

# 2016 VMI FOOTBALL

GAME 10: VMI VS. #5 THE CITADEL  
 NOVEMBER 12 - 1:30 P.M. • FOSTER STADIUM

SERIES RECORD: THE CITADEL LEADS 39-30-2  
 LAST MEETING: CIT 35, VMI 14 - 11/7/2015 - CHARLESTON, S.C.

**2016 VMI SCHEDULE & RESULTS**  
 OVERALL: 3-6 SOCON: 1-5  
 HOME: 1-2 AWAY: 2-4

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
S3	at Akron	L, 24-47
S10	at Morehead State	W, 17-13
S24	at Bucknell	W, 23-17 (3 OT)
O1	Mercer*	L, 30-33 (OT)
O8	ETSU*	W, 37-7
O15	at #24 Samford*	L, 21-55
O22	at #8 Chattanooga*	L, 13-30
O29	Furman*	L, 10-24
N5	at Western Carolina*	L, 29-32
N12	#6 The Citadel*	1:30 p.m.
N19	at Wofford*	1:30 p.m.



◆ **Game 10 - #5 The Citadel at VMI** ◆  
**November 12, 2016 - 1:30 p.m. - Foster Stadium**

**QUICK HITTERS:**

**2016 THE CITADEL SCHEDULE**  
 OVERALL: 9-0 SOCON: 7-0

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
S1	at Mercer	W, 24-23
S10	at Furman	W, 19-14
S17	Gardner-Webb	W, 31-24
O1	at Western Carolina	W, 37-14
O6	at North Greenville	W, 38-14
O15	#3 Chattanooga	W, 22-14
O22	at Wofford	W, 24-21 (OT)
O29	ETSU	W, 45-10
N5	#18 Samford	W, 37-34 (OT)
N12	at VMI	1:30 p.m.
N19	at North Carolina	TBA

**FRESHMAN RUNNING BACKS GAIN...**-VMI's running game got a shot in the arm from two freshman backs in the Nov. 5 contest against Western Carolina. Daz Palmer rushed for a game and career-high 136 yards on 19 carries, the most yardage by a VMI back this season, and scored on a two-yard touchdown run. Tyain Smith added 79 yards on the ground and reached the end zone three times with scoring runs of 8 and 1 yards and also catching a 6-yard TD pass.

**FRESHMAN YARDAGE** - Daz Palmer's 136 yards rushing marked the first 100-yard rushing game by a Keydet freshman since Bryan Royster ran for 134 yards against Charleston Southern in 2005.

**COULLING'S FIRST START** - Redshirt freshman Austin Coulling made his first college start at quarterback replacing the injured Al Cobb and completed 18 of 25 passes for 261 yards and a touchdown against Western Carolina Nov. 5. Coulling had a long pass of 46 yards to Aaron Sanders that setup an early fourth quarter score.

**LARA BREAKS 100 BARRIER** - Javeon Lara caught four passes for 100 yards in Nov. 5's loss at Western Carolina. Lara became the first true freshman to hit the 100-yard plateau for the Keydets since the 2015 season opener (Dontae Mauck vs. Ball State).

**A VMI Win against The Citadel would -**  
 Give VMI the Silver Shako for the first time since 2002.

Be the latest in a season that VMI had won a game since 2011 (31-24 over Gardner-Webb Nov. 19)

Give VMI four victories on the year, the team's most wins since 2008.

**HOW TO FOLLOW:**

**VMI RADIO NETWORK** - WWZW-FM 96.7 FM (Lexington, Lynchburg), WNTW 820 AM (Richmond) and WRTZ 1410 AM (Roanoke). A free audio broadcast of the game is available at [www.3wzfm.com](http://www.3wzfm.com) and via the Tune-In app. Chris Graham will handle the play by play with Rick Cruze alongside on color commentary.

**TELEVISION/VIDEO STREAMING** - Saturday's game can be seen free of charge - with participating provider - on WatchESPN and the ESPN app. Wade Branner and Dave Harding will have the call.

**TALE OF THE TAPE**



22.7	<b>Scoring Average</b>	30.8
28.7	<b>Points Allowed/Gm.</b>	18.7
171	<b>First Downs</b>	198
117.3	<b>Rushing Avg.</b>	374.0
251.8	<b>Passing Avg.</b>	60.0
369.1	<b>Total Offense Avg.</b>	434.0
28:50	<b>Time of Possession</b>	34:37
165.2	<b>Rushing Defense Avg.</b>	125.4
277.9	<b>Passing Defense Avg.</b>	182.8
443.1	<b>Total Defense Avg.</b>	308.2
6	<b>Interceptions Made</b>	8
13	<b>Sacks By</b>	625
7-3	<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	15-6
33%	<b>3rd Down Conv.</b>	50%
35%	<b>Opp. 3rd Down Conv.</b>	32%
32%	<b>4th Down Conv.</b>	52%
50%	<b>Opp. 4th Down Conv.</b>	33%
21.2	<b>Kick Return Average</b>	21.7
8.8	<b>Punt Return Average</b>	13.2
-3	<b>Turnover Margin</b>	+7

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## SATURDAY'S GAME VERSUS THE CITADEL -

**THE SERIES** - Saturday's meeting between VMI and The Citadel will be the 72nd meeting overall in the series that began in 1920. The rivalry adopted the name "The Military Classic of the South" in 1976 when the Keydets and Bulldogs began vying for the "Silver Shako" trophy that is awarded to the winner of each meeting. The Citadel leads the overall series 39-30-2. VMI will be trying to reclaim the Silver Shako for the first time since 2002 when the Keydets downed The Citadel, 23-21, in Charlotte, N.C.

### IT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 12 -

**VMI FOOTBALL** - On this date in both 1955 and 1960, VMI defeated its opponent today, The Citadel.

**WORLD HISTORY** - On this date in 1990, Englishman Sir Tim Berners-Lee distributed, for the second and final time, his initial proposal for the creation of what is now known as the World Wide Web.

### VMI FOOTBALL SEASON NOTES -

**'81 TEAM RETURNS** - The 1981 VMI Football team, the last at the Institute to compete at the Division I-A level, is holding a 35th anniversary reunion this weekend and will be honored at half-time. Over 40 players and several coaches from the 6-3-1 team that defeated both Army and Virginia Tech will be recognized at halftime of Saturday's VMI-The Citadel game.

### NOTES FROM WESTERN CAROLINA GAME

**SANDERS STREAK ROLLS ON** - Senior wideout Aaron Sanders caught a pass in his 35th consecutive game Nov. 5 against . The last time Sanders did not catch a pass in a game was Nov, 2, 2013 against Liberty.

**BRUMMIT MAKES FIRST START** - Redshirt freshman Cole Brummit made his first career start

## Head Coach Scott Wachenheim - Second Season

Scott Wachenheim enters his second year as VMI's head football coach, following a first season that saw the Keydets show a great deal of potential, especially in Southern Conference play. VMI won its first road game in five years, and four of VMI's losses were decided by one score or less, including three games in conference play, and the team's scoring margin improved by nine points per game in SoCon action. The defense allowed nearly eight points per game less than in SoCon games than it had the previous season, and 55.2 fewer yards per game overall. That defense helped lead the Keydets to that first road victory since 2009, a 28-21 win over Mercer on October 24.

The offense also took a sizeable step forward under Wachenheim, as the team ranked second in the SoCon in passing offense (270.5) and the overall squad ranked second in the SoCon in fewest penalties. All told, the team's improvements led to five Keydets earning SoCon postseason honors.

A 1984 graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and veteran coach with over 25 years of experience in the college ranks, Wachenheim came to VMI from the University of Virginia where he had served for five seasons, including being the Cavaliers offensive line coach since 2011. Prior to his tenure in Charlottesville, Wachenheim was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Liberty University for three seasons (2006-08).

Wachenheim began his coaching career at Air Force in 1984 when he served as offensive coordinator of the Air Force Academy junior varsity squad before embarking on his active duty commitment.

After serving as an officer in the U.S. Air Force, Wachenheim returned to the college coaching ranks at Arkansas in 1989 and spent two years on the Razorback staff that won a Southwest Conference Championship and Cotton Bowl title. Wachenheim earned his master's degree in athletic administration at Arkansas in 1991. He later served one season at Colorado under head coach Bill McCartney and helped the Buffaloes win the Big 8 title and a Blockbuster Bowl bid. Wachenheim also spent time at Rice, Utah State and a season with the Washington Redskins.

Career Record: 5-15

First Win: Sept. 12, 2015 - VMI 43, Morehead State 40 - Lexington, Va.

Largest Margin of Victory: Oct. 8, 2016 - VMI 37, ETSU 7 - Lexington, Va.

## VMI's 2016 Record When

Home	1-2
Away	2-4
Playing On Grass	1-2
Playing On Turf	2-4
Winning The Coin Toss	3-4
Losing The Coin Toss	0-2
Receiving The Ball First	1-4
Kicking Off First	2-2
Leading After the 1st Quarter	2-0
Trailing After the 1st Quarter	0-6
Tied After the 1st Quarter	1-0
Leading at Halftime	2-0
Trailing at Halftime	1-6
Tied at Halftime	0-0
Leading After the 3rd Quarter	2-0
Trailing After the 3rd Quarter	0-6
Tied After the 3rd Quarter	1-0
Leading with 2:00 Left	2-1
Trailing with 2:00 Left	1-5
Tied with 2:00 Left	0-0
Scoring First	3-2
Opponent Scores First	0-4
Scoring 40 or more points	0-0
Scoring 30-39 points	1-1
Scoring 20-29 points	1-3
Scoring less than 20 points	1-2
Allowing Opponent less than 20 points	3-0
Allowing Opponent 20 or more points	0-4
Allowing Opponent less than 30 points	2-1
Allowing Opponent 30 or more points	0-5
Rushing for 100 yards or more	3-1
Rushing for less than 100 yards	0-5
Passing for 200 yards or more	2-5
Passing for less than 200 yards	1-1
Totaling 400 yards or more in offense	2-1
Totaling less than 400 yards in offense	1-5
Allowing Opp. 150 or more rushing yards	2-4
Allowing Opp. less than 150 rushing yards	1-2
Allowing Opp. 200 or more passing yards	1-6
Allowing Opp. less than 200 passing yards	2-0
Committing Fewer Turnovers	1-1
Committing Equal Turnovers	1-2
Committing More Turnovers	1-3
Committing One Turnover or Less	2-3
Committing Two Turnovers or More	1-3
Playing In September	2-1
Playing In October	1-4
Playing In November	0-1

Nov. 5 against Western Carolina, lining up at tackle against the Catamounts.

**NOTES FROM FURMAN GAME**

**RICHMOND SETS CAREER HIGH** - Defensive lineman Jarrod Richmond saw some of the most extensive action of his career Oct. 29 against Furman, and took advantage by setting a new career high with seven tackles. He also recorded a half tackle for loss, the first of his career.

**VARDO PLAYING WELL** - Defensive lineman Kyle Vardo, a converted fullback, has seen time in each of VMI's last four games. Vardo had four tackles in Oct. 15's loss to Samford and bumped that career-high to five Oct. 29 against Furman.

**COULLING'S FIRST** - Backup QB Austin Coulling threw his first career touchdown pass in the fourth quarter of Oct. 29's loss to Furman. It was the first TD pass thrown by a VMI quarterback other than Al Cobb or former backup Hayden Alford since Nov. 23, 2013 (A.J. Augustine). That game was also the last time a QB besides Alford or Cobb started under center prior to Nov. 5's loss at Western Carolina.

**SWINGLE SETS NEW CAREER HIGH** - Redshirt junior tight end Ryan Swingle caught a career-high seven passes for 65 yards and hauled in a 2-yard pass from Ryan Swingle from quarterback Austin Coulling against Furman Saturday. It surpassed his previous high of six catches against Mercer set earlier this year.

**FORLINES MOVING UP CHARTS** - With two receptions for 33 yards against Furman, senior receiver Dane Forlines needs six more catches to surpass Ronnie Moore (1972-75) for fourth place on the all-time VMI list. Forlines currently has 148 catches. Senior wide receiver Aaron Sanders is atop the list with 217 receptions.

**THIRD QUARTER UPDATE** - VMI was held scoreless in the third quarter (by Furman) on Oct. 29 for the first time in eight games this season.

**NOTES FROM CHATTANOOGA GAME**

**LARA CATCHES BOMB** - Keydet freshman wideout Javeon Lara turned in VMI's longest play from scrimmage on the year when he hauled in a 79-yard strike from quarterback Al Cobb for a touchdown in the third quarter of Oct. 22's game at Chattanooga. The score surpassed the previous high, a 73-yard TD run by freshman running back Tyain Smith against East Tennessee State Oct. 8.

**IMPROVED BALL HANDLING** - The VMI offense continued to excel in ball security in 2016 after not turning over the ball against Chattanooga on Oct. 22. It marked the fourth time in seven games that the offense did not commit a turnover.

**DERMOTT RUNS WILD** - Kick returner Mason Dermott had 160 all-purpose yards in Oct. 22's loss at Chattanooga, a career-high. His efforts were headlined by a 71-yard kickoff return, VMI's longest since Greg Sanders brought back a kick 99 yards for a touchdown last year against Wofford.

**KICKOFFS NOTE** - With a touchback against Chattanooga last Saturday, senior kicker Dillon Christopher now has 14 touchbacks through seven games and is three away from tying his season high of 18 touchbacks kicked in 2014.

**CENTURY MARK KEY** - The century mark in rushing remains a threshold for VMI football fortunes so far in 2016. When VMI gains over 100 yards rushing in a game, the Keydets are 3-0. When the Keydets are held below 100 yards rushing, they are 0-4.

**FIELD GOAL-LESS** - The Keydets did not make a field goal in Oct. 22's loss at Chattanooga, failing to do so for the second straight week. That is the first time VMI has not converted an FG in back to back weeks in almost precisely one year, since Oct. 17-24 of the 2015 campaign.

**NOTES FROM SAMFORD GAME**

**2016 Southern Conference Standings**

	<b>Overall</b>	<b>Conf.</b>
#5 The Citadel	9-0	7-0
#7 Chattanooga	8-1	6-1
#21 Samford	6-3	4-2
Wofford	6-3	4-2
Mercer	5-4	4-3
Furman	2-7	2-5
VMI	3-6	1-5
ETSU	3-6	1-6
Western Carolina	2-7	1-6

**This Week's Games**

- Cumberland at ETSU, 1 p.m.
- The Citadel at VMI, 1:30 p.m.
- Wofford at Chattanooga, 2 p.m.
- Mercer at Samford, 3:30 p.m.
- Western Carolina at Furman, 4 p.m.

**SoCon Coaches' Preseason Poll**

1. Chattanooga (7)	.63
2. The Citadel (1)	.52
3. Samford (1)	.50
4. Western Carolina	.41
5. Mercer	.38
6. Wofford	.33
7. Furman	.24
8. VMI	.14
9. ETSU	.9

**2016 Keydet Honors**

*SoCon Defensive Player of the Week*

**LB Ryan Francis - 9/26**

*Preseason All-SoCon*

**QB Al Cobb - First Team**

**WR Aaron Sanders - First Team**

**KR/PR Dane Forlines - First Team**

**OL Andrew Lewis - Second Team**

**LB Ryan Francis - Second Team**

**COBB GOES OVER 7K** - Redshirt junior quarterback Al Cobb threw for 247 yards Saturday against #24 Samford which moved him past the 7,000 yard career passing mark. Cobb who earlier in the year became VMI's all-time leader in passing yardage, now has 7,166 career passing yards and twenty 200-yard games which is also a school mark.

