VIRGINIA TECH
2024 BASEBALL

11 NCAA APPEARANCES / 2022 ACC COASTAL DIVISION CHAMPIONS / 2022 NCAA SUPER REGIONAL HOST

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES
8-3, 0-0 ACC

VS

NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH
9-2, 0-0 ACC

Head coach: John Szefc (Drexel, '89)
Career record: 560-389-4 (19th season)
Record at Virginia Tech: 168-130 (seventh season)
Record vs. Notre Dame: 6-6

Head coach: Shawn Stiffler (George Mason, '01)
Career record: 370-229 (12th season)
Record at Notre Dame: 39-26 (second season)
Record vs. Virginia Tech: 2-3

GAME 12	FRIDAY, MARCH 8	2 PM	ACCNX
GAME 13	SATURDAY, MARCH 9	4 PM	ACCNX
GAME 14	SUNDAY, MARCH 10	1 PM	ACCNX

BLACKSBURG, VA. -- ENGLISH FIELD AT ATLANTIC UNION BANK PARK (3,500)

BRETT RENFROW (3-0, 1.69 ERA)	GAME 12	RICKY REETH (0-0, 2.35 ERA)
WYATT PARLIAMENT (1-0, 3.86 ERA)	GAME 13	TOBEY McDONOUGH (1-0, 1.69 ERA)
GRIFFIN STIEG (1-1, 3.55 ERA)	GAME 14	MATT BEDFORD (1-1, 3.46 ERA)

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PROJECTED STARTERS BY POSITION

Pos	No.	Name	AVG	GP / GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SLG	OBP	Notes
C	5	Henry Cooke	.348	9 / 7	23	3	8	3	--	2	7	.739	.500	
1B	12	Ethan Gibson	.308	6 / 3	13	3	4	2	--	1	2	.692	.400	Two career starts at first base
2B	3	Christian Martin	.324	11 / 11	37	16	12	6	--	1	4	.568	.519	11-for-25 on 7-game hit streak
3B	4	Carson DeMartini	.268	11 / 11	41	15	11	3	1	3	9	.610	.404	Hitless during last 13 ABs
SS	9	Clay Grady	.306	10 / 10	36	5	11	1	1	--	3	.389	.333	*D1Baseball* No. 42 shortstop
LF	24	Chris Cannizzaro	.452	11 / 11	42	15	19	4	1	4	17	.881	.481	2024: seven multi-hit games
CF	10	Ben Watson	.375	11 / 10	40	8	15	5	1	2	16	.700	.422	13-for-27 on 7-game hit streak
RF	2	Sam Tackett	.286	11 / 9	35	9	10	1	--	2	9	.486	.366	Last week: 8-for-13, 6 R, 2 HR, 6 RBI
DH	19	Eddie Micheletti Jr.	.270	11 / 11	37	8	10	2	1	2	10	.541	.396	March 2: 3B short of cycle

PROJECTED STARTING PITCHERS

L/R	No.	Name	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	B/AVG	Notes
R	17	Brett Renfrow	1.69	3-0	3	3	16.0	12	3	3	3	19	.203	9.2 consecutive scoreless IP
R	39	Wyatt Parliament	3.86	1-0	3	3	14.0	9	6	6	3	11	.176	Season high 6 SO on Feb. 24
R	26	Griffin Stieg	3.55	1-1	3	3	12.2	11	5	5	4	12	.224	March 3: ND, 5.2 IP, 0 R, 5 SO

KEY STORYLINES

HOKIES CLASH WITH IRISH

• Virginia Tech trails the all-time series against Notre Dame, 18-10.

• To date, the Hokies' multi-game series wins against the Irish are as follows:

  • **2001** | Two-game doubleheader sweep in Blacksburg (BIG EAST series)

  • **2014** | Three-game series in South Bend (ACC series)

  • **2022** | One-game, snow-shortened series in South Bend (ACC series)

• Tech has lost nine of its last 11 head-to-head meetings against Notre Dame (includes 0-6 mark at home).

