

2023 VMI FOOTBALL

GAME 6: VMI at The Citadel - ESPN+/CW
Oct. 14, 2023 - 1:00 P.M. - Johnson Hagood Stadium

ALL-TIME SERIES: 32-44-2
LAST MEETING: The Citadel won, 26-22 (11/19/22)

2023 VMI Schedule

Overall: 2-3 **SoCon: 1-1**
Home: 2-0 **Away: 0-3**

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
S2	DAVIDSON	W, 12-7
S9	at Bucknell	L, 13-21
S16	at N.C. State	L, 7-45
S23	WOFFORD*	W, 17-14
S30	at Mercer*	L, 3-38
O14	at The Citadel*	1:00 p.m.
O21	SAMFORD*	1:30 p.m.
O28	CHATTANOOGA*	1:30 p.m.
N4	at ETSU*	1:00 p.m.
N11	at Furman*	1:00 p.m.
N18	WESTERN CAROLINA*	12 p.m.

2023 The Citadel Schedule

Overall: 0-6 **SoCon: 0-3**
Home: 0-2 **Away: 0-4**

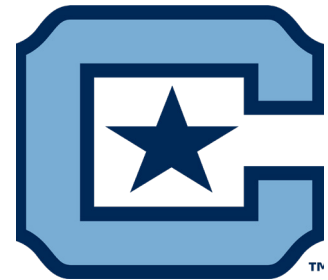
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
S2	at Ga. Southern	L, 0-34
S9	CAMPBELL	L, 7-56
S16	at Chattanooga*	L, 3-48
S23	at S.C. State	L, 10-31
S30	W. CAROLINA*	L, 14-49
O7	at Furman*	L, 14-28
O14	VMI*	1:00 p.m.
O28	at Samford*	3:00 p.m.
N4	MERCER*	2:00 p.m.
N11	WOFFORD*	2:00 p.m.
N18	at ETSU*	1:00 p.m.
N11	SAMFORD*	3:00 p.m.

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QUICK HITS

VMI (2-3, 1-1 SoCon) TRAVELS TO CITADEL (0-6, 0-3 SoCon) FOR MILITARY CLASSIC OF THE SOUTH SATURDAY – Coming off its bye week, the VMI Keydets travel to Charleston to do battle in the Military Classic of the South.

THE MILITARY CLASSIC OF THE SOUTH – One of the oldest traditions in college football, VMI and The Citadel have met 48 times since 1920, as the two sides battle it out for the Silver Shako Trophy. The Shako itself was introduced to the rivalry in 1976, with the winning team's Institution holding onto the trophy each year.

MATCHUP IN MACON – Slated to finish third in the preseason poll, Mercer rebounded from a tough loss at Furman to take down VMI the Keydets 38-3 in Macon. Mercer, who is receiving votes in the FCS Top 25, was led by SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week Devron Harper (217 all-purpose yards including punt return and receiving touchdowns).

KEY STATS (vs. Mercer)

- With his 40-yard reception in the second quarter, receiver Chance Knox now has over 2,000 career all-purpose yards
- Kicker Caden Beck kicks a career-high 46-yard field goal in the third quarter
- Receiver VJ Johnson ties a career-high four grabs on the day
- On the defensive side, senior Evan Eller finishes with 12.0 tackles, Josh Knapp with 11.0

SCOUTING THE BULLDOGS – Although The Citadel is in search of its first win, the Bulldogs had a strong showing at No. 4/5-ranked Furman. The Paladins, who are 4-1 with their lone loss coming at South Carolina, averaged 38.0 points per game at the FCS level entering last weekend, and topped the Mercer Bears 38-14 on September 23. Among the league, The Citadel ranks last in offense (8.0 ppg) and defense (41.0), averaging just 126.0 yards per game in the air while allowing 275.67 per game (223.7 on the ground). Graeson Underwood can run the ball, but has just two passing touchdowns and three interceptions.

A VMI Win over The Citadel would ...

- Snap a two-game skid in the series
- Be VMI's 12th win at The Citadel
- Be the Keydets' first road win of the 2023 season

THE SERIES – The Citadel, who leads the all-time series 44-32-2, enters Saturday having won two straight, including a nailbiter in 2022 and a nine-point win the last time the teams met in Charleston. Prior to 2021, the Keydets had won two in a row, collecting a 34-21 victory at The Citadel in 2019. Last year,

VMI's 2023 Record When ...

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

Chance Knox was the story of the game offensively, registering a career-high 194 all-purpose yards (9 catches, 114 yards and a TD), 80 yards on kickoffs).

HOW TO FOLLOW

TV/STREAMING: Saturday's game will be broadcast on ESPN+ and on local television via the Nexstar network (WWCW Lynchburg/Roanoke). Pete Yanity will have the play-by-play, with Jared Singleton on the color.

VMI RADIO NETWORK: WWZW – A free audio broadcast of the game is available at 3wzfm.com. Wade Branner will handle the play-by-play and Rick Cruze will be the analyst.

- NOTING THE KEYDETS -

TAKE A CHANCE – Chance Knox continues to add to his notable career as a Keydet, surpassing 2,000 all-purpose yards for his career with 54 yards receiving against mercer. Knox, who ranks 10th in the league in receiving yards, is tied for fifth among league players with 23 catches on the season (259 yards, 11.3 avg).

Head Coach Danny Rocco - First Season

On December 3, 2022, Danny Rocco was named VMI's 33rd head football coach.

"Coach Rocco has had a great deal of success at every level leading his teams both on and off the field," stated Major General Cedric T. Wins. "He is clearly someone who believes in developing his players into leaders of character in perfect alignment with VMI's mission. I look forward to the future success that our cadet-athletes will enjoy from his leadership."

"It is a privilege to welcome Danny to Lexington," Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Jim Miller said. "I have seen his success firsthand, and believe he will bring that winning tradition with him here to VMI."

"It's an honor to be here, it's a great opportunity for me and my family," Rocco said. "I'm very appreciative of General Wins and his support and Jim Miller, who I worked for at Richmond. I'm at an Institution that has a great history and a proud history. They play in a really good conference, I'm familiar with the SoCon having been an FCS Head Coach for 16 seasons. First and foremost, I want to get to meet the cadet-athletes, I want to be able to get to know them and make a positive impact in their lives as we work together to win football games and adhere to our core values."

Rocco brings a decorated coaching history with him to Lexington, with experience at the FBS and FCS level, as well as the NFL. A six-time national coach of the year finalist, Rocco has won seven conference championships (4 Big South, 3 CAA) in his 16 years at the helm. Some of Rocco's other accolades include: five FCS playoff appearances, four Big South Conference Championships, three Colonial Athletic Association Championships, 10 top-25 finishes and 12 seasons with seven or more wins while coaching 42 All-Americans.

Much of Rocco's success has come in the state of Virginia, where he served as the head coach for Liberty from 2006-2011, before taking over at the University of Richmond in 2012. After a successful stint at Richmond in which he led the Spiders to three straight NCAA FCS Playoff appearances (Second Round, Semifinal, Quarterfinal), Rocco would take over at the University of Delaware, coaching the Blue Hens to the 2020 FCS Semifinal game. Most recently, Rocco served as a Defensive Senior Analyst for Penn State, helping the Nittany Lions to a 10-2 regular season record last year (2022).

Some of Rocco's stops as an assistant included the New York Jets, University of Virginia, University of Maryland and the University of Texas. Rocco got his coaching start at the place he finished his playing career – Wake Forest. Playing his first two years at Penn State, Rocco transferred to Wake Forest, graduating in 1984 with a bachelor's degree in speech communication and rhetoric and adding a master's degree in 1987 (education & counseling).

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Rocco and his wife Julie reside on post and are the proud parents of David and Amy. David currently serves as an offensive analyst at Penn State.



2023 Southern Conference Standings

	Conf.	Overall
Western Carolina	3-0	5-1
Furman	2-0	4-1
Chattanooga	3-1	4-2
Mercer	2-1	4-2
Samford	2-2	3-3
VMI	1-1	2-3
ETSU	0-2	1-4
The Citadel	0-3	0-6
Wofford	0-3	0-6

This Week's Games

Saturday, Oct. 14:

Furman at Samford - 1:00 pm - ESPN+
 VMI at The Citadel - 1:00 pm - ESPN+
 Wofford at ETSU - 3:30 pm - ESPN+
 Chattanooga at Mercer - 4:00 pm - ESPN+

EVERYDAY ELLER – Eller has been a key component to the VMI defense since his sophomore campaign. Last season, the Roanoke native was second only to Stone Snyder for tackles among SoCon players, ranking 33rd in the FCS with an average of 9.0 per game (99 tackles on the season). This year, Eller is thriving in a hybrid linebacker/safety role, pacing the SoCon in tackles with 55 (11.0 per game), ranking 11th in the nation in that category.

LEADERSHIP ON ALL FRONTS –

Each year, the VMI Keydet Club awards the Three-Legged Stool, given to the Cadet that best exemplifies the “three legs” of the stool – academics, leadership and athletics. This past week, Collin Ironside was named as one three nominees for the prestigious award (AJ Stamos/Lacrosse, Kate Taylor/Swim & Dive).

KEYDET CAREERS

- Against Bucknell, Rashad Raymond surpassed the 1,000-yard mark on the ground for his career and has 1,139 entering The Citadel contest
 - With five catches in the win over Wofford, Chance Knox moved into 8th

place in program history. Currently, Knox has 132 receptions (17th, FCS) and 1,233 receiving yards

- Knox's career average of 4.68 receptions per game is 7th among FCS players and his 6.2 career average on punt returns is 24th
- Evan Eller's 170.0 tackles is 60th among active FCS players for their careers, with his 94.0 assisted tackles ranking 34th
- Christian Dunn's 6.19 tackles per game is 50th in the FCS; Evan Eller's 99.0 assisted tackles is 36th and his total tackles (183.0) is 57th
- Alex Oliver's average of 1.0 passes defended per game is 1st among active FCS players, ranking 30th across all levels of NCAA Football (FBS, FCS, DII, DIII)
- Oliver's 35 passes defended ranks 4th in the FCS and 29th across all of NCAA Football
- Culbreath's season average of 45.0 yards per punt is 7th in the FCS, while his career totals of 7,241 punt yards and 43.1 punt average ranks seventh and third, respectively, among active FCS punters

HOW THEY RANK – Through five games, discipline has been the calling card of VMI, currently tied for 5th in the country with an average of just 4.0 penalties per game and 14th in fewest penalty yards per game (39.80).

The Keydet defense ranks in the top 50 in multiple categories nationally including:

- 18th in Passing yards allowed, holding teams to 172.6 ypg
- T-22nd in Red Zone defense (0.75 points per trip)
- T-46th in Scoring defense (25.0 ppg)

Chance Knox has been a consistent weapon in the punt return game, ranking 26th in the country with 8.6 yards per return. Against Bucknell, Knox had a 63-yards return for a touchdown that was nullified by a late flag for holding. Eric Rankin (7.6 tpg) and Josh Knapp (7.4 tpg) rank 9th and 10th in the SoCon in Tackles per game, with Rankin's 5.5 tackles for loss being 4th. Rashad Raymond (211 yards) and Hunter Rice (197) are 10th and 12th in rushing in the SoCon.

AIDAN'S EMERGENCE – Aidan Twombly has emerged as a deep threat from the tight end spot for Keydet quarterbacks this season, ranking second on the team

2023 Keydet Honors

Stats Perform National Special Teams Player of the Week and SoCon Sp. Teams Player of the Week (9/25)
 P/K ... Jack Culbreath

SoCon Defensive Player of the Week (9/4)
 CB ... Alex Oliver

TALE OF THE TAPE



10.4	Scoring Average	8.0
25.0	Points Allowed/Gm.	41.0
91.8	Rushing Avg.	108.7
173.8	Passing Avg.	126.0
265.6	Total Offense Avg.	234.7
28:23	Time of Possession	26:33
193.8	Rushing Defense Avg.	223.7
172.6	Passing Defense Avg.	275.6
366.4	Total Defense Avg.	499.3
1	Interceptions Made	5
7	Sacks By	3
8-3	Fumbles-Lost	9-5
26.8%	3rd Down Conv.	28.5%
38.4%	Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	49.1%
25.0%	4th Down Conv.	30.7%
83.3%	Opp. 4th Down Conv.	69.2%
19.8	Kick Return Average	17.5
8.2	Punt Return Average	0.0

SoCon Coaches' Preseason Poll

T1. Furman (5)	59
T1. Samford (4)	59
3. Mercer	49
4. Chattanooga	47
5. Western Carolina	35
6. ETSU	29
7. Wofford	22
8. The Citadel	14
9. VMI	10

NOTING THE KEYDETS (Continued)

in receptions (14) and yards (192), with two scores. Against Davidson, Twombly had two huge third-down receptions, including a 3rd-and-20 catch for 28 yards, ultimately helping set up the game-winning score. Against Bucknell, Twombly had four receptions for 66 yards and a score. Twombly hauled in his second touchdown of the season in the win over Wofford.

A SPECIAL EFFORT - VMI punter Jack Culbreath was named the Stats Perform FedEx Ground National Special Teams Player of the Week as well as the Southern Conference Player of the Week after punting the ball nine times for an average of 47.9 yards, pinning the Terriers inside the 20 five times, with a sixth going out at the 21-yard line. Despite the rainy conditions, Culbreath was a perfect three-for-three on holds (two extra points, one field goal). Additionally, the Charlottesville native continued to handle kickoff duties for VMI, totaling 186 yards on four kickoffs. On the season, Culbreath is 7th in the country with an average of 45.0 yards per punt.

