

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Exp.	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School	Previous Schools
2	Sam Tackett	True	R-So.	UTL	R/R	6-0	195	Lexington, Ky.	Lafayette	
3	Christian Martin	True	So.	IF	L/R	5-10	170	Amherst, Va.	Amherst County	
4	Carson DeMartini	True	So.	IF	L/R	6-0	185	Virginia Beach, Va.	Ocean Lakes	
5	Gehrig Ebel	True	Jr.	C	R/R	6-0	190	Ooltewah, Tenn.	Baylor School	
7	Henry Cooke	True	Fr.	C	R/R	6-3	225	Stuarts Draft, Va.	Stuarts Draft / Miller School of Albemarle	
8	David Bryant	5-yr.	Gr.	IF	L/R	6-1	195	Johnson City, Tenn.	Science Hill	Radford
9	Clay Grady	True	Fr.	IF	R/R	5-9	165	Suffolk, Va.	Nansemond River	
10	Tyler Dean	True	So.	P	R/R	6-3	195	Vinton, Va.	William Byrd	
11	Eddie Eisert	True	Jr.	UTL	S/R	6-2	197	Fairfax Station, Va.	Bishop O'Connell	NC State
12	Nick Finarelli	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-4	200	Hunlock Creek, Pa.	Lake Lehman	
15	Drue Hackenberg	True	So.	P	R/R	6-2	220	Palmyra, Va.	Miller School of Albemarle	
16	Matthew Siverling	4-yr.	Jr.	P	L/L	6-5	215	Matthews, N.C.	Charlotte Christian	
18	Warren Holzemer	True	So.	IF	R/R	5-10	180	Burke, Va.	Robinson Secondary School	
19	Brody Donay	True	Fr.	C	R/R	6-5	215	Lakeland, Fla.	Lakeland Christian	
20	Grant Umberger	True	Jr.	P	R/L	6-4	225	Chester Springs, Pa.	Downingtown East	
21	Carter Newman	True	Fr.	IF	R/R	5-11	150	Woodbridge, Va.	Colgan	
22	Anthony Arguelles	5-yr.	Sr.	P	R/R	5-10	195	Miami, Fla.	Christopher Columbus	Santa Fe College/Miami
23	Eduardo Malinowski	6-yr.	Gr.	IF	R/R	6-0	195	Spring, Texas	Klein Oak	Pennsylvania
24	Chris Cannizzaro	5-yr.	Gr.	OF	R/R	5-10	175	Staten Island, N.Y.	Poly Prep	Bucknell
25	Garrett Michel	True	Fr.	IF	L/R	6-0	200	Denver, N.C.	East Lincoln	
26	Griffin Stieg	True	Fr.	P/OF	R/R	6-3	215	McLean, Va.	McLean	
27	Ryan Kennedy	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-5	225	Manassas, Va.	Colgan	
28	Chris Sparber	True	Jr.	C/OF	R/R	6-1	210	Lincroft, N.J.	Red Bank Catholic	Louisburg College
29	Carson Jones	4-yr.	Jr.	OF	L/L	6-2	190	Glen Allen, Va.	Deep Run	
30	Andrew Sentlinger	True	Fr.	P	L/L	6-2	205	Charlotte, N.C.	Ardrey Kell	
31	Jack Hurley	True	Jr.	OF	L/R	6-0	185	Boalsburg, Pa.	State College	
32	Lucas Donlon	4-yr.	Jr.	IF	R/R	6-0	205	McLean, Va.	Georgetown Prep	
33	Nick Holesa	5-yr.	R-Sr.	1B	L/R	6-2	205	Huntingdon, Pa.	Huntingdon Area	
35	JT Gibson	True	Fr.	P	R/L	6-4	210	McLean, Va.	St. John's College	
37	Jacob Exum	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-4	190	Virginia Beach, Va.	Miller School of Albemarle	
38	Truman Richter	True	Fr.	P	R/L	6-0	180	Glen Gardner, N.J.	Voorhees	
39	Peter Sakellaris	4-yr.	Jr.	P	R/R	6-0	185	Milton, Mass.	Milton Academy	
40	Henry Weycker	4-yr.	Jr.	P	L/L	5-11	205	Wellesley, Mass.	Wellesley	
43	Tommy Szczepanski	True	Fr.	P	R/R	6-5	222	Bay City, Mich.	Garber	
45	Christian Worley	True	Jr.	P	R/R	6-1	170	Alton, Va.	Halifax County	
46	Griffin Green	True	Jr.	P	R/R	6-3	205	Chelmsford, Mass.	Phillips Academy	
47	Jonah Hurney	5-yr.	Sr.	P	L/L	5-8	180	Kamuela, Hawaii	Hawaii Prep	Southwestern Oregon CC
48	Brady Kirtner	True	R-So.	P	R/R	5-11	170	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg	
49	Kiernan Higgins	6-yr.	Gr.	P	R/R	6-4	235	Buffalo, N.Y.	Bishop Timon - St. Jude	Coastal Carolina / Shippensburg
50	Luke Jackman	True	R-Fr.	P	R/R	6-0	195	McLean, Va.	Gonzaga College	

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.

