10 NCAA APPEARANCES / 23 ALL-AMERICANS / 112 MLB DRAFT PICKS / 21 MLB ALUMNI

THE MATCHUP

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES	VS	FORDHAM RAMS
3-0, 0-0 ACC		1-3, 0-0 ATLANTIC 10

Head coach: John Szefc (Drexel, '89)
Career record: 480-349-4 (17th season)
Record at Virginia Tech: 88-90 (fifth season)
Record vs. Fordham: 2-0

Head coach: Kevin Leighton (, '98)
Career record: 454-372-2 (17th season)
Record at Fordham: 254-253-1 (11th season)
Record vs. Virginia Tech: 0-0

GAME 4	FRIDAY, FEB. 25	2 PM	ACCNX	
GAME 5	SATURDAY, FEB. 26	2 PM	ACCNX	
GAME 6	SUNDAY, FEB. 27	1 PM	--	

BLACKSBURG, VA. | ENGLISH FIELD AT ATLANTIC UNION BANK PARK (4,000)

GRIFFIN GREEN (1-0, 0.00 ERA)	GAME 4	GABE KARSLO (0-1, 4.50 ERA)
RYAN OKUDA (1-0, 0.00 ERA)	GAME 5	BROOKS EY (0-1, 7.20 ERA)
TBD	GAME 6	TBD

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LAST TIME OUT - FEB. 20 vs. UNC ASHEVILLE

VIRGINIA TECH

Pos	#	Name	GS-GP	AVG	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SLG	OBP	Note
CF	24	Nick Biddison	3-3	.417	12	3	5	1	--	1	3	.750	.385	Feb. 19: 3-for-5, 2B, HR
3B	4	Carson DeMartini	3-3	.364	11	4	4	--	--	2	5	.909	.500	HRs first two career games
SS	8	Tanner Schobel	3-3	.400	10	6	4	1	--	1	2	.800	.571	Team high, six runs
2B	23	Eduardo Malinowski	3-3	.333	12	5	4	--	--	1	5	.583	.429	HR in Tech debut (Feb. 18)
LF	31	Jack Hurley	3-3	.417	12	4	5	1	--	--	5	.500	.385	Feb. 20: 3-for-3, 2 SB
RF	12	Conor Hartigan	3-3	.333	12	2	4	2	--	--	2	.500	.385	Three-game hit streak
DH	2	Sam Tackett	3-2	.667	3	2	2	--	--	--	--	.667	.889	2nd best OBP, NCAA
C	5	Gehrig Ebel	2-1	.000	3	2	--	--	--	--	1	.000	.400	
1B	32	Lucas Donlon	2-1	.667	3	1	2	1	--	--	2	1.000	.600	

KEY STORYLINES

EXPLOSIVE START

• Despite Tuesday's rainout, Virginia Tech's offense is still fresh off doing everything right during its season-opening sweep of UNC Asheville.

• As a team, the Hokies nearly hit .400 across their three victories (42-for-107, .393), yielding nine doubles, a triple and seven home runs to slug .692 against the Bulldogs – currently the fifth best mark among NCAA Division I programs.

• Tech's patience at the plate manifested in 18 walks and helped boost its on-base percentage to .485, which ranks 10th best nationally.

• Third-year catcher Cade Hunter led the Hokies' contingent of seven players that recorded four or more hits against UNC Asheville.

• Hunter batted 5-for-7 (.714) across his two starts behind the dish, staging one of Tech's more memorable Opening Day performances: a 4-for-4 outing comprised of four extra-base hits (two doubles, two home runs).

• True freshman Carson DeMartini and fifth-year transfer Eduardo Malinowski made immediate impacts during their debuts with the Hokies; both players homered on Opening Day while DeMartini added a second home run on Feb. 19.

BRINGING THE HEAT

• Overshadowed by its flourishing offense last weekend, Tech received three sound starts from its season-opening rotation that combined to record 17 strikeouts and allow four hits – all singles – across 15 shutout innings.

• Sophomore right-hander Griffin Green (4-0 career record) and freshman righty Drue Hackenberg each won their first career decisions as starting pitchers while fifth-year, left-hand senior Ryan Okuda squeezed eight strikeouts between them during Saturday's middle game.

• Together, the trio of Hokies allowed only one base runner to advance beyond second base (by error), facing the minimum during 10 of their 15 innings on the bump.

• Considering Tech's complete pitching staff, five hurlers made their debuts with the Hokies, including fifth-year transfers Sean Fisher (scoreless relief inning) and Ryan Kennedy.

• Tech's 2.67 team ERA ranks among the top 40 pitching staffs nationally.