- NON-CONFERENCE NOTES -

AGENT ZERO – After scoring in the season-opener at Wake Forest last year, Grant Swinehart wasted no time making an impact in 2023, taking in a 14-yard run in the second quarter against Davidson. Prior to the season, Swinehart was awarded the number 0 which is a new tradition started by Coach Rocco at VMI. Each year, number zero will be given to the captain of the special teams - someone who embodies what it means to be a cadet-athlete: hard work, dedication, sacrifice and selflessness.

VICTORIOUS VALERIAN – VJ Johnson had just one catch against Davidson, but it proved to be the biggest one of the game, as the redshirt junior took a 25-yard reception to the house to give VMI its game-winning score. Johnson picked up where he left off in week two, hauling in an 18-yard touchdown against Bucknell.

RINGING IN ROCCO – Head Coach Danny Rocco got off to a great start in his VMI debut as the Keydets held on for a 12-7 win over Davidson. The victory gave Rocco wins at four FCS Programs (Liberty, Richmond, Delaware, VMI) and is one of just two active coaches to have that distinction (Tom Masella). Rocco inherited teams that went a combined 9-35, and 2-26 in conference play before he took over.



CADET LEADERSHIP – A military school, VMI Football boasts a pair of ROTC leaders this season, as Mark Shelton (running back) is the Regimental Commander and long snapper Justin Peterson a Battalion Commander. Shelton's position is the leader of the Corps, and is the highest military/ROTC position a cadet can achieve.



ALL-STAR ALEX – Helping clinch the game with an interception and 6.0 tackles Alex Oliver was named the Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Week after the season-opening win against Davidson. Earning All-SoCon First Team in 2022, Oliver ranks second among active FCS players in passes defended (34) and passes defender per game (1.06), ranking 22nd and 23rd in all of NCAA Football in those respective categories. Last year, Oliver led the Keydets in passes defended (13), pass break ups (10) and interceptions (3). Currently, Oliver and fellow secondary-mate Josh Knapp are tied for fourth with 21.0 tackles apiece.

DOMINANT DEFENSE – Led by Eric Rankin (14.0 tackles) and Evan Eller (11.0 tackles), the VMI defense proved to be dominant against Davidson, holding one of 2022's top offenses to just 184 total yards. Christian Dunn totaled 8.0 tackles, two quarterback hurries and a pass break up, while Noel Innocent had 2.0 tackles and a break up. The Keydets enter week three 8th in the FCS in scoring defense (14.0) and tied for seventh in first downs allowed (29).

- PRESEASON NOTES -

ROCCO'S RESUME – The biggest storyline of the VMI Football offseason was the hiring of Danny Rocco as its 33rd head football coach (December 3). Rocco has a very decorated coaching resume, with stops at the NFL, FBS and FCS levels. Much of Rocco's success has come at the FCS level and in the state of Virginia, where he served as the head coach for Liberty from 2006-2011 before taking over at the University of Richmond in 2012. After a successful stint at Richmond in which he led the Spiders to three straight NCAA FCS Playoff appearances (Second Round, Semifinal, Quarterfinal), Rocco would take over at the University of Delaware, coaching the Blue Hens to the 2020 FCS Semifinal game. Most recently, Rocco served as a Defensive Senior Analyst for Penn State, helping the Nittany Lions to a 10-2 regular season record last year.

ROCCO'S RAPID SUCCESS – Much of Rocco's accolades can be attributed to his fast starts when taking over programs. At Liberty, Rocco inherited a 1-10 Flames team that would go 6-5 in his first year to earn Big South Coach of the Year honors, following that up with four straight seasons in which Liberty finished first or tied for first in the conference. At Richmond, Rocco duplicated his quick success, taking a 3-8 (0-8 CAA) Spiders team to an 8-3, 6-2 CAA finish in his first year, earning a share of the conference title. In his first year at Delaware, Rocco flipped a 4-7 Blue Hens squad to 7-4, earning two FCS Playoff appearances in the next three seasons, including the 2020 Semifinal run.

PRESEASON NOTES (Continued)

Season before Rocco

2005, Liberty: 1-10, 0-4
2011 Richmond: 3-8, 0-8
2016 Delaware: 4-7, 2-6
2022, VMI: 1-10, 0-8

Rocco's first season

2006, Liberty: 6-5, 2-2
2012 Richmond: 8-3, 6-2
2017 Delaware: 7-4, 5-3
2023, VMI:

MIXING IT UP – With a new coach, comes some new strategies. VMI will shift to more of a 3-4 base on defense and on offense will retain air raid principles, but entertain more of a pass-run balance. Expect the Keydets to show multiple looks on defense and change the tempo up on offense.

WHAT'S RETURNING – Although injuries hampered many players' seasons last year, 11 starters return for VMI. On defense, Geoffrey Speight, Christian Dunn, Evan Eller, Tahj Summey, Alex Oliver and Josh Knapp figured to play key roles for the Keydets. On offense, Collin Ironside will be under center, with linemen like Will Reid and Austin Doyle providing protection. On the ground, Rashad Raymond and Hunter Rice return, while Chance Knox and Isaiah Lemmond should be key targets in the passing game. On the coaching staff, offensive coordinator Patrick Ashford returns for his second season as play caller, JB Lageman is back manning the defensive line and Greg Wood is now serving as the Special Teams Coordinator.

NEW HIRES – On the coaching staff, Bryan Stinespring (Associate Head Coach/OL), Rich Yahner (Defensive Coordinator/LB's), Pat Brown (Corners), AJ Hampton (Receivers), Keith Jones (Running Backs), Charles Mack (Safeties) and Greg Meyer (Tight Ends) are all new faces, with Dae'lun Darien serving as defensive quality control and Dan Madden as the director of football operations.

SOCON SLATE – After a tough 2022, the Keydets were picked to finish last in both the SoCon Coaches and Media Polls. The league did select four Keydets to their preseason All-SoCon teams, however, as Jack Culbreath (punter) and Alex Oliver (DB) were named first team, and Evan Eller (LB) and Tyriq Poindexter (OL) named second team.

OH CAPTAIN MY CAPTAIN – Among the returnees, Coach Rocco has good veteran leadership as Collin Ironside (QB – R-Junior) Chance Knox (WR -Senior) and Will Reid (OL – R-Junior) were named offensive captains and Evan Eller (LB - Senior), Alex Oliver (DB – Senior) and Josh Knapp (S – Senior) were named captains of the defensive unit.

IRONING HIS WAY – Although injuries forced VMI to start four quarterbacks last year, Collin Ironside had won the starting job by week four of last year, but suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in his first start. Ironside, who helped lead the Keydets to victories in 2021 (appearing in seven games), nearly led VMI to a comeback win against Cornell last year, going 16-for-18 with a rushing and passing touchdown. On the year, Ironside was 38-for-60 with three passing and two rushing touchdowns, throwing two picks. One of his touchdowns came in the season opener at No. 22 Wake Forest, hitting Grant Swinehart for a 34-yard gainer. This season, the redshirt junior from Knoxville will look to benefit from a full spring and fall camp with the No. 1's.

KEYDET COVERAGE – Led by Alex Oliver (10 PBU, 13 passes defended, three interceptions), the secondary of VMI should be a strength, especially with the return of Josh Knapp. Before getting injured in week four, Knapp posted a career day against Bucknell, recording two interceptions in the 10-point win. The Abingdon, Maryland, native secured the first interception of his career on Bucknell's first offensive drive, laying out for his second pick in the third quarter. Oliver, meanwhile, started every game and his 10 break ups ranked 24th in FCS Football, leading to First Team All-SoCon honors. Additionally, Tahj Summey and Shamus Jones gained valuable experience in 2022, recording 52.0 and 45.0 tackles, respectively – each with two break ups and a pick.

BALL-CARRIER BALANCE – Despite the loss of Korey Bridy, the Keydets have a lot of depth in the backfield, led by Rashad Raymond, Hunter Rice and Grant Swinehart. Rice pounded in two touchdowns and had a net of 235 yards (3.7 per carry), while Raymond averaged 4.3 yards per carry and scored a touchdown. Despite getting just 11 carries, Swinehart snagged a 34-yard reception for a touchdown at No. 22 Wake Forest last season.

JACK IS BACK – Despite losing its long snapper and field goal kicker, VMI Special Teams still boasts All-American Jack Culbreath. Culbreath, a Charlottesville native, earned All-American recognition in each of the last two seasons, and is a BlueBloods Preseason Third Team All-American in 2023. As a junior, Culbreath's average of 43.6 yards per kick ranked 9th in all of FCS, earning him All-SoCon Second Team honors. Averaging 60.3 yards in the kickoff game, Culbreath hit a career-high 60-yard punt against Wofford and set career-highs for the season with 15 fair catches and five touchbacks.

STATS AMONG THE SOCON – Despite being on the field a lot, the VMI pass defense ranked a respectable fifth among SoCon teams, allowing 222 yards per game in the air. Chance Knox, who handled much of the punt returning duties last season, helped the Keydets rank fourth in that category a season ago. The Keydets hope to retain their discipline, committing just 54 penalties last year (3rd, SoCon, 27th FCS).

FANTASTIC FRESHMEN – The aforementioned Geoffrey Speight (DL) and Isaiah Lemmond (WR) proved they belonged from week one last season, earning All-SoCon honors in 2022. Speight totaled 28.0 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry, while Lemmond was second among Keydet receivers in yards (493) and yards per catch (15.62). Entering the season, VMI has 45 true freshmen and 14 redshirt freshmen.

When Was The Last Time...

...A punt was returned for a touchdown?

VMI: Michael Rainey-Wiles vs. Lock Haven, 52 yds., Sept. 4, 2010
Opp: Devron Harper (Mercer), 73 yds., Sept. 30, 2023

...A kickoff was returned for a touchdown?

VMI: Jahleel Porter vs. UT-Chat., 98 yds., Oct. 15, 2022
Opp: Julian Gray (NC State), 82 yds., Sept. 16, 2023

...An interception was returned for a touchdown?

VMI: Alex Oliver at Mercer, 39 yds., Oct. 16, 2021
Opp: Robert Kennedy (NC State), 30 yds, Sept. 16, 2023

...A blocked punt was recovered and returned for a touchdown?

VMI: Elijah Quamiley vs. The Citadel (20 yds.), Nov. 19, 2022
Opp: Cody Thompson (Toledo), Sept. 1, 2018

...A safety was recorded?

VMI: vs. Cornell - Eric Weaver, TFL on RB, Sept. 17, 2022
Opp: Tusculum - Team (Sacked R. Udinski); Nov. 3, 2018

...A team's own fumble was recovered for a touchdown?

VMI: Chaz Jones vs. Delaware State, Sept. 3, 2011
Opp: JoJo Natson (Akron), Sept. 3, 2016

...An opponent's fumble was recovered, returned for a TD?

VMI: Jarrod Richmond vs. Chattanooga (64 yds.), Nov. 23, 2019
Opp: Rodney Wright (ETSU), 86 yds., Oct. 8, 2022

...Teammates both rushed for 100 yards?

VMI: Rashad Raymond (163 yards) and Hunter Rice (112 yards) vs. Mercer, Oct. 16, 2021
Opp: Ailym Ford (172 yards) and Gino Appleberry (109 yards), Chattanooga, Oct. 22, 2022

...A quarterback had both 100 yards passing and rushing?

VMI: Kyle Hughes, 133 yards rushing and 141 yards passing vs. Richmond, Sept. 26, 2009
Opp: Jaylan Adams (The Citadel), 188 yards rushing and 114 yards passing, Oct. 2, 2021

...An individual rushed for 200 yards?

VMI: Alex Ramsey, 207 yards, vs. Wofford, Sept. 28, 2019
Opp: K. Hopkins, Jr., 208 yards, Army, Nov. 16, 2019

...A quarterback passed for 300-400 yards?

VMI: Seth Morgan vs. Chattanooga, 306 yds., Oct. 9, 2021
Opp: Carlos Davis (W.Carolina), 336 yds., Oct. 1, 2022

...A quarterback passed for 400 or more yards?

VMI: Seth Morgan vs. Furman, 415 yds., Nov. 13, 2021
Opp: Liam Welch (SAM), 570 yds., Mar. 20, 2021

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

VMI: Egypt Nelson vs. NC State, 107 yds, Sept. 16, 2023
Opp: Damian Harris (Bucknell), 101 yds, Sept. 9, 2023

...An individual rushed for 100 yards and netted 100 yards receiving?

VMI: Sean Mizzer, 106 yards rushing, 104 yards receiving, vs. Western Carolina, Nov. 2, 2002
Opp: D. Spencer (W.Carolina) 137 yds rushing, 110 yds rcvg; Nov. 2, 2019

...An individual intercepted 3 passes in a game?

VMI: Christian Kelly vs. Charleston Southern, Oct. 21, 2006
Opp: Montre Miller (Kent State), Sept. 11, 2021

...An individual rushed for 3 or more touchdowns in a game?

VMI: Hunter Rice vs. Mercer, 3, October 16, 2021
Opp: Jacob Saylor (ETSU), 3, Oct. 8, 2022

...An individual threw 4 or more touchdowns in a game?

