

VIRGINIA TECH[®]

MEN'S BASKETBALL



#22/16 VIRGINIA TECH
(20-5, 9-4 ACC)

vs.
#4/4 Virginia
(22-2, 10-2 ACC)

Carilion Clinic Court at Cassell Coliseum
(9,275)

Blacksburg, Virginia

Feb. 18, 2019

7 p.m.



2018-19 SCHEDULE

(20-5, 9-4)

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
11/ 4	Hurricane Relief Exhibition (Lynchburg, Va.) at Liberty	W	86-70
11/ 9	GARDNER-WEBB (ACCNE)	W	87-59
Charleston Classic (Charleston, S.C.)			
11/15	vs. Ball State (ESPN2)	W	73-64
11/16	vs. Northeastern (ESPN2)	W	88-60
11/18	#23/22 PURDUE (ESPN2)	W	89-83
11/24	ST. FRANCIS (PA) (ACCNE)	W	75-37
Big Ten/ACC Challenge (University Park, Pa.)			
11/27	at Penn State (ESPN2)	L	62-63
12/ 1	CCSU (ACCNE)	W	94-40
12/ 5	VMI (ACCNE)	W	89-68
12/ 9	SC STATE (ACCNE)	W	81-44
Boardwalk Classic (Atlantic City, N.J.)			
12/15	vs. Washington (ESPNU)	W	73-61
12/19	NC A&T (ACCNE)	W	82-60
12/28	UMES (ACCNE)	W	85-40
1/ 1	NOTRE DAME* (ESPNU)	W	81-66
1/ 5	BOSTON COLLEGE* (RSN)	W	77-66
1/ 9	at Georgia Tech* (RSN)	W	52-49
1/15	at #4/1 Virginia* (Raycom)	L	59-81
1/19	WAKE FOREST* (RSN)	W	87-71
1/21	at #11/12 UNC* (ESPN)	L	82-103
1/26	SYRACUSE* (ESPN)	W	78-56
1/30	at Miami* (ESPN2)	W	82-70
2/ 2	at #23/22 NC State* (Raycom)	W	47-24
2/ 4	#16/17 LOUISVILLE* (ESPN)	L	64-72
2/ 9	at Clemson* (ESPN2)	L	51-59
2/13	GEORGIA TECH* (Raycom)	W	76-68
2/16	at Pittsburgh* (RSN)	W	70-64
2/18	#4/4 VIRGINIA*	7 p.m.	ESPN
2/23	at Notre Dame*	4 p.m.	ESPN
2/26	DUKE*	7 p.m.	ESPN
3/ 5	at Florida State*	7 p.m.	ESPNU
3/ 8	MIAMI	7 p.m.	ESPN2
3/12	ACC Basketball Tournament	ESPN/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

The Hokies enter the game 20-5 on the season and 9-4 in ACC play ... The Cavaliers are 22-2 this season and 10-2 in the ACC ... The Hokies are 22nd in the AP poll and 16th in the USA Today Coaches poll and the Cavaliers are fourth in both polls.

Last Game: #22/16 VT 70, Pitt 64

The Hokies picked up their fourth road win of the season, 70-64, at Pittsburgh on Saturday ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, led all scorers with a season-high 29 points and nine rebounds ... **Ahmed Hill** added 14 points in the victory ... Tech shot 51.2 percent from the floor, including 47.6 percent from three-point range and out rebounded the Panthers, 27-24.

Vs. Virginia

The Hokies are 56-92 all-time against Virginia and lost the last game against UVA, 81-59 in Charlottesville on Jan. 15, 2019 ... Tech lost the last meeting in Cassell Coliseum, 76-52, on Jan. 3, 2018 ... Tech is 29-22 at home against the Cavaliers, and 16-8 in Cassell Coliseum ... Tech is 3-6 against UVA under **Buzz Williams** ... Tech is 16-36 against Virginia in ACC regular season games.

More About the Tech-UVA Series

This is the Hokies most-played rivalry ... The series dates back to Feb. 20, 1915, when the Cavaliers defeated Tech, 39-21, in Charlottesville ... Along with Blacksburg and Charlottesville, the series has also been played in Roanoke, Lynchburg, Richmond, Salem, Hampton, Norfolk and Greensboro, North Carolina (the 2006 ACC Tournament) ... After many years of neutral site games, the series returned to each campus, beginning in the 2000-01 season, the year Tech joined the Big East Conference ... This has been a home-and-home series since Tech joined the ACC in the 2004-05 season.

BIG Again This Season

Tonight is the Hokies' third Big Monday* game of the season, the most in school history ... Tech is 2-2 all-time in Big Monday games.

TOP TOPICS

- ❖ The Hokies are No. 22 in the AP poll and No. 16 in the USA Today/Coaches poll
- ❖ **Kerry Blackshear Jr.** scored a season-high 29 points at Pittsburgh on Saturday
- ❖ **Justin Robinson** is now the all-time leader in career assists at Virginia Tech
- ❖ This is the Hokies' third "Big Monday" game of the season, a new high for any season
- ❖ **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** has been named to the Citizen Naismith Trophy Midseason Team
- ❖ **Kerry Blackshear Jr.** needs just 21 points to reach 1,000 points for his career

Virginia Tech Hokies

Buzz Williams

Overall:	247-151 (12 years)
School:	94-65 (5 years)
ACC Record:	41-44
Home Record:	64-21
Road Record:	18-33
Neutral Record:	12-11



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GAME 26



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The Big 20 and 9

The Hokies won their 20th game of the season on Feb. 16, at Pittsburgh ... This is the earliest the Hokies have reached the 20-win mark since the 2009-10 season, when Tech defeated Virginia, 61-55 in Blacksburg on Feb. 13, 2010 to earn their 20th victory ... The Hokies also won their ninth ACC game in the win at Pitt ... This is the earliest the Hokies have reached the 9 ACC win mark since joining the ACC in the 2004-05 season.

