

# 2017 VMI FOOTBALL

GAME 11: VMI vs. #8 WOFFORD  
 NOVEMBER 11 - 1:30 P.M. - FOSTER STADIUM

ALL-TIME SERIES: SERIES TIED 10-10  
 LAST MEETING: WOFFORD 17, VMI 0 - NOV. 19, 2016

## 2017 VMI SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

OVERALL: 0-10      SOCON: 0-7  
 HOME: 0-4      AWAY: 0-6

| Date | Opponent              | Time/Result |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|
| S2   | at Air Force          | L, 0-62     |
| S9   | Catawba               | L, 20-27    |
| S16  | at Robert Morris      | L, 0-23     |
| S23  | Chattanooga*          | L, 7-63     |
| S30  | at Mercer*            | L, 14-49    |
| O7   | #20 Samford*          | L, 7-26     |
| O14  | at Furman*            | L, 10-42    |
| O21  | #19 Western Carolina* | L, 7-26     |
| O28  | at The Citadel*       | L, 3-21     |
| N4   | at ETSU*              | L, 6-24     |
| N11  | Wofford*              | 1:30 p.m.   |

## 2017 WOFFORD SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 8-1      SOCON: 6-1

| Date | Opponent          | Time/Result   |
|------|-------------------|---------------|
| S2   | Furman            | W, 24-23      |
| S9   | at Mercer         | W, 28-27      |
| S23  | Gardner-Webb      | W, 27-24      |
| S30  | at Presbyterian   | W, 31-7       |
| O7   | Western Carolina  | W, 35-28 (OT) |
| O14  | at The Citadel    | W, 20-16      |
| O21  | Samford           | L, 21-24      |
| O28  | at ETSU           | W, 31-24      |
| N4   | Chattanooga       | W, 24-21 (OT) |
| N11  | at VMI            | 1:30 p.m.     |
| N18  | at South Carolina | TBA           |

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## ◆ Game 11 - VMI vs. Wofford ◆

November 11, 2017 - 1:30 p.m. - Lexington, Va.

### QUICK HITTERS:

**ANOTHER RANKED OPPONENT** – Wofford enters Saturday’s game with VMI ranked #8 in FCS and it will mark the third straight home game that VMI has faced a ranked opponent. The Keydets squared off in Lexington against #20 Samford on October 7 and #19 Western Carolina on October 21.

**CRATSENBERG TOPS 400** – Senior linebacker Allan Cratsenberg surpassed the 400-career tackle mark last Saturday in Johnson City when he logged 11 tackles to give him a SoCon leading 108 and push him to 409 for his career. Only two other players in VMI history (Mike Rogers – 457, and John Willison – 456) piled up more than 400 tackles in a career.

**FRANCIS PLAYS BIG** – Senior Ryan Francis is finishing his Keydet career on an upswing as he was credited with a team-leading 17 tackles including three-for-loss against ETSU last Saturday. It was the 22nd career double-digit tackle game for the Knoxville, Tenn. native and he also scooped up a fumble and returned it 37 yards to set up a VMI first half score against the Bucs. Francis currently ranks second in the SoCon behind teammate Allan Cratsenberg in tackles with 97.

### A VMI Win against Wofford would -

Be VMI’s first win over Wofford since 2002.

### HOW TO FOLLOW -

**VMI RADIO NETWORK:** WWZW-FM 96.7 FM (Lexington, Lynchburg), WLES 590 AM and 107.7 FM (Richmond), WHTK AM 1650 and 92.5 FM (Hampton Roads) and WRTZ 1410 AM (Roanoke). A free audio broadcast of the game is available at [www.streamthe.net](http://www.streamthe.net) (search WWZW) and via the Tune-In app. Chris Graham (play-by-play) and Rick Cruze (analyst) will call the game.

**TELEVISION/VIDEO STREAMING:** Saturday’s game can be seen on WatchESPN and the ESPN app free of charge - with participating provider. Wade Branner (play-by-play) and Chip Tarkenton (analyst) will have the call.

**SATURDAY'S GAME VERSUS WOFFORD -**

**VMI's 2017 Record  
When**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Home                                      | .0-4  |
| Away                                      | .0-6  |
| Playing On Grass                          | .0-5  |
| Playing On Turf                           | .0-5  |
| Winning The Coin Toss                     | .0-3  |
| Losing The Coin Toss                      | .0-6  |
| Coin Toss Unknown                         | .0-1  |
| Receiving The Ball First                  | .0-8  |
| Kicking Off First                         | .0-2  |
| Leading After the 1st Quarter             | .0-3  |
| Trailing After the 1st Quarter            | .0-7  |
| Tied After the 1st Quarter                | .0-0  |
| Leading at Halftime                       | .0-1  |
| Trailing at Halftime                      | .0-9  |
| Tied at Halftime                          | .0-0  |
| Leading After the 3rd Quarter             | .0-1  |
| Trailing After the 3rd Quarter            | .0-9  |
| Tied After the 3rd Quarter                | .0-0  |
| Leading with 2:00 Left                    | .0-0  |
| Trailing with 2:00 Left                   | .0-9  |
| Tied with 2:00 Left                       | .0-1  |
| Scoring First                             | .0-5  |
| Opponent Scores First                     | .0-5  |
| Scoring 40 or more points                 | .0-0  |
| Scoring 30-39 points                      | .0-0  |
| Scoring 20-29 points                      | .0-1  |
| Scoring less than 20 points               | .0-9  |
| Allowing Opponent less than 20 points     | .0-0  |
| Allowing Opponent 20 or more points       | .0-10 |
| Allowing Opponent less than 30 points     | .0-6  |
| Allowing Opponent 30 or more points       | .0-4  |
| Rushing for 100 yards or more             | .0-2  |
| Rushing for less than 100 yards           | .0-8  |
| Passing for 200 yards or more             | .0-0  |
| Passing for less than 200 yards           | .0-10 |
| Totaling 400 yards or more in offense     | .0-0  |
| Totaling less than 400 yards in offense   | .0-10 |
| Allowing Opp. 150 or more rushing yards   | .0-5  |
| Allowing Opp. less than 150 rushing yards | .0-5  |
| Allowing Opp. 200 or more passing yards   | .0-4  |
| Allowing Opp. less than 200 passing yards | .0-6  |
| Committing Fewer Turnovers                | .0-0  |
| Committing Equal Turnovers                | .0-2  |
| Committing More Turnovers                 | .0-8  |
| Committing One Turnover or Less           | .0-2  |
| Committing Two Turnovers or More          | .0-8  |
| Playing In September                      | .0-5  |
| Playing In October                        | .0-4  |
| Playing In November                       | .0-1  |

**THE SERIES:** Saturday's VMI-Wofford game will be the home and season finale for the Keydets who will also be playing on Founder's Day at the Institute. Pregame ceremonies include senior player and family recognition, a salute to the recently completed VMI Campaign, and a flyover of two T-38 aircraft to commemorate Veteran's Day. The all-time series between the schools is even at 10 games apiece.

**VMI FOOTBALL SEASON NOTES -**

**LIPSCOMB KEEPS PACE** – With three tackles-for-loss for 11 yards and a forced fumble against ETSU last Saturday, redshirt junior outside linebacker Brian Lipscomb continues to lead the Southern Conference in tackles for loss (15.5) and sacks (7.5). Lipscomb has helped the VMI defense generate 61 tackles-for-loss for 254 yards in 10 games this season – surpassing the 57 tackles for 209 yards during the 2016 season.

**KEEPING IT CLEAN CONTINUED** - Despite a season-high eight penalties for 75 yards last Saturday against ETSU, VMI continues to be the least penalized team in FCS averaging just 3.4 flags per game.

**Head Coach Scott Wachenheim - Third Season**

In just two seasons, VMI head football Scott Wachenheim has transformed expectations and attitudes with the VMI football program and has brought the Keydets to the threshold of sustainable success both on and off the field.

As was the case in his debut season as VMI head coach, the Keydets in 2016 under Wachenheim were significantly more competitive in a Southern Conference that produced four teams that reached the FCS playoffs. Overall, the scoring margin improved from -11.9 in 2015 to -7.3 and the Keydets started the season 3-2 for the first time since 2003 and in the process won back-to-back road games for the first time in 35 years. The three wins also were the most in a season since 2010.

VMI continued to improve on defense in 2016 allowing 7.3 points less per game and the fewest opponent points in a season since 2003. The defense also ranked third in opponents third down conversions allowed. VMI was the least penalized team in the conference and improved its turnover margin +12 from a year ago. Nine VMI football players earned postseason awards from the Southern Conference.

Off the field, Wachenheim's cadet-athletes have excelled thanks to better execution of their daily activities and the results have fostered an improved team GPA, better retention rates, and a full commitment to "winning the VMI way."

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: 5-27

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.

## 2017 Southern Conference Standings

|                      | Overall | Conf. |
|----------------------|---------|-------|
| #8 Wofford           | 8-1     | 6-1   |
| Furman               | 6-3     | 5-1   |
| #18 Western Carolina | 7-3     | 5-2   |
| #8 Samford           | 6-3     | 4-2   |
| The Citadel          | 5-4     | 3-4   |
| Mercer               | 4-5     | 3-4   |
| ETSU                 | 4-5     | 2-4   |
| Chattanooga          | 2-8     | 2-5   |
| VMI                  | 0-10    | 0-6   |

### This Week's Games

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

### SoCon Coaches' Preseason Poll

|                     |     |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1. Wofford (7)      | .63 |
| 2. The Citadel (2)  | .54 |
| 3. Samford          | .52 |
| 4. Chattanooga      | .41 |
| 5. Mercer           | .32 |
| 6. Western Carolina | .27 |
| 7. Furman           | .26 |
| 8. ETSU             | .17 |
| 9. VMI              | .12 |

Keydets in pass breakups (5) despite playing six games with a club on his right hand that was fractured in season opener against Air Force Sept. 2.

Through games of October 28, Sanders is currently fifth in the SoCon in tackles per game in conference contests (9.8) and has posted four double-digit tackle games in 2017 including a career-high 16 tackles at Furman Oct. 14. Other double-digit tackle games include Mercer (13), #19 Western Carolina (12) and Catawba (11).

### CITADEL GAME NOTES

**FRESHMEN STEP UP** – The Citadel game produced two career-highs for two VMI true freshman starters. Wide receiver Kris Thornton caught six passes for 51

**CLEMONS DOUBLES UP** – With field goals of 20 and 35 yards against ETSU last Saturday, sophomore kicker Grant Clemons produced his second multi-field goal game this season. Clemons converted on a pair of 39 yard field goals against Catawba in Week 2.

**SANDERS RECEIVES DEFENDER OF THE NATION AWARD** - Virginia Military Institute safety Greg Sanders was named the 2017 Defender of the Nation Award recipient Wednesday morning in an announcement released by the Charlotte Touchdown Club. This year's award which is presented by the Independence Fund honors a defensive football player from the Nation's Service Academies and Senior Military Colleges including: Air Force Academy, The Citadel, Coast Guard Academy, Naval Academy, Norwich University, Texas A&M University, Virginia Tech, VMI, and West Point.

The recipient was selected based on academic, athletic and community achievements, but most importantly on exceptional leadership qualities on the football field, in the classroom and in the community. The recipient selected must have also exhibited a high standard of integrity by leading through example.

Sanders, a first classman (senior) Economics and Business from Cordova, Tennessee who plans to commission in the United States Air Force after graduation from the Institute, will be presented the award at the Bronko Nagurski Awards Banquet Monday, December 4 at the Charlotte Convention Center.

A three-year starter at safety for the Keydets, Sanders is serving as one of six team captains in 2017 and has posted 79 tackles in 2017 for the third highest mark on the team. He also leads the

## 2017 Keydet Honors

### Preseason All-SoCon

**LB Allan Cratsenberg - First Team**  
**DB Greg Sanders - Second Team**  
**LB Ryan Francis - Second Team**

### This Day in History

**VMI Football:** On this date in 1989, the Keydets defeated The Citadel by a 20-10 count in Lexington.

**World History:** On this date in 1889, the state of Washington is admitted into the Union as the 42nd state.

### TALE OF THE TAPE



|       |                             |       |
|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| 7.4   | <b>Scoring Average</b>      | 26.8  |
| 36.3  | <b>Points Allowed/Gm.</b>   | 21.6  |
| 82.3  | <b>Rushing Avg.</b>         | 271.6 |
| 129.4 | <b>Passing Avg.</b>         | 110.8 |
| 211.7 | <b>Total Offense Avg.</b>   | 382.3 |
| 26:33 | <b>Time of Possession</b>   | 31:25 |
| 223.8 | <b>Rushing Defense Avg.</b> | 110.4 |
| 213.3 | <b>Passing Defense Avg.</b> | 200.4 |
| 437.1 | <b>Total Defense Avg.</b>   | 310.9 |
| 4     | <b>Interceptions Made</b>   | 10    |
| 18    | <b>Sacks By</b>             | 113   |
| 12-6  | <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>         | 17-7  |
| 28%   | <b>3rd Down Conv.</b>       | 48%   |
| 47%   | <b>Opp. 3rd Down Conv.</b>  | 44%   |
| 29%   | <b>4th Down Conv.</b>       | 53%   |
| 75%   | <b>Opp. 4th Down Conv.</b>  | 50%   |
| 17.5  | <b>Kick Return Average</b>  | 19.4  |
| 5.5   | <b>Punt Return Average</b>  | 7.0   |
| -18   | <b>Turnover Margin</b>      | +7    |

yards receiving – both career highs - and safety A.J. Smith logged a career-high 9 tackles to co-lead VMI against the Bulldogs.

### WESTERN CAROLINA GAME NOTES

**TFL/SACKS ON PACE** – With 10 tackles for loss October 21 against Western Carolina, VMI raised its overall season total to 50 for 213 yards through eight games. The Keydets added two more the following week against The Citadel. VMI had 57 tackles for loss for 209 yards during all of the 2016 season. The Keydets have already surpassed their sack total of a year ago and now have 18 sacks after producing 14 for 97 yards in 2016.

**ANOTHER SEASON-HIGH FOR CRATSENBERG** – Senior inside linebacker Allan Cratsenberg racked up another season-high in tackles for the second consecutive week when he was credited with 18 stops (nine solo) October 21. Cratsenberg logged 17 tackles the previous week against Furman. Cratsenberg also picked off a pass against WCU, giving him three of the team's four interceptions in 2017.

### FURMAN GAME NOTES

**WEATHERMAN RETURNS** – The defensive line depth received a boost when freshman defensive lineman Chuck Weatherman returned to action Oct. 14 against Furman. The Staunton, Va. native sustained an ankle injury late in the season opener against Air Force September 2 and had been sidelined since his debut contest.

