

2017-18 VMI BASKETBALL

Game 20 - VMI at Chattanooga - January 27 - Cameron Hall - 5 p.m.

Keydets to Battle Chattanooga Saturday

VMI Looking for Second Straight Win at UTC for Only the Second Time Ever

◆ VMI basketball hits the road Saturday to take on the Chattanooga Mocs in a road SoCon contest. Tip time is set for 5 p.m., and the game can be seen free of charge - with participating provider - on WatchESPN and the ESPN app. In addition, an audio broadcast will be available on 96.7 3WZ in the Lexington area, www.streamthe.net (search WWZW) and via the Tune-In app, with associated feed on VMIKeydets.com, and live stats can be accessed as well.

Last Time Out - vs. Wofford (1/24/2018):

◆ The VMI Keydets committed 20 turnovers and shot just 3 of 23 from three-point range Wednesday evening, on the way to a 63-46 loss to the Wofford Terriers in SoCon basketball action at Cameron Hall in Lexington.

Wofford (15-5, 6-1 SoCon) played without standout forward Cameron Jackson and saw sharpshooter Fletcher Magee go just 1 of 10 from three-point range, but the Terriers blew open the game with a 22-9 run in the final 10 minutes to pull away for the win.

Last Meeting with Chattanooga (2/15/2017):

◆ Armani Branch had a career-high 23 points, but the VMI Keydets could not overcome a nine-point halftime deficit as the Chattanooga Mocs prevailed, 74-68, in SoCon basketball action Wednesday night - February 15, 2017 - in Lexington, Va.

After being down by nine at half, VMI (6-19, 3-11 SoCon) would not let Chattanooga (19-7, 10-4) get away in the second half. The Keydets closed to within as few as two, and trailed by four after two Branch free throws with 39 seconds to go. UTC hit its final six free throws, however, to ice the win at the foul line.

The Keydets were led in defeat by Branch, who fell one rebound shy of his first career double-double. Julian Eleby chipped in 14 points and QJ Peterson, who was limited to just 10 shot attempts, added 12 and eight rebounds.

A VMI win against Chattanooga would:

- ◆ Be VMI's second straight win at McKenzie Arena.
- ◆ Allow VMI to surpass last season's win total.

Probable Starters

+ = Blocks Per Game

Pos.	#	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Notes
G	0	Austin Vereen	Jr.	6-4	190	10.4	4.4	0.6	0.7	15 points, seven rebounds in 1/18 loss to Mercer
G	1	Keith Smith	So.	6-0	170	8.2	2.9	3.8	1.4	Made nine straight three-pointers in games 1/15-18, seven assists 1/20 in win
G	2	Garrett Gilkeson	So.	6-4	200	4.5	3.2	1.3	1.2	Equaled career-high with 12 points 1/20 against The Citadel
G	23	Bubba Parham	Fr.	5-11	155	14.4	3.6	2.2	0.5	Scored career-high 24 points in 1/20 win over The Citadel
F	25	Tyler Creammer	So.	6-10	245	7.7	5.7	0.7	0.5+	Posted his second double-double of the season 1/15 at WCU

Off The Bench

Pos.	#	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Notes
F	3	Tragen Fahl	Fr.	6-8	180	0.7	0.3	0.2+	0.2	Four points and a block against Southern Wesleyan 12/14
F	4	Fred Iruafemi	Sr.	6-6	205	2.2	3.4	1.4+	0.8	Made his first start of the season Jan. 13
G	5	Greg Parham	Fr.	6-4	160	3.4	1.1	1.4	0.5	Scored career-high 12 points against American Nov. 25
F	10	Armani Branch	Sr.	6-6	205	--	--	--	--	Yet to play this season/injured
G	11	Jordan Ratliffe	Fr.	6-0	188	6.5	2.0	0.8	0.8	14 points in 11/14 loss at Duquesne
G	12	Ta'Vonne Bond	Fr.	6-0	163	0.5	0.2	0.3	--	Scored his first three career points 12/14 against Southern Wesleyan
F	15	Myles Lewis	Fr.	6-5	181	2.7	1.5	0.2	0.2+	Crucial career-high nine points off the bench in 1/20 win vs. The Citadel
F	24	Will Miller	So.	6-8	210	3.2	1.8	0.5	0.5	Career-high 12 points in 11/18 win over Presbyterian
G	31	Sarju Patel	Fr.	6-3	170	2.9	1.4	0.7	0.1	Career-high 12 points against Southern Wesleyan 12/14

VMI (6-13, 1-7)
at Chattanooga (7-14, 1-7)
Saturday, January 27
McKenzie Arena
Chattanooga, Tenn. - 5 p.m.
RADIO - 96.7 FM Lexington and VMIKeydets.com
INTERNET - Live audio and stats at VMIKeydets.com
TV/VIDEO - Available free of charge - with participating provider - via WatchESPN and the ESPN app.

TALE OF THE TAPE

VMI		UTC
64.8	Points Per Game	69.5
72.4	Points Allowed	71.8
40.5%	Field Goal %	43.5%
44.5%	FG % Allowed	47.6%
7.6	3-Pt. FG Per Game	8.7
73.6%	Free Throw %	69.9%
12.6	Assists Per Game	14.0
15.7	Turnovers Per Game	14.2
6.9	Steals Per Game	4.8

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SoCon Digital Network

Fans can view live video related to the Keydets, as well as many Southern Conference contests, online via the SoCon Digital Network at www.socondigitalnetwork.com. The network is free of charge.

Twitter

When available, in-game updates will be posted on the @VMIATHLETICS Twitter feed. This page will also contain links to articles on VMIKeydets.com, as well as other tidbits not accessible elsewhere.

SCHEDULE/RESULTS (6-13, 1-7 SoCon)

Date	Opponent (Television)	Time/Result	Record	Key Stats
Nov. 10	at N.C. State	L, 67-102	0-1	B. Parham scores 22 points in loss
Nov. 14	at Duquesne	L, 61-77	0-2	24 turnovers cost Keydets in loss
Nov. 18	Presbyterian	W, 78-58	1-2	Vereen, Creammer and Miller all score career-highs in W
Nov. 21	Ohio Valley University	W, 81-66	2-2	B. Parham leads Keydets with 19
Nov. 25	at American	L, 64-69	2-3	Creammer notches first career double-double
Nov. 28	at Charleston Southern	W, 76-68	3-3	Keydets rally by shooting 8 of 14 from 3 in second half
Dec. 2	Radford	L, 50-63	3-4	Radford scores 42 pts in paint
Dec. 5	at Davidson	L, 51-74	3-5	Keydets stay close for 30 minutes, DC 30-4 in points off turnovers
Dec. 9	Longwood	W, 81-70	4-5	Keydets have just 5 TO's, lowest number since '14
Dec. 14	Southern Wesleyan	W, 90-52	5-5	Every player on VMI roster scores
Dec. 22	at VCU	L, 65-75	5-6	Late 25-10 VMI run comes too late
Dec. 30	Furman*	L, 57-87	5-7, 0-1	29-0 Furman run in first half puts game away
Jan. 4	at Wofford*	L, 53-92	5-8, 0-2	Wofford posts 29-2 run to open game
Jan. 6	UNCG*	L, 61-63	5-9, 0-3	UNCG hits 2 free throws with under three seconds to go
Jan. 13	at ETSU*	L, 48-89	5-10, 0-4	Keydets shoot season-low 26% from field in loss
Jan. 15	at Western Carolina*	L, 58-65	5-11, 0-5	Late comeback from down 13 falls just short
Jan. 18	Mercer*	L, 56-62	5-12, 0-6	50-31 rebounding deficit key in loss
Jan. 20	The Citadel*	W, 88-81	6-12, 1-6	Keydets make season-high 14 3's, never trail
Jan. 24	Wofford*	L, 46-63	6-13, 1-7	Keydets post lowest point total since '08
Jan. 27	at Chattanooga*	5 p.m.		
Jan. 29	at Samford*	8 p.m.		
Feb. 1	at UNCG*	7 p.m.		
Feb. 8	Western Carolina*	7 p.m.		
Feb. 10	ETSU*	1 p.m.		
Feb. 15	at Mercer*	7 p.m.		
Feb. 17	at The Citadel*	1 p.m.		
Feb. 20	at Furman*	7 p.m.		
Feb. 23	Samford*	7 p.m.		
Feb. 25	Chattanooga*	1 p.m.		

