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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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VS.
Gardner-Webb
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Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum
(9,275)
Blacksburg, Virginia
Nov. 9, 2018
7 p.m.



2018-19 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
11/ 4	Hurricane Relief Exhibition (Lynchburg, Va.) <i>at Liberty</i>	11:30 a.m. W	ESPNU 86-70
11/ 9	GARDNER-WEBB	7 p.m.	ACCNE
Charleston Classic (Charleston, S.C.)			
11/15	vs. Ball State	11:30 a.m.	ESPN2
11/16	vs. Alabama/Northeastern	TBD	ESPN2/U
11/18	Consolations/Finals	TBD	TBD
11/24	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	1 p.m.	ACCNE
Big Ten/ACC Challenge (University Park, Pa.)			
11/27	at Penn State	7 p.m.	ESPN2/U
12/ 1	CENTRAL CONN. ST.	1 p.m.	ACCNE
12/ 5	VMI	7 p.m.	ACCNE
12/ 9	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE	1 p.m.	ACCNE
Boardwalk Classic (Atlantic City, N.J.)			
12/15	vs. Washington	7 p.m.	ESPNU
12/19	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	7 p.m.	ACCNE
12/28	UMES	7 p.m.	ACCNE
1/ 1	NOTRE DAME*	1 p.m.	ESPNU
1/ 5	BOSTON COLLEGE*	Noon	RSN
1/ 9	at Georgia Tech*	7 p.m.	RSN
1/15	at Virginia*	8 p.m.	Raycom
1/19	WAKE FOREST*	4 p.m.	RSN
1/21	at North Carolina*	7 p.m.	ESPN
1/26	SYRACUSE*	8 p.m.	ESPN2
1/30	at Miami*	7 p.m.	ESPN2/U
2/ 2	at NC State*	Noon	Raycom
2/ 4	LOUISVILLE*	7 p.m.	ESPN
2/ 9	at Clemson*	Noon	ESPN/2/U
2/13	GEORGIA TECH*	8 p.m.	Raycom
2/16	at Pittsburgh*	4:30 p.m.	RSN
2/18	VIRGINIA*	7 p.m.	ESPN
2/23	at Notre Dame*	4 p.m.	ESPN/2/U
2/26	DUKE*	7/9 p.m.	ESPN/Ray
3/ 5	at Florida State*	7 p.m.	ESPNU
3/ 8	MIAMI	7 p.m.	ESPN2
3/12	ACC Basketball Tournament	ESPNU/2/Raycom	
3/16	(Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.)		

* - Atlantic Coast Conference Games
All times are EST and are subject to change

HOKIE NOTES

About Tonight's Game

This is the season opener for the Hokies ... The Bulldogs opened the season Tuesday night, falling 69-57 at VCU ... The Hokies enter the 2018-19 season ranked 15th in the AP poll and 17th in the USA Today Coaches poll ... The Hokies are 51-4 all-time in home openers in Cassell Coliseum and 12-2 in home openers since joining the ACC ... Tech is 3-1 in home openers under **Buzz Williams**.

Vs. Gardner-Webb

The Hokies and Bulldogs have met only once on the hardwood ... Tech won that meeting, 65-62, on Nov. 14, 2008 in Cassell Coliseum ... Tech is 35-4 all-time against schools currently in the Big South Conference.

Last Time Out: VT 86, Liberty 70 (ex)

The Hokies defeated Liberty, 86-70, in an exhibition game on Sunday at Liberty ... The game was played to benefit hurricane relief efforts ... Five Hokies scored in double figures, led by **Justin Robinson** with 20 points and a game-high nine assists ... **Isaiah Wilkins** scored 16 points in his first collegiate action and **Ahmed Hill** scored 15 points ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, and **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** scored 10 points each ... The Hokies shot 57.1 percent from the field and out rebounded the Flames, 39-18.

Preseason Rankings

Virginia Tech is ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 preseason poll ... The Hokies make the AP preseason poll for the first time since the beginning of the 2010-11 season when Tech was ranked No. 21 to open the season ... The No. 15 ranking ties the Hokies' best ever preseason ranking ... Tech was ranked 15th entering the 1984-85 season, while coming off a 22-13 season that saw Tech reach the semifinals of the 1984 NIT ... Tech is ranked 17th in the USA Today/Coaches preseason poll.

Ah, Youth

Isaiah Wilkins begins his collegiate career tonight and, by doing so, becomes the 10th-youngest player in Division I basketball this season and the fourth-youngest among Power 6 players ... Wilkins was born on September 29, 2000.

TOP TOPICS

- ❖ **Ty Outlaw** has been granted a sixth year of competition
- ❖ The Hokies are ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 preseason poll and 17th in the USA Today/Coaches poll
- ❖ The Hokies open the 2018-19 regular season tonight against Gardner-Webb
- ❖ **Justin Robinson** is one of 20 players and four ACC players named to the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award Watch List
- ❖ **Justin Robinson** is one of 50 players named to the 2019 John R. Wooden Award, presented by Wendy's Watch List

The Most Important Thing

Virginia Tech has three seniors on the roster ... Two of them, **Ty Outlaw** and **Ahmed Hill**, have already earned their undergraduate degrees from Virginia Tech ... **Justin Robinson** has announced that he will finish his degree requirements in December 2018, in just 3 1/2 years.