2022 SCHEDULE

RECORD		3-0	
ACC RECORD		0-0	
HOME 0-0	AWAY 0-0	NEUTRAL	0-0

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TV	TIME/RESULT
Fri.	Feb. 18	UNC Asheville	ACCNX	W, 17-3
Sat.	Feb. 19	UNC Asheville	--	W, 8-1
Sun.	Feb. 20	UNC Asheville	ACCNX	W, 10-4
Tue.	Feb. 22	ETSU	ACCNX	No Contest
Fri.	Feb. 25	Fordham	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sat.	Feb. 26	Fordham	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	Feb. 27	Fordham	--	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 1	High Point	--	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 4	Wright State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sat.	March 5	Wright State	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	March 6	Wright State	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 8	East Carolina	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 11	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	March 12	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sun.	March 13	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 15	at James Madison	--	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 18	Pittsburgh *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sat.	March 19	Pittsburgh *	ACCNX	3 p.m.
Sun.	March 20	Pittsburgh *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 22	Radford	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 25	at Notre Dame *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sat.	March 26	at Notre Dame *	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	March 27	at Notre Dame *	ESPN2	12 p.m.
Tue.	March 29	at VMI	--	6 p.m.
Fri.	April 1	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	April 2	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	April 3	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	April 5	Marshall	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Fri.	April 8	North Carolina State *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 9	North Carolina State *	ACCNX	3 p.m.
Sun.	April 10	North Carolina State *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	April 12	at Liberty	ESPN+	6 p.m.
Thu.	April 14	Miami *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 15	Miami *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 16	Miami *	--	2 p.m.
Tue.	April 19	VMI	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Wed.	April 20	at Radford	--	6 p.m.
Fri.	April 22	at Boston College *	--	5:30 p.m.
Sat.	April 23	at Boston College *	ACCN	6 p.m.
Sun.	April 24	at Boston College *	--	1 p.m.
Tue.	April 26	James Madison	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Fri.	April 29	at Virginia *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	April 30	at Virginia *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sun.	May 1	at Virginia *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed.	May 4	at Marshall	--	3 p.m.
Sat.	May 7	Villanova	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	May 8	Villanova	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Wed.	May 11	Liberty	ACCN	6 p.m.
Fri.	May 13	Louisville *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 14	Louisville *	ACCN	1 p.m.
Sun.	May 15	Louisville *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	May 17	Kansas State	ACCN	6 p.m.
Thu.	May 19	Duke *	ACCN	TBD
Fri.	May 20	Duke *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 21	Duke *	ACCNX	1 p.m.

All times Eastern and subject to change
* - ACC Game

2022 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Exp.	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School	Previous Schools
2	Sam Tackett	True	R-Fr.	IF	R/R	6-0	195	Lexington, Ky.	Lafayette	
3	Christian Martin	True	Fr.	IF	L/R	5-10	170	Amherst, Va.	Amherst County	
4	Carson DeMartini	True	Fr.	IF	L/R	6-0	185	Virginia Beach, Va.	Ocean Lakes	
5	Gehrig Ebel	True	So.	C	R/R	6-0	190	Ooltewah, Tenn.	Baylor School	
7	Sean Fisher	5-yr.	Gr.	P	R/L	6-0	215	Parsonburg, Md.	Parkside	Maryland
8	Tanner Schobel	True	So.	IF	R/R	5-10	170	Williamsburg, Va.	Walsingham Academy	
9	Brennan Reback	5-yr.	Sr.	OF	L/L	6-0	195	Vernon Hills, Ill.	Vernon Hills	Central Arizona JC
10	Tyler Dean	True	Fr.	IF/P	R/R	6-3	195	Vinton, Va.	William Byrd	
11	Cade Swisher	3-yr.	So.	IF	L/R	5-11	190	Chesterfield, Va.	Cosby	
12	Conor Hartigan	5-yr.	Sr.	OF	R/R	6-2	220	Winchester, Va.	Millbrook	James Madison
15	Drue Hackenberg	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-2	220	Lehighton, Pa.	Miller School of Albemarle	
16	Matthew Siverling	3-yr.	So.	P	L/L	6-4	190	Matthews, N.C.	Charlotte Christian	
17	Cade Hunter	3-yr.	So.	C	L/R	6-2	200	Mount Laurel, N.J.	Lenape	
18	Warren Holzemer	True	Fr.	IF	R/R	5-10	180	Burke, Va.	Robinson Secondary School	
19	Gavin Cross	3-yr.	So.	OF	L/L	6-3	210	Bristol, Tenn.	Tennessee	
20	Grant Umberger	True	So.	P	R/L	6-4	225	Chester Springs, Pa.	Downingtown East	
22	Ryan Okuda	5-yr.	Sr.	P	L/L	6-1	170	Gibsonia, Pa.	Pine-Richland	
23	Eduardo Malinowski	5-yr.	Gr.	IF	R/R	6-0	195	Spring, Texas	Klein Oak	Pennsylvania
24	Nick Biddison	4-yr.	Jr.	UT	R/R	5-10	190	Glen Allen, Va.	St. Christopher's	
25	Dylan Hatfield	True	Fr.	C	R/R	5-11	185	Roanoke, Va.	William Byrd	
27	Noah Johnson	3-yr.	So.	P	L/L	6-5	195	Toledo, Ohio	St. Francis de Sales	
29	Carson Jones	3-yr.	So.	OF	L/L	6-2	190	Glen Allen, Va.	Deep Run	
30	Jordan Geber	5-yr.	Gr.	P	R/R	6-3	205	Severn, Md.	Archbishop Spalding	Mount Saint Mary's
31	Jack Hurley	True	So.	OF	L/R	6-0	185	Boalsburg, Pa.	State College	
32	Lucas Donlon	3-yr.	So.	IF	R/R	6-0	205	McLean, Va.	Georgetown Prep	
33	Nick Holesa	4-yr.	R-Jr.	1B	L/R	6-2	205	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon Area	
35	Ryan Metz	5-yr.	Sr.	P	R/R	6-1	190	Fishers, Ind.	Fishers	
37	Jonah Seagears	4-yr.	Jr.	OF	R/R	5-11	184	Gainesville, Va.	Battlefield	
38	Ryan Kennedy	5-yr.	Sr.	P	L/L	6-2	210	Winchester, Va.	Millbrook	Kennesaw State
39	Peter Sakellaris	3-yr.	So.	P	R/R	6-0	185	Milton, Mass.	Milton Academy	
40	Henry Weycker	3-yr.	So.	P	L/L	5-11	205	Wellesley, Mass.	Wellesley	
43	Marcus Dux	True	Fr.	P	L/L	6-1	185	Fairfax, Va.	Chantilly	
44	Jackson Ritchey	True	So.	P	R/R	6-5	190	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon Area	
45	Christian Worley	True	So.	P	R/R	6-1	170	Alton, Va.	Halifax County	
46	Griffin Green	True	So.	P	R/R	6-3	205	Chelmsford, Mass.	Phillips Academy	
47	Jonah Hurney	4-yr.	Jr.	P	L/L	5-8	180	Kamuela, Hawaii	Hawaii Prep	Southwestern Oregon CC
48	Brady Kirtner	True	R-Fr.	P	R/R	5-11	170	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg	
49	Kiernan Higgins	5-yr.	Gr.	P	R/R	6-4	235	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bishop Timon - St. Jude	Coastal Carolina / Shippensburg
50	Luke Jackman	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-0	195	McLean, Va.	Gonzaga College	
51	Graham Firoved	4-yr.	Jr.	P	R/R	6-1	185	Virginia Beach, Va.	First Colonial	Radford / Northwest Florida JC

