



VMI

2015 Lacrosse



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2015 Schedule and Results

(0-0 Overall, 0-0 Southern Conference)

F 8	at RV/RV Navy.....	Noon
F 9	at 20/20 Army.....	3 p.m.
F 14	Mount St. Mary's.....	Noon
F 21	Saint Joseph's.....	1 p.m.
M 7	at Richmond *	1 p.m.
M 8	vs. Air Force Academy	1 p.m.

Episcopal High School - Alexandria, Va.

M 14	Jacksonville *	Noon
M 17	at Wagner.....	3 p.m.
M 21	at Bellarmine *	1 p.m.
M 24	Virginia.....	7 p.m.
A 4	Mercer *	Noon
A 11	at Furman *	2:30 p.m.
A 17	High Point *	7 p.m.
A 19	Canisius.....	Noon
A 26	vs. UMass Lowell.....	1 p.m.

Marywood University - Scranton, Pa.

M 1	SoCon Semifinals	TBA
	Site: TBA	
M 3	SoCon Championship	TBA
	Site: TBA	

Home Games in **Bold**

* - Southern Conference Game

##/## USILA Coaches' Poll/

Cascade/Maverick Media Poll



VMI Head Coach Brian Anken Fifth Season at VMI 12th Season Overall

VMI Record: 9-45 (5th Season)

Career Record: 61-97 (12th Season)

Career Record vs. Navy: 0-4

Career Record in Annapolis, Md.: 0-4

Career Record vs. Sowell: 0-3

Career Record vs. Army: 0-4

Career Record in West Point, N.Y.: 0-2

Career Record vs. Alberici: 0-4

Game Details

Venues Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium/Michie Stadium

Capacity 34,000/38,000

Surface FieldTurf/Astro Play

VMI Series vs. Navy/Army 0-7/0-7

First Meeting with Navy/Army..... 2008/2008

VMI in Lexington, Va..... 0-0/0-2

VMI in Annapolis, Md./West Point, N.Y..... 0-7/0-5

VMI at Neutral Site..... 0-0/0-0

Last Meeting..... Navy 18-5/Army 16-5

Record Between Coaches..... Sowell 3-0/Alberici 4-0

TV None/None

Radio..... WNAV 1430 AM/

Media Links

Navy Live Stats/Army Live Stats Click Here/Click Here

Navy Live Video/Army Live Video... Click Here/Click Here

School Athletic Web sites

www.VMIKeydets.com

www.NavySports.com

www.GoArmySports.com

VMI Official Social Media Accounts

Twitter: @VMILacrosse

Facebook: www.Facebook.com/VMILax

Instagram: www.Instagram.com/VMI_Lacrosse

Navy Tickets: .. Adults \$10, Youth (18-Under) \$5, Group \$3

Army Tickets: Adults \$6, Youth/Senior \$4

VMI's Potential Lineup (Subject to Change) (Based on Previous Game's Starters)

Attack	Yr.	G-A-P*	Other Notes
#5 Cody Sheetz	Fr.	0-0-0	Would be first collegiate appearance
#7 Mike DeBlasio	Sr.	9-5-14	Top returning point scorer, from 2014
#10 Chris Spada	So.	0-1-1	Moves from midfield to attack for 2015

First Midfield	Yr.	G-A-P	Other Notes
#14 Wesley Sanders	Fr.	0-0-0	Would be first collegiate appearance
#18 Dan Bull	Jr.	6-2-8	Played in 13 games last season with five starts
#44 Dale Mattice	So.	10-2-12	Top returning goal scorer from 2014

Close Defense	Yr.	G-A-P	Other Notes
#1 Ian Marinacci	Jr.	1-0-1	Grabbed 20 groundballs with six caused turnovers
#29 Andrew Stockmal	Fr.	0-0-0	Would be first collegiate appearance
#17 Tyler Prasnicki	Sr.	0-0-0	Forced 33 turnovers, collected 48 groundballs in 2014

Goalie	Yr.	GAA/Sv. %	Rec.	Other Notes
#9 Evan Windisch	Sr.	12.05/493	2-12	Started all 14 games last season, made 150 saves

2015 Odometer

2014 Season Total: 4,761 Miles

All Distances According to Google Maps



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, V.M.I. or Va. Military. Any help in using the correct terminology would be greatly appreciated.

2015 Virginia Military Institute Lacrosse Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous)
1	Ian Marinacci	D	5-11	190	Jr.	Arnold, Md./Broadneck
<i>Pronunciation: Mare In A Chee</i>						
2	Brad Nadella	M	5-10	185	So.	Cazenovia, N.Y./Cazenovia (HS)
3	Michael Hutwelker	G	6-3	185	So.	Lahashka, Pa./Mercersburg (Valley Forge Military Academy)
4	Johnny Santos	M	5-9	170	Fr.	Dallas, Texas/McKinney Boyd
5	Cody Sheetz	A	5-9	195	Fr.	Eighty Four, Pa./Peters Township
6	Joe Riccadonna	G	5-10	180	Fr.	Warren, N.J./Immaculata
7	Mike DeBlasio	A	6-1	195	Sr.	Patchogue, N.Y./Bayport-Blue Point
<i>Pronunciation: Dee Blah See Oh</i>						
8	Conor Snyder	M	5-8	145	Fr.	Braddock Heights, Md./Saint John's Catholic Prep.
9	Evan Windisch	G	6-0	170	Sr.	Basking Ridge, N.J./St. Joseph-Metuchen
10	Chris Spada	A	6-1	200	So.	River Vale, N.J./Bergen Catholic (Bridgton Academy)
<i>Pronunciation: Spay Duh</i>						
11	Nick Dodd	M	6-0	170	So.	Loudonville, N.Y./Shaker
12	Kasey Kettle	M	5-10	177	So.	Annandale, Va./Flint Hill
13	Joe Funaro	A	6-1	160	So.	Smithtown, N.Y./Smithtown High School East)
<i>Pronunciation: Fun Are Oh</i>						
14	Wesley Sanders	M	6-0	185	Fr.	Austin, Texas/Bowie
16	Eric Groleau	M	5-9	160	Sr.	Dover, N.H./Dover
<i>Pronunciation: Grow Low</i>						
17	Tyler Prasnicki	D	5-11	165	Sr.	Lexington, Va./Rockbridge County
<i>Pronunciation: Praz Nick Ee</i>						
18	Dan Bull	M	6-2	185	Jr.	Westerville, Ohio/Olentangy Orange
19	Brad Biondello	M	5-11	180	Sr.	Glastonbury, Conn./Xavier
<i>Pronunciation: Bee On Dell Oh</i>						
20	Garrett Warren	LSM	5-9	165	Jr.	Rochester, N.Y./Irondequoit
21	Hunter Callan	A/M	5-11	165	Fr.	Fredericksburg, Va./Massaponax
22	Andrew Erber	M	6-3	175	Sr.	Dexter, Mich./Dexter
23	Ty Trobridge	D	6-3	175	Sr.	Haymarket, Va./Battlefield
24	Joe Amato	M	5-11	160	Jr.	Massapequa, N.Y./Kellenberg Memorial
<i>Pronunciation: Uh Mah Toe</i>						
25	Chris Nelms	A	5-10	180	Fr.	Reston, Va./St. Paul's (N.H.)
26	Christian Vaccaro	M	5-6	140	Fr.	Henderson, Nevada/Coronado
28	Eric Shaver	A	5-9	160	So.	Richmond, Va./Deep Run
29	Andrew Stockmal	D	6-3	195	Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Catholic
31	Rob Woolfolk	D	6-0	210	Fr.	Atlanta, Ga./North Atlantia
32	Colby Lalicker	M	5-8	168	Fr.	Apex, N.C./Apex
33	Pat Hine	LSM	5-10	170	Jr.	Dunkirk, Md./DeMatha Catholic
34	Matt Eibl	D	6-1	220	Fr.	Cockeysville, Md./Dulaney
35	Kyle Hesse	D	5-11	185	Fr.	East Syracuse, N.Y./East Syracuse-Minoa
36	Conor Byrnes	D	5-10	195	Fr.	Garden City, N.Y./Garden City
37	Nate Kraemer	M	5-9	170	Fr.	Emmaus, Pa./Emmaus
38	Nate Shaver	A	5-11	5-11	Fr.	Richmond, Va./Deep Run
39	Hunt McCarthy	M	6-1	175	So.	Lynchburg, Va./E.C. Glass)
40	Ben Huger	M	6-4	215	Jr.	Raleigh, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
<i>Pronunciation: Hugh Gee</i>						
41	Logan Moore	G	6-0	170	Fr.	Olathe, Kansas/Blue Valley West
42	Domenick Stumpo	A	5-10	185	Jr.	Warrenton, Va./Kettle Run
43	Bailey Mahoney	LSM	6-0	185	Fr.	Catlett, Va./Wakefield School
44	Dale Mattice	M	6-1	205	So.	Victor, N.Y./Victor (Bridgton Academy)
<i>Pronunciation: Muh Teese</i>						
45	Tom Nofi	A	6-0	180	Fr.	Roswell, Ga./Blessed Trinity Catholic