VMI: Seth Morgan vs. Wofford, 4, Mar. 27, 2021
Opp: Michael Hiers (Samford), 4, Nov. 5, 2022

...An individual caught 3 touchdown passes in a game?

VMI: Michael Jackson vs. Furman, Nov. 13, 2021
Opp: Montrell Washington (Samford), 3, Mar. 20, 2021

...A punt was blocked?

VMI: Julio DaSilva vs. Wofford, Sept. 23, 2023
Opp: Jack Goheen (Bucknell), Sept. 9, 2023

...A defensive 2-pt conversion was scored?

VMI: Bryant Youngblood vs. Stony Brook, Nov. 15, 2008

...A blocked field goal was returned for a touchdown?

VMI: Robert Mason, 69 yards, vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 8, 2003

...A shutout was recorded?

VMI: vs. Saint Francis (49-0), Sept. 6, 2008
Opponent: at Robert Morris (23-0), Sept. 23, 2017

Keydet Career Highs

Passing Yards

#2 Collin Ironside.....275, 9/17/22 vs. Cornell
#1 Collin Shannon.....176, 9/16/23 at NC State
#24 Hunter Rice.....3, 9/23/2023 vs. Wofford

Completions

#2 Collin Ironside.....27, 9/18/21 at Cornell
#1 Collin Shannon.....15, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga
#24 Hunter Rice.....1, 9/23/2023 vs. Wofford

Attempts

#2 Collin Ironside.....42, 9/18/21 at Cornell
#1 Collin Shannon.....24, 9/16/23 at NC State
#24 Hunter Rice.....1, 9/23/2023 vs. Wofford

Touchdowns

#2 Collin Ironside.....2 (3x), last 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#1 Collin Shannon.....1, 9/16/23 at NC State
#24 Hunter Rice.....1, 9/23/2023 vs. Wofford

Longest Completion

#2 Collin Ironside.....63, 9/17/22 vs. Cornell
#1 Collin Shannon.....44, 9/16/23 at NC State
#24 Hunter Rice.....3, 9/23/2023 vs. Wofford

Rushing Yards

#2 Collin Ironside.....25, 11/6/21 at ETSU
#5 Rashad Raymond.....163, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....52, 9/4/21 vs. Davidson
#43 Mark Shelton.....31, 11/20/21 vs. Western Carolina
#6 Chance Knox.....65, 4/24/21 at James Madison
#24 Hunter Rice.....112, (2x) last vs. Bucknell 9/10/22

Attempts (Min. 2 attempts)

#5 Rashad Raymond.....20, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....7 (2x), last 4/3/21 vs. ETSU
#2 Collin Ironside.....12, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#6 Chance Knox.....4, 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#24 Hunter Rice.....27, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#43 Mark Shelton.....8, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#21 Luke Schalow.....3, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#1 Collin Shannon.....10, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga

Touchdowns

#22 Grant Swinehart.....1 (4x), last 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#5 Rashad Raymond.....1(3x), last 9/10/22 vs. Bucknell
#24 Hunter Rice.....3, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#2 Collin Ironside.....1 (3x), 10/1/22 at Western Carolina
#1 Collin Shannon.....1, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga

Longest Rush (Min. 5 yds.)

#2 Collin Ironside.....18, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#5 Rashad Raymond.....80, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....52, 9/4/21 vs. Davidson
#43 Mark Shelton.....28, 11/20/21 vs. Western Carolina
#6 Chance Knox.....63, 4/24/21 at James Madison
#24 Hunter Rice.....51, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#1 Collin Shannon.....8, 9/16/23 at NC State

Receiving

Yards (Min. 5 yards)

#7 Aidan Twombly.....89, 11/13/21 at Furman
#5 Rashad Raymond.....57, 2/27/21 vs. Furman
#6 Chance Knox.....114, 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#9 Julio DaSilva.....38, 3/6/21 at Western Carolina
#19 VJ Johnson.....43, 9/30/23 at Mercer
#43 Mark Shelton.....18, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....42, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#3 Ivan Thorpe.....28, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....80, 9/17/22 vs. Cornell
#24 Hunter Rice.....17, 11/5/22 at Samford
#12 Travis Buchanan.....5, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga

Receptions (Minimum 2 catches)

#7 Aidan Twombly.....8, 11/20/21 vs. Western Carolina
#6 Chance Knox.....9 (2x), last 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#9 Julio DaSilva.....2 (4x), last 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#5 Rashad Raymond.....5 (3x), last 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#43 Mark Shelton.....2, 10/16/21 at Mercer

#19 VJ Johnson.....5, 9/30/23 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....2, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#3 Ivan Thorpe.....3 (2x), last 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#15 Egypt Nelson.....3, 9/16/23 at NC State
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....6 (3x), 11/5/22 at Samford

Touchdowns

#6 Chance Knox.....1 (5x), last 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#7 Aidan Twombly.....1 (4x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#22 Grant Swinehart.....1, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....1, 11/12/22 at Wofford
#19 VJ Johnson.....1 (2x), 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#15 Egypt Nelson.....1, 9/16/23 at NC State

Longest Reception (Min. 10 yds)

#7 Aidan Twombly.....38, 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#5 Rashad Raymond.....57, 2/27/21 vs. Furman
#6 Chance Knox.....46, 10/1/22 at Western Carolina
#9 Julio DaSilva.....34, 3/6/21 at Western Carolina
#19 VJ Johnson.....32, 9/1/21 at Kent State
#43 Mark Shelton.....14, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#22 Grant Swinehart.....34, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....63, 9/17/22 vs. Cornell
#24 Hunter Rice.....17, 11/5/22 at Samford
#3 Ivan Thorpe.....17 (2x), last 9/30/23 at Mercer
#15 Egypt Nelson.....44, 9/16/23 at NC State

All-Purpose Yards

#6 Chance Knox.....194, 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#5 Rashad Raymond.....163, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#7 Aidan Twombly.....89, 11/13/21 at Furman
#24 Hunter Rice.....112 (2x), last 9/10/22 vs. Bucknell
#1 Alex Oliver.....44, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#2 Evan Eller.....151, 11/20/21 vs. Western Carolina
#22 Grant Swinehart.....58, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....94, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga
#16 Jahleel Porter.....112, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga
#19 VJ Johnson.....43 (2x), last 9/30/23 at Mercer
#3 Ivan Thorpe.....123, 9/30/23 at Mercer
#15 Egypt Nelson.....107, 9/16/23 at NC State
Several omitted with fewer than 20 yds

Kicking

Field Goals Made

#98 Caden Beck.....1 (2x), last 9/30/23 at Mercer

Field Goals Attempted

#98 Caden Beck.....2, 9/9/23 at Bucknell

Points Scored

#98 Caden Beck.....5, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford

Longest Field Goal

#98 Caden Beck.....46, 9/30/23 at Mercer

Punting

Punts

#41 Jack Culbreath.....9, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#2 Collin Ironside.....1, 9/1/21 at Kent State

Longest Punt

#41 Jack Culbreath.....60 (2x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford

Touchdowns Scored

#6 Chance Knox.....1(6x), last 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#22 Grant Swinehart.....1 (5x), last 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#5 Rashad Raymond.....1 (4x), last 9/10/22 vs. Bucknell
#24 Hunter Rice.....3, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#2 Collin Ironside.....1 (3x), 10/1/22 at Western Carolina
#1 Alex Oliver.....1, 10/16/21 at Mercer
#7 Aidan Twombly.....1 (4x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#1 Collin Shannon.....1, 10/15/22 at Chattanooga
#8 Isaiah Lemmond.....1, 11/12/22 at Wofford
#19 VJ Johnson.....1 (2x), last 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#15 Egypt Nelson.....1, 9/16/23 at NC State

Tackles (min. 2 tackles)

#4 Christian Dunn.....9 (2x), last 11/12/22 at Wofford
#1 Alex Oliver.....11, 11/12/22 at Wofford
#17 Josh Knapp.....12, 10/30/21 vs. Samford
#22 Grant Swinehart.....3, 3/13/21 vs. Mercer
#8 Austin White.....8, 9/25/21 vs. Wofford
#2 Evan Eller.....17, 11/5/22 at Samford
#11 Jason Johnson.....5, 9/2/23 vs. Davidson
#20 Shamus Jones.....11, 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#44 Dorian Starnes.....4, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#24 Hunter Rice.....3, 9/18/21 at Cornell
#7 Noel Innocent.....6, 9/16/23 at NC State
#16 Jahleel Porter.....7, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#5 Eric Rankin.....14, 9/3/23 vs. Davidson
#3 Tahj Summey.....11, 11/12/22 at Wofford
#36 Elijah Quamiley.....3 (2x), last 10/15/22 at Chattanooga
#97 Geoffrey Speight.....7, 10/29/22 vs. Cornell
#50 Tyler Swann.....4, 9/17/22 vs. Cornell
#18 Stephen Dean III.....5, 9/16/23 at NC State
#51 Terrell Jackson.....3 (2x), last 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#21 Jabari Haslem.....4 (2x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#47 Tyrel Dobson.....5, 9/16/23 at NC State
#26 Kouri Crump.....2, 9/16/23 at NC State
#46 John Covert.....2 (2x), last 9/30/23 at Mercer
#94 Hunter Robbins.....3, 9/23/23 at Wofford
#13 James Morris.....2, 9/30/23 at Mercer
#39 Camden Clinton.....2, 9/30/23 at Mercer
#91 Stephan Fowlkes.....2, 9/30/23 at Mercer
Several omitted with two tackles or fewer

Tackles-For-Loss

#4 Christian Dunn.....2.0 (2x), last 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#2 Evan Eller.....1.5 (3x), last 11/19/22 vs. The Citadel
#11 Jason Johnson.....1.0, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#20 Shamus Jones.....1.0, 10/8/22 vs. ETSU
#7 Noel Innocent.....1.0 (3x), last 9/16/23 at NC State
#1 Alex Oliver.....1.5, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#94 Hunter Robbins.....1.0 (2x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#17 Josh Knapp.....1.0 (3x), last 9/30/23 at Mercer
#97 Geoffrey Speight.....1.5 (3x), last 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#5 Eric Rankin.....2.0 (2x), last 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#8 Austin White.....1.0 (2x), last 9/16/23 at NC State
#44 Dorian Starnes.....3.5, 9/16/23 at NC State
#18 Stephen Dean III.....1.0, 10/22/22 vs. Furman
#3 Tahj Summey.....1.0, 11/12/22 at Wofford
#21 Jabari Haslem.....1.5, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#47 Tyrel Dobson.....0.5, 9/16/23 at NC State
#51 Terrell Jackson.....0.5, 9/16/23 at NC State
#50 Tyler Swann.....1.0, 9/30/23 at Mercer

Sacks

#4 Christian Dunn.....1.5, 10/22/22 vs. Furman
#2 Evan Eller.....1.0, 9/1/22 at Wake Forest
#5 Eric Rankin.....2.0, 10/1/22 at Western Carolina
#97 Geoffrey Speight.....1.5, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#11 Jason Johnson.....0.5, 9/9/23 at Bucknell
#44 Dorian Starnes.....1.0, 9/16/23 at NC State
#94 Hunter Robbins.....1.0, 9/23/23 vs. Wofford
#17 Josh Knapp.....1.0, 9/30/23 at Mercer

VMI Big Plays In 2023

Opp.	Yds.	Play	Player(s)	25-Yard Plus Plays By Game			25-Yard Plus Plays By Player		
				Opponent	Plays	Type	Player	Plays	Type
DAV	38	PASS	C.Ironside-A. Twombly	Davidson	3	Pass	C. Ironside	7	Pass
DAV	28	PASS	C.Ironside-A. Twombly	Bucknell	2	Pass	A. Twombly	3	Pass
DAV	25*	PASS*	C.Ironside-VJ Johnson		1	Kick return	VJ Johnson	1	Pass
BUCK	27	PASS	C.Ironside-C.Knox	NC State	2	Pass	C. Knox	2	Pass
BUCK	27*	PASS*	C.Ironside-A.Twombly	Wofford	1	Rush	I. Thorpe	2	Kick return
BUCK	50	Kick Return	Ivan Thorpe	Mercer	2	Pass	C. Shannon	2	Pass
NCST	44	PASS	C.Shannon-E.Nelson		1	Kick return	E. Nelson	2	Pass
NCST	41	PASS	C.Shannon-E.Nelson				H. Rice	1	Rush
WOF	27	RUSH	H. Rice				I. Lemmond	1	Pass
MER	40	PASS	C.Ironside-C.Knox						
MER	45	Kick Return	Ivan Thorpe						
MER	33	PASS	C.Ironside-I.Lemmond						

*- Play resulted in Touchdown

Long Plays By Type:		
Type	No.	TD
Pass	9	2
Rush	1	0
Kick returns	2	0
Punt returns	0	0
Interception returns	0	0
Fumble recovery	0	0
Totals	12	2