NOTE: To best accommodate class listings given the NCAA's COVID-19 eligibility rules, Virginia Tech baseball & strategic communications chose to not advance student-athlete class listings following the 2020 season, yet advance listings following the 2021 season. The 'experience' listing is comprehensive of a student-athlete's playing career (disregarding red-shirts) and should be read in tandem with their class listing. Bonus years will be added to the end of student-athletes' careers, as needed and as exercised.

COACHES' NUMBERS: No. 6 Kurt Elbin, No. 13 Tyler Hanson, No. 14 John Szefc, No. 36 Ryan Fecteau

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: John Szefc (Drexel, '89), 17th season as head coach (fifth season at Virginia Tech)
Assistant Coach, Hitting & Recruiting Coordinator: Kurt Elbin (Lock Haven, '06)
Assistant Coach, Pitching: Ryan Fecteau (Saint Anselm, '05)
Assistant Coach, Volunteer: Tyler Hanson (Maine at Farmington, '09)
Director of Operations: Corey Haines (Maryland, '11)
Director of Player Development: Kyle Sarazin (Elon, '19)
Baseball Consultant: Tyson Petersheim (Lock Haven, '17)
Director, Sports Medicine: Kyle Staggers, MAEd, LAT, ATC
Director, Strength & Conditioning: Seth Diters
Senior Director, Sports Nutrition: Alyson Onyon
Associate Director, Student-Athlete Academic Support Services: Mike Swanhart
Assistant Director, Equipment Services: Daniel Mervos
Assistant Director, Creative Communications: Mike Skovan
Student Managers: Cam Davis (head), Dugan Andrews, Luke Bouchard, Andrew Frye, Alex Gioia, John Shelley

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

5 - Gehrig Ebel	EE-buhl
16 - Matthew Siverling	SIV-er-ling
18 - Warren Holzemer	HOL-zeh-mer
30 - Jordan Geber	GEE-berr ('gee' as in 'geese')
33 - Nick Holesa	hohl-EE-sah
37 - Jonah Seagears	SEE-ghurz ('gh' as in 'girl')
39 - Peter Sakellaris	sah-kill-AIR-iss
40 - Henry Weycker	WYE-kerr ('wye' as in 'why')
43 - Marcus Dux	DUKES
48 - Brady Kirtner	KURT-nerr
51 - Graham Firoved	FYE-row-vedd
HC - John Szefc	SHEFF
AC - Ryan Fecteau	FECT-oh

WE HAVE HISTORY
• Virginia Tech's history with Fordham dates back to the late 1990s when both programs overlapped in the Atlantic 10 between 1996 and 2000.

• Despite five seasons together, the Hokies and the Rams met during only one cross-divisional regular season series in 1998 (in Blacksburg), later contesting the 1998 Atlantic 10 championship game against each other at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.

• Tech is seeking its first wins against Fordham during its ACC tenure as the two sides resume their all-time series for the first time since 2008.

• Last weekend, the Rams fought valiantly during their true road series at Texas A&M, dropping Saturday's middle game, 5-3, before being walked off on Sunday by the Aggies, 5-4, courtesy of Logan Britt's two-run homer.

