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MEN'S SOCCER







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VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

1-7-1, O-3 ACC

Head Coach: Mike Brizendine (James Madison, 1999) Record at VT: 100-119-37 (14th season) Career Record: 127-143-37 (17th season)

Record vs. Opp at VT: 3-2-2

#7 SYRACUSE

7-1-1, 2-1 ACC

Head Coach: Ian McIntyre (Hartwick, 1996) Record at School: 111-86-37 (13th season) Career Record: 218-150-69

GAME TEN • VIRGINIA TECH VS. SYRACUSE • SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 • 6:00 PM • BLACKSBURG, VA.

VS.

LAST STARTING XI

Virginia Tech Hokies			Yr.	GP-GS	Other
GK	1	Ben Martino	So.	9-9	Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI (Second Team)
D	2	Jack Dearie	Jr.	8-8	Scored game-winner vs. BC in ACC Tournament last year
D	4	Welnilton Jr.	Jr.	8-8	Team captain
D	14	Grant Howard	Fr.	9-8	Played with USL Championship side Atlanta United II
D	24	Kyle McDowell	Sr.	9-9	Tied for third in the ACC in assists last season (8)
M	8	Mayola Kinyua	Sr.	9-7	ACC Preseason Watch List
M	9	Misei Yoshizawa	Fr.	9-7	Scored twice this season
M	13	Carter Hensley	So.	9-9	Scored first career goal against Longwood
M	23	Danny Flores	So.	9-9	Scored three times from the penalty spot this season
M	17	Nick Blacklock	Sr.	9-7	Most appearances by an Tech player on the roster (62)
F	7	Declan Quill	So.	9-3	Made first start of season against Longwood

2022 SCHEDU ACC NON-CONFERENCE 1-4-1 HOME 1-2-1 **AWAY** 0-5 0-0 **NEUTRAL** TIME Date Opponent TV at (RV) Grand Canyon FSPN+ L. 0-1 A28 at No. 23 UCLA PAC 12 L, 0-1 Radford **ACCNX** T, 0-0 S5 Mercer **ACCNX** L, 2-3 59 at Virginia **ACCN** L. 2-4 S16 No. 2 Wake Forest **ACCNX** L, 0-1 S20 Longwood **ACCNX** W, 4-0 523 at NC State L. 0-1 **ACCNX** 527 at Davidson FSPN+ L, 1-3 S30 No. 7 Syracuse **ACCNX** 6 P.M. ESPN+ 7 P.M. at ETSU 07 at North Carolina 7 PM ACCNX 014 Pitt ACCNX 5 P.M. 018 Princeton **ACCNX** 6 P.M. 021 at Notre Dame **ACCNX** 7 P.M. 6 P.M.

KEY STORYLINES

THE SERIES

- Virginia Tech holds a 6-2-1 advantage against Syracuse in the series history. Tech has managed to get three-straight results against the Orange.
- Head coach Mike Brizendine is 3-2-1 against Syracuse, which is also the series record since both teams have joined the ACC.
- The series has often been contested in Blacksburg, with the Hokies making the trip to New York only three times since 2001 and once since the first ACC matchup in 2013.

A WIN WOULD...

- Be Virginia Tech's first ranked win of the season.
- Be Virginia Tech's first ACC win of the season.
- Prolong the Hokies' streak of having a ranked win each season to eight seasons.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Hokies dropped a midweek match to Davidson, 3-1, on the road on Tuesday night.
- Tech came out of the gate strong and registered a couple good opportunities early. Seemingly against the run of play, Davidson scored off a corner when a player knocked the ball in with his elbow.
- Danny Flores equalized off a penalty kick shortly after, but Davidson took the lead before heading into the half.
- The Wildcats added a third goal as time expired.

TALE OF TWO HALVES

- Virginia Tech has outscored its opponents 8-4 in the first half this season, but has been outscored 10-1 by opponents in the second half
- Three of the four first-half goals that Tech has conceded has been in the last two games.
- In five of the Hokies' seven losses, the game-winning goal has come after the 50th minute mark. Tech has been trailing at the 60th minute mark only three times this season.

FILLING IN THE GAPS

 Virginia Tech lost players that accounted for 23 of the team's 37 goals. Jacob Labovitz and Sivert Haugli, who both turned pro following successful senior seasons, recorded 12 goals last season.