Keydet Game-By-Game Starters - 2023 Season

Offense

Opponent	WR(X)/OL	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR(H)	WR/TE	QB	RB/WR	WR(Z)
Davidson	Lemmond	Reid	Doyle	Holtz	Inge	Poindexter	Knox	Twombly	Ironside	Raymond	VJ Johnson
Bucknell	Lemmond	Reid	Doyle	Holtz	Inge	Poindexter	Knox	Twombly	Ironside	Raymond	VJ Johnson
NC State	Lemmond	Reid	Doyle	Holtz	Inge	Poindexter	McPhaul	Twombly	Shannon	Raymond	VJ Johnson
Wofford	Gast	Reid	Doyle	Holtz	Inge	Poindexter	Knox	Twombly	Ironside	Raymond	VJ Johnson
Mercer	Kocan	Reid	Doyle	Holtz	Inge	Poindexter	Knox	Twombly	Ironside	Raymond	Thorpe

Defense

Opponent	DE	NT	DE	OLB	ILB	ILB	OLB	CB	S	S	CB
Davidson	Speight	Jackson	Moore	Dunn	Rankin	J.Johnson	Eller	Innocent	Summey	Knapp	Oliver
Bucknell	Starnes	Jackson	Moore	Dunn	Rankin	J.Johnson	Eller	Innocent	Summey	Knapp	Oliver
NC State	Starnes	Jackson	Robbins	Dunn	Rankin	Haslem	Eller	Innocent	Summey	Knapp	Oliver
Wofford	Speight	Jackson	Starnes	Dunn	Rankin	Haslem	Eller	Innocent	Summey	Knapp	Oliver
Mercer	Speight	Jackson	Starnes	Dunn	Rankin	Haslem	Eller	Innocent	Summey	Knapp	Oliver

Two-Deep Listings

VMI Keydets

Offense

LT	70	Will Reid	6-4	315	R-Jr.
	56	Willie Dixon	6-4	220	R-Fr.
LG	73	Austin Doyle	6-6	305	R-Jr.
	69	Tristan Woodley	6-4	300	Fr.
C	68	Cole Holtz	6-2	240	R-Jr.
	63	Trey Reiter	6-0	290	R-Fr.
RG	55	Tommy Inge	6-3	310	R-So.
	62	Andrew Kocan	6-4	290	Fr.
RT	77	Tyriq Poindexter	6-5	325	R-So.
	78	Ben George	6-4	290	R-Jr.
X	8	Isaiah Lemmond	6-0	195	So.
	9	Julio Dasilva	6-1	180	Sr.
H	6	Chance Knox	5-10	180	Sr.
	13	Tyson Gast	5-11	160	Fr.
TE/Y	7	Aidan Twombly	6-4	225	Sr.
	88	Morgan McPhaul	6-2	255	R-Fr.
Z	19	VJ Johnson	5-10	165	R-Jr.
	15	Egypt Nelson	6-3	195	Fr.
T/RB	5	Rashad Raymond	5-11	210	R-Jr.
	24	Hunter Rice	6-0	225	Jr.
QB	2	Collin Ironside	6-2	205	R-Jr.
	1	Collin Shannon	6-1	200	R-Fr.

Defense

DE	44	Dorien Starnes	6-2	260	Jr.
	91	Stephan Fowlkes	6-4	240	Fr.
NOSE	51	Terrell Jackson	6-1	300	Jr.
	50	Tyler Swann	6-1	280	So.
NT	85	Jacob Moore	6-2	280	Fr.
	94	Hunter Robbins	6-2	275	R-So.
OLB	4	Christian Dunn	6-4	230	R-Jr.
	24	D'Ahmon Artis	6-2	215	Fr.
ILB	5	Eric Rankin	6-3	215	Jr.
	47	Tyrel Dobson	5-11	195	So.
ILB	21	Jabari Haslem	6-1	220	R-So.
	18	Stephen Dean III	6-2	215	R-Fr.
OLB	2	Evan Eller	6-1	225	Sr.
	49	J. Hunter-Horton	6-1	195	R-So.
CB	7	Noel Innocent	6-1	170	Jr.
	8	Austin White	5-11	190	Sr.
S	3	Tahj Summey	6-0	195	R-Jr.
	26	Kouri Crump	6-3	195	R-Fr.
S	17	Josh Knapp	6-3	215	Sr.
	20	Shamus Jones	6-3	210	Jr.
CB	1	Alex Oliver	6-0	180	Sr.
	13	JJ Morris	6-1	195	Fr.

Special Teams

K	98	Caden Beck	5-9	175	R-So.
	99	Ben Shrewsbury	6-2	190	Fr.
H	41	Jack Culbreath	6-4	235	Sr.
	60	Nathan Payne	6-3	235	R-So.
LS	29	Justin Peterson	5-11	205	R-Jr.
	60	Nathan Payne	6-3	235	R-So.
P	41	Jack Culbreath	6-4	235	Sr.
	99	Ben Shrewsbury	6-2	190	Fr.
PR	6	Chance Knox	5-10	180	Sr.
	5	Rashad Raymond	5-11	210	R-Jr.
KR	6	Chance Knox	5-10	180	Sr.
	5	Rashad Raymond	5-11	210	R-Jr.

The Citadel Bulldogs

Offense

LT	71	Cameron Moewe	6-4	250	Jr.
	75	Darwin Murillo	6-4	280	Fr.
LG	57	Mike Bartilucci	6-1	280	R-So.
	59	Alex Dure	6-2	295	So.
C	65	Sawyer Whitman	6-1	285	So.
	63	Nikko Rodriguez-Pena	6-1	285	Fr.
RG	70	Zach Blanchard	6-2	285	Jr.
	60	Walker Merritt	6-2	270	Jr.
RT	73	Ben Brockington	6-1	280	Sr.
	74	Ethan Goyette	6-3	245	Jr.
QB	18	Graeson Underwood	6-0	225	Jr.
	16	Varney Layman	6-1	192	R-So.
RB	27	Cooper Wallace	5-10	195	Jr.
	40	Johnny Crawford	5-8	180	So.
TE	84	Patrick McSweeney	6-4	240	Gr.
	47	Hi'Keem Elmore	5-10	265	Sr.
WR	19	Javonte Graves-Billips	5-11	185	R-So.
	12	Ricky Conway	5-10	180	Gr.
WR	7	Dervon Pesnell	6-4	205	Gr.
	5	Malachi Taylor	6-3	200	So.
WR	88	Tyler Cherry	6-1	195	Jr.
	82	Ha'Keem Monroe	6-3	185	R-Fr.

Defense

DE	94	Jerome Bass	6-1	250	Gr.
	20	Michael McDowell	6-1	215	Gr.
DT	92	KJ Pierce	6-1	310	Jr.
	96	Phillip Collins	5-11	265	R-So.
DT	79	Carson Arnold	6-3	230	R-Fr.
	93	Chris Iverson	6-0	285	R-So.
DE	37	DaVonyae Pettis	6-1	218	Fr.
	33	Jeremiah Holmes	6-3	220	Fr.
LB	43	Je'Mazin Roberts	6-2	240	R-Fr.
	48	Saul Diaz	6-3	230	Jr.
LB	2	Thomas Wyatt	6-3	220	R-So.
	0	Brian Horn	6-1	195	Gr.
CB	3	Melvin Ravenel	6-3	175	R-So.
	34	Bradlee Jones	6-0	170	Fr.
CB	4	Dominick Poole	6-0	175	Jr.
	22	JJ Hudson	5-11	185	So.
S	31	Cale Williams	6-0	195	So.
	8	Justin Preaster	6-3	200	Fr.
S	17	Carson Walter	6-0	204	Gr.
	23	Jabraivon Woodard	6-0	170	Fr.

Special Teams

K	99	Colby Kintner	6-2	210	Jr.
	90	James Platte	5-11	170	Jr.
P	90	James Platte	5-11	170	Jr.
	46	Jack Weil	6-0	180	Fr.
LS	41	Steele Judy	5-9	215	Sr.
	61	Zack Earle	6-0	210	Fr.
H	86	Jack McCall	5-8	165	So.
	90	James Platte	5-11	170	Jr.
PR	88	Tyler Cherry	6-1	195	Jr.
	4	Dominick Poole	6-0	175	Jr.
KR	21	Romello Jones	5-11	180	Fr.
	80	Landon Owens	6-2	195	R-So.

VMI Roster

No	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous)
0	Grant Swinehart	RB	R-Jr.	6-1	210	Bridgewater, Va. / Turner Ashby
1	Alex Oliver	DB	Sr.	6-0	180	Mechanicsville, Va. / Atlee
1	Collin Shannon	QB	R-Fr.	6-1	200	Sevierville, Tenn. / Sevier County
2	Evan Eller	LB	Sr.	6-1	225	Roanoke, Va. / Lord Botetourt
2	Collin Ironside	QB	R-Jr.	6-2	205	Knoxville, Tenn. / Bearden
3	Tahj Summey	DB	R-Jr.	6-0	195	Herndon, Va. / Westfield
3	Ivan Thorpe	WR	R-Fr.	5-10	170	Philadelphia, Pa. / Springside Chestnut Hill
4	Christian Dunn	LB	R-Jr.	6-4	230	Richmond, Va. / Benedictine
4	Destin Moore	WR	Fr.	5-11	170	Cairo, Ga. / Brookwood
5	Rashad Raymond	RB	R-Jr.	5-11	210	Newark, N.J. / Cinnaminson
5	Eric Rankin	LB	Jr.	6-3	215	Ashland, Va./ Atlee
6	Chance Knox	WR	Sr.	5-10	180	Charleston, W.Va. / Capital
7	Aidan Twombly	TE	Sr.	6-4	225	Waxhaw, N.C. / Marvin Ridge
7	Noel Innocent	DB	Jr.	6-1	170	Stafford, Va./ Colonial Forge
8	Isaiah Lemmond	WR	So.	6-0	195	Sterling, Va. / Broad Run
8	Austin White	DB	Sr.	5-11	190	Norfolk, Va. / Maury
9	Julio DaSilva	WR	Sr.	6-1	180	Philadelphia, Pa. / West Catholic
9	Steven Riveros	OLB	Fr.	5-11	210	Sterling, Va. / Potomac Falls
11	Trace Pedigo	WR	R-So.	6-4	205	Roanoke, Va. / Patrick Henry
11	Jason Johnson	LB	R-So.	6-2	220	Glen Allen, Va. / Glen Allen
12	Travis Buchanan	WR	R-Jr.	5-7	170	Duluth, Ga. / Northview
12	Malik Holmes	S	Fr.	5-10	180	Newton, Va. / King & Queen Central
13	Tyson Gast	WR	Fr.	5-11	160	Lakeland, Fla. / Lake Gibson
13	James Morris	DB	Fr.	6-1	195	Madison Heights, Va. / Amherst County
14	Noah Fathy	TE	Fr.	6-5	230	Marcus Hook, Pa. / Salesianum
14	EJ Wilborne	DB	Fr.	6-0	190	Fredericksburg, Va. / Riverbend
15	Egypt Nelson	WR	Fr.	6-3	195	Norfolk, Va. / Booker T. Washington
15	Louis English	DB	Fr.	6-2	175	Roanoke, Va. / William Fleming
16	Joe Comello	DB	R-Fr.	5-8	190	Olney, Md. / Our Lady of Good Counsel
16	Cade Cox	QB	Fr.	6-4	210	Chesapeake, Va. / Oscar Smith
17	Zahmarie White-Muhammad	WR	Fr.	6-0	167	Petersburg, Va. / Petersburg
17	Josh Knapp	DB	Sr.	6-3	215	Abingdon, Md. / Archbishop Curley
18	Stephen Dean III	LB	R-Fr.	6-2	215	Mineral, Va. / Louisa County
18	Miller Jay	QB	R-Fr.	6-3	195	Lexington, Va. / Rockbridge County
19	VJ Johnson	WR	R-Jr.	5-10	165	Virginia Beach, Va. / Catholic
19	Chandler Wilson	QB	Fr.	6-0	205	Knoxville, Tenn. / Carter
20	Shamus Jones	DB	Jr.	6-3	210	Chester, Va. / Thomas Dale
20	Garrett Via	RB	Fr.	6-0	195	Clifton Forge, Va. / Alleghany
21	Luke Schalow	RB	R-Fr.	5-10	205	Ashburn, Va. / Briar Woods
21	Jabari Haslem	LB	R-So.	6-1	220	Woodbridge, Va. / Woodbridge
23	Nic Land	FS	Fr.	6-4	190	Richmond, Va. / Benedictine
24	Hunter Rice	RB	Jr.	6-0	225	Daleville, Va. / Lord Botetourt
24	Dahmon Artis	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Henrico, Va. / Henrico
25	Ebenezer McCarthy	RB	R-Fr.	6-0	195	Charlottesville, Va. / Albemarle
25	Ayden Babich	SS	Fr.	6-1	190	Roanoke, Va. / Cave Spring
26	Kouri Crump	DB	R-Fr.	6-3	195	Charlotte, N.C. / William A. Hough
27	Dante Terrell	ATH	Fr.	6-1	200	Stafford, Va. / Brooke Point
28	Isaiah Grevious	S	Fr.	6-1	205	Charlottesville, Va. / Albemarle
29	Justin Peterson	LS	R-Jr.	5-11	205	Nokesville, Va. / Patriot
31	Ray Adames	DB	Fr.	6-1	180	Woodbridge, Va. / Musselman (W.Va.)
32	Jacob Griles	LB	R-Jr.	5-11	210	Chesterfield, Va. / Manchester
34	John Garbett	LB	Fr.	6-1	195	Richmond, Va. / Benedictine
35	Gavin Jones	LB	Fr.	6-2	210	Martinsburg, W.Va. / Spring Mills
36	Elijah Quamiley	DB	R-Jr.	5-10	190	Virginia Beach, Va. / Norfolk Academy
37	Logan Burnett	LB	Fr.	6-0	220	Amherst, Va. / Liberty Christian
38	Jason Cole	DB	R-Fr.	6-1	200	Suffolk, Va. / Kings Fork
39	Camden Clinton	LB	Fr.	6-2	215	Evington, Va. / Liberty Christian

