




# Virginia Tech Hokies



Atlantic Coast Conference - Coastal Division

## Team Overview

National Championships - 1	
	<b>XO</b>
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Conference Titles	
	<b>X4</b>
Last Won: <b>2010</b>	
Past Conf. Titles: <b>7</b>	

**VIRGINIA TECH BIO**

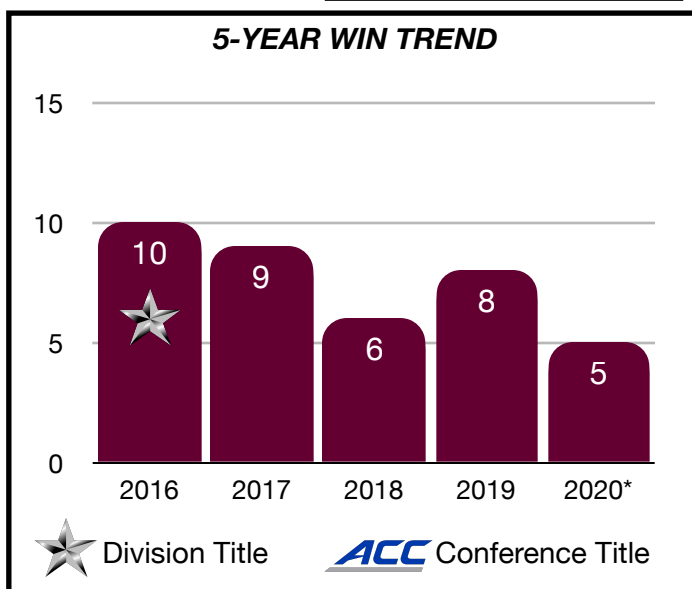
All-Time Record: **756-480-46**

Location: **Blacksburg, VA**

Official Colors  
**Chicago Maroon**  
**Burnt Orange**

Coach: **Justin Fuente**  
(6th Year: 38-26)









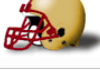



2020 Results: **5-6 (5-5 ACC)**



**Stadium: Lane Stadium - Capacity: 65,632**



## 2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021 Virginia Tech Schedule		
Week	Date	Team
1	Fri, Sept 3	 <b>vs. N. Carolina</b>
2	Sat, Sept 11	 vs. Mid Tennessee
3	Sat, Sept 18	 @ West Virginia
4	Sat, Sept 25	 vs. Richmond
5	<i>Bye Week</i>	
6	Sat, Oct 9	 vs. Notre Dame
7	Sat, Oct 16	 <b>vs. Pittsburgh</b>
8	Sat, Oct 23	 <b>vs. Syracuse</b>
9	Sat, Oct 30	 <b>@ Georgia Tech</b>
10	Fri, Nov 5	 <b>@ Boston C</b>
11	Sat, Nov 13	 <b>vs. Duke</b>
12	Sat, Nov 20	 <b>@ Miami (FL)</b>
13	Sat, Nov 27	 <b>@ Virginia</b>

**Conference Games in Bold**

2015 (7-6, 4-4 ACC)	
vs. #1 Ohio State	L 24-42
vs. Furman	W 42-3
@ Purdue	W 51-24
@ East Carolina	L 28-35
vs. Pittsburgh	L 13-17
vs. NC State	W 28-13
@ Miami (FL)	L 20-30
vs. #23 Duke	L 43-45
@ Boston College	W 26-10
@ Georgia Tech	W 23-21
vs. #17 UNC	L 27-30
@ Virginia	W 23-20
vs. Tulsa*	W 55-52

2016 (10-4, 6-2 ACC)	
vs. Liberty	W 36-13
vs. #17 Tenn*	L 24-45
vs. Boston C	W 49-0
vs. East Carolina	W 54-17
@ #17 N. Carolina	W 34-3
@ Syracuse	L 17-31
vs. Miami (FL)	W 37-16
@ Pittsburgh	W 39-36
@ Duke	W 24-21
vs. Georgia Tech	L 20-30
@ Notre Dame	W 34-31
vs. Virginia	W 52-10
vs. #3 Clemson*	L 35-42
vs. Arkansas*	W 35-24

2017 (9-4, 5-3 ACC)	
vs. #22 WVU*	W 31-24
vs. Delaware	W 27-0
@ East Carolina	W 64-17
vs. Old Dominion	W 38-0
vs. #2 Clemson	L 17-31
@ Boston College	W 23-10
vs. North Carolina	W 59-7
vs. Duke	W 24-3
@ #9 Miami (FL)	L 10-28
@ Georgia Tech	L 22-28
vs. Pittsburgh	W 20-14
@ Virginia	W 10-0
vs. #17 Ok St*	L 21-30

2018 (6-7, 4-4 ACC)	
@ #19 Florida St.	W 24-3
vs. W&M	W 62-17
@ Old Dominion	L 35-49
@ #22 Duke	W 31-14
vs. #6 ND	L 23-45
@ N. Carolina	W 22-19
vs. Georgia Tech	L 28-49
vs. #24 Boston C	L 21-31
@ Pittsburgh	L 22-52
vs. Miami (FL)	L 14-38
vs. Virginia	W 34-31
vs. Marshall	W 41-20
vs. Cincinnati*	L 31-35