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Yr.	Pos.
24	Joe Amato	Jr.	M
19	Brad Biondello	Sr.	M
18	Dan Bull	Jr.	M
21	Hunter Callan	Fr.	A/M
7	Mike DeBlasio	Sr.	A
11	Nick Dodd	So.	M
34	Matt Eibl	Fr.	D
22	Andrew Erber	Sr.	M
13	Joe Funaro	So.	A
16	Eric Groleau	Sr.	M
35	Kyle Hesse	Fr.	D
33	Pat Hine	Sr.	LSM
40	Ben Huger	Jr.	A
3	Michael Hutwelker	So.	G
12	Kasey Kettle	So.	M
37	Nate Kraemer	Fr.	M
32	Colby Lalicker	Fr.	M
43	Bailey Mahoney	Fr.	LSM
1	Ian Marinacci	Jr.	D
44	Dale Mattice	So.	M
39	Hunt McCarthy	So.	M
41	Logan Moore	Fr.	G
2	Brad Nardella	So.	M
25	Chris Nelms	Fr.	A
45	Tom Nofi	Fr.	A
17	Tyler Prasnicki	Sr.	D
6	Joe Riccadonna	Fr.	G
14	Wesley Sanders	Fr.	M
4	Johnny Santos	Fr.	M
28	Eric Shaver	So.	A
38	Jacob Shaver	Fr.	A
5	Cody Sheetz	Fr.	A
8	Conor Snyder	Fr.	M
10	Chris Spada	So.	A
29	Andrew Stockmal	Fr.	D
42	Domenick Stumpo	Jr.	A
23	Tyler Trobridge	Sr.	D
26	Christian Vaccaro	Fr.	M
20	Garrett Warren	Jr.	LSM
9	Evan Windisch	Sr.	G
31	Rob Woolfolk	Fr.	D
	Anthony Izzo	So.	Man

Head Coach: Brian Anken (Fifth Season)

Assistant Coaches: Michael Grimm (Third Year), Bobby Downes (First Year)

Volunteer Assistant Coach: Kevin Lerg (First Year)

Cadet-Manager: Anthony Izzo

Athletic Trainer: Kelsey Croak (Second Year)

Captains: Brad Biondello, Mike DeBlasio, Eric Groleau, Tyler Prasnicki



Brian Anken begins his fifth season in Lexington as the head man of the VMI Keydets lacrosse program for the 2015 season, after being hired on July 30, 2010.

In his first year on Post, the Keydets captured the first team statistical championship in VMI lacrosse history, beating out NCAA Champion Virginia to lead the nation in ground balls per game with 39.62. Coming out of his second season, Anken once again helped lead the Keydets to the national stats rankings, claiming the team face-off winning percentage of 64.4 (212-329). He also saw Stephen Robarge become the first player to win back-to-back groundballs per game (9.07) titles, as well as the individual face-off percentage (66.6) crown for a second straight season.

Following his second season in Lexington, Anken helped the Keydets double their win total from 2011, while also collecting his first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference victory, 9-7 on the road against Manhattan. After a slow start to the season, Anken and the Keydets bounced back, winning four of their last eight games, including three of the last four. Not only did VMI begin winning, but they hung in games as well, including falling by just three combined goals to the two teams that reached the MAAC title game. Anken moved to the offensive side of the ball in 2012, and with solid results. In conference games, the Keydets finished with the program's second-best goals per game average in MAAC tilts, putting away 10.33 per game, the best since 2005 when VMI posted 10.62 a MAAC game.

After never having a player drafted under Anken's guidance, or any VMI lacrosse player, two Keydets were selected by Major League Lacrosse teams in the same calendar year. In January, 2012, VMI history was made as Robarge became the first VMI player to be drafted by Major League Lacrosse. Robarge was selected in the sixth round and 44th overall by the Denver Outlaws, one of the top teams in the league. Following the season, Robarge's teammate Keith Long was picked up by the Rochester Rattlers in June in the Supplemental Draft. The pair were two of only three MAAC players to be picked up during the 2011-12 academic year.

The highlight of the 2014 campaign was the Keydets topping the United States Air Force Academy 6-4 on March 2, the first time in program history the Keydets not only beat Air Force, but bested a Division I Service Academy. Not only was it a milestone in program history, but came just 24 hours after the Keydets suffered an 8-6 home loss against the University of Detroit Mercy as part of VMI's record-setting Wounded Warrior Project weekend. The Keydets' 2-12 overall record was not indicative of how close the games were as VMI beat two teams that reached the NCAA tournament, Richmond and Air Force, and held opponents to single-digit goals six times.

Prior to working at Lycoming, Anken had been the head man at Mars Hill College in North Carolina, where he helped the team post a five and a half game improvement in the standings during his final year, 2006. He earned conference Coach of the Year honors in 2004. He was also the founder and director of the Lions Lacrosse Camp, and handled game and event management as well.

Anken broke into the coaching ranks with Pfeiffer in 2001, where he was the program's top assistant. There, he was responsible for the defensive side of the ball, along with goalies. He also handled recruiting in Maryland, New York and New Jersey before leaving in 2001 to join the Rochester Institute of Technology, where again, he handled the defense and goalies. During his three years in Rochester, Anken was also an assistant to the school's Athletic Association Director of Development.

In his career, Anken has coached a pair of NCAA Division III statistical champions. He has also mentored two conference Freshman of the Year and one Player of the Year, and in nine seasons as a head coach, he has had 23 all-conference players and two All-Americans in Stephen Robarge (VMI 2012) and Andrew Chapman (Mars Hill 2006). Anken is a member of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association's (USILA) Rankings and All-American Committees, as well as being a part of the NCAA Regional Advisory Committee.