• Overall, the Hokies are 3-8 all-time when hosting Notre Dame in Blacksburg.

TECH'S ICE COLD '22 WIN

• Virginia Tech's one-game series win at No. 12 Notre Dame during the 2022 season was ice cold.

• Tech prevailed, 10-5, through the snow flurries courtesy of its six-run ninth inning rally.

• Trailing, 5-4, Tanner Schobel's one-out RBI double tied the game shortly before Cade Hunter hit the go-ahead RBI single.

• In a frightening scene, Sam Tackett was knocked down by a ball to the face, becoming a hard-nosed (RBI) hit batsman.

• Nick Holesa's sacrifice bunt with the bases loaded was errantly thrown away by the Irish, resulting in three runs that set the final score at 10-5.

• With snow threatening (and ultimately succeeding) to shorten the series, head coach John Szefc had the luxury of pairing Friday starter Griffin Green with Saturday starter Drue Hackenberg for seven combined innings on the mound (eight strikeouts, one walk).

• Virginia Tech's win marked its first of 12 victories against *D1Baseball* top-25 opponents during the 2022 season. In triumph, the Hokies notched their second of eventually nine consecutive ACC series victories during the 2022 campaign, setting the program record.

2024 SCHEDULE

OVERALL		8-3
ACC		**0-0**

HOME: 5-1 / AWAY: 3-2 / NEUTRAL: 0-0

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	NETWORK	STATUS
Fri.	Feb. 16	at Charlotte	ESPN+	W, 10-0
Sat.	Feb. 17	at Charlotte	ESPN+	W, 10-5
Sun.	Feb. 18	at Charlotte	ESPN+	L, 5-10
Wed.	Feb. 21	at James Madison	ESPN+	L, 7-8
Fri.	Feb. 23	Rhode Island	ACCNX	W, 18-3
Sat.	Feb. 24	Rhode Island	ACCNX	W, 7-2
Sun.	Feb. 25	Rhode Island	ACCNX	W, 14-2
Tue.	Feb. 27	at Radford	--	W, 14-4
Fri.	March 1	Stony Brook	ACCNX	W, 6-3
Sat.	March 2	Stony Brook	ACCNX	W, 11-5
Sun.	March 3	Stony Brook	ACCNX	L, 3-4
Wed.	March 6	Binghamton	ACCNX	Canceled
Fri.	March 8	Notre Dame *	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sat.	March 9	Notre Dame *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sun.	March 10	Notre Dame *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 12	Marist	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 15	at Louisville *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	March 16	at Louisville *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Sun.	March 17	at Louisville *	ACCN	12 p.m.
Tue.	March 19	ETSU	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 22	at Boston College *	--	3 p.m.
Sat.	March 23	at Boston College *	--	2 p.m.
Sun.	March 24	at Boston College *	--	1 p.m.
Tue.	March 26	Marshall	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Thu.	March 28	Pitt *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Fri.	March 29	Pitt *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sat.	March 30	Pitt *	ACCN	4 p.m.
Tue.	April 2	at Marshall	--	6 p.m.
Fri.	April 5	Wake Forest *	ACCN	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 6	Wake Forest *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 7	Wake Forest *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed.	April 10	Liberty	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 12	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	April 13	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	4 p.m.
Sun.	April 14	at Georgia Tech *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	April 16	Radford	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 19	Duke *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 20	Duke *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 21	Duke *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	April 23	George Mason	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 26	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	April 27	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	2 p.m.
Sun.	April 28	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Sat.	May 4	Ohio (DH)	ACCNX	3 p.m.
		Ohio (DH)	ACCNX	+ 45 min
Sun.	May 5	Ohio	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Wed.	May 8	at Liberty	--	6 p.m.
Fri.	May 10	Miami *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sat.	May 11	Miami *	ACCN	7 p.m.
Sun.	May 12	Miami *	ACCNX	1 p.m.
Tue.	May 14	James Madison	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Thu.	May 16	at Virginia *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Fri.	May 17	at Virginia *	ACCNX	6 p.m.
Sat.	May 18	at Virginia *	ACCN	3 p.m.
	May 21-26	ACC Baseball Championship #		TBD

All times Eastern and subject to change
* – ACC game
DH – Doubleheader
– 2024 ACC Baseball Championship (Charlotte, N.C.)

