

Virginia Tech Men's Soccer

Game Notes



JMU/Fairfield Inn by Marriott Invitational Tournament



Game #3
Virginia Tech

vs.

Temple

August 31, 2012 • 5 p.m.

JMU Soccer Complex • Harrisonburg, Va.



Game #4
Virginia Tech

vs.

St. Bonaventure

September 2, 2012 • Noon

JMU Soccer Complex • Harrisonburg, Va.



SCOUTING TEMPLE/SERIES HISTORY

- The Owls will be opening their 2012 season Friday against the Hokies.
- Temple returns 11 players from last year's squad that 9-10-0 overall and 5-4-0 in the Atlantic 10.
- This will be Temple's final season competing in the A-10 before moving the BIG EAST in 2013.
- Virginia Tech holds a 5-0-0 advantage all-time versus the Owls, but the two haven't met since 1999 when the Hokies came away with a 1-0 win on the road.

SCOUTING ST. BONAVENTURE/SERIES HISTORY

- The Bonnies are 0-2 on the year after road losses to Bowling Green (3-0) and Buffalo (2-1) to start the season.
- St. Bonaventure holds a 14-shot advantage against its opponents through two games, but has only found the back of net once.
- The Bonnies will play host James Madison on Friday night.
- Virginia Tech holds a 3-2-0 series lead against St. Bonaventure, with the Hokies winning the last match in 1999, 3-1 at home.

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2012 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
	<i>Hokie Invitational</i>	
Aug. 24	SIU-EDWARDSVILLE	3-1, L
26	RICHMOND	1-0, W
	<i>James Madison Tournament</i>	
31	Temple	5 p.m.
Sept. 2	St. Bonaventure	Noon
8	at North Carolina*	7 p.m.
14	BOSTON COLLEGE*	7 p.m.
18	VMI	7 p.m.
21	at Maryland*	7 p.m.
28	WAKE FOREST*	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	at Campbell	7 p.m.
5	at N.J. Institute of Technology	7 p.m.
9	at Longwood	7 p.m.
12	NC State*	7 p.m.
16	Howard	7 p.m.
19	at Virginia*	7 p.m.
23	Radford	7 p.m.
27	Duke*	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	at Clemson*	7 p.m.
	<i>ACC Tournament</i>	
5	vs. TBA (First Round)	TBA

Home games in **BOLD AND CAPS** - All games are EST unless otherwise noted.

* Atlantic Coast Conference contest

LAST TIME OUT

In the Hilton Garden Inn Hokie Invitational finale, the Hokies notched their first win of the season as they defeated Richmond 1-0. In a close game in which both teams had its chances, Tech's David Clemens netted his first goal of the season in the 21st minute after pass low pass from the right side by Ben Strong. Kyle Renfro made several key saves throughout the game to preserve the win.

NEXT UP

After this weekend's tournament, the Hokies travel to Chapel Hill, N.C. to face No. 1 North Carolina. On Sept. 10, 2011, Virginia Tech defeated the then-No. 1 Tar Heels 1-0 in double overtime at Thompson Field. James Shupp scored the game-winner in the 103rd minute. The Hokies were only one of two teams to defeat North Carolina last season as the Tar Heels went on to win the National Championship.



Virginia Tech Quick Facts

GENERAL

Location.....	Blacksburg, Va.
Enrollment.....	31,000
Founded.....	1872
Colors.....	Chicago maroon and burnt orange
Nickname.....	Hokies
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast
President.....	Charles W. Steger
Director of Athletics.....	Jim Weaver
Home Field.....	Thompson Field
Capacity.....	2,028 (Record: 2,711)
Surface.....	Natural Grass
Press Box Phone.....	(540) 231-8950
Athletics Website.....	www.hokiesports.com
Men's Soccer Website.....	www.hokiesports.com/msoccer
Men's Soccer Twitter.....	www.twitter.com/VT_MSoccer
Athletics Facebook.....	www.facebook.com/hokiesports

