



# 2017 VIRGINIA TECH MEN'S SOCCER GAME NOTES

NCAA Tournament  
2003 - 2005 - 2006 - 2007- 2016  
College Cup  
2007



**HEAD COACH:** Mike Brizendine  
**SEASONS AT VIRGINIA TECH:** Nine  
**VIRGINIA TECH RECORD:** 50-78-22  
**Record:** 0-0-0 | ACC 0-0-0  
**National Rank:** 17

## GAME 1 NO. 17 Virginia Tech

**Date.....**August 25, 2017  
**Time.....**8 PM EASTERN  
**Location.....**Omaha, Neb.  
**Venue.....**Morrison Stadium  
**Opponent.....**No. 14 Creighton Bluejays

**The Series:** The 2017 season-opener match up is the first in program history between Virginia Tech and Creighton in men's soccer.

**Up next:** The Hokies travel across Omaha to the campus of the University of Nebraska at Omaha for a 7 p.m. clash with the Mavericks on Sunday, Aug. 27.



**HEAD COACH:** Elmar Bolowich  
**SEASONS AT CREIGHTON:** Six  
**CREIGHTON RECORD:** 95-29-12  
**Record:** 0-0-0 | Big East 0-0-0  
**National Rank:** 14

### 2017 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

OVERALL 0-0-0 | ACC 0-0-0 | H 0-0-0 | A 0-0-0 | N 0-0-0

#### AUGUST

15	at ETSU	W, 1-0
19	<b>CLEMSON (EXH.)</b>	<b>T, 4-4</b>
25	at No. 14 Creighton	8 PM
27	at Omaha	7 PM

#### SEPTEMBER

1	vs Pacific \$	5 PM
3	vs Binghamton \$	Noon
8	at Duke*	7 PM
15	<b>VIRGINIA*</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
19	<b>DAVIDSON</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
22	<b>NOTRE DAME*</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
26	<b>LONGWOOD</b>	<b>7 PM</b>
29	at Boston College*	5 PM

#### OCTOBER

3	at South Carolina	TBD
6	<b>LOUISVILLE*</b>	<b>5 PM</b>
14	at Wake Forest*	7:30
18	at William & Mary	7 PM
22	<b>NORTH CAROLINA*</b>	<b>2:30</b>
27	at Pitt*	7 PM

#### NOVEMBER

1	ACC First Round	
5	ACC Quarterfinals	
8	ACC Semifinals	
11	ACC Championship^	

All times are Eastern Standard Time  
Home games in **BOLD** played at Thompson Field  
\$ denotes games played in Harrisonburg, Va.  
\* denotes ACC game  
^ACC Championship game played in Charleston, S.C.

### VIRGINIA TECH at CREIGHTON FIRST LOOK

#### BACK ON THE PITCH

▪ Virginia Tech steps onto the field for the first time since their Elite Eight appearance in 2016

#### GOOD TO BE BACK

▪ This is the first time in eight seasons that Tech has been featured in the preseason Top 25.

#### INTERNATIONAL FLAIR

▪ Freshmen Jon Ingason, Emil Koho and Justus Kauppinen bring youth level international experience to the Hokies.

#### UNFAMILIAR OPPOSITION

▪ Tech's schedule features three games against teams the program has never faced before; Creighton, Omaha and Pacific.

#### FOR THE FIRST TIME

▪ Virginia Tech kicks off the 2017 season playing in Omaha, Neb. for the first time in program history.

#### 2016 IN REVIEW

▪ The 2016 Hokies advanced to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament and earned the program's second-highest final ranking at No. 8. Along the way, Tech defeated ETSU, Charlotte and Indiana.

#### POLL POSITION

▪ Tech is ranked 17th in the United Soccer Coaches poll to start the season.

#### BACK AGAIN

▪ Head coach Mike Brizendine returns nine starters and 17 letter winners from last season's breakout squad.

