**General Information**

Name of School: Virginia Military Institute  
Location: Lexington, Va.  
Founded: 1839  
Enrollment: 1,500  
Nickname: Keydets  
Mascot: Kangaroo  
School Colors: Red, White and Yellow  
Affiliation: NCAA Division I  
Conference: Big South  
Superintendent: Gen. J.H. Binford Peay, III  
Athletic Director: Donny White  
Athletic Department Phone: 540-464-7251

**Facilities**

Field: Patchin Field  
Capacity: 1,000  
Surface: Bermuda Grass

**DIRECTIONS TO PATCHIN FIELD:**

**FROM THE EAST, NORTH, OR SOUTH:**
Follow I-81 to Exit 191 onto I-64 West. Take Exit 55 off I-64, and then turn left at the top of the exit ramp onto U.S. 11 South. After crossing the Maury River Bridge, veer to the right onto U.S. 11 Business. Drive past Cameron Hall on the left and the VMI campus on the right, and turn right onto Letcher Avenue immediately after U.S. 11 Business splits into a pair of one-way streets. Proceed up Letcher Avenue and turn left at the VMI Parade Ground. Continue up the street and turn left just past the Marshall Museum. Immediately bear right in the road and proceed down to the Patchin Field parking lot. Patchin is on the far side, past the baseball stadium.

**FROM THE WEST:**
Take Exit 55 off I-64, and turn right at the top of the exit ramp onto U.S. 11 South. Follow U.S. 11 South to the Maury River Bridge, then follow the directions above.
VMI Athletic History - A Brief Look

Athletics at VMI form an integral part of the school’s aim to educate the whole person. The athletic program, managed honorably over many years, is critical to VMI's determination to encourage “the sound mind and sound body.” Mr. Giles H. Miller ’24 coined the VMI educational experience as a three-legged stool with academics, military training, and athletics all forming pillars supporting the mission of the Institute.

VMI’s proud intercollegiate athletic history dates back to 1866 with the formation of a baseball team, but the first organized squad came in 1892 when cadet Walter H. Taylor served as captain and coach of the first football team in 1891. Since that time, VMI athletics has evolved into a rich and storied history that continues to thrive into the 21st century.

A few highlights of VMI's athletic history include: undefeated football teams in 1920 and 1957. The 1957 squad under the legendary coach John McKenna finished 9-0-1 and was ranked 13th in the final Associated Press poll. In 1934, the alumni educational fund was established, forming one of the first athletic scholarship organizations in the country. In December 1924, VMI joined the Southern Conference beginning an illustrious history that saw Keydet squads capture seven league football titles, three basketball championships, 31 indoor and outdoor track championships, five cross country championships, 10 wrestling championships, nine swimming championships, and five cross country titles.

Perhaps the most famous athletic story in VMI history was the two-year glorious run of the 1976 and 1977 teams basketball teams. The 1976 squad advanced within one game of the Final Four before bowing to Rutgers in the East Regional Final, and in 1977 VMI finished with a school record 26-4 mark and reached the "Sweet 16" round of the NCAA tournament.

Famous VMI athletic alumni include George Marshall, a football player from the class of 1901 who served as chief of staff in World War II and was awarded the Nobel Prize for the Marshall Plan that rebuilt war-torn Europe. Jimmy Leech, Class of 1921, starred on VMI's undefeated 1920 squad and was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame. Bobby Ross, Class of 1959, distinguished himself in the college and professional coaching ranks and led Georgia Tech to a national championship in 1990 and the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1995. Ron Carter ’78, who played on the NCAA tournament basketball teams of the 70's, played with the Los Angeles Lakers of the NBA. Thomas Haskins ’97 became the NCAA's leading rusher in I-AA football, breaking a mark that stood for 17 years. In 2002, basketball player Jason Conley became the first freshman to lead the NCAA in scoring when he averaged 29.3 points.

Ten VMI athletics or coaches are currently enshrined in the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame. They are Jimmy Leech (football), Frank Summers (football), Joe Muha (football), Bosh Pritchard (football), Paul Shu (Football), Weenie Miller (Basketball Coach), Johnny Mapp (football/track), Nelson Catlett (football), Bobby Ross (football), and Bob Thalman (football).

The school nickname “Keydets” is derived from a southern drawl pronunciation of the word "cadet." The kangaroo serves as the school mascot and is one of only four U.S. colleges that uses the marsupial to represent its sports teams.

VMI fields 15 teams on the NCAA Division I level. The sports include baseball, basketball, men's and women's cross-country, football, lacrosse, men's and women's rifle, men's soccer, swimming, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track, and wrestling. Women's soccer moved to full varsity status in the fall of 2003.

VMI, with an enrollment of 1,250 cadets, has the third smallest enrollment among NCAA Division I institutions, behind only Centenary and Wofford. Approximately one-third of the Corps of Cadets plays on one of VMI's intercollegiate athletic teams making it one of the most active athletic programs among its student body. Of the VMI athletes who complete their eligibility, 92 percent receive their VMI diplomas.