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....	Mike Brizendine
Alma Mater, Yr.....	James Madison, 1999
Overall Record (Yrs.).....	41-60-5 (7th)
Record at Virginia Tech (Yrs.).....	14-36-5 (4th)
ACC Record (Yrs.).....	4-17-2 (4th)
Assistant Coaches.....	
..... Patrick McSorley (James Madison, 1996), 4th season	
..... Jeff Kinney (American, 2003), 3rd season	
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TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Soccer.....	1972
All-Time Record (Yrs.).....	331-302-63 (40th)
All-time ACC Record (Yrs.).....	13-38-10 (8th)
ACC Tournament Appearances.....	7
ACC Tournament Record.....	1-7-0
NCAA Tournament Appearances.....	4
NCAA Tournament Years.....	(2003, 2005, 2006, 2007)
NCAA Tournament Record.....	3-3-2
NCAA Best Finish.....	Final Four (2007)
Last NCAA Opponent.....	Wake Forest (L, 2-0)

2011 OVERVIEW

2011 Overall Record.....	4-13-2
Home.....	4-3-2
Away.....	0-8-0
Neutral.....	0-0-0
2011 ACC Record.....	1-6-1
Home.....	1-1-1
Away.....	0-4-0
Lettermen Returning/Lost.....	11/
Starters Returning/Lost.....	6.5/4.5
Newcomers.....	10

Hokie Notes

HOKIES IN YOUR HOME

For fans looking to catch a game live, but can't attend, nine Hokie matches will be broadcast live either online or on TV throughout the 2012 season.

- Hokies All-Access (<http://www.hokiesports.com/allaccess>)
 - Aug. 26 vs. Richmond, 2:30 p.m.
 - Sept. 14 vs. Boston College, 7:00 p.m.
 - Sept. 28 vs. Wake Forest, 7:00 p.m.
 - Oct 23 vs. Radford, 7:00 p.m.
- ESPN3
 - Sept. 8 at North Carolina, 7:00 p.m.
 - Nov. 1 at Clemson, 7:00 p.m.
- ACCDN on YouTube
 - Sept. 21 at Maryland, 7:30 p.m.
 - Oct. 12 vs. NC State, 7:00 p.m.
- RSN
 - Oct. 19 at Virginia, 6:30 p.m.

FIRST GOALS

- With only two goals a year ago, after an injury-plagued season, junior David Clemens scored the game-winner on a clever back-heel in the 21st minute against Richmond on Aug. 26.
- In Tech's loss on Aug. 24, freshman Daniel Laurentano netted the first goal of his career in the 69th minute against SIUE as he ran onto a long ball and slotted it inside the left post past the Cougar keeper. It was the Hokies first goal of the season.

MINUTE MEN

- Nine Hokies played the full 90 minutes on Aug. 26 in the 1-0 win over Richmond.
- DeVante DuBose, David Fiorello, Jed Prater, Kyle Renfro and Ben Strong all played every minute of the two matches in the Hilton Garden Inn Hokie Invitational.
- Prater, Renfro and Strong led the Hokies in minutes logged a season ago. The four totaled more than 5,232 minutes in 19 games.

STANDING GUARD

Goalkeeper Kyle Renfro started this season where he left off last year. After leading the ACC with 100 saves in 2011, the junior currently leads the conference with 12 saves after the first weekend and is second in saves per game with 6.

CAPTAINS

Senior David Fiorello will finish out his Tech career as a three-time team captain for the Hokies, while junior Jed Prater will join him for his first time in the role.

ABUNDANCE OF YOUTH

Tech has 16 players this season who have been in the program for less than two years. With David Fiorello being the lone senior on the 2012 squad, and only seven upperclassmen in all, the Hokies will look toward the youth this season to provide valuable minutes both in the starting lineup and coming off of the bench.

AMONG THE BEST

The Atlantic Coast Conference has traditionally been one of the nation's top conferences in men's soccer and this year is no different. The league has three teams ranked in the NSCAA's top 25 preseason poll which is second behind the Big East, while five teams are ranked in Soccer America's top 25, the most of any conference.