VMI Roster

No	Player	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School (Previous)
40	Jake Liberatore	LB	R-Jr.	6-0	220	Richmond, Va. / Douglas Freeman
41	Jack Culbreath	K/P	Sr.	6-4	235	Charlottesville, Va. / Monticello
42	Jason Armstrong	WR	R-So.	6-0	210	Charlottesville, Va. / Monticello
42	De'Andre Robinson	DL	R-Fr.	6-2	235	Goochland, Va. / Goochland
43	Mark Shelton	RB	R-Jr.	5-10	187	Stafford, Va. / Mountain View
43	Henry Berling	LB	Fr.	6-2	220	Richmond, Va. / Benedictine
44	Dylan Poley	FB	Fr.	6-0	215	Grahamsville, N.Y. / Tri-Valley
44	Dorien Starnes	DL	Jr.	6-2	260	Waco, N.C. / Burns
46	John Covert	DL	R-So.	6-1	245	Winfield, W.Va. / Winfield
47	Tyrel Dobson	LB	So.	5-11	195	Radford, Va. / Radford
48	Bret McClung	LB	So.	6-1	230	Lexington, Va. / Rockbridge County
49	Jonathan Hunter-Horton	S	R-So.	6-1	195	Ashburn, Va. / Broad Run
50	Tyler Swann	DL	So.	6-1	280	Mableton, Ga. / Pebblebrook
51	Terrell Jackson	DL	Jr.	6-1	300	Washington, D.C. / The Bullis School
52	Bryce Burnett	OL	Fr.	6-1	280	College Park, Ga. / Woodward Academy
53	Jacob Rose	OL	Fr.	6-5	260	Mechanicsville, Va. / Atlee
54	Josh Zarriello	OL	Fr.	5-11	260	Lynchburg, Va. / Liberty Christian
55	Tommy Inge	OL	R-So.	6-3	310	Blackstone, Va. / Kenston Forest
56	William Dixon	OL	R-Fr.	6-4	220	Midlothian, Va. / James River
57	Chase Aslett	OL	Fr.	6-4	270	Chester, Va. / Thomas Dale
58	Elijah Bass	OL	Fr.	6-5	250	Lillington, N.C. / Western Hornett
60	Nathan Payne	LS/T	R-So.	6-3	235	Burke, Va. / Lake Braddock
61	Ryan McCarthy	DL	Fr.	6-4	240	Ashburn, Va. / Briar Woods
62	Andrew Kocan	OL	Fr.	6-4	290	Canonsburg, Pa. / Canon-McMillan
63	Trey Reiter	OL	R-Fr.	6-0	290	Daleville, Va. / Lord Botetourt
64	Ah'Daryall Hite	DL	Fr.	6-2	260	Hopewell, Va. / Hopewell
66	Melsy Bonilla	OL	R-Jr.	6-1	245	Charlotte, N.C. / Independence
68	Cole Holtz	OL	R-Jr.	6-2	240	Richmond, Va. / Douglas Freeman
69	Tristan Woodley	OL	Fr.	6-4	300	Virginia Beach, Va. / Bayside
70	Will Reid	OL	R-Jr.	6-4	315	Richmond, Va. / Douglas Freeman
71	Stephen Castle	OL	R-Jr.	6-5	280	Mechanicsville, Va. / Hanover
73	Austin Doyle	OL	R-Jr.	6-6	305	Lexington, Va. / Rockbridge County
74	Robbie Dunn	DL	Fr.	6-3	285	Midlothian, Va. / Trinity Episcopal
76	Jacob Ashley	OL	So.	6-6	295	Mount Pleasant, S.C. / Oceanside Collegiate
77	Tyriq Poindexter	OL	R-So.	6-5	325	Roanoke, Va. / William Fleming
78	Ben George	OL	R-Jr.	6-4	290	Clarksburg, W.Va. / Robert C. Byrd
79	James Jenkins	OL	Fr.	6-1	285	Kenbridge, Va. / Central Lunenburg
80	Nathan Lhotsky	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Bridgeport, W.Va. / Robert C. Byrd
82	Ryan Beckman	WR	Fr.	5-11	189	Nokesville, Va. / Brentsville District
83	Zach Pirtle	WR	Fr.	6-1	195	Charlottesville, Va. / The Covenant School
84	Ryan von Brandt	TE	So.	6-7	240	Middletown, Del. / Appoquinimink
85	Jacob Moore	DL	Fr.	6-2	280	Richmond, Va. / Benedictine
86	Jimmy Murphy	DL	R-Jr.	6-2	240	Golden Valley, Minn. / Hopkins
87	Shane Washko	TE	R-Jr.	6-4	225	Purcellville, Va. / Loudoun Valley
88	Morgan McPhaul	TE	R-Fr.	6-2	255	Kinston, N.C. / Arendell-Parrott Academy
89	Daveon Estes	WR	Fr.	6-2	175	Stafford, Va. / Brooke Point
90	Elijah Brooks	DL	Fr.	6-2	290	Louisa, Va. / Louisa County
91	Stephan Fowlkes	DL	Fr.	6-4	240	Richmond, Va. / Huguenot
92	Max Cullen	DL	R-So.	6-4	250	Richmond, Va. / Trinity
93	Luke Scott	DL	Fr.	6-4	245	Johnson City, Tenn. / Daniel Boone
94	Hunter Robbins	DL	R-So.	6-2	275	Mechanicsville, Va. / Hanover
95	Owen Ham	DL	R-Fr.	6-0	265	Mechanicsville, Va. / Atlee
96	Kaleb Priddy	DL	R-Jr.	6-0	225	Springboro, Ohio / Springboro
97	Geoffrey Speight	DL	So.	6-1	275	McDonough, Ga. / Union Grove
98	Caden Beck	K	R-So.	5-9	175	Greenville, S.C. / Powdersville
99	Ben Shrewsbury	K/P	Fr.	6-2	190	Jonesboro, Tenn. / Daniel Boone

Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Danny Rocco
Assoc. Head Coach/Offensive Line	Bryan Stinespring
Defensive Coordinator / Linebackers	Rich Yahner
Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks	Patrick Ashford
Special Teams Coordinator	Greg Wood
Running Backs	Keith Jones
Secondary/Corners	Pat Brown
Wide Receivers	AJ Hampton
Defensive Line	JB Lageman
Tight Ends	Greg Meyer
Director of Player Personnel/Safeties	Charles Mack
Strength and Conditioning Coach	Ellis Spratlin
Athletic Trainer (Football)	Sydney Marquardt

2023 Game Recaps - VMI vs. Davidson - Sept. 2, 2023

Late touchdown lifts VMI to victory over Davidson in Rocco's debut



LEXINGTON, Va. – Trailing 7-6 with one minute to play, Collin Ironside found VJ Johnson for a 25-yard touchdown as the VMI Keydets topped Davidson 12-7 in Foster Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

Ironside and VMI would get the ball back with 4:19 remaining, hitting Aidan Twombly on third and long to keep the drive alive, ultimately leading to the score from Johnson. Minutes later, Alex Oliver intercepted Luke Durkin to seal the game for VMI.

The victory gives VMI a 1-0 start on the season, and marks the first win at VMI for head coach Danny Rocco.

Key Stats

- VJ Johnson catches 25-yard game winner
- VMI defense limits Davidson to just 184 yards, Oliver's interception seals win
- Ironside, offense total 410 yards and two touchdowns (Swinehart, Johnson)
- Chance Knox leads VMI receivers with five catches, 64 yards; eclipses 1,000 receiving yards for career
- Grant Swinehart has a touchdown and 22 yards rushing
- Eric Rankin leads Keydets with 14.0 tackles, Evan Eller totals 11.0
- Rashad Raymond rushes for 62 yards, Keydets total 171 on the ground

A Closer look

The Keydets defense opened the game with a three and out, but turnovers would keep the game scoreless well into the second quarter. With four minutes to play in the second, VMI forced another three and out, and the offense capitalized as a Swinehart 14-yard rush game VMI a 6-0 lead after 30 minutes of play.

The Wildcats stole the momentum in the third, getting the ball just a couple of minutes into the quarter and matriculated their way down the field, scoring with 3:32 remaining in the period.

In the fourth, Ironside found Aidan Twombly for a 3rd-and-17 conversion to keep the drive alive, but VMI would miss a field goal attempt and give the ball back to Davidson.

The teams traded possessions with VMI taking over at the 4:19 mark on its own 15. Much like the last possession, the Keydets faced a 3rd-and-long - once again with Twombly converting - this time hauling in a 28-yard reception. Two plays later, Johnson would take in the go-ahead score. The VMI defense would hold strong, forcing Davidson to burn its last time-out with eight seconds to play, ultimately closing the game out with a pick from Oliver.

Davidson (0-1, 0-0) 7
VMI (1-0, 0-0) 12

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Davidson	0	0	7	0	-	7
VMI	0	6	0	6	-	12

FIRST QUARTER

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Swinehart 14 run (Beck XP missed) - 1:11

THIRD QUARTER

DAV - C.Berry 24 pass from L.Durkin (Zouagui kick) - 3:32

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - VJ Johnson 25 pass from C.Ironside (2-pt. failed) - 0:51

	DAV	VMI
First Downs	8	22
Rushes-Yards	39-101	46-173
Passing Yards	83	239
Passes (C-A-I)	6-12-1	17-27-1
Total Offense	184	412
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-1
Punts-Avg.	9-44.2	5-41.4
Time of Possession	25:47	32:12

PASSING: VMI- Ironside 17-27-1, 239 yds.
DAV – Durkin 6-12-1, 83 yds.,

RUSHING: VMI - Raymond 12-62, Rice 14-40, Knox 4-33, Swinehart 5-24, Ironside 10-15. **DAV** – Adams 12-35, Sheron 8-25, Valor 8-24, McCurdy 4-12, Maione 2-3, Durkin 4-2, Cleland 1-0.

RECEIVING: VMI – Twombly 3-83, Knox 5-64, Raymond 5-33, VJ Johnson 1-25, Lemmond 2-19, DaSilva 1-15. **DAV**– Reina 1-34, Berry 1-24, Maione 2-19, Freeman 1-5, Valor 1-1.

2023 Game Recaps - VMI at Bucknell - Sept. 9, 2023

Keydets battle Bucknell to the end, fall 21-13

LEWISBURG, Pa. – Trailing 7-0 for the majority of the game, the VMI Football team (1-1) scored two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, but could not complete the comeback as host Bucknell answered with two scores to secure a 21-13 win over the Keydets Saturday afternoon at Christy-Mathewson Memorial Stadium in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.



Bucknell (1-1) scored a touchdown at the 1:30 mark of the first quarter to go ahead, 7-0, but neither team could find the endzone again until the final period. In the third quarter, VMI senior receiver Chance Knox returned a punt to the house that would have tied the game, but a holding penalty on VMI negated the play.

“Well it was a very disappointing outcome,” said VMI Football Head Coach Danny Rocco. “We certainly didn’t come up here thinking that we wouldn’t find a way to win, but Bucknell played a really good game.”

Key Stats

- Collin Ironside throws for 220 yards, two touchdowns
- Evan Eller, Josh Knapp collect 9.0 tackles apiece
- Christian Dunn totals 8.0 tackles (0.5 TFL), Alex Oliver has 7.0 (0.5 TFL)
- Hunter Rice has 57 yards on the ground; Rashad Raymond has 43 yards, surpassing the 1,000-yard mark for his career
- Chance Knox hauls in six catches for 88 yards, totals 46 yards on punt returns
- VJ Johnson scores touchdown for second consecutive game (4 catches, 32 yards)

A Closer Look

With just over 10 minutes left in the game, VMI employed some trickery on a flea flicker as quarterback Collin Ironside found tight end Aidan Twombly for a 27-yard touchdown pass. Kicker Caden Beck converted the extra point to knot the score at 7-7 all.

Bucknell responded with a four-minute touchdown drive of their own to go back ahead, 14-7, with 6:22 on the clock. VMI’s ensuing possession stalled deep in its own territory and Bucknell blocked VMI punter Jack Culbreath’s kick, the ball rolling out of bounds at the VMI nine-yard line to set up first-and-goal for the Bison. Running back Rushawn Baker punched it in from a yard out to extend the Bucknell lead to 21-7 with 3:26 to play.

VMI’s Ivan Thorpe returned the Bucknell kickoff to the Bison 39-yard yard for a 50-yard return to set up a short field in VMI’s comeback bid. The Keydets took advantage of the opportunity as Ironside found receiver VJ Johnson across the middle for an 18-yard touchdown. VMI failed the two-point conversion with 1:31 left in regulation.

The Keydets attempted an onside kick, but Bucknell secured the ball and managed to run out the clock for its first win of the year.

