



VIRGINIA TECH FOOTBALL

2022 POSTGAME NOTES



VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES
(2-4, 1-2 ACC)

29 vs. **45**

(4-2, 1-1 ACC) **PITT PANTHERS**



ACRISURE STADIUM (54,677) • PITTSBURGH, PA. • OCT. 8, 2022

GAME NOTES

- Pitt won the coin toss, deferring its option to the second half. Tech received the opening kickoff, defending the south end zone.
- The weather at kickoff was 55°F and sunny.
- Pitt opened the scoring with Israel Abanikanda's 38-yard rushing touchdown (3:53, 1st). Tech answered with a 5-yard touchdown run by Malachi Thomas (2:50, 1st).
- The Hokies led, 16-7, after Keshawn King's 19-yard touchdown run (10:45, 2nd).
- Tech is now 11-11 against Pitt on the gridiron and 4-8 during series meetings in Pittsburgh (1-7 all-time at Acrisure Stadium, formerly Heinz Field).

HEAD COACH BRENT PRY

- Record moves to 2-4 as the head coach at Virginia Tech (0-3 during away games, 0-1 within the state of Pennsylvania).
- Saturday marked Pry's first game coaching in Pennsylvania since departing Penn State (2014-21).

VIRGINIA TECH TEAM NOTES

- Tech's 29 points scored against Pitt mark the 352nd consecutive game during which Virginia Tech has scored, the third longest active streak in the nation among FBS schools (fifth longest through FBS history).
- The Hokies' special teams unit witnessed its consecutive made extra points (kicking) streak end at 248 after Tech's first PAT attempt was blocked (streak had dated back to Oct. 20, 2016, against Miami).

NOTES ON THE DATE

- Virginia Tech football is now 14-4 all-time on Oct. 8 (first loss since 1988).

PLAYER NOTES

QB GRANT WELLS

- Career record moves to 16-13 as a starting quarterback.
- Tied his season long with his 43-yard touchdown pass to Da'Wain Lofton (0:30,

3rd) - his sixth touchdown pass of the season.

RB MALACHI THOMAS

- Made his season debut (had missed five games due to injury).
- Led Tech in carries (15).
- Ran for a 5-yard touchdown - the fourth rushing touchdown of his career.

RB KESHAWN KING

- Ran for a 19-yard touchdown - the fifth rushing touchdown of his career (second of 2022).

WR KALEB SMITH

- Set career highs in receptions (nine) and receiving yards (152) - the first 100-yard receiving game of his career.
- Achieved the first 100-yard receiving game by a Tech player since Tré Turner (187 - Oct. 30, 2021, at Georgia Tech).
- Recorded his fourth and fifth receptions of 30-plus yards this season (37, 30 yards).

WR DA'WAIN LOFTON

- Made a 43-yard touchdown reception (0:30, 3rd), marking the longest catch of his career (first touchdown of the season).

WR P.J. PRIOLEAU

- Blocked his first career punt (resulted in a Tech touchdown).

LB KEONTA JENKINS

- Recorded his first career interception (11:15, 2nd), made three tackles, broke up a pass and had one pass breakup.

DB NYKE JOHNSON

- Recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown (13:25, 4th) - Tech's first such play since Nov. 23, 2018, at Virginia.

DB NASIR PEOPLES

- Wore Coach Beamer's No. 25 jersey for the first time.
- Made seven tackles (five solo, 1.0 TFL).

K WILL ROSS

- Made his eighth consecutive career- and season-opening field goal (18 yards, 12:46 2nd), though missed his Tech records-tying ninth attempt (both belonging to Jud Dunlevy in 2007).

ACTIVE STARTS CHART

	2022	Streak	Career
Eli Adams (DL)	0	0	5
Keshon Artis (LB)	0	0	1
Chance Black (RB)	1	0	1
Jadan Blue (WR)	2	1	22
Connor Blumrick (TE)	3	0	4
Tink Boyd (WR)	0	0	1
Armani Chatman (DB)	6	9	19
Parker Clements (OL)	6	9	13
Chamarri Conner (DB)	6	43	43
Drake De luliis (TE)	1	0	7
Silas Dzansi (OL)	6	7	29
Josh Fuga (DL)	3	2	6
Nick Gallo (TE)	6	6	22
TyJuan Garbutt (DL)	4	0	31
Stephen Gosnell (WR)	1	0	1
Jaylen Griffin (DE)	6	6	9
Jesse Hanson (OL)	6	6	6
Ny'Queen Hawkins (DB)	0	0	0
Dax Hollifield (LB)	6	13	43
Jalen Holston (RB)	0	0	4
Keonta Jenkins (LB)	5	4	8
Johnny Jordan (OL)	6	6	25
William Kakavitsas (WR)	0	0	0
Jaden Keller (LB)	2	2	2
Mario Kendricks (DL)	3	0	9
Keshawn King (RB)	5	3	7
Da'Wain Lofton (WR)	6	6	6
C.J. McCray (DL)	1	0	1
Jayden McDonald (LB)	3	0	3
Kaden Moore (OL)	6	19	19
Peter Moore (P)	6	19	19
Brion Murray (DB)	2	2	11
Cole Nelson (DL)	1	1	1
Nasir Peoples (DB)	6	19	19
Norell Pollard (DL)	6	12	30
Kaleb Smith (WR)	5	4	25
Dorian Strong (DB)	4	0	19
Malachi Thomas (RB)	0	0	3
Alan Tisdale (LB)	0	0	18
J.R. Walker (LB)	1	0	1
Grant Wells (QB)	6	19	19

ACTIVE STARTS STREAKS

Chamarri Conner (DB) - 43
Kaden Moore (OL) - 19
Peter Moore (P) - 19
Nasir Peoples (DB) - 19

2022 LEADING TACKLERS

GAME	PLAYER	TACKLES
ODU	Nasir Peoples	12
Boston College	Dax Hollifield	8
Wofford	C. Conner/J. Stroman	6
West Virginia	Chamarri Conner	11
North Carolina	Dax Hollifield	10
Pitt	Conner, Hollifield, Peoples	7