Coaching Staff

HEAD COACH MIKE BRIZENDINE

Record at Tech: 14-36-5 (Fourth Season)

PERSONAL

Born: 4/13/77
 Hometown: McLean, Va.
 Wife: former Lucy Draper

EDUCATION

High School: McLean H.S.
 College: James Madison University, 1999
 Graduate: Virginia Tech, 2005

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

James Madison University, 1996-1999

COLLEGE COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Virginia Tech, Head Coach, 2009-present
- Virginia Tech, Top Assistant, 2004-2008
- Bridgewater College, Head Coach, 2001-2003
- Bridgewater College, Top Assistant, 2000-2001
- Ferrum College, Assistant 1999

COACHING HONORS

- NSCAA's Atlantic Region Assistant Coach of the Year, 2007
- ODAC Coach of the Year, 2003

NCAA TOURNAMENT EXPERIENCE

- 2007, College Cup, Virginia Tech, Top Assistant
- 2006, First Round, Virginia Tech, Top Assistant
- 2005, Second Round, Virginia Tech, Top Assistant

COACHING FIRSTS AT TECH

- Win: Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2-1 (Sept. 6, 2009)
- ACC Win: Clemson, 4-2 (Sept. 20, 2009)
- Win Over Ranked Opponent: No. 16 N.C. State, 2-0 (Sept. 27, 2009)
- Win Over No. 1 Ranked Opponent: North Carolina, 1-0 2OT (Sept. 10, 2011)

Mike Brizendine enters his fourth year as Virginia Tech's head coach after spending five years as the Hokies' top assistant.

Brizendine's 2011 squad played five top-25 nationally ranked opponents, including a 1-0 double-overtime win over 2011 NCAA champion North Carolina. The victory was the program's first over a No. 1 ranked opponent since 2004. Academically, his teams in 2009-10 and 2010-11 earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award, which honors teams with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Tech was one of three men's soccer programs in the Atlantic Coast Conference to earn the honor in both years.



An experienced coach on all levels, Brizendine helped guide the Hokies to their first NCAA College Cup appearance in school history in 2007. He has worked with all aspects of the Hokie program. For his contributions, Brizendine was recognized as the NSCAA's Atlantic Region Assistant Coach of the Year in 2007.

Brizendine joined the Hokie staff after a successful stint with Bridgewater (Va.) College, a Division III program that participates in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC). After assisting both the men's and women's programs at Bridgewater in 2000, he became the head men's coach from 2001 to 2003, guiding the team from non-competitive status to a full-fledged Division III program. Brizendine led Bridgewater to its two best single-season records, 12-6 in 2003 and 11-7 in 2002, for a 23-13 mark over two seasons and a .639 winning percentage. For this significant turn-around, his peers named him ODAC Coach of the Year in 2003.

Prior to his time at Bridgewater College, he was an assistant coach at Ferrum College for the men's soccer team in 1999. He has also been active guiding and encouraging kids in youth soccer programs throughout his coaching career.

Brizendine graduated from James Madison University in 1999 and earned his Master of Education from Virginia Tech in 2005.

As a player, he lettered four seasons at James Madison University from 1995-98 and ended his career sixth in all-time scoring for the Dukes. He earned All-Conference and All-Region recognition during his four-year career. He also played professionally with the Roanoke Wrath (1999) and the Northern Virginia Royals (2000 and 2001) of the Division 3 league.

Brizendine and his wife, Lucy, reside in Blacksburg, Va.