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IRUAFEMI MOVES UP AGAIN - With two blocks in January 24's loss to Wofford, Fred Iruafemi vaulted to eighth on the all-time VMI listing in that stat, passing Keith Gabriel '12. The senior needs just three blocks to move into sole possession of sixth place on that listing.

LOOKING FOR HISTORY - The Keydets are looking for their second straight win at McKenzie Arena after last year's 80-64 triumph, a win that marked their first win in Chattanooga since 1979 and broke a 20-game road losing streak to the Mocs. VMI has not won back to back games against the Mocs on their home floor since winning the first two games the teams contested at UTC, in 1978-79 and 1979-80.

KEYDETS FALL TO WOFFORD - The Keydets suffered through their worst offensive night of the season in a 63-46 loss to Wofford January 24. VMI shot just 3 of 23 from three-point range, good for a 13% clip that was the lowest by a VMI team since 2013. The 46 points was also the lowest the Keydets had compiled since 2008.

KEYDETS DOWN THE CITADEL, 88-81 - Facing a big test with rival The Citadel coming to town, the VMI basketball team handled the challenge well by defeating the Bulldogs for a fifth straight time at home as the Keydets prevailed, 88-81, Saturday afternoon - January 20

- at Cameron Hall.

With the win, the Keydets improve to 6-12, 1-6 on the year to match last year's win total while the Bulldogs fall to 6-13, 1-6 on the season. VMI scored a season-high 14 three-pointers in the victory.

The Keydets were led by freshman Bubba Parham who scored a career-high 24 points on 8-12 shooting from the field, including 4-for-7 from beyond the arc and and perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe.

FIRSTS AGAINST THE CITADEL - The Keydets accomplished two seasonal firsts January 20 against The Citadel, earning their first wins this season in black uniforms and their first win when their opponent scored over 80 points.

SMITH ON A ROLL - Keith Smith came within two points of his career-high Thursday, scoring 17 points in a loss to Mercer. Smith scored 18 points the previous Monday against Western Carolina, and went 13 for his last 19 from the field over those two games, including a perfect 9 of 9 from three-point range. He then proceeded to dish out seven assists in January 20's win over The Citadel.

KEYDETS FALL TO MERCER - Bubba Parham scored 18 points and Keith Smith was 5 for 5 from beyond the

three-point line, but the Mercer Bears took advantage of a 50-31 edge on the glass to defeat the VMI Keydets, 62-56, in SoCon action Thursday night, Jan. 18, at Cameron Hall in Lexington.

KEYDETS FALL TO WESTERN CAROLINA - VMI freshman guard Bubba Parham scored 20 points and sophomore Keith Smith added 18 points, but a Keydet rally fell short to Western Carolina, 65-58, Monday night, January 15 at Ramsey Center.

The Catamounts placed four in double figures and were led by forward Marc Gosselin with 16 points while junior transfer Mike Amius added a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

VMI's Tyler Creamer also produced his second double-double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds in just 24 minutes of action.

THREE STRAIGHT DIFFERENT LINEUPS - The Keydets used three different lineups in the games Jan. 4-13, including giving Austin Vereen and Fred Iruafemi their first starts of the year in the past two games. It was the first time since Jan. 30 - Feb. 6, 2016, that VMI used three different lineups in three straight games.

KEYDETS FALL AT ETSU - ETSU placed four players in double figures scoring and chalked up its eighth straight win as the Bucs downed VMI, 89-48, in Southern Conference men's college basketball action Saturday afternoon, Jan. 13, before 4,218 spectators at Freedom Hall.

VMI was topped in scoring by freshman guard Bubba Parham with 16 points and junior forward Austin Vereen added 10 points and seven rebounds.

IRUAFEMI MOVES UP - With a single block January 6 against UNCG, Fred Iruafemi surpasses Matt Murrer for ninth on VMI's all-time blocked shots listing.

UNCG EDGES KEYDETS IN THRILLER - Two free throws by Francis Alonso in the waning seconds were the difference, as the UNCG Spartans survived for a 63-61 win over the VMI Keydets in SoCon basketball action Saturday, January 6 at Cameron Hall in Lexington, Va.

VMI had rallied from a 12-point halftime deficit to take the lead with 4:17 remaining, and the game was tied at 61 after a pair of free throws by Austin Vereen with 26 seconds on the clock. Alonso got the ball with just over

This Day in History

VMI Basketball: On this date in 1968, the Keydets defeated George Washington 70-58.

World History: On this date in 2003, the first selections for the National Recording Registry are announced by the Library of Congress.

THE SERIES VS. CHATTANOOGA

This will be the 55th meeting between the two schools after splitting the series last year, when VMI's win in Chattanooga was the Keydets' first since 1979 and broke a 20-game road losing streak to the Mocs.

Series Results: Chattanooga Leads 42-12
First Meeting: 1978

Last Five Meetings

Feb. 26, 2015 - Lexington - L, 82-86 (2 OT)
Feb. 18, 2016 - Chattanooga, Tenn. - L, 59-85
Feb. 29, 2016 - Lexington - L, 65-67
Jan. 25, 2017 - Chattanooga, Tenn. - W, 80-64
Feb. 15, 2017 - Lexington - L, 68-74

20 seconds remaining and dribbled right to left beyond the three-point arc, before attempting a three-pointer from the left side. VMI's Greg Parham was whistled for a foul on the play, leading to three free throws for Alonso, who made two to make it 63-61.

The Keydets had one final chance, but a Vereen three-pointer from seven feet inside half court bounced off the rim and UNCG escaped with the win.

Alonso led UNCG with 19 points, while James Dickey chipped in 14 and nine rebounds. Bubba Parham led the Keydets with a 19-point afternoon, while Vereen added 14.

SoCon Standings

Through Games of Jan. 26

	<u>SoCon</u>	<u>Overall</u>
ETSU	8-0	17-4
UNCG	6-1	15-5
Wofford	6-1	15-5
Furman	5-3	14-7
Western Carolina	4-3	9-11
Mercer	3-5	10-11
Samford	3-5	7-14
The Citadel	1-6	6-13
Chattanooga	1-7	7-14
VMI	1-7	6-13

Saturday, Jan. 27

Western Carolina at Furman
The Citadel at Mercer
VMI at Chattanooga
ETSU at Wofford
UNCG at Samford

KEYDETS FALL TO WOFFORD - Wofford reeled off a 12-2 run shortly after the opening tip and never looked back as the Terriers knocked off VMI, 92-53, in Southern Conference basketball action Thursday night, Jan. 4 at Jerry Richardson Indoor Stadium.

Junior forward Austin Vereen was one of the bright spots offensively for the Keydets scoring 14 points and grabbing nine rebounds while connecting on four of five beyond the arc.

FIRST HALF RUN SENDS FURMAN OVER VMI - The Furman Paladins broke the game open with a 29-0 first half run and went on to shoot over 50 percent from the field in an 87-57 win over the VMI Keydets Saturday, Dec. 30 at Cameron Hall in Lexington, Va. The game was the SoCon opener for both teams.

The Keydets were led in defeat by Bubba Parham, who had 21 points, as well as Austin Vereen's 12 markers.

PARHAM SETS TEAM SEASON-HIGH MARK - With five three-pointers against Furman December 30, freshman guard Bubba Parham set a team season-high for treys in a game. It was the most three-pointers by a VMI player since QJ Peterson nailed seven bombs in against Chattanooga Jan. 25, 2017.

GILKESON ON THE UPSWING: Sophomore Garrett Gilkeson had his best game of the season Dec. 22 against VCU. He led the team with a season-high

VMI'S 2017-18 RECORD WHEN...