TOUGH SCHEDULE

 The Hokies have nine NCAA Tournament teams from 2021 on their schedule this season. Three of Tech's first four games are against tournament teams with Radford being the exception.

PRO TALENT

 Virginia Tech's lineup features three players with experience in the USL Championship: Ben Martino (Bethlehem Steel, now Philadelphia Union II), Danny Flores (Oakland Roots SC) and Grant Howard (Atlanta United II).

OUICK FACTS

THE BASICS

University Name: Virginia Tech Location: Blacksburg, Va. Founded: 1872 Enrollment: 36,000+ President: Dr. Timothy Sands Director of Athletics: Whit Babcock Nickname: Hokies Mascot: Hokie Bird Colors: Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange Affiliation: NCAA Division I Conference: Atlantic Coast

FACILITY FACTS THOMPSON FIELD Capacity: 2,028

TEAM INFORMATION

2021 Record: 11-54
Home/Away/Neutral: 5-4/4-4/0-1
Conference Record: 3-4-1
Home/Away: 3-1/0-3-1
Conference Finish: 7th
Conference Tournament: Lost in quarterfinals
Starters Returning/Lost*: 7/9 Newcomers: 9

*"Starters" defined as player that started in three or more games last season.

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2022 VIRGINIA TECH MEN'S SOCCER NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Previous School
0	Connor Jordan-Hyde	Sr.	GK	6-1	Leawood, Kan.
1	Ben Martino	So.	GK	6-6	Pittsburgh, Penn.
2	Jack Dearie	Jr.	D	6-4	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fl.
3	Oskar Haugli	Fr.	D	6-5	Oslo, Norway
4	Welnilton Jr.	Jr.	D	6-1	Para, Brazil
5	Zayyan Ahmed	Fr.	D	5-9	Leesburg, Va.
6	Cameron Joice	Sr.	D	6-0	Newcastle, Australia
7	Declan Quill	So.	M/F	6-2	Falls Church, Va.
8	Mayola Kinyua	Sr.	М	5-8	Nairobi, Kenya
9	Misei Yoshizawa	Fr.	М	5-8	Tokyo, Japan
10	Ricki Vidal	Gr.	F	6-0	Barcelona, Spain
11	Daniel Starr	Sr.	F	6-3	Charlottesville, Va.
12	Ben Fisher	Fr.	M/D	5-10	Alexandria, Va.
13	Carter Hensley	So.	M/D	6-2	Charlotte, N.C.
14	Grant Howard	Fr.	D	5-10	Atlanta, Ga.
16	Conor Pugh	Jr.	F	6-0	Dublin, Ireland
17	Nick Blacklock	Sr.	М	5-11	Hellertown, Penn.
18	Willie Cardona	So.	М	5-9	Rock Hill, S.C.
19	Theo Drennan	Fr.	М	5-10	Curitiba, Brazil
20	Ethan Ballek	Fr.	М	6-0	Timnath, Colo.
22	Mason McClendon	Sr.	D	5-11	Virginia Beach, Va.
23	Danny Flores	So.	М	5-9	Half Moon Bay, Calif.
24	Kyle McDowell	Sr.	D	5-10	West Sussex, England
25	Zach Glesius	Fr.	GK	6-0	Avon Lake, Ohio
26	Chris Nicola	Sr.	М	6-3	San Diego, Calif.
27	Timi Adams	So.	GK	6-7	Atlanta, Ga.
32	Carsten Bay	So.	D	6-2	Virginia Beach, Va.
33	Jordan Black	So.	D	6-2	Woodbridge, Va.

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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.

Coach Brizendine concluded his 13th season in charge of the Hokies with a sixth NCAA tournament and another win over a No. 1 ranked program. These milestones continue to help Tech meet the elevated standard of play that has developed during his tenure.

- Four 'Sweet Sixteen' appearances in last six tournaments.
- Hokies have advanced in the NCAA Tournament in each season that Brizendine has taken the squad to the postseason.
- Been on staff for four wins over No. 1 programs: Marshall (2021), Notre Dame (2017), North Carolina (2011) and Duke (2004).