In September 2012, Anken married his wife, Mandy. The couple reside in Lexington. The couple welcomed their first child, Parker, to the world in July 2014.

The Brian Anken File

First Career Victory	Mars Hill 15-10 vs. Moravian
.....	March 13, 2004
25th Career Victory	Lycoming 18-9 vs. Richard Stockton
.....	March 26, 2008
50th Career Victory	Lycoming 15-7 at Widener
.....	April 24, 2010
First VMI Win	15-9 at Mercer
.....	February 16, 2011
First VMI Home Win	15-9 vs. Presbyterian
.....	March 12, 2011
First MAAC Win	9-7 at Manhattan
.....	April 7, 2012
First Atlantic Sun Win	7-6 vs. Richmond (2 Overtime)
.....	April 26, 2014
First Career Overtime Win	VMI 12-11 vs. Wagner (1 OT)
.....	March 13, 2012
Record at Mars Hill	16-25 (.390) - 3 Years
Record at Lycoming	36-27 (.571) - 4 Years
Record at VMI	8-45 (.151) - 4th Season
Longest Career Winning Streak	10 (3/18/2009-4/25/2009)
.....	Lycoming College
Longest Winning Streak at VMI	2 (4/7/12-4/14/12)
Coaching Accolades	
Deep South Conference Coach of the Year - 2004	
Middle Atlantic Conference Coach of the Year - 2008	

Brian Anken All-Time Versus Opponents

Opponent	Record	Mars Hill	Lycoming	VMI	Last Meeting	Result	Home/Away
<i>Air Force</i>	<i>1-0</i>	---	---	<i>1-0</i>	<i>Mar. 2, 2014</i>	<i>W 6-4</i>	<i>Home</i>
Alvernia	2-0	---	2-0	---	Apr. 17, 2010	W 12-3	Away
<i>Army</i>	<i>0-4</i>	---	---	<i>0-4</i>	<i>Feb. 16, 2014</i>	<i>L 6-15</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Bellarmine</i>	<i>0-2</i>	<i>0-1</i>	---	<i>0-1</i>	<i>Mar. 16, 2011</i>	<i>L 8-9</i>	<i>Away</i>
Belmont Abby	1-0	1-0	---	---	Feb. 17, 2006	W 14-10	Home
C.W. Post	0-1	0-1	---	---	Mar. 15, 2005	L 7-20	Away
<i>Canisius</i>	<i>0-4</i>	---	---	<i>0-4</i>	<i>Apr. 19, 2014</i>	<i>L 7-19</i>	<i>Away</i>
Catawba	2-2	2-2	---	---	Mar. 18, 2006	W 12-5	Home
DeSales	4-0	---	4-0	---	Apr. 21, 2010	W 15-6	Home
Detroit	1-3	---	---	1-3	Mar. 1, 2014	L 6-8	Home
Dickinson	0-4	---	0-4	---	Mar. 3, 2010	L 5-12	Away
Dominican (NY)	1-0	1-0	---	---	Mar. 10, 2006	W 15-8	Home
Drew	0-1	---	0-1	---	Apr. 28, 2007	L 11-14	Home
Eastern	2-0	---	2-0	---	Mar. 25, 2010	W 12-3	Home
Elizabethtown	2-2	---	2-2	---	Apr. 1, 2010	L 8-11	Home
Elmira	3-1	---	3-1	---	Mar. 6, 2010	W 15-8	Home
FDU-Florham	2-2	---	2-2	---	Apr. 10, 2010	L 8-9 (2OT)	Away
Franklin & Marshall	0-2	---	0-2	---	Feb. 26, 2008	L 9-15	Away
<i>Furman</i>	<i>0-1</i>	---	---	<i>0-1</i>	<i>Apr. 12, 2014</i>	<i>L 12-13 (2OT)</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>High Point</i>	<i>0-1</i>	---	---	<i>0-1</i>	<i>Mar. 8, 2014</i>	<i>L 8-9</i>	<i>Away</i>
Ithaca	0-3	---	0-3	---	Feb. 25, 2009	L 7-13	Home
<i>Jacksonville</i>	<i>0-4</i>	---	---	<i>0-4</i>	<i>Apr. 5, 2013</i>	<i>L 5-14</i>	<i>Away</i>
King's (PA)	3-1	---	3-1	---	Apr. 14, 2010	W 15-6	Home
Lebanon Valley	1-0	---	1-0	---	Apr. 27, 2010	W 11-2	Away
Lees-McRae	2-1	2-1	---	---	Mar. 26, 2006	W 20-10	Home
Lehigh	0-2	---	---	0-2	Mar. 2, 2013	L 2-18	Away
Limestone	0-4	0-4	---	---	Apr. 18, 2006	L 10-19	Away
Manhattan	2-1	---	---	2-1	Apr. 20, 2013	W 10-6	Home
Manhattanville	3-0	---	3-0	---	May 1, 2010	W 15-5	Home
Marist	0-3	---	---	0-3	Mar. 30, 2013	L 5-23	Away
<i>Mercer</i>	<i>2-2</i>	---	---	<i>2-2</i>	<i>March 15, 2014</i>	<i>L 3-8</i>	<i>Away</i>
Mercyhurst	0-2	0-2	---	---	Mar. 12, 2005	L 4-20	Away
Messiah	2-2	---	2-2	---	Apr. 7, 2010	W 7-4	Away
Misericordia	2-0	---	2-0	---	Mar. 24, 2010	W 17-5	Away
Molloy	0-2	0-2	---	---	Mar. 16, 2006	L 10-19	Home
Moravian	2-0	1-0	1-0	---	Mar. 31, 2007	W 8-5	Away
<i>Mt. St. Mary's</i>	<i>0-2</i>	---	---	<i>0-2</i>	<i>Mar. 10, 2012</i>	<i>L 4-15</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>Navy</i>	<i>0-4</i>	---	---	<i>0-4</i>	<i>Feb. 7, 2014</i>	<i>L 5-18</i>	<i>Away</i>
Notre Dame de Namur	0-1	0-1	---	---	Mar. 1, 2005	L 7-16	Home
Pfeiffer	2-1	2-1	---	---	Mar. 4, 2006	W 12-10	Away
Presbyterian	2-0	1-0	---	1-0	March 12, 2011	W 15-9	Home
Queens (NC)	1-2	1-2	---	---	Apr. 14, 2006	L 12-13	Away
Richard Stockton	1-0	---	1-0	---	March 26, 2008	W 18-9	Home
<i>Richmond</i>	<i>1-0</i>	---	---	<i>1-0</i>	<i>Apr. 26, 2014</i>	<i>W 7-6 (2OT)</i>	<i>Home</i>
<i>Saint Joseph's</i>	<i>0-3</i>	---	---	<i>0-3</i>	<i>Feb. 22, 2013</i>	<i>L 6-14</i>	<i>Away</i>
Saint Leo	1-0	1-0	---	---	Feb. 11, 2006	W 15-12	Away
Scranton	0-1	---	0-1	---	Apr. 11, 2007	L 9-11	Away
Siena	0-3	---	---	0-3	Apr. 27, 2013	L 10-16	Away
St. Andrew's	1-3	1-3	---	---	Apr. 1, 2006	W 13-9	Home
St. Anslem	1-0	1-0	---	---	Mar. 7, 2006	W 12-10	Home
St. John Fisher	0-1	---	0-1	---	Mar. 10, 2010	L 9-10 (OT)	Home
St. Vincent	0-1	0-1	---	---	Feb. 23, 2004	L 13-23	Home
Stevenson	0-1	---	0-1	---	Mar 13, 2010	L 7-18	Away
SUNY Maritime	2-1	---	2-1	---	Feb. 27, 2010	W 14-4	Home
Susquehanna	2-1	---	2-1	---	Mar. 18, 2009	W 18-6	Home
UMass Lowell	0-0	---	---	---	April 26, 2015	First Meeting	Neutral
Vermont	0-1	---	---	0-1	Mar. 5, 2014	L 7-18	Home
<i>Virginia</i>	<i>0-4</i>	---	---	<i>0-4</i>	<i>March 24, 2014</i>	<i>L 3-21</i>	<i>Away</i>
<i>Wagner</i>	<i>1-2</i>	---	---	<i>1-2</i>	<i>March 18, 2014</i>	<i>L 6-7</i>	<i>Home</i>
Wells	1-0	---	1-0	---	Mar. 8, 2008	W 27-1	Home
Wheeling Jesuit	0-3	0-3	---	---	Mar. 14, 2006	L 13-16	Away
Widener	3-4	---	3-4	---	May 3, 2010	L 10-14	Home
Wingate	2-1	2-1	---	---	Apr. 8, 2006	W 17-12	Home