• Fordham ran wild over Sacred Heart during Wednesday's 19-0 victory that featured two seven-run rallies.

HOKIES PREVAIL ON OPENING DAY
• Virginia Tech began its 129th season in victory after downing UNC Asheville, 17-3, on Feb. 18 at English Field. The Hokies' program history dates back to 1892 - the same year of the university's founding.

• Tech improved to 10-8 on Opening Day since joining the ACC (3-2 under John Szefc).

• The Hokies' Feb. 18 win against UNC Asheville marked Tech's third all-time true Opening Day home game during the month of February (1995, 2021, 2022).

• The Hokies improved to 66-61-2 all-time on Opening Day.

HOME DOZEN
• Virginia Tech's 12-game, season-opening home stand (since trimmed to 11 games per its Feb. 22 rainout against ETSU) would mark the Hokies' longest such stretch to date across program history.

GOLDEN PURSUIT
• Virginia Tech's third-year outfielder Gavin Cross was named to the 2022 Golden Spikes Award preseason watch list that tracks the best candidates for top amateur player in the United States.

LAST 10 SERIES MEETINGS			
DATE	**RESULT**	**SITE**	**LOCATION**
March 28, 1998	L, 1-11 (7)	H	Blacksburg, Va.
March 28, 1998	W, 5-3 (7)	H	Blacksburg, Va.
March 29, 1998	L, 8-9	H	Blacksburg, Va.
May 12, 1998	L, 1-3	N	Philadelphia, Pa.
March 12, 2008	L, 12-13	H	Blacksburg, Va.
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Tech Record: 1-4			

• Cross is a five-time 2022 Preseason All-American, including three First Team mentions by *Baseball America*, *D1Baseball* and *Perfect Game*/Rawlings.

• He has also been named a top-15 college prospect for the 2022 MLB Draft by four leading publications, peaking at No. 3 by *Perfect Game*.

RECEIVING VOTES
• Virginia Tech has received votes in two consecutive NCBWA top 35 polls (Feb. 3 & Feb. 21).

• Seven ACC programs were ranked inside the top 35 - the second most behind the SEC (eight).

2021 IN REVIEW
• Virginia Tech took great strides during the 2021 season, achieving the program's best winning percentage since the Hokies' 2013 season that earned them a home NCAA Regional in Blacksburg.

• Tech rolled out to an 8-2 start that featured ACC-series victories at No. 6 Miami and against No. 25 North Carolina - the latter marking the Hokies' first-ever ACC series victory against UNC.

• In late March, the Hokies swept a three-game league series at No. 15 Pitt prior to beginning April with another ACC series victory against Boston College.

• After sweeping Wake Forest in mid-April, Tech's record stood at 19-9 (14-7 ACC). On April 12, the Hokies earned their highest ranking of the 2021 season, peaking at No. 17 in *D1Baseball*'s top 25.

• Entering the second half of the season, Tech caught a perfect storm of rising ACC competition. After dropping a series against the eventual Coastal Division champion, Georgia Tech, the Hokies combined to yield a 1-5 record against two to-be College World Series teams: NC State (0-3) and Virginia (1-2).

• Arriving at its May series at Duke, Tech (27-17, 16-14 ACC) sat two games behind Georgia Tech for the division lead. However, the Hokies came up winless against the eventual postseason champions, tacking on three more defeats against No. 8 Notre Dame - a to-be Super Regional team.

• Sliding into the 12-team field at the 2021 ACC Baseball Championship, 12th-seeded Tech played to the competitive, 3-2 loss against Virginia before exiting the event with its 8-0 defeat to No. 7 Notre Dame.

• Tech finished the 2021 season ranked No. 66 in the RPI.

CROSS-ING YOUR MIND
• Gavin Cross came into his own during the 2021 season, compiling a breakthrough campaign in the ACC.

• Cross led the Hokies in batting average (.345), slugging percentage (.621), hits (70), doubles (13), triples (five), home runs (11) and stolen bases (nine).

QUICK FACTS

THE BASICS
University Name: Virginia Tech
Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Undergraduate enrollment: 29,760
Nickname: Hokies
Mascot: HokieBird
Colors: Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
  Division: Coastal
  First Season (exp.): 2005 (18th year)
President: Dr. Timothy Sands
Director of Athletics: Whit Babcock

HOME BALLPARK
English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park
  Opened: 1989
  Capacity: 4,000
  Surface: AstroTurf
  Dimensions: 330-375-400-375-330

PROGRAM HISTORY
First season: 1892
All-time record: 2,234-1,618-26 (.579)
Single-season wins record: 50 (1982, 1985)
NCAA tournaments: 10
  All-time record: 9-20
  Last Regional berth: 2013 (Blacksburg)
  Super Regional berths: None
  College World Series berths: None
ACC tournaments: 5
  All-time record: 5-6
  Last appearance: 2021 (Charlotte)
  Championships: None
  Best finish: Runner-up (2013)
ACC regular season championships: None
  Best finish: 6th (2010, 2013)
ACC division championships: None
  Best finish: 3rd (2013, 2015)

MEDIA INFORMATION

MEDIA ACCESS/CREDENTIALS
Outlets interested in obtaining media access to cover Virginia Tech baseball home games must apply for credentials through **Mike Skovan** (media contact) via email at **mskovan@vt.edu**.

