

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

Division I Baseball RPI - the 12th highest among ACC programs.

- The Hokies' strength of schedule ranks No. 47 nationally.

- Tech is 4-7 against the RPI top 25 and 8-9 against the RPI top 50:

Date	[RPI] Opponent	Result
March 10	[13] Boston College	W, 13-3
March 11	[13] Boston College	L, 5-8
	[13] Boston College	L, 3-7
March 17	at [14] Miami	L, 3-4
March 18	at [14] Miami	L, 6-21
	at [14] Miami	L, 9-12
March 31	[11] Virginia	L, 5-9
April 1	[11] Virginia	W, 12-10
April 2	[11] Virginia	W, 12-7
April 9	at [8] Duke	L, 1-3
	at [8] Duke	W, 5-2
April 14	[48] Georgia Tech	W, 10-7
April 15	[48] Georgia Tech	W, 13-1
April 16	[48] Georgia Tech	W, 9-2
April 28	[36] North Carolina	W, 7-0
April 29	[36] North Carolina	L, 8-12
	[36] North Carolina	L, 7-13

TECH SCORES RARE SHUTOUT AGAINST UNC

- Virginia Tech's 7-0 win against North Carolina on April 28 marked the program's first shutout against the Tar Heels since the 1974 season.

- Right-hand starter Anthony Arguelles delivered seven and one-third innings for the Hokies, tying his career long during his three NCAA Division I seasons. Arguelles also matched his career high in strikeouts at the NCAA Division I level (seven).

- Right-hand reliever Brady Kirtner posted five hitless outs behind Arguelles, finishing the shutout performance.

HOKIES STEAL MIDWEEK WIN AGAINST JMU

- Virginia Tech's 7-5 victory against James Madison on April 25 marked its first come-from-behind win of the season when trailing after seven innings. Before their result, the Hokies had been 0-12 when trailing after seven innings of play (JMU had led, 5-3).

- Tech's winning sequence was rather extraordinary, considering Carson DeMartini was caught stealing at second base for the second out of the eighth inning, emptying the bases. After sophomore Christian Martin's shallow double had dropped into left field, the Hokies received five consecutive free bases (including four walks, a hit

batsman and a balk) on its way to completing a remarkable comeback.

SZEFC vs. THE ACC

- Including his head coaching tenure at Maryland, John Szefc had won weekend series against all but three current ACC opponents - two of which he added this season:

Opponent	Date	Results
Georgia Tech	April 14-16	W-W-W
Florida State	April 21-23	W-W-L
Clemson	May 12-14	--

- Szefc's pursuit includes Tech's one-game series win at Notre Dame in March 2022 (remainder of series canceled due to weather).

MAKING THE MOST OF ONE'S MOMENT

- Fifth-year infielder David Bryant enters play against Marshall having made 10 straight starts at third base. He replaces primary starter Carson DeMartini, who has moved to the role of the Hokies' designated hitter, allowing him to ease back from a hard slide into second base sustained against Georgia Tech (April 14).

- Considering his four seasons at Radford, Bryant made only 16 of his 143 starts at third base.

- Since starting at third base on April 15, he has four home runs (including his first career multi-homer game on April 16 against Georgia Tech), hit for the cycle (April 21 at Florida State) and factored into a number of highlight defensive plays, such as his 5-3 and 8-5 double plays against the Seminoles.

TECH TRIUMPH IN TALLAHASSEE

- Virginia Tech's series victory at Florida State marked the program's first true road series win against the Seminoles since the 2010 season.

- On April 21, the Hokies scored 24 runs, tying for the most runs scored against Florida State all-time (Clemson, 1959).

- Right-hand starter Drue Hackenberg pitched Tech's first complete game victory since the 2019 season, setting a career high with 12 strikeouts. For his success, Hackenberg was named the ACC Pitcher of the Week.

HAMMERIN' HEADLINES

- Junior outfielder Jack Hurley is riding a 19-game hitting streak. Hurley - who set the Virginia Tech ACC-era record with his 26-game, season-opening hitting streak at the beginning of the

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: 2,301-1,648-26 (.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	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
D1Baseball	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.

2022 campaign - homered 11 times within a 13-game stretch of his current hitting streak.

- Sophomore right-hander Drue Hackenberg has won three of his last four starts, having collected victories at Duke (April 9), against Georgia Tech (April 16) and at Florida State (April 22). Considering his three consecutive wins from April 9 to April 22, Hackenberg allowed five runs (four earned) across 23 innings pitched, registering 29 strikeouts and four walks.

- Redshirt-sophomore reliever Brady Kirtner made two appearances during Tech's three-game sweep of Georgia Tech. Kirtner combined to strike out eight of the 12 batters he faced, logging three scoreless innings while allowing two hits.

CLEAN FIELDING

- Virginia Tech leads all NCAA Division I programs in fielding percentage (.984).

- The Hokies have committed 23 errors this season - seven fewer than the second best ACC program (Boston College - 30).