Bold Italics indicate 2015 Opponent



After joining the staff early in 2013, **Michael Grimm** begins his third season as an assistant coach at VMI. Last season, Grimm served as volunteer assistant, with his coaching responsibilities including working with the goalkeepers, in-game quality control and serving as the ROTC liaison. Grimm's primary function at VMI is as a State Faculty Instructor in the Marshall-New Market Battalion of the Army ROTC Department.

Last season while working closely with the team's goalies, Grimm saw the Keydets hold opponents to double-digit goals on six occasions, including the historic 6-4 win over the United States Air Force Academy. VMI also claimed a 7-6 double overtime victory over eventual Atlantic Sun Conference champion, University of Richmond behind 13 saves from then-junior keeper Evan Windisch.

Prior to his arrival at VMI, served as the head lacrosse coach at The Citadel for two seasons from 2011-12. During that time, Grimm rebuilt the program, from recruiting to fundraising.

In his final year at The Citadel, his squad earned a berth in the SELC Tournament. He recruited cadet-athletes representing 11 different states while also developing the Special Operations Warrior Foundation game between The Citadel and VMI that raised \$10,000 for Special Operations families.

A former Staff Sergeant in the US Army from 2002-11, Grimm served in the 1st Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment and Special Operations. He was deployed eight times in support of the Global War On Terrorism in both Iraq and Afghanistan. His military awards include Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device and two Oak Leaves, Iraq Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Bronze Arrowhead and four Campaign Stars, Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Grimm attended Georgia Military College in 1997 and played wide receiver for the fifth-ranked Junior College team, earning Player of the Game honors in the 1997 Macon Touchdown Classic versus Middle Georgia College. After that season, Grimm transferred to The Citadel, Military College of the South with the class of 2002, and was a walk on wide receiver and played two years of lacrosse as a midfielder. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in American history. Grimm was a member of the Veteran Cadet program at The Citadel and American Military University.

Prior to his time at Georgia Military College and The Citadel, Grimm was a three sport athlete at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton, Va.

Military schools and the Army run in the Grimm family. His father, Skip, is a retired Major and graduated from the United States Military Academy (Army) in 1976. His uncles Jeff Grimm graduated from West Point in 1974 while Edward Brennan did likewise in 1976. A strong VMI connection runs through the family as his uncle, LTC (ret) David Grimm is a 1986 graduate of the Institute.

Grimm has two children Audrey Claire (9) and William (5).



In June 2014, **Bobby Downes** was named volunteer assistant coach by Brian Anken, who concluded his fourth season at the helm of the program. In the fall of 2014, Downes was elevated to an assistant coach.

The newly-minted assistant coach joins VMI after a serving as an assistant coach at the Florida Institute of Technology, working with head coach Ryan McAlevey and the Panthers for the 2014 season.

Downes' duties will include working with VMI's storied faceoff unit and coordinating video, including practice and game film.

Downes joined the Florida Tech coaching staff in May of 2013 after a stellar playing career at NCAA Division II Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida.

During his year in Melbourne, Florida, Downes worked primarily with faceoff specialist Travis Wunder and was vital in the freshman earning All-SSC Honorable Mention honors. Wunder set Florida Tech records in single game faceoff wins, single season faceoff wins and faceoff percentage. Against Belmont Abbey College, Wunder recorded 22 faceoff wins and has the top seven marks in a single game in school history. His 131 faceoff wins are the most by any Panther and his 56 percent faceoff wins percentage is also tops in Florida Tech history. Against Brevard College, Ben Abell transitioned to faceoffs and went 2-for-2 at center field.

In the summer of 2013, he instructed attack fundamentals for the University of Denver Pioneers Camp, instructed midfield fundamentals for Princeton University's Lacrosse Camp and coached a team in the Top 205 Lacrosse Camp.

Downes was a game day intern for the Boston Cannons in the summers of 2008-2012. The Cannons, a Major League Lacrosse organization that plays all home games in Harvard Stadium in Boston, Mass., hosted the 2011 MLL All-Star Game. There, Downes assisted with game statistics, shot clock, player autograph sessions pre/post game and fan zone set ups. He also assisted with statistics for the 2008 and 2010 MLL All-Star games and the 2012 MLL Championship Weekend.

He was a volunteer assistant lacrosse coach at East Catholic High School in Manchester, Conn. and has extensive camp experience working for several of the top lacrosse schools in the country including: North Carolina, Johns Hopkins, Michigan, Ohio State, St. John's, University of Denver, West Point and Princeton. At these camps, he instructed attack midfield and faceoff techniques. Overall, he has worked over 40 camps.

He received his bachelors of science in sports management in 2013 and a minor in coaching. The Tolland, Connecticut native was named to the SSC Commissioner's Honor Roll twice in his playing career, 2012 and 2013.



In January 2015, **Kevin Lerg** was named volunteer assistant coach by Brian Anken.

Lerg comes to VMI with a degree in communications with a minor in journalism from the Adrian, Mich. institution. Lerg was a four-year member of the Bulldogs' program, which competes at the NCAA Division III level and was a standout goalie.

After a top-notch career at Adrian, Lerg will work closely with the Keydets' goalkeeping corps. Last season, VMI's keepers held opponents to single digits on six occasions, including a 6-4 win over the United States Air Force Academy, the first win in program history over a Division I service academy.

Lerg comes to the Institute of an outstanding career with the Bulldogs. Hailing from Farmington Hills, Mich., Lerg finished his career with a 43-10 overall record, posting double digit wins in each of the three seasons in which he was a starter (2012-14). His 43 wins represent a career-best for the program, while his 2012 mark of 17-2 is the program's single-season mark. Lerg also holds the Adrian record for career saves (486) and is second all-time in career save percentage (.532) and goals against average (8.40).

During his four seasons at Adrian, Lerg finished in the top five in nearly every major goalkeeping stat for single season marks, including single-season saves (168) in 2012, a year in which he also set the mark for save percentage (.602).