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: John Szefc (Drexel, '89), sixth season at Virginia Tech (18th head coaching season)
Associate Head Coach, Offense & Recruiting Coordinator: Kurt Elbin (Lock Haven, '06)
Associate Head Coach, Pitching: Ryan Fecteau (Saint Anselm, '05)
Assistant Coach, Catchers/Scouting: Tyler Hanson (Maine at Farmington, '09)
Director of Baseball Operations: Cam Davis (Virginia Tech, '22)
Director of Player Development, Baseball Technology/Analytics: Kyle Sarazin (Elon, '19)
Director of Hitting Development / Scouting Assistant: 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
Associate Director, Creative Communications: Mike Skovan
Student Managers: Luke Bouchard (head), Dugan Andrews, Nick Coughlin, Colby Culpepper, Ashton Huling
Lead Student Data Analyst: Ryan Patterson

STAFF PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

HC - John Szefc	SHEFF
AHC - Ryan Fecteau	FECT-oh

PLAYER PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

4 - Carson DeMartini	dee-mahr-TEE-nee
5 - Gehrig Ebel	EE-buhl
11 - Eddie Eisert	'EYE'-sert (rhymes with 'eye')
12 - Nick Finarelli	fin-ah-RELL-ee
16 - Matthew Siverling	SIV-er-ling
18 - Warren Holzemer	'HOLE'-zeh-merr (rhymes with 'hole')
19 - Brody Donay	'DOH-nay' (sounds like 'donate')
20 - Grant Umberger	UHM-burr-ghurr ('gh' as in 'girl')
22 - Anthony Arguelles	ahr-GWAY-ess
24 - Chris Cannizzaro	cann-eh-'ZAIR'-oh (as in 'air')
25 - Garrett Michel	mih-SHELL (rhymes with 'Michelle')
26 - Griffin Stieg	STIGG
28 - Chris Sparber	SPARR-burr
30 - Andrew Sentlinger	SENT-'ling'-err (rhymes with 'ring')
33 - Nick Holesa	'hole'-EE-sah (rhymes with 'hole')
37 - Jacob Exum	EX-uhm
38 - Truman Richter	RICK-terr
39 - Peter Sakellaris	sack-ill-AIR-iss
40 - Henry Weycker	'WYE'-kerr (as in 'why')
43 - Tommy Szczepanski	suh-PANN-skee
45 - Christian Worley	'WORE'-lee (rhymes with 'wore')
48 - Brady Kirtner	KURT-nerr

had plated 3.67 runs per nine innings.

- Each of Tech's three grand slams hit during the 2023 season have fallen during midweek action: Carson DeMartini (Feb. 21 against ETSU), Carson Jones (Feb. 28 against Radford), Garrett Michel (March 22 against VMI).

- The "Hammerin' Hokies" have hit 15 midweek home runs this season, including their back-to-back-to-back combination at VMI on March 28 (Garrett Michel, Jack Hurley, Carson DeMartini).

- Tech's opponents have combined to swing three home runs – none since Robert Gallagher's three-run homer on March 8 against UMass Lowell (19 and two-thirds innings).

- Offensively, Virginia Tech is batting .389 and slugging .681 during midweek play this season with a .491 on-base percentage. The Hokies are led by Carson DeMartini (.619 batting average, 13-for-21), Clay Grady (.600, 9-for-15), Henry Cooke (.500, 7-for-14) and Chris Cannizzaro (.478, 11-for-23).

- On the mound, the Hokies have toed a 3.67 ERA against midweek competition, as anchored by Kiernan Higgins (0.00 ERA, 6.0 IP), Grant Umberger (1.29 ERA, 7.0 IP) and Andrew Sentlinger (1.29 ERA, 7.0 IP).

HAMMERIN' HEADLINES

- Virginia Tech combined to swing seven home runs during its series win against then-No. 5 Virginia, elevating its season count to 57 – the eighth most among NCAA Division I programs.

- The Hokies enter their weekend in Durham leading the ACC while ranking sixth nationally in home runs per game (2.11).

- Contrastingly, Duke has allowed the fewest cumulative home runs (21) among ACC programs.

- The Hokies are equipped with the nation's third best defense (.986 fielding percentage), having committed a tie for the fourth fewest errors in the country – five more than the rest of the ACC, beginning with No. 7 Virginia (19 errors).

- Tech continues to live up to its "Hammerin' Hokies" moniker as it boasts the nation's sixth best team slugging percentage (.579). The Hokies are led in slugging by junior outfielder Jack Hurley (.774) and rookie Garrett Michel (.707), who rank second and eighth, respectively, among ACC players. Michel also ranks 10th nationally among freshmen in slugging percentage.