#### BREAKOUT SEASON

▪ In 2016, the Hokies exploded for 38 goals, 11 of which came from Marcelo Acuna. The Costa Rica native tallied 25 points en route to a Second Team All-ACC selection.

#### ALL ABOUT THE BLUEJAYS

▪ Creighton makes its 2017 season debut following a 13-7-3 season that saw the Blue Jays make it to the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

▪ In three preseason matches, the Blue Jays went 3-0 defeating SIU-Edwardsville, Wisconsin and Ohio State. MAC Hermann award nominee Ricky Lopez-Espin scored twice, while Marios Lomis, Anthony Macchione and Luke Haakenson each provided one goal.

▪ Head coach Elmar Bolowich leads the program for the seventh consecutive season, and must replace eight starters from a year ago.

▪ Creighton welcomes the Hokies to Morrison Field, the program's home since 2003. A Field Turf Revolution, soccer-specific stadium, Morrison has 2,000 covered chairback seats and a total seating capacity of 7,500.

#### HOW TO FOLLOW ONLINE

<b>Live Stats</b>	gocreighton.com
<b>Twitter</b>	@VT_MSoccer
<b>Instagram</b>	@vthokiesoccer
<b>Hokies web</b>	hokiesports.com

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## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location.....Blacksburg, Va.  
 Founded.....1862  
 Enrollment.....30,000  
 Nickname.....Hokies  
 School colors.....Chicago maroon and burnt orange  
 Affiliation.....NCAA Division 1  
 Conference.....Atlantic Coast (ACC)  
 President.....Dr. Timothy Sands  
 Athletic Director.....Whit Babcock

## HISTORY

First season.....1972  
 All-Time Overall Record.....357-350-80  
 All-Time ACC Record.....20-60-21  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances/Last.....5/2016

## COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Mike Brizendine  
 Career Record/Year.....50-78-22 (Nine years)  
 Record at VT/Years.....50-78-22 (Nine years)  
 Assistant Coach.....Jeff Kinney  
 Assistant Coach.....Patrick McSorley  
 Goalkeeper Coach.....Ryan Hulings

## SUPPORT STAFF

Sport Administrator.....Omar Banks  
 Athletic Trainer.....Jimmy Lawrence  
 Equipment Manager.....Michael  
 Academic Advisor.....Tim Moore  
 Athletics Communications.....Carter Brown  
 Marketing.....Bob Gavagan

## TEAM INFORMATION

2016 Overall Record.....13-5-4  
 ACC Record/Finish.....3-4-1 (Ninth)  
 Home Record.....7-1-2  
 Away Record.....5-4-2  
 Neutral Record.....1-0  
 Final Ranking.....8  
 Postseason.....NCAA Elite Eight  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....17/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost.....9/2  
 Newcomers.....12  
 Roster Breakdown (Sr/Jr/So/Fr).....9/2/7/11

## STADIUM INFORMATION

Home Field (Capacity).....Thompson Field (2,028)  
 Surface.....Grass  
 Record at Thompson Field.....61-48-19

## LAST TIME OUT

▪ Last time out, Tech took on No. 5 Clemson in the final tune up match of the preseason. The Hokies and Tigers battled to a 4-4 draw including tying 3-3 after five rounds of a ceremonial penalty shootout.

## MAC HERMANN

▪ Marcelo Acuna has been named to the 2017 MAC Hermann Award Watch List, presented to the nation's best collegiate soccer player.

## BIG BEN'S SHUTOUTS

▪ Ben Lundgaard tied the program record for shutouts in a season with eight during 2016. With another eight in 2017, he would become the program's all-time shut out leader.

## CAPTAINS

▪ Lundgaard, Acuna and Collin Verfurth will wear the captains armband on the pitch for the Hokies in 2017. Lundgaard and Verfurth have each been capped 50-plus times for the Hokies.

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN

▪ The Hokies play the first five games of the 2017 season away from Blacksburg and Thompson Field. Two of those matches will be played in Harrisonburg, Va. as part of the JMU Invitational.