More About the Numbers

With the 20 wins this season, Tech has now recorded four consecutive 20-win seasons, second-best in school history ... Tech recorded five consecutive 20-win seasons from the 1981-82 season through the 1985-86 season ... With the nine conference wins, Tech will have at least a .500 conference record for the fourth consecutive season ... That is the longest such streak since joining the ACC in the 2004-05 season.

KJ Likes Playing the Panthers

Kerry Blackshear Jr., scored 29 points and grabbed nine rebounds in Tech's win at Pitt on Saturday ... The 29 points were two off his career high, set last season in a win over.....Pitt ... In the last two season, He is averaging 30.0 points and 6.5 rebounds against the Panthers.



Kerry Blackshear

Commonwealth Clashing

Virginia Tech won the Commonwealth Clash, the annual athletic competition between Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia last year for the second consecutive season ... 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, 4-3 ... The Commonwealth Clash is sponsored by Virginia529, The Official College Savings Plan of Virginia Tech.

Being Ranked

The Hokies are currently ranked 22nd in the AP poll ... Tech is ranked for the 15th consecutive week (including the preseason poll), the second-longest streak in school history ... The longest is 17 consecutive weeks in the 1995-96 season.

Wrapping Up the Pitt Game

Wabissa Bede's seven assists were a career high ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.** now has scored in double figures in five straight games and 20 of the Hokies' 25 games this season ... For the fifth time in ACC play, the Hokies shot better than 50 percent from the floor – and they are 5-0 in those games ... The Hokies are 11-0 this season when shooting better than 50 percent.



Wabissa Bede

Stepping Up When Needed

Entering the Hokies game at Pittsburgh on Saturday, freshman **Jonathan Kabongo** had played a grand total of 16 minutes in ACC action ... In Saturday's win, Kabongo played an ACC-high 13 minutes and set new ACC highs in just about every category ... He hit two big three-pointers and grabbed a couple of traffic rebounds and came away with a crucial steal late in the second half.



Jon Kabongo

NAW Naismith

Virginia Tech guard **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** has been named to the 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy Midseason Team ... On March 4, 2019, the list will narrow even further to 10 national semifinalists ... The four finalists will be announced on March 19, 2019, and fans will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite player leading up to the final announcement ... The 2019 Citizen Naismith Trophy will be awarded at the Naismith Awards Brunch presented by Mortenson on April 7, 2019, during the Final Four in Minneapolis.



Nickeil Alexander-Walker

Dishing It Out

In the home win over Georgia Tech, **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, led the Hokies with a career-high-tying eight assists (also his high in an ACC game) ... Also in the game, **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** dished out seven assists ... Its the second time this season that Tech has had two players with at least seven assists in the same game.

They ARE Free

The Hokies enter tonight's game having made 320 of 424 free throw attempts (75.5 percent) ... Tech is shooting 77.8 percent from the line in ACC competition ... Tech set a season high at Clemson, making 16 of 17 from the line for 94.1, bettering the game at North Carolina, when Tech was 15 of 16 from the line, for 93.8 percent ... The 94.1 percent is the second-highest free throw percentage for the Hokies in an ACC game and the best percentage when attempting at least 15 free throws ... The free throw percentages of both the Clemson and North Carolina games are in the Hokies' top ten in ACC games ... Tech has made better than 80 percent from the line in 10 of 24 games so far this season and six of its 12 ACC games ... The school record for field goal percentage in a season is 75.0 percent in the 1980-81 season ... Tech is third in the ACC in free throw percentage and leads the league in free throw percentage in conference games.

Cleaning the Offensive Glass

Virginia Tech grabbed an ACC game season-high 14 offensive rebounds at Clemson ... The last time the Hokies had 14 offensive rebounds in a game was Feb. 17, 2016, when they had 14 offensive boards at Miami ... The last time Tech had more than 14 offensive rebounds in a game was Jan. 2, 2016, when it grabbed 16 offensive rebounds at home against NC State.

KJ Moving Up

Kerry Blackshear Jr., scored his 900th career points in the Louisville game ... He grabbed his 500th career rebound at Clemson ... Blackshear needs just 21 points to reach 1,000 for his career.

A New All-Time Leader

In the win over Syracuse, **Justin Robinson** dished out eight assists, and in doing so, became the all-time leader in career assists at Virginia Tech, passing Malcolm Delaney and former leader Bimbo Coles ... He now has 551 career assists ... Robinson averages 4.6 assists per game in his career and is averaging 5.5 assists per game this season ... He is second in the ACC in assists this season and is first among active ACC players in career assists.



Justin Robinson

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Hitting the Boards

The Hokies grabbed an ACC season-high 42 rebounds in the win at NC State ... Virginia Tech grabbed 42 rebounds in the win over North Carolina A&T (42-20) ... The last time Tech grabbed at least 42 rebounds in a non-overtime ACC game was on Jan. 7, 2014, when Tech grabbed 42 rebounds against Syracuse ... The last time the Hokies had more than 42 rebounds in a non-overtime ACC game was on Jan. 19, 2013, when Tech had 43 rebounds in a home win over Wake Forest.