**NICHOLSON LOGS PICK** - Senior safety Matt Nicholson, playing his first year in the secondary after playing three years at wide receiver, snagged his first interception of his career in the first quarter of the Samford game last Saturday giving VMI its fifth interception of the year in six games. VMI had just four interceptions over the entire 2015 campaign.

**IMPORTANCE OF GROUND GAME** - When gaining over 100 yards rushing in 2016, VMI is 3-0 in those contests. When the Keydets fall below the century mark on the ground, they are 0-3.

**REED MAKES HIS MARK** - Senior wide receiver Pete Reed, who joined the VMI football program in spring drills after a standout track and field career at the Institute, played a key role in VMI's third quarter touchdown drive against Samford. On the first play of the possession, Reed caught a 50-yard pass from quarterback Al Cobb that moved the ball to the Samford 30, then three plays later rushed 19 yards on a reverse for his first career touchdown.

**FRANCIS TOPS THE CHARTS AGAIN** - Redshirt junior linebacker Ryan Francis topped the defensive tackles charts with 8 stops (four, solos, four assists, against Samford. It marked the fourth time over six games that Francis had led the Keydets in tackles during a game.

**KEYS TO THE GAME** - Redshirt senior running back Alex Keys leads VMI with six rushing touchdowns, following two trips to the endzone against Samford. All six of the TD's have come during the last three games.

**TURNOVER IMPROVEMENT** - Despite a season-high tying three turnovers against Samford Oct. 15, VMI remains even in turnover margin over six games of 2016. The offense lost just its first fumble of the year against Samford after not coughing up the ball over the first five games of the 2016 season.

#### **NOTES FROM ETSU GAME**

**SMITH'S LONG RUN** - True freshman Tyain Smith had a 73-yard touchdown run in Oct. 8's win over ETSU. It was the longest run from scrimmage by a Keydet since 2007, when Michael Rainey-Wiles had an 83-yard jaunt.

**MORE ON THE RUNNING GAME** - VMI's 233 yards rushing Oct. 8 against ETSU was not only a season-high, but the most the team had posted since abandoning a triple option offense following the 2009 season. VMI ran for 422 yards in the season finale that year.

**MAKING THEM LOSE GROUND** - Linebacker Ryan Francis posted a career high 4.5 tackles for loss in Oct. 8's win against ETSU. It was the most TFL's by a VMI player since A.J. Gross recorded five against Coastal Carolina on Oct. 11, 2008.

**RANDOM TIE-INS WITH PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE** - VMI's Oct. 8 win over ETSU was the team's first home conference win before the month of November since beating Presbyterian on Oct. 6, 2012. VMI has not won two conference games in the month of October since 2010.

Interestingly, the seven points allowed to ETSU in that Oct. 8 game was the fewest surrendered by VMI in a conference game since...that same Presbyterian game in 2012, when VMI also gave up seven. Against ETSU, the Keydets were less than 60 seconds shy of their first conference shutout since Oct. 10, 1981, when they blanked The Citadel 14-0.

**BIGGEST WIN SINCE** - Oct. 8's 37-7 win over ETSU was VMI's largest win against an FCS opponent since 2008, when the Keydets downed Saint Francis (Pa.) 49-0. VMI's last win by 30 or more points had been against non-Division I foe Lock Haven, 48-6, in 2010, and the last time the Keydets had beaten a conference opponent by 30 or more had been in 1975 (Davidson, 55-0).

**THREE PICKS FOR TROTMAN** - Riuq Trotman posted his third interception of the season in Oct. 8's win over ETSU. It was VMI's fourth total pick of the year, equaling last season, and Trotman is the first Keydet since Greg Sanders in 2014 to have three picks in a season.

**CHRISTOPHER FIELD GOAL** - Dillon Christopher connected on a 51-yard field goal in Oct. 8's win over ETSU. That is tied for the eighth-longest field goal in school history, equaling made kicks by Mike Harris (1997) and Barrett Way (2005). Christopher is on the school's top-10 list four times, including last season's 55-yarder against Western Carolina, the second-longest conversion in VMI history. It was also his fourth career 50-yard field goal.

#### **NOTES FROM MERCER GAME**

**COBB SETS ANOTHER RECORD** - With his fourth quarter touchdown pass to Ryan Swingle in Oct. 1's loss to Mercer, VMI QB Al Cobb set yet another Keydet school record. Cobb's 39th career touchdown pass moved him past Joey Gibson '03 and into sole possession of first place on the all-time list.

**THRETD'S FOR KEYS** - Running back Alex Keys ran for three touchdowns in Oct. 1's game against Mercer. That was the first time that had been done by a Keydet since Jabari Turner accomplished the feat against Davidson in 2014.

**CAREER-HIGH FOR SWINGLE** - Not only did tight end Ryan Swingle post a career-high six catches Oct. 1 against Mercer, but he also completed a 50-yard pass to Rohan Martin on a flea flicker. It was the second career completion for Swingle, a converted quarterback.

**OVERTIME NOTE, PART ONE** - Oct. 1's game against Mercer was the first time in program history that VMI had played overtime contests in consecutive games, and also the first time that the Keydets had a pair of OT games in the same season. In addition, VMI has now played at least one overtime in each of the last four years, after going from 2006 through 2012 without playing a single extra period.

**DOUBLE DIGITS** - Redshirt junior linebacker Ryan Francis, who was named SoCon Defensive Player of the Week two weeks ago,, racked up his third straight double-digit tackle game with 10 tackles and a sack against Mercer. Francis leads the team in tackles with 43 stops, including 7.5-for-loss.

**COBB HITS 300** - 309 yards passing by Al Cobb Oct. 1 against Mercer marked Cobb's first 300-yard game of the season, 11th of his career and was his 18th 200-yard game.

#### **NOTES FROM BUCKNELL GAME**

**FRANCIS NAMED DEFENSIVE POTW** - Ryan Francis was named the SoCon Defensive Player of the Week Sept. 26 for his effort the previous weekend at Bucknell. Francis tallied a career-high 16 tackles in VMI's 23-17 triple-overtime win at Bucknell on Saturday. Francis was credited with 14 solo stops in the win. The junior added two sacks, four tackles for loss and a pass break-up.

**COBB SETS MARKS** - Quarterback Al Cobb added to his litany of school record in Sept. 24's win at Bucknell. Cobb moved into first place on VMI's career list for passing yards (6,398) and took over the top spot from Eric

Kordenbrock as VMI's leader for career completions (581).

**SACKING THE BISON** - VMI's defense posted six sacks in Sept. 24's win at Bucknell. It was the highest sack output since Oct. 11, 2003, when the Keydets also posted six sacks against Charleston Southern.

**CRATSENBERG IMPRESSIVE AT BUCKNELL** - Not only was Ryan Francis worthy of his defensive player of the week honor, but fellow linebacker Allan Cratsenberg tore up the Bucknell offense as well. Cratsenberg had a career-high 18 tackles in the VMI win.

**PICKING OFF PASSES** - Riuq Trotman has helped fuel the VMI pass defense this year, as he intercepted passes in two of VMI's first three games. All told, the Keydets have three interceptions this season, just one shy of the total the team had all of last season.

**OPPONENT POINT TOTALS DOWN** - In holding Bucknell to 17 points, VMI limited its opponent to less than 20 points for the second straight contest. It marked the first time that had happened since Nov. 2-9, 2013, against Liberty and Gardner-Webb.

**FORLINES SETS CAREER HIGH** - Dane Forlines hauled in 12 passes for 157 yards in Sept. 24's win over Bucknell. Both were career-high figures and the catches marked the fourth-most by a Keydet in a single game. In addition, six of the 12 grabs came on third-down conversions.

**ROAD WIN NOTES** - The Keydets' Sept. 24 win at Bucknell was not only VMI's first back to back victory since beating Liberty and Charleston Southern in 2005, but was the team's first back to back road win since the end of 1981 and the season opener in 1982.

**OVERTIME UPDATE** - VMI's 23-17 three OT win over Bucknell snapped a 4-game skid in OT games and moved VMI to 2-0 in road overtime contests.

#### **NOTES FROM MOREHEAD STATE GAME**

**DEFENSE GETS STINGY** - The 13 points allowed by the VMI defense in the Sept. 10 17-13 victory at Morehead State was the fewest points allowed by the Keydets since a 27-9 win over Gardner-Webb on November 9, 2013.

**NO TURNOVERS AGAIN** - For the second straight game, VMI's offense did not commit a turnover against Morehead State Sept. 10. VMI did have a giveaway in the contest on special teams, however. Through two games of the 2016 season, VMI has +3 turnover margin after posting a -15 for the entire 2015 campaign.

**PLAYING BY THE RULES** - Through two

games, VMI led the Southern Conference in fewest penalty yards per game (38.0). The Keydets were flagged just twice for 23 yards against Morehead State.

**NON-CONFERENCE ROAD TRIUMPH** - VMI's 17-13 win at Morehead State was the first non-conference road win by the Keydets since a 40-13 win at Robert Morris on September 29, 2007.

**PALMER BREAKS OUT** - Freshman running back Daz Palmer produced a career-high 86 yards on 19 carries against Morehead State Sept. 10, and had a long run of 45 yards which help set up a third quarter field goal by the Keydets. The freshman from Norfolk, Va. currently leads VMI in rushing with 108 yards total through two games.

**SANDERS PART 1** - Junior safety Greg Sanders led the VMI defense against Morehead State with a team-high six solos and four assists for 10 tackles. Sanders also had a tackle-for-loss for 5 yards and broke up a pass on back-to-back plays to halt a Morehead State first quarter drive. The 10 tackles were VMI's first double-digit tackle performance of the year. The mark also tied the third highest tackle total in a game by Sanders.

**SANDERS PART 2** - With nine catches for 62 yards and a touchdown, senior wide receiver Aaron Sanders extended his consecutive games with a reception streak to 28.

**BLUEGRASS STATE RARITY** - Sept. 10's win over Morehead State was VMI's first win in the state of Kentucky since 1912, a span of 104 years.

#### **NOTES FROM AKRON GAME**

**NEW CAREER RECORD FOR SANDERS** - VMI senior wide receiver Aaron Sanders became the VMI all-time leader in pass receptions Sept. 3 and vaulted past both Zohn Burden (2002-05) and Mark Stock (1984-88) into the #1 spot. With nine catches for 67 yards, Sanders now has 167 catches for his career surpassing Stock's mark of 165. Sanders also extended his consecutive games with a reception streak to 27.

**MYERS MAKES MOST** - Sophomore running back Quan Myers shined in his first college start at running back against Akron Sept. 3. Myers led the Keydets in both rushing (62) and receiving yards (123) for 185 all-purpose yards. The 62 yards rushing was a career-high surpassing the 51 yards he gained versus The Citadel as a true freshman. Against Akron, Myers had a 37-yard catch and run which led to VMI's opening touchdown in the first quarter and capped the drive with a one-yard TD run.

**TURNOVER BATTLE** - VMI reversed course in

the turnover margin Sept. 3 against Akron and held a +2 for the game not committing a giveaway and producing two takeaways on a fumble recovery by Matthew Nicholson and interception and 48-yard return by Riuq Trotman. Last year, the Keydets were -15 in turnover margin for the season.

**FRANCIS ON TOP AGAIN** - Redshirt junior linebacker Ryan Francis found himself in a familiar spot on the defensive stats chart after Sept. 3's opener at Akron - on top. Against the Zips, Francis topped the Keydet defensive charts with nine tackles and had a sack for 5 yards late in the first half. He added a tackle for loss for two yards in the second half. In 2015, Francis led the Keydets in tackles with 115 tackles which ranked third in the league.

**COBB STARTS STRONG AGAIN** - Although he didn't produce another 300-yard game in a season opener, quarterback Al Cobb posted strong numbers in Sept. 3's season opener against Akron. The redshirt junior did not throw an incomplete pass until the 8-minute mark of the second quarter and completed 25 of 32 passes for 258 yards and two touchdowns.

**SECOND-BEST FOR COBB:** By going 25 of 32 with two TD's and no interceptions, VMI quarterback Al Cobb posted the second-best single-game passing efficiency of his career Sept. 3 against Akron. Cobb graded out at 166.48, which did not reach his career-high of 198.77 set in 2014 against Davidson. It was the fourth time in his career Cobb has reached 162 or better in passing efficiency.

**FIRST IN FIVE YEARS:** Redshirt freshman wideout Mason Dermott amassed 122 all-purpose yards (APY) in Sept. 3's loss at Akron. Dermott became the first VMI player to post a 100-plus yard all-purpose game that was both in the program the previous season and failed to record any all-purpose yardage during the previous season since David Turner did so in the 2012 season opener. Turner was credited with one tackle in 2011 and then had 185 all-purpose yards as VMI's starting running back the following year against Delaware State.

**COULLING SEES TIME:** Redshirt freshman Austin Coulling made his collegiate debut in Sept. 3's loss at Akron, going 3 for 5 in backup duty. With the exception of former VMI reserve QB (and starting punter) Hayden Alford, Coulling was the first backup QB to throw more than one pass in a game since current tight end Ryan Swingle went 1 for 5 in 2014's game at Bowling Green.

**SWINGLE HITS END ZONE** - Redshirt junior Ryan Swingle snagged the first two touchdowns of his career Sept. 3 at Akron. In his first career start at tight end, Swingle, a converted QB, caught TD scores of 3 yards and 10 yards from Al Cobb.

**FIT FOR A KING** – Freshman placekicker Reed King booted a 37-yard field goal and converted all three PATS in his college debut against Akron.

**MYERS EXTENDS STRING** – VMI fielded a 100-yard receiving performance for the second straight game when sophomore Quan Myers netted 123 yards on eight catches against Akron. In the 2015 season finale, Keydet wideout Dane Forlines had 140 yards against Western Carolina.

#### ***Season Opening Notes***

**PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE** - VMI red-shirt junior quarterback Al Cobb led five Keydets who were named to the SoCon's Preseason All-Conference teams, announced July 27. Cobb, Aaron Sanders (WR) and Dane Forlines (returns) were named to the first team, while offensive lineman Andrew Lewis and linebacker Ryan Francis landed spots on the second team.