Leading at the Half	.....5-0
Trailing at the Half	.....1-13
Tied at the Half	.....0-0
Leading with 5:00 Left	.....6-0
Trailing with 5:00 Left	.....0-12
Tied with 5:00 Left	.....0-1
Playing Overtime	.....0-0
Playing Games Decided by 5 pts. or less	.....0-2
Playing Games Decided by 10 pts. or less	.....2-4
Playing Games Decided by 20 pts. or more	.....2-5
Outrebounding Opponent	.....4-3
Outrebounded by Opponent	.....2-10
Shooting 50% or Better	.....3-0
Shooting Less Than 50%	.....3-13
Opponent Shoots 50% or Better	.....1-5
Opponent Shoots Less Than 50%	.....5-8
Outshooting Opponent by %	.....4-2
Outshot by Opponent by %	.....2-11
Shooting 35% or Better from 3-PT	.....4-6
Shooting Less Than 35% from 3-PT	.....2-7
Opponent Shoots 35% or Better from 3-PT	.....1-5
Opponent Shoots Less Than 35% from 3-PT	.....5-8
Outshooting Opponent from 3-PT	.....5-6
Outshot by Opponent from 3-PT	.....1-7
Scoring 80 or More	.....4-0
Scoring Less than 80	.....2-13
Scoring 90 or More	.....1-0
Scoring Less than 90	.....5-13
Scoring 100 or More	.....0-0
Scoring Less than 100	.....6-13
Opponent Scores 80 or More	.....1-4
Opponent Scores Less than 80	.....5-9
Opponent Scores 90 or More	.....0-2
Opponent Scores Less than 90	.....6-11
Opponent Scores 100 or More	.....0-1
Opponent Scores Less than 100	.....6-12
Committing 20 or More Turnovers	.....0-6
Committing Less Than 20 Turnovers	.....6-7
Forcing 20 or More Turnovers	.....1-0
Forcing Less Than 20 Turnovers	.....5-13
Forcing More Turnovers Than Opponent	.....4-2
Committing More Turnovers Than Opponent	.....2-10
Forcing and Causing Equal Turnovers	.....0-1
Playing an Morning/Afternoon Game	.....3-5
Playing a Night Game	.....3-8
Playing in November	.....3-3
Playing in December	.....2-4
Playing in January	.....1-6
Playing in February	.....0-0
Playing in March	.....0-0
Wearing Black Uniforms	.....1-4
Wearing Red Uniforms	.....1-4
Wearing White Uniforms	.....4-5

12 points - going 4 of 8 from the floor - and also equaled his career-high with three assists.

TURNOVER NOTE: The Keydets both forced and committed 17 turnovers in Dec. 22's loss to VCU. The 34 total turnovers equaled the most in a VMI game this season (Charleston Southern), and hit a figure that had not been exceeded since VMI's win at Chattanooga last season, when the teams combined for 40 turnovers.

KEYDETS FALL AT VCU: VMI trimmed a 23-point deficit to eight late in the second half, but the VCU Rams prevailed, 75-65, in Friday night, Dec. 22 college basketball action before 7,637 fans at Siegel Center. The Rams built a 39-31 lead at the break and appeared poised to slam the door shut at the 8:09 mark on a pair of free throws by VCU forward Justin Tillman to

make it 63-40.

A trapping defense helped VMI to several scoring opportunities and the visitors went on a 25-10 tear over the next eight minutes. Only :35 remained on the clock, however, after Keydet forward Fred Iruafemi drained two free throws to pull VMI within 73-65 and the Rams withstood the charge to move to 6-2 at home.

KEYDETS ROLL PAST SWU - A 24-7 run broke open the game early and sent the VMI Keydets past the Southern Wesleyan Warriors, 90-52, in NCAA basketball action Thursday evening, Dec. 14 in Lexington, Va.

Every player on VMI's roster scored, including true freshman Tragen Fahl and Ta'Vonne Bond, who had not scored thus far in 2017-18. Jordan Ratliffe led VMI with 13 points as the Keydet bench scored 51 of VMI's 90 markers, and outscored SWU 51-14 in terms of

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE PRESEASON POLLS

MEDIA POLL

1. Furman (8)	..... 197
2. Samford (4)	..... 184
3. UNCG (4)	..... 183
4. ETSU (4)	..... 178
5. Wofford (2)	..... 165
6. Mercer (2)	.....154
7. Chattanooga	..... 97
8. The Citadel	.....70
9. Western Carolina	.....66
10. VMI	..... 26

COACHES' POLL

1. Mercer (4)	..... 71
2. Samford (3)	..... 70
3. Furman (1)	..... 65
4. ETSU (2)	..... 64
5. UNCG	..... 52
6. Wofford	..... 43
7. The Citadel	..... 27
Chattanooga	..... 27
9. Western Carolina	..... 22
10. VMI	..... 9

PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE

- Preston Parks, So., G, The Citadel
- Desonta Bradford, Sr., G, ETSU
- Daniel Fowler, Sr., G, Furman
- Devin Sibley, Sr., G, Furman
- Ria'n Holland, Sr., G, Mercer
- Francis Alonso, Jr., G, UNCG
- Demetrius Denzel-Dyson, Sr., F, Samford
- Wyatt Walker, Jr., C, Samford
- Cameron Jackson, Jr., F, Wofford
- Fletcher Magee, Jr., G, Wofford

bench scoring. The Keydets also had a 24-6 edge in points off turnovers.

NEW PLAYERS SCORE - Freshmen Tragen Fahl and Ta'Vonne Bond scored their first career points in December 14's win over Southern Wesleyan. Fahl and Bond, who had played in three games each previously, scored four and three points respectively.

CAREER-HIGH FOR SMITH - Sophomore guard Keith Smith had perhaps the best game of his collegiate career Dec. 9 against Longwood. Smith scored a career-best 19 points and dished out six assists in the win.

TURNOVER LOW - The Keydets had just five turnovers in December 9's win over Longwood, the lowest total by a VMI team since having four Jan. 31, 2014 against Presbyterian.

SUCCESS VERSUS BIG SOUTH - With a December 9 win over Longwood, the Keydets went 3-1 in games against former conference foes, schools out of the Big South Conference. VMI downed Longwood, Charleston Southern and Presbyterian and suffered a defeat to Radford.

KEYDETS DOWN LONGWOOD - The VMI Keydets got a career-high 19 points from Keith Smith, a season-low five turnovers and weathered a second-half comeback attempt by the Longwood Lancers on the way to an 81-70 win in basketball action Saturday afternoon, Dec. 9 at Cameron Hall in Lexington.

The Keydets (4-5) finished with four in double figures, led by Smith's 19 points and six assists. Austin Vereen chipped in 14, while Tyler Creamer had 12 points and seven rebounds.

KEYDETS FALL TO DAVIDSON - A late second-half surge by the host Davidson Wildcats kept the VMI basketball team short of its comeback bid as the Keydets fell by a 74-51 score Tuesday night, December 5 at John M. Belk Arena in Davidson, North Carolina.

Trailing 34-27 at the half, the Keydets found themselves behind by just six at 51-45 midway through the second half but the Wildcats took advantage of VMI turnovers and finished with 30 points off those mistakes to put the Keydets away.

IRUAFEMI SPRINGS TO LIFE - Senior Fred Iruafemi had his best game of the young season Dec. 2 against Radford with four points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

KEYDETS FALL TO RADFORD - The Radford Highlanders scored 42 of their 63 points in the paint, on the way to a 63-50 win over the VMI Keydets in NCAA basketball action Saturday afternoon, Dec. 2 in Lexington, Va.

In the setback, VMI was paced by freshman

Bubba Parham for the third time this season. Parham scored 14 points, while Austin Vereen chipped in 11 off the bench. Ed Polite Jr. had a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds, while Devonnte Holland also scored in double figures with 10 and added eight rebounds.

THREE POINT SHOOTING COMES ALIVE - VMI entered the Charleston Southern game with a combined 6 of 40 (15%) beyond the arc in the two previous games against Ohio Valley and American, but erupted by hitting 12 of 28 from long range (42.9%-season best) in the 76-68 win over the Bucs. The 12 treys mark a season high for the Keydets who also canned 12 three-pointers in the win over Charleston Southern last year at Cameron Hall.

KEYDETS RALLY TO DOWN CSU - Junior guard Austin Vereen scored 22 points and freshman guard Bubba Parham added 21 points to lead VMI to a 76-68 win over Charleston Southern in college basketball non-conference action November 21.

Vereen scored 19 points after intermission and Parham added 17 after the break to help key VMI's third straight win over the Bucs and first in North Charleston since the 2008-2009 season.

POINTS IN PAINT EDGE - The Keydets outscored their opponents in the paint in two straight contests Nov. 21-25, with a 44-28 edge over Ohio Valley on Nov. 21 and a 34-30 edge over American on Nov. 25. That marked the first time since Dec. 13-20 of last season, against Charleston Southern and Frostburg State, that the Keydets had held an edge in points in the paint in consecutive contests.

CREAMMER POSTS FIRST CAREER DOUBLE-DOUBLE - Sophomore Tyler Creamer continued his strong start to the year Nov. 25 against American, when he posted his first career double-double with 16 points and 11 rebounds. It was the first double-double by a VMI player since Feb. 27 of last season, when Trey Chapman had one against Western Carolina.