Per Virginia Tech athletic department policy, all media members in attendance must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status when inside the press box or interacting with Virginia Tech student-athletes and coaches.

INTERVIEW POLICY
Gamedays: Virginia Tech head coach John Szefc and requested student-athletes will be available to the media on-field after the game following a 10-minute cooling-off period.

Non-Gamedays: All coach and student-athlete interview requests must be arranged through the Virginia Tech Strategic Communications Office - contact **Mike Skovan** by email at **mskovan@vt.edu** or by phone at **(845) 204-1777**. Student-athletes and coaches should not be contacted directly under any circumstances.

JOHN SZEFC

THE SZEFC FILE

Head Coach: 17th season, fifth at Tech
Overall Record: 480-349-4 (.579)
Record at Tech: 88-90 (.494)
College: Drexel '89; Temple
Playing Exp: Connecticut (1986-87), Drexel (1988-89)
Hometown: Middletown, N.Y.
Wife: Barbara
Children: Anna, John Michael, Sam

COACHING TIMELINE

OPPONENT	RECORD	POSITION
1990-93	Drexel	Assistant Coach
1995	Sacred Heart	Assistant Coach
1996-2002	Marist	Head Coach
2003-08	Louisiana	Assistant Coach
2009-10	Kansas	Assistant Head Coach
2011-12	Kansas State	Associate Head Coach
2013-17	Maryland	Head Coach
2018-pres.	Virginia Tech	Head Coach

BY LOCATION

LOCATION	RECORD
Home	52-40
Away	29-42
Neutral	7-8

2022 OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	RECORD
Boston College	6-9
Duke	4-8
East Carolina	0-3
ETSU	5-0
Fordham	2-0
Georgia Tech	6-10
High Point	3-4
James Madison	6-4-1
Kansas State	0-1
Liberty	11-6
Louisville	0-4
Marshall	5-0
Miami	3-10
North Carolina	4-13
NC State	6-7
Notre Dame	5-6
Pitt	10-3
Radford	5-1
UNC Asheville	3-0
Villanova	0-0
Virginia	6-13
VMI	4-1
Wright State	0-1

Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock announced the hiring of Tech's 25th head baseball coach on June 9, 2017 and formally introduced John Szefc as the head coach of the baseball program at a press conference a few days later on June 15. The 2021 season will mark his fourth as the Hokies' head coach.

In his first three seasons, Szefc (pronounced SHEFF) has coached the Hokies to a pair of seven-game winning streaks - one that opened the 2019 season and the second was in 2020, after the team started 1-3. Also in 2020, the team won 10 games in nonconference action, which included ending the shortened season on a nine-game winning streak, the longest since the team won 18 straight nonconference games in a row back in 2012.

The team also posted an 8-0 home record, the best start at the school since 2012, which helped the Hokies extend their home winning streak in the month of February to 15 straight victories. Added to the final win of 2019, Tech has won nine straight at home, the longest since an 11-game streak from April 28, 2015 through March 4, 2016, and will enter the 2021 season tied for the 12th longest home-win streak in the NCAA.

After the shortened 2020 season, three players earned All-America distinction from Collegiate Baseball News-paper as it recognized both pitcher Ian Seymour and catcher Carson Taylor as Third Team selections, marking the first time Tech had multiple All-Americans since 2003. Outfielder Gavin Cross was later named to the All-American Freshman Team, just the seventh ever at the school. Also, despite just a five-round MLB Draft in 2020, the draft marked the first time in school history, two Tech players are chosen in the top four rounds as Seymour (2nd) and Taylor (4th) were selected.

Szefc, who won his 400th career game on March 10, 2018 guiding the Hokies to a 3-1 victory over Pittsburgh, accepted the head coaching position at Tech after leading Maryland to three NCAA appearances and a 180-122 (.596) overall record as the Terrapins' head coach. Before arriving in Blacksburg, Szefc owned a 392-259-3 (.602) career record in 12 seasons as an NCAA head coach, producing 10 campaigns with 30 or more wins.

In addition to ending a 43-year NCAA tournament drought and becoming the fastest coach to 100 career wins at Maryland, Szefc spent seven seasons (1996-2002) at the helm of the Marist College baseball program, where he led the team to four conference championships, four NCAA Regional appearances and a 212-137-3 (.607) overall mark. Szefc earned Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year honors in 1997 and was the American Baseball Coaches Associate Northeast Region Coach of the Year in 2001.

The first coach in Maryland history to ever take the Terrapins to an NCAA Super Regional, Szefc accomplished the feat twice in 2014 and 2015 as he guided the program to the first two 40-win seasons in school history and claimed Maryland's first two NCAA Regional crowns. Maryland achieved a final No. 14 ranking both seasons, the highest finishes in school history.

He guided the Terrapins to the ACC Tournament final for the first time in 38 years in 2014 and then took Maryland to the Big Ten tournament final in the school's initial season in that conference, winning a program-best 42 games in 2015.