## HAVE WE BEEN HERE BEFORE?

▪ Virginia Tech has never played a game in Omaha, Neb. The match against Creighton will be the first one in program history and the Aug. 27th contest against Omaha will be the second one.

## ON THIS DAY

▪ Virginia Tech is 1-0 all-time on August 25, defeating Navy 3-0 in Baltimore, Md. in 2006.

## THE LAST TIME THEY SCORED

PLAYER (CAREER GOAL)	OPPONENT	DATE
Marcelo Acuna (11)	Charlotte	11/20/16
Collin Verfurth (5)	Delaware	9/20/16
Brendan Moyers (2)	Indiana	11/27/16
Elias Tamburini (2)	Clemson	9/23/16
Drew Ott (2)	VMI	10/4/16
Nico Quashie (2)	Charlotte	11/20/16
Humberto Montero	Pitt	10/28/16
Will Mejia (1)	South Florida	9/2/16
James Kasak (1)	VMI	10/4/16
Rory Slevin (1)	Duke	10/7/16
Gino Rossi (1)	Pitt	10/28/16
Forrest White (1)	Indiana	11/27/16
Burke Bender (1)	South Florida	9/2/16

Overall.....0-0-0  
 Conference.....0-0-0  
 Non-Conference.....0-0-0  
 Ranked Teams.....0-0-0

At Thompson Field.....0-0-0  
 Away.....0-0-0  
 Neutral.....0-0-0

Day.....0-0-0  
 Night.....0-0-0

Monday.....0-0-0  
 Tuesday.....0-0-0  
 Wednesday.....0-0-0  
 Thursday.....0-0-0  
 Friday.....0-0-0  
 Saturday.....0-0-0  
 Sunday.....0-0-0

August.....0-0-0  
 September.....0-0-0  
 October.....0-0-0  
 November.....0-0-0

One-goal Games.....0-0-0  
 Two-goal Games.....0-0-0  
 Games decided by 3+ goals.....0-0-0

Regulation.....0-0-0  
 Overtime.....0-0-0

Scored zero goals.....0-0-0  
 Scored one goal.....0-0-0  
 Scored two goals.....0-0-0  
 Scored three goals.....0-0-0  
 Scored four or more goals.....0-0-0

Allowed zero goals.....0-0-0  
 Allowed one goal.....0-0-0  
 Allowed two goals.....0-0-0  
 Allowed three goals.....0-0-0  
 Allowed three or more goals.....0-0-0

Scored first.....0-0-0  
 Scored second.....0-0-0

Let at halftime.....0-0-0  
 Trailing at halftime.....0-0-0  
 Tied at halftime.....0-0-0

Grass surface.....0-0-0  
 Artificial surface.....0-0-0

Wearing white jersey.....0-0-0  
 Wearing maroon jersey.....0-0-0  
 Wearing orange jersey.....0-0-0  
 Wearing anthracite jersey.....0-0-0

## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

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## NATIONAL TOP 25 POLLS

United Soccer Coaches		Top Drawer Soccer		Soccer America	
1. Stanford	0-0-0	1. Stanford	0-0-0	1. Stanford	0-0-0
2. Wake Forest	0-0-0	2. Maryland	0-0-0	2. Maryland	0-0-0
3. Denver	0-0-0	3. Wake Forest	0-0-0	3. North Carolina	0-0-0
4. North Carolina	0-0-0	4. North Carolina	0-0-0	4. Indiana	0-0-0
5. Clemson	0-0-0	5. Indiana	0-0-0	5. Wake Forest	0-0-0
6. Maryland	0-0-0	6. Denver	0-0-0	6. Clemson	0-0-0
7. Indiana	0-0-0	7. Syracuse	0-0-0	7. Denver	0-0-0
8. Syracuse	0-0-0	8. Clemson	0-0-0	8. Virginia	0-0-0
9. Louisville	0-0-0	9. Creighton	0-0-0	9. Notre Dame	0-0-0
10. Notre Dame	0-0-0	10. UMass Lowell	0-0-0	10. Louisville	0-0-0
11. Washington	0-0-0	11. Providence	0-0-0	11. Syracuse	0-0-0
12. Providence	0-0-0	12. Louisville	0-0-0	12. Providence	0-0-0
13. Virginia	0-0-0	13. Akron	0-0-0	13. Akron	0-0-0
14. Creighton	0-0-0	14. Virginia	0-0-0	14. Washington	0-0-0
15. Charlotte	0-0-0	15. Portland	0-0-0	15. UCLA	0-0-0
16. Akron	0-0-0	16. Utah Valley	0-0-0	16. Creighton	0-0-0
17. <b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	17. Notre Dame	0-0-0	17. Charlotte	0-0-0
18. UMass Lowell	0-0-0	18. Washington	0-0-0	18. UConn	0-0-0
19. Coastal Carolina	0-0-0	19. New Mexico	0-0-0	19. Pacific	0-0-0
20. New Mexico	0-0-0	20. <b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>	20. Utah Valley	0-0-0
21. UCLA	0-0-0	21. Loyola-Chicago	0-0-0	21. UMass Lowell	0-0-0
22. Michigan State	0-0-0	22. FGCU	0-0-0	22. Coastal Carolina	0-0-0
23. FGCU	0-0-0	23. Coastal Carolina	0-0-0	23. Portland	0-0-0
24. UConn	0-0-0	24. Butler	0-0-0	24. <b>Virginia Tech</b>	<b>0-0-0</b>
25. Butler	0-0-0	25. Charlotte	0-0-0	25. FGCU	0-0-0

## ATLANTIC DIVISION STANDINGS

1. Boston College	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
2. Clemson	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
3. Louisville	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
4. NC State	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
5. Syracuse	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
6. Wake Forest	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall

## COASTAL DIVISION STANDINGS

1. Duke	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
2. North Carolina	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
3. Notre Dame	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
4. Pitt	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
5. Virginia	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall
6. Virginia Tech	0-0-0	0 pts	0-0-0 overall

## PRESEASON ACC SELECTION

### ATLANTIC

1. Wake Forest (8) .....	62
2. Clemson (3) .....	60
3. Louisville (1) .....	52
4. Syracuse .....	41
5. Boston College .....	20
6. NC State .....	17

### ATLANTIC

1. North Carolina (9) .....	69
2. Virginia (2) .....	58
3. Notre Dame (1) .....	51
4. Virginia Tech .....	31
5. Duke .....	28
6. Pitt .....	15

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## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Acuna, Marcelo	11
Bender, Burke	29
Bluemler, Jakob	31
Damiani, Daniel	28
Dudon, Matt	19
Filby, Charles	25
Hong, Hyunseung	26
Ingason, Jon	5
Kasak, James	8
Kauppinen, Justus	24
Kickbush, Hayden	27
Koho, Emil	12
Lamps, Morten	00
Lennon, Cameron	21
Lundgaard, Benjamin	0
McCoy, Robert	10
Mejia, Will	2
Montero, Humberto	14
Moyers, Brendan	6
Ott, Drew	18
Quashie, Nico	32
Rossi, Gino	22
Roux, Gaetan	30
Slevin, Rory	16
Strickler, Kristo	15
Tamburini, Elias	9
Verfurth, Collin	3
von Westphalen	17
White, Forrest	23
Zampieri, Rodrigo	20

