

2017 KEYDET BASEBALL

VMI at Hughes Brothers Challenge

vs. Appalachian State, at #24 UNC Wilmington, vs. Appalachian State and vs. George Mason

Feb. 17-19 - Wilmington, N.C.

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 17	vs. App. State^	Noon
Feb. 18	at #24 UNCW^	2 p.m.
Feb. 18	vs. App State^	6 p.m.
Feb. 19	vs. George Mason^	10 a.m.
Feb. 21	at #17 Virginia	3 p.m.
Feb. 24	Bucknell	3 p.m.
Feb. 25	Bucknell	3 p.m.
Feb. 26	Bucknell	1 p.m.
Mar. 1	William & Mary	3 p.m.
Mar. 3	George Washington	3 p.m.
Mar. 4	George Washington	2 p.m.
Mar. 5	George Washington	1 p.m.
Mar. 10	Quinnipiac	3 p.m.
Mar. 11	Quinnipiac	2 p.m.
Mar. 12	Quinnipiac	1 p.m.
Mar. 14	at Old Dominion	6 p.m.
Mar. 15	at Old Dominion	3 p.m.
Mar. 17	at Elon	4 p.m.
Mar. 18	at Elon	2 p.m.
Mar. 19	at Elon	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 21	Richmond	6 p.m.
Mar. 22	at William & Mary	6 p.m.
Mar. 24	at The Citadel*	6 p.m.
Mar. 25	at The Citadel*	2 p.m.
Mar. 26	at The Citadel*	1 p.m.
Mar. 28	at James Madison	6 p.m.
Mar. 29	at Longwood	6 p.m.
Mar. 31	Samford*	6 p.m.
Apr. 1	Samford*	4 p.m.
Apr. 2	Samford*	Noon
Apr. 4	Longwood	6 p.m.
Apr. 5	Old Dominion	4 p.m.
Apr. 7	at Wofford*	6 p.m.
Apr. 8	at Wofford*	3 p.m.
Apr. 9	at Wofford*	1 p.m.
Apr. 13	Mercer*	6 p.m.
Apr. 14	Mercer*	6 p.m.
Apr. 15	Mercer*	3 p.m.
Apr. 18	at VCU	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Western Carolina*	5 p.m.
Apr. 22	at Western Carolina*	2 p.m.
Apr. 23	at Western Carolina*	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	at Radford	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 29	at Radford	4 p.m.
Apr. 30	Radford	2 p.m.
May 2	VCU	6 p.m.
May 5	UNCG*	6 p.m.
May 6	UNCG*	6 p.m.
May 7	UNCG*	1 p.m.
May 12	at Furman*	6 p.m.
May 13	at Furman*	4 p.m.
May 14	at Furman*	1 p.m.
May 16	James Madison	7 p.m.
May 18	ETSU*	6 p.m.
May 19	ETSU*	4 p.m.
May 20	ETSU*	1 p.m.
May 23-28	SoCon Tournament, Greenville, S.C.	

* = Southern Conference Game

Probable Starting Pitchers

VMI RHP Josh Winder vs. ASU RHP Travis Holden

VMI RHP Matt Eagle vs. #24 UNCW RHP Josh Roberson

VMI LHP Brandon Barbery vs. ASU LHP Bobby Hampton

VMI TBA vs. GMU RHP Zach Mort

First Words

This tournament marks the second time in four years that VMI opens at the Hughes Bros. Challenge in Wilmington. The Keydets went 1-2 at this tournament - against UNCW, then-#1 UVA and Kentucky - in 2014.

VMI is looking to turn around a recent negative trend in season openers. The Keydets have won just one season opener since 2010 - a 3-1 victory over North Florida on Feb. 13, 2015.

Friday's game against Appalachian State will be VMI's first against the Mountaineers since sweeping a series in Boone, N.C. in May of 2003. The two schools were both members of the SoCon prior to that time.

Two Keydets are closing in on career top-10 marks in program history. Collin Fleischer is seven home runs away from tying Elliot Erbe for 10th place on the VMI all-time listing (26), and Jack Gomersall is nine appearances away from equaling J.J. Hollenbeck's 70 career games pitched that also ranks 10th in VMI annals.

Fleischer was voted Second Team Preseason All-SoCon, while Friday's starter, Josh Winder, was named to Perfect Game's Preseason All-SoCon listing.

Probable Starters - 2016 Stats

		Yr.	AVG	R	2B	HR	RBI	OBP
C	Peyton Maddox	Jr.	.267	35	8	11	35	.379
1B	Collin Fleischer	Jr.	.298	42	14	15	46	.411
2B	Matt Pita	So.	.322	48	16	11	40	.392
3B	Josh Hollifield	Fr.			N/A			
SS	Jacob Jaye	Jr.	.222	27	8	4	16	.325
OF	Will Malbon	Sr.	.188	29	9	3	24	.347
OF	Tyler Tharp	Sr.	.209	32	12	7	25	.323
OF	Matt Dunlevy	Jr.	.282	20	13	4	32	.343
DH	Quinn Smith	Fr.			N/A			

When Was The Last Time VMI.....