# When Was The Last Time...

## **...A punt was returned for a touchdown?**

VMI: Michael Rainey-Wiles vs. Lock Haven, 52 yds., Sept. 4, 2010

Opp: Ryan Burbrink (Bowling Green), 75 yds., Sept. 6, 2014

## **...A kickoff was returned for a touchdown?**

VMI: Greg Sanders vs. Wofford, 99 yds., Oct. 31, 2015

Opp: Devin Brown (Coastal Carolina), 95 yds., Oct. 26, 2013

## **...An interception was returned for a touchdown?**

VMI: Greg Walker at Charleston Southern, 58 yards, Oct. 23, 2010

**Opp: Deion Pierre (Samford), 21 yds., Oct. 15, 2016**

## **...A blocked punt was recovered for a touchdown?**

VMI: Chris Copeland vs. Davidson, Sept. 13, 2014

Opp: Brian Ross (Furman), Sept. 26, 2015

## **...A safety was recorded?**

VMI: vs. Richmond - Team (Punter steps out of endzone), Sept. 17, 2011

Opp: Navy - Team (Punter kicked ball out of endzone), Oct. 11, 2014

## **...A team's own fumble was recovered for a touchdown?**

VMI: Chaz Jones vs. Delaware State, Sept. 3, 2011

**Opp: Jojo Natson (Akron), Sept. 3, 2016**

## **...An opponent's fumble was recovered for a touchdown?**

VMI: Damian Jones vs. Navy (recovered in endzone), Oct. 11, 2014

**Opp: Keion Crossen (Western Carolina), 19 yds., Nov. 5, 2016**

## **...Teammates rushed for 100 yards?**

VMI: Howard Abegesah (111 yards) and Cam Jones (100 yards) vs. Army, Nov. 14, 2009

Opp: Isiaha Smith (134 yards) and Jake Stenson (120 yards), The Citadel, Nov. 22, 2014

## **...A quarterback had both 100 yards passing and rushing?**

VMI: Kyle Hughes, 133 yards rushing and 141 yards passing vs. Richmond, Sept. 26, 2009

Opp: Troy Mitchell (Western Carolina), 109 yards rushing and 339 yards passing, Nov. 15, 2014

## **...An individual rushed for 200 yards?**

VMI: Tim Maypray, 235 yards, vs. Presbyterian, Nov. 22, 2008

Opp: Edwin Gowins, 250 yards & Conte Cuttino, 233 yards, Stony Brook, Nov. 15, 2008

## **...A quarterback passed for 300 or more yards?**

VMI: Al Cobb vs. Wofford, 370 yds., Oct. 31, 2015

Opp: **Devlin Hodges (Samford), 435 yards, Oct. 15, 2016**

## **...A receiver netted 100 yards in a game?**

**VMI: Javeon Lara, at Western Carolina, Nov. 5, 2016**

**Opp: Thomas Gordon (Furman), 142 yds, Oct. 29, 2016**

## **...An individual rushed for 100 yards and netted 100 yards receiving?**

VMI: Sean Mizzer, 106 yards rushing, 104 yards receiving, vs. Western Carolina, Nov. 2, 2002

Opp: N/A

## **...An individual intercepted 3 passes in a game?**

VMI: Christian Kelly vs. Charleston Southern, Oct. 21, 2006

Opp: Marcus Johnson (The Citadel), Nov. 14, 1998

## **...An individual rushed for 3 or more touchdowns in a game?**

**VMI: Alex Keys vs. Mercer, 3, Oct. 1, 2016**

Opp: Michael Eubanks (Samford), 4, Sept. 20, 2014

## **...An individual threw 4 or more touchdowns in a game?**

VMI: Al Cobb vs. Gardner-Webb, 6, Oct. 18, 2014

Opp: **Devlin Hodges (Samford), 5, Oct. 15, 2016**

## **...An individual caught 3 touchdown passes in a game?**

VMI: Teray Frost vs. The Citadel, Nov. 11, 2000

Opp: Karnorris Benson (Western Carolina), 4, Nov. 15, 2014

## **...A punt was blocked?**

VMI: Tony Richardson vs. The Citadel, Nov. 22, 2014

**Opp: Jonathan Ward (Mercer), Oct. 1, 2016**

## **...A defensive 2-pt conversion was scored?**

VMI: Bryant Youngblood vs. Stony Brook, Nov. 15, 2008

## **...A blocked field goal was returned for a touchdown?**

VMI: Robert Mason, 69 yards, vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 8, 2003

## **...A shutout was recorded?**

VMI: vs. Saint Francis (49-0), Sept. 6, 2008

Opponent: Virginia (49-0), Sept. 21, 2013

# Keydet Career Highs

## Passing

### Yards

#8 Al Cobb	399, 9/3/15 at Ball State
#18 Austin Coulling	60, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#6 Dane Forlines	29, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#13 Ryan Swingle	50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer

### Completions

#8 Al Cobb	35, 10/31/15 vs. Wofford (School Record)
#18 Austin Coulling	18, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#6 Dane Forlines	1 (2x), Last 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#13 Ryan Swingle	1 (2x), Last 10/11/16 vs. Mercer

### Attempts

#8 Al Cobb	53, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#18 Austin Coulling	25, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#6 Dane Forlines	1, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#13 Ryan Swingle	1, 11/21/15 vs. Western Carolina
#16 Jade Maher	1, 10/10/15 vs. Samford

### Touchdowns

#8 Al Cobb	6, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb (School Record)
#18 Austin Coulling	1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Longest Completion

#8 Al Cobb	80, 9/3/15 at Ball State
#18 Austin Coulling	46, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#6 Dane Forlines	29, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#13 Ryan Swingle	50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer

## Rushing

### Yards

#1 Quan Myers	62, 9/3/16 at Akron
#2 Brad Lipscomb	58, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#8 Al Cobb	49, 11/1/14 vs. Furman
#9 Taylor Stout	36, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#17 Brice Tucker	120, 9/19/15 at Richmond
#18 Austin Coulling	10, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#22 Daz Palmer	136, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#23 Tyain Smith	97, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#25 Alex Keys	80, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#80 Pete Reed	19, 10/15/16 at Samford
#83 Javeon Lara	39, 9/10/16 at Morehead State

### Attempts

#1 Quan Myers	21, 9/3/16 at Akron
#2 Brad Lipscomb	10, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#6 Dane Forlines	2, 9/3/16 at Akron
#8 Al Cobb	12, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#9 Taylor Stout	14, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#17 Brice Tucker	23, 9/19/15 at Richmond
#18 Austin Coulling	2, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#22 Daz Palmer	19 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#23 Tyain Smith	18, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#25 Alex Keys	17, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#83 Javeon Lara	3, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU

### Touchdowns

#1 Quan Myers	1, 9/3/16 at Akron
#8 Al Cobb	1 (4x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#17 Brice Tucker	1 (3x), Last 9/19/15 at Richmond
#22 Daz Palmer	2, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#23 Tyain Smith	2, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#25 Alex Keys	3, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#80 Pete Reed	1, 10/15/16 at Samford

### Longest Rush (Min. 5 yds for offense)

#1 Quan Myers	25, 11/7/15 at The Citadel
#2 Brad Lipscomb	55, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#6 Dane Forlines	7, 9/3/15 at Ball State
#8 Al Cobb	25, 11/1/14 vs. Furman
#9 Taylor Stout	16, 11/5/14 at Western Carolina
#17 Brice Tucker	36, 9/3/15 at Ball State
#21 Aaron Sanders	7, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#22 Daz Palmer	45, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#23 Tyain Smith	73, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#25 Alex Keys	21, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#80 Pete Reed	19, 10/15/16 at Samford
#83 Javeon Lara	22, 9/10/16 at Morehead State

## Receiving

### Yards (Min. 5 yards)

#1 Quan Myers	123, 9/3/16 at Akron
#5 Rohan Martin	50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#6 Dane Forlines	157, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#8 Al Cobb	29, 10/10/15 vs. Samford

#9 Taylor Stout	34, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#13 Ryan Swingle	65, 10/29/16 vs. Mercer
#17 Brice Tucker	36, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#21 Aaron Sanders	218, 10/24/15 at Mercer
#22 Daz Palmer	25, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#26 Mason Dermott	37, 9/3/16 at Akron
#27 Alex Keys	9 (2x), Last 10/15/16 at Samford
#28 Matthew Nicholson	86, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#49 Kyle Vardo	13, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#57 Bradley Hann	13, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#72 Andrew Lewis	16, 10/11/14 at Navy
#80 Pete Reed	50, 10/15/16 at Samford
#81 Chad Jacob	45, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#83 Javeon Lara	100, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#84 Jay Gavin	13, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#88 J.C. Garvin	28, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson

### Receptions (Minimum 2 catches)

#1 Quan Myers	8, 9/3/16 at Akron
#2 Brad Lipscomb	2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#5 Rohan Martin	5, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#6 Dane Forlines	12, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#9 Taylor Stout	4, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#13 Ryan Swingle	7, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#17 Brice Tucker	3 (3x), Last 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#21 Aaron Sanders	16, 10/24/15 at Mercer (school record)
#22 Daz Palmer	5, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#25 Alex Keys	2, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#26 Mason Dermott	2, 9/3/16 at Akron
#28 Matthew Nicholson	5, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#72 Andrew Lewis	3, 10/11/14 at Navy
#80 Pete Reed	2, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#81 Chad Jacob	4, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#83 Javeon Lara	4, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#88 J.C. Garvin	2 (2x), Last 11/5/14 at Western Carolina

### Touchdowns

#1 Quan Myers	1, 10/24/15 at Mercer
#6 Dane Forlines	1 (6x), Last 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#13 Ryan Swingle	2, 9/3/16 at Akron
#17 Brice Tucker	1, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#21 Aaron Sanders	1 (8x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#23 Tyain Smith	1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#28 Matthew Nicholson	2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#49 Kyle Vardo	1, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#57 Bradley Hann	1, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#81 Chad Jacob	1 (3x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#83 Javeon Lara	1 (2x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#88 J.C. Garvin	1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman

### Longest Reception (Min. 10 yds)

#1 Quan Myers	53, 9/3/16 at Akron
#5 Rohan Martin	50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#6 Dane Forlines	49, 10/24/15 at Mercer
#8 Al Cobb	29, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#9 Taylor Stout	20, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#13 Ryan Swingle	29, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#21 Aaron Sanders	60, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#22 Daz Palmer	18, 10/15/16 at Samford
#26 Mason Dermott	32, 9/3/16 at Akron
#28 Matthew Nicholson	61, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#49 Kyle Vardo	13, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#57 Bradley Hann	13, 11/9/13 at Gardner-Webb
#80 Pete Reed	50, 10/15/16 at Samford
#81 Chad Jacob	29, 9/3/16 at Akron
#83 Javeon Lara	79, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#84 Jay Gavin	13, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#88 J.C. Garvin	19, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson

## All-Purpose Yards

#1 Quan Myers	185, 9/3/16 at Akron
#2 Brad Lipscomb	58, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#5 Rohan Martin	50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#6 Dane Forlines	266, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#7 Damian Jones	21, 9/27/14 vs. Mercer
#8 Al Cobb	49, 11/1/14 vs. Furman
#9 Taylor Stout	132, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#11 Riuq Trotman	48, 9/3/16 at Akron
#13 Ryan Swingle	65, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#14 Greg Sanders	99, 10/31/15 at Wofford
#17 Brice Tucker	137, 9/19/15 at Richmond

#19 Isaiah Parker	36, 10/17/15 vs. Chattanooga
#21 Aaron Sanders	218, 10/24/15 at Mercer
#22 Daz Palmer	136, 9/15/16 at Western Carolina
#23 Tyain Smith	97, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#25 Alex Keys	89, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#26 Mason Dermott	160, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#28 Matthew Nicholson	86, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#38 Alijah Robinson	42, 11/1/14 vs. Furman
#80 Pete Reed	69, 10/15/16 at Samford
#81 Chad Jacob	45, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#83 Javeon Lara	90, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#84 Jay Gavin	13, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#88 J.C. Garvin	28, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson

## Kicking

### Field Goals Made

#27 Dillon Christopher	2 (7x), Last 11/21/15 vs. Western Carolina
#98 Reed King	1 (5x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Field Goals Attempted

#27 Dillon Christopher	4, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#98 Reed King	3 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Points Scored

#27 Dillon Christopher	9 (4x), Last 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#98 Reed King	6, 9/3/16 at Akron

### Longest Field Goal

#27 Dillon Christopher	55, 11/21/15 vs. Western Carolina
#98 Reed King	37, 9/3/16 at Akron

## Punting

### Punts

#4 Jake Paladino	2 (2x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#34 Bill Hogan	8, 9/10/16 at Morehead State

### Longest Punt

#4 Jake Paladino	46, 10/15/16 at Samford
#34 Bill Hogan	67, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga

## Touchdowns Scored

#1 Quan Myers	1 (2x), Last 9/3/16 at Akron
#6 Dane Forlines	1 (6x), Last 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#7 Damian Jones	1, 10/11/14 at Navy
#8 Al Cobb	1 (5x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#13 Ryan Swingle	2, 9/3/16 at Akron
#14 Greg Sanders	1, 10/31/15 vs. Wofford
#17 Brice Tucker	2, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#21 Aaron Sanders	1 (8x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#22 Daz Palmer	2, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#23 Tyain Smith	3, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#25 Alex Keys	3, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#28 Matthew Nicholson	2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#49 Kyle Vardo	1, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#57 Bradley Hann	1, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#80 Pete Reed	1, 10/15/16 at Samford
#81 Chad Jacob	1 (3x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#83 Javeon Lara	1 (2x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#88 J.C. Garvin	1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Davidson



# Keydet Career Highs

## Tackles

#1 Kaleb Tucker	.5, vs. Furman, 10/29/16
#2 Brad Lipscomb	.4, 11/7/15 at The Citadel
#3 Tony Richardson	.6 (2x), Last 11/21/15 at Western Carolina
#4 Uzoma Kpaduwa	.8, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#5 Darnell Ashton	.12, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#7 Damian Jones	.10, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#9 Taylor Stout	.3, 9/3/16 at Akron
#11 Riuq Trotman	.6, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#12 Kuony Deng	.4, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#14 Greg Sanders	.13 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#25 Alex Keys	.11, 10/25/14 at Wofford
#28 Matthew Nicholson	.10, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#30 Gabe Sutherland	.3, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#32 Jon Strozyk	.10, 9/19/15 at Richmond
#35 Scott Frazier	.5, 10/15/16 at Samford
#36 Michael Williams	.5, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#38 Alijah Robinson	.13, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#42 Troy Barden	.3, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#44 Ryan Francis	.16, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#46 Allan Cratsenberg	.18, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#47 Caleb Lindsey	.8, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#49 Kyle Vardo	.5, 10/29/16 vs. Furman
#52 Zack Baker	.4, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#54 Xavier Greenfield	.4, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#58 Brian Lipscomb	.7, 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#88 J.C. Garvin	.7, 10/31/15 vs. Wofford
#90 Ryan Clark	.5, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#96 Seth Mallory	.4, 10/31/15 vs. Wofford
#97 Jarrod Richmond	.7, 10/29/16 vs. Furman