Outlaw Returns

Ty Outlaw has been granted a sixth year of competition by the NCAA and has returned to the active roster for the 2018-19 season ... The wing from Roxboro, North Carolina missed the 2017-18 season following surgery on a torn ACL in his right knee ... He missed the 2015-16 season with a heart ailment.

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GAME 1



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The Hokies in 2017-18

- ❖ The Hokies earned an NCAA bid in consecutive seasons for the first time since the 1984-85 and 1985-86 seasons.
- ❖ This was just the third time in school history that the Hokies have earned NCAA bids in consecutive seasons.
- ❖ The Hokies won at least 20 games in three consecutive seasons since a five-year span that ended in 1985-86.
- ❖ The Hokies won 10 ACC games in three consecutive seasons for the first time since joining the ACC in 2004.
- ❖ The Hokies had a winning road record (5-4) and a winning home record (5-4) in conference games for the first time since joining the ACC in 2004 ... The five road wins are the most for a Tech team since joining the ACC.
- ❖ The Hokies won four games against nationally-ranked teams this past season for the first time in school history.
- ❖ The Hokies defeated three teams ranked in the AP top 10 for the first time since the 2006-07 season and just the second time in school history.
- ❖ The Hokies became the second team ever to defeat a top 10-ranked Duke, North Carolina and Virginia team (Georgia Tech did the same in the 1992-93).
- ❖ The Hokies defeated the four North Carolina teams in the same season (Duke, NC State, North Carolina and Wake Forest) for the first time in school history.
- ❖ The Hokies earned a first round bye in the ACC Tournament for the third consecutive season, the first time the Hokies have achieved that mark.
- ❖ The Hokies hosted their first-ever "Big Monday" game (two, actually) and their first-ever CBS national game this season.
- ❖ The Hokies had a player, **Justin Robinson**, win the Naismith National Player of the Week for the first time ever.
- ❖ The Hokies defeated Notre Dame for the first time since downing the Irish in the 1973 NIT Championship game.
- ❖ The Hokies had wins over the four semifinalists in the ACC Tournament for the first time since joining the league in the 2004-05 season.
- ❖ The Hokies set a new school record for assists in an ACC season with 269 assists, bettering the old mark of 251 assists set last season.

5 One of 20 for Cousy

Justin Robinson is one of 20 players named to the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award Watch List ... He is one of four ACC players on the list for the award, given annually by the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to the top point guard in the nation.



Justin Robinson

And One of 50 for Naismith

Justin Robinson is one of 50 players named to the 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Men's Player of the Year watch list ... He is one of nine ACC players on the list for the award, given annually by the Atlanta Tipoff Club to the nation's top player.

And One of 50 for Wooden

Justin Robinson is one of 50 players named to the 2019 John R. Wooden Award, presented by Wendy's Player of the Year watch list ... He is one of nine ACC players on the list for the award, given annually to the nation's top player.

BIG Again This Season

The Hokies will once again host two ESPN "Big Monday" games ... The Feb. 4 game against Louisville and the Feb. 18 game against Virginia will both be part of the popular package ... In addition, the Hokies' game at North Carolina on Monday, Jan. 21 will also be a "Big Monday" game ... Tech was 2-0 in "Big Monday" games last season, both at home and both against top 10 teams ... Last season was the first year the Hokies had ever been part of the "Big Monday" package.

2 X 1000

Tech is one of only five teams (Kansas State, Oregon State, St. John's and Washington) in the Power 6 conferences to have two 1,000-career point scorers returning ... **Justin Robinson** has racked up 1,060 points and **Ahmed Hill** has collected 1,014 ... Of the four other teams, Tech will face one of them, Washington, this season during nonconference play on Dec. 15 ... The Huskies return David Crisp (1,067 points) and Noah Dickerson (1,165).



Ahmed Hill

Top Returner

Nickeil Alexander-Walker is one of only seven returning sophomores in the Power 6 to start every game during their rookie season ... The Toronto native is one of just two in the ACC, joining Oshae Brissett of Syracuse ... Of the seven players, Alexander-Walker owns the third-best points per game mark among the group, trailing Iowa State's Lindell Wigginton (16.7 ppg) and Brissett (14.9) ... He also has the second-most 3-pointers made (58) and 3-point field goal percentage (.392) ... Last season, 30 freshmen in the Power Five and BIG EAST started 25 or more games for their squads, including Alexander-Walker ... Among that group, arguably the best sophomores in the country, Alexander-Walker had the third-best 3-point field goal percentage, trailing Stanford's Daejon Davis (.403) and Wigginton (.401).



Nickeil Alexander-Walker

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Not Just "5", But Lots About Assists

Last season, **Justin Robinson** set a new school record for assists in an ACC season, breaking his record of 88 last season ... He finished the ACC season with 97 assists ... Robinson set a new school mark for assists as a junior, with 185 ... His total of 185 assists last season was the second-highest in school history, trailing only Dave Sensibaugh's 192 in the 1975-76 season ... Virginia Tech set a new school mark with 269 assists in an ACC season, breaking the old mark of 251, set last season.

20-Plus-10

The Hokies reached the 20-win plateau again last season ... In doing so, Tech has now won 20-or-more games in three consecutive seasons ... This is the first time that has happened since a span of five such seasons that ended with the 1985-86 season ... Last season, the Hokies had a winning ACC record for the third consecutive season, the first time Tech has accomplished that since joining the ACC in the 2004-05 season ... Tech had a winning home record and a winning road record in the same season for the first time since joining the ACC.

