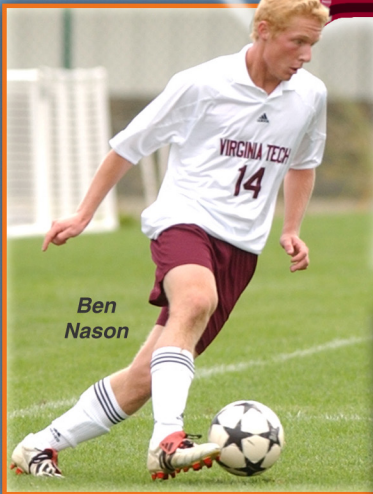


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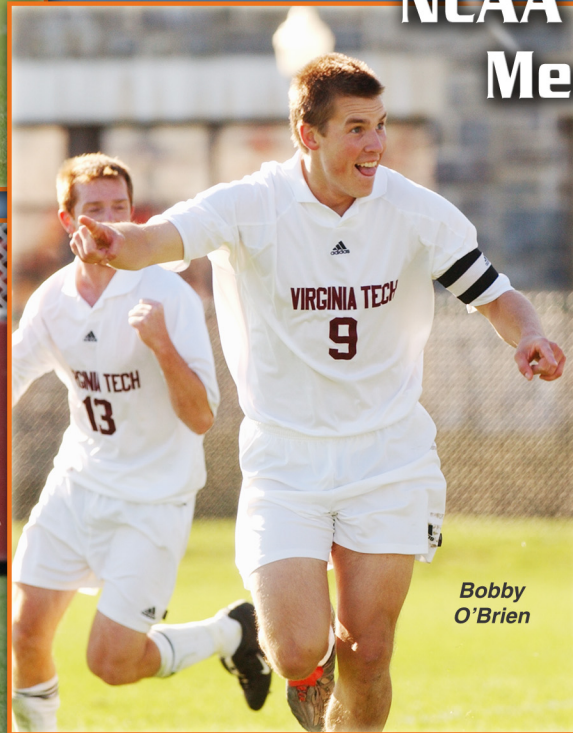


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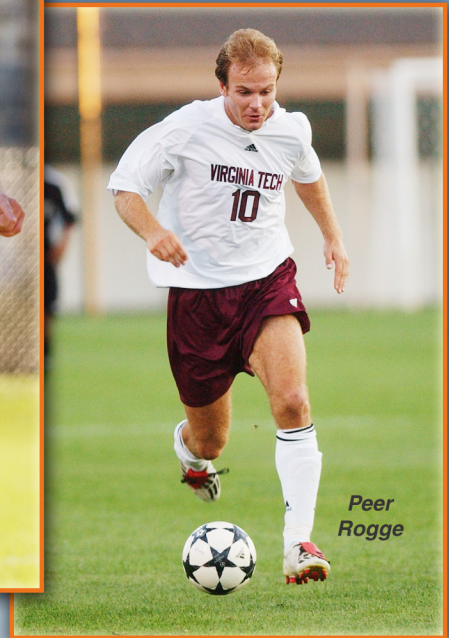
## NCAA Tournament Media Notes



Scott  
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Bobby  
O'Brien



Peer  
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**The Hokies  
vs. Clemson**

Nov. 21, 2003 • 7 p.m.  
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## MEN'S SOCCER NOTES

**NCAA MEN'S SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST ROUND**

**HOKIES VS. CLEMSON TIGERS, FRIDAY, NOV. 21, 7 P.M. - VIRGINIA TECH SOCCER STADIUM**

**HOKIES MAKING FIRST-EVER NCAA APPEARANCE:** The 2003 Virginia Tech Hokies are making their first-ever appearance in the NCAA Tournament tonight against Atlantic Coast Conference foe Clemson. The Hokies received an at-large bid after falling to Providence in the quarterfinals of the 2003 BIG EAST Tournament. The Hokies are one of six BIG EAST teams in the field of 48. The winner of tonight's match faces VCU on Nov. 26 at VCU in the second round.

**PROBABLE STARTING LINEUP:** Here is the Hokies' probable lineup with pertinent stats from the 2003 season.

GK ..... Chase Harrison (So.) 76 saves, 0.87 GAA  
D ..... Chad Steuck (Fr.) ... 1 assist, defensive stopper  
D ..... Lasse Mertins (Sr.) .. 2 goals, 2 assists  
D ..... Harold Russell (Sr.) . 1 assist, Hokies' sweeper  
D ..... Dustin Dyer (So.) .... 2 goals, 2 assists  
MF ..... Brent Dillie (Fr.) ..... 2 assists, 1 goal  
MF ..... Scott Spangler (Fr.) . 6 goals, 1 assist  
MF ..... Greg Roach (So.) .... 2 goals  
F ..... Ben Nason (Fr.) ..... 9 assists, 3 goals  
F ..... Ken Jonmaire (Jr.) .. 6 goals, 2 assists  
F ..... Charlie Howe (So.) .. 5 assists, 1 goal

### SCOUTING THE TIGERS:

► The Clemson Tigers are making their 24th NCAA Tournament appearance since 1967. They have advanced to the elite eight the previous two seasons. In 2003, the Tigers are 9-7-3 overall and finished 2-4-0 in the ACC for sixth place.