Assistant Coaches



Jeff Kinney



Patrick McSorley



Chris Rich



2012 Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown	High School	Soccer Club
0	Hunter Maricle	GK	6-5	207	r-Fr.	Clearwater, Fla.	Countryside	Clearwater Chargers Academy
1	Kyle Renfro	GK	6-1	185	Jr.	Forest, Va.	Brookville	Roanoke Star
3	Drew Ranahan	D	6-4	209	r-So.	Oakland, Calif.	Bishop O'Dowd	Bay Oaks
5	Ben Strong	MF	5-8	157	So.	Mendham, N.J.	West Morris Mendham	FC Copa Forza
6	Kai Marshall	F	6-2	183	Fr.	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle	SOCA Lightning
7	David Fiorello	MF	6-1	177	Sr.	Elverson, Pa.	Twin Valley	Spirit United Premier
8	Hunter Byrnes	D	5-11	146	r-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	F.W. Cox	Beach FC
9	Jed Prater	MF	6-0	162	Jr.	Somersby, Australia	Narabeen Sports	Manly UTD FC
10	Drew Hartell	MF	6-1	175	r-Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	F.W. Cox	Beach FC
11	David Clemens	MF	6-1	170	Jr.	Ballston Lake, N.Y.	Shenendehowa	Blackwatch
15	Mike Wilkie	MF	5-11	160	So.	Harrison City, Pa.	Penn-Trafford	Allegheny Force FC
16	Deven Mason	D/MF	5-10	157	Fr.	Albuquerque, N.M.	Eldorado	New Mexico Rush Nike Argonauts '94
17	Wes Saupe	MF	5-11	169	Fr.	Midlothian, Va.	Cosby	FC Richmond Magic
18	Will Witherspoon	F	6-1	178	So.	Ankeny, Iowa	Ankeny	Sporting Kansas City
19	Hunter Jecius	D	6-3	179	Fr.	Hobbs, N.M.	Hobbs	New Mexico Rush Nike Argonauts '94
20	Shane Rose	D	6-1	160	Fr.	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle	SOCA Lightning
21	DeVante DuBose	D	5-10	159	Jr.	Oakland, Calif.	Bishop O'Dowd	Mustang Soccer Academy
22	Connor Pompilio	F	6-0	160	Fr.	Ashburn, Va.	Briar Woods	Regional FC 93
23	Austin Stewart	MF	5-10	154	r-Jr.	Frisco, Texas	Centennial	Dallas Texans
24	Connor Swartz	D/MF	5-7	145	Fr.	Cameron Park, Calif.	Ponderosa	California Development Academy
27	Joshua Penn	GK	6-1	152	Fr.	Fairfax, Va.	James W. Robinson	Regional FC 93
28	Nick Smirniotopoulos	MF	5-8	144	Jr.	Falls Church, Va.	George Mason	McLean Academy
29	Cameron Owens	MF	5-8	158	So.	Summerfield, N.C.	Northwest Guilford	North Carolina Fusion Academy
30	Daniel Lauretano	MF	5-7	144	Fr.	Chester, Va.	Thomas Dale	Richmond Kickers Academy

Head Coach: Mike Brizendine (James Madison, 1999), 4th season

Assistant Coaches: Patrick McSorley (James Madison, 1996), 4th season;

Jeff Kinney (American, 2003), 3rd season; Chris Rich (Barry 2007), 1st season

Pronunciation guide

Mike Brizendine	BRIZ-in-dine (rhymes with line)
Hunter Byrnes	Burns
DeVante DuBose	DOO-bose
David Fiorello	FEE-or-ELLO
Hunter Jecius	JESSE-us
Hunter Maricle	Miracle
Connor Pompilio	POM-pill-e-oh
Jed Prater	PREY-ter
Nick Smirniotopoulos	smear-nee-oh-TOP-you-luss

Roster Breakdown (By Class)

Seniors (1) - Fiorello
 Juniors (6) - Clemens, DuBose, Prater, Renfro, Stewart, Smirniotopoulos
 Sophomores (5) - Owens, Ranahan, Strong, Wilkie, Witherspoon
 Freshmen (12) - Byrnes, Hartell, Jecius, Mason, Maricle, Marshall, Lauretano, Penn, Pompilio, Rose, Saupe, Swartz

Roster Breakdown (By State)

California (3) - DuBose, Ranahan, Swartz
 Florida (1) - Maricle
 Iowa (1) - Witherspoon
 New Mexico (2) - Jecius, Mason
 New Jersey (1) - Strong
 New York (1) - Clemens
 North Carolina (1) - Owens
 Virginia (10) - Byrnes, Hartell, Lauretano, Marshall, Penn, Pompilio, Renfro, Rose, Saupe, Smirniotopoulos
 Pennsylvania (2) - Fiorello, Wilkie
 Texas (1) - Stewart
 Australia (1) - Prater



The Automated ScoreBook
 Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 29, 2012)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Aug 24	SIUE	L 1-3	1672
Aug 26	RICHMOND	w 1-0	1055

TEAM STATISTICS	VT	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot attempts	2-12	3-32
Goals scored per game	1.00	1.50
Shot pct.	.167	.094
Shots on goal-Attempts	4-12	15-32
SOG pct.	.333	.469
Shots/Game	6.0	16.0
CORNER KICKS	5	11
PENALTY KICKS	0-0	0-0
PENALTIES		
Yellow cards	1	0
Red cards	0	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	2727	0
Dates/Avg Per Date	2/1364	0/0
Neutral Site #/Avg	0/0	