Szefc has coached 109 players that have been drafted or signed professional contracts since 1997, including four in 2018 and five in 2019. Over the last eight drafts, 36 of his players have been selected, including the 45th pick of the 2014 draft Jake Stinnett, the highest pick of a Maryland player in almost a decade. Almost a dozen have gone on to play in the Major Leagues, including most recently, Mike Shawaryn (Red Sox) and Lamonte Wade (Twins) in 2019. He has also helped develop 26 All-Americans, including 10 of the 20 players in Maryland history to earn that distinction.

The Middletown, N.Y. native arrived at Maryland after a two-year stint as associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State (2011-12) and a two-season stay as assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas (2009-10). He also enjoyed a six-season tenure as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette (2003-08). Szefc began his coaching career as an assistant at Sacred Heart (1995) and at Drexel (1990-93).

Szefc managed the New York Generals in the Atlantic College Baseball League during the summers of 1995 and 1996. He led the club to a 47-28 record, earned two consecutive division titles and the ACBL title game in 1996.

Collegiately, he played two years at Connecticut before transferring in 1987 to Drexel. During his senior campaign for the Dragons, he was tabbed an All-East Coast Conference outfielder.

He graduated from Drexel University with a degree in corporate communications in 1989. He also holds a master's degree in sports administration from Temple University.

Szefc and his wife, Barbara, have a daughter, Anna, and two sons, John Michael and Sam.

CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	OVERALL	PCT	CONF	PCT	FINISH	POSTSEASON (Record)
1996	Marist	16-24-1	.402	8-13	.381	7th, Northeast	--
1997	Marist	32-19	.627	14-7	.667	**t-1st, Northeast**	NCAA East Regional (0-2)
1998	Marist	30-17	.638	18-8	.692	2nd, MAAC North	--
1999	Marist	27-23	.540	14-12	.538	3rd, MAAC North	--
2000	Marist	33-19-2	.630	16-11	.593	4th, MAAC	NCAA Lafayette Regional (1-2)
2001	Marist	33-21-1	.609	17-10	.630	3rd, MAAC	NCAA Palo Alto Regional (1-2)
2002	Marist	41-14	.745	22-5	.815	**1st, MAAC**	NCAA Lincoln Regional (1-2)
2013	Maryland	30-25	.545	11-19	.367	4th, ACC Atlantic	--
2014	Maryland	40-23	.635	15-14	.517	2nd, ACC Atlantic	NCAA Columbia Regional (3-0) NCAA Charlottesville Super Regional (1-2)
2015	Maryland	42-24	.636	14-10	.583	t-3rd, Big Ten	NCAA Los Angeles Regional (3-1) NCAA Charlottesville Super Regional (0-2)
2016	Maryland	30-27	.526	13-11	.542	t-6th, Big Ten	--
2017	Maryland	38-23	.623	15-9	.625	5th, Big Ten	NCAA Winston-Salem Regional (1-2)
2018	Virginia Tech	21-33	.389	8-22	.267	7th, ACC Coastal	--
2019	Virginia Tech	26-27	.491	9-21	.300	6th, ACC Coastal	--
2020	Virginia Tech	11-5	.688	1-2	.333	--	--
2021	Virginia Tech	27-25	.519	16-20	.444	7th, ACC Coastal	--
2022	Virginia Tech	3-0	.000	0-0	.000	--	--
Marist (7 seasons)		212-137-4	.606	109-66	.623		4 MAAC tournament titles; 4 NCAA Regionals
Maryland (5 seasons)		180-122	.596	68-63	.519		3 NCAA Regionals; 2 NCAA Super Regionals
Virginia Tech (5 seasons)		88-90	.494	34-65	.343		--
Career (17 seasons)		**480-349-4**	**.579**	**211-194**	**.521**		**7 NCAA Regionals; 2 NCAA Super Regionals**

BY THE NUMBERS

7 — Virginia Tech witnessed seven players record four or more hits during its season-opening series against UNC Asheville.

15 — Tech's starting pitchers enter Friday's series-opening game against Fordham having dealt 15 consecutive scoreless innings.

8 — Sam Tackett (.889 OBP) has reached base during eight of his first nine plate appearances of the 2022 season (two hits, five walks, one hit by pitch).

• Listed as a freshman due to NCAA COVID-19 eligibility rules, he became Tech's first-ever freshman to be named to the All-ACC First Team as well as its first-ever ACC All-Freshman Team selection.

SPIN CYCLE
• Among Gavin Cross's most notable 2021 highlights, he it for the cycle during Tech's April 6 victory at ETSU.

• Cross went 4-for-6 with seven RBIs and two runs scored. He crushed a grand slam during his second at-bat (second inning), tripled during the fourth inning, knocked a two-RBI double during the fifth inning, overcame a seventh-inning strikeout and dialed up a first-pitch, RBI single with two outs during the top of the ninth inning.

• His cycle highlighted a monster month of April for Cross, who was batting .404 for the season on April 27.

