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VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

0-2-1, 0-0 ACC

Head Coach: Mike Brizendine (James Madison, 1999)
Record at VT: 99-114-37 (14th season)
Career Record: 126-138-37 (17th season)
Record vs. Opp at VT: 0-0

vs.

MERCER BEARS

1-0-2, 0-0 BIG SOUTH

Head Coach: Brad Ruzzo (Cincinnati, 1999)
Record at School: 130-114-30 (15th season)
Career Record: 130-114-30

GAME FOUR • VIRGINIA TECH vs. MERCER • SEPTEMBER 5, 2022 • 5 PM • BLACKSBURG, VA.

LAST STARTING XI

Virginia Tech Hokies	Yr.	GP-GS	Other
GK 1 Ben Martino	So.	3-3	Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI (Second Team)
D 2 Jack Dearie	Jr.	3-3	Scored game-winner vs. BC in ACC Tournament last year
D 4 Welnilton Jr.	Jr.	3-3	Team captain
D 6 Cameron Joice	Sr.	3-3	Fifth-year
D 24 Kyle McDowell	Sr.	3-3	Tied for third in the ACC in assists last season (8)
M 8 Mayola Kinyua	Sr.	3-3	ACC Preseason Player to Watch
M 13 Carter Hensley	So.	3-3	United Soccer Coaches All-American in high school
M 23 Danny Flores	So.	3-3	Top Drawer Soccer Freshman Best XI (First Team)
F 16 Conor Pugh	Jr.	3-3	Leading scorer among all returners (6)
F 17 Nick Blacklock	Sr.	3-1	Most appearances by an Tech player on the roster (55)
F 10 Ricki Vidal	Gr.	3-1	Studying Mechanical Engineering

GAME 4

2022 SCHEDULE

RECORD	0-2-1
ACC	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	0-2-1
HOME	0-0-1
AWAY	0-2
NEUTRAL	0-0

Date	Opponent	TV	TIME
A25	at Grand Canyon	ESPN+	L, 0-1
A28	at No. 23 UCLA	PAC 12	L, 0-1
S2	Radford	ACCNX	T, 0-0
S5	Mercer	ACCNX	5 P.M.
S9	at Virginia	ACCNX	7 P.M.
S16	Wake Forest	ACCNX	7:30 P.M.
S20	Longwood	ACCNX	7 P.M.
S23	at NC State	ACCNX	7 P.M.
S27	Louisville	ACCNX	7 P.M.
S30	Syracuse	ACCNX	6 P.M.
O4	at ETSU	ESPN+	7 P.M.
O7	at North Carolina	ACCNX	7 P.M.
O14	Pitt	ACCNX	5 P.M.
O18	Princeton	ACCNX	6 P.M.
O21	at Notre Dame	ACCNX	7 P.M.
O28	Duke	ACCN	6 P.M.

KEY STORYLINES

THE SERIES

- Virginia Tech and Mercer will meet for the second time ever and the first time since 2003.
- The Hokies came away from the first meeting victorious, as they downed the Bears, 2-1, on Aug. 31, 2003 in Radford, Va.

A WIN WOULD...

- Be Mike Brizendine's 100th career win as head coach of Virginia Tech.
- Be Virginia Tech's ninth-straight non-conference regular season result at home. Tech last fell to a non-conference opponent at Thompson Field on Oct. 2, 2018.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Hokies played to a 0-0 draw with NRV foe Radford on Friday evening.
- Despite dominating in possession and opportunities, Virginia Tech was still unable to record its first goal of the season. Tech had a season-high 12 shots, with five landing on target.
- Ricki Vidal and Nick Blacklock made their first starts of the 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.

- The Hokies' second-leading goal scorer last season, Conor Pugh, returns to the lineup after putting up six goals in his first year at Tech. He will be joined up top by newcomer Ricki Vidal.

STRONG AT THE BACK

- Through three games, Virginia Tech has 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 has been in great form to start 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. in Morgantown, W.V.

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.

QUICK 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: 11-5-4
 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	Cl.	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 Verde 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.	M	5-8	Nairobi, Kenya
9	Misei Yoshizawa	Fr.	M	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.	M	5-11	Hellertown, Penn.
18	Willie Cardona	So.	M	5-9	Rock Hill, S.C.
19	Theo Drennan	Fr.	M	5-10	Curitiba, Brazil
20	Ethan Ballek	Fr.	M	6-0	Timnath, Colo.
22	Mason McClendon	Sr.	D	5-11	Virginia Beach, Va.
23	Danny Flores	So.	M	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.	M	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.