Lerg was well honored during his time at Adrian, including a second-team All-MIAA nod in 2013. That year, he was named MIAA Defensive Player of the Week twice and was second in the league in goals against average (9.68). Lerg repeated the second-team selection in his senior year, while also collecting one Player of the Week honor.

Under then-head coach Don LaSala, Lerg helped Adrian to four-straight conference titles, winning the Midwest Lacrosse Conference in 2011 and 2012, while claiming the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association titles in 2012 and 2013. During his time at Adrian, Lerg and his squad never dropped a league game, going 29-0 from 2011 to 2014. During all four years with the program, Lerg helped the Bulldogs to the NCAA tournament.

Prior to his time at Adrian, Lerg was named High School All-American in 2010 while playing for Detroit Catholic Central High School, leading his team to the state finals.

Lerg resides in Rockbridge County.

Series Game By Game

2008 - #12 Navy 10, VMI 2 (Annapolis)
 2009 - #11 Navy 13, VMI 5 (Annapolis)
 2010 - #11 Navy 16, VMI 5 (Annapolis)
 2011 - Navy 14, VMI 8 (Annapolis)
 2012 - Navy 14, VMI 7 (Annapolis)
 2013 - Navy 20, VMI 7 (Annapolis)
 2014 - Navy 18, VMI 5 (Annapolis)

Series Stats Under Anken (Since 2011)

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Navy	19	22	14	11	0	66
VMI	7	6	8	6	0	27

Tale of the Tape (2014 Season)

VMI	Stat Category	Navy
87-405	Goals-Shot Attempts	125-514
6.21	Goals Per Game	8.93
.215	Shot Percentage	.243
37	Assists	63
413	Groundballs	410
256	Turnovers	203
127	Caused Turnovers	108
87	Total Goals	125
10	Man-Up Goals	7
0	Man-Down Goals	2
1	Overtime	0
137-310	Faceoffs Won-Lost	171-306
.442	Faceoff Percentage	.559
245-306	Clears	182-217
.801	Clear Percentage	.839
49	Penalties	52
41:00	Penalty Minutes	41:30

Series Game By Game

2008 - #23 Army 16, VMI 3 (West Point)
 2009 - #22 Army 17, VMI 3 (West Point)
 2010 - #22 Army 11, VMI 9 (West Point)
 2011 - #12 Army 12, VMI 6 (Lexington)
 2012 - Army 14, VMI 8 (West Point)
 2013 - Army 14, VMI 8 (West Point)
 2014 - Army 15, VMI 6 (Lexington)

Series Stats Under Anken (Since 2011)

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Army	12	15	18	10	0	55
VMI	6	6	10	8	0	30

Tale of the Tape (2014 Season)

VMI	Stat Category	Army
87-405	Goals-Shot Attempts	142-523
6.21	Goals Per Game	10.14
.215	Shot Percentage	.272
37	Assists	78
413	Groundballs	380
256	Turnovers	181
127	Caused Turnovers	98
87	Total Goals	142
10	Man-Up Goals	13
0	Man-Down Goals	0
1	Overtime	0
137-310	Faceoffs Won-Lost	154-288
.442	Faceoff Percentage	.535
245-306	Clears	203-242
.801	Clear Percentage	.839
49	Penalties	48
41:00	Penalty Minutes	35:30

2015 Record When...

VMI Is At Home	0-0
VMI Is On The Road	0-0
VMI Is At A Neutral Site	0-0
VMI Is Ranked	0-0
VMI Plays a Ranked Opponent	0-0
VMI's Record is +.500	0-0
VMI's Record is .500	0-0
VMI's Record is -.500	0-0
VMI Plays a +.500 Team	0-0
VMI Plays a .500 Team	0-0
VMI Plays a -.500 Team	0-0
VMI Leads After 1st Quarter	0-0
Opp. Leads After 1st Quarter	0-0
Game is Tied After 1st Quarter	0-0
VMI Leads After 2nd Quarter	0-0
Opp. Leads After 2nd Quarter	0-0
Game is Tied After 2nd Quarter	0-0
VMI Leads After 3rd Quarter	0-0
Opp. Leads After 3rd Quarter	0-0
Game is Tied After 3rd Quarter	0-0
Overtime	0-0
VMI Has More Assists	0-0
Opp. Has More Assists	0-0
Assists Are Even	0-0
VMI Has More Shots	0-0
Opp. Has More Shots	0-0
Shots Are Even	0-0
VMI Has More Groundballs	0-0
Opp. Has More Groundballs	0-0
Groundballs are Even	0-0
VMI Wins More Faceoffs	0-0
Opp. Wins More Faceoffs	0-0
Faceoffs are Even	0-0
VMI Has More Turnovers	0-0
Opp. Has More Turnovers	0-0
Turnovers are Even	0-0
VMI Causes More Turnovers	0-0
Opp. Causes More Turnovers	0-0
Caused Turnovers are Even	0-0
VMI Has More Saves	0-0
Opp. Has More Saves	0-0
Saves Are Even	0-0
VMI Clears >75%	0-0
VMI Clears <75%	0-0
Opp. Clears >75%	0-0
Opp. Clears <75%	0-0
VMI Plays on Monday	0-0
VMI Plays on Tuesday	0-0
VMI Plays on Wednesday	0-0
VMI Plays on Saturday	0-0
VMI Plays on Sunday	0-0
During the Day (11 a.m.-5 p.m.)	0-0
During the Evening (5 p.m.-7 p.m.)	0-0
At Night (7 p.m. or later)	0-0
February	0-0
March	0-0
April	0-0
May	0-0
Playing In Virginia	0-0
Playing In Kentucky	0-0
Playing In Maryland	0-0
Playing In New York	0-0
Playing In North Carolina	0-0
Playing In Pennsylvania	0-0
Playing In South Carolina	0-0

The Polls (Preseason 2015)

USILA Coaches' Poll

Rank Team - Points (First-Place Votes)

- 1) Denver - 274
- 2) Notre Dame - 271
- 3) Duke - 268
- 4) Syracuse - 244
- 5) Johns Hopkins - 238
- 6) North Carolina - 234
- 7) Loyola - 198
- 8) Maryland - 191
- 9) Virginia - 189
- 10) Cornell - 177
- 11) Harvard - 134
- 12) Albany - 112
- 13) Penn - 105
- 14) Penn State - 69
- 15) Yale - 68
- 16) Drexel - 65
- 17) Hofstra - 57
- 18) Lehigh - 54
- 19) Bryant - 44

20) Army - 40

Receiving Votes: Ohio State, Princeton, UMass, Towson, Villanova, St. John's, Fairfield, Air Force, Brown, Bucknell, Navy

Cascade/Maverik Media Poll

Rank Team - Points (First-Place Votes)

- 1) Denver - 506 (14)
- 2) Notre Dame - 485 (4)
- 3) Duke - 467 (8)
- 4) Syracuse - 436
- 5) North Carolina - 404
- 6) Johns Hopkins - 398
- 7) Loyola - 348
- 8) Cornell - 325
- 9) Virginia - 313
- 10) Maryland - 312
- 11) Albany - 230
- 12) Harvard - 216
- 13) Penn - 174
- 14) Bryant - 138
- 15) Yale - 126
- 16) Lehigh - 120
- 17) Penn State - 91
- 18) Drexel - 90
- 19) Hofstra - 81

20) Army - 68

Receiving Votes: Princeton, Ohio State, Towson, Fairfield, UMass, Colgate, Brown, Villanova, Navy, UMBC, Air Force

Bold Indicates 2015 Opponent

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Interview Policy

For all sports, any interviews outside a post-game setting must be coordinated through the VMI Athletic Communications Department. Because cadets do not have phones in their rooms, it is virtually impossible to contact a cadet-athlete directly, thus, we ask for your consideration in all matters concerning interviews. We also ask that all media take cadet-athletes' schedules into account (for example, lacrosse interviews are best conducted earlier in the week). Rest assured, we will get the desired interview scheduled as quickly as possible.