KEYDETS FALL AT AMERICAN - Guard Larry Motuzis scored 26 points including 21 in the second half to lead American University past VMI, 69-64, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 27 at Bender Arena in Washington, D.C.

VMI sophomore forward Tyler Creamer recorded his first career-double double with 16 points and a career-high 11 rebounds. Freshman guard Greg Parham scored a career-high 12 points which included two three-point shots.

TURNOVERS FORCED - The Keydets forced 23 turnovers in Nov. 21's win over Ohio Valley University. It was the most turnovers the Keydets had forced in a game since Feb. 28, 2015, when

Samford also had 23 miscues against VMI. The last time VMI forced more was Jan. 17 of that year, when they got 25 in a win over ETSU.

KEYDETS DOWN OHIO VALLEY - The VMI Keydets used a 15-6 run midway through the second half to put away the scrappy Ohio Valley Fighting Scots and win, 81-66, in NCAA basketball action Tuesday evening, Nov. 21 in Lexington, Va. In the victory, Bubba Parham led VMI for the second time in the season's first four games, as the freshman tallied 19 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Keith Smith (15) and Jordan Ratliffe (14) also scored in double figures for a Keydet team that forced 23 turnovers.

NOTE ON SCORING LEADERS - When Bubba Parham led the Keydets in scoring against Ohio Valley, it broke a three-game run that had seen VMI have a different player lead in in scoring in each game to open the season. Parham, Jordan Ratliffe and Austin Vereen had done so in the year's first three games, marking the first time that VMI had started a season by having three different players lead them (outright) in scoring since 2011-12, when Stan Okoye, Ron Burks and Keith Gabriel did it. It has not been done by four different players in the first four games of the VMI season since Radee Skipworth, Levar Joseph, Fred Robinson and Matt Murrer did it in 2003-04.

VEREEN SHINES AGAINST BLUE HOSE - Junior guard Austin Vereen had the best game of his collegiate career Nov. 18 against Presbyterian. Vereen set a new career-high in points in the first half alone and finished with 22 markers, tied a career-high in rebounds (6), set a new collegiate best in three-pointers made (4) and tied his previous best mark in steals. This all came after going 0 for 9 in VMI's first two games of the season.

ASSISTS TOTAL - VMI had 20 assists in Nov. 18's win over Presbyterian, the most the Keydets had posted in any game since having 22 Feb. 27, 2016 against The Citadel.

KEYDETS DOWN PC - Junior guard Austin Vereen poured in a career-high 22 points while sophomore Tyler Creamer fell just one rebound shy of a double-double, propelling the VMI Keydets to a 78-58 win over the Presbyterian College Blue Hose in non-conference basketball action Saturday afternoon, Nov. 18 in Lexington, Va.

Saturday's contest marked VMI's (1-2) home opener, and the Keydets never trailed. After the Keydets sprinted out to an 8-0 lead, PC (1-3) used a 10-2 run to tie the game, but Vereen answered with 10 straight points and the Blue Hose got no closer than six the rest of the way.

GAME EFFORT COMES UP SHORT AT DUQUESNE - Junior guard Tarin Smith scored

16 second-half points to help Duquesne hold off a VMI rally and post a 77-61 win over the Keydets Nov. 14 at the Palumbo Center.

With the win, the Dukes moved to 2-0 under new head coach Keith Dambrot. VMI, despite outshooting and out-rebounding the home team, fell to 0-2.

The Keydets placed four in double-figures and were led by freshman Jordan Ratliff with a career-high 14 points including a trio of 3-point makes. Sophomores Keith Smith and Tyler Creamer each added 13 points, a second straight career scoring game for Creamer. Freshman guard Bubba Parham hit three treys and finished with 12 points.

B. PARHAM SHINES IN OPENER – Freshman shooting guard Bubba Parham made a big splash in his college debut when he scored a game-high 22 points in VMI's opener at N.C. State November 10. It was the most points a Keydet freshman had scored in a game since QJ Peterson scored 25 in the second round of the CIT in March of 2014. Parham converted all 12 free throw attempts on the night.

YOUTH MOVE IS ON – With seven true freshmen on the opening game roster, VMI has the most newcomers in its program since the 1992-93 season when the Keydets also had seven freshmen. The most freshman ever to occupy a VMI season roster was eight in 1981-82.

All seven freshman on the 2017-18 roster saw action against N.C. State.

KEYDETS SIGN TWO IN EARLY PERIOD -

VMI head basketball coach Dan Earl has announced the signings of Connor Arnold and Jake Stephens to national letters-of-intent during the early signing period.

Arnold, a 6-7, 205 lb. forward from Knoxville, Tennessee currently attends Beckley (W.Va.) Prep School after graduating in 2017 from Grace Christian Academy.

Stephens is a 6-8, 230 lb. center from Bunker Hill, West Virginia and attends Musselman High School.

Arnold scored 1,836 career points in his four years at Grace Christian Academy which stands as the third best mark in school history. As a senior, he averaged 17.4 PPG, 7.0 RPG, shot 55% (246-446) from the floor, 50% in 3 FG% (78-158) and 80% (56-70) from the free throw line. His honors include 2017 District Player of the Year and Region MVP, 2016 Co District Player of the Year, Region MVP, and 2016 1st Team All State, and 2015 All State, All Region, and All District.

Stephens was named 2017 1st Team All-Conference (Eastern Panhandle Athletic Conference), 2017 All Area, and 2017 Third Team All State. As a junior, he averaged 13.2 PPG, 10.4 RPG, shot 36% beyond the 3-point arc, and 77% from the free throw line. Stephens has

also been named National Honor Society.

Player Season Capsules

#0 – Austin Vereen – G - 6-4 190 - Jr. **Washington, D.C.**

Has provided Keydets with ample scoring production first off the bench and now as a starter... Has played in 19 games – 13 in reserve and has started the last six games... is averaging 24.5 minutes a game after just 8.1 minutes last year... second on the team in scoring with a 10.4 average... has scored in double figures in six of the last eight games... shooting 39.1% from 3-point range... has eight games of three or more 3-pointers made... posted career-high scoring games of 22 points in wins over Presbyterian College Nov. 18 and Charleston Southern Nov. 28 going four of six from 3-point range in both games... converted four of five 3-pointers at Wofford Jan. 4... hit three consecutive treys in second half to spark a 12-0 run by VMI against Charleston Southern... shooting 74.5% from the line... 11 double-digit scoring games... had a four-game double figures scoring streak snapped against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14 (7 points)... pulled down a career-high nine rebounds against Wofford Jan. 4... hit 8 of 9 from the line at Charleston Southern Nov. 28.

#1 Keith Smith - G - 6-0 170 - So. - Danville, Calif.

Took over the starting point guard position this year after serving as a reserve his freshman year... has started all 19 games averaging 27.2 minutes per game after 20.4 minutes last year... third on the team in scoring (8.2 PPG)... averaged 17.5 points over two-game WCU-Mercer stretch with nine 3-pointers in as many attempts... hit career-high five 3's in as many attempts against Mercer Jan. 18... leads the team in assists with 73 (3.8 per game-5th in SoCon)... has six double-figures scoring games on the year... scored a career-high 19 points in win over Longwood Dec. 9 hitting six of 10 shots from the floor... scored 18 points at WCU Jan. 15 with a then career-best four of four beyond the arc... has 1.5 assists/turnover ratio which ranks 10th in SoCon... dished out a season-high nine assists with just two turnovers in win over Presbyterian College Nov. 18... had seven assists against Southern Wesleyan Nov. 21 and another seven assists against The Citadel Jan. 20... Leads team in 3-point percentage (46.2%)... T-11th in the SoCon in steals with 26 (1.4 per game) and made key steal in final minutes to preserve win at Charleston Southern Nov. 28.

#2 Garrett Gilkeson - G - 6-4 200 - So. - Parkersburg, W.Va.

Moved into starting lineup this year at no. 3 position... has started all 19 games... one of the team's better defenders... has been a steady force on the boards averaging 3.2 per game which is fourth on

the team... has six games of four rebounds or more including a career-high eight rebounds against Ohio Valley Nov. 21... scored a season-high 12 points at VCU Dec. 22 and matched it with 12 points against The Citadel Jan. 20... tallied 10 points at Davidson Dec. 5... scored nine points against Ohio Valley had a career-high four steals at American Nov. 25.

#3 Tragen Fahl - F - 6-8 180 - Fr. - Virginia Beach, Va.

