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WORKING MEDIA

Press passes and parking permits will be supplied well in advance of the season to those media outlets regularly covering VMI football. All others are requested to call the Athletic Media Relations Office far enough in advance so that passes can be mailed. Complimentary passes are available upon request.

PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers will be granted field privileges, but must limit their work outside the 25-yard restrictions and no closer than six feet from the sidelines. Those holding passes or complimentary tickets will not be permitted in the press box unless covering the game.

PRESS BOX

All press, radio, PA, and statistical crews are located on the fourth floor of VMI's football building, Clarkson-McKenna Hall. Entrance is through the middle door located across from the concession stand behind the stadium. An elevator will take you to the fourth floor. Television and film crews will work from the top of the press box level, and TV broadcast talent will be located at a designated booth on the fourth floor.

RADIO

Two radio booths are available. One is reserved for the "official" visiting station. Two telephone lines are already installed for the visiting network's broadcast, and a tradeout agreement is desirable. Additional lines should be ordered through the VMI Athletic Media Relations office one month prior to the contest.

GAME INFORMATION

All media in the press box will be provided updated statistics on both teams, easy-to-read flip cards with accurate numbers and current depth charts, a souvenir program, and an outstanding buffet lunch. The view of the Blue Ridge Mountains is breathtaking. Score updates of other games around the country and in-game statistical updates are also provided.

AFTER THE GAME

A complete statistical game package will be available as soon as possible. The visiting team's locker room is located under the home team stands. Coach Woods' post-game press conference and individual player interviews will be on the third floor of the football building, one floor below the press box level. Coordinate all interview requests with VMI Athletic Media Relations.

IT'S VMI, PLEASE

When referring to our athletic teams, it is requested that members of the media refer to this institution as "VMI", or "Virginia Military Institute", not "Virginia Military", the cryptic "Va. Military" or V.M.I. Any help in using the correct moniker would be greatly appreciated.

KEYDET FOOTBALL ON THE WEB

Fans and media are encouraged to follow the team on the VMI athletic home page. Timely information on the football Keydets will be available to both media and fans alike. Included in the service will be schedules, rosters, stats and the latest notes on the team, as well as access to live radio and video game broadcasts. The VMI Keydets can be accessed on the world wide web at www.VMIKeydets.com.

INTERVIEW POLICY

Media members are reminded that all interview requests with VMI players, coaches and staff MUST go through the VMI Athletic Media Relations Office. Interviews are encouraged to be conducted Monday through Wednesday of game weeks.

INTERNET BROADCASTS

All VMI football game radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at www.VMIKeydets.com. Listeners can go to the athletic home page and click on the link provided for audio streaming. Video streaming of all home and Big South games can be accessed in conjunction with the Big South Conference on www.VMIKeydets.com.



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Key Pre-Season Dates...

July 31	Big South Media Days - Charlotte, N.C.
August 10	Team reports
August 11	Practice begins
August 14	Photo and Media Day
September 1	Classes begin

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Directions to Alumni Memorial Field...

Most of our annual visitors know how to get to the Keydet home field, but for those who have never visited the charming city of Lexington, take note:

From the East, North, or South:

Follow I-81 to Exit 188 B toward Lexington (U.S. 60 west). Follow U.S. 60 west to Nelson Street into town. Turn right at the intersection of Nelson and Main Streets. Follow Main Street .5 mile to the stadium on the right.

From the West:

Follow I-64 East to Exit 55 (U.S. 11) and head south (right turn) toward Lexington. Follow U.S. 11 toward Lexington for .5 mile. Stay to the right across the Maury River Bridge and follow U.S. 11 Business for .3 mile. The stadium will be on your left.



Covering The Keydets

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Keydets On The Air



2009 VMI Radio Network Crew: Wade Branner (middle), Cal Murray (left), Randy Atkins (right).

RADIO

Keydet football returns to the airwaves this fall with a four-station network spanning the state of Virginia.

The network flagship station for Keydet football will originate from WWZW (96.7) FM, which has recently upgraded its signal to a strong 25,000 watts that can be heard on both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg. Affiliates for the 2009 season include WLEE 990 AM in Richmond and WRIS 1410 AM in Roanoke.

Wade Branner, "The Voice of the Keydets" since 1987, will produce the network and provide play-by-play for the 2009 season. Providing color commentary once again for selected games will be Cal Murray, VMI Class of '83 and a former punter for the Keydets from 1980 through 1982. Also returning to the network is the irreplaceable "Handy" Randy Atkins (VMI '79), who enters his 34th season crunching the numbers as broadcast team statistician.

"Keydet First Call," the pregame show of the network, will air 15 minutes before kickoff each Saturday. The network will originate from WREL 96.7 FM in Lexington.

2009 VMI Football Radio Network

WWZW 96.7 FM	Lexington
WWZW 96.7 FM	Lynchburg
WLEE 990 AM	Richmond
WRIS 1410 AM	Roanoke

3WZ 96.7 FM -- FLAGSHIP STATION FOR RADIO NETWORK

"3WZ" 96.7 FM, which boasts a 25,000-watt FM signal that reaches both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg, will assure Keydet football fans in both the Shenandoah Valley and central Virginia of clear reception of VMI football games for the coming seasons.

The popular pre-home game tailgate show sponsored by the Keydet Club last season is slated to return this fall. Airtime is one hour before kickoff.

INTERNET

All VMI football radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at www.VMIKeydets.com. Video and Audio Streaming services are provided by JumpTV. All home and Big South Conference games will be video streamed and can be accessed via the Big South Network at www.BigSouthSports.com.

In addition, fans can follow the latest breaking news and updates on the VMI Athletics Twitter, available at www.twitter.com/vmisid. The page will contain scores, schedule updates and other information from throughout the world of Keydet athletics.

TELEVISION

VMI is scheduled to make a pair of appearances on television this season. The Keydets will take on in-state rival Liberty on Nov. 7 in Lynchburg in a contest that will be televised regionally on the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network. Just a week later, VMI will appear on a tape-delay basis on CBS College Sports.