**PALMER BREAKS OUT** – Sophomore back Daz Palmer ripped off a 51-yard run to set up VMI's second quarter touchdown against Furman Oct. 14. Palmer has produced the two longest rushes by a Keydet this year with a 56-yarder posted against Catawba September 9.

**MARTIN FIRST TD** – Sophomore wide receiver Rohan Martin hauled in his first career TD reception against Furman after gathering in a three-yard pass in the end zone from quarterback Duncan Hodges during the second quarter against Furman Oct. 14.

**YOUTH SURGE CONTINUES** – Seven games into the 2017 season, VMI continues to field a group of new players getting their first taste of college football as a total of 30 first-year eligibility (true + redshirt freshmen) squad members on the current roster have seen action in at least one contest. Freshman defensive lineman Noah Delaney-Manual became the 18th true freshman to see action for the Keydets this season when he played in the second half of the Samford game October 7.

### SAMFORD GAME NOTES

**HODGES PRODUCTIVE IN SECOND START** – On October 7, red-shirt freshman Duncan Hodges made an impressive showing in his second college start at quarterback going up against the #20 ranked Samford Bulldogs led by his older brother Devlin Hodges. Duncan played all but one of the season-high tying 69 snaps and helped the VMI convert a season-best eight of 17 in third down conversions and 29:31 in time of possession. Hodges also completed 16 passes against the Bulldogs which was the best by a VMI QB this year and rushed for his first career TD (3 yards) on VMI's opening possession.

**SECOND HALF "D"** – Not only did the VMI offense make strides against Samford October 7, the Keydet defense did as well by allowing Samford a season-low 26 points against an FCS team (since tied against WCU Oct. 21) and keeping the Bulldogs out of the end zone the entire second half. It was the first time since the Mercer game October 1, 2016, that a VMI defense had not allowed an opponent TD in the second half of regulation.

**SMITH TOPS 50** – Sophomore running back Tyain Smith rushed for a season-high 52 yards against Samford October 7 marking the fourth time in his career that he had surpassed 50 yards rushing in a game. Smith is currently second on the team in rushing with 154 yards.

### MERCER GAME NOTES

**LARA GOES LONG AGAIN** – Sophomore wide receiver Javeon Lara established himself as a top offensive threat for long pass plays when he hauled in a career-long 79 yard TD pass reception from quarterback Duncan Hodges Sept. 30 against Mercer. It was the fourth career TD reception for Lara who also had a 73-yard scoring strike against Chattanooga the previous week. Lara co-holds the longest pass play so far this season in the SoCon and is the only receiver in the league with two 70+ yard receptions.

**CRATSENBERG PICK-SIX** – Senior linebacker Allan Cratsenberg picked off a Mercer swing pass on its first play from scrimmage and raced 60 yards to the end zone for the first pick-six of his career. It was the first time a VMI defender had returned an interception for a touchdown since Greg Walker returned a Charleston Southern pass back 58 yards for a score on October 23, 2010.

**FIRST STARTS** – Joining Duncan Hodges in making their first college career starts at Mercer were redshirt freshman Sawaar Canady at right tackle and freshman A.J. Smith at safety.

**500 AND COUNTING** – VMI's football association with the Southern Conference passed a milestone Sept. 30 at Mercer when the Keydets played their 500th Southern

Conference game in program history. VMI originally joined the Southern Conference in December, 1924 and has the longest running membership among current league members.

### CHATTANOOGA GAME NOTES

**FRANCIS DOUBLES UP** – With a team high 10 tackles against Chattanooga Sept. 23, redshirt senior linebacker Ryan Francis posted his 18th double-digit tackle game.

**LARA GOES LONG AGAIN, PART TWO** – Sophomore wide receiver Javeon Lara turned in another big play against Chattanooga for the second straight year when he hauled in a 73-yard scoring pass from redshirt freshman Duncan Hodges in the second quarter of the Sept. 23 tilt. It was the third career TD for Lara who also produced a 79-yard catch against Chattanooga that set up a score last year.

### ROBERT MORRIS GAME NOTES

**PENALTY UPTICK** – VMI, which had been penalized just twice over its first two contests, experienced a different outcome Sept. 16 at Robert Morris when it was flagged six times for 59 yards. It was the most in a game since six in fractions were tagged against the Keydets against Western Carolina Week 9 of last season.

**HOGAN OFF TO STRONG START** – Through three games, redshirt junior Bill Hogan ranked second in the SoCon in punting with a 44.7 yards per punt average. Hogan averaged 39.5 yards per punt in 2016.

### CATAWBA GAME NOTES

**BIG DAY FOR PALMER:** VMI sophomore running back Daz Palmer had another big rushing day in his young career when he gained 126 yards on 19 carries and scored on a 56-yard burst (career-long) on VMI's opening possession against Catawba Sept.9. It was the second career 100-yard rushing game for Palmer who gained a career-high 136 yards against Western Carolina November 5, 2016. Against Catawba, Palmer also snagged four receptions for 82 yards and finished the day with 208 all-purpose yards.

**TROTMAN ADDS ANOTHER:** Junior cornerback Riuq Trotman picked up where he left off in 2016 when he picked off a pass and returned it 19 yards in the first half against Catawba Sept. 9 for his fourth career interception. Trotman topped the Keydet defenders in 2016 with three picks in just his first season as a starting defensive back.

**MYERS RETURNS TO FORM:** Redshirt sophomore Quan Myers showed flashes of his early 2016 season form when he scored on a 26-yard run in the fourth quarter against Catawba Sept. 9. The TD run versus Catawba was a career-

long rush. Myers was the starting running back entering the 2016 season and accounted for 180 all-purpose yards and a touchdown in the season opener at Akron September 3, 2016. The next week against Morehead State, Myers left the game on the first series with an ankle sprain and was sidelined the rest of the year.

**KEEPING IT CLEAN:** VMI was not assessed a penalty Sept. 9 against Catawba and tied a program record with zero yards penalized, a mark that had been done four times previously (last at Navy, 2014). It was also the first time VMI had not been penalized in a game since Richmond in 1973.

### AIR FORCE GAME NOTES

**CARPER PACES VMI:** Playing in his first collegiate game, redshirt freshman linebacker Devin Carper led VMI with 12 tackles in Sept. 2's loss to Air Force. Carper was joined in double-digit tackle range by sophomore Kuony Deng, who made 11 stops.

**YOUTH WAS SERVED:** 14 true freshmen - and 19 freshmen overall - saw playing time in VMI's Sept. 2 loss at Air Force.

**UDINSKI THE FIRST IN YEARS:** True freshman quarterback Reece Udinski played the final moments in VMI's Sept. 2 loss at Air Force, going 2 for 3 through the air. Udinski is the first true freshman QB to attempt a pass for VMI since 2010, when Eric Kordenbrock saw significant time for the Keydets.

**HOGAN BOOMS 'EM IN OPENER** – Redshirt junior punter Bill Hogan had a string day at Air Force Sept. 2 averaging 45.9 yards per punt in 10 attempts. It was the second highest game average for Hogan surpassed only by his 48.0 yards average against Chattanooga in 2016. Hogan had five punts go 50+ yards including a long of 55 against Air Force. His other punts over 50 yards on the day were 54 (twice), 53, and 51 yards. Hogan had four fair catches and one touchback against the Falcons.

**WACHENHEIM RETURNED TO ALMA MATER:** VMI head coach Scott Wachenheim, a United States Air Force Academy graduate from the Class of 1984, returned to his alma mater when the Keydets faced Air Force Sept. 2 in Colorado Springs, Co.

Wachenheim, now in his third season, is the first service academy graduate to hold the position of head football coach at the Institute.

### PRESEASON NOTES -

**VETERAN DEFENSE LEADS TEAM:** With seven starters returning, the VMI defensive unit looks to continue the strides in

improvement demonstrated the past two years. In 2016, the Keydets continued the upward trend allowing the second fewest opponent points since 1988 and 7.3 points per game less than the 2015 season. The defense also ranked third in opponents third-down conversions allowed in the SoCon.

**RUNNING STRONG:** VMI returns five of its top six rushers from a year ago which gained a combined 1,006 yards out of the team's 1200 yards net rushing posted in 2016. Among the group are sophomores Daz Palmer and Tyain Smith who led the Keydets with 491 and 289 yards, respectively. Redshirt sophomore Quan Myers, who entered the 2016 season as the starting running back, rushed for 169 yards over the first two games before having his season sidelined by injury.

**KEYDETS ON ESPN3:** VMI football will make nine appearances on ESPN3 – WatchESPN in 2017 starting with Saturday's opener at Air Force. Also on the slate are Catawba (Sept. 9), Mercer (Sept. 30), Samford (Oct. 7), Furman (Oct. 14), Western Carolina (Oct. 21), The Citadel (Oct. 28), ETSU (Nov. 4), and Wofford (Nov. 11).

#### **PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE:**

Linebacker Allan Cratsenberg was voted First Team Preseason All-Southern Conference and linebacker Ryan Francis and defensive back Greg Sanders were on the preseason All-SoCon Second Team, when the league's selections were announced at SoCon Media Day.

Cratsenberg was selected to the first team after leading the SoCon in tackles in 2016 with 126 and his 11.5 per game average, which earned him First Team All-SoCon honors at the conclusion of the season. He also had the lone 20-tackle game in the conference, coming against The Citadel, which was VMI's first 20-tackle game since 1999. Cratsenberg had eight double-digit tackle games overall.

Francis was a first team all-conference honoree by the media after 2016, thanks to ranking third in the SoCon in tackles per game (9.6). He led VMI with 13.5 stops for loss and ranked third in tackles for loss per game in the conference (1.35).

Sanders, meanwhile, was a second team all-conference honoree after last season and enters his senior year after a 68-tackle, two-interception junior season. He ranked 24th in the conference in tackles per game (6.2) and forced three fumbles on the year.

# 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: Allan Cratsenberg at Mercer, 60 yds., Sept. 30, 2017**  
**Opp: Nasir Player (ETSU), 4 yds, Nov. 4, 2017**

## **...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: Lucas Webb (Chattanooga), 24 yds., Sept. 23, 2017**

## **...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: Dominique Allen (The Citadel), 113 yards rushing and 133 yards passing, Nov. 12, 2016

## **...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: Kaelan Riley (Mercer), 318 yds., Sept. 30, 2017**

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

VMI: Javeon Lara, at Western Carolina, Nov. 5, 2016  
**Opp: Sam Mobley (Catawba), 211 yds., Sept. 9, 2017**

## **...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: Nick Tiano (Chattanooga), 4, Sept. 23, 2017**

## **...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: Alphonso Stewart (Chattanooga), Sept. 23, 2017**

## **...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: **at Robert Morris (23-0), Sept. 23, 2017**

# Keydet Career Highs

## Passing

### Yards

#4 Jake Paladino .....100, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....147, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#13 Reece Udinski .....105, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#18 Austin Coulling .....261, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#26 Mason Dermott .....13, 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina

### Completions

#4 Jake Paladino .....9, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....22, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#13 Reece Udinski .....14, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#18 Austin Coulling .....18, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#26 Mason Dermott .....1, 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina

### Attempts

#4 Jake Paladino .....13, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....36, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#13 Reece Udinski .....27, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#18 Austin Coulling .....34, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#16 Jade Maher .....1, 10/10/15 vs. Samford  
#26 Mason Dermott .1 (2x), Last 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina

### Touchdowns

#4 Jake Paladino .....1, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....1 (3x), Last 10/14/17 at Furman  
#18 Austin Coulling .....1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Longest Completion

#4 Jake Paladino .....30, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....79, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#13 Reece Udinski .....28, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#18 Austin Coulling .....46, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

## Rushing

### Yards

#1 Quan Myers .....62, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....136, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#5 Rohan Martin .....26, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#7 Javeon Lara .....39, 9/10/16 at Morehead State  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....39, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#13 Reece Udinski .....9, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#17 Brice Tucker .....120, 9/19/15 at Richmond  
#18 Austin Coulling .....10, 10/29/16 vs. Furman  
#21 Tyain Smith .....97, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#26 Mason Dermott .....8, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....56, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....8, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#84 Kris Thornton .....13, 10/7/17 vs. Samford

### Attempts (Min. 2 attempts)

#1 Quan Myers .....21, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....19 (3x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#7 Javeon Lara .....3, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....18, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#13 Reece Udinski .....4, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#17 Brice Tucker .....23, 9/19/15 at Richmond  
#18 Austin Coulling .....7, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#21 Tyain Smith .....18, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#26 Mason Dermott .....2 (2x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....13, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....2, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#84 Kris Thornton .....4, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris

### Touchdowns

#1 Quan Myers .....1 (2x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#2 Daz Palmer .....2, 9/24/16 at Bucknell  
#12 Duncan Hodges .1 (2x), Last 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina  
#17 Brice Tucker .....1 (3x), Last 9/19/15 at Richmond  
#21 Tyain Smith .....2, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

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

#1 Quan Myers .....26, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#2 Daz Palmer .....56, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#5 Rohan Martin .....26, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#7 Javeon Lara .....22, 9/10/16 at Morehead State

#12 Duncan Hodges .....28, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#13 Reece Udinski .....9, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#17 Brice Tucker .....36, 9/3/15 at Ball State  
#18 Austin Coulling .....17, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#21 Tyain Smith .....73, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#26 Mason Dermott .....8, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....26, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....10, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#84 Kris Thornton .....8, 10/7/17 vs. Samford

## Receiving

### Yards (Min. 5 yards)

#1 Quan Myers .....123, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....82, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#5 Rohan Martin .....50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer  
#7 Javeon Lara .....100, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#15 Joey Brown .....10, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#17 Brice Tucker .....36, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#18 Austin Coulling .....30, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#19 Isaiah Parker .....38, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#21 Tyain Smith .....37, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#26 Mason Dermott .....37, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#28 Davone Humphrey .....15, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....34, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#80 Christopher Owens .....5, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....26, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#84 Kris Thornton .....51, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#87 Colby Rider .....25, 10/7/17 vs. Samford

### Receptions (Minimum 2 catches)

#1 Quan Myers .....8, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....5 (2x), Last 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#5 Rohan Martin .....5 (2x), Last 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#7 Javeon Lara .....4 (2x), Last 10/14/17 at Furman  
#15 Joey Brown .....2, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#17 Brice Tucker .....3 (3x), Last 10/29/16 vs. Furman  
#19 Isaiah Parker .....6, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#21 Tyain Smith .....4, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#26 Mason Dermott .....4, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#28 Davone Humphrey .....2, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....4, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....3, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#84 Kris Thornton .....6, 10/28/17 at The Citadel