Scored 20 or more runs in a game20, vs. George Mason, March 16, 2016
Had 20 or more hits in a game24, vs. Maryland-Eastern Shore, March 11, 2016
Scored 10 or more runs in an inning10, vs. High Point, May 21, 2011
Allowed 20 or more runs in a game23, vs. Presbyterian College-I, May 21, 2010
Allowed 20 or more hits in a game21, at ETSU, April 29, 2016
Was shutoutat VCU, March 24, 2015
Shutout an opponentvs. Georgetown, Feb. 20, 2016
Pitched back-to-back complete games ...vs. UNCA (Smink & Henderson), March 21-22, 2009
Hit back-to-back home runsvs. UMES (Maddox-Tharp-Pita), March 13, 2016
Hit 5-6 home runs in a game6, at Furman (Game 2), April 4, 2015
Hit 7 or more home runs in a game7, vs. UMES, March 11, 2016 (ties school record)
Had two players with five hits in a gamevs. UMES (S. Roberts, 6 & Hess, 5), May 9, 2008
Had two players with two home runs in a gamevs. UMES (Eaton and Maddox), March 11, 2016
Allowed an Opponent 2-3 hits2, vs. UMES, March 1, 2014
Allowed an Opponent 1 hit or less0, vs. Lafayette, Feb. 21, 2014 (R. Garrett No-Hitter)
Swept a Conference series at homevs. Presbyterian College, March 21-23, 2014
Swept a Conference series on the roadat The Citadel, April 24-26, 2015
Swept a Conference doubleheaderat The Citadel, April 26, 2015
Beat a Ranked Teamat #12 Virginia, 7-6, April 1, 2014
Beat a Ranked Team on the Roadat #12 Virginia, 7-6, April 1, 2014
Had a Walk-off Winvs. Radford (Wild Pitch), 4-3, May 11, 2016
Won a Series Against a Ranked Teamvs. No. 16 Winthrop, May 19-21, 2006 (First Ever)
Won a Postseason Gamevs. #5 UNCG, May 21, 2015 (SoCon Championship)
Was Ranked In A National Poll ...April 12, 2010, No. 26 by Collegiate Baseball (Highest-Ever)
Received Votes in a National PollMarch 3, 2014 by NCBWA

When Was The Last Time A Keydet.....

Had five hits in a gameRay Lopez, at North Florida, Feb. 14, 2015
Scored five runs in a gameA.J. Yoder, vs. Gardner-Webb, April 10, 2009
Had eight RBI in a gameMatt Pita, vs. Binghamton, March 5, 2016 (school record)
Hit three doubles in a gameSheldon Shifflett, vs. UMES, Feb. 24, 2013
Hit two triples in a gameDavid Geary, vs. UMBC, Feb. 19, 2016 (Game 2)
Hit a grand slamMatt Pita, vs. Binghamton, March 5, 2016
Hit an inside-the-park home runMike Roberts, at Auburn, March 6, 2008
Had a pinch-hit home runAndrew Montague, vs. Presbyterian College, May 20, 2010
Hit two home runs in a gameN. Eaton and P. Maddox, vs. UMES, March 22, 2016
Hit home runs in consecutive at batsNathan Eaton, vs. UMES, March 22, 2016
Hit home runs in 3 straight gamesWill Connerley, May 8-10, 2015
Had a walk-off RBIWill Malbon (2B) vs. Binghamton, March 6, 2016
Had a walk-off hitWill Malbon (2B) vs. Binghamton, March 6, 2016
Hit a walk-off home runJacob Morley, vs. Campbell, April 21, 2012
Hit for the cycleMatt Pita, vs. Binghamton, March 5, 2016
Had two hits in an inning ...Graham Sullivan & George Piccirilli, vs. High Point, May 21, 2011
Was HBP three times in a gameWill Connerley, at VCU, April 2, 2014
Stole homeBrandon Angus (Off Balk), vs. James Madison, May 12, 2015
Stole five bases in a gameShane Geisslinger, vs. Richmond, April 12, 2006
Struck out 10 or more battersJosh Winder (10) vs. Binghamton, March 6, 2016
Struck out 13 or more battersReed Garrett (13), vs. Lafayette, Feb. 21, 2014
Struck out 15 or more battersGrayson Craun (15), vs. Appalachian State, April 11, 1998
Pitched a complete game (9 inn.)Josh Winder, vs. Binghamton, March 6, 2016
Threw a shutout (9 inn.)Reed Garrett vs. Lafayette, Feb. 21, 2014
Threw a no-hitterReed Garrett vs. Lafayette, Feb. 21, 2014
Had a hitting streak of at least 15 gamesJacob Jaye, April 10 - May 14, 2016 (15)
Had a hitting streak of at least 19 gamesAlex Haitsuka, Mar. 15-Apr. 19, 2011 (19)
Hit .400 in a season (Minimum 150 at bats)Greg Weddle, .446, 1986

Miscellaneous School Records

Most wins in a season34, 2007
Most consecutive wins10, Feb. 20-March 7, 2010
Most consecutive home wins15, February 24-April 7, 2007
Best record during a season29-5, April 14, 2010
Most losses in a season41, 2002
Most consecutive losses32, March 21-May 1, 1981

2017 Keydet Honors

Preseason All-Southern Conference

1B Collin Fleischer (Second Team)