Commonwealth Notes

Virginia Tech is 433-318 (.577) all-time against schools from Virginia ... Tech is 1-1 against Virginia schools this season and was 2-1 last season ... The Hokies have played 14 schools from the state all-time ... The only state Division I school that Tech has not played is Hampton ... Tech holds winning records against 10 of the schools and even records against two others ... The win over VMI on Dec. 5 was the 750th all-time game against Virginia schools.

NAW is Honored

Nickeil Alexander-Walker has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week, for the week ending Feb. 3, 2019 ... This is the second time this season that Alexander-Walker has been honored by the ACC ... This is the first time that the Hokies have won back-to-back ACC Player of the Week honors, as **Justin Robinson** was the honoree last week.

Assisting for the Score

In the win over Syracuse, Tech assisted on 23 of its 25 made baskets, for 92.0 percent, a new season-high ... In the home win over Georgia Tech, the Hokies assisted on 20 of the teams' 25 made baskets, for 80.0 percent ... That was the 10th time this season that Tech had assisted on at least 60 percent of their field goals and the sixth time that number has exceeded 70 percent ... Tech is averaging 61.7 percent for the season on assists per made field goals ... The Syracuse game (92.0) is the highest percentage by an ACC team this season ... Across the Power 6, only two other teams have done so ... Ohio State assisted on 26 of 28 made field goals (92.9 percent) versus UCLA, and Kansas State assisted at a 92-percent clip against Georgia State.

Take a 3, Make a 3

Virginia Tech is second nationally and leads the ACC in three-point field goal percentage, at 41.8 percent ... Tech leads the ACC and is 13th nationally in three-point field goals made per game, at 10.2 ... Tech has made at least 10 three-pointers in 15 of the 25 games this season, including a school-record 18 made three-pointers in the win over Central Connecticut State ... **Ty Outlaw** leads the ACC in three-point field goal percentage.



Ty Outlaw

Climbing the Lists

Justin Robinson passed Les Henson in the Miami game and is now in 23rd place on the career scoring list at 1,347 and **Ahmed Hill** crossed the 1,300-point plateau in the Louisville game and passed Les Henson in the Pitt game into 24th place with 1,337.



Ahmed Hill

NAW on the Lists

Virginia Tech guard **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** is one the Lute Olson Award and Oscar Robertson Trophy Midseason Watch Lists ... He was named to *The Sporting News'* Midseason All-American third team ... The awards are given annually to the nation's top player ... He has also been named to the John R. Wooden Award presented by Wendy's Men's Late Season Top 20 Watch List ... He has also been named to the Jerry West Award 10 finalist list.

5 was Honored

Justin Robinson has been named the Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week, for the week ending Jan. 27, 2019 ... This is the first time Robinson has been honored by the ACC.

Selling Out the Cassell

Virginia Tech home games against UVA, Wake Forest, Syracuse, Duke, Louisville, Georgia Tech and Miami are sold out ... Earlier this season, the CCSU game was a sell out ... The Hokies sold out nine games in the 2017-18 season, including seven of the nine home ACC games, a mark equaled this season.

KJ Doubles

Kerry Blackshear Jr., had his best-ever collegiate game at North Carolina with 19 points and a career-high 17 rebounds, including 10 offensive rebounds ... In the win over Central Connecticut State, he recorded his first double-double of the season, with 12 points and 13 rebounds ... It was the first for the Hokies this season and the first by any Hokie since **Justin Robinson** had 10 points and 12 assists at Boston College on Jan. 31, 2018 ... KJ had his second double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds at Georgia Tech ... Blackshear had 13 points and 13 rebounds in the Hokies' win at NC State, his fourth double-double of the season and eighth of his career.

Buzz Williams Facts

Buzz Williams has a record of 247-151 in his 12th season as a collegiate head coach ... He is 94-65 at Virginia Tech ... With the 94 wins, Williams is sixth in career wins at Tech.

Analytics and All

As of Feb. 17, the Hokies are ranked 12th by Kenpom.com ... Tech leads the nation in defensive three-point field goals ... **Ty Outlaw** is 11th in three-point percentage, 12th in effective field goal percentage and 27th in true shooting percentage ... **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** is 41st in steal percentage ... **Justin Robinson** is 39th in assist rate.

Def. 3pt. FG	1st
Effective FG%	3rd
3pt%	4th
Raw Off. Eff.	8th
Adjusted Off. Eff.	10th
Assist%	14th
Off. 3pt. Field Goals	14th
Raw Def. Eff.	18th
Def. Turnover%	18th
Def. FT rate	21st

Tech in NCAA Stats

As of Feb. 14, the Hokies are second nationally in three-point field goal percentage, eighth in scoring defense, 11th in scoring margin, 13th in three-point field goals per game, 19th in assist turnover ratio and 20th in free throw percentage ... Tech is 22nd in assists per game and 23rd in field goal percentage ... **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** is tied for 36th in steals per game ... **Justin Robinson** is 39th in assists per game.



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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.)*

2018-19 Season

Kerry Blackshear Jr. (4)

vs. South Carolina State (12 pts./13 rebs.)
at Georgia Tech (14 pts./10 rebs.)
at North Carolina (19 pts./17 rebs.)*
at NC State (13 pts./13 rebs.)

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

Hokies' Non-Con

The Hokies' 11 non-conference wins in the last three 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.