U-S-A! U-S-A! U-S-A!
• Gavin Cross represented Virginia Tech on the 2021 USA Baseball Collegiate National Team. He competed during the multi-week Stars & Stripes summer showcase alongside the nation's premier collegiate players.

• Cross led the Stars & Stripes series in batting average (.455), slugging percentage (.879) and home runs (four) - none bigger than the grand slam he hit in his hometown of Bristol, Tennessee, on July 8.

PRESEASON PRAISES
• A number of Virginia Tech stars have appeared on college baseball prospect lists during the course of the 2022 preseason:

D1Baseball
Top 250 College Prospects (2022 MLB Draft)
| No. 4 | Gavin Cross | OF |
| No. 195 | Tanner Schobel | SS |

Top 50 College Shortstops
| No. 37 | Tanner Schobel | SS |

Top 50 College Outfielders
| No. 3 | Gavin Cross | OF |

Top 50 ACC Prospects (2022 MLB Draft)
| No. 1 | Gavin Cross | OF |
| No. 34 | Tanner Schobel | SS |

Top 50 ACC Prospects (2023 MLB Draft)
No. 27	Griffin Green	P
No. 37	Jack Hurley	OF
No. 40	Grant Umberger	P
No. 45	Brady Kirtner	P

Top 50 ACC Impact Freshmen
| No. 10 | Carson DeMartini | IF |

Perfect Game
Top 75 College Seniors (fourth-years & up)
| No. 34 | Nick Biddison | IF |

2022 Preseason ACC Player of the Year
| | Gavin Cross | OF |

2022 Preseason All-ACC Team
| | Gavin Cross | OF |
| | Tanner Schobel | SS |

Perfect Game (ctd.)
Top 500 Incoming Freshmen
No. 51	Tyler Dean	IF/P
No. 435	Drue Hackenberg	P
No. 437	Carson DeMartini	IF

Top ACC Incoming Freshmen
No. 10	Tyler Dean	IF/P
No. 81	Drue Hackenberg	P
No. 83	Carson DeMartini	IF
No. 112	Christian Martin	IF
No. 138	Dylan Hatfield	C
No. 157	Marcus Dux	P
No. 170	Luke Jackman	P

RETURNING FOR THE HOKIES
• **Position Players:** Virginia Tech returns 12 of its 17 position players that saw the field during the 2021 season. The Hokies retain 58 percent of their total hits from a season ago, 62 percent of their total runs and 62 percent of their total bases.

• Tech ranked sixth in the ACC in both batting average (.272) and on-base percentage (.366), but trailed in team slugging percentage (.426 - ninth).

• The Hokies retain four of their seven starters who appeared in 75 percent or more of the team's games: Tanner Schobel (52), Gavin Cross (51), Jack Hurley (45) and Cade Swisher (30).

• **Pitchers:** Tech witnessed four of its primary pitchers move on to the professional ranks following the 2021 season. Ryan Okuda leads the Hokies' returning class in games started from a year ago (seven), as well as innings pitched (40.2). Graham Firoved recorded three of Tech's 13 saves during the 2021 campaign and is expected to anchor the Hokies' bullpen during 2022.

• Tech's 2021 pitching staff set the program record for team strikeouts (562) - the third highest mark among ACC programs. Along the way, the Hokies' hurlers staged a record-breaking strikeout performance against No. 25 North Carolina (March 5), racking up 21 strikeouts during their 10-6 victory at English Field.

• Of Tech's 562 team strikeouts from last season, the Hokies will retain only 38 percent. Likewise, Tech keeps 36 percent of its total innings from the 2021 campaign.

• The Hokies' 2021 staff ranked sixth in the ACC in both team ERA (4.81) and runs allowed (287 - tie), as well as eighth in hits allowed (464).

NEW FACES
• Virginia Tech's 2022 lineup features a combination of eight true freshmen and six experienced transfers.

ACC

2022 STANDINGS

ATLANTIC		ACC	GB	OVERALL
1.	No. 9 NC State	0-0	–	5-0
	No. 10 Florida State	0-0	–	3-1
	No. 13 Notre Dame	0-0	–	2-1
	Clemson	0-0	–	4-0
	Wake Forest	0-0	–	4-0
	Louisville	0-0	–	2-2
	Boston College	0-0	–	1-2

COASTAL		ACC	GB	OVERALL
1.	No. 19 Georgia Tech	0-0	–	4-1
	No. 23 Duke	0-0	–	3-1
	No. 24 Miami	0-0	–	5-0
	North Carolina	0-0	–	4-0
	Virginia	0-0	–	4-0
	Virginia Tech	**0-0**	**–**	**3-0**
	Pitt	0-0	–	2-2

Rankings per D1Baseball

2022 PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

ATLANTIC (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)		POINTS
1.	Florida State (8)	88
2.	NC State (1)	76
3.	Notre Dame (3)	70
4.	Louisville (2)	64
5.	Clemson	43
6.	Wake Forest	35
7.	Boston College	16

COASTAL (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)		POINTS
1.	Georgia Tech (8)	91
2.	Virginia (5)	77
3.	Miami (1)	71
4.	Duke	60
5.	North Carolina	44
6.	**Virginia Tech**	**25**
7.	Pitt	24