### Touchdowns

#1 Quan Myers .....1, 10/24/15 at Mercer  
#5 Rohan Martin .....1, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#7 Javeon Lara .....1 (4x), Last 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#17 Brice Tucker .....1, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#18 Austin Coulling .....1, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#21 Tyain Smith .....1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Longest Reception (Min. 10 yds)

#1 Quan Myers .....53, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....42, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#5 Rohan Martin .....50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer  
#7 Javeon Lara .....79 (2x), Last 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#19 Isaiah Parker .....18, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#21 Tyain Smith .....18, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#26 Mason Dermott .....32, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....30, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....20, 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#84 Kris Thornton .....37, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#87 Colby Rider .....25, 10/7/17 vs. Samford

## All-Purpose Yards

#1 Quan Myers .....185, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#2 Daz Palmer .....208, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#5 Rohan Martin .....50, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer  
#7 Javeon Lara .....90, 10/22/16 at Chattanooga  
#11 Riuq Trotman .....48, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#12 Duncan Hodges .....39, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#14 Greg Sanders .....99, 10/31/15 at Wofford  
#17 Brice Tucker .....137, 9/19/15 at Richmond

#18 Austin Coulling .....27, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#19 Isaiah Parker .....43, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#21 Tyain Smith .....97, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#26 Mason Dermott .....189, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#28 Devone Humphrey .....40, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#36 Alex Ramsey .....43, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#46 Allan Cratsenberg .....60, 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#82 Kendrick Jackson .....24, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#84 Kris Thornton .....54, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#87 Colby Rider .....25, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
Several omitted with less than 20 yds

## Kicking

### Field Goals Made

#47 Grant Clemons .....2 (2x), Last 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#98 Reed King .....1 (5x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Field Goals Attempted

#47 Grant Clemons .....3 (2x), Last 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#98 Reed King .....3 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina

### Points Scored

#47 Grant Clemons .....8, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#98 Reed King .....6, 9/3/16 at Akron  
#99 Tommy Smith .....2, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel

### Longest Field Goal

#47 Grant Clemons .....39 (2x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#98 Reed King .....37, 9/3/16 at Akron

## Punting

### Punts

#4 Jake Paladino .....2 (3x), Last 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#34 Bill Hogan .....10, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#99 Tommy Smith .....3, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris

### Longest Punt

#4 Jake Paladino .....46, 10/15/16 at Samford  
#34 Bill Hogan .....69, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#99 Tommy Smith .....48, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris

## Touchdowns Scored

#1 Quan Myers .....1 (3x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#2 Daz Palmer .....2, 9/24/16 at Bucknell  
#5 Rohan Martin .....1, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#7 Javeon Lara .....1 (4x), Last 9/30/17 at Mercer  
#12 Duncan Hodges .1 (2x), Last 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina  
#14 Greg Sanders .....1, 10/31/15 vs. Wofford  
#17 Brice Tucker .....2, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#18 Austin Coulling .....1, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#21 Tyain Smith .....3, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#46 Allan Cratsenberg .....1, 9/30/17 at Mercer

## Tackles

#1 Kaleb Tucker .....9, 10/21/17 vs.Western Carolina  
#3 Tony Richardson .....7, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#4 Uzoma Kpaduwa .....8, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer  
#6 Michael Williams .....5, 9/10/16 at Morehead State  
#8 Kuony Deng .....11, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#9 Brian Lipscomb .....10, 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#11 Riuq Trotman .....6, 10/11/16 vs. Mercer  
#13 Collin Loftis .....4, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#14 Greg Sanders .....16, 10/14/17 at Furman  
#24 Jaylen Jefferson .....6, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#25 A.J. Smith .....9, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#30 Gabe Sutherland .1 (2x), 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#32 Devin Carper .....12, 9/2/17 at Air Force  
#33 Noah Delaney-Manuel .....7, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#37 Tyren Cloyd .....4, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#38 Imani Bey .....4, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#40 Elliott Brewster .....5 (2x), Last 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#44 Ryan Francis .....17, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#46 Allan Cratsenberg .....20, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#52 Zach Baker .....7, 11/12/16 vs.The Citadel  
#54 Xavier Greenfield .....4, 9/10/16 at Morehead State



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#90 Ryan Clark . . . . .7, 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#92 Chuck Weatherman . . . . .3 (2x), Last 10/14/17 at Furman  
#93 George Brown . . . . .3, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#94 Jordan Ward . . . . .8, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#96 Seth Mallory . . . . .6 (2x), Last 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#97 Jarrod Richmond . . . . .8, 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
Several omitted with two tackles or less

## Tackles-For-Loss

#1 Kaleb Tucker . . . . .1.0, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#3 Tony Richardson . . . . .4.0, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#4 Uzoma Kpaduwa . . . . .1.0, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris  
#6 Michael Williams . . . . .1.0 (2x), Last 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#9 Brian Lipscomb . . . . .3.0, 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#14 Greg Sanders . . . . .2.0, 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#25 A.J. Smith . . . . .1.0 (2x), Last 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#30 Gabe Sutherland . . . . .0.5, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#38 Imani Bey . . . . .0.5, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#40 Elliott Brewster . . . . .1.0, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#44 Ryan Francis . . . . .4.5, 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#46 Allan Cratsenburg . . . . .2.5, 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#52 Zach Baker . . . . .1.0 (3x), Last 11/4/17 at ETSU  
#54 Xavier Greenfield . . . . .1.0, 9/10/16 at Morehead State  
#59 Connor Riddle . . . . .1.0, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#90 Ryan Clark . . . . .1.5, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#94 Jordan Ward . . . . .1.0, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#96 Seth Mallory . . . . .1.5, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#97 Jarrod Richmond . . . . .1.0, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris

## Sacks

#3 Tony Richardson . . . . .3.0, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#9 Brian Lipscomb . . . . .2.0, 10/7/17 vs. Samford  
#38 Imani Bey . . . . .0.5, 9/23/17 vs. Chattanooga  
#44 Ryan Francis . . . . .2.0 (2x), Last 10/8/16 vs. ETSU  
#46 Allan Cratsenburg . . . . .1.0 (2x), Last 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#52 Zach Baker . . . . .0.5 (2x), Last 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina  
#90 Ryan Clark . . . . .0.5 (2x), Last 10/28/17 at The Citadel  
#96 Seth Mallory . . . . .2.0, 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#97 Jarrod Richmond . . . . .1.0, 9/16/17 at Robert Morris

## Interceptions

#3 Tony Richardson . . . . .1, 9/12/15 vs. Morehead State  
#8 Kuony Deng . . . . .1, 11/5/16 at Western Carolina  
#11 Riuq Trotman . . . . .1 (4x), Last 9/9/17 vs. Catawba  
#14 Greg Sanders . . . . .1 (5x), Last 11/19/16 at Wofford  
#44 Ryan Francis . . . . .1, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga  
#46 Allan Cratsenburg . . . . .1 (3x), Last 10/21/17 vs. Western Carolina

# Last Meeting with Wofford - Nov. 19, 2016

## Keydets Fall at #19 Wofford, 17-0

The VMI Keydets held the Wofford Terriers, ranked 19th in the latest national polls, without a touchdown for more than three and a half quarters, but Wofford scored a pair late to pull away and eke out a 17-0 victory in Spartanburg, S.C.

With the loss, the Keydets wrapped up the regular season 3-8 for the year, 1-7 against Southern Conference foes. Wofford, fresh off a win over seventh-ranked Chattanooga the previous week, improved to 8-3, 6-2.

Though Wofford's high-powered option offense piled up 325 yards on the ground, VMI kept the Terriers out of the end zone for most of the contest, and after getting a 40-yard field goal from David Martin midway through the first period, Wofford held on to that slim 3-0 margin for much of the game.

But with 5:53 remaining in the fourth, Lorenzo Long scored on a 6-yard run, and the Terriers began to pull away.

Long finished the game with 111 yards on 18 carries as 13 different players had a rushing attempt for Wofford.

For most of the game, however, VMI's defense was up to the task. After recording 20 tackles in last week's game against The Citadel, junior linebacker Allan Cratsenberg paced the VMI stop unit again, getting in on 12 total tackles. Senior Alijah Robinson was credited with 11 stops, including 10 solo tackles.

Despite moving the ball, VMI's offense couldn't capitalize on scoring opportunities. The Keydets mustered only 62 yards on the ground, led by freshman Tyain Smith's 49 yards on 17 tries. Aaron Sanders caught a pass for the 37th straight game, hauling in seven receptions for 87 yards. Quarterback Al Cobb, returning to action after suffering an injury in the game against Furman, completed 18 of 31 passes for 184 yards and a pair of interceptions.

Midway the third quarter, VMI linebacker Brian Lipscomb recovered a Wofford fumble at the Keydet 39 at the 11:39 mark and the Keydet offense moved into the Wofford red zone following consecutive pass completions to Sanders (21 yards) and Forlines at the Wofford 15. As Forlines was turning to gain more yardage, Terrier defensive back Jaleel Green wrestled the ball away and was credited with an interception return to the Wofford 28, halting a potential Keydet scoring drive.

Wofford advanced the ball on five consecutive rushes by fullbacks Long and Andre Stoddard to the VMI 7 before the Keydet defense stepped up and junior safety Greg Sanders intercepted a Goodson pass in the end zone squelching a golden Terrier scoring opportunity.

VMI's ensuing possession was an 18-play, 71-yard drive that chewed up 8:35 of the the third and fourth quarter clock but a missed 26-yard field goal attempt by Tommy Smith that would have tied the game at the 12:08 mark of the fourth quarter hit the left upright and bounced away.

The Terriers took control and drove 80 yards on 11 plays and broke the tight contest open on the six-yard TD burst up the middle by Long to put the hosts ahead 10-0 with 5:53 left in the fourth quarter.

On VMI's next drive, Cobb took a low snap under pressure and tried to throw the ball out of bounds but his hurried toss was underthrown and intercepted by outside linebacker Terrance Morris who returned the pick to the Keydet 13. Three plays later, Brandon Goodson passed six yards to Nick Colvin, who was blasted by Damian Jones and fumbled the football. But Wofford's Cole Cleary pounced on the loose ball in the end zone to provide the final margin.

VMI was denied its first win in Spartanburg and fell to the Terriers for the fifth straight time in the series. It was the first time VMI was shutout since 2013 against Virginia.

**VMI (3-8, 1-7) 0**  
**#19 Wofford (8-3, 6-2) 17**

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|----------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>VMI</b>     | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | - | 0  |
| <b>WOFFORD</b> | 3 | 0 | 0 | 14 | - | 17 |

### FIRST QUARTER

WOF - Marvin 30 FG - 7:34

### FOURTH QUARTER

WOF - Long 6 run (Marvin kick) - 5:53

WOF - Clark 1 pass from Goodson (Marvin kick) - 3:35

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>WOF</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 15         | 18         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 30-62      | 49-325     |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 184        | 46         |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 18-32-2    | 3-9-1      |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 246        | 371        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 2-1        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 3-20       | 8-46       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 4-39.0     | 2-38.0     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 30:40      | 29:20      |

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Smith 17-47; Martin 1-10; Palmer 8-10; Cobb 2-(-2); Forlines 2-(-3). *WOF* - Long 18-111; Morgan 3-58; Goodson 9-54; Gay 4-31; Newman 1-31; McAfee 3-18; Stoddard 3-10; Martin 2-8; Pace 1-6; Childress 1-5; Nelson 2-4; Colvin 1-2; Taylor 1-(-13).

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Cobb 18-31-2-184; Jacob 0-1-0-0. *WOF* - Goodson 3-9-1-46.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Sanders 7-87; Forlines 6-63; Martin 2-5; Gavin 1-18; Lara 1-6; Swingle 1-5. *WOF* - Hill 2-39; Colvin 1-6; Cleary 1-1.

# Game 1 - VMI at Air Force

## Football Falls at Air Force, 62-0

The Air Force Falcons saw eight different players score touchdowns on the way to a 62-0 win over the VMI Keydets in non-conference football action Saturday at Falcon Stadium in Colorado Springs, Colo. The game was the season opener for both teams.



*Daz Palmer led VMI in all-purpose yards from scrimmage against Air Force.*

Air Force took the lead for good just over three minutes into the game, when Tim McVey posted a 27-yard touchdown run. From there, the Falcons went on to a 35-0 lead at halftime and added 27 additional points in the second half to post the final margin.

It was 21-0 when the Keydets took over on their opening drive of the second quarter and lost Austin Coulling, their starting quarterback, to injury on a scramble on the first play of said drive.

Coulling did not return and was replaced by redshirt freshman Duncan Hodges, while true freshman Reece Udinski also saw playing time late in the fourth quarter. Udinski led VMI on its longest drive of the day in that final period, but was intercepted with seconds remaining to end the Keydets' efforts to avert the shutout.

In the win, Air Force saw 16 different players pile up rushing yards on the way to 457 yards and seven touchdowns on the ground. Quarterback Arion Worthman went 8 for 12 for 172 yards and two scores as well, helping Air Force post 647 total yards.

VMI was led by Devin Carper, who made 12 tackles in his first collegiate game. The three VMI quarterbacks combined to go 10 for 19 for 40 yards, while running back Daz Palmer caught four passes and ran for 32 yards.

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>VMI (0-1)</b>       | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Air Force (1-0)</b> | <b>62</b> |

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|------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| <b>VMI</b> | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | - | 0  |
| <b>AF</b>  | 14 | 21 | 14 | 13 | - | 62 |

### FIRST QUARTER

AF - McVey 27 run (Strebel kick) - 11:47  
AF - Sanders 57 pass from Worthman (Strebel kick) - 2:47

### SECOND QUARTER

AF - Sanders 5 pass from Worthman (Strebel kick) - 14:56  
AF - Cleveland 11 run (Strebel kick) - 5:27  
AF - Worthman 4 run (Strebel kick) - 1:30

### THIRD QUARTER

AF - Miller 5 run (Strebel kick) - 9:51  
AF - Eriksen 3 run (Philichi kick) - 3:03

### FOURTH QUARTER

AF - Mallard 10 run (Philichi kick) - 12:19  
AF - Duty-Tyson 4 run - 4:26

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>AF</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 6          | 32        |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 28-55      | 67-457    |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 40         | 190       |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 10-19-1    | 10-14-0   |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 95         | 647       |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 3-0        | 0-0       |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 2-20       | 5-53      |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 10-45.9    | 2-41.5    |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 24:39      | 35:21     |

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Palmer 8-32; Smith 5-10; Tucker 1-6; Myers 5-6; Udinski 2-5; Coulling 1-5; Jackson 1-4; Dermott 2-2; Lara 1-1; Thornton 1-0; Hodges 1-(-16). *AF* - McVey 10-98; Wilson 3-48; Eriksen 5-42; Cleveland 3-35; Worthman 11-33; Duty-Tyson 5-32; Miller 5-32; Romine 2-32; Lacoste 2-26; Mallard 4-21; Wicks 2-14; Parton 4-11; Sanders 2-11; Fagan 3-9; Stafford 2-7; Smith 2-2.