2018-19	11-1
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 Scoring

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

Career Points

20. Deron Washington (2004-08).....	1408
21. Glen Combs (1965-68).....	1361
22. Carlos Dixon (2000-05).....	1348
23. Justin Robinson (2015-present) ..	1347
24. Ahmed Hill (2014-present).....	1337

Coming Next Year

Virginia Tech has announced the signing of four players to NLI's ... Joining the Hokies in Fall 2019 will be **Andre Gordon**, a 6-2 guard from Sidney, Ohio; **Yavuz Gultekin**, a 6-7 forward from Bel Air, Maryland, **Anthony Harris**, a 6-3 guard from Woodbridge, Virginia and **Emanuel Miller**, 6-6 forward from Toronto, Canada.

More About 5

In the record-breaking night against Syracuse, **Justin Robinson** also set a new Virginia Tech record for three-point field goals in a game, with nine ... The nine 3s is tied for fourth-best in ACC history ... That breaks the old mark of eight, set two seasons ago against Miami by teammate **Ty Outlaw** ... Robinson's 35 points is also a career-high and is tied for second in Virginia Tech school history for points in an ACC game, trailing on Malcolm Delaney's 37 points against Clemson in 2009 ... He is the first Hokie to score more than 30 points in a game since he scored 32 points in the win over NC State last February ... The 35 points is tied for the fourth-highest total by an ACC player this season and the nine three-pointers are the most by an ACC player this season.

Points for Pondering

Led VT in Scoring: Alexander-Walker (11), Blackshear (5), Hill (4), Robinson (3), Wilkins (1), Outlaw (1)

Double Figure Scoring Games: Alexander-Walker (21), Blackshear (18), Hill (16), Robinson (14), Outlaw (8), Horne (3), Wilkins (2), Bede (1)

40-point Games: none

30-39-point Games: Robinson (1)

20-29-point Games: Alexander-Walker (9), Blackshear (4), Hill (3), Wilkins (1), Robinson (1), Outlaw (1)

Led VT in Rebounding: Blackshear (9), Outlaw (8), Alexander-Walker (4), Robinson (2), Hill (2), Wilkins (2), Horne (1), Bede (1)

Double Figure Rebounding Games: Blackshear (2), Outlaw (1)

Led VT in Assists: Robinson (13), Alexander-Walker (9), Bede (4), Outlaw (2), Blackshear (2), Wilkins (1)

Double Figure Assist Games: Robinson (1)

Triple-Doubles: None

Double-Doubles: Blackshear (4)

Most Points in a Half: 53 (2nd vs. Purdue)

Fewest Points in a Half: 20 (1st at NCSU)

Most Points Allowed in a Half: 44 (1st vs. Purdue and 1st at UVa)

Fewest Points Allowed in a Half: 10 (2nd at NCSU)

Largest Lead: 54 pts. (94-40 vs. CCSU)

Largest Deficit: 25 pts. (at UVa)

Largest Margin of Victory: 54 pts. (94-40 vs. CCSU)

Largest Margin of Defeat: 22 pts. (59-81 at UVa)

Largest Deficit Overcome in a Victory: 12 pts. (34-22 vs. Purdue)

Largest Lead Lost in a Loss: 8 pts. (21-13 at PSU)

Largest Halftime Lead: 28 pts. (50-22 vs. UMES)

Largest Halftime Deficit: 22 pts. (22-44 at UVa)

Largest Halftime Deficit Overcome in a Victory: 8 pts. (36-44 vs. Purdue)

Largest Halftime Lead Lost in a Loss: 2 pts. (37-35 at Penn St.)

Average Margin of Victory: 20.4 ppp

Average Margin of Defeat: 12.0 ppl

Average Margin: +14.2

* - Includes ties

More on KJ's Rebounds

Kerry Blackshear Jr., had 17 rebounds at North Carolina on Jan. 21 ... That is the third-highest rebounds in an ACC regular season game in school history ... Jeff Allen had 19 rebounds at Boston College on Feb. 5, 2011 and Coleman Collins had 18 rebounds in a win over Duke on Feb. 17, 2005 in Cassell Coliseum ... The 17 rebounds marks the first time a Hokie has had more than 15 rebounds in an ACC game in more than five years.

Winning Low

When the Hokies defeated NC State, 47-24, it marked the fewest points for the Hokies in an ACC regular season victory since defeating Virginia, 47-45 in Charlottesville on Jan. 22, 2012, which ties this game for the fewest points in an ACC win for the Hokies.

Much Improved

Nickeil Alexander-Walker is fourth-best among ACC players in improved scoring average from last year to this year ... The sophomore averaged 10.7 points per game as a freshman and is currently at 16.9 ppg, for an increase of 6.2 points per game ... He is the only listed player to have averaged double figures last season.

Vs. Ranked Teams

With the loss to No. 16 Louisville, the Hokies are 2-3 against ranked teams this season ... Before the win at NC State, Tech's last previous road win vs. a ranked team was Feb. 10, 2018, when Tech defeated No. 2 Virginia in Charlottesville, 61-60 in overtime.

600 in the Cassell

After the win over Georgia Tech, the Hokies have a 600-195 overall record in Cassell Coliseum, for a .755 winning percentage ... The win over Florida State in 2011 was the 500th victory in Cassell ... Tech was 12-4 in Cassell Coliseum last season and is 12-1 this season on its home court.



