

# VIRGINIA TECH<sup>®</sup>

## MEN'S BASKETBALL



### # 16/17 VIRGINIA TECH (2-0, 0-0)

### vs. Northeastern (2-1, 0-0)

TD Arena (5,100)  
Charleston, South Carolina  
Nov. 16, 2018  
11 a.m.



## 2018-19 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
11/ 4	Hurricane Relief Exhibition (Lynchburg, Va.) at Liberty	W	86-70
11/ 9	GARDNER-WEBB (ACCNE)	W	87-59
<b>Charleston Classic (Charleston, S.C.)</b>			
11/15	vs. Ball State (ESPN2)	W	73-64
11/16	vs. Northeastern	11 a.m.	ESPN2
11/18	Consolations/Finals	TBD	TBD
11/24	ST. FRANCIS (PA)	1 p.m.	ACCNE
<b>Big Ten/ACC Challenge (University Park, Pa.)</b>			
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
<b>Boardwalk Classic (Atlantic City, N.J.)</b>			
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	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 This Morning's Game

The Hokies enter the game 2-0 on the season and the Huskies are 2-1 this season ... The Hokies are ranked 16th in the AP poll and 17th in the USA Today Coaches poll.

### Last Time Out: VT 73, Ball State 64

The Hokies defeated Ball State, 73-64, in the first game of the Charleston Classic on Thursday ... Tech went on a 26-7 run to close out the first half and never trailed after the intermission ... Three Hokies scored in double figures, led by **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** with 21 points ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.**, added 18 points and a team-high seven rebounds and **Justin Robinson** scored 15 points and dished out six assists.

### Vs. Northeastern

This will be the second meeting between the two schools on the hardwood ... Tech defeated Northeastern, 79-56, in Cassell Coliseum on Nov. 29, 2001 ... Tech is 108-54 all-time against schools currently in the Colonial Athletic Association.

### Preseason Rankings

Virginia Tech was ranked No. 15 in the AP Top 25 preseason poll ... The Hokies made 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 tied 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 currently ranked 16th in the AP poll and 17th in the USA Today/Coaches poll.

### Notes from Thursday

The Hokies outscored Ball State, 42-22 in the paint ... Tech made eight of their nine free throw attempts (89.3 percent) ... The Hokies are now 6-0 all-time in games played on Nov. 15 ... The Hokies are now 22-14 against MAC schools and 1-0 against Ball State ... **Justin Robinson** tied a career-high with four steals.

### Thursday Climbing

In the win, **Justin Robinson** passed Jay Purcell and is now tied with former teammate Zach LeDay for 40th place in career scoring at Virginia Tech ... With his nine points, **Ahmed Hill** tied Craig Lieder for 46th place in career scoring at Virginia Tech.

## TOP TOPICS

- ❖ The Hokies are ranked No. 16 in the AP Top 25 poll and 17th in the USA Today/Coaches poll
- ❖ The Hokies have now made a three-point field goal in 500 consecutive games
- ❖ **Justin Robinson** is on the Watch List for the 2018-19 Bob Cousy Award, the 2019 John R. Wooden Award, presented by Wendy's and the Naismith Award
- ❖ **Nickeil Alexander-Walker** has scored 21 points in each of the Hokies' two games this season

### 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 and Hill are wearing special insignia on their jerseys to honor their graduations.

### 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 3



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### 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 by VMI in 1983.



*Justin Robinson*

### Sharing is Good

Virginia Tech recorded 20 assists on 32 made baskets in the win over Gardner-Webb ... Tech reached the 20-assist mark eight times last year, including a school-record 36 assists in the win over The Citadel ... Tech dished out 14 assists in the win over Ball State.

### Gimme That!

Virginia Tech recorded 16 steals in the win over Gardner-Webb ... That is the most steals in a game by the Hokies since Nov. 21, 2010, when Tech forced UNC Greensboro into 20 steals ... The 16 steals is 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 5-7 from three-point range ... 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 ... The five made threes are the most for a freshman under **Buzz Williams**.