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Hodges 5-10-0-3; Coulling 3-6-0-25; Udinski 2-3-1-12. *AF* - Worthman 8-12-0-172; Romine 2-2-0-18.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Palmer 4-16; Brown 2-10; Smith 1-5; Tucker 1-4; Ramsey 1-3; Martin 1-2. *AF* - McVey 3-77; Sanders 2-62; Bennett 2-24; Reffitt 1-19; Farah 1-8; Miller 1-0.

# Game 2 - VMI vs. Catawba

## Keydets Fall to Catawba, 27-20

Quarterback Patrick O'Brien completed a 25-yard touchdown to Keyon West for the go-ahead score with 42 seconds left, sending the Catawba Indians past the VMI Keydets, 27-20, in football action Saturday, Sept. 9 at Foster Stadium in Lexington.



**Quan Myers had a 26-yard TD run in Sept. 9's loss to Catawba.**

After the teams had traded scores for the first 14 minutes of the final quarter and Quan Myers had tied the game with a 26-yard touchdown run for VMI (0-2), O'Brien orchestrated a seven-play, 65-yard drive that started with 3:21 on the clock. The quarterback went 3 for 3, two of the completions going to West, including the eventual game-winning touchdown.

Catawba (2-0) still had to hold VMI for the final 42 seconds, but Kyle Kitchens forced an Austin Coulling fumble on VMI's second play of the ensuing drive. Cole Brummit recovered, but Coulling was intercepted by Jeremy Addison on the very next play to seal the Indians' upset win.

The visitors and Keydets played a fairly even game statistically, but Catawba was able to convert on 7 of 15 third downs to just 3 of 16 for VMI. VMI did post 180 yards rushing - 126 of which were gained by Daz Palmer in 29 carries. Catawba's Sam Mobley made eight catches for 211 yards and a touchdown.

From a quarterbacking perspective, Coulling went 15 of 34 for 199 yards, while O'Brien relieved in the second quarter and was an impressive 12 of 19 for 261 yards and two scores.

The Keydets jumped ahead early, when Palmer scampered 56 yards for a touchdown less than three minutes into the game. Grant Clemons tacked on a second-quarter field goal, and it was 10-0 at half-time. The first half saw Catawba held to just 98 total yards, and the Indians spent just seven plays on VMI's end of the field.

That changed on the Indians' second drive of the third quarter, when two long passes to Sam Mobley - completions of 36 and 42 yards - set up a one-yard plunge by Eamon Smart that made it 10-7.

That would be the score entering a wild fourth quarter, which began with an Indian drive that saw xKenyatta Greene score from 28 yards out. After a missed point-after, it was 13-10 with 13:26 to play.

Clemons tied the game with a 39-yard field goal less than two minutes later, a kick set up by a 39-yard Coulling to Palmer pass play, and it was 13-13. It took just 1:25 for Catawba to tie it, as Mobley bookended an 81-yard drive with a 66-yard grab and a 13-yard touchdown reception. Just like that, it was 20-13, but VMI came right back once more.

This time, it was a Rohan Martin 26-yard run and a Coulling-to-Alex Ramsey 30-yard pass play that set up Myers' 26-yard TD run with 7:32 on the clock. That tied the game, 20-20, and after an exchange of punts, set up the game-winning drive.

**Catawba (2-0) 27**  
**VMI (0-2) 20**

**Foster Stadium • Lexington, Va.**  
**Sept. 9, 2017 • Attendance: 4,654**

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| <b>CAT</b> | 0 | 0 | 7 | 20 | - | 27 |
| <b>VMI</b> | 7 | 3 | 0 | 10 | - | 20 |

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Palmer 56 run (Clemons kick) - 12:19

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Clemons 39 FG - 10:28

### THIRD QUARTER

CAT - Smart 1 run (Brackman kick) - 7:56

### FOURTH QUARTER

CAT - Greene 28 run - 13:26

VMI - Clemons 39 FG - 11:33

CAT - Mobley 13 pass from O'Brien (Brackman kick) - 10:08

VMI - Myers 26 run (Clemons kick) - 7:32

CAT - West 25 pass from O'Brien (Brackman kick) - 0:42

|                           | <b>CAT</b> | <b>VMI</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 27         | 20         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 41-121     | 35-180     |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 294        | 199        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 15-27-1    | 15-34-1    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 415        | 379        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 0-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 6-40       | 0-0        |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 9-38.3     | 8-44.5     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 31:35      | 28:25      |

**RUSHING:** **CAT** - Smart 24-70; Greene 8-37; O'Brien 6-19; Carlton 2-(-3). **VMI** - Palmer 19-126; Martin 1-26; Myers 3-25; Dermott 2-8; Thornton 2-7; Smith 4-(-1); Ramsey 1-(-3); Coulling 3-(-8).

**PASSING:** **CAT** - O'Brien 12-19-0-261; Carlton 3-8-1-33. **VMI** - Coulling 15-34-1-199.

**RECEIVING:** **CAT** - Mobley 8-211; West 4-62; Osinskie 1-9; Rose 1-9; Smith 1-3. **VMI** - Palmer 4-82; Dermott 4-31; Martin 3-22; Ramsey 2-34; Thornton 1-21; Smith 1-9.

# Game 3 - VMI at Robert Morris

## Keydets Fall at Robert Morris, 23-0

Quarterback Jimmy Walker threw three touchdown passes to spark Robert Morris to a 23-0 win over VMI Saturday afternoon at Joe Walton Stadium.

Walker connected on touchdown passes of 23, 5, and 15 yards as the Colonials raised their mark to 2-1 on the season and get their second straight win over the Keydets in the brief four game series.



**Allan Cratsenberg had a team-high nine tackles in Sept. 16's loss at Robert Morris.**

The VMI defense helped the Keydets stay close at halftime as the visitors trailed just 14-0 at the half, but the VMI offense was limited to 182 yards on offense including just three total yards in the fourth quarter to stymie any rally.

VMI was also hampered by two fumbles that halted drives in the first half and committed three turnovers on the day.

The Colonials came out throwing on their first drive connecting on a 39-yard pass play to Warren Robinson and two plays later Walker tossed a floater that was tracked down by wideout Brandon Magee in the left corner of the end zone for the opening score.

Robert Morris doubled the margin to 14-0 at the 1:50 mark of the first quarter when Walker found tight end Reggie Green over the middle for a five-yard TD pass. The drive started after VMI had fumbled the ball away at its own 48, and was prolonged after the

Keydets were called by a roughing the punter penalty which kept the RMU drive alive and allowed the Colonials to amass a 12-play, 48 yard drive that consumed 5:47 off the clock.

VMI opened the second half with the ball but went three and out and a 38-yard punt return by Warren Robinson to the VMI 26 set up a Walker touchdown pass of 15 yards to Harrison Dreher, but the extra point was missed to make it 20-0 at the 10:56 mark of the third quarter.

Colonial field goal kicker Nick Bisceglia, who hit three uprights to spoil field goal attempts on the day, closed out the scoring with a 32-yard field goal try as RMU compiled a 13-play, 65 yard drive and chewed up 7:06 of the fourth quarter clock to keep the VMI offense on the sideline.

The Keydets best scoring opportunity came early in the fourth quarter after a face mask penalty moved the ball to the RMU 12 with a first down, but a two-yard rush, an incomplete pass, and a 12-yard sack on VMI quarterback Austin Coulling made the Keydets settle for a 36-yard field goal try by Grant Clemmons which was wide left.

RMU controlled the ball 33:18 and was two of three in fourth down conversions to help extend drives. The Keydets (0-3) were 4 of 14 in third down situations and were 26:42 in possession time.

VMI's defense generated nine tackles-for-loss for 48 yards including three by outside linebacker Tony Richardson for 13 yards. Pittsburgh native Allan Cratsenberg led the defensive charts with nine stops.

**VMI (0-3) 0**  
**Robert Morris (2-1) 23**

Joe Walton Stadium • Moon Township, Pa.  
 Sept. 16, 2017 • Attendance: 2637

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| <b>VMI</b> | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0  |
| <b>RMU</b> | 14 | 0 | 6 | 3 | - | 23 |

### FIRST QUARTER

RMU - Magee 23 pass from Walker (Bisceglia kick) - 13:35

RMU - Green 5 pass from Walker (Bisceglia kick) - 1:50

### THIRD QUARTER

RMU - Dreher 15 pass from Walker - 10:56

### FOURTH QUARTER

RMU - Bisceglia 32 FG - 6:08

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>RMU</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 12         | 18         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 32-75      | 31-39      |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 107        | 297        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 12-22-1    | 20-36-0    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 182        | 336        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 2-2        | 1-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 6-59       | 10-65      |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 6-40.7     | 3-34.7     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 26:42      | 33:18      |

**RUSHING: VMI**- Smith 7-24; Palmer 6-21; Myers 4-9; Jackson 1-8; Coulling 7-7; Thornton 4-3; Ramsey 1-3; Martin 1-2; Hodges 1-(-2).  
**RMU** - Neal 5-34; Dreher 21-25; Walker 4-(-19).

**PASSING: VMI** - Coulling 12-22-1-107.  
**RMU** - Walker 18-33-0-291; Barr 2-3-0-6.

**RECEIVING: VMI** - Smith 4-37; Thornton 2-40; Myers 2-(-1); Palmer 1-12; Lara 1-12; Ramsey 1-4; Martin 1-3. **RMU** - Robinson 5-73; Gonzalez 3-82; Magee 3-57; Allison 3-32; Dreher 3-28; Neal 2-20; Green 1-5.

# Game 4 - VMI vs. Chattanooga

## Chattanooga Defeats VMI, 63-7

The Chattanooga Mocs scored touchdowns on six of their first seven possessions and never looked back, on the way to a 63-7 win over the VMI Keydets in SoCon football action Saturday at Foster Stadium in Lexington, Va. The game was the SoCon opener for both teams and was the first win for Chattanooga (1-3, 1-0 SoCon) under head coach Tom Arth.



UTC raced out to a 42-0 lead before the Keydets (0-4, 0-1) scored with 3:58 left in the first half, doing so on a 73-yard pass by Duncan Hodges to Javeon Lara that was the first touchdown pass of Hodges' career. VMI was unable to rally further, however, as the visiting Mocs held the home team to just one offensive first down in the second half on the way to the big win.

Turnovers were a main story, as Chattanooga generated four - including three interceptions - to go along with a blocked punt. Those five mistakes led to 28 UTC points.

UTC scored first on an unseasonably warm, sunny day in Lexington, and led 7-0 when Bill Hogan came on to punt the ball away on VMI's second offensive possession of the game. Hogan's punt was blocked and the ball was recovered by the Mocs at the 1-yard line. One play later, Darrell Bridges ran it in for a touchdown and a 14-0 lead with just over five minutes gone by in the game.

The Mocs added another TD later in the quarter and another Bridges' TD run 2:35 into the second period, making it 28-0 when a fumble by Hodges was recovered by UTC's Lucas Webb and returned for a touchdown, making it a 35-0 game. That margin grew to 42-0 before Lara's long TD catch that accounted for the halftime margin, 42-7.

UTC scored three times in the second half, including on a 17-play, 76-yard drive to start the third quarter that ate up nearly 10 minutes on the clock, and that accounted for the final margin of 63-7.

The game was the most points UTC had scored against a Division I opponent since 2000, and equaled the third-most the Keydets had given up in a conference game.

Offensively, UTC saw quarterback Nick Tiano go 25 for 33 for 249 yards and four touchdowns while completing passes to 10 different receivers. VMI was led by Ryan Francis, who had double-digit tackles with 10 stops, and the defense made five tackles for loss on the day.

**Chattanooga (1-3, 1-0) 63**  
**VMI (0-4, 0-1) 7**

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Sept. 23, 2017 • Attendance: 5311

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| <b>UTC</b> | 21 | 21 | 7 | 14 | - | 63 |
| <b>VMI</b> | 0  | 7  | 0 | 0  | - | 7  |

### FIRST QUARTER

UTC - Stewart 15 pass from Tiano (Ulmo kick) - 11:25  
UTC - Bridges 1 run (Ulmo kick) - 9:49  
UTC - Bagley 1 run (Ulmo kick) - 6:21

### SECOND QUARTER

UTC - Bridges 1 run (Ulmo kick) - 12:25  
UTC - Webb 24 fumble recovery (Ulmo kick) - 10:45  
UTC - Stovall 25 pass from Tiano (Ulmo kick) - 4:51  
VMI - Lara 73 pass from Hodges (Clemons kick) - 3:58

### THIRD QUARTER

UTC - Morton 6 pass from Tiano (Ulmo kick) - 5:10

### FOURTH QUARTER

UTC - Bagley 7 run (Ulmo kick) - 14:55  
UTC - Morton 10 pass from Tiano (Ulmo kick) - 8:00

|                           | <b>UTC</b> | <b>VMI</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 24         | 5          |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 44-148     | 22-28      |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 249        | 136        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 25-33-1    | 9-19-3     |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 397        | 164        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 1-1        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 5-55       | 4-43       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 1-36.0     | 6-29.7     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 38:43      | 21:17      |

**RUSHING:** UTC - Bagley 15-76; Tiano 9-37; Bridges 12-22; Trotter 5-16; Stewart 1-0.  
VMI - Palmer 11-21; Smith 4-6; Udinski 1-6; Jackson 1-2; Lara 2-2; Thornton 1-(-1); Hodges 1-(-2); Coulling 1-(-6).

**PASSING:** UTC - Tiano 25-33-1-249. VMI - Coulling 3-8-2-33; Hodges 4-7-1-87; Udinski 2-3-0-16; Paladino 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** UTC - Stewart 5-58; Morton 5-41; Stovall 3-48; Parker 3-35; Young 3-27; Bagley 2-21; Colvin 1-7; Lenoir 1-6; Bridges 1-5; McQuarters 1-1. VMI - Dermott 2-11; Palmer 2-4; Lara 1-73; Martin 1-30; Parker 1-10; Jackson 1-6; Ramsey 1-2.