Several omitted with two tackles or less

## Tackles-For-Loss

#3 Tony Richardson	.4.0, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#5 Darnell Ashton	.2.0, 9/20/14 at Samford
#7 Damian Jones	.1.0 (2x), Last 10/10/15 vs. Samford
#9 Taylor Stout	.1.0, 9/3/16 at Akron
#14 Greg Sanders	.1.5, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#25 Alex Keys	.1.0 (4x), Last 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#28 Matthew Nicholson	.1.0 (2x), Last 10/22/16 at Chattanooga
#30 Gabe Sutherland	.0.5, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#32 Jon Strozyk	.1.0, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#36 Michael Williams	.1.0, 9/19/15 at Richmond
#38 Alijah Robinson	.2.0, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#44 Ryan Francis	.4.5, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#46 Allan Cratsenberg	.2.0 (2x), Last 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#47 Caleb Lindsey	.1.5, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#52 Zach Baker	.0.5, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer
#54 Xavier Greenfield	.1.0, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#58 Brian Lipscomb	.2.0, 10/24/15 at Mercer
#88 J.C. Garvin	.1.5, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#90 Ryan Clark	.0.5, 9/10/16 at Morehead State
#96 Seth Mallory	.1.0, 9/3/16 at Akron
#97 Jarrod Richmond	.0.5, 10/29/16 vs. Furman

## Sacks

#3 Tony Richardson	.3.0, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#38 Alijah Robinson	.2.0, 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#44 Ryan Francis	.2.0 (2x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#46 Allan Cratsenberg	.1.0 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#47 Caleb Lindsey	.1.0, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#58 Brian Lipscomb	.1.0 (3x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#88 J.C. Garvin	.1.0, 10/3/15 vs. Bucknell
#96 Seth Mallory	.0.5, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga

## Interceptions

#3 Tony Richardson	.1, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State
#7 Damian Jones	.1 (4x), Last 11/21/15 vs. Western Carolina
#11 Riuq Trotman	.1 (3x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU
#12 Kuony Deng	.1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina
#14 Greg Sanders	.1 (4x), Last 9/24/16 at Bucknell
#28 Matthew Nicholson	.1, 10/15/16 at Samford
#32 Jon Strozyk	.1, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#38 Alijah Robinson	.1 (2x), Last 9/3/15 at Ball State
#44 Ryan Francis	.1, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#47 Caleb Lindsey	.1, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville

# Last Meeting with The Citadel - Nov. 7, 2015

## Keydets Fall to The Citadel, 35-14

The VMI Keydet defense did not allow a touchdown over the final three-plus quarters, but The Citadel Bulldogs returned two interceptions for touchdowns and used five Eric Goins field goals to propel themselves to a 35-14 win in the annual Military Classic of the South football game, contested Saturday, Nov. 7 at Johnson Hagood Stadium in Charleston, S.C.

The Citadel (7-2, 6-0 SoCon) jumped ahead early, as Cam Jackson sprinted 68 yards for a touchdown less than three minutes into the game. That was the last touchdown the VMI (2-8, 1-5) defense would give up all day, but on the next Keydet possession, a Hayden Alford pass was run back 72 yards by linebacker Quinlan Washington for a touchdown to make it 14-0. Goins' five field goals helped stabilize the lead in the game's middle portions, and an Alford pass in the final seconds was returned for a score to account for the final margin.

The Keydets played without starting quarterback Al Cobb, who missed the game for undisclosed medical reasons. The Bulldogs were able to force backup Alford, who had thrown just four passes all season, into a four interception day. Alford completed 14 of 35 passes for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Junior wide receiver Aaron Sanders caught seven passes for 65 yards and set a new school season record for receptions in a season. The Stafford, Va. native has 79 catches on the year and moved past Mark Stock who caught 74 passes in 1988. Sanders also extended his consecutive game reception streak to 25 games.

Freshman running back Quan Myers led the Keydets in rushing with 51 yards while redshirt senior Derrick Ziglar added 39 yards with a touchdown. Defensively, redshirt sophomore linebacker Ryan Francis produced 10 solos and five assists for a career-high 15 tackles and fellow inside linebacker Allan Cratsenberg added 11 stops.

Jackson led all ground gainers with 100 yards with 68 coming on the first quarter touchdown run. Fullback Isiah Smith added 78 yards for the Bulldogs.

With his five field goals, Goins doubled his season output of makes in just one game and now stands 10 of 12 in field goal tries on the year.

With The Citadel leading 14-0 following Washington's pick-six, the Keydets halved the deficit when Ryan Francis forced a Bulldog fumble that was recovered by redshirt junior Damian Jones at midfield. The Keydets then embarked on a 10-play scoring drive that was capped by Alford's 3-yard cross-field touchdown pass to Ziglar who caught the ball at the 2 yard line and dove in for his first touchdown reception of the year.

The Bulldogs extended their lead to 17-7 with Goins' first of five field goals on the day – a 33-yarder with 12:16 left in the second quarter. A 40-yard pass from Bulldog quarterback Dominique Allen to Jorian Jordan to the VMI 9 was the big play of the drive, but a holding penalty and a tackle-for-loss by Francis kept the Bulldogs out of the end zone.

The Citadel missed another scoring opportunity later in the second quarter when the Keydets held the Bulldogs on a fourth and goal from the VMI 2 when Cratsenberg and Francis sandwiched Jackson shy of the end zone. VMI was unable to get any breathing room after taking the ball over on downs and was forced to punt after a three-and-out. Redshirt freshman Bill Hogan, taking over the punting chores for Alford, booted a punt to the VMI 46, and the Bulldogs then labored through a nine-play drive to the VMI 9 before settling for a Goins 26 yard field goal as time expired in the first half extended the lead to 20-17.

Bulldog starting quarterback Dominique Allen had left the game late in the second quarter with an apparent shoulder injury and was replaced for the remainder of the second quarter by Jackson who moved over from his slot back position. Jackson resumed his QB duties in the second half and moved the Bulldog opening drive to the VMI 38 before being stripped of the ball on a third down keeper by Ryan Francis and redshirt sophomore defensive tackle Amon-Ra Clay took the loose ball and raced 59 yards to The Citadel 3 where he was tracked down from behind by fullback Tyler Renew. One play later, Ziglar slammed in from three yards out and Christopher's extra point made it 20-14 with 11:14 in the third quarter.

VMI forced The Citadel to punt on the ensuing possession and took over at its own 35. A 12-yard reverse rush by freshman wideout Dontae Mauck moved the ball to The Citadel 49, but three plays later an Alford fumble was recovered at the 50-yard line by defensive lineman Kevin Graham. Redshirt freshman Shon Belton, inserted into the game at quarterback, completed a pass to Jordan for 39 yards to the VMI 10. The Bulldogs settled again for a 20-yard field goal by Goins after the Keydet defense stiffened and led 23-14 with 5:58 left in the half.

Goins would later add field goals of 23 and 34 yards to extend The Citadel margin to 29-14 with 7:51 left in the game. The Keydets subsequently moved it twice into the red zone on follow-up possessions, but came away empty on points.

**VMI (2-8, 1-5) 14**  
**The Citadel (7-2, 6-0) 35**

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**Nov. 7, 2015 • Attendance: 14,925**

<b>VMI</b>	7	0	7	0	-	14
<b>WCU</b>	14	6	6	9	-	35

### FIRST QUARTER

CIT - Jackson 68 run (Goins kick) - 12:11

CIT - Washington 72 interception return (Goins kick) - 7:30

VMI - Ziglar 3 pass from Alford (Christopher kick) - 0:15

### SECOND QUARTER

CIT - Goins 33 FG - 12:16

CIT - Goins 26 FG - 0:00

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Ziglar 3 run (Christopher kick) - 11:47

CIT - Goins 20 FG - 5:58

CIT - Goins 23 FG - 1:00

### FOURTH QUARTER

CIT - Goins 34 FG - 7:51

CIT - Floyd 75 interception return - 0:07

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>CIT</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	13	17
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	34-87	58-326
<b>Passing Yards</b>	125	134
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	14-36-4	6-13-0
<b>Total Offense</b>	212	460
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	2-2	4-3
<b>Penalties</b>	4-30	11-98
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	7-40.1	5-39.2
<b>Time of Possession</b>	27:36	32:24

**RUSHING:** VMI - Myers 16-51; Ziglar 10-39; Mauck 1-12; Alford 7-(-15). **CIT** - Jackson 12-100; Smith 11-78; Williams 10-52; Renew 12-41; Miller 4-25; Belton 6-23; McField 2-4; Allen 1-3.

**PASSING:** VMI - Alford 14-36-4-125. **CIT** - Allen 3-8-0-75; Belton 2-3-0-50; Jackson 1-1-0-9.

**RECEIVING:** VMI - Sanders 7-61; Patterson 2-28; Ziglar 2-12; Myers 1-15; Nicholson 1-9; Mauck 1-0. **CIT** - Jordan 2-79; Jackson 1-22; Eakins 1-13; Glover 1-11; Williams 1-9.

# Game 1 - VMI at Akron

## Keydets Drop Season Opener to Akron, 47-24

The VMI Keydets pulled within two points on a pair of occasions midway through the third quarter, but the Akron Zips broke the game open by scoring 28 of the final 35 points en route to a 47-24 victory in NCAA football action Saturday night in Akron, Ohio. The game was the season opener for both schools.

A 99-yard third quarter drive that ended with an Al Cobb – Ryan Swingle touchdown connection cut Akron's lead to 19-17 with 5:50 left in the third period, but Akron answered with three of the game's final four touchdowns to pull away and claim the eventual victory in the third meeting ever between the programs.

VMI got on the board first when Myers plunged into the end zone from a yard out to cap a 77-yard drive, with Reed King's PAT kick giving the Keydets the early 7-0 lead. But Akron answered just 33 seconds later with quarterback Thomas Woodson hooking up with JoJo Natson on a 46-yard touchdown strike. Though the extra point was blocked, the Zips found the end zone again on its next possession, with Woodson hooking up with Jerome Lane from 30 yards away to put Akron on top to stay 12-7.

Saturday turned out to be a career day for Woodson, who completed 23 of 32 passes for 407 yards and an Akron record six touchdowns. Jerome Lane was the recipient of 10 of those passes, piling up 196 yards with a pair of scores.

VMI quarterback Cobb, who is nearing school records in three passing categories, was 25 of 32 through the air for 258 yards and two touchdowns before leaving the game in the fourth quarter. Quan Myers led the Keydets on the ground, carrying the ball 21 times for 62 yards and the first-quarter touchdown, as well as adding eight receptions for 153 yards. In addition, Aaron Sanders caught nine passes and in doing so, became VMI's all-time receptions leader. Sanders passed Mark Stock's previous record and now has 166 career grabs.

Akron extended its lead to 19-7 when Woodson connected with Lane for a 17-yard touchdown strike. However, VMI answered just before halftime. Riuq Trotman's 48-yard interception return set up King's 37-yard field goal to cut the Keydet deficit to 19-10 just before the break.

The Keydets climbed even closer in the third quarter. Aided by two Akron personal foul penalties, VMI marched 99 yards in 16 plays to pull within two points at 19-17. Cobb completed seven of his nine pass attempts as VMI drove the length of the field, including a three-yard TD toss to Swingle with 5:50 remaining in the third quarter.

The game went back-and-forth from there, but for every VMI score, Akron had an answer.

After VMI pulled to within 19-17, the Zips caught a bit of a break. Woodson's pass to Lane was fumbled just at the goal line, but JoJo Natson was able to fall on the loose ball in the end zone for a touchdown. Undaunted, the Keydets struck back, with Cobb and Swingle hooking up again, this time from 10-yards away. But again Akron responded as Woodson found Austin Wolf from 34 yards out early in the fourth quarter.

VMI could get no closer as Akron tacked on two more touchdowns late to pull away.



**Quan Myers had over 180 all-purpose yards in Sept. 3's loss at Akron.**

**VMI (0-1) 24**  
**Akron (1-0) 47**

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**Sept. 3, 2016 • Attendance: 11,061**

<b>VMI</b>	7	3	14	0	-	24
<b>AKRON</b>	12	7	7	21	-	47

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Myers 1 run (King kick) - 9:29  
AKRON - Natson 46 pass from Woodson - 8:56  
AKRON - Lane 30 pass from Woodson - 5:03

### SECOND QUARTER

AKRON - Lane 17 pass from Woodson (O'Leary kick) - 12:32  
VMI - King 37 FG - 1:50

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Swingle 3 pass from Cobb (King kick) - 5:50  
AKRON - Natson 0 fumble recovery (O'Leary kick) - 2:49  
VMI - Swingle 10 pass from Cobb (King kick) - 0:10

### FOURTH QUARTER

AKRON - Wolf 34 pass from Woodson (O'Leary kick) - 14:25  
AKRON - Natson 19 pass from Woodson (O'Leary kick) - 11:26  
AKRON - Ball 5 run (O'Leary kick) - 7:10

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>AKRON</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	20	24
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	45-86	29-151
<b>Passing Yards</b>	300	425
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	28-37-0	25-38-1
<b>Total Offense</b>	386	576
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	1-0	3-1
<b>Penalties</b>	5-53	13-111
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	5-36.4	4-36.2
<b>Time of Possession</b>	36:12	23:48

**RUSHING:** VMI - Myers 21-62; Palmer 7-22; Tucker 2-14; Smith 2-9; Forlines 2-4; Coulling 1-3; Francis 1-(-1); Dermott 1-(-2); Martin 1-(-2); Cobb 5-(-4); Reed 1-(-4); Hogan 1-(-15). **AKRON** - Ball 18-110; Edwards 6-28; Woodson 5-13.

**PASSING:** VMI - Cobb 25-32-0-258; Coulling 3-5-0-42. **AKRON** - Woodson 23-32-1-407; Chapman 2-6-0-18

**RECEIVING:** VMI - Sanders 9-67; Myers 8-123; Forlines 3-19; Dermott 2-37; Swingle 2-13; Palmer 2-4; Jacob 1-29; Martin 1-8. **AKRON** - Lane 10-196; Natson 4-90; Wolf 4-82; Young 4-27; Coney 2-18; Ball 1-12.

# Game 2 - VMI vs. Morehead State

## Keydets Hold on to Down Morehead State, 17-13

On a night when the offense struggled, VMI's football team decided to get a little defensive.

The Keydets, who were forced to wait out inclement weather that delayed the game for over an hour, never trailed but twice had to come up with stops as Morehead State was driving for the go-ahead score in the fourth quarter to preserve a 17-13 victory Saturday night in Morehead, Ky. The 13 points were the fewest allowed by a VMI defensive unit since 2013 as the Keydets picked up their first win of the season.



**Allan Cratsenberg recovered a fumble in one of the game's biggest plays in Sept. 10's win at Morehead State.**

With VMI nursing that four-point advantage in the final period, the Eagles drove all the way to the Keydet 33-yard line. That's where linebacker Ryan Francis collided with Morehead State running back Trevor Jones, forcing a fumble that was recovered by Allan Cratsenberg.

That was the third fumble of the game forced by the VMI defense, with the Keydets recovering two of them. It was also the fourth turnover of the season for the Keydets, who were a -15 in the turnover battle last year but enjoy a +3 margin over the first two contests this year.

VMI's offense went three plays and out after the fumble recovery, and the defense had to come up big one more time. And it did just that, forcing three straight incompletions and an Eagle punt with 2:33 remaining.

Francis finished the game with eight total tackles and the forced fumble, while Greg Sanders recorded 10 stops for the Keydets.