Defeating Ranked Teams

The Hokies were 4-3 against ranked teams last season ... Tech was 3-6 against nationally-ranked teams in the 2016-17 ... The seven combined wins against nationally-ranked teams are the most in a two-year span in school history ... The wins over No. 10 UNC and No. 2 Virginia marked the first time Tech won two straight against top 10 teams since winning three straight against top 10 teams in 2007 ... The win at UVa was Tech's second-ever against a team ranked second nationally (the other was a 76-72 win over No. 2 Memphis State on Feb. 1, 1986) ... Tech's last previous road win against a ranked team was on Jan. 22, 2012, when Tech defeated No. 15 Virginia in John Paul Jones Arena ... Tech has defeated No. 5 Duke in Cassell Coliseum in each of the last two seasons.

Milestones Last Year

In the loss to Louisville, **Ahmed Hill** became the 47th player in Virginia Tech history to record 1,000 career points ... In the win over No. 5 Duke, **Justin Robinson** scored his 1,000th career point.

Tech in the NCAA Tournament

Virginia Tech made its 10th appearance in the NCAA Tournament in Pittsburgh last season ... Tech is 6-10 all-time in NCAA Tournament games ... The Hokies' furthest advancement in the NCAA was in their first appearance, as Virginia Tech reached the Elite Eight in 1967.

Outlaw Missed Season, but Earned His Degree

Redshirt senior **Ty Outlaw** missed the season following ACL surgery on his right knee ... Outlaw set a Virginia Tech record with eight three-pointers in the home win over No. 25 Miami last year ... Outlaw has finished his degree requirements last season.



Ty Outlaw

Buzz Williams Facts

Buzz Williams begins his fifth season at Virginia Tech tonight ... He has a record of 227-146 entering his 12th season as a collegiate head coach ... He is 74-60 at Virginia Tech and 52-20 in games played in Cassell Coliseum.

Radford to Redshirt

Virginia Tech head coach **Buzz Williams** announced on Nov. 4 that **Tyrece Radford** will redshirt the 2018-19 season ... The 6-2 freshman guard from Baton Rouge, Louisiana will have for years of eligibility beginning next season.

At Home on the Road

Virginia Tech finished the regular season last year 5-4 in road games in ACC play ... The five road wins are the most ACC road wins in school history, surpassing the four victories in the 2006-07 season ... Tech had won three road league games each of the last two seasons ... Tech had a winning road conference record for the first time since joining the league in the 2004-05 season.

Threes' Points

Virginia Tech made 15 three-point field goals in a game twice last season ... Tech individual players made at least three, threes in a game 36 times in the 2017-18 season ... **Ahmed Hill** was 11-of-15 from three-point territory in the two games in Madison Square Garden in the 2K Classic ... Hill and **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** made at least four, three-pointers in a game six times last season.

Analytics and All

As of the end of the 2017-18 season, the Hokies were ranked 33rd by Kenpom.com ... Tech was sixth nationally in effective field goal percentage and seventh in two-point percentage ... Tech was 27th in raw offensive efficiency, 28th adjusted offensive efficiency, 31st in three-point percentage and assist percentage and 50th in length of possession.

Lots of Minutes

Hokie players were among the most experienced in the ACC last season, something that should carry over into this season ... Graduated seniors Justin Bibbs played a total of 4,049 minutes at Virginia Tech and Devin Wilson played 3,298 minutes ... **Justin Robinson** has played 2,872 minutes and **Ahmed Hill** has played 2,788 minutes at Virginia Tech.

5 was Honored

Justin Robinson was named to the All-ACC second team, in voting by a panel of coaches, media and radio broadcasters ... Robinson led the Hokies in scoring with 14.0 points per game, increased to 16.2 points per game in ACC action ... He also led the team in assists with 185 and steals with 41 ... Robinson was also named All-ACC second team in a vote by the Atlantic Coast Sports Media Association ... Robinson also made the USBWA's All-District 3 team and was a second team All-District selection by the NABC.

400-Plus

In the loss at Duke last season, **Justin Robinson** led Tech with five assists and just one turnover ... In doing so, Robinson became the sixth Hokie to record at least 400 career assists ... In the win at Georgia Tech, Robinson had four assists and passed Dell Curry into fifth place in career assists at Virginia Tech ... Robinson now has 435 career assists at Virginia Tech.

Best in the Nation That Week

Following his performances in the wins over NC State and No. 2 Virginia, **Justin Robinson** was named the Citizen Naismith National Player of the Week, for the week ending Feb. 11, 2018 ... The honor is awarded by the Atlanta Tip-Off Club and the Naismith Award.



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Career Double-Doubles

2015-16 Season

Kerry Blackshear Jr. (2)

vs. Lamar (11 pts./10 rebs.)*

vs. Grambling State (11 pts./12 rebs.)*

2016-17 Season

Justin Robinson (1)

at Boston College (13 pts./11 asts.)

2017-18 Season

Kerry Blackshear Jr. (2)

vs. The Citadel (22 pts./15 rebs.)*

at Louisville (19 pts./12 rebs.)

Justin Robinson (2)

vs. Pittsburgh (11 pts./10 asts.)

at Boston College (10 pts./12 asts.)*

* - career highs at the time
all current players' double-doubles

On This Date

The Hokies are 1-1 all-time on Nov. 9 ... Tech lost its most recent game on this date, 64-63, to USC Upstate in Cassell Coliseum in 2013 ... Tech has never played Gardner-Webb on this date.