**SERIES RESULTS:** This will be the first meeting between the two teams. However, next season the Hokies are joining the ACC where they expect to play Clemson on a regular basis.

### HOKIE TRACKS: Quick notes to get you started.

The Hokies are 6-3-2 at home this season and 8-1-0 in games away from Blacksburg...The 2003 Hokie team is the highest goal scoring team in the history of the program with a school-record 47 goals...The Hokies are just seven points shy of the school record for points, which is 139...Senior Bobby O'Brien is now tied for eighth in career goals (25), ranks 10th in career assists (15) and eighth in career points (65)...Freshman Ben Nason was named this year's BIG EAST Rookie of the Year, while the coaching staff of Oliver Weiss, Kevin Korondi and John Sexton earned Coaching Staff of the Year...The Hokies finished the year ranked first in the BIG EAST in shots (394) and corner kicks (137).

**HONORED HOKIES:** Freshman Ben Nason was named BIG EAST Rookie of the Year this season. He had nine assists and three goals. Senior defender Lasse Mertins was named to the all-BIG EAST second team, while sophomore Peer Rogge and Nason were on the third team.

## 2003 Schedule and Results

Overall: 14-4-2 / Home: 6-3-2 / Road: 5-1-0

Date	Opp.	Score	Record
8/29	vs. Delaware#	W, 2-0	1-0-0
8/31	vs. Mercer#	W, 2-1	2-0-0
9/5	#3 Wake Forest	L, 0-1	2-1-0
9/7	at Villanova*	W, 1-0	3-1-0
9/12	Appalachian St.‡	W, 2-0	4-1-0
9/14	Georgia St.§	T, 2-2 (2OT)	4-1-1
9/19	at #22 Dayton^	W, 2-0	5-1-1
9/21	vs. IUPUI^	W, 2-1	6-1-1
9/24	at Georgetown*	L, 0-1	6-2-1
9/28	#10 Rutgers*	W, 2-1 (OT)	7-2-1
10/5	at Syracuse*	W, 5-1	8-2-1
10/8	UConn*	L, 0-2	8-3-1
10/11	at Boston College*	W, 2-1 (2OT)	9-3-1
10/18	#6 St. John's*	W, 2-1	10-3-1
10/22	Radford	W, 5-1	11-3-1
10/25	#15 Notre Dame*	L, 1-2 (OT)	11-4-1
10/29	Pittsburgh*	W, 6-0	12-4-1
11/2	at Providence*	W, 1-0	13-4-1
11/4	Liberty	W, 7-1	14-4-1
11/9	Providence!	T, 2-2 (PKs)	14-4-2
11/21	Clemson+		7 p.m.

\* Denotes BIG EAST match

# Denotes Radford Tournament

‡ Denotes Virginia Tech Tournament

^ Denotes Dayton Marriot Flyer Classic

! Denotes BIG EAST Tournament match

+ Denotes NCAA Tournament match

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**SOUTH ATLANTIC RANKINGS:** Several Virginia Tech players are ranked highly in the South Atlantic region stats. Senior Bobby O'Brien ranks 11th in scoring with 27 points. O'Brien also ranks 11th in goals with 11. Freshman Ben Nason ranks 5th in assists with nine. Goalkeeper Chase Harrison ranks 7th with a 0.87 goals against average. He also ranks 6th in saves with 76

**HOKIES IN THE NCAA CHARTS:** Through matches of Nov. 16, the Hokies ranked 16th nationally in won-lost-tied percentage (14-4-2) and 8th in scoring offense (2.24 goals per match).

**TEAM OF THE WEEK AWARDS:** Three Hokies have received SoccerAmerica Team of the Week Awards in 2003. Charlie Howe received an honor after his three assist-one goal performance at Syracuse. Dustin Dyer was honored after his game-winning goal in the St. John's match, and Lasse Mertins was honored after leading the Hokies to a league shutout at Providence.