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Mike Brizendine (14th year) Associate Head Coach: Pat McSorley (14th year) Assistant Coach: James Lofton (Third Year) Director of Operations: Kyle Kenney (Second Year) Athletic Trainer: Seth Crawford (First Year) Strength & Conditioning: Ron Dickson (Fourth Year)

HOKIES BY CLASS

Freshman: 8 Sophomore: 8 Junior: 3 Senior: 8 Graduate: 1

HOKIES BY STATE

Virginia: 7 California: 2 Pennsylvania: 2 Kansas: 1 Georgia: 2 Colorado: 1 South Carolina: 1 Florida: 1 Ohio: 1

HOKIES BY COUNTRY

United States: 18 Brazil: 2 Spain: 1 Kenya: 1 England: 1 Australia: 1 Ireland: 1 Norway: 1 Japan: 1



2022-23 Virginia Tech Men's Soccer Individual Statistics All games

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Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
1 - 7 - 1	0 - 3 - 0	1 - 2 - 1	0 - 5 - 0	0 - 0 - 0

Team Box Score

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No.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	G	Α	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC	RC	GWG	PK-AT1	ΓFG	ОТ	HAT	GTG	FOUL
23	Flores, Danny	9-9	722	3	2	8	22	.136	10	.455	2	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	0	5
16	Pugh, Conor	9-6	460	3	0	6	9	.333	6	.667	2	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	0	6
9	Yoshizawa, Misei	9-7	525	2	2	6	11	.182	4	.364	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	7
13	Hensley, Carter	9-9	666	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	3	0	1	0-0	1	0	0	0	7
17	Blacklock, Nick	9-7	546	0	1	1	12	.000	2	.167	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
24	McDowell, Kyle	9-9	794	0	1	1	2	.000	1	.500	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
10	Vidal, Ricki	7-3	316	0	0	0	9	.000	2	.222	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	12
4	Da Silva Jr., Welnilton	8-8	695	0	0	0	6	.000	2	.333	2	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	10
7	Quill, Declan	9-3	383	0	0	0	5	.000	2	.400	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
8	Kinyua, Mayola	9-6	618	0	0	0	4	.000	1	.250	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	9
14	Howard, Grant	9-8	685	0	0	0	4	.000	2	.500	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	6
2	Dearie, Jack	8-8	683	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
11	Starr, Daniel	3-0	56	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
5	Ahmed, Zayyan	5-0	167	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
22	McClendon, Mason	1-0	28	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Martino, Ben	9-9	780	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
26	Nicola, Chris	1-0	21	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Black, Jordan	1-0	17	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
20	Ballek, Ethan	1-0	7	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Haugli, Oskar	4-0	61	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
18	Cardona, William	7-1	142	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
6	Joice, Cameron	8-6	512	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
0	Jordan-Hyde, Connor	1-0	31	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Tot	al	9	-	9	6	24	91	.099	35	.385	18	1	-	3-3	2	0	0	-	93
Op	ponents	9	-	14	15	43	97	.144	43	.443	12	0	-	1-1	6	0	0	-	112

			Goal Average		Saves		Record				
No.	Goalie	GP-GS	MINS	GA	GAAVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	Т	SHO/CBO
1	Martino, Ben	9-9	779:29	14	1.62	24	.632	1	7	1	1/1
0	Jordan-Hyde, Connor	1-0	30:31	0	0.00	3	1.000	0	0	0	0/1
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	2	1.000	0	0	0	1/0
Total		9	810:00	14	1.56	29	.674	1	7	1	2
Oppo	nents	9	810:00	9	1.00	26	.743	7	1	1	5

Goals by Periods

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Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL			
Hokies	8	1	0	0	9			
Opponents	4	10	0	0	14			

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	28	33	0	0	61
Opponents	19	13	0	0	32

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	40	51	0	0	91
Opponents	41	56	0	0	97

Fouls by Periods

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Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL			
Hokies	50	43	0	0	93			
Opponents	51	61	0	0	112			

STEPPIN' UP

- After Jack Dearie was forced to miss the match against No.
 2 Wake Forest due to a red card received in the Virginia contest, Cameron Joice slid into the center back spot and put in a solid performance for 85 minutes.
- Freshman Zayyan Ahmed has earned a spot in the Hokies rotation now. The Leesburg, Va. native has made two appearances now for the Hokies.