Perfect Game Preseason All-Southern Conference

RHP Josh Winder

2017 Keydet Firsts

First Career Hit

First Career Home Run

First Career Win

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	HT	WT	CL	Hometown/Previous School
1	Michael Diodato	SS/2B	R/R	6-0	170	Fr.	Gloucester, Va./Gloucester
3	Will Malbon	OF	L/L	5-11	185	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Cox
5	Jack Gomersall	RHP	R/R	6-0	205	R-Jr.	Falls Church, Va./JEB Stuart
6	Jacob Jaye	IF	L/R	6-0	185	Jr.	Winchester, Va./Millbrook
7	Mason Adamson	IF/RHP	R/R	6-2	165	Fr.	Newport News, Va./Woodside High
8	Peyton Maddox	C	R/R	6-3	185	Jr.	Amherst, Va./Amherst County
9	Jake Huggins	IF	R/R	6-2	190	So.	Richmond, Va./Cosby
10	Jordan Ebersole	OF	R/R	6-0	195	Fr.	Vienna, Va./James Madison HS
11	Michael Geary	LHP	L/L	6-0	180	So.	Richmond, Va./Benedictine
12	Matt Dunlevy	OF	L/R	6-0	180	Jr.	Midlothian, Va./St. Christopher's
13	John Fuqua	LHP	L/L	6-0	160	Fr.	Chesapeake, Va./Indian River
14	Jonathan Clines	LHP/IB	L/L	6-2	190	Fr.	McLean, Va./McLean
16	Jake Hall	IF	R/R	5-9	160	Fr.	Nashotah, Wisc./Lake County Lutheran
17	Eric Byrd	RHP	R/R	6-4	190	Jr.	Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend
18	Collin Fleischer	IB	R/R	6-3	215	Jr.	Chester, Va./Thomas Dale
19	Matt Eagle	RHP	R/R	6-3	185	Jr.	Norfolk, Va./Granby
20	Blaine Lafin	RHP	L/R	6-1	205	Sr.	Culpepper, Va./Culpepper
21	Quinn Smith	C	R/R	6-3	195	Fr.	Rocky Face, Ga./McCallie School
22	Garrett St. Laurent	C	R/R	6-2	200	So.	Aldie, Va./Freedom
24	Jared Silva	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	Jr.	Charles Town, W.Va./Washington HS
25	Derek Tremblay	RHP	R/R	6-3	185	Fr.	Covington, Va./Alleghany
26	Ryan Smoot	C	R/R	6-1	210	So.	Strasburg, Va./Strasburg
27	Josh Hollifield	3B/SS	R/R	6-3	200	Fr.	Weddington, N.C./Weddington
28	Corey Johnston	RHP	R/R	6-1	180	R-Fr.	Chester, Va./Thomas Dale
29	Ryan Hatten	IB/OF	R/R	6-5	200	Fr.	Hendersonville, Tenn./Pope John Paul II
30	Ryan Bennett	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	R-Sr.	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
31	Tyler Tharp	OF/IB	L/L	6-3	200	Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville
32	Brady Watts	LHP	L/L	6-2	190	Fr.	Lowgap, N.C./North Surry
33	Matt Pita	IF/OF	R/R	5-10	180	So.	Richmond, Va./Cosby
34	Liam Roden	RHP	R/R	6-2	195	R-Fr.	Bixby, Okla./Bixby
35	Brandon Barbery	LHP	L/L	6-0	175	Jr.	Manassas, Va./CD Hylton
36	Josh Winder	RHP	R/R	6-5	210	So.	Richmond, Va./James River
37	Zak Kent	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	Fr.	Heathsville, Va./Northumberland
38	Kyle Staats	LHP	L/L	6-2	250	Jr.	Manassas, Va./Forest Park

Head Coach: #2 Jonathan Hadra (VMI '04), Third Season

Associate Head Coach: Travis Beazley (Randolph-Macon '06), Sixth Season

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: #23 Casey Dykes (Western Kentucky '12), Third Season

Volunteer Assistant Coach: #39 Sam Roberts (VMI '10), First Season

Student Assistant Coach: Dallas Wood

Pronunciation Guide

Travis **BEAZLEY** - BEES-lee
Michael **DIODATO** - Dee-o-dat-o
Matt **DUNLEVY**- Dun-LEE-vee
Collin **FLEISCHER** - Fly-SURE
John **FUQUA** - Foo-qua
Michael **GEARY** - Gear-E
Jonathan **HADRA** - Hay-DRUH
Jacob **JAYE** - JAY
Blaine **LAFIN** - LUH-fin
Will **MALBON** - Mal-BUN

Squad Analysis

2016 Lettermen

Returning21
Lost6

2016 Position Starters

Returning7
Lost2

2015 Pitchers

Returning12
Lost4

Newcomers12

How They Hit

Right23
Left11

How They Throw

Right26
Left8

Alphabetical Roster

7	Mason Adamson	IF/RHP
35	Brandon Barbery	LHP
30	Ryan Bennett	RHP
17	Eric Byrd	RHP
14	Jonathan Clines	LHP/IB
1	Michael Diodato	IF
12	Matt Dunlevy	OF
19	Matt Eagle	RHP
10	Jordan Ebersole	OF
18	Collin Fleischer	IB
13	John Fuqua	LHP
11	Michael Geary	LHP
5	Jack Gomersall	RHP
16	Jake Hall	IF
29	Ryan Hatten	IF/OF
27	Josh Hollifield	3B/SS
9	Jake Huggins	IF
6	Jacob Jaye	IF
28	Corey Johnston	RHP
37	Zak Kent	RHP
20	Blaine Lafin	RHP
8	Peyton Maddox	C
3	Will Malbon	OF
33	Matt Pita	IF/OF
34	Liam Roden	RHP
24	Jared Silva	RHP
21	Quinn Smith	C
26	Ryan Smoot	C
22	Garrett St. Laurent	C
38	Kyle Staats	LHP
31	Tyler Tharp	OF/IB
25	Derek Tremblay	RHP
32	Brady Watts	LHP
36	Josh Winder	RHP



VMI Hitters Notes



#7 Mason Adamson, Fr., R/R (Newport News, Va./Woodside)

IF/RHP

- Four-year letterwinner at Woodside HS
- First Team All-Conference
- Teammate of Michael Diodato in summer ball (Hampton Roads Hurricanes)
- Also likely to pitch

#14 Jonathan Clines, Fr., L/L (McLean, Va./McLean)

LHP/IB

- Two-time First Team All-Conference as a pitcher
- 6A Conference POTY in 2016
- Three-year member of Richmond Braves National Team

#1 Michael Diodato, Fr., R/R (Gloucester, Va./Gloucester)

IF

- Former Second Team All-Conference honoree at Gloucester HS
- Hit .466 as a junior
- Played summer ball with fellow signee Mason Adamson (Hampton Roads Hurricanes)

#12 Matt Dunlevy, Jr., L/R (Midlothian, Va./St. Christopher's)

OF

- Named #6 prospect in Hamptons League by Baseball America following 2016 Summer Season, led that league in hitting (.372)
- (2016) Hit .275 with four home runs in 51 games
- Hit his first career home run in loss to JMU March 8
- Opened the year with a six-game hitting streak
- (2015) Missed the late portions of the season due to a leg injury
- Finished the year hitting .261 with three runs scored and four RBI
- First Team All-State in 2013
- Played for Richmond Braves travel team and was teammates there with IF Jacob Jaye

#10 Jordan Ebersole, Fr., R/R (Vienna, Va./James Madison HS)

OF

- Former Second Team All-Conference selection
- Home Run Derby champion at Babe Ruth World Series
- Also lettered four years in football and was First Team All-Conference

#18 Collin Fleischer, Jr., R/R (Chester, Va./Thomas Dale)