Top Individual Performances

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Points

35	Justin Robinson vs. Syracuse
29	Kerry Blackshear Jr., at Pitt
25	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. Purdue
25	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. BC
25	Nickeil Alexander-Walker at Miami
24	Ahmed Hill vs. CCSU
24	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. Washington
24	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. Wake Forest
23	Justin Robinson vs. Purdue
23	Ahmed Hill vs. Purdue
21	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. G-W
21	Isaiah Wilkins vs. G-W
21	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. Ball State
21	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. Notre Dame
21	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. Louisville
20	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. NU
20	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. NC A&T
20	Ahmed Hill vs. UMES
20	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. BC
20	Ty Outlaw vs. Georgia Tech

Rebounds

17	Kerry Blackshear Jr. at UNC
13	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. SCSU
13	Kerry Blackshear Jr. at NCSU
11	Ty Outlaw, VMI
10	Kerry Blackshear Jr. at Georgia Tech

Assists

13	Justin Robinson vs. CCSU
8	Justin Robinson vs. G-W
8	Justin Robinson vs. Notre Dame
8	Justin Robinson vs. Syracuse
8	Nickeil Alexander-Walker vs. Syracuse
8	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. Georgia Tech
7	four times

Steals

6	Nickeil Alexander-Walker at Miami
4	nine times

Blocks

4	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. Wake Forest
3	Kerry Blackshear Jr. vs. Louisville
3	Ty Outlaw vs. Georgia Tech
2	seven times

OPPONENTS

Points

28	Brandon Childress, Wake Forest
26	Carsen Edwards, Purdue
22	Shelton Mitchell, Clemson
22	Michael Devoe, Georgia Tech (H)
21	Taylor Persons, Ball State
21	Garrett Gilkeson, VMI
21	De'Andre Hunter, UVa (A)
20	Jose Alvarado, Georgia Tech (A)

Rebounds

12	Wyatt Walker, NCSU
10	John Mooney, Notre Dame

Assists

12	Ty Jerome, UVa (A)
7	Carsen Edwards, Purdue
6	Kameron Langley, NC A&T
6	Christen Cunningham, Louisville
5	six times

Steals

4	Matisse Thybulle, Washington
4	Frank Howard, Syracuse
4	Marcquise Reed, Clemson
3	five times

Blocks

7	Elijah Thomas, Clemson
4	Juwan Durham, Notre Dame
3	Deion Bute, CCSU
2	10 times

On This Date

The Hokies are 24-21 all-time on Feb. 18 ... Tech has lost its last three games on this date, most recently a 94-90 loss at Louisville in 2017 ... Tech is 1-6 in ACC games on this date ... Tech is 1-4 against UVa on Feb. 18 ... Tech is 17-10 in home games on this date ... Tech is 5-11 against current ACC members on Feb. 18 ... Tech has never played as a ranked team on this date.

The Hokies When...

Leading at the half:	17-1
Trailing at the half:	3-4
Tied at the half:	0-0
Playing Overtime:	0-0
Shooting 50% or better:	11-0
Shooting between 40-49.9%:	7-4
Shooting less than 40%:	2-1
Opponents shoot 50% or better:	1-1
Opponents shoot less than 50%:	19-3
VT outrebounds its opponent:	14-1
Opponent outrebounds VT:	8-3
Teams are tied in rebounds:	0-0
VT shoots 70% FT or better:	14-4
VT shoots less than 70% FT:	6-1
Scoring less than 50 points:	1-0
Scoring 50-59 points:	1-2
Scoring 60-69 points:	0-2
Scoring 70-79 points:	7-0
Scoring 80-89 points:	10-1
Scoring 90 or points:	1-0
Allowing less than 30 points:	1-0
Allowing 30-39 points:	1-0
Allowing 40-49 points:	4-0
Allowing 50-59 points:	2-1
Allowing 60-69 points:	9-1
Allowing 70-79 points:	2-1
Allowing 80-89 points:	1-1
Allowing 90 or more points:	0-1
Game decided by 1-4 points or OT:	1-1
Game decided by 5-10 points:	4-2
Game decided by 11+ points:	15-2
Playing in the morning:	2-0
Playing at night:	10-4
Playing in the afternoon:	8-1
Playing on Monday:	0-2
Playing on Tuesday:	1-2
Playing on Wednesday:	5-0
Playing on Thursday:	1-0
Playing on Friday:	3-0
Playing on Saturday:	7-1
Playing on Sunday:	2-0
Playing in November:	5-1
Playing in December:	6-0
Playing in January:	6-2
Playing in February:	3-2

North of 80

Virginia Tech defeated Miami, 82-70, in Coral Gables on Wednesday night ... The 82 points are the most for the Hokies in an ACC road win since Tech downed Boston College, 85-80, in overtime 364 days earlier ... It is the most points scored in a non-overtime ACC road game since Tech defeated Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, 83-75 on Jan. 10, 2018.

January was a Good Month

Virginia Tech finished 6-2 in January ... This marks the first month since joining the ACC in the 2004-05 season that the Hokies have won six ACC games.

Home is Where the Wins Are

Since **Buzz Williams** arrived in Blacksburg, Tech is 64-21 (.753) in Cassell Coliseum and 55-12 (.821) since the beginning of the 2015-16 season ... Tech has won a school-record 24 consecutive home non-conference regular season games.

Providing A Spark

In the win over Wake Forest, the Hokies got 25 points off the bench ... That is the most points off the bench in an ACC game this season ... The last time the Hokies had more than 25 points off the bench in an ACC game was March 3, 2018 at Miami, when Tech had 28 bench points.

New Tech Record

In the win over Central Connecticut State, **Justin Robinson** dished out a career-high 13 assists, breaking the old school mark of 12 assists in a game, most recently set by Robinson at Boston College last season ... Others with 12 assists in a game include Dave Sensibaugh, Bimbo Coles and Troy Manns ... It is the fourth time he has had double figures in assists in a game ... Robinson accomplished the feat in just 28 minutes of action.