BEST BUDS

- This marks year 14 of Mike Brizendine and Pat McSorley working together as head coach and assistant.
- The two played together in college at James Madison, where McSorley is a hall of famer and the school's all-time leading goal scorer.

MONTVERDE CONNECTION

- Three key contributors to the Virginia Tech lineup are Welnilton Jr., Mayola Kinyua and Misei Yoshizawa. All three have international roots, but played for SIMA at Montverde Academy.
- Welnilton Jr. is the Hokies' captain, Kinyua was named to the ACC Preseason Watch List and Yoshizawa has emerged as a valuable part of the Hokies' lineup through several games this season.
- Montverde, a factory for turning out elite soccer talent into the college system, is well-known in American sports culture for its basketball alumni, such as RJ Barrett, D'Angelo Russell and Joel Embiid.

PRO TALENT

- Virginia Tech's lineup features three players with experience in the USL Championship: Ben Martino (Bethlehem Steel, now Philadelphia Union II), Danny Flores (Oakland Roots SC) and Grant Howard (Atlanta United II).
- Flores notably scored the first goal for Oakland Roots SC in the club's first game as part of the USL Championship in 2021.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

- The Hokies were receiving votes in the United Soccer Coaches preseason poll, while they came in at No. 19 in the College Soccer News preseason rankings.
- In the preseason edition of the Top Drawer Soccer Top 100 list, Mayola Kinyua was ranked No. 40, while Danny Flores came in at No. 62. Kinyua also earned a nod on the ACC Preseason Watch List.

SEEKING SEVEN

- Virginia Tech qualified for its sixth-consecutive NCAA
 Tournament last season. With that milestone, the Hokies became one of five teams in the country to make each tournament since 2016. Maryland, Wake Forest, Indiana and Washington are the other teams.
- The Hokies were also the only team in the Commonwealth of Virginia to qualify for the Division I 2021 NCAA Tournament.

STRONG AT THE BACK

- Through the first three games, Virginia Tech only conceded two goals. Both of those goals came in the second half of games at (RV) Grand Canyon and No. 23 UCLA.
- Sophomore Ben Martino started his second year. In his freshman season, Martino gained national recognition after being named to the Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI second team and No. 20 in Top Drawer's Top 100 Freshman rankings.
- Tech's back line features plenty of experience between junior centerbacks Jack Dearie and Welnilton Jr., along with fifth-year outside backs Cameron Joice and Kyle McDowell.
 Freshman Grant Howard, who has experience in the USL Championship with Atlanta United 2, has featured when the Hokies assume five at the back.

2021 HONORS

- Several returners wrapped up the 2021 campaign with awards for their performances, including: Mayola Kinyua, Danny Flores, Ben Martino and Kyle McDowell.
- Kinyua was named third team All-ACC.
- Flores was named to the ACC All-Freshman team, Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI first team and ranked No. 4 in Top Drawer Soccer's final freshman rankings.
- Martino earned a spot on Top Drawer Soccer's Freshman Best XI second team, along with the VaSID first team. He landed at No. 20 in Top Drawer Soccer's final freshman rankings.
- McDowell was named to the VaSID first team after finishing tied for second in the ACC with eight assists.

PRO HOKIES

- Several Virginia Tech players are making an impact in the professional ranks, including former No. 1 overall pick Dani Pereira.
- Pereira scored his first career goal for Austin FC this season against the Houston Dynamo then followed that up with a second against Charlotte FC in front of many Hokies that made the trek to see the game.
- Jacob Labovitz is off to a stellar start in USL League One with Greenville Triumph. The rookie striker is tied for the second in the league's golden boot race with 11 goals.
- Sivert Haugli, who was selected by the Portland Timbers in the 2022 MLS Draft, was recently recalled by the Timbers II side after a spell with Phoenix Rising in the USL Championship.

"V" IS NOT FOR VICTORY

- Syracuse is yet to beat a team with the letter "V" in its name this season.
- The Orange drew Vermont on Sept. 2, then lost to Virginia last Friday. In the preseason, Syracuse fell to Villanova.