- Sophomore third baseman Carson DeMartini has walked more times (28) than he has struck out (24) this season. Including March 25, when he tied the Virginia Tech single-game record for walks (five), DeMartini has walked 14 times during his last six games (14 walks during previous 21 games).

- Rookie shortstop Clay Grady has started 14 of Tech's last 18 games and is one of five qualifying Hokies who are batting .300 or better against ACC competition.

- Freshman catcher and designated hitter Brody Donay's 1.595 OPS during ACC play leads the team. Donay's four home runs against conference opponents are tied with Carson Jones for second on Tech behind Jack Hurley (six).

JACK ATTACK

- Junior outfielder Jack Hurley carries a 10-game hitting streak into this weekend's action at Duke, having reached base safely during 14 consecutive games.

- After batting .550 (11-for-20) with five home runs and 11 RBIs last week, Hurley was named *DI Baseball's* National Player of the Week, the NCBWA Dick Howser Trophy National Hitter of the Week, to *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's* National Players of the Week and the ACC Player of the Week.

- Since March 24 at Pitt, Hurley has hit seven home runs during his last seven games, including three multi-homer outings. He owns a tie for the third highest home run count among ACC players (11).

- Hurley – a 2022 All-American and 2023 Preseason All-American – enters this weekend's series at Duke with a .413 batting average against ACC opponents (15 hits during his last 27 such at-bats).

COMMONWEALTH CLASH

- Virginia Tech's come-from-behind series win against then-No. 5 Virginia (clinched on April 2) marked its second straight series victory against the 'Hoos.

- The Hokies have won consecutive season series against the Cavaliers for the first time since the 1999 and 2000 seasons (not held on consecutive dates). Additionally, Tech has won multi-game series against Virginia during back-to-back seasons for the first time since 1983 and 1984.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Name: Virginia Tech
Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Enrollment (undergraduate): 30,434
Nickname: Hokies
Mascot: HokieBird
Colors: Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Division: Coastal
First season (exp.): 2005 (19th year)
President: Dr. Timothy Sands
Director of athletics: Whit Babcock
Website: hokiesports.com

HOME BALLPARK

Name: English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park
Location: Campus
Opened: 1989
Capacity: 3,500
Surface: AstroTurf
Dimensions: 330-375-400-375-330

PROGRAM HISTORY

First season: 1892
All-time record: 2,294-1,644-26 (.582)
Single-season wins record: 50 (1982, 1985)
NCAA tournaments: 11
All-time record: 13-22
Last Regional berth: 2022 (Blacksburg)
Last Super Regional berth: 2022 (Blacksburg)
College World Series berths: None
ACC tournaments: 6
All-time record: 6-7
Last appearance: 2022 (Charlotte)
Championships: None
Best finish: Runner-up (2013)
ACC Coastal Division championships: 1 (2022)
All-Americans: 20
Freshman All-Americans: 10
MLB draft selections (MLB alumni): 117 (22)

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: mskovan@vt.edu
Phone: (845) 204-1777

INTERVIEW POLICY

Gamedays: Virginia Tech head coach John Szefc and requested student-athletes will be available to the media on-field after games 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 through media contact **Mike Skovan**. Student-athletes and coaches should not be contacted directly under any circumstances.

HOKIES IN THE POLLS

Poll	Pre	Feb 20	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 27	Apr 3	Apr 10	Apr 17	Apr 24	May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	Final
Baseball America	13	14	13	11	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Collegiate Baseball	28	29	28	28	29	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
DI Baseball	14	14	11	11	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NCBWA	18	18	14	11	17	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Perfect Game	15	15	15	13	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
USA TODAY Sports	16	--	11	10	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Virginia Tech's streak of being ranked by at least one leading publication ended at 14 consecutive poll cycles on March 20

BY THE NUMBERS

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Virginia Tech earned the No. 4 national seed in the 2022 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship - the program's highest all-time mark. The Hokies hosted NCAA Regional & Super Regional play.

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Of its many program records set during the 2022 season, Virginia Tech won nine (of 10) ACC series during the course of the regular season. The Hokies' 19 ACC wins also equated to a program best.

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Virginia Tech had won 12 consecutive regular season multi-game series, prior to playing to defeat against Boston College on March 11 in Blacksburg.

• Since joining the ACC in 2005, the Hokies have won the following multi-game series against the Cavaliers:

2009	Blacksburg
2013	Blacksburg
2015	Blacksburg
2022	Charlottesville *
2023	Blacksburg

* First true road series win at Virginia since 1943 (two-game set).

BUILT TOUGH

• With its ACC series win against then-No. 5 Virginia, Virginia Tech has now won 10 of its last 12 regular season series against *D1Baseball* ranked opponents, including seven victories against top-15 competition.

• The Hokies have also prevailed during straight series against opponents ranked in *D1Baseball's* top 25 poll.