▶ THE BRIZ FILE



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**

Game Records

Overall	Conference	Home	Away	Neutral
0 - 2 - 1	0 - 0 - 0	0 - 0 - 1	0 - 2 - 0	0 - 0 - 0

Team Box Score

No.	Player	GP-GS	MIN	G	A	PTS	SH	SH%	SOG	SOG%	YC	RC	GWG	PK-ATT	FG	OT	HAT	GTG	FOUL
23	Flores, Danny	3-3	241	0	0	0	7	.000	3	.429	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
9	Yoshizawa, Misei	3-1	153	0	0	0	4	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
4	Da Silva Jr., Welnilton	3-3	264	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
10	Vidal, Ricki	3-1	124	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	5
17	Blacklock, Nick	3-1	135	0	0	0	2	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
8	Kinyua, Mayola	3-3	227	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
14	Howard, Grant	3-2	194	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
7	Quill, Declan	3-0	113	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
16	Pugh, Conor	3-3	188	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	4
11	Starr, Daniel	1-0	15	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
13	Hensley, Carter	3-3	206	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
2	Dearie, Jack	3-3	270	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
24	McDowell, Kyle	3-3	270	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
1	Martino, Ben	3-3	270	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Cardona, William	3-1	74	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
6	Joice, Cameron	3-3	225	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	1	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Total		3	-	0	0	0	25	.000	8	.320	6	0	-	0-0	0	0	0	-	31
Opponents		3	-	2	3	7	21	.095	11	.524	6	0	-	0-0	2	0	0	-	35

No.	Goalie	GP-GS	Goal Average			Saves		Record			
			MINS	GA	GA AVG	SAVES	PCT	W	L	T	SHO/CBO
1	Martino, Ben	3-3	270:00	2	0.67	8	.800	0	2	1	1/0
TM	TEAM	-	00:00	0	0.00	1	1.000	0	0	0	0/0
Total		3	270:00	2	0.67	9	.818	0	2	1	1
Opponents		3	270:00	0	0.00	8	1.000	2	0	1	3

Goals by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	0	2	0	0	2

Corners by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	12	11	0	0	23
Opponents	5	1	0	0	6

Shots by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	10	15	0	0	25
Opponents	11	10	0	0	21

Fouls by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	15	16	0	0	31
Opponents	15	20	0	0	35

Saves by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	OT1	OT2	TOTAL
Hokies	6	3	0	0	9
Opponents	2	6	0	0	8

Attendance Summary

	HOKIES	Opponents
Total	317	3030
Dates/Avg Per Date	1 / 317	2 / 1515
Neutral Site #/Avg	0 / 0	



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

Game Records

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

Team statistics

	HOKIES	OPP
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		
Goals off corners	94	110
	-	-
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

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

MORE STORYLINES

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.
- 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.

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 D1 2021 NCAA Tournament.
- Despite the team's consistent appearances, Tech holds a chip on its shoulder from its previous two exits. In 2020, the Hokies fell to No. 6 Seton Hall in penalties in the Sweet Sixteen. Last season, Virginia Tech was eliminated in penalty kicks by No. 11 West Virginia.

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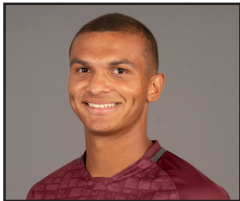
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4 **WELNILTON
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5 **ZAYYAN
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6 **CAMERON
JOICE**



7 **DECLAN
QUILL**



8 **MAYOLA
KINYUA**



9 **MISEI
YOSHIZAWA**



10 **RICKI
VIDAL**



11 **DANIEL
STARR**



12 **BEN
FISHER**



13 **CARTER
HENSLEY**



14 **GRANT
HOWARD**



16 **CONOR
PUGH**



17 **NICK
BLACKLOCK**



18 **WILLIE
CARDONA**



19 **THEO
DRENNAN**



20 **ETHAN
BALLEK**



22 **MASON
McCLENDON**



23 **DANNY
FLORES**



24 **KYLE
McDOWELL**



25 **ZACH
GLESIOUS**



26 **CHRIS
NICOLA**



27 **TIMI
ADAMS**



29 **CHRIS
THOMPSON**



32 **CARSTEN
BAY**



33 **JORDAN
BLACK**