Has played in six games this season... has seen reserve action against NC State, Ohio Valley, Davidson, and Southern Wesleyan, Furman, and Wofford... broke into the scoring column going 2 of 2 from the floor for his first four points as a Keydet against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14... also logged a rebound, block, and steal against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14.

#4 Fred Iruafemi - F - 6-6 205 - Sr. - Raleigh, N.C.

RRanked 8th in VMI career blocks after moving into the spot last game and has 100 career rejections including a team leading 26 this season... T-2nd in SoCon in blocks per game (1.4)... had top scoring game against UNCG Jan. 6 when he scored eight points and hit three of four from the floor... against Radford Dec. 2 he scored four points and grabbed eight rebounds (season-high) and blocked four shots in 28 minutes... played first 14 games in reserve before making first start Jan. 13 at ETSU... grabbed six rebounds against Charleston Southern and Southern Wesleyan has at least one block in 16 of 19 games.

#5 Greg Parham - G - 6-4 160 - Fr. - Richmond, Va.

Has provided scoring spark and defense off the bench at backup point... has played in all 19 games in a reserve role averaging 11.7 minutes a game... scored a season-high 12 points at American Nov. 25 going five of nine from the floor and hitting two 3-pointers... sparked a second half surge in win against Longwood Dec. 9 with a 3-pointer and steal and finished with nine points... has hit 13 of 14 from the free throw line.

#10 Armani Branch - F - 6-6 205 - Sr. - Hampton, Va.

Has not seen action this year since sustaining pre-season injury.

#11 Jordan Ratliffe - G - 6-0 188 - Fr. - Marston, N.C.

Has played in 16 games in a reserve role as a true

freshman... did not play against Furman, ETSU, and Western Carolina but returned to action against Mercer Jan. 18... has four double-digit scoring games including a season-high 14 points against Duquesne Nov. 14 and Ohio Valley Nov. 21... has connected on 22 of 27 free throws... converted three of six beyond the arc against Duquesne... pulled down four rebounds at American and versus Southern Wesleyan... averaging 15.9 minutes a game.

#12 Ta'Vonne Bond - G - 6-0 163 - Fr. - Columbia, S.C.

Scored his first points of the year Dec. 14 against Southern Wesleyan when he hit all three free throw attempts for the first points of his college career... has played in six games.

#15 Myles Lewis - F - 6-5 181 - Fr. - Ashburn, Va.

Has appeared in 15 games in reserve duty... has scored in 11 of 15 contests played... scored a season high nine points in 11 minutes hitting four of five from the floor against The Citadel Jan. 20... scored five points vs. Furman Dec. 30 and followed with five points at Wofford Jan. 4... hit two of three shots and scored four points against both Duquesne Nov. 14 and Ohio Valley Nov. 21... played a season-high 18 minutes against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14.

#23 Bubba Parham - G - 5-11 155 - Fr. - Snellville, Ga.

Tops the team in scoring with a 14.4 points per game average which is seventh in the SoCon... has 15 double figures scoring games on the season including the last eight games – all in conference play (17.5 PPG)... hit 50-foot shot at buzzer against Wofford to preserve double-figures streak... has started all 19 games as a true freshman... scored career-high 24 points against The Citadel Jan. 20... four 20+ games this year... leads the team in FT% with an 84.2% mark which ranks 3rd in the SoCon... knocked down 12 of 12 from the free throw line in a 22-point college debut at N.C. State Nov. 10 marking the most points by a VMI freshman since Q.J. Peterson's 25 points in second round of the CIT... scored 21 points including 17 after halftime to lead VMI past Charleston Southern Nov. 28 and also hit four 3-pointers that night... scored 21 points and hit a career-high five 3-pointers against Furman Dec. 30... scored 20 points at Western Carolina Jan. 15... pulled down a season-high seven rebounds against Ohio Valley... dished out a season-high six assists versus Charleston Southern.

Player Season Capsules

#24 Will Miller - F - 6-8 210 - So. - South

Boston, Va.

Started 14 games at forward and has come off the bench the last five games...hit double figures in one contest with a career-high 12 points against Presbyterian when he hit five of eight shots from the floor including two beyond the arc...grabbed six rebounds and dished out four assists at Duquesne Nov. 14...hit two-of-three from long-range and scored eight points against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14...pulled down five rebounds at American Nov. 25.

#25 Tyler Creammer - F - 6-10 245 - Parkton,

N.C.

Started first 14 games at forward before coming off the bench for two games and returned to starting lineup against Mercer Jan. 18...produced his second career double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds at WCU January 15...is fourth on the team in scoring with a 7.7 average and leads in rebounding with a 5.7 average which is 7th in the SoCon...shooting 46.7% from the floor...Has scored in double figures in seven of 19 games this year...scored a career-high 19 points with 9 rebounds versus Presbyterian Nov. 18...was 9 of 14 from the floor against Presbyterian...posted first career-double double with 16 points and career-high 11 rebounds at American Nov. 25...knocked down five of seven shots in 11-point outing against Southern Wesleyan...hit all four free throw attempts against Longwood...has six or more rebounds in 10 games...grabbed team-high eight rebounds at VCU Dec. 20...blocked two shots against Ohio Valley Nov. 21...averaging 20.2 minutes as a sophomore after seeing 6.6 minutes per game as a reserve true freshman.

#31 Sarju Patel - G - 6-3 170 - Fr. - Daleville,

Va.

Has played in all 19 games at forward in a reserve role...shooting 32.3% from three-point range...hit double figures for the first time this season with a career-high 12 points on five of eight shooting against Southern Wesleyan Dec. 14...played a season-high 19 points against Davidson Dec. 5 and scored seven points...was three-for six from the floor with a trey for seven points in his college debut at N.C. State Nov. 10.



Dan Earl

HEAD COACH - THIRD SEASON
PENN STATE '97, '07



EARL QUICK HITS

PERSONAL:

Name: Dan Earl

Education: Penn State '97, '07 (B.S. Marketing, Masters' Business Logistics)

Wife: Sheila

Children: Mila and Alyssa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Head Coach - Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. (Third Season)

Associate Head Coach - Navy, Annapolis, Md. (2011-15)

Assistant Coach - Penn State, State College, Pa. (2006-11)

Player - Overseas and Roanoke Dazzle (NBDL) - (2001-03)

Co-Owner - Next Level Basketball Camps (2001-05)

Player - Penn State Nittany Lions (1993-97)

EARL W-L BREAKDOWN AT VMI

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At VMI21-58

By Site
Home18-20
Away3-36
Neutral0-2

By VMI Points Scored
Less than 500-2
50-590-19
60-690-28
70-798-7
80-898-2
90-992-0
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By Margin
1-3 points2-6
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7-10 points4-10
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Georgia0-5
Indiana0-1
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Fred Iruafemi

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Garrett Gilkeson
Will Miller
Keith Smith

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Ta'Vonne Bond
Tragen Fahl
Myles Lewis
Bubba Parham
Greg Parham
Sarju Patel
Jordan Ratliffe

BY STATE

Virginia- 6

Armani Branch (Hampton)
Tragen Fahl (Virginia Beach)
Myles Lewis (Ashburn)
Will Miller (South Boston)
Greg Parham (Richmond)
Sarju Patel (Daleville)

North Carolina- 3

Tyler Creammer (Parkton)
Fred Iruafemi (Raleigh)
Jordan Ratliffe (Marston)

California - 1

Keith Smith (Danville)

District of Columbia - 1

Austin Vereen (Washington)

Georgia - 1

Bubba Parham (Snellville)

South Carolina - 1

Ta'Vonne Bond (Columbia)

West Virginia - 1

Garrett Gilkeson (Parkersburg)

NUMERICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Austin Vereen	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Washington, D.C./Maret School
1	Keith Smith	G	6-0	170	So.	Danville, Calif./Montverde Academy
2	Garrett Gilkeson	G	6-4	200	So.	Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South
3	Tragen Fahl	F	6-8	180	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Atlantic Shores Christian
4	Fred Iruafemi	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C./Middle Creek
5	Greg Parham	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Richmond, Va./Monacan
10	Armani Branch	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Hampton, Va./Genesis Academy
11	Jordan Ratliffe	G	6-0	188	Fr.	Marston, N.C./Village Christian
12	Ta'Vonne Bond	G	6-0	163	Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo (Mount Zion Christian)
15	Myles Lewis	F	6-5	181	Fr.	Ashburn, Va./Middleburg Academy (Victory Rock Prep)
23	Bubba Parham	G	5-11	155	Fr.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
24	Will Miller	F	6-8	210	So.	South Boston, Va./Halifax County
25	Tyler Creammer	F	6-10	245	So.	Parkton, N.C./Miller School
31	Sarju Patel	G	6-3	170	Fr.	Daleville, Va./Tilton School (Hargrave Military)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