Needing a first down to seal the win, VMI got one of its biggest offensive plays of the game in the waning moments. Facing third-and-six with 2:21 still to play, quarterback Al Cobb connected with tight end Ryan Swingle for 10 yards and a first down, allowing the Keydets to run out the clock for the victory.

Saturday was a struggle for Cobb, who needed just 178 yards to break VMI's record for career passing. The redshirt junior signal caller connected on just 17 of his 37 attempts for 148 yards, but he did throw a pair of touchdowns to stake the Keydets to a lead they would not relinquish.

The first of those TD tosses came to open the second quarter as Cobb found senior Dane Forlines for a 43-yard score, and with freshman Reed King's point-after kick, VMI had a 7-0 lead. The second touchdown pass came on VMI's next possession, with Cobb hooking up with senior Aaron Sanders, who broke VMI record for receptions last Saturday, for 12 yards and 14-0 VMI advantage.

Sanders added to his record against the Eagles, hauling in nine catches for 62 yards and the touchdown, while Swingle and Forlines finished the game with three receptions apiece. VMI finished the game with 186 rushing yards, with freshman Daz Palmer leading the way with 86 yards on 19 attempts.

Jones got the Eagles on the board with a 16-yard TD run late in the second quarter, but King extended the VMI lead to 17-7 with a 22-yard field goal at the 11:07 mark of the third period, Morehead State made things interesting when Austin Gahafer tossed a 17-yard pass with just over nine minutes to play, but the extra-point snap was botched, setting up VMI's late defensive heroics.

<b>VMI (1-1)</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Morehead State (0-2)</b>	<b>13</b>

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Sept. 10, 2016 • Attendance: 5,588

<b>VMI</b>	0	14	3	0	-	17
<b>MSU</b>	0	7	0	6	-	13

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Forlines 43 pass from Cobb (King kick) - 14:48

VMI - Sanders 12 pass from Cobb (King kick) - 11:32

MSU - Jones 16 run (Ward kick)

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - King 22 FG - 11:07

### FOURTH QUARTER

MSU - Pritchett 17 pass from Gahafer - 9:35

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>MSU</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	17	21
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	41-186	29-118
<b>Passing Yards</b>	148	250
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	17-37-0	28-51-0
<b>Total Offense</b>	334	368
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	2-1	3-2
<b>Penalties</b>	2-23	10-93
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	8-37.2	10-37.3
<b>Time of Possession</b>	31:44	28:16

**RUSHING:** **VMI** - Palmer 19-86; Tucker 13-52; Lara 2-39; Cobb 4-10; Myers 2-4. **MSU** - Watkins 20-79; Jones 5-24; Gahafer 3-8; Barnett 1-7.

**PASSING:** **VMI** - Cobb 17-37-0-148. **MSU** - Gahafer 28-51-0-250.

**RECEIVING:** **VMI** - Sanders 9-62; Forlines 3-56; Swingle 3-34; Tucker 2-(-4). **MSU** - Elliott 6-59; Raymond 6-25; Higginbotham 4-56; Pritchett 3-41; Robinson 3-26; Jones 2-(-3); Floyd 1-28; Sames 1-11; Embrey 1-7; Watkins 1-0.

# Game 3 - VMI at Bucknell

## Keydets Win Triple Overtime Thriller, 23-17

Daz Palmer ran for a 12-yard touchdown in the third overtime, and quarterback Al Cobb set VMI records for career passing yards and completions as the Keydets rallied for a 23-17 victory over Bucknell Sept. 24 in Lewisburg, Pa.



**Dane Forlines caught 12 passes in Sept. 24's win over Bucknell.**

With the win, the Keydets won back-to-back games for the first time since 2005 and consecutive road contests for the first time since the 1981 and 1982 seasons to improve to 2-1 this year.

Bucknell dropped to 1-3 with the loss.

Palmer's touchdown run came after VMI's defense, which came up with big play after big play the entire game, stopped Bucknell for the third time in extra sessions. The first stop came with the Bucknell facing fourth-and-two at the VMI 5-yard line, as linebacker Ryan Francis denying the conversion in the first overtime. Bucknell missed a field goal in the second,

VMI had a couple of chances to win the game before Palmer's game-winning run. However, Reed King, who tied the game with a field goal late in regulation, had a field goal attempt blocked in the first overtime. Both teams then missed field goal tries in the second extra period, and finally, a Riuq Trotman interception put VMI in position in the third overtime. Palmer took a third-down handoff from Cobb at the 12, found a seam and raced into the end zone for the game-winning score.

After leading the Keydets in rushing against Morehead State, Palmer was the leading ground-gainer again this Saturday. He finished the game with 80 yards on 17 carries and a pair of scores.

For his part, Cobb completed 34 of 52 passes for 285 yards. With the effort, Cobb moved into first place on VMI's career list for passing yards (6,398) and took over the top spot from Eric Kordenbrock as VMI's leader for career completions (581). Dane Forlines was his top target, hauling in 12 receptions for 157 yards, the fourth-most receptions in a Keydet receiver had ever recorded in a game.

Cobb also threw three interceptions in the game, but he more than made up for those with a fourth-quarter drive that tied the game and forced overtime. During that march, which covered 69 yards in 14 plays, Cobb completed five of his seven passes, including two crucial third-down conversions during the march, and it was his 8-yard run that got the Keydets to the 11-yard line, setting up King's 25-yard field goal that tied the game at 17-17 with 59 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

In addition to his fourth-down tackle in the first overtime, Francis dropped Chad Freshnock for a 3-yard loss on third down in the second OT, setting up a Bucknell field goal attempt from 42 yards away that sailed wide left. In the third overtime, Bucknell was thwarted again with Trotman's pick setting up game-winning touchdown run.

Francis (16) and fellow linebacker Allan Cratsenberg (18) combined for 34 tackles, six of which went for a loss. On the other side, Freshnock had 33 carries for 166 yards for Bucknell.

The win gave VMI two road victories in the same season for the first time since 2003, in addition to being the first back to back road wins since beating Virginia Tech to end the 1981 season and ETSU to open 1982. The Keydets also broke a four-game losing streak in OT that dated back to 2001 and included the only other triple OT game in VMI history, a 2005 loss to Gardner-Webb.

**VMI (2-1) 23**  
**Bucknell (1-3) 17**

Mathewson Stadium • Lewisburg, Pa.  
Sept. 24, 2016 • Attendance: 4,972

<b>VMI</b>	6	0	8	3	6	- 23
<b>BU</b>	0	7	7	3	0	- 17

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Palmer 9 run - 9:51

### SECOND QUARTER

BU - Carter 2 pass from Muh (Chambers kick) - 12:06

### THIRD QUARTER

BU - Carter 13 pass from Muh (Chambers kick) - 8:29

VMI - Cobb 8 run (Cobb pass to Swingle) - 5:26

### FOURTH QUARTER

BU - Chambers 22 FG - 8:37

VMI - King 25 FG - 0:59

### THIRD OVERTIME

VMI - Palmer 12 run

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>BU</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	27	21
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	39-158	52-177
<b>Passing Yards</b>	285	226
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	34-52-3	20-30-2
<b>Total Offense</b>	443	403
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>Penalties</b>	4-40	3-12
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	3-33.3	4-34.8
<b>Time of Possession</b>	25:32	34:28

**RUSHING:** VMI - Palmer 17-80; Keys 13-36; Cobb 6-24; Lara 2-18; Martin 1-0. BU - Freshnock 33-161; DeFloria 11-39; Muh 8-(-23).

**PASSING:** VMI - Cobb 34-52-3-285. BU - Muh 20-30-2-226.

**RECEIVING:** VMI - Forlines 12-157; Sanders 9-44; Martin 5-29; Swingle 3-36; Keys 2-10; Lara 1-4; Palmer 1-4; Reed 1-1. BU - Carter 8-107; Butler 4-47; Horan 3-30; DeFloria 3-27; Podbielski 1-14; Freshnock 1-1.

# Game 4 - VMI vs. Mercer

## Mercer Edges Keydets in Overtime, 33-30

An 18-yard touchdown pass by John Russ capped a wild contest as the Mercer Bears edged the VMI Keydets, 33-30, in overtime Oct. 1 at VMI's Foster Stadium. The game served as VMI's home and conference opener.

After a thrilling final minute of regulation sent the game to overtime, Dillon Christopher gave the Keydets (2-2, 0-1 SoCon) a 30-27 lead with a 25-yard field goal on the first possession of overtime. Mercer took over at the 25 and ran Alex Lakes twice, before Russ found Avery Ward on an 18-yard crossing pattern over the middle for the game-winner.

On the ground, Alex Keys ran for three touchdowns, becoming the first Keydet to do so since 2014, but Mercer limited VMI to just 29 yards on 39 carries. The Bears, in contract, ran the ball 47 times and gained 195 yards.

The visitors' defensive line also made its presence known with seven sacks, the last of which helped force Christopher's field goal in the extra period.

Mercer jumped out to the 21-7 halftime lead, helped by a 6 of 9 effort on third-down conversions. VMI answered with an 11-play, 88-yard drive late in the third quarter and Keys plunged in from a yard out, making it 21-14, Bears.

Most of the third quarter had been slow developing, but that was very much not the case in the fourth. VMI tried a fake punt early in the period, but saw the ball intercepted. Mercer then had VMI on the ropes midway through the period, as it drove the ball inside the Keydet five, but VMI's defense stiffened and forced a 20-yard field goal by Cole Fisher that made it a 10-point game.

VMI answered quickly, helped by a trick play. On the second play of the ensuing Keydet drive, Al Cobb pitched the ball back to Ryan Swingle, who threw a 50-yard strike to Rohan Martin to move the Keydets in range. Four plays later, Keys plunged in for his third score of the day, but the extra point was blocked and it was a four-point game with just over five minutes to play.

After a punt, the Keydets got the ball back with 3:13 to go and drove to the Mercer 29, where it seemed as if the missed PAT may loom large. After a penalty and sack put VMI in a fourth down and 14, Cobb found Swingle for a 17-yard connection and a first down. Three plays later, the VMI QB was able to connect with Dane Forlines, again on fourth down.

That gave the Keydets a first and goal at the 10 and after an incomplection, Cobb found Swingle on a fade in the back left corner of the endzone for a touchdown and a 27-24 VMI lead. It was the first Keydet lead of the day, and it was shortlived.

Mercer got the ball on its 32 with 19 seconds to go, and Russ found Kelby Brock for an 18-yard completion. As Brock was being tackled, he completed a backward lateral to Jordan Marshall, who scooted another 10 yards and went out of bounds. VMI was whistled for a personal foul at that point, marking the ball off to its 25, and Fisher booted through a 42-yard field goal as time expired to tie the game at 27 and set up the overtime dramatics.

Cobb finished the game 31 of 43 for 309 yards and one touchdown - his 11th career 300-yard game - while Russ was 23 of 26 for 249 yards and two scores. Cobb's one touchdown allowed him to surpass Joey Gibson for the most thrown in VMI history (39).

Sanders was VMI's leading receiver with 11 catches for 136 yards, one year after notching a school record 16 catches against Mercer, and Ward surpassed the 100-yard receiving mark for the visitors.



**Mercer (2-2, 1-1) 33**  
**VMI (2-2, 0-1) 30**

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 Oct. 1, 2016 • Attendance: 5266

<b>MER</b>	14	7	0	6	6	- 33
<b>VMI</b>	0	7	7	13	3	- 30

### FIRST QUARTER

MER - Lakes 6 run (Fisher kick) - 6:14  
 MER - Irvin 6 pass from Russ (Fisher kick) - 3:22

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Keys 1 run (King kick) - 14:10  
 MER - Usher 7 run (Fisher kick) - 10:35

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Keys 3 run (King kick) - 0:23

### FOURTH QUARTER

MER - Fisher 20 FG - 6:48  
 VMI - Keys 1 run - 5:06  
 VMI - Swingle 10 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:19  
 MER - Fisher 42 FG - 0:00

### OVERTIME

VMI - Christopher 25 FG  
 MER - Ward 18 pass from Russ

	<b>MER</b>	<b>VMI</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	24	21
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	45-185	39-29
<b>Passing Yards</b>	259	359
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	25-38-0	32-45-1
<b>Total Offense</b>	444	388
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	2-1	0-0
<b>Penalties</b>	8-93	8-70
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	6-37.2	7-32.7
<b>Time of Possession</b>	30:22	29:38

**RUSHING:** MER - Lakes 21-91; Usher 20-90; Russ 4-4. VMI - Keys 15-29; Palmer 11-18; Lara 2-8; Cobb 11-(-26).

**PASSING:** MER - Russ 25-38-0-259. VMI - Cobb 31-43-0-309; Francis 0-1-1-0; Swingle 1-1-0-50.

**RECEIVING:** MER - Ward 9-102; Brock 5-49; Irvin 4-28; Curtis 3-52; Usher 1-10; Jones 1-6; Brown 1-1; Ellington 1-1; Marshall 0-10. VMI - Sanders 11-136; Swingle 6-64; Palmer 5-25; Jacob 4-45; Forlines 4-34; Martin 1-50; Keys 1-5.

# Game 5 - VMI vs. ETSU

## Keydets Dominate ETSU, 37-7

Al Cobb threw for three touchdowns and the VMI running game piled up 233 yards on the ground, propelling the Keydets past the ETSU Bucs, 37-7, in SoCon football action Saturday, Oct. 8 at Lexington's Foster Stadium.

Alex Keys scored with 5:20 left in the first quarter, his fourth rushing touchdown in the past two games, and the Keydets (3-2, 1-1 SoCon) were on cruise control from there. ETSU (2-3, 1-3) managed just 123 yards of total offense in the first half as VMI pulled out to a 27-0 lead at the break, and the visitors did not seriously threaten until averting the shutout in the final minute.

VMI jumped ahead on Keys' rushing touchdown early, and then things opened up from there. A 54-yard scoring pass from Cobb to Javeon Lara marked the first career touchdown reception for the freshman, and gave VMI a 14-0 lead after one quarter.

That margin grew to 21-0 with 4:08 left in the second quarter, as Cobb found Aaron Sanders with a 45-yard strike down the right sideline. Chad Jacob tacked on a nine-yard grab in the final minute of the half to account for the halftime score, 27-0.

ETSU got no further than the VMI 46 at any point in the first 30 minutes of play, and in fact, advanced no further until the fourth quarter. By then, VMI added on three more points. A 51-yard field goal by Dillon Christopher with 9:29 on the clock pushed the margin to 30, and was tied for the eighth-longest field goal in school history. It was also Christopher's fourth field goal of over 50 yards.

The home team capped its scoring with 4:31 left, when true freshman Tyain Smith darted 73 yards for a touchdown to make it a 37-0 contest. The Bucs were able to score in the last minute to avert the shutout and account for the final margin, 37-7.

Cobb finished 14 of 20 with 212 yards and three touchdowns in just three quarters, while starting ETSU QB Austin Herink managed just a 11 for 23 effort with 109 yards and one interception.

Defensively, VMI piled up 11 tackles for loss, led by 4.5 from Ryan Francis. Riuq Trotman had the Keydet interception, his third of the year to equal the most by a Keydet since 2003.