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Class	Position	Height	Hometown/Last School (Club team)
0	Morten Lamps	r-So.	GK	6-2	Flensburg, Germany/Felnsburg08
1	Ben Lundgaard	Jr.	GK	6-5	Greenville, Del./Salesianum School
2	Will Mejia	r-Fr.	D	6-2	Falls Church, Va./Falls Church
3	Collin Verfurth	Jr.	M	6-3	Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods
5	Jon Ingason	Fr.	D	6-1	Reykjavik, Iceland/Grindavik F.C.
6	Brendan Moyers	Fr.	M	6-0	Earlysville, Va./Albermarle HS
8	James Kasak	Fr.	F	5-9	Stuarts Draft, Va./Riverheads HS
9	Elias Tamburini	Jr.	D	5-10	Helsinki, Finland/Patrick Henry CC
10	Robert McCoy	Fr.	M	5-10	Richmind, Va./Chargers Academy
11	Marcelo Acuna	Jr.	F	6-2	San Jose, Costa Rica/Houston Baptist
12	Emil Koho	Fr.	M	6-0	Espoo Finland, FC Espoo
14	Humberto Montero	So.	F	6-2	San Jose, Costa Rica/Deportivo Saprissa
15	Kristo Strickler	Fr.	M	5-10	Hilliard, Ohio/Blast F.C.
16	Rory Slevin	So.	M	5-11	Middletown, N.J./Christian Brothers Acad.
17	Gregor von Westphalen	Fr.	F	6-4	Homburg, Germany/FSV Frankfurt
18	Andrew Ott	r-So.	F	5-10	Virginia Beach, Va./Norfolk Academy
19	Matt Dudon	Sr.	D	5-11	Dayton, Ohio/Columbus Crew Academy
20	Rodrigo Zampieri	r-So.	D	6-0	Sao Sebastio do Paraiso, Brazil/Montverde
21	Camron Lennon	Fr.	M	6-0	Dallas, Texas/Lonestar Soccer Club
22	Gino Rossi	r-So.	M/D	6-0	Schenectady, N.Y./Schalmont
23	Forrest White	Jr.	M	6-0	Crozet, Va./West Albermarle
24	Justus Kauppinen	Fr.	M	5-7	Mantsala, Finland/FC Lahti Academy
25	Charles Filby	Fr.	GK	6-4	Houston, Texas/Bellarie High
26	Hyunseung Hong	Fr.	M	5-11	Yongin Si, Korea
27	Hayden Kickbush	Fr.	GK	6-2	Arlington, Va./Arlington Soccer Association
28	Daniel Damiani	Fr.	M	6-1	Alexandria, Va./West Potomac HS
29	Burke Bender	Fr.	D	6-2	Waynesboro, Va./Waynesboro HS
30	Gaetan Roux	Fr.	F	5-7	Arlington, Va./Episcopal HS
31	Jakob Bluemler	Fr.	F	5-8	Bad Soden, Germany/FSV Frankfurt
32	Nico Quashie	Fr.	F	6-2	Springfield, Va./Lake Braddock Secondary

## COACHING STAFF

<b>Head Coach</b>	Mike Brizendine (James Madison '99), Ninth year
<b>Associate Head Coach</b>	Jeff Kinney (American '03), Sixth year
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Patrick McSorley (James Madison '96), Ninth year
<b>Goalkeeper Coach</b>	Ryan Hulings (Baldwin-Wallace '14), Second year

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

1. Ben <b>Lundgaard</b> .....	Lund-guard
2. Will <b>Mejia</b> .....	Meh-he-ah
5. Jon <b>Ingason</b> .....	John Ing-a-son
8. James <b>Kasak</b> .....	Cass-sick
9. Elias <b>Tamburini</b> .....	Ellie-as Tam-bur-ini
11. Marcelo <b>Acuna</b> .....	Ah-coon-ah
14. Humberto <b>Montero</b> .....	Hum-bear-toe
17. Gregor von <b>Westphalen</b> .....	West-fay-len
19. Matt <b>Dudon</b> .....	Doo-don
20. Rodrigo <b>Zampieri</b> .....	Zam-pee-air-ie
24. Justus <b>Kauppinen</b> .....	You-stus
26. Hyunseung <b>Hong</b> .....	Hi-un-sung
28. Daniel <b>Damiani</b> .....	Da-me-ah-knee
30. Gaetan <b>Roux</b> .....	Gay-ton Roo
31. Jakob <b>Bluemler</b> .....	Jacob
32. Nico <b>Quashie</b> .....	Quashie (rhymes with squashie)

