


# Virginia Cavaliers



Atlantic Coast Conference - Coastal Division

## Team Overview

National Championships - 0	
	<b>XO</b>

Conference Titles	
	<b>X2</b>
Last Year: <b>1995</b>	
Past Conf. Titles: <b>2</b>	

**VIRGINIA BIO**

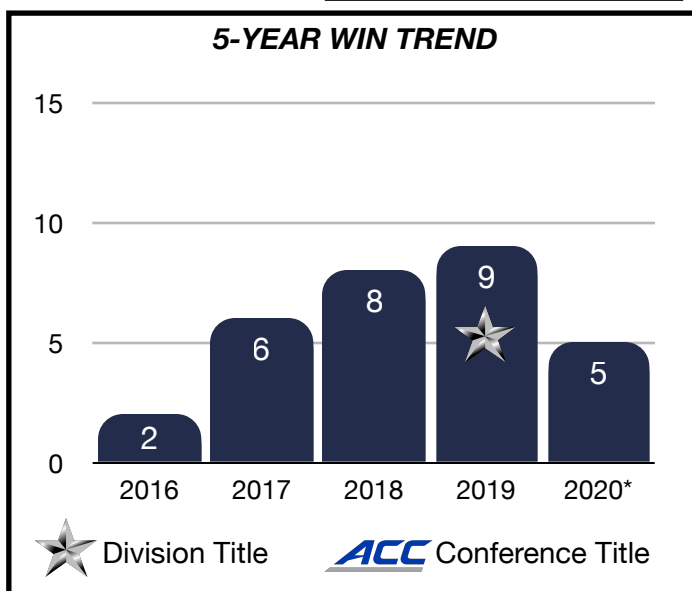
All-Time Record: **668-612-48**

Location: **Charlottesville, VA**

Official Colors  
**Jefferson Blue**  
**Cavalier Orange**

Coach: **Bronco Mendenhall**  
(6th Year: 30-32)

2020 Results: **5-5 (4-5 ACC)**







**Stadium: Scott Stadium - Capacity: 61,500**



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## 2021 Schedule and Past Results

2021 Virginia Schedule		
Week	Date	Team
1	Sat, Sept 4	 vs. William & Mary
2	Sat, Sept 11	 vs. Illinois
3	Sat, Sept 18	 <b>@ North Carolina</b>
4	Fri, Sept 24	 <b>vs. Wake Forest</b>
5	Thu, Sept 30	 <b>@ Miami (FL)</b>
6	Sat, Oct 9	 <b>@ Louisville</b>
7	Sat, Oct 16	 <b>vs. Duke</b>
8	Sat, Oct 23	 <b>vs. Georgia Tech</b>
9	Sat, Oct 30	 <b>@ BYU</b>
10	<i>Bye Week</i>	
11	Sat, Nov 13	 vs. Notre Dame
12	Sat, Nov 20	 <b>@ Pittsburgh</b>
13	Sat, Nov 27	 <b>vs. Virginia Tech</b>

**Conference Games in Bold**

2015 (4-8, 3-5 ACC)	
@ #13 UCLA	L 16-34
vs. #9 ND	L 27-34
vs. W&M	W 35-29
vs. Boise State	L 14-56
@ Pittsburgh	L 19-26
vs. Syracuse	W 44-38
@ North Carolina	L 13-26
vs. Georgia Tech	W 27-21
@ Miami (FL)	L 21-27
@ Louisville	L 31-38
vs. Duke	W 42-34
vs. Virginia Tech	L 20-23

2016 (2-10, 1-7 ACC)	
vs. Richmond	L 20-37
@ #24 Oregon	L 26-44
@ UConn	L 10-13
vs. C. Michigan	W 49-35
@ Duke	W 34-20
vs. Pittsburgh	L 31-45
vs. #22 UNC	L 14-35
vs. #5 Louisville	L 25-32
@ Wake Forest	L 20-27
vs. Miami (FL)	L 14-34
@ Georgia Tech	L 17-31
@ Virginia Tech	L 10-52

2017 (6-7, 3-5 ACC)	
vs. W&M	W 28-10
vs. Indiana	L 17-34
vs. UConn	W 38-18
@ Boise State	W 42-23
vs. Duke	W 28-21
@ North Carolina	W 20-14
vs. Boston C	L 10-41
@ Pittsburgh	L 14-31
vs. Georgia Tech	W 40-36
@ Louisville	L 21-38
@ #2 Miami (FL)	L 28-44
vs. #24 Va Tech	L 0-10
vs. Navy*	L 7-49

2018 (8-5, 4-4 ACC)	
vs. Richmond	W 42-13
@ Indiana	L 16-20
vs. Ohio	W 45-31
vs. Louisville	W 27-3
@ NC State	L 21-35
vs. #16 Mia (FL)	W 16-13
@ Duke	W 28-14
vs. North Carolina	W 31-21
vs. Pittsburgh	L 13-23
vs. Liberty	W 45-24
@ Georgia Tech	L 27-30
@ Virginia Tech	L 31-34
vs. S. Carolina*	W 28-0