IB

- Enters 2016 seven home runs away from tying for 10th in school history
- 2016 season ranked third in home runs (15), 10th in total bases (121) and tied for first in games played (56) in school history.
- (2016) Named All-SoCon Second Team by the league's coaches
- Finished 2016 hitting .298 with 15 HR and 46 RBI
- Homered twice against Furman 5/14
- Went 2 for 4 with his first career multi-homer game April 10 (Game 2) against WCU
- Hit what was believed to be the first home run of the Division I season 2/19 against UMBC
- (2015) 2015 All-Freshman Team honoree
- Hit .355 in conference play as a freshman
- Two-time member of First Team All-Tournament at WWBA Perfect Game Tournament
- Played for Virginia Swampthings, where he was coached by Mickey Roberts, father of VMI alumni Mike and Sam

#16 Jake Hall, Fr., R/R (Nashotah, Wisc./Lake County Lutheran)

IF

- Was starting shortstop in HS for two-time state champions
- First Team All-State preseason in 2016 after being named First Team All-Conference the previous season
- Was selected #39 player in Wisconsin prior to senior season by Perfect Game

#29 Ryan Hatten, Fr., R/R (Hendersonville, Tenn./Pope John Paul II)

OF/IB

- Ranked as #2 1B and #25 player overall in Tennessee (Prep Baseball) during his junior season
- Also lettered four years in basketball as well

#27 Josh Hollifield, Fr., R/R (Weddington, N.C./Weddington)

IF

- Ranked among top 500 players in nation by Perfect Game prior to senior season
- Suited up for Atlanta Blue Jays during fall of 2015, a team that was selected by the New York Mets to participate in the Metropolitan Island Games, held in Puerto Rico
- 2015 Perfect Game WWBA Southeast Qualifier All-Tournament Team

#9 Jake Huggins, So., R/R (Richmond, Va./Cosby)

IF

- (2016) Hit .257 in 16 games as a true freshman, mostly at DH
- Started back to back games April 2-3 against UNCG, drove in a run with a RBI double on 4/2



VMI Hitters Notes



- 2 for 4 in 2/20 win over Georgetown
- Earned First Team All-State, All-Region, All-Conference and All-District honors at Cosby HS

#6 Jacob Jaye, Jr., L/R (Winchester, Va./Millbrook)

SS/2B

- (2016) Hit .228 with four home runs, played in all 56 games as a sophomore
- Saw his 15-game hitting streak snapped 5/14 vs. Furman (on-base streak of 23 in a row was snapped the next day)
- Hit .305 during the month of April with a .434 on-base percentage
- Hit 8 for 21 (.381) over six game stretch 3-16/23, including three multi-hit games
- 2 for 3, including his first career home run, in 2/28 win over Lafayette
- (2015) Hit .212 with four RBI
- Hit .292 in 12 conference games as a true freshman
- Made his first collegiate start at 2B 4/15 against Richmond
- Was 6 for 11 in 3/27-29 series against Samford
- Four-year letterwinner at Millbrook HS, where he holds the school record for most hits in a season

#8 Peyton Maddox, So., R/R (Amherst, Va./Amherst County)

C

- 11 home run 2016 season is believed to be second-highest single-season total by a catcher in VMI history (Winn, 14 in 2015)
- (2016) Hit .267 with 11 home runs as a sophomore, started 53 of 56 games, played in all 56
- Earned SoCon Player of the Week and National Player of the Week honors on March 14
- First career multi-home run game March 11 against UMES, when he went 4 for 4 with five RBI
- Hit his first career home run 2/27 against Lafayette
- (2015) Hit .222 (4 for 18) as a true freshman
- 2 for 4 with a run scored and his first collegiate hit 3/31 at Virginia Tech
- Made his first collegiate start 3/25 at ODU
- Four-year letterwinner at Amherst County

#3 Will Malbon, Sr., L/L (Virginia Beach, Va./Cox)

OF

- Likely to be VMI's primary center fielder for the third consecutive season
- Missed just one game in 2016
- (2016) Hit .184 with three home runs as a junior
- (2015) Hit .215 with one home run as a sophomore
- 2 for 3 with two RBI on the game-winning hit in win at Virginia 4/1
- 3 for 5 with two runs scored and 2 SB's 3/15 vs. Central Conn. St. (Game 1)
- (2014) Hit .188 in 40 games (21 starts) as a true freshman
- Recorded two outfield assists on the year, including throwing out the potential winning run at home April 13 at High Point, a game the Keydets eventually won
- First Team All-Beach District and Second Team All-Region in 2013

#33 Matt Pita, So., R/R (Richmond, Va./Cosby)

2B/LF

- (2016) Hit a team-best .322 with 11 home runs, 40 RBI and 125 total bases
- Total bases figure ranked seventh in single-season VMI annals
- Named to SoCon All-Freshman Team
- Had his first career multi-homer game on May 19 in opener of doubleheader
- Narrowly missed becoming the third player in NCAA history with 2 cycles in a season March 11 vs. UMES - was hit by a pitch final two AB's needing only a 1B
- Five straight multi-hit games March 6-13, had four straight extra-base hit games in that window
- Enters VCU game having raised his average 138 points since March 1
- 4 for 5 with a school-record eight RBI in doubleheader opener 3/5 vs. Binghamton
- Also became the first Keydet since 2010 to hit for the cycle in that game
- Homered 2/26 vs. Lafayette for his first career long ball
- Started four of the season's first five games and had his first career hit in the season opener
- Holds school single-game home run record at Cosby HS, where he was a multi-year letterman

#21 Quinn Smith, Fr., R/R (Rocky Face, Ga./McCallie School)

C

- Four-year letterwinner at the McCallie School in Chattanooga, Tenn.
- ranked as the #4 catcher and #28 overall player in the state of Tennessee (Prep Baseball Report)
- Also saw time as a pitcher

#26 Ryan Smoot, So., R/R (Strasburg, Va./Strasburg)

C

- (2016) Saw action in 14 games as DH and backup catcher, hit .217 with one RBI
- Started four straight games April 5-10
- Made his first career start April 5 at Radford, going 1 for 2 with a double and two runs scored
- Singled in his first career at-bat at #4 UVA 2/23
- Four-year letterwinner at Strasburg HS - three-sport honoree (baseball, basketball, football)



VMI Hitters Notes



#22 Garrett St. Laurent, So., R/R (Aldie, Va./Freedom)