2024 NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School	Previous School
2	Sam Tackett	R-Jr.	UTL	R/R	6-0	200	Lexington, Ky.	Lafayette	
3	Christian Martin	Jr.	IF	L/R	5-10	185	Amherst, Va.	Amherst County	
4	Carson DeMartini	Jr.	IF	L/R	6-0	197	Virginia Beach, Va.	Ocean Lakes	
5	Gehrig Ebel	Sr.	C	R/R	6-0	205	Ooltewah, Tenn.	Baylor School	
7	Henry Cooke	So.	C	R/R	6-3	225	Stuarts Draft, Va.	Stuarts Draft / Miller School of Albemarle	
8	Nick Locurto	Fr.	OF	R/R	6-0	200	Garnerville, N.Y.	Don Bosco Prep	
9	Clay Grady	So.	IF	R/R	5-9	170	Suffolk, Va.	Nansemond River	
10	Ben Watson	Gr. (5-yr.)	OF	L/L	5-11	185	West Chester, Pa.	Bayard Rustin	Elizabethtown
11	Eddie Eisert	Sr.	IF/OF	S/R	6-2	210	Fairfax Station, Va.	Bishop O'Connell	NC State
12	Ethan Gibson	Fr.	IF	R/R	6-0	187	Abingdon, Va.	Abingdon	
13	Jordan Vera	So.	P	R/R	6-2	205	Miami, Fla.	Elite Squad Academy	Mississippi
15	Jeremy Neff	Gr. (5-yr.)	P	L/L	6-3	200	West Palm Beach, Fla.	Palm Beach Central	Richmond
16	Matthew Siverling	Gr. (5-yr.)	P	L/L	6-5	215	Matthews, N.C.	Charlotte Christian	
17	Brett Renfrow	Fr.	P	R/R	6-3	225	Manassas, Va.	Charles J. Colgan Sr.	
18	Warren Holzemer	Jr.	IF	R/R	5-10	190	Burke, Va.	Robinson Secondary School	
19	Eddie Micheletti Jr.	Sr.	OF	L/R	6-1	220	Wilmington, Del.	Wilmington Friends School	George Washington
20	Preston Crowl	Fr.	P	R/R	6-0	202	Franklin County, Va.	Franklin County	
21	Carter Newman	So.	IF/OF	R/R	6-0	170	Woodbridge, Va.	Charles J. Colgan Sr.	
23	David Shoemaker	Gr. (5-yr.)	P	R/L	6-1	210	State College, Pa.	State College Area	Pennsylvania
24	Chris Cannizzaro	Gr. (6-yr.)	OF	R/R	5-11	185	Staten Island, N.Y.	Poly Prep	Bucknell
25	Garrett Michel	So.	IF	L/R	6-0	215	Denver, N.C.	East Lincoln	
26	Griffin Stieg	So.	P	R/R	6-3	215	McLean, Va.	McLean	
27	Ryan Kennedy	So.	P	R/R	6-5	225	Manassas, Va.	Charles J. Colgan Sr.	
29	Carrington Aaron	Fr.	IF	R/R	5-8	165	Callands, Va.	Chatham	
30	Andrew Sentlinger	So.	P	L/L	6-2	205	Charlotte, N.C.	Ardrey Kell	
31	Madden Clement	Fr.	P	L/L	6-3	210	Butler, Pa.	Butler Area Sr.	
35	JT Gibson	So.	P	R/L	6-4	215	McLean, Va.	St. John's College	
37	Jacob Exum	So.	P	R/R	6-4	200	Virginia Beach, Va.	Miller School of Albemarle	
38	Justin Herbstman	Fr.	P	L/L	6-2	195	Old Bridge, N.J.	Old Bridge	
39	Wyatt Parliament	Jr.	P	R/R	6-4	215	La Fargeville, N.Y.	La Fargeville Central School	Rutgers
40	David McCann	Fr.	C	L/R	6-1	195	Trumbull, Conn.	Avon Old Farms	
42	Jake Slade	Fr.	IF	R/R	6-4	175	Purcellville, Va.	Loudoun Valley	
43	Ryan Buckler	Fr.	P	R/R	6-0	170	Marstons Mills, Mass.	The Winchendon School	
44	Grant Manning	Gr. (5-yr.)	P	R/R	6-6	215	Dublin, Calif.	Dublin	Chapman
45	Matt Westley	Fr.	P/UTL	R/L	6-0	205	Manassas, Va.	Charles J. Colgan Sr.	
47	Carson Ohl	Gr. (4-yr.)	P	L/R	6-3	175	Simi Valley, Calif.	Grace Brethren	Grand Canyon
48	Brady Kirtner	R-Jr.	P	R/R	6-0	180	Christiansburg, Va.	Christiansburg	
49	Jacob Stretch	Jr.	P	S/R	6-0	190	West Grove, Pa.	Avon Groves	Frostburg State
50	Jordan Little	Jr.	P	L/R	6-4	205	Mint Hill, N.C.	Hickory Grove	East Carolina
51	Garrett Mason	Fr.	P	R/R	6-3	213	Henrico, Va.	Mills E. Godwin	