VMI (1-1, 0-0) 13
Bucknell (1-1, 0-0) 21

Christy-Mathewson Stadium • Lewisburg, Pa.
 Sept. 9, 2023 • Attendance: 1,465

VMI	0	0	0	13	-	13
Bucknell	7	0	0	14	-	21

FIRST QUARTER

BUCK - D. Harris 18 pass from Rucker
 (Schearer kick) - 1:30

SECOND QUARTER

THIRD QUARTER

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - A.Twombly 27 pass from C.Ironside
 (Beck kick) - 10:08

BUCK - Kreinbacher 7 pass from Rucker
 (Schearer kick) - 7:22

BUCK - Baker 1 run (Schearer kick) - 3:26

VMI - VJ Johnson 18 pass from C.Ironside
 (2-pt. failed) - 1:31

	VMI	BUCK
First Downs	20	21
Rushes-Yards	40-75	46-173
Passing Yards	220	224
Passes (C-A-I)	20-30-0	19-30-0
Total Offense	295	397
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Punts-Avg.	8-41.1	8-40.4
Time of Possession	30:09	29:51

PASSING: VMI- Ironside 20-30-0, 220 yds.
BUCK – Rucker 19-30-0, 224 yds.

RUSHING: VMI - Rice 13-57, Raymond 12-43, Twombly 1-0, Knox 2-(-3), Ironside 12-(-22). **BUCK** – Baker 22-105, Rucker 15-47, Bennett 8-24.

RECEIVING: VMI – Knox 6-88, Twombly 4-66, VJ Johnson 4-32, Thorpe 3-28, Lemmond 1-5, Raymond 2-1. **BUCK**– Harris 8-101, Bennett 4-54, Weatherly 1-22, Kreinbacher 2-17, Ayungo 2-16, Baker 1-11, Gary 1-3.

2023 Game Recaps - VMI at NC State - Sept. 16, 2023

VMI falls to NC State on the road

RALEIGH, N.C. – Facing an ACC opponent for a second straight season, the VMI football team fell by a 45-7 score to host North Carolina State Saturday afternoon at Carter-Finley Stadium in Raleigh, North Carolina.



Collin Shannon got his first start of the season and third of his career, playing admirably by throwing for 176 (14-24) yards and one touchdown (Egypt Nelson, 22-yard catch).

“I give North Carolina State a lot of credit. They are a good football team, and they didn’t play down today, said VMI Football Coach Danny Rocco. “I spoke all week about starting fast and striking early, but they did not allow that to happen. It’s a talented team, it’s a good team and they came with the right mindset today that they were going to set the tempo of the game, and they put us in a place early that we were having to play catch up.”

Key Stats

- Eight Keydets record a catch led by Egypt Nelson’s 107 yards and a touchdown (first career TD)
- Jack Culbreath punts seven times for 323 yards (46.1 avg.), three kicks pinned inside the 20
- 24 Keydets record a tackle led by Evan Eller (11.0), Josh Knapp (9.0)
- Chandler Wilson sees first action of year after Shannon goes down with injury
- N.C. State’s Kendrick Raphael leads team with 85 yards on 16 carries, Pack receiver Kevin Concepcion tallies 62 receiving yards on seven catches
- Wolfpack defense totals three sacks, limits VMI to 15 yards on the ground
- VMI commits just three penalties for 30 yards, but finishes 1-10 on third down attempts
- Keydets possess the ball for 20:57 and 45 total plays

A Closer Look

The Keydets went three and out to start, with State marching down and jumping in front 7-0. The Wolfpack would capitalize on a tipped ball and take a 14-0 lead. On the ensuing VMI possession, Aidan Twombly picked up a third-down conversion and nearly was off to the races two plays later, but Payton Wilson broke up the play fake.

Midway through the second, Shannon found Nelson for a 44-yard reception to move the ball into N.C. State territory, but the Wolfpack settled in and got the ball back, two scores and a field goal before half.

Shannon and rookie Nelson got things going in the third, as Nelson hauled in a 41-yard reception, drawing a pass interference and scoring his first career touchdown to get Keydets on the board in the third.

N.C. State was quick to strike back, taking the ensuing kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown, adding one more score midway through the fourth to close out the contest 45-7.

VMI (1-2, 0-0) 7
NC State (2-1, 0-1) 45

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Sept. 16, 2023 • Attendance: 56,919

VMI	0	0	7	0	-	7
NC State	21	10	7	7	-	45

FIRST QUARTER

- NCST - Mimms 1-yd. run (Narveson kick) - 8:27
- NCST - Kennedy 30-yd. interception return (Narveson kick) - 7:07
- NCST - Rozner 16 pass from Armstrong (Narveson kick) - 2:51

SECOND QUARTER

- NCST - Narveson 31 FG
- NCST - Mimms 1-yd. run (Narveson kick) - 0:25

THIRD QUARTER

- VMI - E.Nelson 22 pass from Shannon (Beck kick) - 2:36
- NCST - J.Gray 82 kick return (Narveson kick) - 2:25

FOURTH QUARTER

- NCST - Jones 2-yd. run (Vinesett kick) - 7:45

	VMI	NCST
First Downs	10	26
Rushes-Yards	21-15	45-234
Passing Yards	176	264
Passes (C-A-I)	14-24-1	27-32-0
Total Offense	191	498
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Punts-Avg.	7-46.1	2-41.0
Time of Possession	20:57	39:03

PASSING: **VMI-** Shannon 14-24-1, 176 yds. **NCST** – Armstrong 27-32-0, 264 yds.

RUSHING: **VMI** - Raymond 6-29, Swinehart 5-9, Thorpe 1-0, Rice 5-(-3), Wilson 1-(-8), Shannon 3-(-12). **NCST** – Raphael 16-85, Allen 6-47, Armstrong 6-39, Mimms 7-35, Houston 5-13, Pennix 1-7, Gray 1-7, Rhodes 1-3, Jones 2-(-2).

RECEIVING: **VMI** – Nelson 3-107, Lemmond 2-20, Twombly 2-15, Thorpe 2-12, Knox 2-11, DaSilva 18, VJ Johnson 1-3, Rice 1-0. **NCST** – Gray 2-80, Concepcion 7-62, Rooks 3-43, Rozner 2-23, Collins 2-22, Pennix 4-17, Allen 3-14, Lesane 2-8, Houston 1-(-2), Coit 1-(-3).

2023 Game Recaps - VMI vs. Wofford - Sept. 23, 2023

VMI holds off Wofford to open conference play

LEXINGTON, Va. – The VMI Football team played host to Southern Conference foe Wofford on Saturday, grinding out a 17-14 victory in rainy conditions at Foster Stadium.



“I think it’s really big for this program, our team, this season,” Head Coach Danny Rocco said of the win. “We needed to break through, we did...it’s hard to win in this league, that’s the one thing I’m most excited about, getting a conference win. Being at the FCS level the last 17 seasons, this is pretty cool.”

Hunter Rice was the story of the game offensively, totaling 90 yards on the ground, rushing and passing for a touchdown along the way. As a team, VMI – who moves to an even 2-2 on the season (1-0 SoCon) – committed just one penalty all afternoon.

Key Stats

- Rice rushes, throws for touchdown to go with 90 total yards on the ground
- VMI defense forces and recovers two fumbles, totals 64 tackles
- Aidan Twombly hauls in second TD reception of the season
- Chance Knox has 5 catches, 42 yards
- Evan Eller leads defense with 11.0 tackles and a forced fumble
- Josh Knapp (5.0 tackles) and Jabari Haslem (4.0 tackles) each force a fumble
- Jack Culbreath punts nine times, pins the ball inside the 20 six times (47.9 average)
- Caden Beck goes 2-of-2 on PATs, hits a 25-yard field goal
- Wofford outgains VMI 343-216, Keydets rush the ball 51 times
- VMI commits just one penalty all game (5 yards)

A Closer look

A big kick return from Wofford set up a touchdown run from Ryan Ingram as the Terriers jumped in front 7-0 in the first. On the ensuing VMI possession, Ironside scrambled for a big gainer, Ironside hit Knox for a 24-yard reception and Rice punched in a seven-yard score.

The Keydets would get the ball on their own 47 with two minutes left in the half, marching down to the five before an interception was negated by a hands-to-the-face call, setting up a Rice jump-pass to Twombly to make the score 14-7 after 30 minutes.

Near the midway point of the third, Jabari Haslem forced another fumble, as Josh Knapp recovered on the Wofford nine, leading to a Caden Beck field goal (17-7). With just over seven to play, Ryan Ingram ripped off an 83-yard score to make the deficit just three. As Wofford threatened, the VMI defense forced a field goal attempt, leading to a bad snap in the wet conditions as the Terriers came up empty.

With 2:20 remaining, Wofford advanced the ball for the VMI 33 yard line, but the pressure from the Keydets forced an intentional grounding that resulted in a 10-second runoff and a VMI victory.

Wofford (0-4, 0-1)	14
VMI (2-2, 1-0)	17

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Sept. 23, 2023 • Attendance: 3,787

Wofford	7	0	0	7	-	14
VMI	7	7	3	0	-	17

FIRST QUARTER

WOF - Ingram 4-yd. run (Jones kick) - 5:40
VMI - Rice 7 run (Beck kick) - 1:06

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Twombly 3 pass from Rice (Beck kick) - 0:11

THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Beck 25 FG - 4:09

FOURTH QUARTER

WOF - Ingram 83 run (Jones kick) - 7:16

	WOF	VMI
First Downs	11	12
Rushes-Yards	34-163	51-154
Passing Yards	180	62
Passes (C-A-I)	16-22-0	9-12-2
Total Offense	343	216
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-0
Punts-Avg.	8-38.8	9-47.9
Time of Possession	27:38	32:22

PASSING: **VMI**- Ironside 8-10, 59 yds., H.Rice 1-1, 3 yds. Lemmond 0-1. **WOF** – Seeley 16-22, 180 yds.

RUSHING: **VMI** - Rice 27-90, Raymond 16-55, Ironside 8-9. **WOF** – Ingram 18-136, Legette 7-27, Parsons 3-9, Seeley 4-3, Pinnix 1-(-5).

RECEIVING: **VMI** – Knox 5-42, VJ Johnson 1-9, Twombly 2-6, Rice 1-5. **WOF** – Pinnix 4-86, Davis 2-23, Mathews 1-17, Droze 2-13, Shaw 2-11, Watkins 1-9, Djete 1-8, Legette 1-8, Parsons 2-5.

2023 Game Recaps - VMI at Mercer - Sept. 30, 2023

Keydets fall to Mercer in SoCon road opener

MACON, Ga. – Coming off a big conference win over Wofford at home last week, the VMI football team took to the road to face SoCon foe Mercer but came up on the short end, 38-3, Saturday evening at Five Star Stadium in Macon, Georgia.



VMI (2-3, 1-1) got behind early and struggled to maintain pace with the host Bears (3-2, 1-1) as Mercer finished with 401 yards of total offense spurred by 298 yards on the ground. Keydet quarterback Collin Ironside finished with 176 yards through the air but was sacked three times and picked off once while the Bear defense held VMI to 42 net rushing yards.

Key Stats

- With his 40-yard reception in the second quarter, receiver Chance Knox now has over 2,000 career all-purpose yards
- Kicker Caden Beck kicks a career-high 46-yard field goal in the third quarter
- Receiver VJ Johnson ties a career-high four grabs on the day
- On the defensive side, senior Evan Eller finishes with 12.0 tackles and Josh Knapp is right behind with 11.0

A Closer look

Mercer got on the board quickly on the first play from scrimmage when Al Wooten II rushed around the corner for a 76-yard touchdown run for a quick 7-0 lead for the Bears.

In the second quarter, Mercer registered two scores, the first coming off a Tyrell Coard eight-yard rush at the 5:21 mark just before Devron Harper had a 33-yard touchdown reception from Carter Peevy to put the Bears up, 21-0, going into the break.

Early in the second half, Harper scored again for Mercer when he hauled a 73-yard punt return at the 13:18 mark of the third quarter for a 28-0 Bears advantage.

VMI kicker Caden Beck put VMI on the board moments later (11:03, 3rd Qtr.) with a career high 46-yard field goal conversion to avoid a shutout. The drive was fueled by kick returner Ivan Thorpe's 45-yard return to the VMI 48 followed by a 33-yard reception from Ironside to Isaiah Lemmond to the Mercer 19.

The Bears would add one more touchdown midway through the third quarter and a short field goal early in the fourth for the game's final score.

VMI (2-3, 1-1) 3
Mercer (3-2, 1-1) 38

Five Star Stadium • Macon, Ga.
Sept. 30, 2023 • Attendance: 10,769

VMI	0	0	3	0	-	3
Mercer	7	14	14	3	-	38

FIRST QUARTER

MER - Wooten 76 run (Griffith kick) - 14:41

SECOND QUARTER

MER - Coard 8 run (Griffith kick) - 5:21

MER - Harper 33 pass from Peevy (Griffith kick) - 2:38

THIRD QUARTER

MER - Harper 73 punt return (Griffith kick) - 13:18

VMI - Beck 46 FG - 11:03

MER - Wooten 19 run (Griffith kick) - 6:12

FOURTH QUARTER

MER - Griffith 23 FG - 10:11

	VMI	MER
First Downs	10	19
Rushes-Yards	23-42	48-299
Passing Yards	172	112
Passes (C-A-I)	19-33-1	12-18-0
Total Offense	214	411
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	0-0
Punts-Avg.	7-47.3	5-39.4
Time of Possession	26:17	33:43

PASSING: VMI- Ironside 19-33-1, 172 yds.
MER – Peevy 12-18-0, 112 yds.