C

- (2016) Went 6 for 26 (.231) in 15 games as a true freshman
- Had his first career hit in season opener vs. UMBC
- Four-year letterwinner at Freedom HS - Also played for Richmond Braves and Demarini Stars

#31 Tyler Tharp, Sr., L/L (Virginia Beach, Va./Kempsville)

OF/1B

- Regular right fielder during his junior season, had not played OF since high school
- (2016) Hit .207, cooling off after a strong start, with seven home runs and 25 runs driven in
- Hit his first career grand slam in Feb. 19 (game 2) win over UMBC
- (2015) Hit .271 with one home run and 29 RBI
- (2014) Had his first career extra-base hit, a triple, in second game of 3/8 DH against Binghamton
- Made his first career start 2/16 against Kentucky and made multiple defensive plays



VMI Pitcher Notes



#7 Mason Adamson, Fr. (Newport News, Va./Woodside)

IF/RHP

- Four-year letterwinner at Woodside HS
- First Team All-Conference
- Teammate of Michael Diodato in summer ball (Hampton Roads Hurricanes)
- Also likely to see infield time

#35 Brandon Barbery, Jr. (Manassas, Va./CD Hylton)

LHP

- (2016) Finished the year 3-7 with a 6.23 ERA
- Saw his ERA rise from 4.24 to 7.16 during a very difficult month of April
- Made his first career relief appearance 3-16 against Mason, pitching 1 1/3 scoreless innings
- First left-hander to start opening day for the Keydets since 2009
- (2015) Went 5-3 with a 5.98 ERA and earned All-SoCon Freshman Team honors
- Beat Wofford on 3/22 for VMI's first SoCon win since rejoining the league
- Won his collegiate debut with six shutout innings at North Florida 2/15
- Named Perfect Game All-Region Honorable Mention out of CD Hylton HS

#30 Ryan Bennett, R-Sr. (Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch)

RHP

- (2016) Went 0-1 with a 12.86 ERA in just 14 innings of work
- Made his first start of the season May 1 at ETSU and lasted two innings, surrendering seven runs
- Allowed just one run on two hits over five innings in appearances 4/24 (Wofford) and 4/26 (VCU)
- (2015) Went 0-1 with an ERA of 9.00 in seven appearances
- Pitched 2 2/3 scoreless inning 3/13 vs. Central Connecticut State
- (2014) Went 1-1 with a 2.08 ERA in 2014
- Redshirted the 2013 season
- Three-year letterwinner at Western Branch HS

#17 Eric Byrd, Jr. (Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend)

RHP

- (2016) Went 0-1 in five appearances (3 2/3 innings) as a sophomore
- (2015) Gave up 11 earned runs in four appearances as a true freshman
- Lettered at Riverbend HS in Fredericksburg
- First Team All-Region and District in 2013

#14 Jonathan Clines, Fr. (McLean, Va./McLean)

LHP/IB

- Two-time First Team All-Conference as a pitcher
- 6A Conference POTY in 2016
- Three-year member of Richmond Braves National Team

#19 Matthew Eagle, Jr. (Norfolk, Va./Granby)

RHP

- (2016) Led team in wins by going 5-7 with a 5.74 ERA
- Led Division I in wins at one point early in the season after winning his first five decisions
- Posted 25/4 K/BB ratio through his first four starts of the season
- (2015) Made the fourth-most starts on the team (five) - Went 0-5 with a 5.67 ERA
- Made his first weekend start March 29 against Samford and gave up eight runs (four earned) in four innings
- Made a spectacular debut in his hometown, throwing 4 2/3 one-hit innings March 17 at ODU
- Two-time all-region pitcher

#13 John Fuqua, Fr. (Chesapeake, Va./Indian River)

LHP

- Four-year letterwinner at Indian River HS
- Two-time First Team All-Conference selection
- Led team to regional semifinals as a senior with two postseason CG's
- Former Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American
- One grandfather was captain of 1933 Army Baseball, the other was PGA Tour player

#11 Michael Geary, So. (Richmond, Va./Benedictine)

LHP

- (2016) Brother of former starting 3B David Geary pitched just 4 2/3 innings as a true freshman
- Four-year letterwinner at Benedictine HS - First Team All-State honoree

#5 Jack Gomersall, R-Jr. (Falls Church, Va./JEB Stuart)

RHP

- One of only three Keydets ever to have 30 appearances in a season
- (2016) Led team with 32 appearances, went 0-2 with a 4.42 ERA and one save
- Made his first career start April 5 at Radford, allowing four runs in three innings
- Started the year with 8 1/3 scoreless innings
- (2015) Posted a 3-1 record in 29 appearances



VMI Pitcher Notes



- Picked up his first career win April 12 vs. ETSU
- (2014) Redshirted the 2014 season
- 2013 National District Pitcher of the Year and Second Team All-Region

#28 Corey Johnston, R-Fr. (Chester, Va./Thomas Dale)

RHP

- (2016) Redshirted the 2016 campaign
- Three-year letterwinner at Thomas Dale, where he earned all-district and all-region honors

#37 Zak Kent, Fr. (Heathsville, Va./Northumberland)

RHP

- #33 RHP in state (Perfect Game) during junior season
- Previously earned Second Team All-Conference honors as a 3B
- Perfect Game USA All-Tournament Team

#20 Blaine Lafin, Sr. (Culpepper, Va./Culpepper)

RHP

- (2016) Made 28 appearances out of the bullpen, going 1-3 with a 6.39 ERA
- (2015) Will look to rebound after going 0-2 with a 19.29 ERA as a sophomore
- Opened the season as VMI's Saturday starter
- (2014) Went 1-0 with a 3.48 ERA as a true freshman
- Uncle Shawn Camp was a longtime major league reliever

#34 Liam Roden, R-Fr. (Bixby, Okla./Bixby)

RHP

- (2016) Redshirted the 2016 season
- Three-year letterwinner at Bixby HS - three-year all-area honorable mention

#24 Jared Silva, Jr. (Charlestown, W.Va./Washington HS)