--- NEXT GAME ---

Virginia Tech vs. Ball State

Thursday, Nov. 15 - 11:30 a.m.

TD Arena

Charleston, S.C.

Charleston Classic

ESPN2

Hokies' Non-Con

The Hokies' 11 non-conference wins in each of the last two seasons are tied for the best at Virginia Tech since the ACC went to an 18-game conference schedule beginning with the 2012-13 season.

2017-18	11-2
2016-17	11-1
2015-16	8-5
2014-15	8-5
2013-14	7-5
2012-13	9-4

Career Assists

Here is where **Justin Robinson** stands on the all-time scoring list at Tech.

Career Assists

3. Jamon Gordon (2003-07).....	514
4. Al Young (1981-85).....	468
5. Justin Robinson (2015-present)	435
6. Devin Wilson (2013-2018).....	414

Career Scoring

Here is where **Justin Robinson** and **Ahmed Hill** stand on the all-time scoring list at Virginia Tech.

Career Points

44. Chris Ellis (1966-69).....	1050
45. Justin Robinson (2015-present) ..	1041
46. Craig Lieder (1971-74).....	1034
47. Ahmed Hill (2014-present).....	1014



Points for Pondering

Led VT in Scoring: Robinson (12), Hill (6), Blackshear (6), Bibbs (6), Alexander-Walker (5), Clarke (1)

Double Figure Scoring Games: Robinson (26), Bibbs (22), Blackshear (20), Alexander-Walker (16), Hill (15), Clarke (9), Horne (3), Wilson (1), Bede (1)

40-point Games: none

30-39-point Games: Bibbs (1), Blackshear (1), Robinson (1)

20-29-point Games: Hill (5), Blackshear (4), Robinson (4), Alexander-Walker (3), Bibbs (3)

Led VT in Rebounding: Blackshear (16), Clarke (15), Alexander-Walker (3), Hill (2), Wilson (2), Horne (2)

Double Figure Rebounding Games: Clarke (6), Blackshear (3),

Led VT in Assists: Robinson (26), Bibbs (3), Clarke (5), Blackshear (2), Hill (1), Wilson (1)

Double Figure Assist Games: Robinson (2)

Triple-Doubles: none

Double-Doubles: Clarke (3), Blackshear (2), Robinson (2)

Most Points in a Half: 66 (1st & 2nd vs. Citadel)

Fewest Points in a Half: 16 (2nd at Virginia)

Most Points Allowed in a Half: 52 (2nd vs. Kentucky)

Fewest Points Allowed in a Half: 17 (2nd vs. Iowa)

Largest Lead: 54 pts. (84-30 vs. UMES)

Largest Deficit: 33 pts. (41-74 vs. Virginia)

Largest Margin of Victory: 53 pts. (93-40 vs. UMES)

Largest Margin of Defeat: 16 pts. (52-78 vs. Virginia)

Largest Deficit Overcome in a Victory: 16 pts. (47-31 at Ole Miss)

Largest Lead Lost in a Loss: 21 pts. (47-26 vs. ND, ACC Tournament)

Largest Halftime Lead: 32 pts. (54-22 vs. UMES)

Largest Halftime Deficit: 12 pts. (25-37 vs. Virginia)

Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Victory: 10 pts. (39-29 at Ole Miss)

Largest Halftime Lead Lost in a Loss: 13 pts. (34-21 vs. ND, ACC Tournament)

Average Margin of Victory: 17.2 ppv

Average Margin of Defeat: 9.0 ppl

Average Margin: +7.6

* - Includes ties

Promotions and Additions

The Virginia Tech men's basketball staff had some transitions this off-season, but some very familiar faces remain in new positions ... **Devin Johnson**, longtime staff member, was promoted to assistant coach ... **Lyle Wolf**, another long-time member, was promoted to director of men's basketball operations ... **Baylie Stous** joined the staff as director of administration, **Dale Layer** joined the staff as special assistant to the head coach and, most recently, **Ryan Nadeau** joined the staff as director of player personnel ... **Eddie Benion** came on board as assistant athletics director for sports medicine and will work exclusively with the men's basketball program.

A Giving "5"

Justin Robinson tied a school record and established a new Virginia Tech ACC game mark with his career-high 12 assists in the win at Boston College last year ... He joins Dave Sensibaugh, Bimbo Coles and Troy Manns with 12 assists in a game and broke the ACC game record of 11 he previously held, along with former teammate Devin Wilson ... Robinson is fifth at Virginia Tech with 442 career assists.

Selling Out

Virginia Tech sold out nine games last season, seven in ACC play ... Tech sold out all seven ACC games occurring after the start of the spring semester ... This season, the Hokies have already announced that student season tickets have sold out for the first time in nearly a decade ... Season ticket sales are up and moving briskly and limited numbers of seats are expected to be available for single game ACC ticket sales.

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This Was New

With the win over No. 5/3 Duke, the Hokies won four games against nationally-ranked teams last season ... It was the first time in school history that Tech had accomplished that feat ... Three of the victories came against top 10 teams, the second time in school history that had happened (2006-07 season, Tech defeated three top 5 teams).

