







## Tony ROBIE (ROH-bee)

- Sixth season as Virginia Tech head coach
- 2017, 2019, & 2021 ACC Coach of the Year
- Led the Hokies to two ACC Tournament titles and two ACC Dual Meet titles
- 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: 52-15 (6th year)

### 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: 6

YEARS OF COLLEGIATE COACHING: 25

### 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/National Champion

2020 - No Championships/Two NWCA All-Americans

2021 - 15th Place/Three All-Americans

2022 - 8th Place/Three All-Americans/National Finalist

#### 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

2021 - 2nd Place/Two ACC Champions

2022 - 2nd Place/Three ACC Champions

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. Five full seasons into his tenure as head coach, Robie is still leading the Hokies into new territory.

In 2021-2022, Robie led the Hokies to a 8th place finish at the NCAA Championships, finishing with the fourth-most team points in program history. Robie helped guide Mekhi Lewis in becoming the program's first ever two-time national finalist. The Hokies earned All-American finishes from Korbin Myers (133), Bryce Andonian (149), and Lewis (174). Robie was named ACC Coach of the Year for the third time in his five years at the helm along with Lewis earning ACC Wrestler of the Year, becoming the first Hokie to earn the award twice in his career. Tech finished second at the ACC Championships behind champion performances from Myers, Lewis, and graduate transfer Nathan Traxler at 285.

In 2020-2021, the Hokies finished No. 2 in the National Wrestling Coaches of America Coaches Poll, the highest under Robie and the highest in program history. He led the Hokies to an ACC Dual Meet Title and a second place finish at the ACC Championships. The Hokies extended their streak of 3+ All-Americans for the eighth straight season with All-America finishes from Sam Latona at 125, Korbin Myers at 133, and Hunter Bolen at 184.

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.