MILESTONE WATCH

• **John Szeffc:** Begins series at Duke with 147 career wins at Virginia Tech (five short of reaching 150).

• **Carson DeMartini:** Earned his 100th career hit in convincing fashion, connecting on a bases-clearing, three-RBI triple against No. 5 Virginia (April 2).

• **Eduardo Malinowski:** Starts series at Duke with 196 career hits (four short of 200).

HOKIES DURING ACC PLAY

• Despite starting 2-7 during ACC play this season, Virginia Tech held the following during conference games:

Leads after five innings

Six instances, 2-4 record

Leads after six innings

Six instances, 2-4 record

• Statistically, Tech had performed as follows:

First through sixth innings

41-33 (+8) scoring margin

Seventh inning onward

26-44 (-18) scoring margin

CLOSE CALLS

• Virginia Tech's 2-7 record against the ACC this year is deceiving:

March 11 vs. Boston College (L, 3-7)

The Hokies led BC, 1-0, after five innings with Anthony Arguelles holding the Eagles to two hits at the time.

March 17 at Miami (L, 3-4)

Tech took its 3-2 lead into the bottom of the seventh inning. With the game tied during the ninth inning, Henry Weycker had two outs and the bases clear before hitting Edgardo Villegas and surrendering the walk-off double to Yohandy Morales.

March 18 at Miami (L, 9-12)

Sam Tackett's early grand slam put Tech ahead, 5-0, while Garrett Michel hit a solo homer during the fourth inning to give the Hokies the 6-0 lead. Carson Jones hammered a two-run home run to push Tech's lead to 9-6 during the eighth inning, but the Hurricanes rallied for six runs during the bottom of the eighth inning to steal the series finale.

March 24 at Pitt (L, 4-5)

Jack Hurley broke the game's 3-3 tie during the sixth inning with a solo home run. However, Tech was held hitless during the rest of the game, surrendering the game-winning runs with two outs during the bottom of the seventh inning.

March 26 at Pitt (L, 4-5)

Virginia Tech led, 4-0, going into the bottom of the fifth inning. The Hokies were held hitless the rest of the game, allowing the game-winning double with two outs during the bottom of the eighth inning.

HOKIES IN THE POLLS

• Virginia Tech's streak of placing in *D1Baseball's* top 25 rankings ended on March 20 after 14 consecutive poll cycles. The Hokies' run, which encompassed their trip to the 2022 NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional, ranked as the program's longest uninterrupted stay in *D1Baseball's* top 25 poll since the outlet's rankings debut in 2015.

• Despite opening ACC play with a 1-5 record, Virginia Tech's opening two league series were contested against programs who now appear in *D1Baseball's* top 25 rankings: No. 9 Boston College (1-2) and No. 20 Miami (0-3).

WEEKENDERS

• Virginia Tech's streak of winning 12 consecutive multi-game regular season series was snapped on March 11 against Boston College.

• The Hokies had won eight of its 12 multi-game series against ACC competition (excludes one-game series win at No. 12 Notre Dame in March 2022).

TIGHT SITUATIONS

• Virginia Tech is 0-3 this season during one-run games, having incurred all three outcomes against ACC opponents:

2023 ACC STANDINGS



ATLANTIC DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 2 Wake Forest	12-2	.857	--	7-1	5-1	29-4	.879	20-1	9-3	--	W3	9-1
2	No. 10 Louisville	7-5	.583	4	5-1	2-4	25-7	.781	19-3	3-4	3-0	W4	7-3
3	No. 11 Boston College	8-7	.533	4.5	4-2	4-5	23-9	.719	6-2	14-7	3-0	W2	6-4
4	Notre Dame	7-8	.467	5.5	3-3	4-5	17-13	.567	6-4	9-9	2-0	L2	5-5
5	NC State	5-9	.357	7	3-3	2-6	21-11	.656	16-4	5-7	--	W1	5-5
6	Clemson	4-8	.333	7	1-5	3-3	20-14	.588	14-8	5-4	1-2	W3	6-4
7	Florida State	4-11	.267	8.5	4-5	0-6	13-19	.406	10-9	3-10	--	L3	1-9

COASTAL DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 7 Virginia	11-4	.733	--	6-0	5-4	30-4	.882	22-0	7-4	1-0	W6	8-2
2	No. 13 North Carolina	8-5	.615	2	3-3	5-2	23-10	.697	17-6	6-3	0-1	W1	6-4
3	Miami	8-7	.533	3	8-1	0-6	20-12	.625	18-3	2-9	--	L3	5-5
4	Duke	7-7	.500	3.5	4-4	3-3	21-11	.656	16-8	4-3	1-0	W1	7-3
5	Georgia Tech	7-8	.467	4	5-4	2-4	20-13	.606	16-6	3-6	1-1	W2	4-6
6	Pitt	5-8	.385	5	3-4	2-4	14-17	.452	5-5	4-8	5-4	L2	3-7
7	Virginia Tech	5-9	.357	5.5	3-3	2-6	18-12	.600	13-5	5-7	--	L1	5-5