# Game 5 - VMI at Mercer

## Keydets Fall at Mercer, 49-14

VMI led early in its Southern Conference football contest Saturday afternoon in Macon, Ga., but that lead was short-lived as Mercer scored three touchdowns in less than five minutes in the second quarter, posting a 49-14 victory.

The Keydets struck first when linebacker Allan Cratsenberg returned an interception 60 yards for a touchdown, his first career pick-six, and when Tommy Smith added the extra point, the Keydets enjoyed a lead that held up through first quarter.

Early in the second, the Bears exploded for 21 points in a span of 4:28 to take control of the game. The first came with less than a minute gone from the second-quarter clock as quarterback Kaelen Riley connected with Chandler Curtis on a 61-yard touchdown pass, and at the 10:24 mark, Riley found Tee Mitchell on a 79-yard scoring strike. Mercer (2-3, 1-2) completed the outburst with a Travonte Easley 51-yard interception return, and the Bears took a 21-7 lead into halftime.

The Keydets had missed earlier in the second quarter to cut into the deficit when kicker Tommy Smith was unable to connect on a 26-yard field goal attempt that was hampered by the snap-hold exchange execution.

Riley had a big day running the Mercer offense. Though he completed just 13 of 24 passes, he finished with 313 yards and three touchdowns. The Bears amassed 575 yards of total offense, with C.J. Leggett leading the ground attack, carrying the ball 16 times for 89 yards and a score.

The Mercer lead grew to 35-7 before VMI found the end zone again. With just over a minute to play in the third period, quarterback Duncan Hodges found a streaking Javeon Lara for a 79-yard touchdown pass, the Keydets' longest play from scrimmage this year. That duo connected on a 73-yard scoring play last week against Chattanooga.

Hodges, in his first career start at quarterback, completed 11 of his 19 pass attempts for 135 yards to pace the VMI offense. But the Keydets (0-5, 0-2) found little room to run on the ground, finishing the game with just 52 yards rushing. Turnovers plagued the Keydets for the second straight week. Hodges threw a pair of interceptions, bringing VMI's turnover total to 11 for the season.

The Bears put the game away with a pair of fourth-quarter scores. First, Riley teamed up with Curtis again from 21 yards, and Alex Lakes capped the scoring with a 2-yard TD run with 5:32 remaining in the contest. Offensively, the Keydets posted encouraging numbers in the first half converting three of seven in third down conversions and controlling the ball for 9:11 in the opening quarter.

Senior free safety Greg Sanders finished with a game-high 11 tackles to lead the Keydet defensive charts.

Cratsenberg's interception return for a touchdown was the first by a Keydet since Greg Walker returned a pass attempt 58 yards against Charleston Southern on Oct. 23, 2010.



**VMI (0-5, 0-2) 14**  
**Mercer (2-3, 1-2) 49**

**Five Star Stadium • Macon, Ga.**  
**Sept. 30, 2017 • Attendance: 10,207**

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| <b>VMI</b> | 7 | 0  | 7  | 0  | - | 14 |
| <b>MER</b> | 0 | 21 | 14 | 14 | - | 49 |

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Cratsenberg 60 INT return (Smith kick) - 12:49

### SECOND QUARTER

MER - Curtis 61 pass from Riley (Fisher kick) - 14:04

MER - Mitchell 79 pass from Riley (Fisher kick) - 10:24

MER - Easley 51 INT return (Fisher kick) - 9:36

### THIRD QUARTER

MER - Mitchell 4 run (Fisher kick) - 11:39

MER - Leggett 14 run (Fisher kick) - 6:06

VMI - Lara 79 pass from Hodges (Smith kick) - 1:38

### FOURTH QUARTER

MER - Curtis 21 pass from Riley (Fisher kick) - 12:53

MER - Lakes 2 run (Fisher kick) - 5:32

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>MER</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 13         | 26         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 27-52      | 51-257     |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 173        | 318        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 15-28-3    | 13-24-1    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 225        | 575        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 0-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 4-20       | 7-50       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 6-43.3     | 3-41.0     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 27:53      | 32:07      |

**RUSHING:** **VMI** - Smith 6-38; Palmer 10-27; Jackson 2-7; Udinski 2-(-8); Hodges 7-(-12). **MER** - Leggett 16-89; Mitchell 12-56; Lakes 10-46; Devezin 5-27; Riley 7-26; Brumby 1-13.

**PASSING:** **VMI** - Hodges 11-19-2-135; Udinski 4-9-1-38. **MER** - Riley 13-24-1-318.

**RECEIVING:** **VMI** - Martin 5-13; Thornton 3-14; Lara 2-87; Parker 2-36; Palmer 1-12; Jackson 1-11; Sutherland 1-0. **MER** - Irvin 6-98; Curtis 2-82; Ellington 2-28; Mitchell 1-79; Leggett 1-20; Ward 1-11.

# Game 6 - VMI vs. #20 Samford

## VMI Falls to #20 Samford, 26-7

Despite an early seven-point lead for the VMI Keydets, the 20th-ranked Samford Bulldogs prevailed 26-7 in SoCon football action between the teams Saturday at Foster Stadium in Lexington, Va.

The Keydets (0-6, 0-3 SoCon) started the game with perhaps their best offensive drive of the season, a 10-play, 77-yard push that redshirt freshman quarterback Duncan Hodges ended with a three-yard run. The 7-0 lead was short-lived, however, as Samford (4-2, 2-1) tied the game just 57 seconds later and went on to score the game's final 26 points on the way to the win.

The VMI defense held Samford to just 2 of 13 on third-down conversions and did not allow a touchdown inside the red zone for the first time this season. The Keydet offense, however, could not overcome six sacks and three turnovers, two of which came in Samford territory, in the loss.

The Keydets scored on their opening drive, the first offensive drive VMI had posted of at least 10 plays this year. Hodges, making his second career start and first at home, was involved in eight of the 10 plays and finished the drive with his first career rushing touchdown for a 7-0 VMI lead.

Samford then took just 57 seconds to go 63 yards, tying the game at 7-all on a 33-yard touchdown run by Moise Satine. The Bulldogs would take on the first of four Jordan Weaver field goals and led, 10-7, after one quarter.

That margin grew to 20-7 at halftime, as Devlin Hodges - Duncan's brother and the current SoCon Offensive Player of the Year - threw a 23-yard touchdown pass to Andrew Harris and Weaver tacked on a 31-yard field goal just before the break.

The second half was a defensive struggle and saw Samford move to a running attack, as the Bulldogs held the ball for some 18 minutes over the final two quarters. Weaver kicked a field goal in each to account for the final margin, 23-6.

Duncan Hodges threw for 121 yards and ran for another 39, but was intercepted three times by an opportunistic Samford defense. His brother, Devlin, was 26 of 38 for 275 yards and a touchdown, completing passes to 11 different receivers along the way. Satine ran for 86 yards for the Bulldogs, while Tyain Smith had 52 yards on the ground for VMI.



**#20 Samford (4-2, 2-1) 26**  
**VMI (0-6, 0-3) 7**

Foster Stadium • Lexington, Va.  
 Oct. 7, 2017 • Attendance: 3310

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| <b>SAM</b> | 10 | 10 | 3 | 3 | - | 26 |
| <b>VMI</b> | 7  | 0  | 0 | 0 | - | 7  |

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Hodges 3 run (Clemons kick) - 10:37  
 SAM - Satine 33 run (Weaver kick) - 9:40  
 SAM - Weaver 22 FG - 3:51

### SECOND QUARTER

SAM - Harris 23 pass from Hodges (Weaver kick) - 4:42  
 SAM - Weaver 31 FG - 0:02

### THIRD QUARTER

SAM - Weaver 40 FG - 2:52

### FOURTH QUARTER

SAM - Weaver 21 FG - 6:49

|                           | <b>SAM</b> | <b>VMI</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 23         | 16         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 37-116     | 37-97      |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 280        | 121        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 27-39-0    | 16-32-3    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 396        | 218        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 0-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 3-29       | 2-9        |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 6-49.8     | 6-44.5     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 30:29      | 29:31      |

**RUSHING: SAM** - Satine 14-86; Washington 5-13; Roland Adams 5-8; Curry 3-6; Hodges 8-4; Shelling 1-4. **VMI** - Smith 10-52; Hodges 18-39; Thornton 2-13; Palmer 4-3; Jackson 1-(-2); Udinski 1-(-6).

**PASSING: SAM** - Hodges 26-38-0-275; Miller 1-1-0-5. **VMI** - Hodges 16-31-3-121; Dermott 0-1-0-0; Udinski 0-0-0-0.

**RECEIVING: SAM** - McKnight 8-70; El-Amin 6-32; Marshall 3-54; Harris 2-50; Marion 2-34; Robert Adams 1-13; Shelling 1-13; Roland Adams 1-6; Satine 1-5; Hodges 1-5; Washington 1-(-2). **VMI** - Martin 4-17; Jackson 3-26; Palmer 3-3; Thornton 2-41; Smith 2-2; Rider 1-25; Parker 1-7.



# Game 7 - VMI at Furman

## Second Half Surge Leads Furman Past VMI, 42-10

The Furman Paladins broke open a close game scoring on their first four possessions of the second half and posted a 42-10 win over VMI Saturday afternoon at Paladin Stadium in Greenville, South Carolina.



The Paladins won their fourth consecutive game and moved to 4-3 on the season and 3-1 in SoCon play.

VMI trailed by only a 14-10 margin at halftime following a spirited defensive goal line stand at the end of the first half that kept Furman from increasing its lead. The third quarter took a turn as the Paladins recommitted to the ground attack and took control with two third quarter touchdowns to break the game open.

The Paladins took the opening second half kickoff and marched 75 yards on seven plays generating the yardage through five rushes and two pass plays as running back Antonio Wilcox dove in to cap the drive a 16-yard touchdown run.

The Keydets took the ensuing kickoff and quickly seized the momentum back with no huddle and moved to the Furman 33 as quarterback Duncan Hodges connected on his first four pass attempts and added a 11-yard rush to help move the ball to the Furman 28. After a pass incompleting on the next snap, Hodges was picked off by outside linebacker Dillon Vaughn who raced back to the VMI 33.

The Paladins pounded the ball on the ground with an 11-play, 33-yard scoring drive all capped by Keland Dirks one-yard rush at the 5:58 mark of the third quarter to extend Furman's lead to 28-10.

The Paladins added fourth quarter tallies on wide receiver Andy Schumpert's 57-yard catch and run from quarterback P.J. Blazjowski early in the fourth quarter and running back Ridge Gibson ended the scoring run with a one-yard TD rush with 4:23 remaining.

VMI generated its points on a 30-yard field goal by Grant Clemons at the 8:22 mark of the second quarter to cut Furman's lead to 7-3 and added a three-yard touchdown pass from Hodges to wide receiver Rohan Martin with 3:18 remaining in the third quarter.

Furman held a 354-117 bulge on the ground with most of the rushing yards coming in the second half and outgained the Keydets 523-256 while topping the 40-point mark for the fourth consecutive game.

Senior linebacker Allan Cratsenberg led the Keydet defensive charts with 17 stops and moved to 371 career tackles that placed him in the top five all-time at VMI.

**VMI (0-7, 0-4) 10**  
**Furman (4-3, 3-1) 42**

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 Oct. 14, 2017 • Attendance: 7216

|            |   |    |    |    |   |    |
|------------|---|----|----|----|---|----|
| <b>VMI</b> | 0 | 10 | 0  | 0  | - | 10 |
| <b>FUR</b> | 7 | 7  | 14 | 14 | - | 42 |

### FIRST QUARTER

FUR - Wilcox 1 run (Atkins kick) - 10:09

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Clemons 30 FG - 8:22

FUR - Dirks 1 run (Atkins kick) - 5:20

VMI - Martin 3 pass from Hodges (Clemons kick) - 3:18

### THIRD QUARTER

FUR - Wilcox 16 run (Atkins kick) - 12:25

FUR - Dirks 1 run (Atkins kick) - 5:58

### FOURTH QUARTER

FUR - Schumpert 57 pass from Blazejowski (Atkins kick) - 14:47

FUR - Gibson 1 run (Atkins kick) - 6:23

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>FUR</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 13         | 23         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 23-117     | 61-354     |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 139        | 169        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 19-36-1    | 10-17-0    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 256        | 523        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 1-1        | 0-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 2-10       | 2-10       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 6-45.3     | 4-42.0     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 26:24      | 33:36      |

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Palmer 5-66; Smith 10-25; Hodges 5-15; Udinski 1-9; Myers 1-1; Ramsey 1-1. *FUR* - Dirks 23-82; Blazejowski 5-74; Roberts 2-72; Wilcox 11-49; Morehead 4-21; Gibson 8-20; Graham 3-13; Sanders 4-13; DeLuca 1-11.

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Hodges 15-28-1-105; Udinski 4-8-0-34. *FUR* - Blazejowski 8-15-0-145; Roberts 2-2-0-24.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Lara 4-52; Myers 4-24; Thornton 3-22; Martin 3-21; Smith 1-10; Owens 1-5; Humphrey 1-4; Ramsey 1-2; Jackson 1-(-1). *FUR* - McCarter 3-34; Gordon 2-22; Schumpert 1-57; Morehead 1-22; Armstrong 1-20; Walker 1-10; DeLuca 1-4.

# Game 8 - VMI vs. #19 Western Carolina

## Keydets Drop 26-7 Contest to #19 WCU

The 19th-ranked Western Carolina Catamounts scored the final 26 points of the game on the way to a 26-7 win over the VMI Keydets in SoCon football action Saturday at Foster Stadium in Lexington.



VMI (0-8, 0-5 SoCon) jumped ahead with a touchdown late in the first quarter, scoring first for the third time in its last four games, but WCU (6-2, 4-1) took advantage of a Duncan Hodges interception midway through the second quarter to drive for a touchdown and take the lead for good. The Catamounts led 13-7 at halftime and held the ball for over 20 minutes in the second half to preserve the victory.

In the setback, VMI was led by Allan Cratsenberg's 18 tackles. The effort moved him to within 10 of Melvin Rucker '83's 399 tackles, a total that ranks third in school history. Cratsenberg was just two tackles shy of becoming the third player in school history with multiple games of at least 20 tackles.

He added his team-leading third interception as well as part of a defensive effort that held WCU to its second-lowest rushing total of the season (191 yards) and had 10 tackles for loss, the most by the Keydets since posting 11 last year against ETSU.

WCU was paced by Tyrie Adams, as the Catamount quarterback ran for 70 yards and threw for 195 and a score on a day where he was 20 for 33 through the air. Terryon Robinson, his top receiver, grabbed nine passes for 91 yards and the touchdown.