#	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
12	Ta'Vonne Bond	G	6-0	163	Fr.	Columbia, S.C./Irmo (Mount Zion Christian)
10	Armani Branch	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Hampton, Va./Genesis Academy
25	Tyler Creammer	F	6-10	245	So.	Parkton, N.C./Miller School
3	Tragen Fahl	F	6-8	180	Fr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Atlantic Shores Christian
2	Garrett Gilkeson	G	6-4	200	So.	Parkersburg, W.Va./Parkersburg South
4	Fred Iruafemi	F	6-6	205	Sr.	Raleigh, N.C./Middle Creek
15	Myles Lewis	F	6-5	181	Fr.	Ashburn, Va./Middleburg Academy (Victory Rock Prep)
24	Will Miller	F	6-8	210	So.	South Boston, Va./Halifax County
23	Bubba Parham	G	5-11	155	Fr.	Snellville, Ga./Brookwood
5	Greg Parham	G	6-4	160	Fr.	Richmond, Va./Monacan
31	Sarju Patel	G	6-3	170	Fr.	Daleville, Va./Tilton School (Hargrave Military)
11	Jordan Ratliffe	G	6-0	188	Fr.	Marston, N.C./Village Christian
1	Keith Smith	G	6-0	170	So.	Danville, Calif./Montverde Academy
0	Austin Vereen	G	6-4	190	Jr.	Washington, D.C./Maret School

Head Coach-

Dan Earl (Penn State '97), Third Season

Assistant Coach

Steve Lepore (Wake Forest '03), Third Season

Assistant Coach

Kevin Carroll (Berry College '00), First Season

Assistant Coach

Austin Kenon (VMI '11), First Season

Director of Basketball Operations

Vince Thibodeau, Third Season

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Tyler **Creammer** - CREM-ur

Tragen **Fahl** - TRAY-jen FALL

Fred **Iruafemi** - eer - AH - feh - me

Sarju **Patel** - SAR-ju Pah-TELL



SEASON HIGHS

#0 Austin Vereen

Points - 22 (2x), Last at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Rebounds - 9 , at Wofford, 1/4/18
3-Point FG Made- 4 (4x), Last at Wofford, 1/4/18
Blocked Shots - 1 (4x), Last vs. Wofford, 1/24/18
Assists - 2 (3x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18
Steals - 2 (3x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#1 Keith Smith

Points - 19, vs. Longwood, 12/9/17
Rebounds - 7, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
3-Point FG Made- 5, vs. Mercer, 1/18/18
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. UNCG, 1/6/18
Assists - 9, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Steals - 4, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17

#2 Garrett Gilkeson

Points - 12 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 8, vs. Ohio Valley, 11/21/17
3-Point FG Made- 2 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - 3 (2x), Last at VCU, 12/22/17
Steals - 4 (2x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#3 Tragen Fahl

Points - 4, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 1 (2x), Last vs. Furman, 12/30/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Assists - N/A
Steals - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17

#4 Fred Iruafemi

Points - 8, vs. UNCG, 1/6/18
Rebounds - 8, vs. Radford, 12/2/17
3-Point FG Made- None
Blocked Shots - 4, vs. Radford, 12/2/17
Assists - 2, vs. Ohio Valley, 11/21/17
Steals - 2 (5x), Last vs. Wofford, 1/24/18

#5 Greg Parham

Points - 12, at American, 11/25/17
Rebounds - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- 2, at American, 11/25/17
Blocked Shots - 1, at Davidson, 12/5/17
Assists - 3 (3x), Last vs. Wofford, 1/24/18
Steals - 2 (2x), Last vs. UNCG, 1/6/18

#10 Armani Branch

Points - N/A
Rebounds - N/A
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - N/A
Steals - N/A

#11 Jordan Ratliffe

Points - 14 (2x), Last vs. Ohio Valley, 11/21/17
Rebounds - 5, vs. Wofford, 1/24/18
3-Point FG Made- 3, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Assists - 2 (5x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Steals - 3 (2x), Last vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17

#12 Ta'Vonne Bond

Points - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - 2, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Steals - N/A

#15 Myles Lewis

Points - 9, vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 5, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 1 (3x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Assists - 1 (3x), Last vs. Mercer, 1/18/18
Steals - 1, vs. Furman, 12/30/17

#23 Bubba Parham

Points - 24, vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 7 (2x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18
3-Point FG Made- 5, vs. Furman, 12/30/17
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - 6, at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Steals - 2 (2x), Last vs. Mercer, 1/18/18

#24 Will Miller

Points - 12, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Rebounds - 6, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
3-Point FG Made- 2 (2x), Last vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. Furman, 12/30/17
Assists - 4, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
Steals - 2 (3x), Last vs. Radford, 12/2/17

#25 Tyler Creamer

Points - 19, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Rebounds - 11, at American, 11/25/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 2 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Assists - 2 (4x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Steals - 2, at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#31 Sarju Patel

Points - 12, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 6, vs. UNCG, 1/6/18
3-Point FG Made- 2, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1, at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Assists - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Steals - 2, vs. Mercer, 1/18/18

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CAREER HIGHS

#0 Austin Vereen

Points - 22 (2x), Last at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Rebounds - 9, at Wofford, 1/4/18
3-Point FG Made- 4 (4x), Last at Wofford, 1/4/18
Blocked Shots - 2, vs. Chattanooga, 2/29/16
Assists - 3, at Mercer, 1/28/16
Steals - 2 (5x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#1 Keith Smith

Points - 19, vs. Longwood, 12/9/17
Rebounds - 7, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
3-Point FG Made- 5, vs. Mercer, 1/18/18
Blocked Shots - 2 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 2/11/17
Assists - 9, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Steals - 4, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17

#2 Garrett Gilkeson

Points - 12 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 8, vs. Ohio Valley, 11/21/17
3-Point FG Made- 2 (3x), Last at Davidson, 12/5/17
Blocked Shots - 1 (4x), Last vs. Samford, 3/3/17
Assists - 3 (2x), Last at VCU, 12/22/17
Steals - 4 (2x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#3 Tragen Fahl

Points - 4, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 1 (2x), Last vs. Furman, 12/30/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Assists - N/A
Steals - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17

#4 Fred Iruafemi

Points - 16, vs. ETSU, 1/17/15
Rebounds - 9 (3x), Last vs. Southern Virginia, 11/15/16
3-Point FG Made- None
Blocked Shots - 7, vs. Chattanooga, 2/29/16
Assists - 5, at East Tennessee State, 1/2/15
Steals - 4, vs. The Citadel, 1/24/15

#5 Greg Parham

Points - 12, at American, 11/25/17
Rebounds - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- 2, at American, 11/25/17
Blocked Shots - 1, at Davidson, 12/5/17
Assists - 3 (3x), Last vs. Wofford, 1/24/18
Steals - 2 (2x), Last vs. UNCG, 1/6/18

#10 Armani Branch

Points - 23, vs. Chattanooga, 2/15/17
Rebounds - 9, vs. Chattanooga, 2/15/17
3-Point FG Made- 3 (2x), Last vs. Samford, 1/28/17
Blocked Shots - 3 (3x), Last vs. Furman, 2/13/17
Assists - 2 (3x), Last at Furman, 1/21/17
Steals - 2 (4x), Last vs. The Citadel, 2/11/17

#11 Jordan Ratliffe

Points - 14 (2x), Last vs. Ohio Valley, 11/21/17
Rebounds - 5, vs. Wofford, 1/24/18
3-Point FG Made- 3, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Assists - 2 (5x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Steals - 3 (2x), Last vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17

#12 Ta'Vonne Bond

Points - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 1, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - 2, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Steals - N/A

#15 Myles Lewis

Points - 9, vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 5, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 1 (3x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Assists - 1 (3x), Last vs. Mercer, 1/18/18
Steals - 1, vs. Furman, 12/30/17

#23 Bubba Parham

Points - 24, vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Rebounds - 7 (2x), Last at Western Carolina, 1/15/18
3-Point FG Made- 5, vs. Furman, 12/30/17
Blocked Shots - N/A
Assists - 6, at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Steals - 2 (2x), Last vs. Mercer, 1/18/18