NUMBERS AGAINST SYRACUSE

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	NAME	GP-GS	G	A
2	NAME JACK DEARIE	0-0	0	0
3	OSKAR HAUGLI	0-0	0	0
4	WELNILTON JR.	0-0	0	0
5	ZAYYAN AHMED	0-0	0	0
6	CAMERON JOICE	0-0	0	0
7		0-0	0	0
8	MAYOLA KINYUA	1-1	0	0
9	MISEI YOSHIZAWA	0-0	0	0
10		0-0	0	0
11		1-0		0
	BEN FISHER	0-0	0	0
	CARTER HENSLEY	0-0	0	0
14	GRANT HOWARD	0-0	0	0
		0-0	0	0
		1-1		0
	WILLIE CARDONA		0	0
19	THEO DRENNAN	0-0	0	0
50	ETHAN BALLEK	0-0	0	0
55	MASON MCCLENDON		0	0
		0-0		0
	KYLE MCDOWELL	1-1	0	0
26	CHRIS NICOLA	0-0	0	0
		0-0	0	0
33	JORDAN BLACK	0-0	0	0
	NAME	GP-GS	S	GA
0	CONNOR JORDAN-HYDE			0
1		0-0		0
	ZACH GLESIUS	0-0		0
27	TIMI ADAMS	0-0	0	0
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MATCHUPS AGAINST THE ORANGE

VIRGINIA TECH-1

SYRACUSE - 1 (20T)

OCT. 24, 2020

In the third match of the Hokies' 2020-21 season, which was unique due to circumstances caused by COVID-19, Virginia Tech and Syracuse played to a 1-1 draw in Blacksburg, Va.

The Orange got on the board in the 14th minute through a Sondre Norheim goal.

Nick Blacklock brought the Hokies back into the fixture in the 28th minute with a goal assisted by Landon Ameres.

Syracuse was sent down to 10 men in the 69th minute when Amferny Sinclair picked up a second yellow card.

The Hokies dominated the match in terms of attempts, taking 24 shots with nine on target, compared to Syracuse, which had seven shots total on the evening. In 20 minutes of overtime, Tech had eight shots.

Syracuse has five players on its roster that played in that match, while Tech has three (Blacklock, McDowell and Kinyua).



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SYRACUSE - 1

OCT. 31. 2018

The Hokies and Orange met in the first round of the ACC Tournament in 2018 in Blacksburg. Virginia Tech used goals by David Sanz, Kristo Strickler and Nico Quashie to advance to the ACC Quarterfinals with a 3-1 win.

Sanz struck first in the first half, then Strickler doubled the Hokies lead in the 56th minute. Syracuse found a life line in the 84th minute, but Quashie put the game to bed with an 88th minute goal.

In contrast to the 2020 matchup, Syracuse dominated the shot tally with 23 attempts, including seven on frame. The Orange's 23 shots were tied for the most shots by a Tech opponent that season.





2021-22 Virginia Tech Men's Soccer Overall Team Statistics All games

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Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
11 - 5 - 4	3 - 4 - 1	8 - 1 - 0	1 - 4 - 2	2 - 0 - 2

Team statistics

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SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	37-249	28-231
Goals scored per game	1.85	1.4
Shot pct.	.149	.121
Shots on goal-Attempts	107-249	104-231
SOG pct.	.430	.450
Shots/Game	12.5	11.6
Assists	43	25
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	37	28
Penalty	3	5
Unassisted	-	-
Overtime	3	1
Goals scored average	1.85	1.4
CORNER KICKS	94	110
Goals off corners	-	-
PENALTY KICKS	3-3	5-6
OFFSIDES	48	30
PENALTIES		
Fouls	211	224
Yellow cards	40	33
Red cards	1	4
ATTENDANCE		
Total	9429	10334
Dates/Avg Per Date	9/1048	7/1476
Neutral Site #/Avg	4/110	-

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	10	24	0	2	37
Opponents	13	14	0	0	28

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	40	51	0	2	94
Opponents	50	53	0	3	110

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	113	121	0	8	249
Opponents	93	121	0	7	231

Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	100	103	0	3	211
Opponents	107	98	0	15	224

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	37	33	0	3	76
Opponents	34	34	0	1	70

Offsides by Periods

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Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	24	22	0	2	48
Opponents	11	18	0	1	30

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