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Take-Aways from Miami

In the Hokies' win at Miami, **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** tied a school-record for steals in an ACC game, with six ... It was also NAW's career-high in the category ... He is the seventh Hokie with six steals in an ACC game and the first since 2008.

The 40s

Virginia Tech has held its opponents to less than 50 points six times this season ... This is the first season since the 2007-08 season that the Hokies have accomplished that feat ... Tech opponents are averaging 60.2 points per game this season.

523 and Counting

Tech has now hit a three-point field goal in 523 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.

Ah, Youth

Isaiah Wilkins is 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.

More About Wilkins

Isaiah Wilkins was 5-of-7 from three-point range in the win over Gardner-Webb ... That is the most three-pointers in a game by a Virginia Tech freshman since Justin Bibbs was 5-of-6 from three-point range in a win over Miami of Ohio in the 2014-15 season ... The school record for three-pointers in a game by a freshman at Virginia Tech is six, by Carlos Dixon against High Point on Dec. 30, 2000.

That's a TO

Virginia Tech forced Gardner-Webb into 29 turnovers in the season-opener ... That is the most forced turnovers for the Hokies under **Buzz Williams** ... The 29 forced turnovers are the most by a Virginia Tech team since forcing UNC Greensboro into 29 turnovers on Nov. 21, 2010 in the Greensboro Coliseum ... The last time the Hokies forced 30-or-more turnovers in a game was 35 forced turnovers against Maryland-Eastern Shore on Nov. 23, 2004 in Cassell Coliseum ... The school record is 37 forced turnovers, twice, most recently against VMI in 1983.

NAW on Offense in MIA

In the win at Miami, **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** scored 25 points, tying his career-high in an ACC game ... For the ninth time this season, Alexander-Walker dropped 20 or more points ... The nine 20-point games is tied for third-most in the ACC on the season ... The Toronto native also had his best two-game stretch of distributing, with five assists at Miami and eight against Syracuse on Jan. 26, for a total of 13.

KJ Starts the New Year with a Bang

In the Hokies' win over Notre Dame on New Year's Day, **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, got 2019 started in style ... Blackshear led all scorers with a season-high 21 points and seven rebounds ... Blackshear scored his 800th career point in the win ... In the win over Boston College, Blackshear scored 20 points and in the win at Georgia Tech, Blackshear recorded his second double-double of the season with 14 points and 10 rebounds ... He is averaging 14.9 points and 7.5 rebounds per game in ACC action.

Where It Counts the Most

While the Hokies have gotten off to a great start on the court, their fall semester in the class room was even better ... Ten Hokies recorded at least a 3.00 grade point average, as the team recorded a 3.22 overall GPA, the best semester in program history ... Two Hokies, **Ty Outlaw** and **Ahmed Hill** entered the semester with their undergraduate degrees and two more, **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, and **Justin Robinson**, completed their requirements for graduation and will walk in Spring 2019 ceremonies.

Getting on Track

In the win over Saint Francis, **Ty Outlaw** was 5-of-9 from three-point range ... Outlaw entered the game with just four made three-pointers in the first four games ... Outlaw followed that by going 4-of-5 from behind the arc at Penn State and followed that with a 3-of-5 effort in the win over Central Connecticut State ... He was 6-of-12 in the home win over Georgia Tech ... He is 115-of-237 in this Tech career, for 48.5 percent.

2 X 1000

Tech is one of only eight teams (Kansas State, Oregon State, St. John's, Washington, Creighton, Northwestern and Tennessee) in the Power 6 to have two 1,000-career point scorers returning ... **Justin Robinson** and **Ahmed Hill** have over 1,300 points each.

Heating It Up

Virginia Tech shot 60.0 percent from the floor, including 61.1 percent from three-point range in the win over Notre Dame ... That is the highest field goal percentage against ACC competition since Tech shot 63.5 percent in a home win over NC State last season ... The 61.1 percent from three-point range is the highest against ACC competition since the Hokies shot 66.7 percent from three in the win at Boston College on Feb. 25, 2017.

Gimme That!

Virginia Tech recorded 16 steals in the win over Gardner-Webb ... That is the most steals in a game since Nov. 21, 2010, when Tech forced UNC Greensboro into 20 steals ... The 16 steals are the most in a game for the Hokies under **Buzz Williams** and just the sixth time that Tech has had double figure steals in a game under Williams ... That number moved up to eight times with double-digit steals with the 13 steals in the win over South Carolina State.

Pomp and a Neat Circumstance

When the Hokies tipped off at Georgia Tech in its most recent game, Tech starters were a rather unique group ... Four of the five starters, **Ty Outlaw**, **Ahmed Hill**, **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, and **Justin Robinson** had all completed their requirements for graduation.

Sharing is Good

Virginia Tech recorded a season-high 28 assists on 36 made baskets in the win over Central Connecticut State ... Tech has had 20-or-more assists seven times this season, plus three more games of 19 assists ... Tech reached the 20-assist mark eight times last year, including a school-record 36 assists in the win over The Citadel.

Call It a Comeback

In the win last season over No. 5 Duke, the Hokies came back from a 15-point first half deficit ... It was the second-largest deficit Tech overcame, as the Hokies fought back from a 16-point second half deficit at Ole Miss ... 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 ... Tech's largest come-from-behind victory this season is 12 points against No. 23/22 Purdue.

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Buzz's Bunch

Buzz's Bunch is a non-profit organization that Coach Buzz Williams created eight years ago when he was first named head coach at Marquette University.