Rankings per *D1Baseball*

Date	Opponent	Result	Winning Run
March 17	at Miami	L, 3-4	Bot 9 (wo)
March 24	at Pitt	L, 4-5	Bot 7
March 26	at Pitt	L, 4-5	Bot 8

2023 MLB OPENING DAY

• Virginia Tech placed four pro players onto MLB 40-man rosters on Opening Day:

Player	Tech	Pos.	Club
Kerry Carpenter	2019	OF	DET
Nic Enright	2016-19	P	MIA
Joe Mantioly	2010-13	P	ARZ
Packy Naughton	2015-17	P	MIA

• In December 2022, Nic Enright announced he had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma. While undergoing cancer treatments, he shared with MLB.com that he has, "no current physical limitations," as Miami irons out a plan to have him return to the mound with medical approval.

• In his personal statement released on Instagram in December, Enright expressed his goal is to, "provide hope and inspiration to others who fight their battles with cancer. I'm going to continue to tackle this challenge with the same perseverance that I do baseball - and I can't wait to return to the mound and the game I love." He is yet to make his MLB debut.

FLARIN' CANNIZZARO

• Fifth-year outfielder Chris Cannizzaro was named the ACC Player of the Week on March 6, having batted 14-for-20 during Tech's 4-0 week against Radford and Charlotte.

• Cannizzaro led all NCAA Division I players in hits through games played on March 14 (35 hits, 2.19 per game).

• From Feb. 26 to March 8, the Bucknell transfer batted 25-for-38 (.658) during a seven-game stretch. He recorded three or more hits during seven consecutive games, beginning with him hitting for the cycle on Feb. 26 against Bryant (5-for-6).

• Cannizzaro is batting .516 against Tech's non-conference competition (six doubles, two triples, five home runs), though only .167 (8-for-48) against ACC pitching (one double, two home runs).

HOKIES AT A GLANCE

• Through games completed on April 5, Virginia Tech ranks No. 32 in the NCAA Division I Baseball RPI - the sixth highest position among the 14 ACC programs. The Hokies rank No. 24 in strength of schedule.

• Virginia Tech's power offense continues to rank highly among the nation's top tier in several statistical categories. The Hokies head into their series at Duke ranked as follows:

Statistic	Value	NCAA	ACC
Doubles	68	t-14th	t-5th
Doubles per Game	2.52	8th	3rd
Runs	259	t-13th	4th
Scoring	9.6	10th	1st
Triples	11	t-16th	t-1st

Triples per Game	0.41	19th	1st
Hits	302	t-33rd	6th
Batting Average	.311	27th	3rd
Slugging Percentage	.579	6th	1st
Home Runs	57	8th	2nd
Home Runs per Game	2.11	6th	1st

• Hammering away, the Hokies' 2023 home run crew includes 15 players. Among them, four true freshmen have homered for the first time during their collegiate careers - Brody Donay (inside the park), Clay Grady, Garrett Michel, Carter Newman - while 30 of 57 home runs this season have been hit by newcomers (including transfers).

• Most home run hitters, ACC programs:

Rk	Program	HR Hitters
1.	Miami	15
	Virginia Tech	15
3.	Duke	13
	NC State	13
	Wake Forest	13

Tech's 13th home run hitter ...

Nick Holea - March 7 vs. UMass Lowell

Tech's 14th home run hitter ...

Christian Martin - March 10 vs. Boston College

Tech's 15th home run hitter ...

Sam Tackett - March 18 at Miami

ON THE MOUND

• Freshman right-hander Jacob Exum struck out eight batters during five innings of relief work on March 31 against No. 5 Virginia.

• Virginia Tech's March series at Pitt marked the first time during the 2023 season when it received five innings of starting pitching during every contested game.

• Redshirt-sophomore reliever Brady Kirtner began the 2023 season by logging 10 consecutive scoreless, hitless outings. Kirtner's streak ended on March 26 at 10.0 consecutive season-opening innings pitched.

• Rookie left-hander Andrew Sentlinger struck out the only batter he faced on March 28 at VMI, earning his first career save. Sentlinger is the first Virginia Tech true freshman to earn a save since the 2015 season (Packy Naughton).

• Six Hokies combined to shut out VMI, 11-0, on March 22 at English Field. Tech's staff combined to tie its season best for hits allowed (four), record 12 strikeouts and walk three batters.

Virginia Tech's starting pitching

3-6, 6.10 ERA, .265 opposing batting average

Virginia Tech's relief pitching

14-4, 5.91 ERA, .253 opposing batting average

Virginia Tech's starting pitching (ACC games)

1-5, 7.51 ERA, .311 opposing batting average

Virginia Tech's relief pitching (ACC games)

3-3, 9.70 ERA, .306 opposing batting average

'22 MEMORIES & '23 DREAMS

• Virginia Tech is the defending ACC Coastal

Division champion, having achieved the league's best regular season record (19-9) behind its program records in ACC regular season wins and series wins (nine).