PATIENT APPROACH

- Entering its series against Marshall, Virginia Tech has drawn double-digit walks during five of its last 10 games.

- On April 15 against Georgia Tech, the Hokies set the program record for single-game

walks, drawing 18 against the Yellow Jackets. Comparatively, Tech produced seven hits in the ballgame.

- Twice this season, Virginia Tech has tied its program record for individual walks in a game:

Date	Player	Opponent
April 15, 2023	Christian Martin	GT
March 25, 2023	Carson DeMartini	PITT
April 28, 2015	Erik Payne	App State
March 24, 1964	Wayne Taylor	Mich. State

HOKIES SWEEP THE SWARM

- Virginia Tech's three-game sweep of Georgia Tech at English Field marked its first series win against the Yellow Jackets since 2010 and its first all-time at home.

- The Hokies' three-game winning streak against Georgia Tech equates to their best achieved during series history.

MIDWEEK STREAK ENDS

- With its April 11 home loss to Liberty, Virginia Tech witnessed the end of its 15-game winning streak during regular season midweek contests - a feat that had dated back to March 15, 2022 (5-2 defeat at James Madison).

- Additionally, the Hokies' loss snapped their streak of 16 consecutive regular season midweek

victories at English Field, which had dated back to March 16, 2021 (7-2 defeat against UNCG).

HOKIES ON MIDWEEKS

- Prior to its April 11 defeat against Liberty, Tech had been 6-0 during midweek games this season (since lost two straight outings).

- Entering its April 18 loss at Radford, the Hokies had outscored their midweek opponents by the 84-29 margin, averaging 13.03 runs per nine innings while allowing 4.14 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 16 midweek home runs this season, including their back-to-back-to-back combination at VMI on March 28 (Garrett Michel, Jack Hurley, Carson DeMartini).

HAMMERIN' AGAINST THE ACC

- Virginia Tech combined to swing seven home runs during its series win against then-No. 5 Virginia and eight home runs during its three-game sweep of Georgia Tech. The Hokies rank in a tie for 18th nationally in home runs (78), ranking in a tie for third among ACC programs with Duke (78) behind Miami (84) and Wake Forest (83).

- The Hokies' 1.90 home runs per game average ranks as the 14th best mark among NCAA Division I programs.

WALK THIS WAY

- Sophomore third baseman Carson DeMartini has walked more times (38) than he has struck out (33) this season.

- During a two-game stretch at Pitt, DeMartini walked eight times during nine consecutive plate appearances.

- As a rookie, DeMartini led the 2022 Hokies in strikeouts (63), drawing 35 walks.

JACK ATTACK

- Junior outfielder Jack Hurley rides a 23-game reached base streak into this weekend's action against North Carolina, having hit safely during 21 consecutive games.

- After batting .550 (11-for-20) with five home runs and 11 RBIs, Hurley was named *D1Baseball's* National Player of the Week, the NCBWA Dick Houser Trophy National Hitter of the Week, to *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper's* National Players of the Week and the ACC Player of the Week.

2023 ACC STANDINGS



ATLANTIC DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 2 Wake Forest	16-4	.800	--	7-1	9-3	37-6	.860	24-1	13-5	0-0	W5	8-2
2	No. 19 Boston College	13-11	.542	5	6-6	7-5	29-14	.674	9-7	17-7	3-0	L1	6-4
	Notre Dame	13-11	.542	5	8-4	5-7	25-17	.595	13-5	10-12	2-0	W2	7-3
4	Clemson	11-10	.524	5.5	3-6	8-4	28-17	.622	17-10	10-5	1-2	W1	8-2
5	Louisville	9-12	.429	7.5	7-5	2-7	28-15	.651	21-7	4-8	3-0	L1	3-7
6	NC State	8-12	.400	8	6-5	2-7	28-14	.667	22-7	5-7	1-0	W3	7-3
7	Florida State	6-18	.250	12	5-7	1-11	15-27	.357	11-11	4-16	0-0	L2	2-8

COASTAL DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 10 Duke	14-9	.609	--	7-4	7-5	31-13	.705	21-8	9-5	1-0	W1	9-1
2	No. 11 Miami	14-10	.583	0.5	10-2	4-8	28-16	.636	22-4	6-12	0-0	W1	7-3
3	No. 21 Virginia	13-11	.542	1.5	8-4	5-7	35-11	.761	26-4	8-7	1-0	L1	5-5
4	North Carolina	11-11	.500	2.5	4-5	7-6	28-16	.636	20-11	8-4	0-1	W2	5-5
5	Virginia Tech	11-12	.478	3	7-5	4-7	25-16	.610	18-7	7-9	0-0	L2	6-4
6	Pitt	8-11	.421	4	4-6	4-5	20-21	.488	9-8	6-9	5-4	W3	6-4
7	Georgia Tech	8-13	.381	5	5-4	3-9	26-18	.591	21-6	4-11	1-1	W5	6-4

Rankings per D1Baseball

• Hurley begins the weekend ranked third among ACC home run hitters:

Rk	Player	Team	HRs
1.	Brock Wilken	WAKE	20
2.	Mac Horvath	UNC	19
3.	Jake Gelof	UVA	18
4.	Jackson Finley	GT	17
5.	Jack Hurley	VT	15

• Hurley – a 2022 All-American and 2023 Preseason All-American – is hitting .382 batting average against ACC opponents (29 hits, seven doubles, nine home runs, 24 RBIs).