### 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).

### Analytics and All

The Hokies are currently ranked 30th by Kenpom.com ... Tech is third in the nation in defensive turnover percentage, is 49th in raw defensive efficiency, 16th in adjusted offense efficiency, 26th in steal percentage and 45th in two-point percentage ... **Kerry Blackshear Jr.** is 13th in offensive rebounding percentage.

### 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 1,071 points and **Ahmed Hill** has collected 1,025 ... Of the four other teams, Tech will face one of them, Washington, this season during non-conference play on Dec. 15.

### Buzz Williams Facts

**Buzz Williams** is in his fifth season at Virginia Tech ... He has a record of 229-146 in his 12th season as a collegiate head coach ... He is 76-60 at Virginia Tech and 53-20 in games played in Cassell Coliseum.

### The Big 500

By making seven three-pointers in the win over Ball State, Tech has now hit a three-point field goal in 500 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**THE STAT CREW SYSTEM**  
**Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Nov 15, 2018)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	1-0	0-0	1-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds					pts	avg					
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fga	ft%	off	def	tot	avg	pf			dq	a	to	blk	stl
04	Nickeil Alexander-Wa	2-2	72	36.0	17-30	.567	3-9	.333	5-5	1.000	2	10	12	6.0	4	0	8	4	1	5	42	21.0
24	Kerry Blackshear	2-2	43	21.5	14-22	.636	1-2	.500	3-3	1.000	8	3	11	5.5	8	1	1	3	1	1	32	16.0
05	Justin Robinson	2-2	62	31.0	7-21	.333	3-11	.273	9-12	.750	4	0	4	2.0	5	0	14	7	0	7	26	13.0
01	Isaiah Wilkins	2-0	49	24.5	8-15	.533	5-11	.455	2-2	1.000	2	6	8	4.0	1	0	2	0	0	1	23	11.5
13	Ahmed Hill	2-2	70	35.0	8-19	.421	2-8	.250	2-2	1.000	1	9	10	5.0	5	0	2	4	0	4	20	10.0
03	Wabissa Bede	2-1	34	17.0	3-8	.375	2-5	.400	0-2	.000	1	4	5	2.5	5	0	4	1	0	4	8	4.0
42	Ty Outlaw	2-1	39	19.5	3-8	.375	1-5	.200	0-2	.000	1	7	8	4.0	5	0	2	2	2	1	7	3.5
14	Preston Horne	2-0	27	13.5	1-3	.333	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	8	1	0	5	2	0	2	1.0
10	Jonathan Kabongo	2-0	5	2.5	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0.0
Team											5	3	8					1				
Total.....		2	401		61-126	.484	17-51	.333	21-28	.750	24	42	66	33.0	42	2	34	29	6	23	160	80.0
Opponents.....		2	401		43-97	.443	15-48	.313	22-35	.629	15	41	56	28.0	30	-	22	43	11	7	123	61.5

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>OPP</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
SCORING	160	123	11/09/18	GARDNER-WEBB	w 87-59	7736
Points per game	80.0	61.5	11/15/18	vs Ball State	w 73-64	0
Scoring margin	+18.5	-	* - Conference game			
FIELD GOALS-ATT	61-126	43-97				
Field goal pct	.484	.443				
3 POINT FG-ATT	17-51	15-48				
3-point FG pct	.333	.313				
3-pt FG made per game	8.5	7.5				
FREE THROWS-ATT	21-28	22-35				
Free throw pct	.750	.629				
F-Throws made per game	10.5	11.0				
REBOUNDS	66	56				
Rebounds per game	33.0	28.0				
Rebounding margin	+5.0	-				
ASSISTS	34	22				
Assists per game	17.0	11.0				
TURNOVERS	29	43				
Turnovers per game	14.5	21.5				
Turnover margin	+7.0	-				
Assist/turnover ratio	1.2	0.5				
STEALS	23	7				
Steals per game	11.5	3.5				
BLOCKS	6	11				
Blocks per game	3.0	5.5				
ATTENDANCE	7736	0				
Home games-Avg/Game	1-7736	0-0				
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-0				

<b>Score by Periods</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Totals</b>
Virginia Tech	85	75	160
Opponents	62	61	123