RUSHING: VMI - Raymond 6-22, Rice 4-13, Swinehart 1-3, Ironside 11-3, Twombly 1-1. **MER** – Wooten 12-164, Coard 9-38, Peevy 7-37, Bell 6-37, White 8-25, McGowan 2-2.

RECEIVING: VMI – Knox 5-54, VJ Johnson 5-43, Lemmond 3-41, Twombly 3-22, Thorpe 1-17, Raymond 1-(-1), Rice 1-(-4)). **MER** – Harper 6-69, Wooten 2-19, Solomon 1-8, Risper 1-7, May 1-7, James 1-2.

VMI Opponents' Scores & Schedules

<u>Davidson (3-2, 2-0)</u> S2 at VMI L, 7-12 S9 BARTON L, 31-33 S16 at Marist* W, 49-21 S23 ST. ANDREWS W, 84-6 S30 SAN DIEGO* W, 55-33 O14 at Butler* 1:00 p.m. O21 VALPARAISO* 1:00 p.m. O28 PRESBYTERIAN* 7:00 p.m. N4 at Stetson* 1:00 p.m. N11 at Morehead State* 1:00 p.m. N18 DAYTON* 7:00 p.m.			<u>Bucknell (1-4, 0-2)</u> S2 at James Madison L, 3-38 S9 VMI W, 21-13 S23 PENN L, 21-37 S30 at Lafayette* L, 22-56 O7 HOLY CROSS* L, 27-55 O14 at Cornell 1:00 p.m. O21 LEHIGH* 1:00 p.m. O28 at Colgate* 1:00 p.m. N4 at Fordham* 1:00 p.m. N11 GEORGETOWN* 1:00 p.m. N18 at Marist* 12:00 p.m.			<u>NC State (4-2, 1-1)</u> A31 at Connecticut W, 24-14 S9 NOTRE DAME* L, 24-45 S16 VMI W, 45-7 S22 at Virginia* W, 24-21 S29 LOUISVILLE* L, 10-13 O7 MARSHALL W, 48-41 O14 at Duke* TBA O28 CLEMSON* TBA N4 MIAMI* TBA N11 at Wake Forest* TBA N18 at Virginia Tech* TBA N25 NORTH CAROLINA* TBA		
<u>Wofford (0-6, 0-3)</u> S2 at PITT L, 7-45 S9 at William & Mary L, 6-23. S16 PRESBYTERIAN L, 20-23 S23 at VMI* L, 14-17 S30 CHATTANOOGA* L, 13-23 O7 SAMFORD* L, 10-31 O14 at ETSU* 3:30 p.m. O21 at Mercer* 4:00 p.m. N4 W. CAROLINA* 3:00 p.m. N11 at The Citadel* 2:00 p.m. N18 FURMAN* 12:00 p.m.			<u>Mercer (4-2, 2-1)</u> A26 vs. N. Alabama W, 17-7 S2 at #22 Ole Miss L, 7-73 S9 MOREHEAD ST. W, 48-22 S23 at Furman* L, 14-38 S30 VMI* W, 38-3 O7 at ETSU* W, 24-6 O14 CHATTANOOGA* 4:00 p.m. O21 WOFFORD* 4:00 p.m. O28 at W. Carolina* 2:30 p.m. N4 at The Citadel* 2:00 p.m. N11 SAMFORD* 3:00 p.m.			<u>The Citadel (0-6, 0-3)</u> S2 at Ga. Southern L, 0-34 S9 CAMPBELL L, 7-56 S16 at Chattanooga* L, 3-48 S23 at S.C. State L, 10-31 S30 W. CAROLINA* L, 14-49 O7 at Furman* L, 14-28 O14 VMI* 1:00 p.m. O28 at Samford* 3:00 p.m. N4 MERCER* 2:00 p.m. N11 WOFFORD* 2:00 p.m. N18 at ETSU* 1:00 p.m.		
<u>Samford (3-3, 2-2)</u> A31 SHORTER W, 69-14 S9 at W. Carolina* L, 7-30 S16 at Auburn L, 13-45 S23 CHATTANOOGA* L, 24-47 S30 ETSU* W, 42-28 O7 at Wofford* W, 31-10 O14 FURMAN* 12:00 p.m. O21 at VMI* 1:30 p.m. O28 THE CITADEL* 2:00 p.m. N11 at Mercer* 2:00 p.m. N18 UT MARTIN 12:00 p.m.			<u>Chattanooga (4-2, 3-1)</u> S2 at N. Alabama L, 27-41 S9 KENNESAW ST. W, 27-20 S16 THE CITADEL* W, 48-3 S23 at Samford* W, 47-24 S30 at Wofford* W, 23-13 O7 W. CAROLINA* L, 50-52 O14 at Mercer* 4:00 p.m. O21 ETSU* 1:00 p.m. O28 at VMI* 1:30 p.m. N4 FURMAN* 1:30 p.m. N18 at Alabama 12:00 p.m.			<u>ETSU (1-4, 0-2)</u> S2 at Jacksonville St. L, 3-49 S9 CARSON-NEWMAN W, 42-0 S16 at Austin Peay L, 3-63 S30 at Samford* L, 28-42 O7 MERCER* L, 6-24 O14 WOFFORD* 3:30 p.m. O21 at Chattanooga* 1:00 p.m. O28 at Furman* 2:00 p.m. N4 VMI* 1:00 p.m. N11 at W. Carolina* 1:00 p.m. N18 THE CITADEL* 1:00 p.m.		
<u>Furman (4-1, 2-0)</u> A31 Tennessee Tech W, 45-10 S9 South Carolina L, 21-47 S16 at Kennesaw State W, 31-28 S23 MERCER* W, 38-14 O7 THE CITADEL* W, 28-14 O14 at Samford* 1:00 p.m. O21 at Western Carolina 2:30 p.m. O28 ETSU* 2:00 p.m. N4 at Chattanooga* 1:30 p.m. N11 VMI* 1:00 p.m. N18 at Wofford* 12:00 p.m.			<u>Western Carolina (5-1, 3-0)</u> S2 at Arkansas L, 13-56 S9 SAMFORD* W, 30-7 S16 at E. Kentucky W, 27-24 S23 CHARLESTON SO. W, 77-21 S30 at The Citadel* W, 49-14 O7 at Chattanooga* W, 52-50 O21 FURMAN* 2:30 p.m. O28 MERCER* 2:30 p.m. N4 at Wofford* 3:00 p.m. N11 ETSU* 1:00 p.m. N18 at VMI* TBA					



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Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/02/2023	Davidson	W	12-7	1-0	0-0	3:17	5622
	09/09/2023	at Bucknell	L	13-21	1-1	0-0	3:29	1465
	09/16/2023	at NC State	L	7-45	1-2	0-0	2:53	56919
*	09/23/2023	Wofford	W	17-14	2-2	1-0	3:19	3787
*	09/30/2023	at Mercer	L	3-38	2-3	1-1	3:01	10769



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	Date	Opponent		Score	Att.
	09/02/2023	Davidson	W	12-7	5622
	09/09/2023	at Bucknell	L	13-21	1465
	09/16/2023	at NC State	L	7-45	56919
*	09/23/2023	Wofford	W	17-14	3787
*	09/30/2023	at Mercer	L	3-38	10769

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	2-3	2-0	0-3	0-0
CONFERENCE	1-1	1-0	0-1	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	1-2	1-0	0-2	0-0

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Rashad Raymond	5	52	215	4	211	4.1	0	24	42.2
Hunter Rice	5	63	212	15	197	3.1	1	27	39.4
Grant Swinehart	5	11	37	1	36	3.3	1	14	7.2
Chance Knox	5	6	35	5	30	5.0	0	16	6.0
Collin Ironside	4	41	103	98	5	0.1	0	18	1.3
Aidan Twombly	5	2	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	0.2
Chandler Wilson	1	1	0	8	-8	-8.0	0	0	-8.0
Collin Shannon	1	3	8	20	-12	-4.0	0	8	-12.0
Team	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Total	5	181	611	152	459	2.5	2	27	91.8
Opponents	5	213	1066	97	969	4.5	9	83	193.8

Passing

Player	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Collin Ironside	4	125.9	64-100-3	64.0	690	3	40	172.5
Collin Shannon	1	125.4	14-24-1	58.3	176	1	44	176.0
Hunter Rice	5	455.2	1-1-0	100.0	3	1	3	0.6
Isaiah Lemmond	5	-200.0	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	5	125.8	79-126-5	62.7	869	5	44	173.8
Opponents	5	146.5	80-114-1	70.2	863	5	64	172.6

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Chance Knox	5	23	259	11.3	0	40	51.8
Aidan Twombly	5	14	192	13.7	2	38	38.4
VJ Johnson	5	12	112	9.3	2	25	22.4
Rashad Raymond	5	8	33	4.1	0	15	6.6
Isaiah Lemmond	5	8	85	10.6	0	33	17.0
Ivan Thorpe	3	6	57	9.5	0	17	19.0
Hunter Rice	5	3	1	0.3	0	5	0.2
Egypt Nelson	4	3	107	35.7	1	44	26.8
Julio DaSilva	5	2	23	11.5	0	15	4.6
Total	5	79	869	11.0	5	44	173.8
Opponents	5	80	863	10.8	5	64	172.6

Team Statistics

	VMI	OPP
First Downs	74	85
Rushing	31	45
Passing	36	38
Penalty	7	2
Rushing Yardage	459	969
Rushing attempts	181	213
Average per rush	2.5	4.5
Average per game	91.8	193.8
TDs Rushing	2	9
Passing Yardage	869	863
Comp-Att-Int	79-126-5	80-114-1
Average per pass	6.9	7.6
Average per catch	11.0	10.8
Average per game	173.8	172.6
TDs Passing	5	5
Total offense	1328	1832
Average per play	4.3	5.6
Average per game	265.6	366.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	13-258	11-239
Punt returns: #-Yards	9-74	15-253
Int returns: #-Yards	1-0	5-79
Fumbles-Lost	8-3	6-3
Penalties-Yards	20-199	31-269
Punts-Avg	37-43.8	32-40.9
Time of possession / game	28:23	31:37
3rd-down conversion	18/67	25/65
4rd-down conversion	1/4	5/6
PAT-attempts	(4-5) 80%	(17-17) 100%
2-point conversion-attempts	(0-2) 0%	(0-0) 0%

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Alex Oliver	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents	5	79	15.8	1	30



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Caden Beck	2-5	40.0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	46	0
Opponents	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	31	0

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT						pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	
VJ Johnson	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Aidan Twombly	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Caden Beck	-	2-5	4-5	-	-	-	-	-	10
Grant Swinehart	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Hunter Rice	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Egypt Nelson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	7	2-5	4-5	0	0	0	0	0	52
Opponents	17	2-2	17-17	0	0	0	0	0	125

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
VMI	7	13	13	19	0	52
Opponents	42	24	28	31	0	125

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Jack Culbreath	36	1621	45.0	60	3	6	12	10	0
Team	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	37	1621	43.8	60	3	6	12	10	1
Opponents	32	1310	40.9	63	5	5	8	5	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Chance Knox	8	69	8.6	0	21
Ivan Thorpe	1	5	5.0	0	5
Total	9	74	8.2	0	21
Opponents	15	253	16.9	1	73

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Ivan Thorpe	6	124	20.7	0	50
Rashad Raymond	4	53	13.3	0	20
Tahj Summey	2	63	31.5	0	45
VJ Johnson	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total	13	258	19.8	0	50
Opponents	11	239	21.7	1	82

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Chance Knox	5	30	259	69	0	0	358	71.6
Rashad Raymond	5	211	33	0	53	0	297	59.4
Hunter Rice	5	197	1	0	0	0	198	39.6
Aidan Twombly	5	1	192	0	0	0	193	38.6
Ivan Thorpe	3	0	57	5	124	0	186	62.0
VJ Johnson	5	0	112	0	18	0	130	26.0
Egypt Nelson	4	0	107	0	0	0	107	26.8
Isaiah Lemmond	5	0	85	0	0	0	85	17.0
Tahj Summey	5	0	0	0	63	0	63	12.6
Grant Swinehart	5	36	0	0	0	0	36	7.2
Julio DaSilva	5	0	23	0	0	0	23	4.6
Collin Ironside	4	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.3
Chandler Wilson	1	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-8.0
Collin Shannon	1	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-12.0
Total	5	459	869	74	258	0	1660	332.0
Opponents	5	969	863	253	239	79	2403	480.6

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Collin Ironside	4	141	5	690	695	173.8
Rashad Raymond	5	52	211	0	211	42.2
Hunter Rice	5	64	197	3	200	40.0
Collin Shannon	1	27	-12	176	164	164.0
Grant Swinehart	5	11	36	0	36	7.2
Chance Knox	5	6	30	0	30	6.0
Aidan Twombly	5	2	1	0	1	0.2
Chandler Wilson	1	1	-8	0	-8	-8.0
Total	5	307	459	869	1328	265.6
Opponents	5	327	969	863	1832	366.4