Working Overtime

The 61-60 overtime win at No. 2/2 Virginia was Tech's third overtime game last season, all three Tech victories ... Tech is now 68-49 overall in overtime games and 8-3 in overtime games under **Buzz Williams** ... Tech is 30-11 in home overtime games and 18-8 in overtime in ACC games ... Tech is 29-25 in road overtime games.

Home is Where the Wins Are

Since **Buzz Williams** arrived in Blacksburg for the 2014-15 season, Tech is 51-20 (.718) in Cassell Coliseum and is 42-11 (.792) since the beginning of the 2015-16 season ... Tech has won 17 consecutive home non-conference games ... The nine non-conference home wins last season are second-best at Virginia Tech since the Hokies joined the Metro Conference in 1978.

It Happened Last Season

Justin Bibbs made his 500th career field goal and scored his 1,400th career point in the home loss to Louisville ... He reached the 200 made three-point field goal plateau in the win over Iowa and played his 4,000th career minute in the loss to Notre Dame ... **Ahmed Hill** scored his 1,000th career point in the home loss to Louisville ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, scored his 600th career point in the win over Duke ... **Justin Robinson** reached the 400 assists at Duke and 1,000 career points in the win over Duke ... Devin Wilson reached the 400 career assist mark in the win at Georgia Tech.



Kerry Blackshear

590 in the Cassell

The Hokies have a 590-194 overall record in Cassell Coliseum, for a .753 winning percentage ... The win over Florida State in 2011 was the 500th victory in the building ... Tech was 12-4 in Cassell Coliseum this season.

Hokies in National Stats

The Hokies finished sixth in the nation last season in field goal percentage, 22nd in assists, 26th in assist/turnover ratio, 30th in three-point field goal percentage and 46th in scoring offense ... **Justin Robinson** was 35th in assists per game and tied for 38th in total assists.

Call It a Comeback

In the win over No. 5 Duke, the Hokies came back from a 15-point first half deficit ... It was the second-largest deficit Tech overcame last season, as the Hokies fought back from a 16-point second half deficit at Ole Miss ... The Duke comeback was the largest last season in an ACC game and the largest in an ACC game since coming back from a 16-point deficit to defeat NC State in the first conference game of the 2015-16 season ... Tech's ACC record for largest comeback victory is 18 points, in a 91-87 overtime win over NC State on Feb. 8, 2009 in Cassell Coliseum.

498 and Counting

Tech has now hit a three-point field goal in 498 consecutive games ... Since the three-point arc was added for the 1986-87 season, the Hokies have hit at least one three in all but three games ... The last time Tech did not record a three-point field goal in a game was at Providence on Feb. 1, 2003.

Commonwealth Winning

For the second consecutive season, Virginia Tech won the Commonwealth Clash, the annual athletic competition between Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia ... The Hokies won last year's Commonwealth Clash 12.5-8.5, after winning on a tie-breaker the previous season, when the score was 11-11 ... Tech leads this season, 3-1.5 ... This season's two men's basketball games will count towards half a point each ... The Commonwealth Clash is sponsored by Virginia529, The Official College Savings Plan of Virginia Tech.



BIG Nights

The win over the defending national champion North Carolina Tar Heels on Jan. 22 was the first of two ESPN "Big Monday" games last season for the Hokies ... The win over No. 5 Duke on Feb. 26 was also a Big Monday contest ... The win over UNC marked the first time that the Hokies had been featured on Big Monday.

More About Attendance

Virginia Tech has increased percentage of capacity in each of the last four seasons ... Tech ranked seventh in percent of capacity in the ACC last season at 83 percent ... The year before, the Hokies were eighth at 76 percent ... Tech was ranked 11th at 67 percent in the 2015-16 season and 13th at 58 percent in the 2014-15 season ... This past season, the Hokies had an average attendance of 7,678, up from 7,476 the year before and 5,744 in the 2014-15 season ... Tech is second in average attendance growth in the ACC over the past four seasons, with a 34 percent increase in attendance, trailing only Miami ... Season ticket sales increased by more than 1,000 last season and has a 62 percent increase in sales in the past four seasons ... Tech had an all-time high of 6,107 season tickets sold last season ... Early indications from the ticket office show this season will see another increase in season tickets and individual tickets sold.

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The Last Time...