MEDICAL REDSHIRTS

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	High School	Previous School
	Griffin Green	Sr.	P	R/R	6-4	220	Chelmsford, Mass.	Phillips Academy	
	Luke Jackman	R-So.	P	R/R	6-0	195	McLean, Va.	Gonzaga College	
	Mitch Jones	Fr.	OF	R/R	5-11	180	Greenville, N.C.	Junius H. Rose	

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.*

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
4 - Carson DeMartini	dee-mahr-TEE-nee
5 - Gehrig Ebel	EE-buhl
8 - Nick Locurto	luh-KURT-oh
11 - Eddie Eisert	'EYE'-sert (rhymes with 'eye')
13 - Jordan Vera	'VAIR'-ah (as in 'air')
16 - Matthew Siverling	SIV-err-ling
18 - Warren Holzemer	'HOLE'-zeh-merr (rhymes with 'hole')
19 - Eddie Micheletti Jr.	mick-ell-ETT-ee
20 - Preston Crowl	'CROWL' (rhymes with 'prowl')
24 - Chris Cannizzaro	cann-eh-'ZAIR'-oh (as in 'air')
25 - Garrett Michel	mih-SHELL (rhymes with 'Michelle')
26 - Griffin Stieg	STIGG (rhymes with 'twig')
30 - Andrew Sentlinger	SENT-'ling'-err (rhymes with 'ring')
31 - Madden Clement	klah-MENT

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

No.	Name	Role	Base Coaches / Mound
14	John Szefc	Head coach	Hook
6	Kurt Elbin	Hitting / offense coach	Third base
22	Tyler Hanson	Catchers / scouting coach	First base
36	Ryan Fecteau	Pitching coach	First visit

Name	Pronunciation
37 - Jacob Exum	EX-uhm
38 - Justin Herbstman	HERBST-mann
39 - Wyatt Parliament	PAHR-lah-ment (rhymes with 'parliament')
43 - Ryan Buckler	BUCK-lerr
47 - Carson Ohl	'OLL' (rhymes with 'roll')
48 - Brady Kirtner	KURT-nerr
HC - John Szefc	SHEFF
AHC - Ryan Fecteau	FECT-oh

OH, THOSE HAMMERIN' HOKIES

• Virginia Tech pulls into this weekend's series against Notre Dame on the precipice of another roaring offensive season.