VMI's 233 yards rushing marked a over-200 yard improvement over last week, and was nearly 50 yards better than the team's previous season high. The effort was helped by Smith's 73-yard TD scamper, the longest run by a Keydet since 2007.



**ETSU (2-3, 1-3) 7**  
**VMI (3-2, 1-1) 37**

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Oct. 8, 2016 • Attendance: 5638

<b>ETSU</b>	0	0	0	7	-	7
<b>VMI</b>	14	13	3	7	-	37

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Keys 1 run (Christopher kick) - 5:20  
VMI - Lara 54 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:14

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Sanders 45 pass fro Cobb (Christopher kick) - 4:08  
VMI - Jacob 9 pass from Cobb - 0:24

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Christopher 51 FG - 9:29

### FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Smith 73 run (King kick) - 4:31  
ETSU - Styles 3 pass from Sexton - (Jerman kick) - 0:36

	ETSU	VMI
<b>First Downs</b>	13	21
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	38-103	41-233
<b>Passing Yards</b>	159	225
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	14-32-1	15-23-1
<b>Total Offense</b>	262	458
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>Penalties</b>	10-89	4-43
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	9-37.4	4-39.5
<b>Time of Possession</b>	33:13	26:47

**RUSHING:** ETSU - Monroe 14-59; Lee 5-27; Sexton 2-20; Thompson 3-9; Lowe 1-4; Stinson 9-(-8); Herink 4-(-8). **VMI** - Smith 7-97; Keys 17-80; Palmer 9-27; Cobb 4-24; Lara 3-7.

**PASSING:** ETSU - Herink 11-23-1-109; Sexton 3-9-0-50. **VMI**- Cobb 14-20-0-212; Coulling 1-3-1-13.

**RECEIVING:** ETSU - Lowe 4-54; Powell 3-20; Styles 2-41; Black 1-23; Smith 1-12; Antonelli 1-9; Stinson 1-3; Lee 1-(-3). **VMI** - Sanders 6-77; Forlines 4-56; Lara 1-54; Gavin 1-13; Keys 1-9; Jacob 1-9; Swingle 1-7.

# Game 6 - Samford at VMI

## Samford's Scoring Spurts Cost Keydets in 55-21 Loss

24th-ranked Samford scored early and often to deny VMI its fourth victory of the season, knocking off the Keydets, 55-21, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 15 in Birmingham, Ala.

The Bulldogs scored 28 first-quarter points to take control of the game early, and Samford snuffed out a VMI comeback attempt with 17 tallies in the fourth period to improve to 5-1 on the season.

Samford raced out to a 14-0 lead less than four minutes into the game, with quarterback Devlin Hodges tossing a 9-yard TD pass and Deion Pierre returning an interception 21 yards for a score. VMI answered when Alex Keys capped a 74-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run to cut the deficit to 14-7, but the Bulldogs scored 21 unanswered points and held a 38-14 halftime advantage.

The Keydet defense held the Bulldogs scoreless in the third quarter, and the offense tried to mount a comeback, with Pete Reed running into the end zone from 19 yards out midway through the quarter to pull VMI (3-3 overall, 1-2 Southern Conference) closer at 38-21.

Samford, however, scored 17 points in the fourth quarter to pull away.

For the game, the Bulldogs piled up 557 yards of total offense. Hodges, leading Samford's fast-paced offense, completed 35 of 50 passes for 435 yards and five touchdowns. Backup Liam Welch also threw a touchdown pass, and five different receivers had scoring catches for Samford. Karel Hamilton was Samford's top receiver, with 12 catches for 163 yards and score.

While the VMI defense, led by linebacker Ryan Francis's eight tackles, had a hard time slowing down Samford, the VMI offense equaled a season-high by committing three turnovers. Quarterback Al Cobb, who completed 23 of 31 passes for 247 yards, tossed a pair of interceptions, including the pick returned for a touchdown in the first quarter.

Aaron Sanders ran his streak of consecutive games with a catch to 32 with his four receptions; Dane Forlines led all VMI receivers with nine grabs for 77 yards. Keys carried the ball 16 times for 32 yards and a pair of touchdowns, but the Keydets were held to just 80 yards on the ground in the contest.



**#24 Samford (5-1, 3-1) 55**  
**VMI (3-3, 1-2) 21**

Seibert Stadium • Birmingham, Ala.  
 Oct. 15, 2016 • Attendance: 4085

<b>VMI</b>	7	7	7	0	-	21
<b>SAM</b>	28	10	0	17	-	55

### FIRST QUARTER

SAM - McKnight 9 pass from Hodges (Everett kick) - 13:03  
 SAM - Pierre 21 INT return (Everett kick) - 11:25  
 VMI - Keys 7 run (King kick) - 7:25  
 SAM - McKnight 3 pass from Hodges (Everett kick) - 5:14  
 SAM - Obajimi 7 pass from Hodges (Everett kick) - 2:38

### SECOND QUARTER

SAM - Hamilton 16 pass from Hodges (Everett kick) - 10:21  
 VMI - Keys 1 run (King kick) - 1:53  
 SAM - Everett 31 FG - 0:27

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Reed 19 run (King kick) - 7:25

### FOURTH QUARTER

SAM - Everett 30 FG - 13:26  
 SAM - Schmitt 5 pass from Hodges (Everett kick) - 10:22  
 SAM - Marshall 25 pass from Welch (Everett kick) - 4:59

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>SAM</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	15	26
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	37-80	23-95
<b>Passing Yards</b>	251	462
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	24-33-2	37-53-1
<b>Total Offense</b>	331	557
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	2-1	1-0
<b>Penalties</b>	5-34	7-92
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	7-36.9	5-46.2
<b>Time of Possession</b>	34:00	26:00

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Keys 16-32; Reed 1-19; Cobb 4-12; Palmer 5-8; Tucker 7-8; Smith 2-2; Forlines 2-(-1). *SAM* - Williams 8-33; Curry 4-21; Couto 4-15; Larry 3-13; McKnight 1-12; Hodges 2-1; Marshall 1-0.

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Cobb 23-31-2-247; Coulling 1-2-0-4; Forlines 0-0-0-0. *SAM* - Hodges 35-50-1-435; Welch 2-3-0-27.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Forlines 9-77; Sanders 4-47; Swingle 2-27; Palmer 2-18; Tucker 2-4; Reed 1-50; Lara 1-10; Keys 1-9; Martin 1-5; Smith 1-4. *SAM* - Hamilton 12-163; Obajimi 8-129; McKnight 6-68; Harris 3-29; Schmitt 3-22; Marshall 2-24; Curry 2-24; Larry 1-3.



# Game 7 - VMI vs. #6 Chattanooga

## Keydets Come Up Short at #8 Chattanooga, 30-13

VMI's valiant comeback attempt came up short, and the Keydets fell to a ranked Southern Conference football foe for the second straight week, dropping a 30-13 decision to #8 Chattanooga in Chattanooga, Tenn.



After the VMI (3-4, 1-3) offense sputtered in the first half and the Keydets spotted the Mocs a 17-0 lead, VMI tried to get back in the game, twice cutting the Chattanooga (7-1, 5-1) lead to 10 points.

The Keydets needed just one play and only 11 seconds to score midway through the third quarter as quarterback Al Cobb connected with Javeon Lara for a 79-yard touchdown pass. And when Reed King, who missed a field goal earlier in the quarter, booted the extra point, VMI cut the deficit to 17-7 with 9:34 remaining in the period.

Chattanooga answered, driving 65 yards in seven plays to extend the lead again, with Richardre Bagley taking an option pitch and racing 27 yards for the score. VMI blocked the extra-point try, but the Chattanooga lead was still 23-7.

VMI wasn't done, however. The Keydets marched 82 yards to reach the end zone again, getting a little help from a big Chattanooga penalty.

On first-and-goal from the Chattanooga 1-yard line, Cobb fumbled the ball into the end zone on a quarterback sneak, with the Mocs apparently recovering for a touchback. But Chattanooga was whistled for offsides on the play, giving VMI one more chance. And Cobb took advantage of it, racing to the corner of the end zone for the rushing touchdown, and though the two-point conversion failed, the Keydets had trimmed the margin to 10 points again, 23-13, with 2:29 still to play in the third quarter.

The Keydets could get no closer, however. Chattanooga twice stopped VMI on fourth-down tries late in the game, and the Mocs added an insurance score with a 45-yard run from Bagley to provide the final margin.

Third and fourth down conversions proved elusive for VMI all day. The Keydets were a mere 2-for-14 on third down in the contest and managed just one fourth down conversion in four attempts.

In fact, it was hard to get anything going for the VMI offense as the Chattanooga defense, ranked nationally in most defensive categories, bottled up the Keydet attack in the opening half. Though VMI finished the game with 249 yards in the game, the Keydets managed just 39 total yards in the first half and finished the contest with only 11 yards rushing. VMI did wind up with 13 first downs and nearly 200 yards passing in the second half however, en route to the comeback attempt.

Cobb completed 18 of his 35 passing attempts for 238 yards and a touchdown, but he was pressured all day and was sacked six times.

Aaron Sanders extended his streak to 33 straight games with a catch after hauling in seven passes for 61 yards. Dane Forlines caught five passes for 47 yards.

Defensively, VMI was led by linebackers Allan Cratsenberg and Ryan Francis, who totaled 14 and 10 tackles, respectively.

Chattanooga piled up 519 total yards in the game. Bagley carried the ball 23 times for 189 yards, while quarterback Alejandro Bennifield was 21 of 33 passing for 224 yards and a touchdown.

**VMI (3-4, 1-3) 13**  
**#8 UTC (7-1, 5-1) 30**

Finley Stadium • Chattanooga, Tenn.  
 Oct. 22, 2016 • Attendance: 10,505

<b>VMI</b>	0	0	13	0	-	13
<b>UTC</b>	7	10	6	7	-	30

### FIRST QUARTER

UTC - Morton 21 pass from Bennifield (Ribeiro kick) - 4:52

### SECOND QUARTER

UTC - Bennifield 14 run (Ribeiro kick) - 14:20  
 UTC - Ribeiro 30 FG - 9:19

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Lara 79 pass from Cobb (King kick) - 9:34  
 UTC - Bagley 27 run - 6:19  
 VMI - Cobb 1 run - 2:29

### FOURTH QUARTER

UTC - Bagley 45 run (Ribeiro kick) - 8:11

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>UTC</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	14	24
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	23-11	44-297
<b>Passing Yards</b>	238	222
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	18-35-0	22-34-0
<b>Total Offense</b>	249	519
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	1-0	0-0
<b>Penalties</b>	1-5	12-84
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	7-42.9	6-36.2
<b>Time of Possession</b>	22:53	37:07

**RUSHING:** VMI - Palmer 5-12; Lara 1-11; Tucker 3-2; Keys 3-2; Cobb 11-(-16). UTC - Bagley 23-189; Roberson 4-43; Bennifield 8-36; Trotter 8-31.

**PASSING:** VMI - Cobb 18-35-0-238. UTC - Bennifield 21-33-0-224; Roberson 1-1-0-(-2).

**RECEIVING:** VMI - Sanders 7-61; Forlines 5-47; Swingle 3-41; Lara 1-79; Palmer 1-8; Keys 1-2. UTC - Stovall 6-61; Borishade 4-33; McQuarters 3-22; Board 2-35; Stewart 2-30; Morton 2-26; Bagley 2-4; Trotter 1-11.

# Game 8 - VMI vs. Furman

## Keydets Drop 24-10 Contest to Furman

The Furman Paladins scored 24 unanswered points in the middle portions of the game, en route to a 24-10 victory over the VMI Keydets in SoCon football action Saturday, Oct. 29 at Foster Stadium in Lexington, Va.

VMI (3-5, 1-4 SoCon) opened the scoring with a Reed King field goal in the first quarter, but would not score again until the opening moments in the fourth period. Furman (2-6, 2-3), meanwhile, saw quarterback Reese Hannon account for 291 yards through the air and another 84 on the ground (375 total) en route to its second consecutive win.

One of the plays that turned the momentum for the Paladins came late in the second quarter, when after a rough start, Keydet quarterback Al Cobb had completed 12 of his last 14 passes.

On a first and 10, however, Cobb was sacked from the back side by lineman T.J. Warren. Cobb was driven hard into the ground on the play and left the game with an apparent shoulder injury. He would not return, and Furman intercepted backup Austin Coulling twice the rest of the way.

Offensively, Furman finished the game with 215 yards rushing and had the ball for over 38 minutes. VMI was led on the offensive side of the ball by Ryan Swingle, who had a career-high 65 yards receiving and the lone Keydet touchdown of the day.

VMI struck first on the warm fall day, as the Keydets drove 41 yards on nine plays on their first drive. King booted through a 28-yard kick to give the home team the lead, 3-0, but that lead lasted less than two minutes.

On Furman's next drive, an 83-yard bomb from Hannon to Thomas Gordon gave the Paladins the lead for good, and the visitors added on in the second period. A 92-yard drive, highlighted by a 37-yard catch by Logan McCarter, ended with an 11-yard run by Antonio Wilcox that made it 14-3.

That was the score when Cobb was injured, and the Paladins added a field goal in the final seconds of the half to take a 17-3 lead to the locker room.

Furman wrapped up its scoring with a Hannon touchdown pass to Wilcox at the 4:11 mark of the third quarter. Coulling was able to engineer a fourth-quarter touchdown drive, leading his team 77 yards in just 2:40 and capping it with a touchdown pass to Swingle to cut the lead to 14, but Furman stopped the Keydets on their next possession and then ran out the clock to preserve its win.

Defensively, both Allan Cratsenberg and Ryan Francis had 10 tackles for the Keydets, while Carl Rider led Furman with nine stops.



<b>Furman (2-6, 2-3)</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>VMI (3-5, 1-4)</b>	<b>10</b>

Foster Stadium • Lexington, Va.  
Oct. 29, 2016 • Attendance: 5,610

<b>FUR</b>	7	10	7	0	-	24
<b>VMI</b>	3	0	0	7	-	10

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - King 28 FG - 10:15

FUR - Gordon 83 pass from Hannon  
(Hollingsworth kick) - 8:19

### SECOND QUARTER

FUR - Wilcox 11 run (Hollingsworth kick) - 9:11  
FUR - Hollingsworth 26 FG - 0:15

### THIRD QUARTER

FUR - Wilcox 8 pass from Hannon  
(Hollingsworth kick) - 4:11

### FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Swingle 2 pass from Coulling (King kick) - 11:39

	<b>FUR</b>	<b>VMI</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	21	14
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	47-215	23-81
<b>Passing Yards</b>	291	199
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	18-27-0	22-42-2
<b>Total Offense</b>	506	280
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	1-1	0-0
<b>Penalties</b>	6-40	2-20
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	6-38.3	7-43.1
<b>Time of Possession</b>	38:30	21:30

**RUSHING:** **FUR** - Hannon 13-84; Wilcox 13-68; Hayes III 10-31; Dirks 6-20; Suttles 1-7; Blazejowski 2-5. **VMI** - Palmer 10-68; Tucker 8-16; Coulling 2-10; Keys 1-1; Lara 1-(-5); Cobb 1-(-9).