Tech scored 100 points and won: 103-79, vs. Washington, 11-17-17
Tech scored 100 points and lost: 100-104 2OT vs. Maryland, 2-27-10
Tech played in overtime: 61-60, OT, at Virginia, 2-10-18
Tech played in consecutive overtime games: 82-77 vs. UAB, 11-28-15 & 79-81 vs. Northwestern, 12-1-15
Tech played 2 OT: 80-78, 2OT, vs. Virginia, 2-12-17
Tech played 3 OT: 86-90 at WVU, 2-2-83
Tech scored 100+ points: 103-79 vs. Washington, 11-17-17
Tech scored 90-99 points: 93-40 vs. UMES, 12-10-17
Tech scored 80-89 points: 85-75 vs. NC State, 2-7-18
Tech scored 70-79 points: 76-56 at Georgia Tech, 2-17-18
Tech scored 60-69 points: 65-71 vs. Notre Dame, ACC Tournament, 3-7-18
Tech scored 50-59 points: 52-74 at Duke, 2-14-18
Tech scored 40-49 points: 48-71 at Virginia, 2-1-17
Tech scored 30-39 points: 33-43 at East Carolina, 1966-67 season
Tech scored 20-29 points: 27-40 at McGuire Gen., 1945-46 season
Tech scored 10-19 points: 16-45 at Virginia, 1938-1939 season
Tech scored less than 10 points: 7-31 at W&L, 1922-1923 season
Tech allowed 100+ points: 78-104, at NCSU, 1-4-17
Tech allowed 90-99 points: 82-91 vs. Florida State, 1-20-18
Tech allowed 80-89 points: 75-84 vs. Miami, 2-3-18
Tech allowed 70-79 points: 65-71 vs. Notre Dame, ACC Tournament, 3-7-18
Tech allowed 60-69 points: 68-69 at Miami, 3-3-18
Tech allowed 50-59 points: 65-58 vs. Clemson, 2-21-18
Tech allowed 40-49 points: 93-40 vs. UMES, 12-10-17
Tech allowed 30-39 points: 99-34 vs. Mount St. Mary's, 1-2-11
Tech allowed 20-29 points: 31-25 vs. Richmond, 2-1-46
Tech allowed 10-19 points: 60-19 vs. Lynchburg College, 1-9-46
Tech allowed less than 10 points: 28-9 vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1-17-23
Tech scored at least 60 points in a half: 66, 2nd half, vs. The Citadel, 11-12-17
Largest margin of victory: 83 points vs. Randolph Macon Academy, 87-4, 1-10-1911
Largest margin of victory in an ACC game: 29 points vs. Wake Forest, 94-65, 1-15-11
A Tech player recorded a triple-double: Chris Clarke (13 pts./12 rebs./10 ast.) vs. The Citadel, 12-17-16
Two Tech players recorded double-doubles in a game: Kerry Blackshear Jr. (22 pts./15 rebs.) & Chris Clarke (15 pts./10 rebs.) vs. Citadel, 11-12-17
Two Tech players recorded double-doubles in consecutive games: vs. UNC, ACC Tournament, 3-13-09 and vs. Duquesne, NIT, 3-18-09
Tech player had five or more steals: Manny Atkins (5) vs. Mount St. Mary's, 1-2-11
Tech player had 10 or more assists in a game: Justin Robinson (12) at Boston College, 1-31-18
Tech player had 20 or more rebounds in a game: Jeff Allen (21) vs. Longwood, 12-14-08
Two Tech players had double figures in rebounds: Kerry Blackshear Jr. (15 rebs.) & Chris Clarke (10 rebs.) vs. The Citadel, 11-12-17
Two Tech players had five or more assists: Justin Robinson (7) & Justin Bibbs (5) at Notre Dame, 1-27-18
Three Tech players had five or more assists: Chris Clarke (10) Justin Robinson (6), Seth Allen (6) vs. The Citadel, 12-17-16
Four Tech players had five or more assists: Kerry Blackshear (8), Devin Wilson (7), Justin Robinson (7), Chris Clarke (5) vs. The Citadel, 11-12-17
Two Tech players scored 20 or more points: Justin Bibbs (20 points) and Kerry Blackshear Jr. (20 points) vs. Radford, 12-6-17
Three Tech players scored 20 or more points: Justin Bibbs (30 points), Ahmed Hill (23 points) and Nickeil Alexander-Walker (20 points), vs. Washington, 11-17-17
Same two Tech players scored 20 or more points in consecutive games: Nickeil Alexander-Walker & Kerry Blackshear Jr., 11-10-17 & 11-12-17



The Last Time...

Tech freshman scored 20 or more points in a game: 20, Nickeil Alexander-Walker, vs. Washington, 11-17-17

Two Tech freshmen scored in double figures in a game: Nickeil Alexander-Walker (24 points) and P.J. Horne (10 points) vs. Detroit Mercy, 11-10-17

Three Tech freshmen scored in double figures in a game: Ahmed Hill (11 pts.), Jalen Hudson (23 pts.) & Justin Bibbs (10 pts.) vs. Duke, 2-25-15

Tech player scored 30-39 points in a game: 32, Justin Robinson vs. NC State, 2-7-18

Tech player scored 40-49 points in a game: 41, Dorenzo Hudson vs. Seton Hall, 1-2-10

Tech player scored 50+ points in a game: 51, Bimbo Coles vs. Southern Miss., 2-6-88

Tech defeated a ranked opponent on the road: 61-60, OT, at Virginia, 2-10-18

Tech defeated a ranked opponent at home: 64-63 vs. No. 5/3 Duke, 2-26-18

Tech defeated a ranked opponent on a neutral court: 72-64, vs. No. 21 Virginia, 12-28-95, Roanoke Civic Center

Tech defeated a defending national champion: 80-69 vs. North Carolina, 1-22-18

Tech player had consecutive double-doubles: Zach LeDay, 3-4-17 & 3-8-17

Tech freshman had consecutive double-doubles: Kerry Blackshear Jr., 12-13-15 & 12-19-15

Tech player had seven consecutive double-doubles: Jeff Allen, 1-25-11, 1-30-11, 2-2-11, 2-5-11, 2-13-11, 2-15-11 & 2-19-11

Tech held opponent without a double-figure scorer: 65-47 vs. Miami, ACC Tournament, 3-12-09

