

2018-19 VMI BASKETBALL

Game 32 - #8 VMI vs. #1 Wofford - Saturday, Mar. 9 - 12:00 pm -U.S. Cellular Center - Asheville, NC

VMI Continues Southern Conference Tournament Action Saturday against Wofford

VMI takes a season-best four-game winning streak into quarterfinals of the 2019 Ingles Southern Conference Men's Basketball Championship presented by General Shale when it faces #22 Wofford Saturday at noon at the U.S. Cellular Center in Asheville, North Carolina. The Keydets secured a trip to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2015 with a 96-83 win over Western Carolina Friday night. The game tips at 12 p.m. and will be broadcast on NexStar/ESPN+.

Last Time Out: VMI 96, Western Carolina 83 - Friday, March 8

Bubba Parham and Sarju Patel combined for 63 points to lead the Keydets past Western Carolina 96-83 in the first round of the 2019 Southern Conference tournament in Asheville. Parham tallied a career-best 41 points, while Patel added 22, also a career-best. Carlos Dotson led the Catamounts with 27 points and 13 boards. Kameron Gibson also topped 20 with 23. It was a back-and-forth game with three ties and 12 lead changes. The Catamounts led 46-45 on Marc Gosselin's layup early in the second half. Myles Lewis answered for the Keydets, giving his squad the lead for good. It was still a three-point game after two Dotson free throws with just over 15 minutes to go. Parham hit a jumper to jumpstart a 10-0 run that ended with Garrett Gilkeson's and-1 with 12:03 remaining. Six times Western Carolina cut the deficit to seven, but the Cats would get no closer. VMI won its third straight over the Catamounts after having swept WCU in both regular season meetings.

Last Meeting with the Terriers: Wofford 95, VMI 84 - Feb. 14, 2019

A furious second half rally wasn't enough against the Southern Conference leader as VMI fell 95-84 to Wofford February 14 at Richardson Indoor Stadium. Wofford won its 13th straight game to run its SoCon league mark to 14-0, but not without a fight as the Keydets trimmed a 28-point second half deficit to single digits twice before regulation expired. VMI sophomore guard Bubba Parham pumped in 30 points –his sixth game of hitting or surpassing the 30-point threshold this season while sophomore guard/forward Myles Lewis scored a career-high 22 points to lead the Keydets. Fellow sophomores Sarju Patel and Greg Parham contributed 14 and nine points, respectively. Wofford (22-4, 14-0 SoCon) got a game high 19 points from guard Storm Murphy – 13 coming in the opening half – while shooting guard Fletcher Magee labored through a 6-for-14 shooting night, but made it count with five 3-pointers to finish with 18 points. Both teams rode points off turnovers to spark key runs in each half. In the first half, Wofford converted 12 VMI turnovers into 20 points to build a 53-28 halftime lead but in the second half the Keydets turned the tables by parlaying 10 Wofford turnovers into 23 points. Wofford shot 15 of 20 from 3-point range for 51.7% as seven different Terriers connected from beyond the arc. The Keydets (7-18, 1-12) shot a season-best 57.6% from the floor for the game after going 22 of 34 in shooting (64.7%) in the second half.

A win over Wofford would ...

- Move VMI to its first semifinal SoCon Tournament appearance since 2002-03.
- Be the most wins in a season (12) since 2013-14.



VMI (11-20, 4-14)
vs.
Wofford (26-4, 18-0)

Saturday, March 9
12:00 p.m.
U.S. Cellular Center
Asheville, N.C.
TV: NexStar/ESPN+