• Tech earned the No. 4 national seed in the 2022 NCAA Division I Baseball Championship - its highest all-time mark.

• The Hokies hosted their first NCAA Regional since 2013, sweeping Wright State and Columbia (twice) to win their first NCAA Regional championship and advance to the program's first NCAA Super Regional (as staged in its home ballpark).

• Following its deepest postseason run, Virginia Tech is one of four preseason favorites to win the 2023 ACC championship, per the 2023 ACC Baseball Coaches Preseason Poll (Louisville, Clemson, Wake Forest).

• The Hokies are seeking their first trip to Omaha at the Men's College World Series.

• Virginia Tech's 2023 roster houses two returning All-Americans (Drue Hackenberg Jack Hurley) and two Freshman All-Americans (Carson DeMartini, Drue Hackenberg).

PRESEASON ALL-AMERICANS

• Four Virginia Tech student-athletes have garnered 2023 Preseason All-American praise: junior outfielder Jack Hurley (consensus), sophomore pitcher Drue Hackenberg, sophomore infielder Carson DeMartini and sixth-year reliever Kiernan Higgins.

HURLEY NAMED TO GOLDEN SPIKES WATCH LIST

• Junior outfielder Jack Hurley represents Virginia Tech on the 2023 Golden Spikes Award preseason watch list, the first iteration in USA Baseball identifying the best U.S. amateur baseball player.

• Hurley became Tech's third all-time player to be selected to the preseason watch list, joining the ranks of outfielders Austin Wates (2010) and Gavin Cross (2022).

• On an individual level, Hurley has now appeared in the Golden Spikes Award candidate pool during two consecutive seasons. In 2022, he appeared on the midseason watch list released in April.

• Among the 55 players chosen to the 2023 preseason watch list, Hurley is one of 10 student-athletes hailing from the ACC, which ranked second in total representation (17).

• During the summer of 2022, Hurley competed on the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team at Honkbalweek Haarlem in the Netherlands. He accompanied 19 of his Team USA teammates on the 55-player preseason prospect list.

• Hurley led Virginia Tech in batting average (.375) during the 2022 season, registering 23 doubles, 14 home runs, 55 RBIs and a .664 slugging percentage. He was named to the 2022 All-ACC First Team, earned ABCA/Rawlings Atlantic All-Region First Team praise, collected



JOHN SZEFC

THE SZEFC FILE

Head coach: 18th season, sixth at Virginia Tech
Overall record: 540-375-4 (.590)
Record at Virginia Tech: 148-115 (.563)
Alma mater: Drexel '89; Temple
Playing Experience: Connecticut (1986-87), Drexel (1988-89)
Hometown: Middletown, N.Y.
Spouse: Barbara
Children: Anna, John Michael, Sam

COACHING TIMELINE

SEASONS	SCHOOL	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	CAREER	VIRGINIA TECH
Home	277-139-1	95-52
Away	179-188-2	45-55
Neutral	84-48-1	8-9

2023 OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	CAREER	VIRGINIA TECH
Bryant	14-4	6-3
Boston College	10-11	8-7
Bowling Green	1-0	--
Charlotte	3-0	3-0
Clemson	3-9	2-5
College of Charleston	2-1	2-1
Duke	8-9	6-8
ETSU	6-0	6-0
Florida State	5-9	2-4
Georgia Tech	6-13	4-11
James Madison	7-5-1	1-1
Liberty	13-7	3-5
Marshall	6-0	6-0
Miami (Fla.)	5-14	4-11
North Carolina	6-15	5-8
Pitt	13-6	10-5
Radford	8-1	8-1
UMass Lowell	2-0	2-0
Virginia	10-15	7-9
VMI	8-1	8-1
Wake Forest	6-6	4-2

John Szeffc – the 2022 ACC Coach of the Year and ABCA/A TEC Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year – enters his sixth season as the head baseball coach at Virginia Tech and his 18th season as an NCAA Division I baseball head coach. He was hired by Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock on June 9, 2017, following five defining seasons as the head baseball coach at Maryland.

A name synonymous with winning, Szeffc has coached his teams to 11 seasons of 30-plus victories, including four 40-win campaigns. He has guided three programs to eight NCAA Regional appearances – Marist (1997, 2000-02), Maryland (2014, 2015, 2017), Virginia Tech (2022) – while advancing his clubs to three NCAA Super Regionals – Maryland (2014, 2015), Virginia Tech (2022).

Through 17 head coaching seasons, Szeffc has achieved a performance record of 522-363-4, equivalent to a .589 career winning percentage. On April 15, 2022, he celebrated his 500th career head coaching victory by leading Virginia Tech to its emphatic, 13-2, series-clinching victory against No. 2* Miami, a result that would soon vault the Hokies into *D1Baseball's* top 10 rankings for the first time during their history.