RHP

- (2016) Limited to eight outings, four starts, in first season back after 2015 arm surgery
- (2015) Missed the final weeks of the season due to injury, went 2-1 in six games
- Four-year letterwinner at Washington HS
- First player from that school to sign with a D1 program

#38 Kyle Staats, Jr. (Manassas, Va./Forest Park)

LHP

- (2016) Ranked fourth on team in appearances with 26, had no record and a 7.97 ERA
- (2015) Held opponents to a .211 batting average against in 25 outings
- Missed the final handful of games due to injury
- Got the win 4/1 at #12 UVA, first VMI pitcher since April '09 to get opposite decisions in back to back games
- Four-year letterwinner at Forest Park HS

#25 Derek Tremblay, Fr. (Covington, Va./Alleghany)

RHP

- Second Team All-District
- Also lettered three years in football where he was a First Team All-Conference honoree

#32 Brady Watts, Fr. (Lowgap, N.C./North Surry)

LHP

- Ranked as the #4 LHP in the state of North Carolina by Perfect Game during his junior season
- Listed among the top 500 players in the nation by Perfect Game

#36 Josh Winder, So. (Richmond, Va./James River)

RHP

- Named to Perfect Game's SoCon Preseason All-Conference Team
- (2016) Went 4-4 with a 4.80 ERA in a team-high 86 1/3 innings
- Set a new VMI postseason record with 10 K's in play-in game against The Citadel
- Named to 2016 SoCon All-Freshman Team, one of two Keydets (Pita)
- Become the first VMI SoCon Player/Pitcher of the week since 2001 on March 7
- Allowed one run over 10 innings 3/6 against Binghamton, striking out 10 and becoming the first Keydet P to throw 10 IP in single game in aluminum bat era
- Made his collegiate debut 2/20 against Wake Forest, allowing seven runs in 4 1/3 IP
- First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Region at James River HS
- Played for Virginia Swamp Things, same travel program as Collin Fleischer

2016 VMI Baseball
Overall Statistics for VMI (as of Feb 15, 2017)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 21-35 Home: 16-15 Away: 3-18 Neutral: 2-2 SoCon: 4-20

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
33 Matt Pita	.322	56-56	211	48	68	16	4	11	40	125	.592	17	8	63	1	.392	1	1	13-16	82	23	3	.972	
10 David Geary	.320	54-54	203	48	65	21	5	6	45	114	.562	31	7	39	0	.424	2	6	9-12	26	133	14	.919	
18 Collin Fleischer	.298	56-56	208	42	62	14	0	15	46	121	.582	35	7	53	3	.411	3	0	5-8	495	16	6	.988	
4 Nathan Eaton	.284	56-56	225	42	64	12	3	6	25	100	.444	24	4	42	1	.362	1	5	10-13	119	152	11	.961	
12 Matt Dunlevy	.275	51-42	160	20	44	13	1	4	32	71	.444	11	6	36	1	.339	3	0	5-8	24	2	2	.929	
8 Peyton Maddox	.267	56-53	187	35	50	8	0	11	35	91	.487	28	8	53	4	.379	4	4	1-1	353	57	6	.986	
6 Jacob Jaye	.228	56-56	206	28	47	8	1	4	16	69	.335	32	1	50	0	.335	0	1	8-11	77	142	23	.905	
31 Tyler Tharp	.207	56-54	193	32	40	12	1	7	25	75	.389	29	5	57	0	.326	0	2	5-7	81	6	5	.946	
3 Will Malbon	.184	55-52	174	29	32	9	0	3	24	50	.287	30	12	50	1	.341	1	6	11-15	150	3	3	.981	

9 Jake Huggins	.257	16-6	35	1	9	2	0	0	4	11	.314	2	0	10	0	.297	0	0	0-0	0	2	0	1.000	
22 Garrett St. Laurent	.231	15-8	26	2	6	1	0	0	2	7	.269	2	1	11	1	.310	0	0	0-0	11	2	1	.929	
26 Ryan Smoot	.217	14-7	23	5	5	2	0	0	1	7	.304	7	1	9	0	.419	0	0	0-0	14	4	0	1.000	
29 Michael Sims	.182	6-1	11	2	2	0	0	1	4	5	.455	2	0	6	0	.308	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000	
19 Matthew Eagle	.000	2-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	7	0	1.000	
21 TJ Lighton	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Totals	.265	56	1862	334	494	118	15	68	299	846	.454	250	60	479	12	.368	15	25	67-91	1454	602	81	.962	
Opponents	.302	56	1963	417	593	129	12	74	380	968	.493	228	63	385	13	.387	30	30	73-98	1455	522	62	.970	

LOB - Team (423), Opp (443). DPs turned - Team (34), Opp (32). IBB - Team (6), Fleischer 3, Tharp 2, D. Geary 1, Opp (5).
Picked off - Jaye 4, Tharp 2, D. Geary 2, Pita 2, Malbon 1, Eaton 1, Fleischer 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
5 Jack Gomersall	4.42	0-2	32	1	0	0/1	1	53.0	52	30	26	22	42	9	0	8	.261	12	4	0	6	5
36 Josh Winder	4.80	4-4	14	14	2	0/0	0	86.1	93	50	46	16	76	16	1	14	.276	5	5	1	2	6
19 Matthew Eagle	5.74	5-7	16	12	0	0/1	0	64.1	83	54	41	25	51	18	3	12	.305	3	7	2	4	2
25 Taylor Edens	5.89	3-6	30	0	0	0/1	6	44.1	55	33	29	11	38	11	3	6	.309	4	6	0	2	4
35 Brandon Barbery	6.23	3-7	17	12	0	0/0	0	65.0	80	51	45	25	39	17	1	5	.295	6	6	1	4	3
20 Blaine Lafin	6.39	1-3	28	0	0	0/0	0	25.1	22	18	18	17	26	7	0	4	.237	4	1	1	1	1
32 Micah Gorman	7.71	0-4	21	6	0	0/0	0	46.2	66	48	40	25	39	13	2	15	.325	7	5	0	1	1
38 Kyle Staats	7.97	0-0	26	0	0	0/1	0	20.1	27	20	18	10	19	9	0	0	.307	2	1	0	0	0
4 Nathan Eaton	9.15	2-0	11	3	0	0/0	0	20.2	28	23	21	18	18	7	1	4	.341	5	2	0	3	2
24 Jared Silva	11.12	1-0	8	4	0	0/0	0	17.0	20	21	21	17	4	6	0	1	.339	8	10	0	2	2
21 TJ Lighton	12.54	1-0	10	2	0	0/0	0	9.1	13	18	13	12	8	3	0	1	.382	0	11	0	4	1
30 Ryan Bennett	12.86	0-1	7	2	0	0/0	0	14.0	19	21	20	10	7	3	1	1	.317	5	2	0	0	2
11 Michael Geary	18.69	0-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	10	9	9	5	2	2	0	1	.476	2	1	0	1	0