• As of March 7, the Hokies rank nationally and among the ACC in the following categories:

Statistic	Value	ACC	NCAA
Batting Average	.330	6th	15th
Slugging Pct.	.624	2nd	6th
Doubles	32	3rd	t-19th
Doubles/game	2.91	2nd	6th
Triples	5	3rd	t-21st
Triples/game	0.45	3rd	t-23rd
Home Runs	24	t-5th	t-17th
Home Runs/game	2.18	t-5th	t-11th
Scoring	9.5	9th	27th

• Tech is also averaging 10.05 runs per nine innings and 12.26 hits per nine innings.

• The Hokies have eclipsed double-digit runs during six of their first 11 games of the season (all victories) and have won four games by 10 or more runs.

BACKSTOPS SWINGING FOR THE FENCES

• Virginia Tech has received the most home run production out of its contingent of catchers.

• As of March 7, senior Gehrig Ebel, sophomore Henry Cooke and freshman David McCann have combined to hammer five home runs - the most by a position group on Tech's roster this season.

• McCann's first collegiate home run was mashed during his pinch-hit appearance against Rhode Island on Feb. 24; he remained in the game as the Hokies' designated hitter.

IN DEFENSE OF DEFENSE

• Virginia Tech has ranked among the top defensive teams among NCAA Division I programs during the 2022 and 2023 seasons, though has struggled defensively through the early portions of 2024:

Season	FLD%	ACC	NCAA
2022	.980	2nd	15th
2023	.979	2nd	18th
2024	.967	10th	t-145th

• The Hokies enter ACC play having committed seven errors during their most recent series against Stony Brook (March 1-3). All seven errors were deemed in the act of throwing (stemming from balls hit in play, steal attempts and/or pickoff tries).

• Considering Tech's 13 errors this season (tied for the fourth most among ACC programs), 10 have involved throwing mishaps (stemming from balls hit in play, steal attempts and/or pickoff tries).

MICHEL TO MISS REMAINDER OF '24 SEASON

• On March 1, sophomore first baseman Garrett Michel sustained a badly broken wrist from a collision during the seventh inning of the Hokies' 6-3 victory against Stony Brook at English Field at Atlantic Union Bank Park, requiring him to leave the game.

• Michel underwent successful surgery to medically repair his rest and is expected to make a full recovery, though it is anticipated he will miss the remainder of the 2024 NCAA Division I baseball season.

• As a rookie with the Hokies during the 2023 campaign, Michel batted .339 and slugged .626 through his 51 starts, compiling 16 doubles, 11 home runs and 45 RBIs. He garnered 2023 Freshman All-American praise as a first baseman from *Collegiate Baseball Newspaper* and *Perfect Game*, in addition to placing onto the 2023 ACC All-Freshman Team.

• Through his nine games played during the 2024 season, Michel had been batting .400 (14-for-35) with five doubles, four home runs and a 1.361 OPS.

• He is slated to return to the Bourne Braves for the 2024 Cape Cod Baseball League season.

IT'S HOW YOU START

• Virginia Tech is projected to roll out its same starting rotation for the fourth consecutive week of the 2024 season when the Hokies entertain Notre Dame this weekend: freshman right-hander Brett Renfrow (game one), junior right-hander Wyatt Parliament (game two) and sophomore right-hander Griffin Stieg (game three).

• This spring, the Hokies' weekend rotation has combined to notch a 5-1 record and a 2.95 ERA spanning 42 and two-thirds innings pitched (nine starts). They are also boasting a 4.2 strikeout-to-walk ratio and a 2.11 walks per nine innings mark.

• During Tech's March series against Stony Brook, the Hokies' starting trio combined to boast a 2-0 record (all three starters departed in line for the win) with a 1.59 ERA, two walks and 13 strikeouts. Together, they shut out the Seawolves during all but two of the 18 innings they pitched in.