During his first five seasons at Virginia Tech, Szeffc has compiled a 130-104 record in Blacksburg (.556 winning percentage), accented by the program's historic 2022 season.

Among Tech's notable 2022 feats, the Hokies won 45 games – their fourth highest single-season wins total all-time – setting program records in both ACC series victories (nine, as won consecutively) and ACC regular season wins (19). Tech spent eight consecutive weeks ranked in *D1Baseball's* top 25 poll, including seven straight

weeks inside the top 10, peaking on May 23 as the consensus No. 2-ranked program by college baseball's six leading national publications.

Under Szeffc's direction, Virginia Tech championed the ACC Coastal Division for the first time during its 18-year league tenure, locked up the No. 1 seed at the ACC Baseball Championship with the conference's best regular season record and earned the No. 4 national seed in the NCAA Division I Baseball Championship, presenting the Hokies with their first home NCAA Regional since 2013. In front of historic crowds, Tech swept its competition at the NCAA Blacksburg Regional to win the program's first regional title, punching its first ticket to NCAA Super Regional weekend featuring a top-10 matchup against No. 9* Oklahoma.

Behind Szeffc's 2022 success, he mentored Virginia Tech's most decorated All-American class to date, celebrating in 13 combined honors for shortstop Tanner Schobel (six), sophomore outfielder Jack Hurley (four), freshman pitcher Drue Hackenberg (two) and third-year outfielder Gavin Cross (one). Additionally, he placed five student-athletes onto ABCA/Rawlings Atlantic All-Region Teams (tying for the fourth most all-region selections nationally) while setting a program record with eight ACC all-conference honorees, including four All-ACC First Team nods.

During the 2022 MLB Draft, Szeffc produced Virginia Tech's highest all-time selection in Gavin Cross, who was taken at No. 9 overall by the Kansas City Royals. In total, six members of Tech's 2022 roster inked pro contracts at season's end with four of the Hokies' five MLB Draft picks coming off the board during the opening five rounds.

Since taking over in Blacksburg ahead of the

CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Overall	PCT	Conference	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	<i>Season canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic</i>	
2021	Virginia Tech	27-25	.519	16-20	.444	7th, ACC Coastal	--
2022	Virginia Tech	45-14	.763	19-9	.679	1st, ACC Coastal	NCAA Blacksburg Regional (3-0) NCAA Blacksburg Super Regional (1-2)
2023	Virginia Tech	18-12	.600	5-9	.357	--	--
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 (6 seasons)		148-116	.561	58-83	.411	1 NCAA Regional / 1 NCAA Super Regional	
Career (18 seasons)		540-375-4	.590	235-212	.526	8 NCAA Regionals / 3 NCAA Super Regionals	

2018 season, Szeffc has coached 16 MLB Draft picks, including seven players who have earned selection during the opening 10 rounds. He has mentored six All-Americans, three Freshman All-Americans and eight All-ACC honorees (nine awards).

Szeffc's first four seasons at Virginia Tech were highlighted by great outlook and turnaround. During the 2021 season, the Hokies debuted in *D1Baseball's* top 25 rankings for the first time during the outlet's history, staying up for seven weeks and peaking at No. 17 (April 12).

By 2020, Szeffc had Tech on the verge of a breakthrough season, despite the COVID-19 pandemic wiping out the Hokies' window of opportunity. Led by All-Americans and MLB Draft products Carson Taylor (catcher) Ian Seymour (pitcher), Tech posted an 11-5 record before the shutdown.

Prior to his tenure in Blacksburg, Szeffc led Maryland to three NCAA appearances during his five seasons at the helm of the Terrapins, achieving a 180-122 record (.596 winning percentage). He became the first Maryland baseball coach to lead the Terrapins to the NCAA Super Regional round, accomplishing the feat twice behind the program's first two 40-win seasons and its first two NCAA Regional crowns.

Nationally, Szeffc's Maryland teams achieved the program's highest year-end rankings, placing No. 14 nationally at the conclusion of the 2014 and 2015 seasons. He also led the Terrapins to their first ACC tournament final in 38 years (2014), returning to the conference final during the program's 2015 debut at the Big Ten tournament.

Szeffc's head coaching start was earned in 1996 at Marist, where he led the Red Foxes to four conference championships, four NCAA Regional appearances and a 212-137-4 record (.606 winning percentage). At Marist, he was named the 1997 Northeastern Conference Coach of the Year, later collecting 2001 ABCA Northeast Region Coach of the Year honors.

Between head coaching stints, Szeffc enjoyed a six-season tenure as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette (2003-08) under the late, legendary head coach Tony Robichaux. Continuing on, he became the assistant head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas (2009-10) before transitioning in-state to serve as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator at Kansas State (2011-12).