Radio Information

Any visiting media member wishing to do a broadcast of a VMI athletic event should contact the VMI Athletic Communications Department well in advance of the game day in question to confirm possibilities and arrangements.

Other Important Information

Game notes are generally available 24 hours prior to each contest and a complete box score will be made available as soon as possible after the game's conclusion.

SoCon Preseason Coaches Poll

Southern Conference newcomer Bellarmine University was voted to finish first in the Preseason Coaches Poll, picking up 34 points and four first-place votes. High Point University was second, garnering 30 points and three first-place votes, University of Richmond, which won the Atlantic Sun Conference title last season, was third with 29 points and one first-place vote while Jacksonville University rounded out the top four with 19 points. Mercer University was voted fifth with 18 points, Furman University was selected sixth with nine points while VMI was voted seventh with eight points.

Voted) School - Points (First-Place Votes)

- 1) Bellarmine - 34 (4)
- 2) High Point - 30 (3)
- 3) Richmond - 29 (1)
- 4) Jacksonville - 19
- 5) Mercer - 18
- 6) Furman - 9
- 7 VMI - 8

Preseason All-SoCon Team

Attack: Dan Lomas (HPU), Mickey Hofmeister (UR), Matt Thistle (HPU)

Midfield: Mitchell Goldberg (UR), Tim Geran (MER), Austin Shanks (BEL)

Defense: Brendan Haynes (UR), Tyler Prasnicki (VMI) Colin Hart (BEL)

Goalie: Austin Geisler (HPU)

Faceoff Specialist: Jamie Piluso (HPU)

Longstick Midfielder: Bobby Schmidt (BEL)

A-Sun Standings - As Of January 31

Team	Overall	A-Sun
High Point	0 - 0	1 - 0
Bellarmine	0 - 0	0 - 0
Furman	0 - 0	0 - 0
Jacksonville	0 - 0	0 - 0
Mercer	0 - 0	0 - 0
Richmond	0 - 0	0 - 0
VMI	0 - 0	0 - 0

VMI Versus Conferences

VMI vs. Patriot League	0-0
VMI vs. Northeast	0-0
VMI vs. MAAC	0-0
VMI vs. America East	0-0
VMI vs. Southern Conference	0-0
VMI vs. ACC	0-0
VMI vs. Independent	0-0

Active Career Hat Tricks

Player	Total (Last)
Mike DeBlasio	5
.....Mar. 13, 2012 - vs. Wagner - 3g, 0a (3 points)	
..... Mar. 17, 2012 - vs. Siena - 3g, 0a (3 points)	
. Mar. 24, 2012 - at Jacksonville - 3g, 0a (3 points)	
. Apr. 20, 2013 - vs. Manhattan - 4g, 0a (4 points)	
.....Feb. 8, 2014 - at Navy - 3g, 1a (4 points)	

Ben Huger	1
..... Apr. 12, 2014 - vs. Furman - 3g, 0a (3 points)	

Brad Nardella	1
... March 18, 2014 - vs. Wagner - 3g, 0a (3 points)	

Gage Snowbarger	1
..... Apr. 27, 2013 - at Siena - 4g, 0a (4 points)	

Active Total:	8
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Active Scoring Streaks

Goals Mike DeBlasio - Four Games
.....6 Goals During Streak (4/5/14)	

AssistsNo Active Streaks
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Points

..... Mike DeBlasio - 4 Games	
..... 9 Points During Streak (6g, 3a) (4/5/14)	

Team Streaks

Overall Goals:110 Games
..... Last Shutout 3/5/07 at #4 Virginia (20-0)	
Goals - Road Games:92 Games
..... Last Road Shutout 3/5/07 at #4 Virginia	
Goals - Home Games223 Games
..... Never Shutout at Home	
Overall Assists:44 Games
Last Game With No Assist 4/2/11 at Marist
Assists - Road Games24 Games
Last Road Game w/ No Assist ..	4/2/11 at Marist
Assists - Home Games74 Games
Last Home Game w/ No Assist	2/24/03 vs. Butler

When Last They Met

Feb. 8, 2014

RV/-- Navy 18, VMI 5

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - The Virginia Military Institute men's lacrosse team opened its 2014 season on Saturday, taking on the United States Naval Academy for a seventh-straight season as the opener. The Midshipmen won 18-5 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in non-conference action.

The Keydets (0-1) got a one-two punch from senior Mickey Hofmeister and junior Mike DeBlasio, two of the team's three captains this season. DeBlasio notched three goals, the fifth hat trick of his career, while Hofmeister potted a pair. The two attackmen assisted each other once. Hofmeister's goals were his first since Apr. 14, 2012 after missing all of 2013 with a lower body injury.

The Mids (1-0) jumped out to a 10-goal lead before halftime, sparked by 10 points from Sam Jones on four goals and six assists. Tucker Hall scored three times and had two assists for five points on the day. Pat Durkin netted two goals and had one assist as Patrick Keena had one goal and one assist. Six other Mids scored goals while another had one assist each.

Between the pipes, VMI's Evan Windisch made the first start of his career, making a 10 saves. The junior played all 60 minutes in goal for the Keydets. Opposite Windisch, John Connors got the win, making seven saves in his 52 minutes of work. Paul Zimmerman finished the game for the Mids, making one stop.

The Keydets struggled in clearing, gaining the zone 15 times on 25 attempts. Navy cleared 21 of their 25 tries, including several in odd-number situations that led to goals. VMI lost the ground ball game, collecting 27 against Navy's 44. The Mids won the faceoff game as well, taking 21 of the 27 attempts.

A team that pressures heavily on defense, the Keydets did not take a penalty. The Midshipmen were penalized three times, including a pair on Colin Flounlacker that resulted in a two-minute extra-man opportunity for VMI. DeBlasio's third goal of the day came during the two minute man-up period.

Box Score

Score By Period	1	2	3	4	Total
VMI	0	1	2	2	5
Navy	4	6	2	6	18

Scoring (G, A)

VMI: DeBlasio 3,1; Hofmeister 2,1

Navy: Jones 4,6; Hull 3,2; Durkin 2,1; Heneveld 2,0; Kennea 1,1; Hanzche 1,0; Hinderland 1,0; Wendel 1,0; Price 1,0; Roy 1,0; Dove 1,0; Voumard 0,1; Mullen 0,1; Morrison 0,1;

Goalies

VMI: Windisch: 60:00, 18 GA, 10 Saves (0-1)

Navy: Connors: 52:05, 3 GA, 7 Saves (1-0)

Zimmerman: 7:55, 2 GA, 1 Save

When Last They Met

Feb. 16, 2014

RV/-- Army 15, VMI 6

LEXINGTON, Va. -- Despite a hat trick from Mickey Hofmeister and seven caused turnovers by Tyler Prasnicki, the Virginia Military Institute fell in its 2014 home opener at Drill Field #2 by a 15-6 count against the United States Military Academy.