In August, 1997, VMI fielded its first women's athletic program with a cross country team and has since added three additional women's sports. More will follow as female enrollment increases in the coming years.

Throughout most of the 20th century, VMI athletics teams competed as a member of the Southern Conference and played a large role in the rich history of one of the nation's oldest college athletic conferences.

In December 2001, the school announced that it will join the Big South Conference in 2003, beginning a new athletic chapter for a new century. VMI's first year of competition was, in fact, the 2003-04 season, and the Keydets have enjoyed success in the conference since, including multiple post-season honorees. That list has included Reggie Williams, who led NCAA basketball in scoring for two consecutive seasons, the 2006-07 and 2007-08 campaigns, when the Keydets received national attention for their fast-paced style of play.
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Howard Johnson Hotel - 2836 North Lee Hwy
Lexington, VA 24450
(540) 463-9181
Dining Options:

Domino’s Pizza
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540-463-7375

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540-463-3322

Country Cookin'
54 Comfort Way
540-463-3044

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30 N. Main
Downtown
540-464-8201

Ruby Tuesday
1120 N. Lee Hwy.
540-463-2094

Other eateries are located throughout the Lexington area, particularly on Midland Trail/East Nelson St. (this is the road that leads between Lexington and Buena Vista). These include McDonald’s, Arby’s, Pizza Hut and others.
### Game Operations Information

**Pregame Schedule (Clock set to 60 minutes at 10 ‘till the hour...EG: 2:50 for a 4 PM game, etc):**

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<td>60:00</td>
<td>Teams begin warm-up (on side of the field)</td>
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<td>22:00</td>
<td>Provide starting lineups/pronunciations to scorer’s table</td>
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<td>20:00</td>
<td>Teams may come on field for final warm-ups</td>
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<td>15:00</td>
<td>Game rosters formally exchanged</td>
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<td>5:00</td>
<td>Captains and officials meet. Teams clear field.</td>
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<td>Introduction of officials, coaches and starting lineups following International Style Walkout</td>
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**Halftime:**

- 15:00  Halftime

**Overtime:**

- 5:00 Intermission after regulation time.
- 10:00 First overtime period (golden goal)
- 2:00 Intermission between periods
- 10:00 Second overtime period (golden goal)

**Questions/Concerns:**

Please direct any questions relating to the field, setup or operations to David Sigler at (540) 464-7266. Scheduling questions should be directed to the men’s soccer office (see numbers below). Please direct any statistical questions to Brad Salois (540) 464-7015 or at the official scorer’s tent in between the team benches.

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### Contact Information

#### Soccer Contacts:

- **Ben Freakley:**
  - Head Men’s Soccer Coach
  - Phone: (540) 464-7611
  - Cell: (540) 460-5708
  - 245 Cameron Hall
  - Lexington, Va. 24450
  - Email: freakleybc@vmi.edu

- **Richie Rose**
  - Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach
  - Phone: (540) 464-7610
  - Email: roser@vmi.edu
  - 245 Cameron Hall
  - Lexington, Va. 24450

#### Game Operations:

- **David Sigler**
  - Game Operations contact
  - Phone: (540) 464-7266
  - Email: siglerdg@vmi.edu

#### Sports Medicine:

- **Patchin Field Training Room**
  - Phone: (540) 464-7193

**Location:** The Patchin Field Training Room is located in between Gray-Minor Stadium (baseball) and the Parking lot. Entrance is on the south side of the facility.

#### VMI School Physician:

- Dr. David Copeland
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  - CopelandDL@vmi.edu

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**Athletic Media Relations:**

- **Brad Salois**
  - Asst. Media Relations Director/Men's Soccer Contact
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LOCATION
Situated in the Shenandoah Valley town of Lexington, Virginia, VMI is a 2½-hour drive from Richmond, 3½ hours from Washington, D.C., and 4 from Charlotte, North Carolina.

DIRECTIONS TO THE POST
From the south
Follow I-81 to Exit 188B onto 60 West. Take 60 West to Main Street. Turn right on Main Street and get in left-hand lane. At the bottom of Main Street (approximately ½ mile), make a left, then an immediate right onto Letcher Avenue. Follow signs to VMI Admissions and the Marshall Museum. The Admissions Office is the fifth house on the right (319 Letcher Avenue).

From the west
Take Exit 55 off I-64 and turn right at the top of the exit ramp onto U.S. 11 South. Follow U.S. 11 South to the Maury River Bridge.

After crossing the Maury River Bridge, veer to the right onto U.S. 11 Business. You will pass the VMI football stadium on the left. Approximately ½ mile beyond the stadium, take an immediate right onto Letcher Avenue. Follow signs to VMI Admissions and the Marshall Museum. The Admissions Office is the fifth house on the right (319 Letcher Avenue).

From the north or east
Follow I-81 to I-64 West (Charleston, West Virginia). Take first exit off I-64. Turn left at the top of the exit ramp onto U.S. 11 South. Then follow same directions as “From the west.”