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Team Defense

##	Player	gp	Tackles				tfl/yds	Sacks no-yds	Pass defense		Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	int-yds			brup	qbh	fr-yds	ff	kick	saf
2	Evan Eller	5	23	32	55	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
5	Eric Rankin	5	17	21	38	5.5-21	1-4	.	1	1	1-0	.	.	.
17	Josh Knapp	5	20	17	37	1-9	1-9	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.
1	Alex Oliver	5	18	14	32	2.5-9	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
4	Christian Dunn	5	12	20	32	2-12	1-7	.	1	2	1-0	.	.	.
3	Tahj Summey	5	10	14	24	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Jabari Haslem	5	5	10	15	2-6	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	.
20	Shamus Jones	5	7	7	14	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7	Noel Innocent	5	9	5	14	2-8	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
44	Dorien Starnes	5	8	5	13	4-11	1-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
97	Geoffrey Speight	4	4	9	13	2-10	1.5-8	.	.	1	.	1	.	.
18	Stephen Dean III	4	5	7	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
8	Austin White	5	7	3	10	1.5-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
51	Terrell Jackson	5	1	9	10	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Jason Johnson	3	1	8	9	1.5-6	0.5-4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50	Tyler Swann	5	3	6	9	1-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Tyrel Dobson	4	6	2	8	0.5-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
94	Hunter Robbins	5	3	4	7	1-1	1-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	John Covert	4	2	4	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Stephan Fowlkes	5	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	Kouri Crump	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
29	Justin Peterson	5	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Hunter Rice	5	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
49	Jonathan Hunter-Horton	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
0	Grant Swinehart	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Will Reid	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Malik Holmes	2	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	James Morris	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Camden Clinton	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Jacob Moore	5	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
41	Jack Culbreath	5	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Joe Comello	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	Morgan McPhaul	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Luke Scott	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		5	180	214	394	29-105	7-38	1-0	9	6	3-0	4	0	0
Opponents		5	166	190	356	35-158	17-117	5-79	9	13	3-8	6	1	0



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Red-Zone Results
All games

VMI Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	Davidson	W 12-7	3	1	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
09/09/2023	at Bucknell	L 13-21	2	1	6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	at NC State	L 7-45	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/23/2023	Wofford	W 17-14	3	3	17	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/30/2023	at Mercer	L 3-38	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 7 of 10 (70.0%)			10	7	39	5	2	3	2	3	0	1	1	0	0	

Opponents Inside VMI Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ					
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/02/2023	Davidson	W 12-7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/09/2023	Bucknell	L 13-21	3	3	21	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/16/2023	NC State	L 7-45	6	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
09/23/2023	Wofford	W 17-14	3	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
09/30/2023	Mercer	L 3-38	4	3	17	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals 12 of 16 (75.0%)			16	12	76	10	7	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	2	



**2023-24 VMI Football
Team Game-by-Game Comparison
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Opponent	Score	First Downs				Rushing Number-Yards	Passing		Total Offense Plays-Yards	Return Yards	Turn- Overs
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen		Comp-Att.-Int	Yards			
Davidson	12-7	22 / 8	11 / 4	11 / 4	0 / 0	46-173 / 39-101	17-27-1 / 6-12-1	239 / 83	73-412 / 51-184	32 / 68	2 / 1
Bucknell	13-21	20 / 21	7 / 10	11 / 9	2 / 2	40-75 / 46-173	20-30-0 / 19-30-0	220 / 224	70-295 / 76-397	147 / 59	0 / 1
NC State	7-45	10 / 26	1 / 13	6 / 13	3 / 0	21-15 / 45-234	14-24-1 / 27-32-0	176 / 264	45-191 / 77-498	27 / 192	1 / 0
Wofford	17-14	12 / 11	9 / 4	2 / 7	1 / 0	51-154 / 35-162	9-12-2 / 16-22-0	62 / 180	63-216 / 57-342	2 / 24	2 / 2
Mercer	3-38	10 / 19	3 / 14	6 / 5	1 / 0	23-42 / 48-299	19-33-1 / 12-18-0	172 / 112	56-214 / 66-411	124 / 236	3 / 0
Totals	52-125	74 / 85	31 / 45	36 / 38	7 / 2	181-459 / 213-969	79-126-5 / 80-114-1	869 / 863	307-1328 / 327-1832	332 / 579	8 / 4

Opponents	3rd Down Conversion	4th Down Conversion	Time of Possession	TOP Margin	Avg Yds/Rush	Avg Yds/Pass	Avg Yds/Play	Punting Number-Avg	Penalties Number-Yards	Sacks
Davidson	6-14 / 2-13	0-2 / 2-2	32:12 / 27:48	04:24	3.8 / 2.6	8.9 / 6.9	5.6 / 3.6	5-41.4 / 9-44.2	7-54.0 / 1-5.0	0 / 3
Bucknell	5-15 / 6-14	0-0 / 0-0	30:09 / 29:51	00:18	1.9 / 3.8	7.3 / 7.5	4.2 / 5.2	9-36.6 / 8-40.4	6-70.0 / 8-85.0	3 / 6
NC State	1-10 / 10-14	0-0 / 1-1	20:57 / 39:03	-18:06	0.7 / 5.2	7.3 / 8.3	4.2 / 6.5	7-46.1 / 2-41.0	3-30.0 / 6-61.0	1 / 3
Wofford	3-13 / 0-10	0-0 / 1-2	32:22 / 27:38	04:44	3.0 / 4.6	5.2 / 8.2	3.4 / 6.0	9-47.9 / 8-38.8	1-5.0 / 11-53.0	2 / 2
Mercer	3-15 / 7-14	1-2 / 1-1	26:17 / 33:43	-07:26	1.8 / 6.2	5.2 / 6.2	3.8 / 6.2	7-47.3 / 5-39.4	3-40.0 / 5-65.0	1 / 3
Totals	18-67 / 25-65	1-4 / 5-6	141:57 / 158:03	-16:06	2.5 / 4.5	6.9 / 7.6	4.3 / 5.6	37-43.8 / 32-40.9	20-199.0 / 31-269.0	7 / 17

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category



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Opponents Game-by-Game
All games**

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off		
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp	att	int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds		td	lg
09/02/2023	Davidson	39	101	0	9	6	83	1	34	6	12	1	83	1	34	2	37	0	19	2	12	0	14	184
09/09/2023	at Bucknell	46	173	1	18	19	224	2	31	19	30	0	224	2	31	3	39	0	21	3	20	0	15	397
09/16/2023	at NC State	45	234	3	21	27	264	1	64	27	32	0	264	1	64	2	94	1	82	3	68	0	33	498
09/23/2023	Wofford	35	162	2	83	16	180	0	46	16	22	0	180	0	46	2	12	0	7	1	12	0	12	342
09/30/2023	at Mercer	48	299	3	76	12	112	1	33	12	18	0	112	1	33	2	57	0	36	6	141	1	73	411
Opponents		213	969	9	83	80	863	5	64	80	114	1	863	5	64	11	239	1	82	15	253	1	73	1832
VMI		181	459	2	27	79	869	5	44	79	126	5	869	5	44	13	258	0	50	9	74	0	21	1328

Opponents Averages

Games	Avg/ rush	Avg/ catch	Pass effic	KR avg	PR avg	All purpose avg/game	Total offense avg/game
5	4.5	10.8	146.5	21.7	16.9	480.6	366.4

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Fumble ff fr-yds	Pass Defense			blkd kick	PAT attempts			off				
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds			int-yds	qbh	brup		kick	rush	rcv	saf	t/o	pts		
09/02/2023	Davidson	38	46	84	4.0-25	3-20	2	1-0	1-19	2	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	7
09/09/2023	at Bucknell	47	28	75	9.0-48	6-41	0	0-0	0-0	3	2	1	3-3	0	0	0	0	0	21
09/16/2023	at NC State	15	36	51	7.0-34	3-28	0	0-0	1-30	5	3	0	6-6	0	0	0	7	45	
09/23/2023	Wofford	33	48	81	8.0-26	2-11	2	0-0	2-0	1	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	0	14	
09/30/2023	at Mercer	33	32	65	7.0-25	3-17	2	2-8	1-30	2	4	0	5-5	0	0	0	14	38	
Opponents		166	190	356	35.0-158	17-117	6	3-8	5-79	13	9	1	17-17	0	0	0	21	125	
VMI		180	214	394	29.0-105	7-38	4	3-0	1-0	6	9	0	4-5	0	0	0	3	52	

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs			
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
09/02/2023	Davidson	9	398	44.2	63	0	2	1	3	3	0-0	0	0	2	106	53.0	0	1
09/09/2023	at Bucknell	8	323	40.4	52	0	2	0	1	2	0-0	0	0	4	224	56.0	0	0
09/16/2023	at NC State	2	82	41.0	44	0	0	0	0	1	1-1	31	0	8	510	63.8	5	0
09/23/2023	Wofford	8	310	38.8	55	0	0	3	1	2	0-0	0	0	3	185	61.7	2	0
09/30/2023	at Mercer	5	197	39.4	47	0	1	1	0	0	1-1	23	0	7	408	58.3	1	0
Opponents		32	1310	40.9	63	0	5	5	5	8	2-2	31	0	24	1433	59.7	8	1
VMI		37	1621	43.8	60	1	3	6	10	12	2-5	46	0	14	750	53.6	1	1



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Opponent - Game Lows

RUSHES	35	Wofford (09/23/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	101	Davidson (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	2.6	Davidson (09/02/2023)
TD RUSHES	0	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	12	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	6	Davidson (09/02/2023)
YARDS PASSING	83	Davidson (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	6.2	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
TD PASSES	0	Wofford (09/23/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	51	Davidson (09/02/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	184	Davidson (09/02/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.6	Davidson (09/02/2023)
POINTS	7	Davidson (09/02/2023)
SACKS BY	2	Wofford (09/23/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	8	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PENALTIES	1	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	5	Davidson (09/02/2023)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
PUNTS	2	at NC State (09/16/2023)
PUNTING AVG	38.8	Wofford (09/23/2023)
LONG PUNT	44	at NC State (09/16/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	12	Wofford (09/23/2023)



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VMI - Game Lows

RUSHES	21	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	15	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	0.7	at NC State (09/16/2023)
TD RUSHES	0 0 0	at Mercer (09/30/2023) at NC State (09/16/2023) at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	12	Wofford (09/23/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	9	Wofford (09/23/2023)
YARDS PASSING	62	Wofford (09/23/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	5.2	Wofford (09/23/2023)
TD PASSES	0	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	45	at NC State (09/16/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	191	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.4	Wofford (09/23/2023)
POINTS	3	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
SACKS BY	0	Davidson (09/02/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	10 10	at Mercer (09/30/2023) at NC State (09/16/2023)
PENALTIES	1	Wofford (09/23/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	5	Wofford (09/23/2023)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0 0 0 0	at Mercer (09/30/2023) Wofford (09/23/2023) at NC State (09/16/2023) at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
PUNTS	5	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PUNTING AVG	36.6	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
LONG PUNT	48	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	Davidson (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Wofford (09/23/2023)



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VMI - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	27	Hunter Rice vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	90	Hunter Rice vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
TD RUSHES	1	Hunter Rice vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
	1	Grant Swinehart vs Davidson (09/02/2023)
LONG RUSH	27	Hunter Rice vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	33	Collin Ironside at Mercer (09/30/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	20	Collin Ironside at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
YARDS PASSING	239	Collin Ironside vs Davidson (09/02/2023)
TD PASSES	2	Collin Ironside at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
LONG PASS	44	Collin Shannon at NC State (09/16/2023)
RECEPTIONS	6	Chance Knox at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
YARDS RECEIVING	107	Egypt Nelson at NC State (09/16/2023)
TD RECEPTIONS	1	Aidan Twombly vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
	1	Egypt Nelson at NC State (09/16/2023)
	1	VJ Johnson at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
	1	Aidan Twombly at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
	1	VJ Johnson vs Davidson (09/02/2023)
LONG RECEPTION	44	Egypt Nelson at NC State (09/16/2023)
PUNTS	9	Jack Culbreath vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
PUNTING AVG	47.9	Jack Culbreath vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
LONG PUNT	60	Jack Culbreath vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	5	Jack Culbreath vs Wofford (09/23/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	21	Chance Knox at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	50	Ivan Thorpe at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
TACKLES	14	Eric Rankin vs Davidson (09/02/2023)
SACKS	1.5	Geoffrey Speight at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3.5	Dorien Starnes at NC State (09/16/2023)



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RUSHES	48	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
YARDS RUSHING	299	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.2	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
TD RUSHES	3	at Mercer (09/30/2023)
	3	at NC State (09/16/2023)
PASS ATTEMPTS	32	at NC State (09/16/2023)
PASS COMPLETIONS	27	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS PASSING	264	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS PER PASS	8.3	at NC State (09/16/2023)
TD PASSES	2	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
TOTAL PLAYS	77	at NC State (09/16/2023)
TOTAL OFFENSE	498	at NC State (09/16/2023)
YARDS PER PLAY	6.5	at NC State (09/16/2023)
POINTS	45	at NC State (09/16/2023)
SACKS BY	6	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
FIRST DOWNS	26	at NC State (09/16/2023)
PENALTIES	11	Wofford (09/23/2023)
PENALTY YARDS	85	at Bucknell (09/09/2023)
TURNOVERS	2	Wofford (09/23/2023)
PUNTS	9	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PUNTING AVG	44.2	Davidson (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT	63	Davidson (09/02/2023)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Davidson (09/02/2023)
LONG PUNT RETURN	73	at Mercer (09/30/2023)