Broadcasting

Radio - 96.7 FM Lexington and VMIKeydets.com

Internet - Live audio and stats at VMIKeydets.com

Probable Starters

Pos.	#	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Notes
G	3	Bubba Parham	So.	5-11	155	21.4	3.3	3.5	18	Leads SoCon in scoring (21.4 PPG) ; 9 30+ and 16 20+ point games in 18-19
G	31	Sarju Patel	So.	6-3	170	10.4	3.6	1.2	25	Career-high 22 points vs. The WCU 3/8; 15 double figures scoring games
G	2	Garrett Gilkeson Jr.	Fr.	6-4	200	10.9	6.2	2.8	51	Second on team in scoring (10.9) and leads in rebounding (6.2) and steals (49)
G/F	15	Myles Lewis	So.	6-5	181	10.6	5.1	1.1	37	Second on team in scoring (10.9) and leads in rebounding (6.2) and steals (51)
C	34	Jake Stephens	Fr.	6-8	230	7.1	3.6	1.1	15	15 starts as freshman; Career-high 20 pts vs. USC Update 11/14; Leads team in blocks (19)

Off the Bench

Pos.	#	Player	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.	Stl.	Notes
G	5	Greg Parham	So.	6-4	160	7.0	2.3	2.5	28	12 points and career-high 4 3FG vs. The Citadel 3/2 ; 13 double figures scoring games
F	24	Will Miller	Jr.	6-8	210	1.6	0.9	0.8	8	Returned to action at ETSU 1/17 after missing 14 games (knee)
G	12	Ta'Vonnie Bond	So.	6-0	163	1.5	0.9	0.8	16	Career-high six points vs. Ky. Christian 11/20/18; first career start vs. Wofford 1/12
C	25	Tyler Creammer Jr.	Fr.	6-10	245	5.4	5.5	0.7	5	Double-double (10 pts-10rebs.) at The Citadel 1/26 ; 2nd on team in rebounding (5.5)
F	21	Connor Arnold	Fr.	6-7	205	2.3	1.1	0.2	6	Four three-pointers made in both WC 11/6 and Goucher 11/11 games
F	1	Tragen Fahl	So.	6-8	180	0.9	0.5	0.0	2	Career-high four rebounds vs. Ky. Christian 11/20/18
G	4	Rafael Jenkins	Fr.	6-0	160	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Sidelined with preseason ankle injury; Has not seen action in 2018-19
G	0	Austin Vereen	Sr.	6-4	190	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Second leading scorer (10.4) and rebounder (4.7) in 17-18; sidelined by injury (wrist)
G	11	Jordan Ratliffe	So.	6-0	188	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	Third leading scorer in 17-18 (7.3 PPG); sidelined by injury (knee) ; out for season

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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 (11-20, 4-14 SoCon)