After a dramatic first quarter that featured a game-opening onside kick by the Keydets, which they recovered, and a VMI fumble on a field goal snap that led to a failed fake attempt, the Keydets finally broke through late in the first quarter. They drove 70 yards on 11 plays, with seven of the plays being runs. Hodges wrapped it with a one-yard sneak to put the home team up, 7-0.

WCU answered on its next drive with a 17-play, 69-yard effort, but the Keydet defense held in the red zone and forced a 22-yard field goal to cut the margin to 7-3. WCU took the lead for good less than three minutes later, as on the fifth play of VMI's next possession, Hodges was intercepted by Tre Hardy to give the visitors a short field. It took just four plays for Adams to find Robinson for a 29-yard score, making it 10-7.

A field goal as the first half clock ran out made it 13-7 at the break.

Western tacked on two more second half field goals, and wrapped up the scoring with a two-yard touchdown run by Corey Holloway that accounted for the final margin, 26-7.

**#19 WCU (6-2, 4-1) 26**  
**VMI (0-8, 0-5) 7**

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 Oct. 21, 2017 • Attendance: 4,119

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|------------|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| <b>WCU</b> | 0 | 13 | 3 | 10 | - | 26 |
| <b>VMI</b> | 7 | 0  | 0 | 0  | - | 7  |

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Hodges 1 run (King kick) - 3:15

### SECOND QUARTER

WCU - Gibson 22 FG - 13:25

WCU - Robinson 29 pass from Adams (Gibson kick) - 10:33

WCU - Gibson 40 FG - 0:00

### THIRD QUARTER

WCU - Gibson 38 FG - 8:27

### FOURTH QUARTER

WCU - Gibson 43 FG - 13:40

WCU - Holloway 2 run (Gibson kick) - 7:54

|                           | <b>WCU</b> | <b>VMI</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 24         | 10         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 55-191     | 29-86      |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 195        | 110        |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 20-33-1    | 13-28-2    |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 386        | 196        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 1-1        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 9-91       | 5-50       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 5-43.2     | 7-38.7     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 33:11      | 26:49      |

**RUSHING:** WCU - Spencer 14-76; Adams 23-70; Holloway 17-49; Hill 1-(-4). VMI - Smith 8-37; Ramsey 3-20; Hodges 5-20; Palmer 7-13; Myers 2-11; Lara 1-4; Udinski 2-(-8); Paladino 1-(-11).

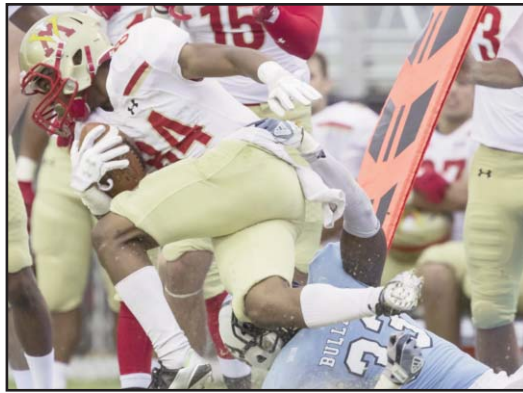
**PASSING:** WCU - Adams 20-33-1-195. VMI - Hodges 11-22-1-77; Udinski 1-5-1-20; Dermott 1-1-0-13.

**RECEIVING:** WCU - Robinson 9-91; Mathis 6-61; Hill 3-31; Spencer 1-7; Cosenke 1-5. VMI - Lara 3-51; Palmer 3-12; Ramsey 2-13; Smith 2-9; Jackson 1-20; Thornton 1-4; Martin 1-1.

# Game 9 - VMI at The Citadel

## Citadel Defeats VMI, 21-3, in Silver Shako Battle

Despite a stern VMI defensive effort, the Citadel Bulldogs retained hold of the Silver Shako defeating the Keydets 21-3 Saturday afternoon in the "Military Classic of the South" in Charleston, S.C.



Freshman fullback Brandon Rainey gained 125 yards on 16 carries, mostly in the second half, to help the Bulldogs to their second consecutive win in as many games. The Citadel moved to 5-3 overall and 3-3 in the SoCon.

VMI (0-9, 0-6 SoCon) took a brief 3-0 lead scoring on its first drive of the game on a 37-yard field goal by Grant Clemons with 10:59 left in the opening quarter.

After two plays which netted 0 yards on its first two snaps of the game, The Citadel slotback Grant Drakeford took an option pitch 71 yards down the right sideline to put the Bulldogs in the lead for good.

Bulldog quarterback Dominique Allen added a one-yard run with :10 left in the first quarter to boost the lead to 14-3 and the score remained that way until fullback Lorenzo Ward ripped up the middle for a 45-yard TD burst.

VMI's defense held The Citadel to 1 of 5 in red zone chances as the Bulldogs came away empty on three missed field goals and a blocked field goal.

Allen added 80 yards rushing for the Bulldogs and completed just one pass for 14 yards but The Citadel outgained the Keydets 421-219 and dialed up five sacks for 26 yards.

VMI quarterback Duncan Hodges completed a season-high 22 of 36 passing attempts for 147 yards – his favorite target freshman wideout Kris Thornton with six catches for 51 yards.

The Keydet opening scoring drive was engineered by Hodges who was five of six passing for 47 yards and helped generate four first downs before Clemmons knocked through his fourth field goal of the year.

After Drakeford's TD run put The Citadel up on the ensuing possession, the Keydets fumbled the ball away at midfield but the Bulldogs Jacob Godek pushed the first of his three field goal misses wide right and the Keydets escaped without further damage.

VMI was forced to punt next possession and a 20-yarder gave The Citadel the ball on the VMI 46. The Bulldogs converted the relatively short field into points when a 22-yard run by Cam Jackson to the VMI 18 helped set up the Allen one-yard touchdown keeper to put the home team ahead, 14-3.

VMI had its final drive of the first half drive snuffed out when it moved to The Citadel 37 before Hodges was picked off by defensive back Aaron Spann at the Bulldog 36 and returned six yards. It was Spann's third interception over the last two games. Spann had earlier recovered the VMI fumble in the first quarter.

The Keydets again threatened on its final drive of the third quarter moving to the Bulldog 43, but back-to-back sacks of 11 yards on the next two snaps pushed the Keydets back into their own territory.

The Bulldog defense generated 11 tackles-for-loss for 38 yards on the day and held VMI to 1 of 7 third down conversions in the second half.

Senior linebacker Allan Cratsenberg led VMI in tackles for the third straight week with nine tackles (six solo) and was equaled by freshman cornerback A.J. Smith who also had nine tackles (five solo).

**VMI (0-9, 0-6) 3**  
**The Citadel (5-3, 3-3) 21**

Johnson Hagood Stadium • Charleston, S.C.  
 Oct. 28, 2017 • Attendance: 11,609

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|------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>VMI</b> | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 3  |
| <b>CIT</b> | 14 | 0 | 0 | 7 | - | 21 |

### FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Clemons 37 FG - 10:59  
 CIT - Drakeford 71 run (Godek kick) - 10:01  
 CIT - Allen 1 run (Godek kick) - 0:10

### FOURTH QUARTER

CIT - Ward 45 run (Godek kick) - 2:45

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>CIT</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 16         | 18         |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 32-72      | 59-407     |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 147        | 14         |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 22-36-1    | 1-9-0      |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 219        | 421        |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 2-1        | 2-0        |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 1-6        | 6-67       |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 6-36.8     | 4-36.8     |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 28:44      | 31:16      |

**RUSHING:** VMI - Ramsey 12-40; Hodges 12-29; Palmer 6-16; Thornton 1-(-4); Hogan 1-(-9). CIT - Rainey 16-125; Allen 17-80; Ward 9-79; Drakeford 3-76; Jackson 7-34; Black 3-13; Sessions 1-3.

**PASSING:** VMI - Hodges 22-36-1-147. CIT - Allen 1-8-0-14; Black 0-1-0-0.

**RECEIVING:** VMI - Thornton 6-51; Palmer 5-25; Martin 4-20; Ramsey 2-3; Jackson 1-14; Rider 1-12; Myers 1-9; Lara 1-8; Parker 1-5. CIT - Webb 1-14.

# Game 10 - VMI at ETSU

## Keydets Fall to ETSU, 24-6

Back-to-back touchdown drives by East Tennessee State in the second half broke open a close game as the Bucs posted a 24-6 win over VMI Saturday afternoon at William B. Greene, Jr. Stadium. The Bucs, playing their final home game of 2017, moved 4-5 overall and 2-4 in the Southern Conference.



ETSU outgained VMI, 259-179 and was led on the ground by Fallon Lee with 93 yards and Jajuan Stinson with 38 yards and each scored on touchdown runs in the second half.

After a missed field goal try on VMI's opening drive of the game, the Bucs opened the scoring on a 33-yard field goal by J.J. Jerman. ETSU quarterback Austin Herink connected on a 42-yard pass play to Drake Powell to spark the possession, but a tackle-for-loss by VMI outside linebacker Brian Lipscomb helped force the Bucs to settle for the field goal.

Late in the first quarter, ETSU linebacker Nasir Player took a deflected pass from quarterback Duncan Hodges back four yards for a interception TD return and extended the home team lead to 10-0 with :39 remaining in the first quarter.

VMI's defense helped produce the first Keydet points of the game when Lipscomb forced a fumble that was returned 37 yards by linebacker Ryan Francis to the ETSU 19. Kicker Grant Clemons knocked through a 20-yard field goal on the last play of the half and the Keydets trailed 10-3 at the break.

Clemons added a 35-yard field goal on VMI's first drive of the second half to pull the Keydets within 10-6 at the 12:35 mark of the third quarter. The drive was aided by a low snap that prevented the Bucs from punting on their first possession and gave the Keydets the ball at the ETSU 14.

That would be as close as the Keydets would get as ETSU engineered an 11-play, 66-yard drive capped by a one-yard TD run by Fallon with :43 left in the third quarter. The drive was aided by a roughing the passer penalty assessed against the Keydets on an incomplete pass.

ETSU added a two-yard TD run by Stinson at the 10:12 mark of the final period as the Bucs took advantage of three defensive pass interference calls to cap the game scoring.

VMI, which entered the game as the least penalized team in FCS, was flagged eight times for 75 yards on the afternoon.

Hodges started the game at quarterback before giving way to freshman Reece Udinski who completed 14 of 27 passes for 105 yards.

Francis led the Keydets in tackles with 17 stops and logged his 22nd double-digit tackle game for his career. With 11 tackles against ETSU, Keydet linebacker Allan Cratsenberg became the third VMI defender in school history to surpass the 400-tackle threshold.

**VMI (0-10, 0-7) 6**  
**ETSU (4-5, 2-4) 24**

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 Nov. 4, 2017 • Attendance: 7327

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|-------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>VMI</b>  | 0  | 3 | 3 | 0 | - | 6  |
| <b>ETSU</b> | 10 | 0 | 7 | 7 | - | 24 |

### FIRST QUARTER

ETSU - Jerman 33 FG - 4:02

ETSU - Player 4 INT return (Jerman kick) - 0:39

### SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Clemons 20 FG - 0:00

### THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Clemons 35 FG - 12:05

ETSU - Lee 1 run (Jerman kick) - 0:43

### FOURTH QUARTER

ETSU - Stinson 2 run (Jerman kick) - 10:12

|                           | <b>VMI</b> | <b>ETSU</b> |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>First Downs</b>        | 11         | 19          |
| <b>Rushes-Yards</b>       | 31-57      | 50-132      |
| <b>Passing Yards</b>      | 122        | 127         |
| <b>Passes (C-A-I)</b>     | 17-34-2    | 8-15-0      |
| <b>Total Offense</b>      | 179        | 259         |
| <b>Fumbles-Lost</b>       | 0-0        | 3-2         |
| <b>Penalties</b>          | 8-75       | 7-64        |
| <b>Punts-Avg.</b>         | 7-42.4     | 4-43.5      |
| <b>Time of Possession</b> | 25:03      | 34:57       |

**RUSHING:** *VMI* - Ramsey 13-56; Palmer 8-10; Myers 2-2; Thornton 1-(-2); Udinski 4-(-3); Hodges 3-(-6). *ETSU* - Lee 29-93; Stinson 11-38; Thompson 7-11; Herink 2-4; Watson 1-(-13).

**PASSING:** *VMI* - Udinski 14-27-1-105; Hodges 3-6-1-17. *ETSU* - Herink 8-15-0-127.

**RECEIVING:** *VMI* - Parker 6-38; Ramsey 4-19; Thornton 3-39; Humphrey 2-15; Martin 1-6; Dermott 1-5. *ETSU* - Lowe 6-83; Powell 1-42; Hill 1-2.

# Game 10 - VMI at The Citadel

## 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

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|------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| <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.