Buzz's Bunch is a way to bring together children with disabilities and help them to fall in love with the game of basketball. Since its creation, the group has evolved into so much more. Buzz's Bunch members create some unforgettable relationships and memories. Most of all, every player, coach, or staff member feels lucky to learn from these members and be touched by them.

Being a Buzz's Bunch member includes an invitation to a camp over the summer, which includes spending time with the team and staff, lunch and a free t-shirt. Additionally, there is a Buzz's Bunch calendar at the beginning of the year and another event over the winter. The team tries to keep in touch with members throughout the year and the organization changes with time as new opportunities exist.

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Hokies in the ACC

Justin Robinson leads all current ACC players with 551 career assists ... Robinson is third among active ACC players in points scored with 1,347 and **Ahmed Hill** is fourth with 1,337 ... Robinson's nine three-pointers against Syracuse are the most in the ACC this season and his 35 points in that game is tied for the fourth-highest point total in the ACC this season ... **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** is tied for fifth this season among ACC players with nine, 20-point games ... Robinson is third among active ACC players with three career games of 10-or-more assists and one of five ACC players with a double-digit assist game this season ... Robinson's 13 assists in the win over CCSU is the most by an ACC player this season ... Tech's 18 made three-pointers in the CCSU game is tied for the most by an ACC team this season.

A Lot in a Few

From the opening tip-off at 8 p.m. of the Hokies' game at Virginia on Tuesday, Jan. 15, until the logical conclusion time of North Carolina game (9 p.m.), Tech played three games in the span of 145 hours ... That is not the most games in the shortest span this ACC regular season ... Tech played three games in the span of 121 hours from the tip of the Wednesday, Jan. 30 game at Miami and the conclusion of Monday's Louisville game ... Doing that one hour less is the 120 hours from the tip of the home win over Georgia Tech and the conclusion of tonight's game against Virginia ... All three instances concluding in "Big Monday" games.

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.

Big Week for NAW

In leading the Hokies to the title, **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** was named the Most Valuable Player, joining teammate **Justin Robinson** on the all-tournament team ... On Monday, Nov. 19, Alexander-Walker was named the ACC Player of the Week for the first time in his career ... His 25 points in the win over Purdue was his second-highest career point total.

This Week's Rankings

Here are the major rankings for this week. (as of Feb. 17, 2018)

AP poll	22nd
USA Today Coches poll	16th
NCAA Power Ranking	30th
NCAA NET	13th
CBSSports.com Top 25 and 1	21st
NBC Sports	18th
KenPom.com	12th
Jeff Sagarin	13th

Compare & Contrast

VT	UVA
75.4	Points..... 72.1
61.1	Points Allowed..... 54.4
48.6%	FG% 47.4%
40.6%	FG% Defense 37.6%
41.8%	3FG% 40.0%
34.1%	3FG% Defense..... 26.7%
75.5%	FT% 75.4%
32.1	Rebounds..... 35.5
+2.6	Rebound Margin..... +5.8
16.2	Assists..... 14.5
11.7	Turnovers 9.2
7.1	Steals..... 5.6
2.5	Blocks..... 3.7

Now Boarding

Ty Outlaw missed his first career double-double in the win over VMI by one point ... The sixth-year player grabbed a career-high 11 rebounds, the most boards by a Tech player this season ... Outlaw, who missed last season with a knee injury, averaged 2.8 rebounds per game in the 2016-17 season, but has increased that to 5.2 boards per game this year.

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 ... 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 ... Tech is averaging 7,998 in Cassell Coliseum this season and the final three home games are already sold out.



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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: 94-40 vs. Central Connecticut State, 12-1-18
Tech scored 80-89 points: 82-70 at Miami, 1-30-19
Tech scored 70-79 points: 70-64 at Pitt, 2-16-19
Tech scored 60-69 points: 64-72 vs. Louisville, 2-4-19
Tech scored 50-59 points: 51-59 at Clemson, 2-9-19
Tech scored 40-49 points: 47-24 at NC State, 2-2-19
Tech scored 30-39 points: 33-43 at East Carolina, 2-18-67
Tech scored 20-29 points: 27-40 at McGuire Hospital, 2-2-46
Tech scored 10-19 points: 16-45 at Virginia, 1-30-39
Tech scored less than 10 points: 9-29 vs. North Carolina, 1-12-35
Tech allowed 100+ points: 82-103 at North Carolina, 1-21-19
Tech allowed 90-99 points: 82-91 vs. Florida State, 1-20-18
Tech allowed 80-89 points: 59-81 at Virginia, 1-15-19
Tech allowed 70-79 points: 64-72 vs. Louisville, 2-4-19
Tech allowed 60-69 points: 70-64 at Pitt, 2-16-19
Tech allowed 50-59 points: 51-59 at Clemson, 2-9-19
Tech allowed 40-49 points: 52-49 at Georgia Tech, 1-9-19
Tech allowed 30-39 points: 75-37 vs. Saint Francis, 11-24-18
Tech allowed 20-29 points: 47-24 at NC State, 2-2-19
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. The 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 (13) vs. Central Connecticut State, 12-1-18
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: Kerry Blackshear Jr. (8) & Nickeil Alexander-Walker (7) vs. Georgia Tech, 2-13-19
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: Nickeil Alexander-Walker (25 points) & Kerry Blackshear Jr. (20 points) vs. Boston College, 1-5-19
Three Tech players scored 20 or more points: Nickeil Alexander-Walker (25 points), Ahmed Hill (23 points) and Justin Robinson (23 points) vs. Purdue, 11-18-18
Same two Tech players scored 20 or more points in consecutive games: Nickeil Alexander-Walker & Kerry Blackshear Jr., 11-10 & 11-12-17
Tech freshman scored 20 or more points in a game: 21, Isaiah Wilkins, vs. Gardner-Webb, 11-9-18
Two Tech freshmen scored in double figures in a game: Nickeil Alexander-Walker (24 points) & P.J. Horne (10 points) vs. Detroit Mercy, 11-10-17



The Last Time...