23 Austin Rash	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.667	0	0	0	0	0
17 Eric Byrd	17.18	0-1	5	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	8	8	7	5	5	1	0	1	.400	2	0	0	0	1
Totals	6.59	21-35	56	56	2	1/1	7	484.2	593	417	355	228	385	129	12	74	.302	67	63	5	30	30
Opponents	5.34	35-21	56	56	1	1/1	13	485.0	494	334	288	250	479	118	15	68	.265	64	60	5	15	25

PB - Team (7), Maddox 6, St. Laurent 1, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (8), Maddox 3, Edens 2, Eagle 1, Bennett 1, Gorman 1, Opp (13). SBA/ATT - Maddox (65-88), Eagle (14-17), Barbery (11-14), Winder (10-13), Gomersall (7-10), Silva (7-8), Gorman (5-8), Staats (5-7), Edens (5-6), Smoot (4-5), Lafin (3-5), St. Laurent (4-4), Lighton (0-3), Worthley (2-3), Byrd (1-1), Eaton (1-1), Bennett (1-1), M. Geary (1-1).

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Overall Statistics for VMI (as of Feb 15, 2017)
(All games Sorted by Fielding pct)

Player	c	po	a	e	fld%	dp	sba	csb	sba%	pb	ci
26 Ryan Smoot	18	14	4	0	1.000	0	4	1	.800	0	0
25 Taylor Edens	12	3	9	0	1.000	0	5	1	.833	0	0
36 Josh Winder	11	1	10	0	1.000	0	10	3	.769	0	0
19 Matthew Eagle	9	2	7	0	1.000	0	14	3	.824	0	0
5 Jack Gomersall	6	2	4	0	1.000	0	7	3	.700	0	0
30 Ryan Bennett	5	2	3	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
24 Jared Silva	4	1	3	0	1.000	0	7	1	.875	0	0
29 Michael Sims	4	4	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
9 Jake Huggins	2	0	2	0	1.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
17 Eric Byrd	1	0	1	0	1.000	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
18 Collin Fleischer	517	495	16	6	.988	31	0	0	---	0	0
8 Peyton Maddox	416	353	57	6	.986	1	65	23	.739	6	0
3 Will Malbon	156	150	3	3	.981	1	0	0	---	0	0
33 Matt Pita	108	82	23	3	.972	1	0	0	---	0	0
4 Nathan Eaton	282	119	152	11	.961	27	1	0	1.000	0	0
31 Tyler Tharp	92	81	6	5	.946	1	0	0	---	0	0
12 Matt Dunlevy	28	24	2	2	.929	1	0	0	---	0	0
22 Garrett St. Laurent	14	11	2	1	.929	0	4	0	1.000	1	0
10 David Geary	173	26	133	14	.919	9	0	0	---	0	0
6 Jacob Jaye	242	77	142	23	.905	17	0	0	---	0	0
32 Micah Gorman	9	1	7	1	.889	0	5	3	.625	0	0
35 Brandon Barber	13	3	8	2	.846	0	11	3	.786	0	0
20 Blaine Lafin	6	2	3	1	.833	0	3	2	.600	0	0
11 Michael Geary	3	0	2	1	.667	0	1	0	1.000	0	0
38 Kyle Staats	4	0	2	2	.500	0	5	2	.714	0	0
23 Austin Rash	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	---	0	0
21 TJ Lighton	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	.000	0	0
Totals	2137	1454	602	81	.962	34	73	25	.745	7	0
Opponents	2039	1455	522	62	.970	32	67	24	.736	10	0