2019 (8-5, 5-3 ACC)	
@ Boston College	L 28-35
vs. Old Dominion	W 31-17
vs. Furman	W 24-17
vs. Duke	L 10-45
@ Miami (FL)	W 42-35
vs. Rhode Island	W 34-17
vs. N. Carolina	W 43-41
@ #16 ND	L 20-21
vs. #22 WF	W 36-17
@ Georgia Tech	W 45-0
vs. Pittsburgh	W 28-0
@ Virginia	L 30-39
vs. Kentucky*	L 30-37

2020 (5-6, 5-5 ACC)	
vs. NC State	W 45-24
@ Duke	W 38-31
@ #8 N. Carolina	L 45-56
vs. Boston C	W 40-14
@ Wake Forest	L 16-23
@ Louisville	W 42-35
vs. #25 Liberty	L 35-38
vs. #9 Miami (FL)	L 24-25
@ Pittsburgh	L 14-47
vs. #4 Clemson	L 10-45
vs. Virginia	W 33-15

### Key Games

**Fri, Sept 3: vs. North Carolina** - There's nothing to get the 2021 season underway like a Friday night home showdown against Sam Howell and the Tar Heels. North Carolina racked up 56 points against the Hokies in 2020.

**Sat, Sept 18: @ West Virginia** - This matchup will mark the first time the Hokies have played the Mountaineers on the road since the two teams were opponents in the Big East. Considering Notre Dame is also looming in the non-conference schedule, a win against the Mountaineers would help the cause.

**Sat, Nov 27: @ Virginia** - This rivalry series is no longer a "given" like it used to be. The Cavaliers broke the Hokies' 15-game win streak in 2019 after the 2018 contest went to overtime. Last season Virginia Tech ended a four-game losing streak with an 18-point win. The 2021 rivalry should be a close contest once again.

## 2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored	Points Allowed	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Turnover Margin
<b>31.1</b>	<b>32.1</b>	<b>200.6</b>	<b>240.1</b>	<b>+3</b>
43rd in FBS	82nd in FBS	89th in FBS	10th in FBS	T-45th in FBS

## 2021 Projections

### Key Players



#### #82 - James Mitchell - Junior TE

Mitchell is one of the most talented tight ends in the country. Last season, Mitchell recorded 26 catches for 435 yards and 4 touchdowns. That production should increase considering Mitchell is now in his fourth year with the program and should have a more stable quarterback situation behind him with Braxton Burmeister as the clear gunslinger. He should boost what was a less-than-average passing attack in 2020 along with wideouts Tavion Robinson and Tre Turner.

#### #38 - Amare Barno - Junior DE

If you are an opposing quarterback, one of the last sights you want to see is Amare Barno bearing down on you looking for a sack. Barno did that plenty in 2020, totaling 6.5 sacks and nearly 10 tackles for loss. He also forced a pair of fumbles and recovered an additional fumble as well. Barno will need help from the defensive unit as a whole, considering that teams will key in on the junior college transfer now more than ever.



Virginia Tech saw their 27-year bowl streak come to an end in disappointing fashion, with the Hokies losing four of their last five games. It was an unusual season for Va Tech, in part because of Covid complications and in part because of long-time defensive coordinator Bud Foster's retirement. New DC Justin Hamilton had limited opportunity to insert his defense and it showed, as the Hokies gave up 32.1 points a game and their highest yards allowed in over several years. Three of the Hokies' six losses were by 1, 3, and 7 points.

The Hokies had one of the more potent running games in the country, but now that Khalil Herbert (1,182 yards) and Hendon Hooker (620 yards) are gone, expect a dip in 2021. Raheem Blacksheer, a transfer from Rutgers will likely be the main back, but his 3.8 yards per carry were the worst on the team last season, although he makes up for that average by being a receiving threat out of the backfield. Having Lecitus Smith back at left guard should only help the running backs. The receiving core is mostly intact and has some talent, including tight end James Mitchell and wide receivers Tavion Robinson and Tre Turner combined for over 1,000 yards receiving and 6 touchdowns. Braxton Burmeister should be the undisputed starter this year and should enter the season with some confidence after leading the Hokies to a win over Virginia. Depth is a major concern on offense, so Virginia Tech absolutely must stay healthy.

If the Hokies turn out another losing season or end up around .500, there's no question Justin Fuente's job will be on the line. His best two seasons were a 10-win Coastal title 2016 campaign followed by a 9-win 2017 season. It's been around .500 football since. I do believe he will lead his squad back to a bowl, and a realistic record is somewhere around 7-8 wins. However, a completely healthy squad could even compete for a Coastal division title. That's probably a big "if."

**Aaron's Projection: (8-4) 4th in ACC Atlantic**