No Tech player scored in double figures: 41-57 vs. Temple, 2-25-96

Tech had six players score in double figures: at Boston College, 2-25-17

Tech had seven players score in double figures: vs. The Citadel, 12-17-16

Tech did not make a three-point field goal: at Providence, 2-1-03

Tech's opponent did not make a three-point field goal: at NC State, 2-10-10

Tech did not shoot a free throw in the first half: at Miami, 12-8-13

Tech did not shoot a free throw in the second half: vs. Virginia, 12-5-10

Tech allowed a triple-double: Dennis Smith Jr. (27 pts., 11 rebs., 11 assists), at NCSU, 1-4-17

Tech held an opponent under 10 points in a half: 9 points, vs. Eastern Michigan, 12-22-11

Tech held an opponent under 20 points in a half: 16 pts., vs. UAPB, 12-5-15

Tech had double-figures in blocked shots: 13, 87-82, vs. West Virginia, 11-12-13

Tech came back from a double-figure deficit to win: 15 pts. vs. No. 5 Duke, 2-26-18

Lost a double-digit lead: 21 points vs. Notre Dame, ACC Tournament, 3-7-18

Tech led by 20-or-more points at half time of a game: 31 pts., vs. Washington, 11-17-17

Tech had a walk-on score in double figures: Christian Beyer, 13 pts., vs. Alabama A&M, 12-14-14

Tech had 20-29 assists in a game: 23, vs. Washington, 11-17-17

Tech had 30-or-more assists: 36, vs. The Citadel, 11-12-17

Our Name, Please

When referring to Virginia Tech, we ask that you please leave it at that - Virginia Tech ... Virginia Tech University is not now and never has been a name for the school ... The official name of the university is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University ... "Vah Tech", VPI, VPI&SU, VPI and SU and Va. Tech are also not recognized names and should not be used ... VT is acceptable as a shortened, agate form ... When referring to the school by its nickname, please use "Hokies" ... Your help in these matters is appreciated.

Drive for 25

The Virginia Tech Athletics Department announced the "Drive for 25" campaign two years ago seeking to increase membership in the Virginia Tech Athletic Fund (aka the "Hokie Club") to 25,000 members ... If it reaches this goal, the Hokie Club - currently at approximately 16,000 members - would be the largest athletics fundraising group in the ACC ... The clubs at Clemson and Florida State were just shy of 25,000 members during the previous academic year ... Former Virginia Tech head football coach **Frank Beamer** is the spokesperson for the Drive for 25 ... For more information, go to: www.DriveFor25.com.





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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Head Coach Buzz Williams

Buzz Williams has proven that hard work, determination and an eye for details are key aspects in building an elite-level collegiate basketball program. The head coach of the men's squad begins his fifth season in Blacksburg and has the Hokies poised to continue their growth as a program in the toughest conference in college basketball. He and his staff take a simplistic, yet very effective approach – "Get Better."

Though his program has earned growing acclaim nationally, Williams does not focus on such external praise. He wakes up every morning with a sense of purpose to make the Hokies the best that they can be.

On Jan. 29, 2017, the Hokies defeated Boston College, 85-79, to give Williams his 200th career victory. Now beginning his 12th season as a collegiate head coach, Williams has an overall record of 227-146. Williams has compiled a 74-60 record in his fourth season in Blacksburg.

To cap off the 2017-18 season, the Hokies made a second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance, the first time the school could claim that in more than three decades. The Hokies finished the season 21-12 overall and 10-8 in the ACC. Tech made it three consecutive 20-win season and three consecutive 10-win ACC seasons.

The Hokies took care of business in the regular season. They defeated four nationally-ranked teams for the first time in school history, including three wins against top 10 programs. The Hokies also finished 11-2 in the non-conference regular season slate.

The 2016-17 season was their most successful season in the last decade. Tech finished the season 22-11 overall and earned its first NCAA Tournament bid since 2007. Tech was 10-8 in the ACC regular season for the second consecutive season. The Hokies claimed three top 25 victories against ACC foes and finished with an impressive 11-1 record in non-conference regular season action.

Williams led the Hokies through many of the usual obstacles that beset college basketball programs each season. Injuries were one such obstacle, but the Hokies weathered the injuries and continued to achieve. Towards the

end of the season, with just a handful of healthy bodies, Tech thrived and earned its at-large NCAA Tournament berth through its efforts.

In his second season, the Hokies were one of the most improved teams in the Atlantic Coast Conference and the NCAA. Predicted, once again, to reside near the bottom of the league standings, the Hokies finished with a 20-15 overall record under Williams, including a 10-8 mark in the ACC. Tech advanced to the second round of the 2016 NIT, defeating Princeton at home in overtime before falling at BYU two days later.

In his inaugural season at Virginia Tech, Williams led the Hokies to an 11-22 overall record. He began building the culture that would allow the Hokies to enjoy future successes. The team went a long ways toward establishing an identity – one predicated on hard work, accountability both on and off the court and playing with a tough, competitive nature.

Recruiting is the lifeblood of any intercollegiate athletics program, and Williams has led the Hokies to new heights in this area. While he has been able to attract elite recruits, he is less focused on national perception and more focused on finding what he likes to call, "OKGs", or "our kind of guys."



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Williams came to Virginia Tech following six seasons as the head coach of the Marquette Golden Eagles. At Marquette, he had a record of 139-69 and led the team to five NCAA Tournament appearances, including a trip to the regional finals in the 2012-13 season – the same season that the team won the Big East Conference regular-season title. Williams led the Golden Eagles to a 69-39 Big East Conference record during his time in Milwaukee. During Williams' tenure, six Marquette players made it to the NBA.

