARMANI CHATMAN**

• Broke up two passes and had 1.0 TFL.

## **DB NASIR PEOPLES**

• Earned the first start of his career and made six tackles.

## **DB JERMAINE WALLER**

- Recorded an INT, the fourth career INT and his first since the 2019 season.
- Finished the game with seven tackles and a pass breakup.

## **LB ALAN TISDALE**

- Recorded seven tackles and one QB hurry
- Had 1.0 sacks in the game.

## **LB DAX HOLLIFIELD**

• Recorded four tackles, 0.5 sacks and had his fourth career INT.

## **DL MARIO KENDRICKS**

• Recorded 1.0 sacks.

## **DL TYJUAN GARBUTT**

 Forced a fumble, the first of his career during the game.

## **DL AMARE BARNO**

• Recorded 3.5 TFLs including a forced fumble, part of his six sacks.

## **K JOHN PARKER ROMO**

• Went 2-for-2 on PATs and made a 48-yd FG.

## **P PETER MOORE**

• Averaged 44.3 yards on four punts.

## **2021 LEADING TACKLERS**

GAME	PLAYER	TACKLES
North Carolina	Conner	8
Middle Tennessee		
West Virginia		
Richmond		
Notre Dame		
Pitt		
Syracuse		
Georgia Tech		
Boston College		
Duke		
Miami		
Virginia		

## **ACTIVE STARTS CHART**

	2021	Streak	Career
Eli Adams (DL)	0	0	5
Amaré Barno (DE)	1	7	7
Raheem Blackshear (RB)	1	1	6
Braxton Burmeister (QB)	1	2	5
Armani Chatman (DB)	0	0	9
Chamarri Conner (NICK)	1	25	25
Drake DeIuliis (TE)	0	0	5
Silas Dzansi (OL)	1	1	17
Nick Gallo (TE)	1	5	6
TyJuan Garbutt (DE)	1	1	17
Jaylen Griffin (DE)	0	0	1
Brock Hoffman (OL)	1	12	12
Dax Hollifield (LB)	1	3	26
Jalen Holston (RB)	0	0	5
Keonta Jenkins (DB)	1	1	3
Matt Johnson (LB)	0	0	1
Mario Kendricks (DT)	1	1	5
Keshawn King (RB)	0	0	1
Tyler Matheny (DB)	0	0	5
James Mitchell (TE)	1	4	19
Kaden Moore (OL)	1	1	1
Brion Murray (DB)	0	0	9
Nasir Peoples (DB)	1	1	1
Norell Pollard (DT)	1	12	14
Tayvion Robinson (WR)	1	13	19
Oscar Shadley (LS)	0	10	36
Kaleb Smith (WR)	0	0	9
Lecitus Smith (OL)	1	18	28
Dorian Strong (CB)	1	2	6
Luke Tenuta (OL)	1	8	15
Nadir Thompson (DB)	0	0	1
Alan Tisdale (LB)	1	1	6
Tré Turner (WR)	1	2	27
J.R. Walker (DB)	0	0	1
Jermaine Waller (DB)	1	1	13

## **LONGEST ACTIVE STREAKS**

Chamarri Conner (NICK) - 25 Lecitus Smith (OL) - 18 Tayvion Robinson (WR) - 13 Brock Hoffman (OL) - 12 Norell Pollard (DT) - 12