### HOKIES BY STATE

<u>Virginia (10)</u>
Burke Bender (Waynesboro)
Daniel Damiani (Alexandria)
James Kasak (Stuarts Draft)
Hayden Kickbush (Arlington)
Robert McCoy (Richmond)
Will Mejia (Falls Church)
Brendan Moyers (Earlysville)
Drew Ott (Virginia Beach)
Nico Quashie (Springfield)
Collin Verfurth (Ashburn)
Forrest White (Crozet)
<u>Ohio (2)</u>
Matt Dudon (Dayton)
Kristo Strickler (Hilliard)
<u>Texas (2)</u>
Charles Filby (Houston)
Camron Lennon (Austin)
<u>Delaware (1)</u>
Ben Lundgaard (Greenville)
<u>New Jersey (1)</u>
Rory Slevin (Middletown)
<u>New York (1)</u>
Gino Rossi (Schenectady)

### HOKIES BY COUNTRY

<u>Finland (3)</u>
Justus Kauppinen (Mantsala)
Emil Koho (Espoo)
Elias Tamburini (Helsinki)
<u>Germany (3)</u>
Jakob Bluemler (Bad Soden)
Morten Lamps (Flensburg)
Gregor von Westphalen (Bad Homburg)
<u>Costa Rica (2)</u>
Marcelo Acuna (San Jose)
Humberto Montero (San Jose)
<u>Brazil (1)</u>
Rodrigo Zampieri (Sao Sebastio do Paraiso)
<u>France (1)</u>
Gaetan Roux (Paris)
<u>Iceland (1)</u>
Jon Ingason (Vestmannaeyjar)
<u>Korea (1)</u>
Hyunseung Hong (Yongin Si)

Virginia Tech's 2017 roster features student-athletes from eight countries; Brazil, Costa Rica, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Korea and the United States. Domestically, the Hokies hail from six states including; Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas and Virginia.

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## HEAD COACH: MIKE BRIZENDINE



In his nine years at the helm of the Virginia Tech program, head coach Mike Brizendine has worked to return the Hokies to the top of the Atlantic Coast Conference. Last season, Brizendine's squad made a triumphant return to the NCAA tournament, winning three games on the way to the Elite Eight.

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The 2016 season marked a resurgence of the Tech soccer program, winning six straight games to open the season en route to a No. 15 ranking. After opening the non-conference portion of the season by upsetting No. 18 Ohio State and No. 24 Georgetown, the Hokies would end the season 10-1-3 against non-league opponents. Rising to a No. 15 ranking during the regular season, the Hokies compiled their best ACC record in Brizendine's tenure, finishing 3-4-1 to earn a nine seed in the ACC Tournament. Tech's four losses all came against programs ranked in the top-10: tenth-ranked Syracuse, seventh-ranked Clemson, third-ranked UNC and top-ranked Notre Dame. The team picked up an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament, the program's first in a decade, opening with a 1-0 victory over East Tennessee State. The Hokies downed powerhouse programs No. 10 Charlotte and No. 7 Indiana on the road to advance to the Elite Eight, earning the team a final ranking of eighth.

Brizendine was named the 2016 Virginia SID Coach of the Year with junior Marcelo Acuna earning third-team All-America honors. Senior Juan Pablo Saavedra joined an elite group of former Hokies when he was drafted by FC Toronto in the 2016 MLS Draft.

Brizendine has coached 21 players that have gone on to play professional soccer, as well as six MLS draftees. After taking over a team facing significant recruiting restrictions and coming off a four-win season, his leadership has returned Virginia Tech to prominence, well on the way to the upper echelons of collegiate soccer.