In its first game at Drill Field #2 this season, VMI (0-2) got three goals from senior captain Mickey Hofmeister, who added an assist to his day. Sophomore Ben Huger tacked on another two goals for VMI while posting an assist.

Freshman Dale Mattice logged his first career goal during the Sunday afternoon game as well. Junior Mike DeBlasio assisted on Huger's second goal of the day, extending DeBlasio's scoring streak to nine games with 18 points in that stretch.

Hofmeister's hat trick was the first of his career and first multiple-goal game since April 24, 2012 after sitting out 2013 with a lower body injury. The two goals mark the second time in Huger's career he had a multi-point day and first two-goal effort.

Defensively, Prasnicki forced seven Army (1-1) turnovers, crediting VMI's high-pressure defensive system with the total. On the day, the Keydets caused 14 turnovers, with freshmen Mitch Wilson forcing three of his own, while four other players logged multiple caused turnovers.

Army's scoring efforts were paced by John Glesener, who finished with seven points on five assists and two goals. Connor Cook logged a hat trick while Will Mazzone and Alex Newsome each scored twice. Mazzone chipped in with two assists on the afternoon as well.

For a second-straight game, VMI got 10 saves from starting keeper Evan Windisch, who made the first two starts of his career against Navy and Army. The junior played for 48 minutes before he was spelled for the final 12 by freshman Michael Hutwelker. The rookie made two saves and did not allow a goal.

Box Score

Score By Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Army	2	5	6	2	15
VMI	1	1	2	2	6

Scoring (G, A)

Army: Glesner 2,5; Mazzone 2,2; Cook 3,0;

Newsome 2,1; DeStefano 1,2; Mullins 1,0; Bowman 1,0; Coll 1,0; O'Donnel 1,0; Daly 1,0; Kamide 0,1

VMI: Hofmeister 3,1; Huger 2,1; Mattice 1,0; DeBlasio 0,1

Goalies

VMI: Windisch: 47:52, 15 GA, 10 Saves (0-2)

Hutwelker: 12:08, 0 GA, 2 Saves

Army: Somers: 50:42, 4 GA, 8 Saves (1-1)

Sincero: 9:18, 2 GA, 0 Saves

A Win Sunday Would Be...

- VMI's first win over the Naval Academy (0-7)
- VMI's first season-opening win since the 2000 season.
- VMI's first win in Annapolis in program history.
- The second-straight win for VMI over a Division Service Academy.
- First win outside the Commonwealth of Virginia since topping Manhattan 9-7 on April 7, 2012 in Riverdale, N.Y.

A Win Monday Would Be...

- VMI's first over the United States Military Academy in program history (0-6)
- VMI first win in West Point, N.Y.
- First win in New York since topping Manhattan 9-7 on April 7, 2012 in Riverdale, N.Y.
- See SID For More Notes After Navy Game

An In-Depth Series Look: Navy

Sunday's game will be the eighth meeting all-time between the VMI Keydets and the Navy Midshipmen. The Naval Academy has served as the season opener for VMI for each of the last seven seasons, which includes every previous meeting. The Mids have won each of the previous seven meetings. However, since the teams last met, VMI snapped its skid against the Division I Service Academies, topping Air Force 6-4 on March 2, 2014.

Careers Versus Navy

Senior captain Mike DeBlasio is currently the team's active points leader against the Midshipmen. The Long Islander has six career goals, including a hat trick last season. He has eight total points against Navy, with assists in his rookie and junior campaigns. Classmate Eric Groleau has a pair of points on two assists in 2013, while another two senior, Ty Trobridge and Tyler Prasnicki, have one point each, the former on a goal in 2013 and the latter on a dish in 2012. Fellow senior Evan Windisch has played 60 career minutes in goal for VMI against Navy, making 10 saves last season and collecting three groundballs.

An In-Depth Series Look: Army

The Keydets are looking to halt a seven-game slide against the Black Knights. VMI is 0-7 all-time against Army, and is 0-5 in West Point, N.Y. VMI returns to the Hudson Valley for the first time since 2013 after the Army squad traveled to Lexington last season. Barring any changes to either the USILA Coaches' Poll or the Cascade/Maverik Media Poll, VMI meets a ranked Black Knight squad for the first time since Army was No. 12 in 2011, a 12-6 Army win in Lexington. VMI has yet to play a ranked Black Knight team in West Point.

Careers Versus Army

Mike DeBlasio leads VMI's active roster with four points on two goals and two assists. He scored three of those points during his rookie campaign in 2012 on two goals and one assist. Last season, Ben Huger stung the Black Knights for three points on a pair of markers and one assist. Sophomore Dale Mattice has one career goal against Army, as does Tyler Prasnicki. Evan Windisch played 48 minutes in goal at home last season, making 10 saves at Drill Field #2 in Lexington.

On This Date: Feb. 8

VMI has only ever played on Feb. 8 once prior to this season, taking on Navy on this date for the 2014 season open. VMI is 0-1 all-time on Feb. 8. Only once has VMI played a game sooner than Feb. 8, and that was for the 2009 season opener on Feb. 7 at Navy.

On This Date: Feb. 9

The Keydets have played on Feb. 9 just twice and are 0-2 all-time on that date. VMI is 0-1 against Army on Feb. 9 and will be playing on this date for the first time since the 2013 season opener at Navy.

2014 Honors and Awards

Brad Biondello

2015 Team Captain

Mike DeBlasio

2015 Team Captain

Eric Groleau

2015 Team Captain

Dale Mattice

Worrell-Fallon Award (Lee-Jackson MVP)

Tyler Prasnicki

2015 Team Captain

Preseason All-SoCon Team (Defense)

2015 Flag Bearers

Prior to each contest, select members of the team, as well as coaching staff, choose one player who helped the team get better during practice, who represents the program on and off the field the way they are expected to.

Below is a list of the 2015 Flag Bearers

at Navy (2/8)	
at Army (2/9)	
Mount St. Mary's (2/14)	
Saint Joseph's (2/21)	
at Richmond (3/7)	
vs. Air Force Academy (3/8)	
Jacksonville (3/14)	
at Wagner (3/17)	
at Bellarmine (3/21)	
Virginia (3/24)	
Mercer (4/4)	
Furman (4/11)	
High Point (4/17)	
Canisius (4/19)	
vs. UMass Lowell (4/26)	
SoCon Semifinals (4/30)	
SoCon Championship (5/2)	

Patrol Cap Pride

After being given an Army patrol cap from a former player two seasons ago, head coach Brian Anken will wear the name patch of one of his former players who has decided to accept a commission into the military. Below is a list of which former players' names Anken has worn on game day, along with their college/institute graduating year.

at Navy (2/8)	
at Army (2/9)	
Mount St. Mary's (2/14)	
Saint Joseph's (2/21)	
at Richmond (3/7)	
vs. Air Force Academy (3/8)	
Jacksonville (3/14)	
at Wagner (3/17)	
at Bellarmine (3/21)	
Virginia (3/24)	
Mercer (4/4)	
Furman (4/11)	
High Point (4/17)	
Canisius (4/19)	
vs. UMass Lowell (4/26)	
SoCon Semifinals (4/30)	
SoCon Championship (5/2)	

VMI - Virginia Military Institute

LC - Lycoming College

MHC - Mars Hill College

Oh Captain, My Captains

The Keydets and head coach Brian Anken have named four captains for the 2015 season. Brad Biondello, Mike DeBlasio, Eric Groleau and Tyler Prasnicki, all seniors, will serve as the team captains for this season. It is the first time since the 2010 season VMI has had four captains.