2019 (9-5, 6-2 ACC)	
@ Pittsburgh	W 30-14
vs. W&M	W 52-17
vs. Florida State	W 31-24
vs. Old Dominion	W 28-17
@ #10 ND	L 20-35
@ Miami (FL)	L 9-17
vs. Duke	W 48-14
@ Louisville	L 21-28
@ North Carolina	W 38-31
vs. Georgia Tech	W 33-28
vs. Liberty	W 55-27
vs. #23 Va Tech	W 39-30
vs. #3 Clemson*	L 17-62
vs. #6 Florida*	L 28-36

2020 (5-5, 4-5 ACC)	
vs. Duke	W 38-20
@ #1 Clemson	L 23-41
vs. NC State	L 21-38
@ Wake Forest	L 23-40
@ #11 Miami (FL)	L 14-19
vs. #15 UNC	W 44-41
vs. Louisville	W 31-17
vs. Abil Christian	W 55-15
vs. Boston C	W 43-32
@ Virginia Tech	L 15-33

### Key Games

**Sat, Sept 18: @ North Carolina** - The conference schedule gets started with a bang against many expert's Coastal favorite North Carolina. Virginia upset the Tar Heels last year at Chapel Hill by 3.

**Fri, Sept 24: vs. Wake Forest** - Although the Cavaliers have dominated the overall series, Wake Forest has won the last four in the series including a 23-40 victory in 2020 where the Demon Deacons scored 17 straight to put away Virginia. A Friday night game should add to the excitement for both teams looking to make a push in the ACC.

**Sat, Oct 30: @ BYU** - Call it the "Bronco Mendenhall" bowl, where Virginia's current head coach spent his first 11 years of his career and won an impressive 99 games in that time span. BYU had one of their best seasons in school history last season but has a lot to replace, which is another reason why this matchup could be intriguing.

## 2020 Team Statistics

Points Scored	Points Allowed	Passing Yards	Rushing Yards	Turnover Margin
<b>30.7</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>260.6</b>	<b>162.7</b>	<b>-1</b>
47th in FBS	66th in FBS	38th in FBS	66th in FBS	72nd in FBS

## 2021 Projections

### Key Players



#### #5 - Brennan Armstrong - Sophomore QB

Armstrong had nearly 40 more rushes than the next leading rusher (126 total) and led Virginia with 552 rush yards. But don't be fooled into thinking Armstrong can't throw the ball too. The lefty had 2,117 yards and 18 touchdowns. He needs to limit interceptions and completion percentage could be better, but Virginia should have a better run game and O-line which will take some of the pressure off of Armstrong. He will look to his top two receivers from last year in Billy Kemp and Lavel Davis.

#### #6 - Nick Jackson - Sophomore LB

Jackson eclipsed the 100-tackle mark in just 10 games for the Cavs and was named to the second all-ACC team. Jackson will be called upon to lead a defense that was one of the worst in the country in defending the pass and brings back just six starters (a relatively low number in a year where all players earned an extra year of eligibility). Jackson had 2.5 sacks in 2020, and totaling even more will help the pass rush and could even put Jackson in a place to play on Sundays someday.



Oddly enough, Virginia is still the defending Coastal champions since there were no divisions in the ACC in 2020. Repeating that result will be difficult this year. The Cavaliers take trips to both North Carolina and Miami in a three week span with another difficult matchup against Wake Forest sandwiched in between. Virginia also draws BYU and Notre Dame out of the non-conference.

If Virginia wants to make another ACC championship appearance, the defense simply must improve. The 2020 unit gave up 443 yards per game and was 7th-worst in passing yards allowed in the entire country. Just six players return from that unit, but if those players can stay healthy (especially the secondary), there should be some improvement.

On offense, Virginia needs to help out quarterback Brennan Armstrong, who did just about everything for the Cavs in the 2020. His 126 carries were by far the most on the team as were his 552 rushing yards. Running back Wayne Taulapapa returns and Mike Hollins, who did not play in 2020, also comes back to add additional depth at running back. The offensive line brings back 4 of the 5 starters from last year's squad and has over 100 starts.

Virginia is a tough team to predict. On one hand, there was an expected drop from a successful 2019 season which even included a win over rival Virginia Tech, snapping a 15-game losing streak. The Cavaliers started 2020 with a 1-4 record but quickly turned around the season with an upset over North Carolina and rattled off three more wins after that before eventually falling to Virginia Tech. On the other hand, outside of 2020, Virginia has steadily improved under head coach Bronco Mendenhall. He is confident that Virginia will be more dynamic on offense. I still have doubts about the defense and the Cavaliers will be one of the more inexperienced teams in the ACC. Still, count Virginia out at your own risk.

**Aaron's Projection: (7-5) 5th in ACC Coastal**