**HARD TO STOP 'EM:** This year's Hokie team has been hard to stop when it gets everything going right on offense. The Hokies have already set a school record with 47 goals in 2003 and need just eight points to break the school points record of 139. Since an Oct. 22 match at home with Radford, the Hokies have outscored their opponents 22-6 and had three matches of five or more goals.

**'O' MAN, HE'S GOOD:** Senior Bobby O'Brien is making the most of his senior season. He leads the team with 11 goals and 27 points and set a school record with his four goals and an assist in a 5-1 romp over Radford on Oct. 22. He heads into the NCAA tournament ranked eighth in career goals and points at Virginia Tech.

**ROOKIE SENSATION:** Right from the beginning of the season, it became apparent that freshman Ben Nason would be something special for the Hokies. He has not disappointed as he leads the team with nine assists and also has three goals. He was named the BIG EAST Rookie of the Year.

**JUMPIN' JONMAIRE:** Considered to be the team's best player in the air on headers, junior Ken Jonmaire returned from an early season knee injury to rank third on the team with 14 points. He scored six goals this year and had 18 for his career. He also has eight career assists, including two in 2003.

**BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY:** Freshman Scott Spangler has provided the Hokies with a spark on several occasions in 2003. He has six goals in his rookie campaign, including three game-winning goals.

**STRONG DEFENSE WINS GAMES:** The Hokies have been fortunate enough to have a solid defense in front of keeper Chase Harrison this year. Lasse Mertins, Harold Russell, Dustin Dyer and Chad Steuck all have been key players as the Hokies have limited opponents to just 10 shots per match. The Hokies have also held every opponent to two goals or less.

**MERTINS, ROGGE EARN ACADEMIC AWARDS:** Senior Lasse Mertins and sophomore Peer Rogge were recently honored as Academic all-District members as selected by CoSIDA. Both players, who have GPAs above 3.90, were named to the first team for district III and move on to the national ballot for a chance at being named Academic all-America.

**CHASING A RECORD:** Sophomore goalkeeper Chase Harrison is having an outstanding season. He has posted an 0.87 goals against average and has been involved in six shutouts, giving him 10 for his career. That ranks him fourth all-time along with Brian Bulger (1989-93).

**THE HOKIES AT HOME:** Virginia Tech is 6-3-2 at home this season with wins against Appalachian State, no. 10 Rutgers, no. 6 St. John's, Pittsburgh, Liberty and Radford. The Hokies have lost to no. 3 Wake Forest, Connecticut and no. 15 Notre Dame, the BIG EAST tournament champion. The Hokies have tied Providence and Georgia State. Virginia Tech averages 22.0 shots per match at home and allows 11.9. The Hokies have outscored their opponents 29-13 at home and have averaged 584 fans.

### Virginia Tech's Record When:

It scores 1 goal .....	2-2-0
It scores 2 goals .....	8-0-2
It scores 3 goals .....	0-0-0
It scores 4 goals .....	0-0-0
It scores 5 goals .....	2-0-0
It scores 6 goals .....	1-0-0
It scores 7 goals .....	1-0-0
Opponent scores 1 goal .....	8-1-0
Opponent scores 2 goals .....	0-3-2
It leads at the half .....	6-0-0
Trails at the half .....	1-0-0
Match is tied at the half .....	7-4-2
Outshoots its opponent .....	12-2-2
It is outshot .....	0-2-0
It has 10-15 shots .....	2-2-0
It has 16-20 shots .....	6-1-0
It has 21-25 shots .....	1-1-2
It has more than 25 shots ...	4-0-0
It has more corner kicks .....	9-2-2
It has fewer corner kicks .....	1-2-0
Corner kicks are the same ...	4-0-0
Match is decided by 1 goal ..	7-3-0
Match is decided by 2 goals ..	3-1-0
Match is decided by 3+ goals ...	4-0-0

### WHERE'S THE SCORING COMING FROM:

**Seniors** (O'Brien, Mertins, Russell, Hermandorfer): 14 goals, 8 assists, 36 points, 72 shots

**Juniors** (Jonmaire, Allman, Peter Woody): 9 goals, 7 assists, 25 points, 26 shots

**Sophomores** (Howe, Roach, Rogge): 8 goals, 8 assists, 24 points, 92 shots

**Freshmen** (Dillie, Dyer, Nason, Spangler, Said, Steuck, Vickers): 16 goals, 15 assists, 47 points, 164 shots

**Virginia Natives** (O'Brien, Allman, Nason, Howe, Dyer, Roach, Woody, Hermandorfer, Said): 24 goals, 26 assists, 74 points

**Non-Virginia Natives** (Steuck, Dillie, Russell, Vickers, Spangler, Rogge, Jonmaire): 23 goals, 12 assists, 58 points.