WELCOME TO COLLEGE, BRETT

• On Feb. 16 at Charlotte, Brett Renfrow became Virginia Tech's first true freshman pitcher to start Opening Day during the program's ACC era (since 2005).

• Renfrow dazzled during his collegiate debut, pitching the opening five innings of Tech's 10-0 shutout victory against the 49ers. He allowed one hit through the duration of his start, registering seven strikeouts and collecting 15 outs from 17 batters faced.

• The rookie right-hander ended his Feb. 16 start by retiring seven consecutive batters. On Feb. 23 against Rhode Island, he elevated his exit by retiring 10 batters in a row.

• Renfrow has blanked opponents during 14 of his 16 innings pitched this season. He has yet to start an inning with the Hokies trailing on the scoreboard.

• During Renfrow's March 1 start against Stony Brook, 27 of his first 29 deliveries were charted as strikes. He required no more than 16 pitches to complete any of his six shutout innings.

QUICK FACTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Name: Virginia Tech
Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Enrollment (undergraduate)**:** 30,504
Nickname: Hokies
Mascot: HokieBird
Colors: Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Atlantic Coast Conference
Division: Coastal
First season (exp.): 2005 (20th 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: 2,314-1,658-26 (.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: 7
    All-time record: 6-9
    Last appearance: 2023 (Durham)
    Championships: None
    Best finish: Runner-up (2013)
ACC Coastal Division championships: 1 (2022)
All-Americans: 20
Freshman All-Americans: 11
MLB draft selections (MLB alumni): 122 (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.

BY THE NUMBERS

5 — Virginia Tech is 8-1 this season when holding its opponent to five runs or fewer. The Hokies also enter play against Notre Dame having allowed five or fewer runs during seven consecutive games.

7 — Second baseman Christian Martin and outfielder Ben Watson both ride seven-game hitting streaks into this weekend's series against Notre Dame.

11 — Virginia Tech is equipped with 11 batters who have hit a home run this season - one more than Notre Dame, which begins the weekend having witnessed 10 players circle the bases this season.

PROTECTING AGAINST THE LONG BALL
• Virginia Tech's pitching staff has allowed three home runs at English Field through its first six home games of the season (including four games without surrendering a home run).

• Notre Dame enters this weekend's series ranked second among NCAA Division I programs in home runs per game (2.91) - trailing only Duke - and fourth in total home runs (32).

CANN- HE DO IT? YES HE CANN-!
• Sixth year outfielder Chris Cannizzaro leads Virginia Tech in a bunch of offensive categories, from batting average (.452) to hits (19), RBIs (17) and sacrifice flies (four) while tying for the team lead in home runs (four).

• Cannizzaro took an 0-for-4 on March 3 against Stony Brook, ending his nine-game hitting streak.

• He leads the Hokies this season with seven multi-hit games (spanning 11 games played).

• Last season, Cannizzaro feasted against Tech's nonconference lead-in to ACC play, swinging 33-for-62 (.532 batting average) through his first 13 games with the Hokies before their ACC opener.

• By March 8, 2023, Cannizzaro's 33 hits - four more than the next highest NCAA Division I player - led the nation. He held at least a share of the country's top spot as late as March 14, 2023.

TACKETT MAKING A RACKET
• Redshirt-junior utility man Sam Tackett had a week to remember during Virginia Tech's stretch at Radford (Feb. 27) and against Stony Brook (March 1-3).

• Tackett combined to bat 8-for-13 while making four starts, mashing his first two home runs of the season. He added a double and collected six RBIs, finishing as the Hokies' co-leader in runs scored (six).

• Prior to beginning his hot stretch at Radford on Feb. 27, Tackett had been kept hitless during his previous 12 at-bats, spanning five games.