# Two-Deep Listings

## VMI Keydets

### Offense

|           |           |                   | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>WR</b> | <b>84</b> | Kris Thornton     | 5-8  | 160 | Fr.   |
|           | <b>26</b> | Mason Dermott     | 5-8  | 167 | R-So. |
| <b>LT</b> | <b>73</b> | Cole Brummit      | 6-5  | 270 | R-Fr. |
|           | <b>79</b> | Brad Davis        | 6-4  | 255 | Fr.   |
| <b>LG</b> | <b>50</b> | Chase Smith       | 6-3  | 265 | R-Jr. |
|           | <b>65</b> | Matt Milner       | 6-2  | 315 | R-Sr. |
| <b>C</b>  | <b>62</b> | Patrick Doucette  | 6-1  | 280 | R-Sr. |
|           | <b>74</b> | Walker Hays       | 6-1  | 270 | R-Sr. |
| <b>RG</b> | <b>70</b> | Josh Andre        | 6-5  | 257 | R-Fr. |
|           | <b>76</b> | Will Morris       | 6-4  | 270 | R-So. |
| <b>RT</b> | <b>63</b> | Sawaar Canady     | 6-5  | 290 | R-Fr. |
|           | <b>61</b> | Stephen Miller    | 6-2  | 275 | R-Sr. |
| <b>TE</b> | <b>87</b> | Colby Rider       | 6-3  | 235 | Fr.   |
|           | <b>81</b> | Aaron Gallagher   | 6-2  | 270 | R-Fr. |
| <b>WR</b> | <b>5</b>  | Rohan Martin      | 5-10 | 175 | So.   |
|           | <b>80</b> | Christopher Owens | 6-0  | 160 | Fr.   |
| <b>WR</b> | <b>7</b>  | Javeon Lara       | 6-2  | 178 | So.   |
|           | <b>19</b> | Isaiah Parker     | 5-11 | 185 | Jr.   |
| <b>QB</b> | <b>12</b> | Duncan Hodges     | 6-3  | 220 | R-Fr. |
|           | <b>13</b> | Reece Udinski     | 6-4  | 190 | Fr.   |
| <b>RB</b> | <b>2</b>  | Daz Palmer        | 5-10 | 180 | So.   |
|           | <b>21</b> | Tyain Smith       | 6-2  | 210 | So.   |
| <b>FB</b> | <b>36</b> | Alex Ramsey       | 5-11 | 215 | R-Fr. |
|           | <b>15</b> | Joey Brown        | 6-2  | 222 | R-Jr. |

### Defense

|            |           |                   | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   |
|------------|-----------|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>LE</b>  | <b>52</b> | Zach Baker        | 6-2  | 247 | R-Jr. |
|            | <b>97</b> | Jarrod Richmond   | 6-3  | 243 | R-So. |
| <b>OR</b>  | <b>92</b> | Chuck Weatherman  | 6-5  | 230 | Fr.   |
| <b>NT</b>  | <b>96</b> | Seth Mallory      | 6-4  | 265 | R-Sr. |
|            | <b>54</b> | Xavier Greenfield | 6-0  | 271 | Sr.   |
| <b>RE</b>  | <b>90</b> | Ryan Clark        | 6-6  | 227 | So.   |
|            | <b>94</b> | Jordan Ward       | 6-1  | 228 | Fr.   |
| <b>OLB</b> | <b>9</b>  | Brian Lipscomb    | 6-3  | 225 | R-Jr. |
|            | <b>38</b> | Imani Bey         | 6-3  | 205 | Fr.   |
| <b>OLB</b> | <b>3</b>  | Tony Richardson   | 6-3  | 230 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>37</b> | Tyren Cloyd       | 6-1  | 190 | Fr.   |
| <b>ILB</b> | <b>44</b> | Ryan Francis      | 6-1  | 215 | R-Sr. |
|            | <b>40</b> | Elliott Brewster  | 6-2  | 215 | R-Fr. |
| <b>ILB</b> | <b>46</b> | Allan Cratsenberg | 6-3  | 223 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>32</b> | Devin Carper      | 5-7  | 195 | R-Fr. |
| <b>CB</b>  | <b>1</b>  | Kaleb Tucker      | 6-1  | 177 | So.   |
|            | <b>6</b>  | Michael Williams  | 5-10 | 170 | R-Jr. |
| <b>S</b>   | <b>25</b> | A.J. Smith        | 6-2  | 200 | Fr.   |
|            | <b>4</b>  | Uzoma Kpaduwa     | 5-10 | 185 | Jr.   |
| <b>S</b>   | <b>14</b> | Greg Sanders      | 5-11 | 195 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>24</b> | Jaylen Jefferson  | 5-9  | 180 | Fr.   |
| <b>CB</b>  | <b>11</b> | Riuq Trotman      | 5-9  | 155 | Jr.   |
|            | <b>12</b> | Montrece Gatling  | 5-9  | 190 | Fr.   |

### Special Teams

|            |           |                 | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>K</b>   | <b>47</b> | Grant Clemons   | 6-2  | 185 | So.   |
|            | <b>99</b> | Tommy Smith     | 6-3  | 185 | Jr.   |
| <b>KO</b>  | <b>99</b> | Tommy Smith     | 6-2  | 185 | Jr.   |
| <b>P</b>   | <b>34</b> | Bill Hogan      | 6-1  | 217 | R-Jr. |
|            | <b>99</b> | Tommy Smith     | 6-1  | 185 | Jr.   |
| <b>LSN</b> | <b>55</b> | Jake Keith      | 5-10 | 190 | So.   |
| <b>H</b>   | <b>4</b>  | Jake Paladino   | 6-1  | 205 | R-So. |
| <b>KR</b>  | <b>26</b> | Mason Dermott   | 5-8  | 167 | R-So. |
|            | <b>28</b> | Devone Humphrey | 6-2  | 190 | Fr.   |
| <b>PR</b>  | <b>19</b> | Isaiah Parker   | 5-11 | 185 | Jr.   |

## Wofford Terriers

### Offense

|           |           |                   | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   |
|-----------|-----------|-------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>LT</b> | <b>62</b> | Ross Demmel       | 6-3  | 290 | Jr.   |
|           | <b>69</b> | Liam Ronan        | 6-3  | 270 | So.   |
| <b>LG</b> | <b>72</b> | Chuck Rouse       | 6-3  | 320 | Sr.   |
|           | <b>75</b> | Justus Basinger   | 6-4  | 310 | So.   |
| <b>C</b>  | <b>50</b> | Roo Daniels       | 6-2  | 285 | Sr.   |
|           | <b>58</b> | Blake Jeresaty    | 6-2  | 290 | R-Fr. |
| <b>RG</b> | <b>64</b> | Jared Jacon-Duffy | 6-4  | 305 | Jr.   |
|           | <b>75</b> | Justus Basinger   | 6-4  | 310 | So.   |
| <b>RT</b> | <b>66</b> | Michael Ralph     | 6-4  | 280 | So.   |
|           | <b>70</b> | Josh Burger       | 6-4  | 290 | R-Fr. |
| <b>TE</b> | <b>81</b> | Chandler Gouger   | 6-4  | 230 | Sr.   |
|           | <b>89</b> | Nick Karas        | 6-4  | 220 | So.   |
| <b>WR</b> | <b>19</b> | R.J. Taylor       | 5-11 | 190 | Sr.   |
|           | <b>82</b> | Jason Hill        | 5-11 | 190 | So.   |
| <b>QB</b> | <b>14</b> | Brandon Goodson   | 6-0  | 205 | Sr.   |
|           | <b>8</b>  | Joe Newman        | 5-11 | 177 | So.   |
| <b>HB</b> | <b>11</b> | Blake Morgan      | 5-10 | 190 | So.   |
|           | <b>22</b> | Ellis Pace        | 5-11 | 190 | Jr.   |
| <b>HB</b> | <b>6</b>  | Lennox McAfee     | 5-7  | 185 | Jr.   |
|           | <b>25</b> | Jamison Chapman   | 5-10 | 190 | R-Fr. |
| <b>FB</b> | <b>29</b> | Andre Stoddard    | 5-10 | 230 | Jr.   |
|           | <b>23</b> | Chase Nelson      | 5-10 | 228 | Sr.   |

### Defense

|            |           |                  | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr.   |
|------------|-----------|------------------|------|-----|-------|
| <b>LDE</b> | <b>92</b> | Tyler Vaughn     | 6-1  | 270 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>96</b> | Brandon Curtis   | 6-3  | 250 | Sr.   |
| <b>NT</b>  | <b>97</b> | Mikel Horton     | 6-1  | 305 | So.   |
|            | <b>99</b> | Brandon Zarnary  | 6-0  | 275 | Jr.   |
| <b>RDE</b> | <b>90</b> | Miles Brown      | 6-2  | 320 | Jr.   |
|            | <b>55</b> | Thad Mangum      | 6-2  | 290 | So.   |
| <b>OLB</b> | <b>44</b> | Daryl Vining     | 6-2  | 230 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>41</b> | Jireh Wilson     | 6-0  | 222 | So.   |
| <b>ILB</b> | <b>21</b> | Colton Clemons   | 6-0  | 245 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>36</b> | Weston Rountree  | 6-1  | 230 | Jr.   |
| <b>ILB</b> | <b>42</b> | Datavious Wilson | 6-1  | 235 | So.   |
|            | <b>33</b> | Brandon Brown    | 6-1  | 230 | R-Fr. |
| <b>OLB</b> | <b>9</b>  | Terrance Morris  | 6-1  | 225 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>44</b> | Daryl Vining     | 6-2  | 230 | Sr.   |
| <b>CB</b>  | <b>15</b> | George Gbese     | 5-8  | 180 | So.   |
|            | <b>12</b> | Darron Paschal   | 5-10 | 185 | R-Fr. |
| <b>FS</b>  | <b>31</b> | Malik Rivera     | 5-11 | 195 | Sr.   |
|            | <b>3</b>  | JoJo Tillery     | 6-2  | 205 | Jr.   |
| <b>SS</b>  | <b>13</b> | Mason Alstatt    | 6-0  | 195 | So.   |
|            | <b>26</b> | Graham Massey    | 6-0  | 180 | Jr.   |
| <b>CB</b>  | <b>24</b> | Devin Watson     | 5-11 | 195 | Jr.   |
|            | <b>27</b> | Dominique Lemon  | 5-10 | 195 | Jr.   |

### Special Teams

|            |           |               | Ht.  | Wt. | Yr. |
|------------|-----------|---------------|------|-----|-----|
| <b>K/P</b> | <b>34</b> | Luke Carter   | 6-1  | 220 | So. |
| <b>LS</b>  | <b>63</b> | Ross Hammond  | 6-1  | 225 | Jr. |
| <b>HLD</b> | <b>4</b>  | Miller Mosley | 5-11 | 182 | Fr. |
| <b>KR</b>  | <b>6</b>  | Lennox McAfee | 5-7  | 185 | Jr. |
|            | <b>22</b> | Ellis Pace    | 5-11 | 190 | Jr. |
| <b>PR</b>  | <b>6</b>  | Lennox McAfee | 5-7  | 185 | Jr. |

# VMI Roster

| No | Player              | Pos.  | Cl.   | Ht.  | Wt. | Hometown/High School (Previous)                 |
|----|---------------------|-------|-------|------|-----|---|
| 1  | Quan Myers          | RB    | R-So. | 5-9  | 175 | Altavista, Va./Brookville                       |
| 1  | Kaleb Tucker        | DB    | So.   | 6-1  | 177 | Hampton, Va./Kecoughtan                         |
| 2  | Daz Palmer          | RB    | So.   | 5-10 | 180 | Norfolk, Va./Lake Taylor                        |
| 3  | Tony Richardson     | OLB   | Sr.   | 6-3  | 230 | Morgantown, W.Va./University                    |
| 4  | Uzoma Kpaduwa       | DB    | Jr.   | 5-10 | 185 | Round Hill, Va./Woodgrove                       |
| 4  | Jake Paladino       | QB/P  | R-So. | 6-1  | 205 | Pennfield, N.Y./Pennfield                       |
| 5  | Rohan Martin        | WR    | So.   | 5-10 | 175 | Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge                    |
| 6  | Michael Williams    | DB    | R-Jr. | 5-10 | 170 | Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern                   |
| 7  | Javeon Lara         | WR    | So.   | 6-2  | 178 | Schulenburg, Tex./Schulenburg                   |
| 8  | Kuony Deng          | LB    | So.   | 6-6  | 206 | Aldie, Va./John Champe                          |
| 9  | Brian Lipscomb      | OLB   | R-Jr. | 6-3  | 225 | Hampton, Va./Kecoughtan                         |
| 11 | Riuq Trotman        | CB    | Jr.   | 5-9  | 155 | Virginia Beach, Va./Landstown                   |
| 12 | Montrece Gatling    | DB    | Fr.   | 5-9  | 190 | Havelock, N.C./Havelock                         |
| 12 | Duncan Hodges       | QB    | R-Fr. | 6-3  | 220 | Kimberly, Ala./Mortimer Jordan                  |
| 13 | Collin Loftis       | DB    | Fr.   | 6-0  | 170 | Arlington, Tex./Mountain View                   |
| 13 | Reece Udinski       | QB    | Fr.   | 6-4  | 190 | North Wales, Pa./North Penn                     |
| 14 | Greg Sanders        | DB    | Sr.   | 5-11 | 195 | Memphis, Tenn./Christian Brothers               |
| 15 | Joey Brown          | FB    | R-Jr. | 6-2  | 222 | Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial              |
| 16 | Jade Maher          | WR    | R-Jr. | 6-5  | 200 | Dunbar, Pa./Connellsville                       |
| 17 | Brice Tucker        | RB    | R-Jr. | 5-10 | 175 | Hampton, Va./Bishop Sullivan Catholic           |
| 18 | Austin Coulling     | QB    | R-So. | 6-4  | 210 | Salem, Va./Salem                                |
| 19 | Isaiah Parker       | WR/DB | Jr.   | 5-11 | 185 | Salem, Va./Salem                                |
| 20 | Chima Kpaduwa       | RB    | Fr.   | 5-10 | 190 | Hamilton, Va./Woodgrove                         |
| 21 | Tyain Smith         | RB    | So.   | 6-2  | 210 | Chesapeake, Va./Indian River                    |
| 22 | Will Bunton         | DB    | Fr.   | 6-0  | 185 | Camden, N.C./Camden                             |
| 23 | Najee Lawrence      | DB    | R-Fr. | 6-1  | 200 | Henrico, Va./Glen Allen                         |
| 24 | Jaylen Jefferson    | DB    | Fr.   | 5-9  | 180 | Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek                      |
| 25 | A.J. Smith          | DB    | Fr.   | 6-2  | 200 | Virginia Beach, Va./Cox                         |
| 26 | Mason Dermott       | WR    | Jr.   | 5-8  | 167 | Roanoke, Va./Hidden Valley                      |
| 27 | Chris Ferrill       | RB    | Fr.   | 5-10 | 175 | Haymarket, Va./Battlefield                      |
| 28 | Devone Humphrey     | WR    | Fr.   | 6-2  | 190 | Virginia Beach, Va./Hampton Roads Academy       |
| 29 | Bradley Lythgoe     | DB    | R-Fr. | 5-11 | 190 | Daleville, Va./Lord Botetourt                   |
| 30 | Gabe Sutherland     | FB    | R-Jr. | 6-0  | 210 | McLean, Va./McLean                              |
| 31 | Eddie Stawowczyk    | DB    | R-Jr. | 5-10 | 180 | Annandale, Va./WT Woodson                       |
| 32 | Devin Carper        | LB    | R-Fr. | 5-7  | 195 | Bedford, Va./Liberty                            |
| 33 | Noah Delaney-Manual | DL    | Fr.   | 6-4  | 220 | Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor                  |
| 34 | Bill Hogan          | P     | R-Jr. | 6-1  | 217 | Amissville, Va./Culpepper                       |
| 35 | Tre Hubbard         | ILB   | So.   | 6-0  | 230 | Virginia Beach, Va./Ocean Lakes (Virginia Tech) |
| 36 | Alex Ramsey         | RB/LB | R-Fr. | 5-11 | 215 | Salem, Va./Salem                                |
| 37 | Tyren Cloyd         | LB    | Fr.   | 6-1  | 190 | Richmond, Va./Benedictine                       |
| 38 | Imani Bey           | LB    | Fr.   | 6-3  | 205 | Upper Marlboro, Md./Bishop McNamara             |
| 39 | Davis Rowady        | DB    | R-Fr. | 5-8  | 167 | Winchester, Ky.                                 |
| 40 | Elliott Brewster    | LB    | R-Fr. | 6-2  | 215 | Dublin, Va./Pulaski                             |
| 41 | Ben Haus            | DB    | Sr.   | 5-10 | 188 | Pittsburgh, Pa.                                 |
| 43 | Stephen Graham      | DB    | Fr.   |      |     |   |
| 44 | Ryan Francis        | LB    | R-Sr. | 6-1  | 215 | Knoxville, Tenn./ West                          |
| 45 | Tyler Fedison       | LB    | R-So. | 6-0  | 216 | Salem, Va./Salem                                |
| 46 | Allan Cratsenberg   | LB    | Sr.   | 6-3  | 223 | Natrona, Pa./Highlands                          |