**PASSING:** **FUR** - Hannon 18-27-0-291.  
**VMI** - Cobb 16-26-0-139; Coulling 6-16-2-60.

**RECEIVING:** **FUR** - Gordon 4-142; Hayes III 4-8; McCarter 3-54; Fletcher 3-21; Suttles 2-23; Schumpert 1-35; Wilcox 1-8. **VMI** - Swingle 7-65; Sanders 4-52; Tucker 3-(-3); Forlines 2-33; Reed 2-13; Martin 1-19; Lara 1-15; Keys 1-5; Palmer 1-0.

# Game 9 - VMI at Western Carolina

## Keydets Lose Heartbreaker at WCU, 32-29

Redshirt freshman quarterback Austin Coulling got his first career start Saturday afternoon against the Western Carolina Catamounts, and he nearly earned his first career victory.

But WCU, after blocking a VMI field goal, drove 80 yards in the fourth quarter, scoring the go-ahead touchdown with 54 seconds left to hand the Keydets a heartbreaking 32-29 setback in Cullowhee, N.C.

Coulling, starting in place of the record-setting quarterback Al Cobb, who was injured in last week's contest against Furman, acquitted himself well, completing 18 of 25 passes for 261 yards and a touchdown. And he led the Keydets, who fell to 3-6 overall, 1-5 against Southern Conference foes, on a short drive to set up a field goal attempt that would have given VMI a 32-24 lead.

But Dillon Christopher's 37-yard try was blocked, the second blocked field goal of the game recorded by the WCU special teams, which also blocked a pair of PAT attempts. After the block, the Catamounts needed just five yards to drive 80 yards for the go-ahead score, with quarterback Tyrie Adams hooking up with Terryon Robinson for a 53-yard touchdown. Adams then passed to Spearman Robinson for the two-point conversion to give Western Carolina the three-point advantage.

The Keydets still had a chance to respond, and after two Western Carolina penalties, VMI moved all the way to the Catamount 35-yard line. But Coulling was sacked for a 6-yard loss, and he tossed his third interception of the day to seal the victory for the Catamounts.

With the win, Western Carolina improved to 2-7 overall, snapping a six-game losing streak and picking up their first SoCon win of the season. VMI's skid grew to four in row.

The Keydets fell behind 14-3 early in the contest before beginning a rally late in the first half. Tyain Smith rushed for an 8-yard touchdown with just over five minutes to play before intermission, and when Coulling connected with Smith for a 6-yard touchdown pass early in the third quarter, VMI had trimmed its deficit to 21-15.

Western Carolina responded with a field goal, but the Keydets posted the next two scores to take the lead. Smith bulled his way into the end zone from a yard away, with Ryan Swingle tacking on the two-point conversion, and Daz Palmer added a 2-yard TD run with 5:05 to play to give VMI a 29-24 advantage.

After struggling the last few weeks, VMI's rushing attack was off and running Saturday. The Keydets pounded out 192 yards on the ground, with Palmer carrying the ball 19 times for 136 yards. Smith toted the ball 18 times for 79 yards and the two touchdowns. Coupled with Coulling's passing effort, the Keydets piled up 453 yards of total offense.

After Palmer's touchdown, the VMI defense, which was led by 13 tackles each from Greg Sanders and Allan Cratsenberg on the day, stymied Western Carolina on a fourth-and-one attempt late in the final quarter. That gave the Keydets the ball at the WCU 30 to set up the late-game dramas.



**VMI (3-6, 1-5) 29**  
**Western Caro. (2-7, 1-6) 32**

E.J. Whitmire Stadium • Cullowhee, N.C.  
 Nov. 5, 2016 • Attendance: 8,225

<b>VMI</b>	0	9	6	14	-	29
<b>WCU</b>	7	14	3	8	-	32

### FIRST QUARTER

WCU - Crossen 19 fumble recovery (Howard kick) - 14:52

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - King 41 FG - 12:44  
 WCU - Young 1 run (Howard kick) - 9:34  
 VMI - Smith 8 run - 5:39  
 WCU - Holloway 1 run (Howard kick) - 0:10

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Smith 6 pass from Coulling - 10:54  
 WCU - Howard 50 FG - 7:12

### FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Smith 1 run (Swingle pass from Coulling) - 13:39  
 VMI - Palmer 2 run - 5:05  
 WCU - Robinson 53 pass from Adams (Adams pass from Robinson) - 0:54

	<b>VMI</b>	<b>WCU</b>
<b>First Downs</b>	22	18
<b>Rushes-Yards</b>	45-192	41-146
<b>Passing Yards</b>	261	207
<b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>	18-26-3	21-31-1
<b>Total Offense</b>	453	353
<b>Fumbles-Lost</b>	1-1	1-1
<b>Penalties</b>	4-30	6-67
<b>Punts-Avg.</b>	3-43.3	6-38.3
<b>Time of Possession</b>	31:15	28:45

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Palmer 19-136; Smith 18-79; Reed 1-3; Forlines 1-0; Lara 1-(-10); Coulling 5-(-16) . *WCU* - Newsome 19-111; Young 6-14; Adams 18-13; Holloway 5-9.

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Coulling 18-25-3-261; Forlines 0-1-0-0. *WCU* - Adams 21-31-1-207.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Forlines 5-45; Lara 4-100; Sanders 3-57; Swingle 3-42; Smith 2-9; Martin 1-8. *WCU* - T. Robinson 9-92; S. Robinson 5-57; Newsome 3-22; Goodman 2-8; Payne 1-18; Helms 1-10.



# Two-Deep Listings

## VMI Keydets

### Offense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>21</b>	Aaron Sanders	6-2	185	Sr.
	<b>83</b>	Javeon Lara	6-0	175	Fr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>6</b>	Dane Forlines	5-9	180	Sr.
	<b>26</b>	Mason Dermott	5-8	165	R-Fr.
<b>LT</b>	<b>66</b>	Iyan Roseborough	6-3	325	R-Sr.
	<b>79</b>	Jordan Veal	6-4	305	R-Sr.
<b>LG</b>	<b>50</b>	Chase Smith	6-3	260	R-So.
	<b>61</b>	Stephen Miller	6-2	275	R-Jr.
<b>C</b>	<b>62</b>	Patrick Doucette	6-1	280	R-Jr.
	<b>65</b>	Matt Milner	6-2	307	R-Jr.
<b>RG</b>	<b>57</b>	Bradley Hann	6-2	282	R-Sr.
	<b>76</b>	Will Morris	6-3	245	R-Fr.
<b>RT</b>	<b>73</b>	Cole Brummit	6-4	250	R-Fr.
	<b>79</b>	Jordan Veal	6-4	305	R-Sr.
<b>TE</b>	<b>13</b>	Ryan Swingle	6-3	232	R-Jr.
	<b>81</b>	Chad Jacob	6-3	225	R-Jr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>5</b>	Rohan Martin	5-10	175	Fr.
	<b>80</b>	Pete Reed	5-9	183	R-Jr.
<b>RB</b>	<b>22</b>	Daz Palmer	5-10	175	Fr.
	<b>25</b>	Alex Keys	5-11	200	R-Sr.
<b>QB</b>	<b>18</b>	Austin Coulling	6-4	200	R-Fr.
	<b>4</b>	Jake Paladino	6-1	205	R-Fr.

### Defense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>LE</b>	<b>88</b>	J.C. Garvin	6-4	230	R-Sr.
	<b>90</b>	Ryan Clark	6-6	220	Fr.
<b>NT</b>	<b>52</b>	Zach Baker	6-2	247	R-So.
	<b>54</b>	Xavier Greenfield	6-0	271	Jr.
<b>RE</b>	<b>96</b>	Seth Mallory	6-3	251	R-Jr.
	<b>97</b>	Jarrod Richmond	6-3	235	R-Fr.
<b>OLB</b>	<b>38</b>	Alijah Robinson	6-0	205	Sr.
	<b>3</b>	Tony Richardson	6-3	215	Jr.
<b>OLB</b>	<b>58</b>	Brian Lipscomb	6-3	225	R-So.
	<b>30</b>	Gabe Sutherland	5-11	200	R-So.
<b>ILB</b>	<b>44</b>	Ryan Francis	6-1	200	R-Jr.
	<b>35</b>	Scott Frazier	6-0	196	R-Jr.
<b>ILB</b>	<b>46</b>	Allan Cratsenberg	6-3	220	So.
	<b>47</b>	Caleb Lindsey	6-1	220	R-Sr.
<b>CB</b>	<b>7</b>	Damian Jones	6-1	190	R-Sr.
	<b>1</b>	Kaleb Tucker	6-1	165	Fr.
<b>LS</b>	<b>14</b>	Greg Sanders	5-10	190	Jr.
	<b>19</b>	Isaiah Parker	5-11	185	So.
<b>RS</b>	<b>28</b>	Matthew Nicholson	6-2	192	Sr.
	<b>32</b>	Jon Strozyk	6-0	175	R-Jr.
<b>CB</b>	<b>11</b>	Riuq Trotman	5-9	155	So.
	<b>4</b>	Uzoma Kpaduwa	5-10	185	So.

### Special Teams

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>K</b>	<b>27</b>	Dillon Christopher	6-2	200	Sr.
	<b>98</b>	Reed King	5-9	150	Fr.
<b>KO</b>	<b>27</b>	Dillon Christopher	6-2	200	Sr.
<b>P</b>	<b>34</b>	Bill Hogan	6-1	225	R-So.
	<b>4</b>	Jake Paladino	6-1	205	R-Fr.
<b>LSN</b>	<b>55</b>	Jake Keith	5-10	190	Fr.
<b>H</b>	<b>13</b>	Ryan Swingle	6-3	225	R-Jr.
<b>KR</b>	<b>6</b>	Dane Forlines	5-9	190	Sr.
	<b>26</b>	Mason Dermott	5-8	165	R-Fr.
<b>PR</b>	<b>6</b>	Dane Forlines	5-9	190	Sr.

## The Citadel Bulldogs

### Offense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>83</b>	Rudder Brown	6-4	217	Sr.
	<b>80</b>	Josh LeBlanc	6-3	200	Fr.
<b>WR</b>	<b>3</b>	Jorian Jordan	6-0	175	Sr.
	<b>2</b>	DeAndre Schoultz	5-9	191	Sr.
<b>LT</b>	<b>73</b>	Isaiah Pinson	6-3	267	Jr.
	<b>67</b>	Prince Howard-Whitaker	6-3	250	Fr.
<b>LG</b>	<b>57</b>	Kyle Weaver	6-2	279	Sr.
	<b>61</b>	Mark Weakland	6-2	265	Fr.
<b>C</b>	<b>53</b>	Tyler Davis	6-1	279	So.
<b>OR</b>	<b>52</b>	Ryan Bednar	6-1	285	Sr.
<b>RG</b>	<b>63</b>	Drew McEntyre	6-3	285	Fr.
	<b>77</b>	Tristan Harkleroad	6-2	286	So.
<b>RT</b>	<b>71</b>	Nick Jeffreys	6-3	255	Sr.
	<b>56</b>	Attorney Gallman	6-1	255	R-Fr.
<b>QB</b>	<b>19</b>	Dominique Allen	6-1	217	Jr.
	<b>10</b>	Jordan Black	6-1	200	R-Fr.
<b>A-BACK</b>	<b>18</b>	Cam Jackson	6-2	197	Jr.
	<b>31</b>	Rod Johnson	5-11	198	R-Fr.
<b>A-BACK</b>	<b>6</b>	Reggie Williams	5-9	187	Jr.
	<b>29</b>	Grant Drakeford	5-10	187	So.
<b>B-BACK</b>	<b>36</b>	Tyler Renew	5-11	217	Sr.
	<b>34</b>	Evan McField	6-0	230	So.

### Defense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>DE</b>	<b>92</b>	Travis Johnson	6-1	224	Jr.
	<b>91</b>	Tre'von White	6-5	224	So.
<b>DT</b>	<b>68</b>	Ken Allen	6-1	282	So.
	<b>98</b>	Joseph Randolph II	6-3	255	Fr.
<b>DT</b>	<b>97</b>	Jonathan King	6-1	248	Jr.
	<b>99</b>	Kevin Graham	6-1	287	So.
<b>KAT</b>	<b>5</b>	Joe Crochet	6-2	249	Sr.
	<b>55</b>	Russell Hubbs	6-1	226	So.
<b>RLB</b>	<b>50</b>	Myles Pierce	6-0	229	Jr.
	<b>38</b>	Noah Dawkins	6-1	225	So.
<b>KLB</b>	<b>43</b>	Tevin Floyd	6-1	238	Sr.
	<b>8</b>	Israel Battle	6-2	220	Jr.
<b>BAND</b>	<b>33</b>	Quinlan Washington	6-0	195	So.
<b>OR</b>	<b>22</b>	Dondray Copeland	6-2	207	Sr.
<b>CB</b>	<b>4</b>	Dee Delaney	6-1	193	Jr.
	<b>23</b>	Tyus Carter	6-1	180	Jr.
<b>ROV</b>	<b>7</b>	Kailik Williams	5-11	185	Jr.
	<b>24</b>	Aron Spann III	6-2	212	So.
<b>FS</b>	<b>21</b>	Malik Diggs	6-1	181	Sr.
	<b>9</b>	Khafari Buffalo	6-2	189	R-Fr.
<b>CB</b>	<b>11</b>	Ben Roberts	5-9	175	Jr.
	<b>1</b>	Shy Phillips	6-0	162	Jr.

### Special Teams

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
<b>K</b>	<b>86</b>	Jacob Godek	6-0	155	Fr.
<b>OR</b>	<b>87</b>	Cody Clark	6-1	181	Sr.
<b>P</b>	<b>90</b>	Will Vanvick	5-11	177	Sr.
<b>LS</b>	<b>85</b>	Patrick Keefe	5-11	190	So.
<b>H</b>	<b>90</b>	Will Vanvick	5-11	177	Sr.
<b>KOR</b>	<b>33</b>	Quinlan Washington	6-0	195	So.
	<b>4</b>	Dee Delaney	6-1	193	Jr.
<b>PR</b>	<b>2</b>	DeAndre Schoultz	5-9	191	Sr.
	<b>4</b>	Dee Delaney	6-1	193	Jr.