#24 Will Miller

Points - 12, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Rebounds - 7, at Richmond, 11/11/16
3-Point FG Made- 2 (2x), Last vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1 (6x), Last vs. Furman, 12/30/17
Assists - 4, at Duquesne, 11/14/17
Steals - 2 (4x), Last vs. Radford, 12/2/17

#25 Tyler Creamer

Points - 19, vs. Presbyterian, 11/18/17
Rebounds - 11, at American, 11/25/17
3-Point FG Made- N/A
Blocked Shots - 2 (2x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Assists - 2 (4x), Last vs. The Citadel, 1/20/18
Steals - 2, at Western Carolina, 1/15/18

#31 Sarju Patel

Points - 12, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Rebounds - 6, vs. UNCG, 1/6/18
3-Point FG Made- 2, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Blocked Shots - 1, at Charleston Southern, 11/28/17
Assists - 3, vs. Southern Wesleyan, 12/14/17
Steals - 2, vs. Mercer, 1/18/18

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS • INDIVIDUAL

MOST POINTS SCORED

- 46 QJ Peterson vs. Mercer, 2/25/16
- 45 Reggie Williams vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
- 43 Reggie Williams vs. Southern Virginia, 1/8/08
Reggie Williams vs. Apprentice, 12/10/07
Julian Eleby at Western Carolina, 2/21/15
- 42 Jason Conley vs. Western Carolina, 2/9/02
Ron Carter vs. Long Beach State, 12/29/77
- 41 D.J. Covington vs. IPFW, 3/22/14
41 Reggie Williams vs. Cornell, 12/11/06
Norm Halberstadt vs. Richmond, 2/21/61
- 40 Reggie Williams vs. Liberty, 1/27/07
Reggie Williams vs. High Point, 1/10/07
QJ Peterson at Chattanooga, 1/25/17

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A HALF

- 30 Reggie Williams vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07
- 28 QJ Peterson vs. Bridgewater, 11/20/13
28 QJ Peterson at Chattanooga, 1/25/17
- 27 John Goode vs. East Tennessee State, 2/4/80
27 Julian Eleby vs. Charleston Southern, 12/13/16

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

- 19 Reggie Williams vs. Southern Virginia, 1/8/08
- 18 Reggie Williams vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07
Reggie Williams vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
- 17 Reggie Williams vs. Apprentice, 12/10/07
- 16 D.J. Covington vs. IPFW, 3/22/14
Lewis Preston vs. Western Carolina, 2/10/92
Bill Blair vs. Davidson, 1964
Bill Blair vs. N.C. State, 2/23/63
Norm Halberstadt vs. George Washington, 1962
Norm Halberstadt vs. George Washington, 1961

MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

- 39 Bill Ralph vs. West Virginia, 1954

MOST FREE THROWS MADE

- 19 Gay Elmore vs. Davidson, 2/24/86
Ron Carter vs. Siena, 1/4/78

MOST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

- 22 Darren Sawyer vs. Marshall, 1/8/83

MOST REBOUNDS

- 31 Bill Ralph vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1954
- 28 Steve Powers vs. Davidson, 1967
Bobby Williamson vs. Lynchburg, 1955
- 27 Karl Klinar vs. Hampden-Sydney, 1953
- 26 Steve Powers vs. George Washington, 1967
- 25 Charlie Schmaus vs. The Citadel, 1966
- 24 Steve Powers vs. East Carolina, 1968
- 23 Chuck Cotton vs. Presbyterian, 1957
Chuck Cotton vs. Roanoke, 1958
- 22 Dave Montgomery vs. The Citadel, 1/13/75
Steve Powers vs. George Washington, 1968

MOST ASSISTS

- 14 Bobby Prince vs. Western Carolina, 1/14/95
- 13 Ron Burks vs. Lynchburg, 11/30/09
Richard Little vs. High Point, 2/25/04
Richard Little vs. James Madison, 2/9/04
Richard Little vs. Chattanooga, 3/7/03
- 12 Five Tied

MOST BLOCKS

- 9 Eric Mann vs. The Citadel, 1/15/00
9 D.J. Covington vs. Southern Virginia, 11/23/10
- 8 Phillip Anglade vs. Va.-Lynchburg, 12/9/13
- 7 Lewis Preston vs. Marshall, 1/18/92
D.J. Covington at Old Dominion, 11/21/12
D.J. Covington at Liberty, 2/26/13
D.J. Covington vs. Bluefield State, 11/16/13
D.J. Covington vs. Bridgewater, 11/20/13
Phillip Anglade at Wofford, 1/8/15
Fred Iruafemi vs. Chattanooga, 2/29/16

MOST STEALS

- 11 Travis Holmes vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07
- 10 Jason Bell vs. Furman, 2/10/98
- 9 Chavis Holmes vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07
- 8 Keith Gabriel vs. High Point, 1/24/09
Chavis Holmes vs. Maryland Bible, 11/18/08
Travis Holmes vs. William & Mary, 12/20/07
Travis Holmes vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07
Jason Conley vs. Charleston Southern, 12/12/01
Jason Bell vs. UNCG, 2/15/99
Jason Bell vs. William & Mary, 1/26/95

BEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

(min. 10 attempts)

- 100 Lester Johnson vs. Radford, 12/12/94 (11-11)
- 92.3 Gay Elmore vs. Bluefield, 1/21/87 (12-13)
- 90.9 D.J. Covington vs. Va. U of LYH, 12/3/12 (10-11)
- 90.0 Matt Murrer vs. SVU, 12/2/03 (9-10)
Ramon Williams vs. JMU, 11/28/88 (9-10)

BEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

(min. 12 attempts)

- 100 Mike Manis vs. Old Dominion, 1968 (13-13)
Robin Porter vs. West Virginia, 1/6/65 (13-13)
Bobby Prince vs. UTC, 1/30/95 (12-12)
Gay Elmore vs. App. State, 2/11/84 (12-12)
Gay Elmore vs. JMU, 11/25/84 (12-12)
John Kemper vs. Richmond, 1968 (12-12)
Bubba Parham at NC State, 11/10/17 (12-12)

MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

- 9 Fred Robinson vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07
Brian Brown vs. Furman, 2/12/15
- 8 Austin Kenon at Radford, 3/7/09
Austin Kenon vs. Liberty, 2/15/11
Tim Marshall at The Citadel, 2/15/15
Julian Eleby at Western Carolina, 2/21/15
QJ Peterson vs. Samford, 1/21/16
- 7 17 Tied - Most Recent - QJ Peterson at Chattanooga, 1/25/17

MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

- 19 Austin Kenon at Radford, 3/7/09
Austin Kenon vs. High Point, 1/24/09
Tim Marshall at The Citadel, 2/15/15
- 18 Keith Gabriel at UNC Asheville, 2/13/10
- 17 Austin Kenon vs. High Point, 2/28/09
17 Fred Robinson vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07
17 QJ Peterson vs. Marist, 12/13/14
17 Tim Marshall at Western Carolina, 2/21/15

BEST 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

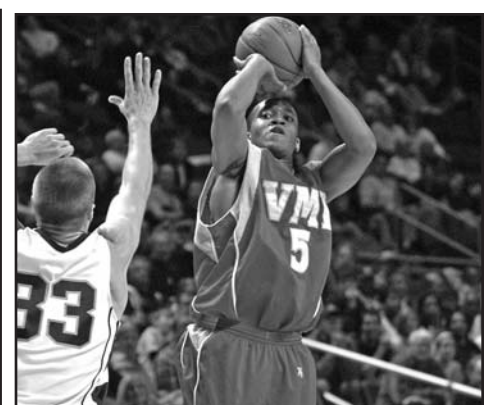
- 3 Tied - Most Recent - Craig Hinton at Maryland, 11/30/14 (6-6)



Reggie Williams poured in 45 points against Virginia Intermont on Nov. 15, 2006.



Eric Mann blocked nine shots against The Citadel on Jan. 15, 2000.



Fred Robinson made nine three-pointers against Charleston Southern on Jan. 13, 2007.