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.

• 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.

SZEFZ REACHES 150 WINS AT TECH

• Virginia Tech head coach John Szefz celebrated his 150th victory with the program on April 15, 2023.

• Szefz has now led three programs to 150 head coaching wins, having guided Marist to 212 victories and Maryland to 180 wins.

HOKIES DURING ACC PLAY

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

Leads after five innings
Six instances, 2-4 record

Leads after six innings
Six instances, 2-4 record

• Statistically, Tech also 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 was 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 that soon climbed in *D1Baseball's* top 25 rankings: Boston College (1-2) and 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 1-4 this season during one-run games, having incurred all five outcomes against ACC opponents:

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
April 22	at FSU	W, 4-3	Top 3
April 23	at FSU	L, 3-4	Bot 4

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 Mantiply	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).

• At the time, Cannizzaro was 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).



JOHN SZEFFC

THE SZEFFC FILE

Head coach: 18th season, sixth at Virginia Tech
Overall record: 547-379-4 (.590)
Record at Virginia Tech: 155-120 (.564)
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	282-141-1	100-54
Away	181-190-2	47-57
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	7-10	4-5
Georgia Tech	9-13	7-11
James Madison	8-5-1	2-1
Liberty	13-7	3-5
Marshall	6-0	6-0
Miami (Fla.)	5-14	4-11
North Carolina	7-17	6-10
Pitt	13-6	10-5
Radford	8-2	8-2
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	25-16	.610	11-12	.478	--	--
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)		154-120	.564	64-86	.427	1 NCAA Regional / 1 NCAA Super Regional	
Career (18 seasons)		547-379-4	.590	241-215	.529	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

For the second time during his career, Elbin led his offensive unit to the NCAA Super Regional round as Virginia Tech championed the ACC Coastal Division and the NCAA Blacksburg Regional. The Hokies posted a 45-14 record behind the nation's second highest slugging percentage (.574), its 11th best batting average (.309) and 18th best on-base percentage (.407).

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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 May 01, 2023)
 (All games Sorted by Fielding pct)



Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
5 Gehrig Ebel	208	187	21	0	1.000	0	15	4	.789	3	0
11 Eddie Eisert	133	131	2	0	1.000	8	0	0	---	0	0
29 Carson Jones	82	81	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
31 Jack Hurley	63	62	1	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
24 Chris Cannizzaro	52	49	3	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
2 Sam Tackett	18	18	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
32 Lucas Donlon	12	5	7	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
33 Nick Holesa	9	9	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
47 Jonah Hurney	5	1	4	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
20 Grant Umberger	3	0	3	0	1.000	1	3	1	.750	0	0
18 Warren Holzemer	3	2	1	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
46 Griffin Green	3	0	3	0	1.000	0	5	0	1.000	0	0
40 Henry Weycker	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
48 Brady Kirtner	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
39 Peter Sakellaris	2	0	2	0	1.000	1	0	0	---	0	0
30 Andrew Sentlinger	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	7	0	1.000	0	0
49 Kiernan Higgins	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	1	1	.500	0	0
10 Tyler Dean	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
26 Griffin Stieg	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	2	3	.400	0	0
16 Matthew Siverling	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	4	1	.800	0	0
28 Chris Sparber	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
37 Jacob Exum	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	5	1	.833	0	0
9 Clay Grady	85	23	61	1	.988	9	0	0	---	0	0
3 Christian Martin	140	47	91	2	.986	17	0	0	---	0	0
19 Brody Donay	180	155	22	3	.983	0	20	6	.769	4	0
25 Garrett Michel	218	212	2	4	.982	21	0	0	---	0	0
7 Henry Cooke	51	46	3	2	.961	0	8	2	.800	0	0
8 David Bryant	89	27	58	4	.955	13	0	0	---	0	0
4 Carson DeMartini	76	22	50	4	.947	5	0	0	---	0	0
23 Eduardo Malinowski	16	5	10	1	.938	2	0	0	---	0	0
15 Drue Hackenberg	7	1	5	1	.857	0	4	2	.667	0	0
22 Anthony Arguelles	5	1	3	1	.800	1	4	3	.571	0	0
43 Tommy Szczepansk	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	1.000	0	0
12 Nick Finarelli	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
50 Luke Jackman	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
45 Christian Worley	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
Totals	1473	1085	365	23	.984	31	44	12	.786	7	0
Opponents	1431	1058	315	58	.959	26	42	14	.750	3	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