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1	Quan Myers	RB	So.	5-9	175	Altavista, Va./Brookville
1	Kaleb Tucker	DB	Fr.	6-1	165	Kecoughtan, Va./Kecoughtan
2	Brad Lipscomb	OLB	R-Sr.	6-0	217	Yanceyville, N.C./Yanceyville
3	Tony Richardson	OLB	Jr.	6-3	215	Morgantown, W.Va./University
4	Uzoma Kpaduwa	DB	So.	5-10	185	Round Hill, Va./Woodgrove
4	Jake Paladino	QB/P	R-Fr.	6-1	205	Pennfield, N.Y./Pennfield
5	Darnell Ashton	DL	Sr.	6-2	231	Olyphant, Pa./Valley View
5	Rohan Martin	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge
6	Dane Forlines	WR	Sr.	5-10	190	Richmond, Va./Mills Godwin
7	Damian Jones	DB	R-Sr.	6-1	190	Richmond, Va./Hermitage
8	Al Cobb	QB	R-Jr.	6-3	190	Pulaski, Tenn./Giles County
9	Taylor Stout	DB	Sr.	6-0	180	Midlothian, Va./Midlothian
11	Riuq Trotman	CB	So.	5-9	155	Virginia Beach, Va./Landstown
12	Kuony Deng	LB	Fr.	6-6	190	Aldie, Va./John Champe
12	Duncan Hodges	QB	Fr.	6-3	220	Kimberly, Ala./Mortimer Jordan
13	Ryan Swingle	TE	R-Jr.	6-3	232	Haymarket, Va./Battlefield
14	Bishop George	QB	Fr.	6-1	215	Shreveport, La./Loyola College Prep
14	Greg Sanders	DB	Jr.	5-10	190	Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers
15	Joey Brown	WR	R-So.	6-2	212	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
16	Jade Maher	WR	R-So.	6-5	200	Dunbar, Pa./Connellsville
17	Brice Tucker	RB	R-So.	5-10	175	Hampton, Va./Bishop Sullivan Catholic
18	Austin Coulling	QB	R-Fr.	6-4	200	Salem, Va./Salem
19	Isaiah Parker	WR/DB	So.	5-11	185	Salem, Va./Salem
21	Aaron Sanders	WR	Sr.	6-2	190	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point
22	Daz Palmer	RB	Fr.	5-10	175	Norfolk, Va./Lake Taylor
23	Tyain Smith	RB	Fr.	6-2	200	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River
25	Alex Keys	RB	R-Sr.	5-11	200	Rocky Mount, Va./Franklin Co.
26	Mason Dermott	WR	So.	5-8	165	Roanoke, Va./Hidden Valley
27	Dillon Christopher	PK	Sr.	6-2	200	Newport News, Va./Menchville
28	Matthew Nicholson	DB	Sr.	6-2	192	Front Royal, Va./Warren County
30	Gabe Sutherland	LB	R-So.	5-11	200	McLean, Va./McLean
31	Eddie Stawowczyk	DB	R-So.	5-9	180	Annandale, Va./WT Woodson
32	Jon Strozyk	DB	R-Jr.	6-0	175	Knoxville, Tenn./Powell
33	Alex Ramsey	RB/LB	Fr.	5-11	215	Salem, Va./Salem
34	Bill Hogan	LB/P	R-So.	6-1	225	Amissville, Va./Culpepper
35	Scott Frazier	LB	R-Jr.	6-0	196	Williamsburg, Va./Burton
36	Michael Williams	DB	R-So.	5-10	170	Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern
37	Najee Lawrence	LB	Fr.	6-1	200	Henrico, Va./Glen Allen
38	Alijah Robinson	OLB	Sr.	6-0	185	Waldorf, Md./North Point
39	Seth Hinton	P	Sr.	6-1	212	Blackstone, Va./Nottoway
40	Elliott Brewster	LB	Fr.	6-2	200	Dublin, Va./Pulaski
40	Hunter Marshall	RB	R-Jr.	5-10	194	Radford, Va./Radford
41	Devin Carper	FB	Fr.	5-7	180	Bedford, Va./Liberty
41	Bradley Lythgoe	DB	Fr.	5-11	190	Daleville, Va./Lord Botetourt
42	Troy Barden	LB	R-Jr.	5-11	225	Chesterfield, Va./Cosby
43	Jonathan Baker	LB	Fr.	5-10	200	Evington, Va./Rustburg
43	Kyle Harrell	WR	R-Jr.	5-11	180	Buchanan, Va./James River
44	Ryan Francis	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	205	Knoxville, Tenn./West
45	Tyler Fedison	LB	R-Fr.	6-0	210	Salem, Va./Salem
46	Allan Cratsenberg	LB	Jr.	6-3	220	Natrona, Pa./Highlands
47	Caleb Lindsey	LB	Sr.	6-1	220	Ashburn, Va./Broad Run

## Coaching Staff:

**Scott Wachenheim**, Head Coach  
**Tom Clark**, Def. Coordinator/Secondary  
**Justin Hamilton**, Outside LB's/Co-ST Coordinator  
**Tim Maypray**, Running Backs  
**Brad Robbins**, WR/TE/Internal Recruiting  
**Mike Saint Germain**, DL/External Recruiting  
**Gordon Sammis**, Offensive Line  
**Dustin Ward**, Offensive Coordinator/QB's  
**Justin Wood**, Inside Linebackers  
**Josh Zidenberg**, Secondary/Co-ST Coordinator  
**Dave Forman**, Strength Training  
**Tyson Wachenheim**, Assistant Coach  
**Nate Sievers**, Quality Control Coach

## Breakdown by Class:

**Freshmen:** 44 (T-30; R-13)  
**Sophomores:** 17 (T-5; R-12)  
**Juniors:** 18 (T-4; R-14)  
**Seniors:** 17 (T-10; R-7)  
*(T- True; R- Redshirt)*

## Pronunciation Guide:

4 - **Uzoma Kpaduwa** - You-ZOO-mah PAH-doo-wah  
11 - **Riuq Trotman** - Reek  
18 - Austin **Coulling** - CALLING  
26 - Mason **Dermott** - Der-mutt  
31 - Eddie **Stawowczyk** - Sta-WOW-chick  
63 - **Sawaar Canady** - Suh-WARR (rhymes with par) Kennedy  
66 - **Iyan Roseborough** - Eye-an

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47	Zander Royston	TE	R-Fr.	6-4	205	Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor
49	Kyle Vardo	DL	R-Jr.	6-0	218	Hayesville, N.C./Hayesville
50	Chase Smith	OL	R-So.	6-3	260	Lovettsville, Va./Woodgrove
51	Jeremiah Norman	K	R-Fr.	5-10	187	Oak Hill, Va./South Lakes
52	Zach Baker	DL	R-So.	6-2	247	Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry
54	Xavier Greenfield	DL	Jr.	6-0	271	Martinsville, Va./Magna Vista
55	Jake Keith	LS	Fr.	5-10	190	Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg
57	Bradley Hann	OL	R-Sr.	6-2	282	Springfield, Va./Robert E. Lee
58	Brian Lipscomb	OLB	R-So.	6-3	225	Hampton, Va./Kecoughtan
59	Connor Riddle	LB	Fr.	6-1	170	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge
60	Thad Stevenson-Panchisin	DL	R-Fr.	6-2	230	Exton, Pa./Downington HS East
61	Stephen Miller	OL	R-Jr.	6-2	275	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
62	Patrick Doucette	OL	R-Jr.	6-1	280	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut
63	Sawaar Canady	OL	Fr.	6-5	290	Newport News, Va./Heritage
64	Jared Braiman	OL	Fr.	6-4	220	Oak Ridge, N.C./NW Guilford
65	Matt Milner	OL	R-Jr.	6-2	307	Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek
66	Iyan Roseborough	OL	R-Sr.	6-3	335	Jenkinsville, S.C./Fairfield Central
69	Jameson Donahue	LB	R-Fr.	6-2	210	South Lyon, Mich./South Lyon
70	Josh Andre	OL	Fr.	6-5	257	Warrenton, Va./Fauquier
71	Aaron Gallagher	OL	Fr.	6-2	270	Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover
72	Andrew Lewis	OL	Sr.	6-5	268	Snellville, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian
73	Cole Brummit	OL	R-Fr.	6-4	250	Glen Allen, Va./Glen Allen
74	Walker Hays	OL	R-Jr.	6-1	265	Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia Hills
75	Critt Johnson	OL	Fr.	6-7	275	Virginia Beach, Va./Bishop Sullivan
76	Will Morris	OL	R-Fr.	6-3	245	Rustburg, Va./Rustburg
77	Tyler Thacker	OL	R-Fr.	6-4	260	Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford
79	Jordan Veal	OL	R-Sr.	6-4	305	Suffolk, Va./Western Branch
80	Pete Reed	WR	R-Jr.	5-9	183	Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge
81	Chad Jacob	TE	R-Jr.	6-3	235	Mechanicsville, Va./Atlee
82	Kendrick Jackson	WR	Fr.	5-8	170	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
83	Javeon Lara	WR	Fr.	6-0	175	Schulenburg, Tex./Schulenburg
84	Jay Gavin	WR	Fr.	6-4	185	Big Stone Gap, Va./Union
86	Matt Blaser	WR	Fr.	5-11	175	Poquoson, Va./Poquoson
86	John Mobley	DL	R-So.	6-4	235	Portsmouth, Va./Nansemond-Suffolk
87	Alec Mini	WR	Fr.	6-1	190	Salem, Va./Patrick Henry
87	Cody Peregoy	OLB	R-Fr.	6-2	220	Salem, Va./Salem
88	J.C. Garvin	DL	R-Sr.	6-4	230	Kingsport, Tenn./Sullivan South
89	Will Wampler	WR	R-Fr.	6-1	185	Clayton, N.C./Saint David's School
90	Ryan Clark	DL	Fr.	6-6	220	Alcoa, Tenn/Alcoa
91	Zack Lockhart	DL	Fr.	6-5	200	Lovettsville, Va./Wood Grove
92	Patrick Dolan	TE	Fr.	6-1	210	McLean, Va./McLean
93	Nick Hayes	TE	Fr.	6-4	200	Standardsville, Va./William Monroe
95	Shavon Henderson	DL	R-So.	6-3	250	Dyersburg, Tenn./Dyersburg
96	Seth Mallory	DL	R-Jr.	6-3	251	Williamsburg, Va./Warhill
97	Jarrold Richmond	DE	R-Fr.	6-3	235	Bluefield, Va./Graham
98	Reed King	K/P	Fr.	5-9	150	Yorktown, Va./Grafton
99	Tommy Smith	K/P	So.	6-2	200	Bealeton, Va./Liberty

# VMI Opponents' Scores & Schedules

<p><b>Akron Zips (5-5)</b></p> <p>S3 VMI W, 47-24            S10 at Wisconsin L, 10-54            S17 at Marshall W, 65-38            S24 Appalachian State L, 38-45            O1 at Kent State W, 31-27            O8 Miami (Ohio) W, 35-13            O15 Western Michigan L, 0-41            O22 at Ball State W, 35-25            O27 at Buffalo L, 21-40            N2 Toledo L, 17-48            N9 Bowling Green 8 p.m.            N22 at Ohio 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Morehead State Eagles (3-6)</b></p> <p>S3 at #12 James Madison L, 7-80            S10 VMI L, 13-17            S17 Lincoln (Pa.) W, 56-6            S24 at Drake L, 28-30            O1 Valparaiso W, 29-26            O8 at Dayton L, 27-51            O15 Marist L, 41-44 (OT)            O22 Jacksonville L, 49-61            N5 at Butler W, 54-28            N12 Campbell 1 p.m.            N19 at Davidson 1 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Bucknell Bison (3-6)</b></p> <p>S3 at Marist W, 26-10            S10 at Duquesne L, 19-30            S17 Cornell L, 16-24            S24 VMI L, 17-23            O8 at Holy Cross W, 21-20            O15 Colgate L, 7-27            O22 Lafayette W, 41-17            O29 at #9 Charleston Southern L, 28-49            N5 at #21 Lehigh L, 13-20            N12 at Georgetown 3:30 p.m.            N19 Fordham Noon</p>
<p><b>Mercer Bears (5-4)</b></p> <p>S1 #15 The Citadel L, 23-24            S10 at Georgia Tech L, 10-35            S17 Tennessee Tech W, 34-27            O1 at VMI W, 33-30 (OT)            O8 at #3 Chattanooga L, 31-52            O15 Western Carolina W, 38-24            O22 at Austin Peay W, 41-34            O29 at Wofford L, 21-31            N5 ETSU W, 21-13            N12 at Samford 3:30 p.m.            N19 Furman 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>ETSU Bucs (3-6)</b></p> <p>S3 at Kennesaw State W, 20-17            S17 vs. Western Caro. (Bristol) W, 34-31            S24 at Wofford L, 0-31            O1 Chattanooga L, 7-37            O8 at VMI L, 7-37            O15 Furman L, 7-52            O20 W. Virginia Wesleyan W, 38-7            O29 at #5 The Citadel L, 10-45            N5 at Mercer L, 13-21            N12 Cumberland 1 p.m.            N19 Samford 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>#21 Samford Bulldogs (6-3)</b></p> <p>S1 Mars Hill W, 77-7            S10 at Central Arkansas W, 35-29            S24 at #3 Chattanooga L, 21-41            O1 Wofford W, 28-26            O8 at Furman W, 38-21            O15 VMI W, 55-21            O22 Western Carolina W, 30-17            O29 at Mississippi State L, 41-56            N5 at #5 The Citadel L, 34-37 (OT)            N12 Mercer 3:30 p.m.            N19 at ETSU 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>#7 Chattanooga Mocs (8-1)</b></p> <p>S1 Shorter W, 66-0            S10 Presbyterian W, 34-0            S17 at Furman W, 21-14            S24 Samford W, 41-21            O1 at ETSU W, 37-7            O8 Mercer W, 52-31            O15 at #9 The Citadel L, 14-22            O22 VMI W, 30-13            O29 at Western Carolina W, 38-25            N12 Wofford 2 p.m.            N19 at Alabama TBA</p>	<p><b>Furman Paladins (2-7)</b></p> <p>S2 at Michigan State L, 13-28            S10 at The Citadel L, 14-19            S17 Chattanooga L, 14-21            S24 at Coastal Carolina L, 21-41            O1 Kennesaw State L, 42-52            O8 Samford L, 21-38            O15 at ETSU W, 52-7            O29 at VMI W, 24-10            N5 Wofford L, 27-34            N12 Western Carolina 4 p.m.            N19 at Mercer 3 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Western Carolina (2-7)</b></p> <p>S3 at East Carolina L, 7-52            S10 Gardner-Webb W, 44-14            S17 vs. ETSU (Bristol) L, 31-34            O1 The Citadel L, 14-37            O8 Wofford L, 19-31            O15 at Mercer L, 24-38            O22 at Samford L, 17-30            O29 Chattanooga L, 25-38            N5 VMI W, 32-29            N12 at Furman 4 p.m.            N19 at South Carolina TBA</p>
<p><b>#5 The Citadel Bulldogs (9-0)</b></p> <p>S1 at Mercer W, 24-23            S10 at Furman W, 19-14            S17 Gardner-Webb W, 31-24            O1 at Western Carolina W, 37-14            O6 at North Greenville W, 38-14            O15 #3 Chattanooga W, 22-14            O22 at Wofford W, 24-21 (OT)            O29 ETSU W, 45-10            N5 #18 Samford W, 37-34 (OT)            N12 at VMI 1:30 p.m.            N19 at North Carolina TBA</p>	<p><b>Wofford Terriers (6-3)</b></p> <p>S1 at Tennessee Tech W, 21-7            S10 at Ole Miss L, 13-38            S17 Johnson C. Smith W, 59-0            S24 ETSU W, 31-0            O1 at Samford L, 26-28            O8 at Western Carolina W, 31-19            O22 #5 The Citadel L, 21-24            O29 Mercer W, 31-21            N5 at Furman W, 34-27            N12 at Chattanooga 2 p.m.            N19 VMI 1:30 p.m.</p>	