• Tackett enters play against Notre Dame riding consecutive three-hit games against Stony Brook (6-for-8, home run, three runs scored, three RBIs).

MARTIN COMING AROUND
• Junior second baseman Christian Martin has turned his slow offensive start into a seven-game hitting streak, dating back to Feb. 23.

• After starting the season 1-for-12 at the plate through the first four games of year - his lone hit a home run earned at Charlotte on Opening Day - Martin has since bounced back to hit 11-for-25 (.440 batting average) with six doubles.

• He set a career high with three doubles hit during his 3-for-5 game against Rhode Island on Feb. 24.

BRING ON THE BIG INNINGS
• On Feb. 23, Virginia Tech began its 18-3 victory against Rhode Island by scoring six runs during the bottom of the first inning, erasing the Hokies' 1-0 deficit. The achievement marked Tech's highest scoring total during the first inning since Feb. 19, 2019, when the Hokies plated seven runs against ETSU.

• Two days later on Feb. 25, Virginia Tech delivered nine runs against Rhode Island during the bottom of the fifth inning - the sixth instance of the Hokies scoring nine runs or more during an inning since the start of the 2022 season.

WATSON CELEBRATES SEVEN-RBI NIGHT
• Five games into his NCAA Division I tenure, fifth-year outfielder Ben Watson (transfer from Elizabethtown) tallied seven RBIs during Virginia Tech's 18-3 victory on Feb. 23 against Rhode Island.

• Watson batted 4-for-6 with a bases-clearing double during the first inning, a two-run home run during the fourth inning and a two-RBI triple during the fifth inning, needing a single to hit for the cycle. Leading off the seventh inning, he barreled a ball deep to the left field corner, legging out a proper double at the expense of hitting for the cycle.

• After the game, Watson acknowledged the disappointment his teammates had for him, but admitted it would have been unsportsmanlike of him to stop at first base with the ball still in motion.

• Watson's seven-RBI night was the fourth instance of a Virginia Tech player racking up seven or more RBIs since Rahiem Cooper recorded nine RBIs in 2017:

Player	Date	RBIs
Rahiem Cooper	Feb. 26, 2017	9
Tom Stoffel	April 10, 2018	7
Gavin Cross	April 6, 2021	7
Brody Donay	April 21, 2023	7
Ben Watson	Feb. 24, 2024	7

2024 ACC STANDINGS

ATLANTIC DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 1 Wake Forest	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	11-1	.917	10-0	1-1	0-0	W8	9-1
	No. 10 Clemson	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	10-1	.909	9-1	0-0	1-0	W6	9-1
	No. 14 NC State	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	9-2	.818	7-1	2-1	0-0	W6	8-2
	Florida State	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	11-0	1.000	7-0	1-0	3-0	W11	10-0
	Notre Dame	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	9-2	.818	1-0	8-2	0-0	W5	8-2
	Boston College	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	7-3	.700	0-0	5-2	2-1	W1	7-3
	Louisville	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	8-4	.667	8-2	0-0	0-2	W8	8-2

COASTAL DIVISION

Rk	School	ACC	PCT	GB	H	A	OVERALL	PCT	H	A	N	STK	L10
1	No. 12 Duke	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	11-1	.917	8-1	1-0	2-0	W2	9-1
	No. 13 Virginia	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	12-1	.923	8-1	1-0	3-0	W3	9-1
	No. 16 North Carolina	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	11-2	.846	10-0	1-1	0-1	W6	8-2
	Pitt	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	8-1	.889	0-0	1-0	7-1	W4	8-1
	Virginia Tech	**0-0**	**.000**	**--**	**0-0**	**0-0**	**8-3**	**.727**	**5-1**	**3-2**	**0-0**	**L1**	**7-3**
	Georgia Tech	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	7-4	.636	6-3	1-1	0-0	L3	6-4
	Miami	0-0	.000	--	0-0	0-0	7-5	.583	7-5	0-0	0-0	W1	5-5

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