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: 35, Justin Robinson vs. Syracuse, 1-26-19

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: 47-24 at No. 23/22 NC State, 2-2-19

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: 89-83, vs. No. 23 Purdue, 11-18-18, TD Arena, Charleston, S.C.

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: 10 pts., at NC State, 2-2-19

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: 12 pts. vs. No. 23 Purdue, 11-18-18

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: 26 pts., vs. Central Connecticut State, 12-1-18

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: 20, vs. Georgia Tech, 2-13-19

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

Tech won a neutral court game: 73-61 vs. Washington (Atlantic City, NJ), 12-15-18

Tech held a team under 20 percent from the field: 16.7%, at NC State, 2-2-19

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 25For more information, go to: www.DriveFor25.com.





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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)

Only two teams in the Power 6 have had a game boasting two players with at least eight assists. Iowa State's Tyrese Haliburton (9) and Nick Weiler-Babb (8) versus Ole Miss on Jan. 26 and Virginia Tech's Justin Robinson (8) and Nickeil Alexander-Walker (8) versus Syracuse. It's only happened 11 times this year across all of Division I.

--- NEXT GAME ---

Virginia Tech at Notre Dame

Saturday, Feb. 23

4 p.m.

Purcell Pavilion

South Bend, Indiana

ESPN

2018-19 Starters

Robinson, Alexander-Walker, Hill, Bede, Blackshear	8-3
Robinson, Alexander-Walker, Hill, Outlaw, Blackshear	5-0
Alexander-Walker, Bede, Hill, Outlaw, Blackshear	3-2
Robinson, Alexander-Walker, Hill, Horne, Blackshear	2-0
Wilkins, Alexander-Walker, Hill, Horne, Blackshear	1-0
Robinson, Bede, Hill, Horne, Blackshear	1-0

Virginia Tech Pronunciation Guide

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

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No. 12/11 Virginia Tech 47, No. 23/22 NC State 24

The Wolfpack's 24 points are:

- the fewest by a ranked team in the shot clock era.
- the fewest by a Virginia Tech opponent in an ACC game.
- the fewest points in a conference (any conference) game since 2008.
- the fewest points by any Virginia Tech opponent since Jan. 9, 1959, when the Hokies defeated Washington and Lee, 105-24, in Blacksburg.
- NCSU's fewest points in a regular season game since joining the ACC (1953-54).
- the fewest points scored by any Division I team in the last decade.

More Virginia Tech notes:

- The 71 combined points are the fewest in an ACC game in the shot clock era.
- The Wolfpack's 16.7 percent from the field is the lowest in NCSU history and the lowest-ever by a Virginia Tech opponent.
- The 23-point margin of victory is the largest for the Hokies over NC State since a 43-12 victory in Lynchburg on Feb. 22, 1921. It is the largest margin over victory over NC State in Raleigh.
- The Wolfpack's 10, 2nd half points are the fewest by a Tech opponent in an ACC game.
- The Hokies picked up their first win in PNC Arena since a 77-69 win on Feb. 2, 2011.

Shooting

VT Firsts

- First time VT has won a game scoring fewer than 50 since 1/22/12 @ UVA (W, 47-45)
- Best opponent FG% since 1/2/2011 vs. Mount St. Mary's (17%, 9-of-53)
- Fewest opponent FG allowed since same game vs. Mount St. Mary's (9)
- Best opponent 3FG% since 1/22/12 @ UVA (7.1%, 1-of-14)

NCAA

- Only 3rd time this year that Div. I has been held to 20% FG or less, and first time for a Power 6 school
- First time Power 6 school has been held under 20% FG since 11/23/16 (Michigan @ South Carolina)
- Best opponent FG% by any team against DI opponent since 12/22/18 (Tenn State @ Memphis)
- Best opponent FG% by any team against any ACC/Power 6 school since at least 2010-11 season

Field Goals

- First time this season that Div. I school has held another Div. I school to less than 10 FGM
- First time that Div. I school has held another Div. I school to less than 10 FGM since 12/11/17 (N'Western vs. Chicago State)
- First time team has held another Power 6 opponent to fewer than 10 FGM since 11/23/16 (Michigan @ South Carolina)
- No ACC team has been held to 10 or fewer FGM since at least 2010-11 season

Assists

- Fewest assists allowed (2) since at least 2010-11 season
- Only 7th time this year that a Div. I school has been held to 2 or fewer assists

Points

- First time this year that any Div. I school has been held to fewer than 33 pts (Michigan State allowed 33 vs. Tennessee Tech)
- First time this year that any Power 6 school has been held to fewer than 43 pts (Mizzou held Texas A&M to 43); same for ACC (UVA held Clemson to 43)
- First time since 2/4/17 that any Div. I team has been held under 30 pts (Saint Mary's vs. San Diego); first time for Power 6/ACC school since Georgia Tech against UVA (1/22/15)
- Largest margin of victory (23) by a team that scored 50 or fewer points since at least 2010-11 season. Next closest is UVA against Rutgers (45-26) on 11/29/14





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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 is in 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 247-151. Williams has compiled a 94-65 record, now in his fifth 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.