Three-Legged Stool Winner

Senior captain and defenseman Tyler Prasnicki was named the VMI Keydet Club Three-Legged Stool winner in the fall, becoming the first lacrosse player at VMI to win the coveted award. The Three-Legged Stool Award recognizes a 1st Class scholarship athlete who has the highest achievements in academics, leadership and athletics. Prasnicki is not only a leader with the lacrosse program, but is the 1st Battalion executive officer in Barracks and was a corporal last year and company platoon sergeant in 2013. The Lexington, Va. native will commission in the United States Army following graduation.

Worrell-Fallon Award Winner

Sophomore Dale Mattice was named the Worrell-Fallon Memorial Award Winner for VMI this season following the Lee-Jackson Lacrosse Classic, a fall scrimmage with next door neighbor Washington & Lee University. Mattice finished with three of VMI's nine eight goals, doing so on just four shots. His marker's book-ended VMI's scoring as he logged the game's first goal and VMI's final tally of the day.

Groundhog Day

The Keydets will open against the Midshipmen for the eighth straight season. All eight meetings will be played in Annapolis, as the Mids have yet to travel to Lexington in series history. Aside from Navy, VMI has never opened more than three seasons with the same opponent. Limestone College is second, having opened the 1990, 1994 and 1999 seasons against the Saints.

What Conference Are We In Now?

Aiming for ultimate confusion, the VMI lacrosse program will be playing in its third conference in as many seasons. VMI competed as an independent program from its first season in 1983 until joining the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in 2003. VMI remained in the MAAC until last season, competing in the Atlantic Sun Conference. This season, the Southern Conference took stewardship of the former Atlantic Sun Conference.

Home Sweet Home

VMI will host seven home games at Drill Field #2 this season, equaling the number of home games from last season. The Keydets have returned to a balanced home and away schedule after hosting just four games in 2013, opening that season with six games on the road.

2014 VMI Lacrosse
VMI Combined Team Statistics
All games (as of Feb 03, 2015)

RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	2-12	2-5	0-7	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-4	1-1	0-3	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-8	1-4	0-4	0-0

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.	##	PLAYER	GP	G	A	Pts	Sh	Gw	Up	Dn	GB	Faceoff	
Feb 08	at Navy	L	5-18	834	4	HOFMEISTER, Mick	14	30	11	41	94	1	2	0	16	0-0
Feb 16	ARMY	L	6-15	413	7	DeBLASIO, Mike	7	9	5	14	31	0	3	0	2	0-0
Feb 22	at Saint Joseph's	L	6-14	206	40	HUGER, Ben	13	7	7	14	40	0	0	0	17	0-0
Mar 01	DETROIT	L	6-8	350	44	MATTICE, Dale	14	10	2	12	53	1	0	0	19	0-0
Mar 02	AIR FORCE	W	6-4	350	6	NARDELLA, Brad	14	7	2	9	31	0	0	0	27	2-14
Mar 05	VERMONT	L	7-18	250	18	BULL, Dan	13	6	2	8	30	0	0	0	8	0-0
Mar 08	at High Point	L	8-9	513	31	SNOWBARGER, Ga	14	5	2	7	19	0	2	0	12	0-0
Mar 15	at Mercer	L	3-8	247	42	STUMPO, Domenic	8	3	1	4	6	0	2	0	0	0-0
Mar 18	WAGNER	L	6-7	150	19	BIONDELLO, Brad	14	3	0	3	19	0	1	0	6	0-0
Mar 24	at #8 Virginia	L	3-21	824	22	ERBER, Andrew	14	2	1	3	26	0	0	0	13	0-0
Apr 05	at Jacksonville	L	5-14	222	12	KETTLE, Kasey	13	2	1	3	4	0	0	0	3	0-0
Apr 12	FURMAN	Lo2	12-13	305	16	GROLEAU, Eric	14	1	0	1	7	0	0	0	23	0-0
Apr 19	at Canisius	L	7-19	476	26	WILSON, Mitch	14	1	0	1	5	0	0	0	57	131-282
Apr 26	RICHMOND	Wo2	7-6	305	1	MARINACCI, Ian	14	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	20	0-0
					11	DODD, Nick	13	0	1	1	11	0	0	0	12	0-0
					10	SPADA, Chris	5	0	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0-0
					23	TROBRIDGE, Ty	14	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	19	2-11
					39	McCARTHY, Hunt	8	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0-0
					17	PRASNICKI, Tyler	14	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	48	0-0
					33	HINE, Pat	14	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	17	2-3
					15	DILLON, Rory	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	0-0
					25	McMAHON, Peter	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0
					30	BROWN, Tom	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0-0
					28	SHAYER, Eric	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
					24	AMATO, Joe	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
					21	FERREL, Dan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
					20	WARREN, Garrett	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0-0
					13	FUNARO, Joe	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0
					9	WINDISCH, Evan	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	0-0
					8	DiGIACOMO, Fran	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0
					3	HUTWELKER, Mich	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0-0
					Total	14	87	37	124	405	2	10	0	413	137-310	
					Opponents	14	174	134	308	561	12	18	1	481	173-310	
					##	Goalie	GP		Min.	GA	GAAvg	Save		Pct	W-L-T	
					8	DiGIACOMO, Fran	1		8:24	0	0.00	1	1.000	0-0-0		
					9	WINDISCH, Evan	14		766:30	154	12.05	150	.493	2-12-0		
					3	HUTWELKER, Mich	3		75:20	20	15.93	10	.333	0-0-0		
					Total	14		850:14	174	12.28	161	.481	2-12-0			
					Opponents	14		850:14	87	6.14	151	.634	12-2-0			
					Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total				
					VMI	16	27	22	21	0	1	87				
					Opponents	48	45	45	35	0	1	174				
					Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total				
					VMI	40	40	39	40	2	0	161				
					Opponents	35	30	48	38	0	0	151				
					Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	OT2	Total				
					VMI	94	93	120	96	0	2	405				
					Opponents	147	141	141	126	5	1	561				
TEAM STATISTICS				VMI	OPP											
SHOT STATISTICS																
Goals-Shot attempts		87-405	174-561													
Goals scored per game		6.21	12.43													
Shot pct.		.215	.310													
Shots/Game		28.9	40.1													
Assists		37	134													
MAN-UP OPPORTUNITIES																
Goals-Opportunities		10-39	18-46													
Conversion Percent		.256	.391													
GOAL BREAKDOWN																
Total Goals		87	174													
Man-up		10	18													
Man-down		0	1													
Unassisted		50	40													
Overtime		3	4													
Goals scored average		6.14	12.28													
GROUND BALLS				413	481											
TURNOVERS				256	248											
CAUSED TURNOVERS				127	132											
FACEOFFS (W-L)		137-310	173-310													
Faceoff W-L Pct.		.442	.558													
CLEARs		245-306	244-283													
Clear Pct.		.801	.862													
PENALTIES																
Number		49	38													
Minutes		41:00	29:30													
ATTENDANCE																
Total		2123	3322													
Dates/Avg Per Date		7/303	7/475													
Neutral Site #/Avg		0/0														