#	Player	gp	g	a	pts	sh	sh%	sog	sog%	gw	pk-att
5	Ben Strong	2	0	1	1	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
11	David Clemens	2	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	1	0-0
30	Daniel Lauretano	2	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	0	0-0
7	David Fiorello	2	0	1	1	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
10	Drew Hartell	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
9	Jed Prater	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	Connor Pompilio	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
23	Austin Stewart	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
24	Connor Swartz	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
28	Nick Smirniotopoulos	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
29	Cameron Owens	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
20	Shane Rose	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
21	Devante Dubose	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Hunter Jecius	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
8	Hunter Byrnes	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
3	Drew Ranahan	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
16	Deven Mason	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
Total		2	2	2	6	12	.167	4	.333	1	0-0
Opponents		2	3	1	7	32	.094	15	.469	1	0-0

#	Goalie	GP	Min.	GA	GAAvg	Saves	Pct	W-L-T	St
1	Kyle Renfro	2	180:00	3	1.50	12	.800	1-1-0	1
Total		2	180:00	3	1.50	12	.800	1-1-0	
Opponents		2	180:00	2	1.00	2	.500	1-1-0	

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	1	1	2
Opponents	3	0	3

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	6	6	12
Opponents	19	13	32

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	6	6	12
Opponents	2	0	2

Corners by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	5	0	5
Opponents	4	7	11

Fouls by Period	1st	2nd	Total
Virginia Tech	15	9	24
Opponents	4	7	11



Around the ACC

Upcoming Games in the ACC...

Friday, August 31

NC State vs. Delaware	5 p.m.
West Virginia at North Carolina	7 p.m.
California at Virginia	7 p.m.
Boston University at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
Clemson at Indiana	7:30 p.m.
Santa Clara at Duke	7:30 p.m.
UCLA at Maryland	7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 2

Clemson at Notre Dame	11:30 a.m.
NC State vs. Santa Clara	12 p.m.
Delaware at Duke	2 p.m.
Boston University at North Carolina	7 p.m.
UCLA at Virginia	7 p.m.
West Virginia at Wake Forest	7 p.m.
California at Maryland	7:30 p.m.



ACC Standings

(As of)

School	Conference				Overall		
	W	L	T	Pts.	W	L	T
#6 Maryland	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
NC State	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
#1 North Carolina	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
#23 Wake Forest	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Clemson	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
#13 Boston College	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Duke	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Virginia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Recent ACC Results

Aug. 25	North Carolina 4, Gardner-Webb 0 Wake Forest 1, Wofford 0 Notre Dame 1, Duke 0
Aug. 26	Virginia Tech 1, Richmond 0 NC State 2, Mercer 1 (OT) Maryland 3, Louisville 0
Aug. 27	Boston University 1, Boston College 0 Clemson 0, Davidson 0 (2 OT) Wake Forest 1, Wofford 0

ACC Individual Leaders

As of Aug. 28

Goals: Monbo Bokar (NC State) and Nazmi Albadawi (NC State), 2
Game-winning goals: Nazmi Albadawi (NC State), 2
Assists: Danny Garcia (North Carolina), Patrick Mullins (Maryland) and Alex Martinez (NC State), 2
Shots: Austin Savage (Clemson), 7
Shots per game: Darius Madison (Virginia) and Andy Craven (North Carolina), 4.00
Points: Nazmi Albadawi (NC State), 5
Points per game: Andy Craven (North Carolina), 3.00
Saves: Kyle Renfro (Virginia Tech), 12
Saves per game: James Belshaw (Duke), 7.00
Goals against average: Keith Cardona (Maryland), Scott Goodwin (North Carolina), Michael Lisch (Wake Forest) and Cody Mizell (Clemson), 0.00
Shutouts: Cody Mizell (Clemson), 2

ACC Team Leaders

As of Aug. 28

Goals: North Carolina and NC State, 4
Goals per game: North Carolina, 4.00
Assists: Maryland, 6
Assists per game: Maryland, 6.00
Shots: Clemson, 35
Points: Maryland, 12
Saves: Virginia Tech, 12
Goals allowed: Wake Forest, Clemson, Maryland and North Carolina, 0
Goals against average: Wake Forest, Clemson, Maryland and North Carolina, 0.00
Shutouts: Clemson, 2
Corners: Clemson, 13
Fouls: Virginia Tech, 24



Game-by-Game Recap

Game #1 vs. SIU-Edwardsville | Aug. 24 | L, 3-1

BLACKSBURG – In the nightcap of the first day of the Hilton Garden Inn Hokie Invitational, the Virginia Tech men's soccer dropped a tough 3-1 result to SIU-Edwardsville.