## Coaching Staff:

**Scott Wachenheim**, Head Coach  
**Tom Clark**, Asst. Head Coach/Def. Coordinator (Secondary)  
**Mike Cummings**, Offensive Line  
**Justin Hamilton**, Inside LB's/Co-ST Coordinator  
**Tim Maypray**, Running Backs/Internal Recruiting  
**Ross Metheny**, Safeties  
**Brad Robbins**, WR/TE/Co-ST Coordinator  
**Mike Saint Germain**, Outside LB's/External Recruiting  
**Allen Smith**, Defensive Line  
**Dustin Ward**, Offensive Coordinator/QB's  
**Dave Forman**, Strength Training  
**Shane Reynolds**, Assistant Coach



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| No | Player            | Pos. | Cl.   | Ht.  | Wt. | Hometown/High School (Previous)                                |
|----|-------------------|------|-------|------|-----|--|
| 47 | Grant Clemons     | K    | So.   | 6-2  | 185 | Daleville, Va./Lord Botetourt (Georgia Military)               |
| 49 | Cole Bordonie     | DB   | Fr.   | 5-7  | 163 | Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover                                    |
| 50 | Chase Smith       | OL   | R-Jr. | 6-3  | 265 | Lovettsville, Va./Woodgrove                                    |
| 51 | Austin Barrette   | LB   | R-Fr. | 5-11 | 215 | Mission Viejo, Calif./Santa Margarita Catholic (Montana State) |
| 52 | Zach Baker        | DL   | R-Jr. | 6-2  | 247 | Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry                                     |
| 54 | Xavier Greenfield | DL   | Sr.   | 6-0  | 271 | Martinsville, Va./Magna Vista                                  |
| 55 | Jake Keith        | LS   | So.   | 5-10 | 190 | Blacksburg, Va./Blacksburg                                     |
| 56 | Wes Padilla       | LB   | Fr.   | 6-1  | 210 | Woodbridge, Va./Hilton   |
| 59 | Connor Riddle     | LB   | R-Fr. | 6-1  | 180 | Stafford, Va./Colonial Forge                                   |
| 61 | Stephen Miller    | OL   | R-Sr. | 6-2  | 275 | Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy                             |
| 62 | Patrick Doucette  | OL   | R-Sr. | 6-1  | 280 | Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut                                      |
| 63 | Sawaar Canady     | OL   | R-Fr. | 6-5  | 290 | Newport News, Va./Heritage                                     |
| 64 | Collin Reece      | OL   | Fr.   | 6-7  | 260 | Chesapeake, Va./Grassfields                                    |
| 65 | Matt Milner       | OL   | R-Sr. | 6-2  | 315 | Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek                                     |
| 68 | Jonathan Baker    | LB   | R-Fr. | 6-0  | 228 | Evington, Va./Rustburg   |
| 69 | Donovan Brown     | DL   | Fr.   | 5-10 | 228 | Roanoke, Va./William Fleming                                   |
| 70 | Josh Andre        | OL   | R-Fr. | 6-5  | 257 | Warrenton, Va./Fauquier  |
| 72 | Shane Strand      | OL   | Fr.   | 6-5  | 260 | Fredericksburg, Va./Colonial Forge                             |
| 73 | Cole Brummit      | OL   | R-Fr. | 6-5  | 270 | Glen Allen, Va./Glen Allen                                     |
| 74 | Walker Hays       | OL   | R-Sr. | 6-1  | 270 | Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia Hills                            |
| 75 | Critt Johnson     | OL   | R-Fr. | 6-7  | 275 | Virginia Beach, Va./Bishop Sullivan                            |
| 76 | Will Morris       | OL   | R-So. | 6-4  | 270 | Rustburg, Va./Rustburg   |
| 77 | Michael Tomaso    | OL   | Fr.   | 6-3  | 280 | Fairhope, Ala./Fairhope  |
| 79 | Brad Davis        | OL   | Fr.   | 6-4  | 255 | Victoria, Va./Fuqua School                                     |
| 80 | Christopher Owens | WR   | Fr.   | 6-0  | 170 | Southern Pines, N.C./Pinecrest                                 |
| 81 | Aaron Gallagher   | TE   | R-Fr. | 6-2  | 270 | Mechanicsville, Va./Hanover                                    |
| 81 | Patrick Dolan     | FB   | R-Fr. | 6-2  | 221 | McLean, Va./McLean   |
| 82 | Kendrick Jackson  | WR   | R-Fr. | 5-8  | 170 | Roswell, Ga./Roswell   |
| 84 | Kris Thornton     | WR   | Fr.   | 5-8  | 160 | Manassas, Va./Osborn   |
| 86 | Matt Blaser       | WR   | R-Fr. | 6-0  | 190 | Poquoson, Va./Poquoson   |
| 86 | John Mobley       | DL   | R-Jr. | 6-4  | 235 | Portsmouth, Va./Nansemond-Suffolk                              |
| 87 | Colby Rider       | TE   | Fr.   | 6-3  | 235 | Barren Springs, Va./Fort Chiswell                              |
| 87 | Cody Perego       | OLB  | R-So. | 6-2  | 225 | Salem, Va./Salem   |
| 88 | Nick Hayes        | TE   | R-Fr. | 6-4  | 232 | Standardsville, Va./William Monroe                             |
| 89 | Will Wampler      | WR   | R-So. | 6-1  | 185 | Clayton, N.C./Saint David's School                             |
| 90 | Ryan Clark        | DL   | So.   | 6-6  | 227 | Alcoa, Tenn./Alcoa   |
| 91 | Zack Lockhart     | OLB  | R-Fr. | 6-5  | 200 | Lovettsville, Va./Wood Grove                                   |
| 92 | Chuck Weatherman  | DL   | Fr.   | 6-5  | 230 | Staunton, Va./Buffalo Gap                                      |
| 93 | George Brown      | DL   | Fr.   | 6-0  | 285 | Fredericksburg, Va./Chancellor                                 |
| 94 | Jordan Ward       | DL   | Fr.   | 6-1  | 228 | Ashburn, Va./Briar Woods                                       |
| 95 | Shavon Henderson  | DL   | R-Jr. | 6-3  | 256 | Dyersburg, Tenn./Dyersburg                                     |
| 96 | Seth Mallory      | DL   | R-Sr. | 6-4  | 265 | Williamsburg, Va./Warhill                                      |
| 97 | Jared Braiman     | OL   | R-Fr. | 6-4  | 220 | Oak Ridge, N.C./NW Guilford                                    |
| 97 | Jarrold Richmond  | DE   | R-So. | 6-3  | 243 | Bluefield, Va./Graham  |
| 98 | Reed King         | K/P  | So.   | 5-9  | 161 | Yorktown, Va./Grafton  |
| 99 | Tommy Smith       | K/P  | Jr.   | 6-3  | 185 | Bealeton, Va./Liberty  |

## Breakdown by Class:

Freshmen: 46 (T-28; R-18)

Sophomores: 21 (T-11; R-10)

Juniors: 16 (T-4; R-12)

Seniors: 11 (T-5; R-6)

(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

# VMI Opponents' Scores & Schedules

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| <p><b>Air Force Falcons (4-5)</b></p> <p>S2 VMI W, 62-0<br/>           S16 at Michigan L, 13-29<br/>           S23 San Diego State L, 24-28<br/>           S30 at New Mexico L, 38-56<br/>           O7 at Navy L, 45-48<br/>           O14 UNLV W, 34-30<br/>           O20 at Nevada W, 45-42<br/>           O28 at Colorado State W, 45-28<br/>           N4 Army West Point L, 0-21<br/>           N11 Wyoming TBA<br/>           N18 at Boise State TBA</p>     | <p><b>Catawba Indians (8-2)</b></p> <p>A31 St. Augustine's W, 49-0<br/>           S9 at VMI W, 27-20<br/>           S16 at UNC Pembroke W, 41-9<br/>           S23 Mars Hill W, 37-13<br/>           S30 at Carson-Newman L, 18-31<br/>           O7 North Greenville W, 26-20 (OT)<br/>           O14 Wingate L, 24-27<br/>           O21 at Tusculum W, 40-13<br/>           O28 at Limestone W, 45-28<br/>           N4 Newberry W, 17-13<br/>           N11 Lenoir-Rhyne 1:30 p.m.</p>                         | <p><b>Robert Morris Colonials (2-7)</b></p> <p>S2 Dayton W, 13-10<br/>           S9 at Youngstown State L, 0-30<br/>           S16 VMI W, 23-0<br/>           S23 at North Dakota State L, 0-56<br/>           O7 at ETSU L, 3-16<br/>           O14 Duquesne L, 14-51<br/>           O21 Sacred Heart L, 14-21<br/>           O28 at Saint Francis (Pa.) L, 7-36<br/>           N4 at Wagner L, 7-27<br/>           N11 Bryant Noon<br/>           N18 Central Connecticut State Noon</p> |
| <p><b>Chattanooga Mocs (2-8)</b></p> <p>A26 at Jacksonville St. L, 13-27<br/>           S9 at LSU L, 10-45<br/>           S16 UT-Martin L, 7-21<br/>           S23 at VMI W, 63-7<br/>           S30 Western Carolina L, 7-45<br/>           O7 Furman L, 17-41<br/>           O14 at Mercer L, 10-30<br/>           O21 The Citadel L, 14-20<br/>           O28 at Samford W, 23-21<br/>           N4 at Wofford L, 21-24 (OT)<br/>           N18 ETSU 2 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>Mercer Bears (4-5)</b></p> <p>A31 Jacksonville W, 48-7<br/>           S9 Wofford L, 27-28<br/>           S16 at Auburn L, 10-24<br/>           S23 at ETSU L, 23-26 (OT)<br/>           S30 VMI W, 49-14<br/>           O7 at The Citadel W, 24-14<br/>           O14 Chattanooga W, 30-10<br/>           O21 at Furman L, 21-28<br/>           N4 Samford L, 3-20<br/>           N11 at Western Carolina 2 p.m.<br/>           N18 at Alabama TBA</p>   | <p><b>#14 Samford Bulldogs (6-3)</b></p> <p>A31 Kennesaw State W, 28-23<br/>           S7 West Alabama W, 49-41<br/>           S16 at Georgia L, 14-42<br/>           S23 at Western Carolina L, 34-38<br/>           S30 The Citadel W, 35-14<br/>           O7 at VMI W, 26-7<br/>           O21 at Wofford W, 24-21<br/>           O28 Chattanooga L, 21-23<br/>           N4 at Mercer W, 20-3<br/>           N11 ETSU 2 p.m. CT<br/>           N18 Furman 2:30 p.m. CT</p>            |
| <p><b>#21 Furman Paladins (6-3)</b></p> <p>S2 at Wofford L, 23-24<br/>           S9 Elon L, 31-34<br/>           S16 at N.C. State L, 16-49<br/>           S23 at Colgate W, 45-14<br/>           S30 ETSU W, 56-35<br/>           O7 at Chattanooga W, 41-17<br/>           O14 VMI W, 42-10<br/>           O21 Mercer W, 28-21<br/>           O28 at Western Carolina W, 28-6<br/>           N11 The Citadel 2 p.m.<br/>           N18 Samford 3 p.m.</p>          | <p><b>#22 Western Carolina Catamounts (7-3)</b></p> <p>S2 at Hawaii L, 18-41<br/>           S9 Davidson W, 63-17<br/>           S16 at Gardner-Webb W, 42-27<br/>           S23 Samford W, 38-34<br/>           S30 at Chattanooga W, 45-7<br/>           O7 at Wofford L, 28-35 (OT)<br/>           O14 ETSU W, 49-10<br/>           O21 at VMI W, 26-7<br/>           O28 Furman L, 6-28<br/>           N4 at The Citadel W, 31-19<br/>           N11 Mercer 2 p.m.<br/>           N18 at North Carolina TBA</p> | <p><b>The Citadel Bulldogs (5-4)</b></p> <p>S2 Newberry W, 31-14<br/>           S9 at Presbyterian W, 48-7<br/>           S16 at ETSU W, 31-25<br/>           S30 at Samford L, 14-35<br/>           O7 Mercer L, 14-24<br/>           O14 Wofford L, 16-20<br/>           O21 at Chattanooga W, 20-14<br/>           O28 VMI W, 21-3<br/>           N4 Western Carolina L, 19-31<br/>           N11 at Furman 2 p.m.<br/>           N18 at Clemson TBA</p>                                |
| <p><b>ETSU Bucs (4-5)</b></p> <p>S2 Limestone W, 31-10<br/>           S9 at James Madison L, 10-52<br/>           S16 The Citadel L, 25-31<br/>           S23 Mercer W, 26-23 (OT)<br/>           S30 at Furman L, 35-56<br/>           O7 Robert Morris W, 16-3<br/>           O14 at Western Carolina L, 10-49<br/>           O28 Wofford L, 24-31<br/>           N4 VMI W, 24-6<br/>           N11 at Samford 3 p.m.<br/>           N18 at Chattanooga 2 p.m.</p> | <p><b>#8 Wofford Terriers (8-1)</b></p> <p>S2 Furman W, 24-23<br/>           S9 at Mercer W, 28-27<br/>           S23 Gardner-Webb W, 27-24<br/>           S30 at Presbyterian W, 31-7<br/>           O7 Western Carolina W, 35-28 (OT)<br/>           O14 at The Citadel W, 20-16<br/>           O21 Samford L, 21-24<br/>           O28 at ETSU W, 31-24<br/>           N4 Chattanooga W, 24-21 (OT)<br/>           N11 at VMI 1:30 p.m.<br/>           N18 at South Carolina TBA</p>                            |  |