After serving 10 years as a collegiate assistant coach, including five at Virginia Tech, Brizendine finally got his opportunity lead his own program when former AD Jim Weaver promoted him to the head coach on June 11, 2009.

During the 2015 season, Brizendine and his young squad won five games, including an upset against then-No. 10 Xavier. At the conclusion of the season, forward Ricardo John signed with the professional team Central F.C. in his native country of Trinidad and Tobago.

In 2014, Brizendine's young squad produced seven wins, including victories over Wake Forest, NC State, SIUE and UNCG. Freshman Ricardo John, who tallied 11 points, was named all-conference and all-region. Underclassmen scored all 19 goals and freshman keeper Ben Lundgaard recorded six shutouts in seeing nearly 75 percent of the minutes in goal.

The 2013 season saw a school-record three players either drafted into the MLS or sign professional contracts following the season. The Hokies also earned eight points in ACC play, the most since 2007, behind five ties and an upset victory over No. 17 Syracuse. Under Brizendine's direction, the Hokie defense only allowed 23 goals all season, the lowest total allowed since 2005, as well as the second first-team All-ACC selection in school history.

### Quick Facts

Seasons at VT	Ninth Season
Overall Record	50-78-22 (.407) Games: 150
ACC Record	10-44-13 (.246) Games: 67
vs. Non-Conference	40-34-9 (.536) Games: 83
vs. Ranked Teams	8-36-7 (.225) Games: 51
Record Home	30-29-14 (.507) Games: 73
Record Away	14-43-8 (.277) Games: 65
Record Neutral	6-6 (.500) Games: 12
Career Record	50-78-22 (.407) Games: 150

### Personal

Born: April 13, 1977  
Hometown: McLean, Virginia  
Wife: former Lucy Draper  
Children: daughters Sloane, Reece and Millie

### Education

High School: McLean High School  
College: James Madison University (B.A. in religion, 1999)

Brizendine's 2012 team earned the most wins in a season (seven) for the program since 2007. On Nov. 5, 2012, in College Park, Md., the Hokies scored three unanswered goals to top NC State in the first round of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, capturing only the second victory for the team in the tournament since the school joined the conference in 2004.

The 2011 side played five top-25 opponents during the season, and the year was highlighted by 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.

Under Brizendine's guidance, the Hokies have also had a great deal of success in the classroom. His teams earned the NSCAA Team Academic Award five times (2010-14, 16). The award honors teams with a cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or higher.

As an assistant under former coach Oliver Weiss, Brizendine played an integral role in helping the Hokies make it to the College Cup for the first time in the program's history. For his contributions, he 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.

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.

# 2017 VIRGINIA TECH SOCCER GAME NOTES

## THE HOME OF THE HOKIES: THOMPSON FIELD



Thompson Field serves as the home of the Virginia Tech men's and women's soccer teams as well as the lacrosse team. Located in the center of the Virginia Tech athletics complex, the facility ranks as one of the finest for both soccer and lacrosse in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Located across from Lane Stadium, the Hokies' football home, and adjacent to Tech Softball Park, Thompson Field was completed in the fall of 2003 and dedicated in 2008 in the name of Sandra D. Thompson, a longtime supporter of women's athletics at Virginia Tech.

The field is a bluegrass playing surface and measures approximately 75 by 120 yards. It is equipped with an underground irrigation system and a drainage system that allows for it to be ready for play quickly following rainstorms. The complex also features a wireless scoreboard, and a permanent Hubbell lighting system allows for night games.

The athletics department has made improvements gradually since the venue opened in 2003. In 2005, workers completed a new restroom facility for the field, and during the summer of 2008, a new game operations center was erected atop the stadium above the fans. The approximately 900-square foot facility includes two broadcast booths for both home team and visiting team radio broadcasts. The center also has two covered areas devoted to broadcasting and/or videographers' cameras, and there is a large working area for media members covering the Hokies.