Szeffc began his coaching career with assistant coach titles at Sacred Heart (1995) and at Drexel (1990-93). He also managed the New York Generals in the Atlantic College Baseball League (ACBL) during the summers of 1995 and 1996, leading the club to a 47-28 record, two consecutive division titles and the 1996 ACBL championship game.

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

A native of Middletown, New York, Szeffc graduated from Drexel in 1989 with his bachelor's degree in corporate communications. He also holds a master's degree in sports administration from Temple.

* Denoted rankings per *D1Baseball*



KURT ELBIN

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH, OFFENSE & RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Kurt Elbin enters his sixth season on the Virginia Tech baseball coaching staff, having arrived in June 2017 and earned promotion to associate head coach, offense and recruiting coordinator in May 2022. Elbin joined John Szeffc's coaching staff after serving as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at VCU.

2022

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RYAN FECTEAU

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH, PITCHING

Ryan Fecteau enters his sixth season on the Virginia Tech baseball coaching staff, having arrived in June 2017 and earned promotion to associate head coach, pitching in May 2022. Fecteau's partnership with head coach John Szeffc dates back seven seasons to the 2016-17 athletic year when he served as Szeffc's pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Maryland.

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TYLER HANSON

ASSISTANT COACH, CATCHERS & SCOUTING

Tyler Hanson enters his fifth season on the Virginia Tech baseball coaching staff, having arrived in June 2018 as the Hokies' volunteer assistant coach. In June 2022, he was elevated to the title of assistant coach, catchers and scouting.

In his current role, Hanson specializes in the development of Tech's battery, assists with the offense and handles the day-to-day operations of the program's baseball camps. Before joining the Hokies, he served as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Eastern Kentucky for three seasons (2016-18).

With Hanson on staff, Tech has become a destination for catchers and has consistently placed among the best pitching staffs in the ACC. Since making his way to Blacksburg, he has placed two catchers on the Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award watch list - Carson Taylor (2020) and Cade Hunter (2022) - with Hunter earning national semifinalist recognition in 2022.

Hanson's work with Hunter was key to Virginia Tech's historic 2022 season that culminated with the program's first ACC Coastal Division title and NCAA Regional championship. As the Hokies' starting backstop, he batted .330 and slugged .637 with 14 doubles, 17 home runs and 66 RBIs while responsible for catching 11 runners stealing.



Hokies Baseball
 Overall Statistics for Virginia Tech (as of Apr 12, 2023)
 (All games Sorted by Fielding pct)



Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
5 Gehrig Ebel	182	162	20	0	1.000	0	14	3	.824	3	0
11 Eddie Eisert	122	120	2	0	1.000	8	0	0	---	0	0
31 Jack Hurley	57	57	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
29 Carson Jones	48	47	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
24 Chris Cannizzaro	37	34	3	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
2 Sam Tackett	14	14	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
33 Nick Holesa	9	9	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
32 Lucas Donlon	9	2	7	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
15 Drue Hackenberg	6	1	5	0	1.000	0	3	2	.600	0	0
22 Anthony Arguelles	4	1	3	0	1.000	1	4	2	.667	0	0
47 Jonah Hurney	4	0	4	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
18 Warren Holzemer	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
20 Grant Umberger	3	0	3	0	1.000	1	2	1	.667	0	0
46 Griffin Green	3	0	3	0	1.000	0	5	0	1.000	0	0
48 Brady Kirtner	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
40 Henry Weycker	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
49 Kiernan Higgins	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
10 Tyler Dean	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
39 Peter Sakellaris	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
37 Jacob Exum	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	3	0	1.000	0	0
26 Griffin Stieg	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	2	2	.500	0	0
30 Andrew Sentlinger	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	6	0	1.000	0	0
28 Chris Sparber	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
3 Christian Martin	100	31	68	1	.990	12	0	0	---	0	0
25 Garrett Michel	132	128	2	2	.985	15	0	0	---	0	0
9 Clay Grady	52	15	36	1	.981	7	0	0	---	0	0
19 Brody Donay	97	82	13	2	.979	0	13	4	.765	3	0
7 Henry Cooke	45	42	2	1	.978	0	5	1	.833	0	0
4 Carson DeMartini	71	22	46	3	.958	5	0	0	---	0	0
23 Eduardo Malinowski	16	5	10	1	.938	2	0	0	---	0	0
8 David Bryant	62	19	39	4	.935	10	0	0	---	0	0
43 Tommy Szczepansk	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
45 Christian Worley	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
21 Carter Newman	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
12 Nick Finarelli	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
50 Luke Jackman	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
16 Matthew Siverling	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
Totals	1088	794	279	15	.986	24	33	8	.805	6	0
Opponents	1060	776	240	44	.958	22	30	9	.769	2	0

Hitting minimums - 1 Games 1 AB 1.0 AB/Game 1 TPA 1.0 TPA/Game
 Pitching minimums - 1 Games 1 BF 1.0 IP/Game