The Cougars came out early and often, putting pressure on Hokies backline. After four SIUE efforts to test the defense, Kyle Renfro was forced to come up with sliding save to stop SIUE's Christian Volesky as a got free on the left side.

Just under 15 minutes later, the Cougars took a 1-0 lead as Kevin Stoll took a run up through the middle of the Hokie defense and fired a low shot just inside the left post.

Under two minutes later, SIUE struck again as Jared Tejada found space on the right side chipped a ball to the far post over a surging Renfro.

Christian Volesky pushed the SIUE advantage to 3-0 just over a minute later as slipped past the leftside of the Hokie defense went far post past Renfro.

With 31 minutes to go, Renfro was called upon again as he thwarted another Cougar 1-on-1 opportunity. 10 minutes later, Daniel Lauretano netted his first goal as a Hokie in the 69th minute. Captain David Fiorello sent a long ball from midfield to the top of the box, which the freshman ran onto and slid to left side past a diving Cougar keeper.

Tech closes out the tournament Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Thompson Field against Richmond.

Scoring Summary:

32:09 SIUE Kevin Stoll
 34:03 SIUE Jared Tejada (Ryan Bauer)
 35:17 SIUE Christian Volesky
 68:40 VT Daniel Lauretano (David Fiorello)
 GK: SIUE-John Berner (0 saves), VT-Kyle Renfro (6 saves)

Game #2 vs. Richmond | Aug. 26 | W, 1-0

BLACKSBURG – The Virginia Tech men's soccer team earned its first win of the young season this afternoon, earning a shutout in a 1-0 win over Richmond at Thompson Field in the final game of the Hilton Garden Inn Hokie Invitational.

Looking to rebound after Friday night's loss to SIU-Edwardsville, the Hokies came out quick as senior David Fiorello nearly found the back of the net in the fourth minute as he one-timed a shot from a Jed Prater corner.

The 16th minute saw Richmond nearly brake open the match as well, as a corner from Oliver Murphy found the head of Houston Oldhman that was blocked. Timmy Albright took a rip at the rebound, but Kyle Renfro was there to make the first of his six saves of the day.

Just over four minutes later, Tech found the goal it was looking for as Ben Strong found space down the right side of the Spider penalty box. The sophomore moved toward the endline and sent a low pass into the six-yard box that found David Clemens wide open. The junior calmly stepped toward the ball with his left foot before cleverly slotting it into the left side of the net with his right foot.

Strong again found space on the right side in the 33rd minute, but with a defender closing in his shot was just to the right of the post.

The Hokies took a 1-0 lead into the break, but Richmond came out looking for the equalizer, earning a pair of corners early in the second half. In the 57th minute, Tech nearly caught the Spiders on a counter attack as Prater sent a lobbed pass over the Richmond defense that Daniel Lauretano got onto the end of. The freshman's one-timer sailed just over the crossbar to leave Tech's advantage still at one.

Just over three minutes later, Albright thought he had the equalizer for the Spiders on a header from the left side. With his back post wide open Renfro was forced to react quickly to and reach back to get his left hand

on the ball to deny the striker's attempt.

With Richmond furiously pushing to tie the game, the Hokies nearly put the game away in the final 10 minutes as Clemens beat two defenders and chipped a shot just over bar, and Drew Hartell placed a header just wide of the left post.

With a flurry at the end by the Spiders, the Tech defense was up to the challenge, stifling Richmond's final opportunities to seal the win.

Despite being outshot 15-10 overall, Tech nabbed the one it needed as Renfro came up with several key saves on the day to earn his first clean sheet of the season. Clemens led the Hokies with three shots, while Strong and Lauretano each had a pair.

The Hokies will be off until Aug. 31 when they take on Temple at 5 p.m. in Harrisonburg, Va., at University Park in the Fairfield Inn by Marriott Invitational hosted by James Madison University.

Scoring Summary:

20:52 VT David Clemens (Ben Strong)
 GK: UR-Thomas Hand (2 saves), VT-Kyle Renfro (6 saves)