Hitting minimums - 1 Games 40 AB
Pitching minimums - 6 Games

2016 VMI Baseball
Game Results for VMI (as of Feb 15, 2017)
(All games)

Date	Opponent	Score	Inns	Overall	SoCon	Pitcher of record	Attend	Time
Feb 19, 2016	vs UMBC-1	L 4-5	9	0-1-0	0-0-0	Barbery (L 0-1)	-	2:53
Feb 19, 2016	vs UMBC-2	w 9-3	7	1-1-0	0-0-0	Silva (W 1-0)	251	2:12
Feb 20, 2016	vs Georgetown	w 4-0	9	2-1-0	0-0-0	Eagle (W 1-0)	276	2:30
Feb 21, 2016	at Wake Forest	L 4-8	9	2-2-0	0-0-0	Winder (L 0-1)	593	2:58
Feb 23, 2016	at #4 Virginia	L 1-18	9	2-3-0	0-0-0	Gorman (L 0-1)	3105	3:26
Feb 26, 2016	LAFAYETTE	w 8-2	9	3-3-0	0-0-0	Eagle (W 2-0)	134	3:06
Feb 27, 2016	LAFAYETTE	w 4-2	9	4-3-0	0-0-0	Worthley (W 1-0)	203	3:11
Feb 28, 2016	LAFAYETTE	w 8-5	9	5-3-0	0-0-0	Winder (W 1-1)	201	2:52
Mar 01, 2016	at Richmond	L 3-15	9	5-4-0	0-0-0	Edens (L 0-1)	296	3:12
Mar 02, 2016	LONGWOOD	L 2-5	9	5-5-0	0-0-0	Gorman (L 0-2)	102	2:49
Mar 05, 2016	BINGHAMTON-1	w 15-9	9	6-5-0	0-0-0	Eagle (W 3-0)	183	3:28
Mar 05, 2016	BINGHAMTON-2	L 10-15	9	6-6-0	0-0-0	Barbery (L 0-2)	134	3:41
Mar 06, 2016	BINGHAMTON	w 2-1	(10)	7-6-0	0-0-0	Winder (W 2-1)	177	2:27
Mar 08, 2016	JAMES MADISON	L 8-12	9	7-7-0	0-0-0	Lafin (L 0-1)	194	3:33
Mar 11, 2016	UMES	w 23-2	9	8-7-0	0-0-0	Eagle (W 4-0)	149	3:07
Mar 12, 2016	UMES	w 7-3	9	9-7-0	0-0-0	Barbery (W 1-2)	203	2:35
Mar 13, 2016	UMES	w 14-1	7	10-7-0	0-0-0	Winder (W 3-1)	122	1:57
Mar 15, 2016	VCU	L 7-11	9	10-8-0	0-0-0	Edens (L 0-2)	203	3:38
Mar 16, 2016	GEORGE MASON	w 20-17	9	11-8-0	0-0-0	Eaton (W 1-0)	113	4:37
Mar 18, 2016	RIDER-1	w 5-2	9	12-8-0	0-0-0	Eagle (W 5-0)	141	2:27
Mar 18, 2016	RIDER-2	L 1-2	7	12-9-0	0-0-0	Gomersall (L 0-1)	143	1:59
Mar 20, 2016	RIDER	w 4-1	9	13-9-0	0-0-0	Barbery (W 2-2)	80	2:49
Mar 22, 2016	at Old Dominion	L 2-8	9	13-10-0	0-0-0	Gorman (L 0-3)	713	3:10
Mar 23, 2016	at Old Dominion	L 5-6	9	13-11-0	0-0-0	Edens (L 0-3)	589	2:39
* Mar 25, 2016	THE CITADEL	L 2-10	9	13-12-0	0-1-0	Eagle (L 5-1)	272	3:15
* Mar 26, 2016	THE CITADEL	w 8-3	9	14-12-0	1-1-0	Barbery (W 3-2)	269	3:00
* Mar 27, 2016	THE CITADEL	L 2-4	9	14-13-0	1-2-0	Winder (L 3-2)	204	2:43
Mar 29, 2016	VIRGINIA TECH	w 5-3	9	15-13-0	1-2-0	Lighton (W 1-0)	324	3:00
Mar 30, 2016	at Longwood	L 9-10	(11)	15-14-0	1-2-0	Byrd (L 0-1)	255	4:37
* Apr 01, 2016	at UNCG	L 4-10	9	15-15-0	1-3-0	Eagle (L 5-2)	371	3:08
* Apr 02, 2016	at UNCG	L 6-11	9	15-16-0	1-4-0	Barbery (L 3-3)	735	3:23
* Apr 03, 2016	at UNCG	L 1-6	9	15-17-0	1-5-0	Winder (L 3-3)	463	3:18
Apr 05, 2016	at Radford	w 8-7	9	16-17-0	1-5-0	Lafin (W 1-1)	223	3:36
* Apr 08, 2016	WESTERN CAROLINA	L 1-7	9	16-18-0	1-6-0	Eagle (L 5-3)	102	3:39
* Apr 10, 2016	WESTERN CAROLINA-1	L 7-21	9	16-19-0	1-7-0	Barbery (L 3-4)	250	3:50
* Apr 10, 2016	WESTERN CAROLINA-2	L 11-14	9	16-20-0	1-8-0	Lafin (L 1-2)	150	3:52
Apr 12, 2016	at James Madison	L 10-11	9	16-21-0	1-8-0	Edens (L 0-4)	522	4:25
* Apr 16, 2016	at Mercer-1	L 6-10	9	16-22-0	1-9-0	Eagle (L 5-4)	873	2:58
* Apr 16, 2016	at Mercer-2	w 4-3	9	17-22-0	2-9-0	Edens (W 1-4)	567	2:55
* Apr 17, 2016	at Mercer	L 2-7	9	17-23-0	2-10-0	Barbery (L 3-5)	776	2:49
Apr 19, 2016	OLD DOMINION	w 8-6	9	18-23-0	2-10-0	Edens (W 2-4)	167	3:33
* Apr 22, 2016	WOFFORD	L 3-5	9	18-24-0	2-11-0	Eagle (L 5-5)	101	3:26
* Apr 23, 2016	WOFFORD	L 7-10	9	18-25-0	2-12-0	Winder (L 3-4)	388	3:17
* Apr 24, 2016	WOFFORD	L 4-12	9	18-26-0	2-13-0	Barbery (L 3-6)	204	3:25
Apr 26, 2016	at VCU	L 5-8	7	18-27-0	2-13-0	Gorman (L 0-4)	839	4:04
* Apr 29, 2016	at ETSU	L 5-15	9	18-28-0	2-14-0	Gomersall (L 0-2)	703	3:38
* Apr 30, 2016	at ETSU	L 6-9	9	18-29-0	2-15-0	Lafin (L 1-3)	394	3:27
* May 01, 2016	at ETSU	L 7-13	9	18-30-0	2-16-0	Bennett (L 0-1)	536	3:33
May 11, 2016	RADFORD	w 4-3	9	19-30-0	2-16-0	Edens (W 3-4)	262	3:22
* May 13, 2016	FURMAN	w 10-6	9	20-30-0	3-16-0	Winder (W 4-4)	204	3:18
* May 14, 2016	FURMAN	L 4-15	9	20-31-0	3-17-0	Eagle (L 5-6)	303	3:26
* May 15, 2016	FURMAN	L 1-3	9	20-32-0	3-18-0	Barbery (L 3-7)	299	2:51
* May 19, 2016	at Samford-1	L 6-7	(10)	20-33-0	3-19-0	Edens (L 3-5)	-	3:26
* May 19, 2016	at Samford-2	L 0-7	9	20-34-0	3-20-0	Eagle (L 5-7)	104	2:31
* May 21, 2016	at Samford	w 6-5	(10)	21-34-0	4-20-0	Eaton (W 2-0)	227	3:21
May 24, 2016	vs The Citadel	L 2-3	(10)	21-35-0	4-20-0	Edens (L 3-6)	708	3:09

* = Conference game
() extra inning game