Date	Opponent	Time/Result	Record	Key Stats
Nov. 6	Washington College (SDN)	W, 89-56	1-0	B. Parham 23 points
Nov. 9	at Pitt (ACC Network)	L, 94-55	1-1	B. Parham 16 points
Nov. 11	Goucher (SDN)	W, 98-34	2-1	Keydets w/ 15 3-pointers
Nov. 14	USC Upstate (ESPN+)	W, 78-72	3-1	J. Stephens 20 points
Nov. 18	at #10 Kentucky (SEC Network)	L, 92-82	3-2	Within 6 w/ 1:30 to play
Nov. 20	Kentucky Christian (ESPN3)	W, 106-80	4-2	1st 100-pt. game this season
Nov. 23	at Stetson (ESPN+)	W, 87-79 (OT)	5-2	1st OT win of the season
Nov. 27	American (ESPN3)	L, 74-64	5-3	1st home loss of the season
Dec. 1	at Longwood (ESPN+)	L, 65-45	5-4	Season-low 18.2% 3PT FG
Dec. 5	at Virginia Tech (ACC Network)	L, 89-68	5-5	VT 26 points off turnovers
Dec. 9	at Chattanooga* (ESPN+)	L, 83-65	5-6	UTC w/ 13 three-pointers
Dec. 12	at Presbyterian (ESPN+)	L, 103-70	5-7	PC w/ 18 three-pointers
Dec. 21	North Alabama (ESPN+)	W, 89-68	6-7	Patel, Lewis career high points
Dec. 29	at Samford* (ESPN3)	L, 96-68	6-8	Keydets outrebounded 46-28
Jan. 5	UNCG* (ESPN+)	L, 71-68	6-9	12.5%(1-8) 2nd half 3FG%
Jan. 10	Furman* (ESPN3)	L, 89-57	6-10	Furman w/ 20 points off TOs
Jan. 12	Wofford* (ESPN+)	L, 90-76	6-11	Wofford w/ 48 pts. in paint
Jan. 17	at ETSU* (ESPN+)	L, 85-82	6-12	Keydets outscore 2nd hf., 49-38
Jan. 19	Western Carolina* (ESPN+)	W, 91-83	7-12	VMI season-best 56.1 FG%
Jan. 24	at Mercer* (ESPN+)	L, 88-68	7-13	Mercer 26 pts. off turnovers
Jan. 26	at The Citadel* (ESPN+)	L, 84-82	7-14	Citadel buzzer-beater layup
Jan. 31	at UNCG* (ESPN3)	L, 93-66	7-15	UNCG 18-2 run in 2nd half
Feb. 7	Chattanooga* (ESPN3)	L, 71-70	7-16	VMI 12-0 fastbreak points
Feb. 9	Samford* (ESPN+)	L, 84-77(OT)	7-17	Both teams w/20 pts. off TOs
Feb. 14	at Wofford* (ESPN+)	L, 95-84	7-18	VMI 56-42 2nd half advantage
Feb. 16	at Furman* (ESPN3)	L, 96-62	7-19	VMI down 53-29 at half
Feb. 21	ETSU* (ESPN+)	L, 94-70	7-20	VMI outscored 55-31 2nd half
Feb. 23	at Western Carolina* (ESPN3)	W, 83-78	8-20	B.Parham career-high 38 pts.
Feb. 28	Mercer* (ESPN3)	W, 84-71	9-20	VMI finishes on 11-1 run
Mar. 2	The Citadel* (ESPN+/NextStar)	W, 81-78	10-20	G.Parham w/ 2 big 3s final min.
Mar. 8	vs. Western Carolina	W, 96-83	11-20	B.Parham career-high 41 points

SERIES HISTORY – VMI VS. WOFFORD

This will be the 22nd meeting between the teams that first met in 1970. Wofford leads the series, 15-6, and has taken the last 12 meetings including wins 92-53 (Spartanburg, SC) and 63-46 (Lexington, Va.) last year and 90-76 in Lexington and 95-84 in Spartanburg this year. VMI last defeated the Terriers, 69-60 on February 10, 2001 in Lexington. The teams have met once before in the SoCon tournament with the Keydets falling in the first round to the Terriers 81-72 in Greenville, South Carolina.

2018-19 VMI Basketball Statistics
 VMI Combined Team Statistics (as of Mar 09, 2019)
 All games

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	11-20	8-7	2-13	1-0
CONFERENCE	4-14	3-6	1-8	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	7-6	5-1	1-5	1-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
03	Bubba Parham	31-31	1053	34.0	202-474	.426	112-278	.403	148-186	.796	9	94	103	3.3	60	0	108	82	1	18	664	21.4
02	Garrett Gilkeson	31-31	1028	33.2	113-250	.452	47-111	.423	66-82	.805	52	141	193	6.2	72	2	87	52	5	51	339	10.9
15	Myles Lewis	31-31	789	25.5	136-298	.456	2-20	.100	56-86	.651	54	103	157	5.1	78	2	33	66	12	37	330	10.6
31	Sarju Patel	28-11	764	27.3	99-235	.421	46-132	.348	46-66	.697	21	81	102	3.6	45	0	34	23	0	25	290	10.4
34	Jake Stephens	31-15	584	18.8	78-177	.441	40-116	.345	24-31	.774	24	87	111	3.6	71	2	33	38	19	15	220	7.1
05	Greg Parham	31-16	773	24.9	82-218	.376	39-116	.336	14-27	.519	11	59	70	2.3	53	0	77	36	1	28	217	7.0
25	Tyler Creammer	29-16	534	18.4	52-118	.441	6-22	.273	48-71	.676	43	117	160	5.5	63	0	20	37	14	5	158	5.4
21	Connor Arnold	26-0	196	7.5	21-59	.356	17-45	.378	1-1	1.000	9	19	28	1.1	12	0	5	11	1	6	60	2.3
24	Will Miller	17-0	190	11.2	11-26	.423	3-13	.231	2-2	1.000	7	8	15	0.9	24	0	13	8	4	8	27	1.6
12	Ta'Vonnie Bond	28-4	284	10.1	16-39	.410	2-13	.154	9-14	.643	6	20	26	0.9	46	1	21	20	1	16	43	1.5
01	Tragen Fahl	15-0	54	3.6	5-14	.357	1-4	.250	2-3	.667	1	7	8	0.5	4	0	0	1	3	2	13	0.9
Team											38	68	106				6					
Total.....		31	6249		815-1908	.427	315-870	.362	416-569	.731	275	804	1079	34.8	528	7	431	380	61	211	2361	76.2
Opponents.....		31	6247		904-1916	.472	278-751	.370	432-606	.713	303	896	1199	38.7	530	-	472	399	113	187	2518	81.2