The Automated ScoreBook
Overall Statistics for Virginia Tech (as of Feb 21, 2022)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-0   Home: 3-0   Away: 0-0   ACC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
31 Jack Hurley	.417	3-3	12	4	5	1	0	0	5	6	.500	0	0	3	0	.385	1	0	2-3	3	0	0	1.000
24 Nick Biddison	.417	3-3	12	3	5	1	0	1	3	9	.750	0	0	2	1	.385	1	0	0-0	5	0	0	1.000
8 Tanner Schobel	.400	3-3	10	6	4	1	0	1	2	8	.800	3	1	1	0	.571	0	0	1-1	4	5	0	1.000
4 Carson DeMartini	.364	3-3	11	4	4	0	0	2	5	10	.909	2	1	4	0	.500	0	0	0-1	3	4	1	.875
12 Conor Hartigan	.333	3-3	12	2	4	2	0	0	2	6	.500	1	0	0	2	.385	0	0	1-1	6	0	0	1.000
23 Eduardo Malinowski	.333	3-3	12	5	4	0	0	1	5	7	.583	2	0	2	0	.429	0	0	1-1	3	2	0	1.000
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17 Cade Hunter	.714	2-2	7	3	5	2	0	2	6	13	1.857	1	0	0	0	.750	0	0	0-0	18	2	0	1.000
19 Gavin Cross	.667	1-1	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	4	1.333	1	0	0	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Brennan Reback	.667	2-0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.667	0	0	1	0	.667	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
32 Lucas Donlon	.667	2-1	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	3	1.000	1	0	0	0	.600	1	0	0-0	10	1	0	1.000
2 Sam Tackett	.667	3-2	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	.667	5	1	1	0	.889	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
29 Carson Jones	.500	1-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
33 Nick Holesa	.250	2-2	8	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	.375	0	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	10	1	0	1.000
5 Gehrig Ebel	.000	2-1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	1	1	1	.400	0	0	0-0	9	1	0	1.000
18 Warren Holzemer	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
37 Jonah Seagears	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
3 Christian Martin	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	1	0	1.000
11 Cade Swisher	.000	2-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
25 Dylan Hatfield	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
Totals	.393	3	107	35	42	9	1	7	32	74	.692	18	4	18	4	.485	3	0	5-7	81	21	1	.990
Opponents	.170	3	94	8	16	0	0	0	7	16	.170	12	6	31	2	.304	0	1	0-0	72	31	4	.963

LOB - Team (25), Opp (24). DPs turned - Team (2), Opp (4).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
15 Drue Hackenberg	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	.063	0	0	0	0	0
46 Griffin Green	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	.133	0	1	0	0	1
22 Ryan Okuda	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	5.0	1	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	.063	0	0	0	0	0
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48 Brady Kirtner	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.400	0	0	0	0	0
44 Jackson Ritchey	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
7 Sean Fisher	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
51 Graham Firoved	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
39 Peter Sakellaris	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
35 Ryan Metz	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
38 Ryan Kennedy	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
47 Jonah Hurney	4.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	.143	2	1	0	0	0
49 Kiernan Higgins	10.80	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	4	2	2	2	4	0	0	0	.444	0	1	0	0	0
40 Henry Weycker	13.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	4	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	.444	1	2	0	0	0
20 Grant Umberger	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	.333	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	2.67	3-0	3	3	0	0/0	0	27.0	16	8	8	12	31	0	0	0	.170	4	6	0	0	1
Opponents	11.25	0-3	3	3	0	0/0	0	24.0	42	35	30	18	18	9	1	7	.393	9	4	0	3	0

PB - Team (1), C. Hunter 1, Opp (1).

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(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
17 Cade Hunter	20	18	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	1	0
33 Nick Holesa	11	10	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
32 Lucas Donlon	11	10	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
5 Gehrig Ebel	10	9	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
8 Tanner Schobel	9	4	5	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
12 Conor Hartigan	6	6	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
23 Eduardo Malinowski	5	3	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
24 Nick Biddison	5	5	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
31 Jack Hurley	3	3	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
46 Griffin Green	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
25 Dylan Hatfield	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
37 Jonah Seagears	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
9 Brennan Reback	2	2	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 Christian Martin	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
15 Drue Hackenberg	2	1	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
39 Peter Sakellaris	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
40 Henry Weycker	1	0	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
18 Warren Holzemer	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
4 Carson DeMartini	8	3	4	1	.875	1	0	0	---	0	0
35 Ryan Metz	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
22 Ryan Okuda	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
7 Sean Fisher	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
44 Jackson Ritchey	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
19 Gavin Cross	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
49 Kiernan Higgins	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
11 Cade Swisher	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
2 Sam Tackett	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
20 Grant Umberger	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
29 Carson Jones	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
48 Brady Kirtner	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
38 Ryan Kennedy	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
51 Graham Firoved	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
47 Jonah Hurney	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
Totals	103	81	21	1	.990	2	0	0	---	1	0
Opponents	107	72	31	4	.963	4	5	2	.714	1	0

Hitting minimums - 2.5 AB/Game   3.0 TPA/Game
Pitching minimums - 1.0 IP/Game