The climate-controlled facility also contains a state-of-the-art sound system and Ethernet capability. The Internet-ready facility allows Tech's official athletics website, [hokiesports.com](http://hokiesports.com), to originate live audio broadcasts and live stats of the Hokies' matches from the press box. Above the grandstand is a wired camera deck.

Between each team's bench area is the Sandy D. Thompson Press Box. Formerly the press operations center for the field, the facility is now used as a halftime room for game officials and as an auxiliary area for press and game operations.

Thompson Field, which has been expanded since it was opened, now features approximately 2,028 bench-back seats, where each fan has an unobstructed view of the playing surface. Spacious area around the field allows for nearly 1,500 more fans to watch games.

### Men's Soccer at Thompson Field

Seasons in Use	15th Season
Overall Record	61-48-19 (.551) Games: 128
ACC Record	13-30 (.302) Games: 43
vs. Non-Conference	45-16-19 (.681) Games: 80
vs. Ranked Teams	9-24 (.273) Games: 33

### Women's Soccer at Thompson Field

Seasons in Use	15th Season
Overall Record	87-38-16 (.674) Games: 141
ACC Record	29-27 (.518) Games: 56
vs. Non-Conference	57-9-16 (.793) Games: 82
vs. Ranked Teams	15-28 (.349) Games: 43

### Lacrosse at Thompson Field

Seasons in Use	15th Season
Overall Record	46-50 (.479) Games: 96
ACC Record	3-30 (.091) Games: 33
vs. Non-Conference	41-18 (.695) Games: 59
vs. Ranked Teams	3-35 (.079) Games: 38

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## TV/RADIO ROSTER



#0 Morten Lamps



#1 Ben Lundgaard



#2 Will Mejia



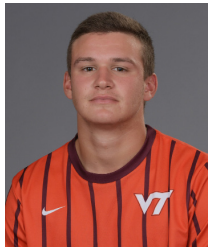
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#5 Jon Ingason



#6 Brendan Moyers



#8 James Kasak



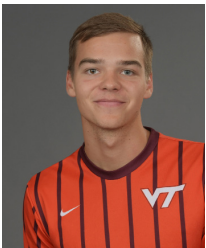
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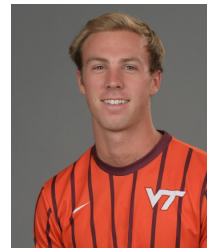
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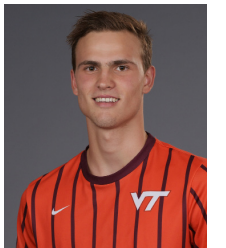
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#15 Kristo Strickler



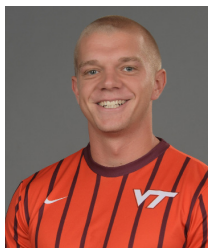
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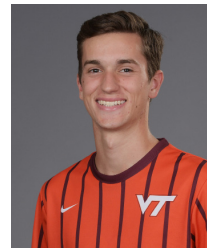
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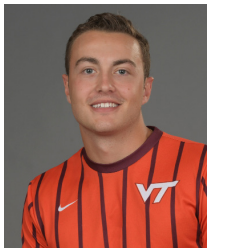
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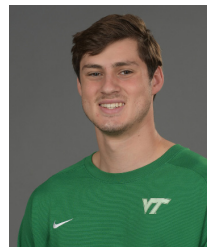
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#23 Forrest White



#24 Justus Kauppinen



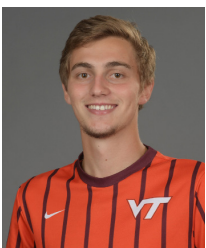
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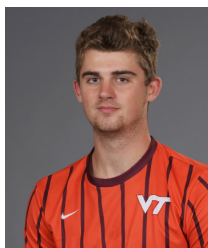
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#27 Hayden Kickbush



#28 Daniel Damiani



#29 Burke Bender



#30 Gaetan Roux



#31 Jakob Bluemler



#32 Nico Quashie