TEAM STATISTICS	VMI	OPP	Date	Opponent	Score	Att.		
SCORING	2361	2518	11/06/18	WASHINGTON COL.	w 89-56	762		
Points per game	76.2	81.2	11/09/18	at Pitt	L 55-94	4321		
Scoring margin	-5.1	-	11/11/18	GOUCHER	w 98-34	612		
FIELD GOALS-ATT	815-1908	904-1916	11/14/18	USC UPSTATE	w 78-72	826		
Field goal pct	.427	.472	11/18/18	at Kentucky	L 82-92	20207		
3 POINT FG-ATT	315-870	278-751	11/20/18	KY. CHRISTIAN	w 106-80	594		
3-point FG pct	.362	.370	11/23/18	at Stetson	Wot 87-79	364		
3-pt FG made per game	10.2	9.0	11/27/18	AMERICAN	L 64-74	922		
FREE THROWS-ATT	416-569	432-606	12-01-18	at Longwood	L 45-65	1428		
Free throw pct	.731	.713	12/05/18	at Virginia Tech	L 68-89	7748		
F-Throws made per game	13.4	13.9	* 12/09/18	at Chattanooga	L 65-83	2301		
REBOUNDS	1079	1199	12/12/18	at Presbyterian	L 70-103	373		
Rebounds per game	34.8	38.7	12/21/18	NORTH ALA.	w 89-68	600		
Rebounding margin	-3.9	-	* 12/29/18	at Samford	L 68-96	734		
ASSISTS	431	472	* 01/05/19	UNC GREENSBORO	L 68-71	600		
Assists per game	13.9	15.2	* 01/10/19	FURMAN	L 57-89	700		
TURNOVERS	380	399	* 01/12/19	WOFFORD	L 76-90	700		
Turnovers per game	12.3	12.9	* 1/17/19	at ETSU	L 82-85	4286		
Turnover margin	+0.6	-	* 01/19/19	WESTERN CARO.	w 91-83	2500		
Assist/turnover ratio	1.1	1.2	* 01/24/19	at Mercer	L 68-88	2376		
STEALS	211	187	* 01/26/19	at The Citadel	L 82-84	3864		
Steals per game	6.8	6.0	* 1/31/19	at UNC Greensboro	L 66-93	2639		
BLOCKS	61	113	* 02/07/19	CHATTANOOGA	L 70-71	657		
Blocks per game	2.0	3.6	* 02/09/19	SAMFORD	Lot 77-84	912		
ATTENDANCE	14833	57623	* 02/14/19	at Wofford	L 84-95	2014		
Home games-Avg/Game	15-989	15-3842	* 02/16/19	at Furman	L 62-96	2381		
Neutral site-Avg/Game	-	1-0	* 02/21/19	ETSU	L 70-94	715		
Score by Periods	1st	2nd	OT	Totals				
VMI	1116	1220	25	2361				
Opponents	1233	1261	24	2518				
					* 02/23/19	at Western Caro.	w 83-78	2587
					* 02/28/19	MERCER	w 84-71	833
					* 03/02/19	THE CITADEL	w 81-78	2900
					03/08/19	vs Western Carolina	w 96-83	0

* - Conference game