SINGLE-GAME RECORDS • TEAM

MOST POINTS SCORED

1.	156	vs. Columbia Union (W, 156-91), 11/28/07
		vs. Virginia Intermont (W, 156-95), 11/15/06
3.	151	vs. Central Penn (W, 151-92), 11/29/10
4.	144	vs. Southern Virginia (W, 144-127), 11/20/06
5.	135	vs. West Va. Wesleyan (W, 135-81), 11/14/07
		vs. Lees-McRae (W, 135-75), 12/6/06
7.	133	vs. Stevenson (W, 133-72), 11/20/08
		vs. Mid-Atl. Christian (W, 133-62), 12/2/14
8.	128	vs. Washington College (W, 128-54), 1/4/14
9.	125	vs. Bridgewater (W, 125-95), 1/18/07

MOST POINTS SCORED IN A HALF

1.	85	vs. Central Penn, 11/29/10 (2nd)
2.	84	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07 (1st)
3.	82	vs. Columbia Union, 11/28/07 (2nd)
4.	78	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06 (1st)
	78	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06 (2nd)

MOST POINTS ALLOWED

1.	134	vs. Seton Hall (L, 107-134), 12/12/09
1.	129	vs. Penn State (L, 111-129), 12/30/06
		vs. North Carolina (L, 89-129), 12/17/94
		vs. Davidson (L, 91-129), 2/1/64
4.	127	vs. Southern Virginia (W, 144-127), 11/20/06
5.	126	vs. Furman (L, 80-126), 3/2/72
6.	125	vs. California-Irvine (L, 96-125), 11/29/80
7.	122	vs. Liberty (L, 117-122), 1/27/07
		vs. Virginia Tech (L, 61-122), 12/17/83
9.	119	vs. West Virginia Tech (L, 74-119), 1955

FEWEST POINTS SCORED

1.	32	vs. Coastal Carolina (L, 32-49), 1/26/04
2.	33	vs. James Madison (L, 33-58), 11/28/82
3.	36	vs. The Citadel (L, 36-47), 1/10/59
4.	37	vs. Navy (L, 37-63), 11/27/81
		vs. William & Mary (W, 37-35 OT), 2/22/72
6.	38	vs. Old Dominion (L, 38-86), 12/1/04
		vs. UT Chattanooga (L, 38-55), 1/4/84
8.	39	vs. Davidson (L, 39-70), 2/2/71
		vs. Richmond (L, 39-82), 1958
10.	41	vs. Winthrop (L, 41-85), 1/23/08
		vs. Virginia (L, 41-86), 12/4/82
		vs. Baltimore (L, 41-46), 1/24/81
		vs. Richmond (W, 41-33), 3/3/76

FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED

1.	33	vs. Southern Virginia (W, 71-33), 11/22/04
		vs. Lebanon Valley (W, 43-33), 12/1/79
		vs. Richmond (W, 41-33), 3/3/76
4.	35	vs. William & Mary (W, 37-35 OT), 2/22/72
5.	37	vs. Bridgewater (W, 51-37), 2/5/75
		vs. Bridgewater (W, 72-37), 12/30/15
7.	38	vs. Warren Wilson (W, 85-38), 11/20/99
		vs. Davidson (W, 70-38), 1/11/60
9.	42	vs. East Tennessee State (W, 43-42), 1/7/81
		vs. Johnson Univ. (W, 124-42), 11/18/14

MOST POINTS-TWO TEAMS

1.	271	vs. Southern Virginia (W, 144-127), 11/20/06
2.	251	vs. Virginia Intermont (W, 156-95), 11/15/06
3.	247	vs. Columbia Union (W, 156-91), 11/28/07
4.	243	vs. Central Penn (W, 151-92), 11/29/10
5.	241	vs. Seton Hall (L, 107-134), 12/12/09

FEWEST POINTS-TWO TEAMS

1.	72	vs. William & Mary (W, 37-35 OT), 2/22/72
2.	74	vs. Richmond (W, 41-33), 3/3/76
3.	76	vs. Lebanon Valley (W, 43-33), 12/1/79
4.	81	vs. Coastal Carolina (L, 32-49), 1/26/04
5.	83	vs. The Citadel (L, 36-47), 1/10/59

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

1.	82	vs. Johnson Univ. (124-42), 11/18/14
2.	74	vs. Washington College (128-54), 1/4/14
3.	71	vs. Mid-Atl. Christian (133-62), 12/2/14
4.	65	vs. Columbia Union (156-91), 11/28/07
5.	61	vs. Stevenson (133-72), 11/20/08
		vs. Virginia Intermont (156-95), 11/15/06
7.	60	vs. Lees-McRae (135-75), 12/6/06
8.	59	vs. Central Penn (151-92), 11/29/10
9.	58	vs. Albright (111-53), 11/22/96
10.	56	vs. Shenandoah (110-54), 1/2/13

LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT

1.	61	vs. Virginia Tech (61-122), 12/17/83
2.	59	vs. West Virginia (50-109), 12/2/57
3.	58	vs. Virginia Tech (60-118), 1959
4.	52	vs. George Washington (54-106), 12/17/55
		vs. George Washington (52-104), 1954

MOST FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	60	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
2.	58	vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
3.	57	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07
4.	56	vs. Columbia Union, 11/28/07
5.	54	vs. Central Penn, 11/29/10
		vs. Mid-Atl. Christian, 12/2/14

FEWEST FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	10	vs. Coastal Carolina, 1/26/04
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FEWEST FIELD GOALS ALLOWED

1.	12	vs. William & Mary, 2/22/72
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MOST FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1.	118	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
2.	116	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/18/09
3.	114	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07
4.	109	vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
5.	107	vs. Columbia Union, 11/28/07
6.	105	vs. Mid-Atl. Christian, 12/2/14
7.	99	vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07
8.	94	vs. Mercer, 12/9/06
		vs. Central Penn, 11/29/10

BEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1.	71.4	vs. Appalachian State, 1987 (30-42)
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MOST FREE THROWS MADE

1.	38	vs. West Virginia Tech, 1955
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MOST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

1.	53	vs. The Citadel, 1956
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FEWEST FREE THROWS MADE

1.	2	vs. Ohio State, 11/25/07
		vs. William & Mary, 1/23/91
		vs. Roanoke, 12/9/87
		vs. UTC, 1984
		vs. Old Dominion, 1/15/76

FEWEST FREE THROWS ATTEMPTED

1.	2	vs. Roanoke, 12/9/87
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FEWEST FREE THROWS ALLOWED

1.	1	vs. Army, 11/21/05
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FEWEST FREE THROW ATT. ALLOWED

1.	2	vs. Army, 11/21/05
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BEST FREE THROW PERCENTAGE

1.	97.3	vs. Richmond, 1968 (37-38)
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MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE

1.	24	vs. Southern Virginia, 1/29/09
		vs. Furman, 2/12/15
2.	22	vs. Lees-McRae, 12/6/06
3.	21	vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07
		vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
		vs. Central Penn, 11/29/10
		vs. Johnson Univ., 11/18/14
6.	20	vs. Columbia Union, 11/28/07
		vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
		at Western Carolina, 2/21/15
8.	19	vs. Marist, 12/13/14
		vs. Campbell, 11/24/08
		vs. Stevenson, 11/20/08
		vs. Radford, 2/5/08
		vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07
		vs. Penn State, 12/30/06
		vs. Cornell, 12/1/06
		vs. Howard, 11/25/06

MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS MADE IN A HALF

1.	18	vs. Southern Virginia, 1/29/09
2.	16	vs. Charleston Southern, 2/11/08

MOST 3-POINT FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1.	63	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/18/09
2.	61	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
3.	59	vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
4.	57	vs. Mid-Atl. Christian, 12/2/14
5.	56	vs. Charleston Southern, 1/13/07

BEST 3-POINT FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1.	87.5	vs. Western Carolina, 1989 (7-8)
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MOST REBOUNDS

1.	70	vs. Mid-Atl. Christian, 12/2/14
2.	67	vs. Southeastern, 2/5/76

MOST ASSISTS

1.	39	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
2.	38	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07
3.	36	vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
4.	34	vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07
5.	33	vs. Stevenson, 11/20/08

MOST STEALS

1.	35	vs. Virginia Intermont, 11/15/06
2.	28	vs. Columbia Union, 11/28/07
		vs. Southern Virginia, 11/20/06
4.	26	vs. West Va. Wesleyan, 11/14/07
		vs. Bridgewater, 1/18/07

MOST BLOCKS

1.	15	vs. Appalachian State, 2003
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MOST PERSONAL FOULS

1.	38	vs. Radford, 2/14/07
2.	37	vs. Penn State, 12/30/06
	37	vs. Furman, 1981

MOST TURNOVERS

1.	41	vs. Marshall, 1984
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MOST OVERTIME PERIODS

1.	4	at Gardner-Webb (W, 108-104), 2/5/14
		vs. The Citadel (L, 78-81), 2/13/67