Williams was an assistant at Marquette during the 2007-08 season. MU concluded the year 25-10 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2003.

His coaching career has included stints as an assistant, associate head and head coach. He has been at the NCAA Division I level for 21 seasons, and 2018-19 will mark his 12th campaign as a head coach. Williams has recruited and coached more than 20 players who have earned all-conference accolades, including two league Players of the Year, two conference Freshmen of the Year and four Associated Press All-Americans.

Williams arrived in Milwaukee after serving for one season as the head coach at the University of New

Orleans. He guided the Privateers to a 14-win campaign in 2006-07. His roster featured Bo McCalebb, the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year. UNO claimed fourth place in the Sun Belt's Western Division and advanced to the league tournament quarterfinals. The squad claimed as many victories on the road that season

as it had in the previous three seasons combined. His recruiting class for the 2007-08 season was ranked in the top 50 nationally by HoopScoopOnline.com.

Prior to UNO, Williams served as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Texas A&M for two seasons (2004-05 and 2005-06) under head coach Billy Gillispie. Both of his recruiting classes with the Aggies were ranked among the best in the nation and featured some of the top-ranked talent at the prep level. The squad made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in

25 years in 2005-06. The previous team posted the top turnaround in the nation, improving its win total in 2004-05 by 14 games compared to 2003-04.

Williams spent four seasons (2000-01 through 2003-04) at Colorado State, where he served as an assistant the first three seasons before being promoted to associate head coach in 2003-04. Two of his recruiting classes were ranked among the 40 best in the nation, including the 2003 group, which was tabbed No. 1 in the Mountain West Conference. Colorado State made its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 13 years during his tenure, and HoopScoopOnline.com named him one of the top assistants in the country.

The Van Alstyne, Texas, native was previously an assistant at Northwestern State (1999-2000), Texas A&M-Kingsville (1998-99) and Texas-Arlington (1994-98). He earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Oklahoma City University in 1994 before completing his master's work in the same field at Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1999.

Williams is married to the former Corey Norman and the couple have two daughters, Zera and Addyson, and two sons, Calvin and Mason.





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2018-19 Roster

No.	Name	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN	HS/OTHER
1	Isaiah Wilkins	G	6-3	230	Fr.	Winston-Salem, N.C.	Mount Tabor
3	Wabissa Bede	G	6-1	195	So.	North Andover, Mass.	Cushing Academy
4	Nickeil Alexander-Walker	G/F	6-5	205	So.	Toronto, Canada	Hamilton Heights Christian Acad.
5	Justin Robinson	G	6-1	195	Sr.	Manassas, Va.	St. James School (Md.)
10	Jonathan Kabongo	G	6-4	195	Fr.	Toronto, Canada	Thornlea Secondary
11	Brendan Palmer	G	6-3	190	Fr.	Lewisville, N.C.	Forsyth Country Day
13	Ahmed Hill	G	6-5	210	Gr.	Augusta, Ga.	Aquinas
14	P.J. Horne	F	6-5	230	So.	Tifton, Ga.	Tift County
21	Landers Nolley II	G/F	6-7	230	Fr.	Fairburn, Ga.	Langston Hughes
23	Tyrece Radford	G	6-2	195	Fr.	Baton Rouge, La.	McKinley
24	Kerry Blackshear Jr.	F	6-10	250	r-Jr.	Orlando, Fla.	Maynard Evans
42	Ty Outlaw	G/F	6-6	220	Gr.	Roxboro, N.C.	Person County/Lee College

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Buzz Williams (Oklahoma City, 1994)

Assistant Coaches: Jamie McNeilly (New Orleans, 2007), Christian Webster (Harvard, 2013), Devin Johnson (New Orleans, 2008)

Director of Basketball Operations: Lyle Wolf (Transylvania, 2010)

Director of Basketball Administration: Baylie Stous (Wichita State, 2015)

Director of Recruiting Operations: Josh Chambers (Virginia Tech, 2014)

Special Assistant to the Head Coach: Dale Layer (Eckerd, 1980)

Director of Player Personnel: Ryan Nadeau (Michigan State, 2016)

Asst. AD Strength & Conditioning: David Jackson (Virginia Tech, 1997)

Asst. AD Sports Medicine: Eddie Benion (Missouri, 1995)

For A Good Cause

In an effort to help raise financial support and awareness for hurricane relief efforts, the Liberty and Virginia Tech men's basketball programs played an exhibition game Sunday, at the Vines Center on the Liberty University campus ... This is the second straight year that the Virginia Tech men's basketball team will participate in a hurricane relief exhibition as the Hokies traveled to South Carolina last year to raise money for the hurricane relief efforts ... The exhibition raised more than \$36,000 for LUServe, a Liberty University student organization that actively helps people in need, including victims of the recent hurricanes to strike the Southeast United States.



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Virginia Tech Pronunciation Guide

- Nickeil Alexander-Walker nuh-KEEL
- Wabissa Bede wa-BEE-sah BEE-dee
- Ahmed Hilluh-MED
- Jonathan Kabongo kuh-BONGO
- Landers Nolley II.....NAH-lee
- Tyrece Radford TIE-reese
- Cassell Coliseum..... Castle
- Carilion Courtcuh-RILL-yun
- Eddie Benion..... BEN-yun
- Baylie Stous rhymes with HOUSE
- Ryan Nadeau.....NAY-do