

2014 VMI FOOTBALL

GAME 12: VMI VS. THE CITADEL
 NOVEMBER 22, 2014 - 1:30 P.M. • FOSTER STADIUM

SERIES RECORD: CITADEL LEADS 37-30-2
 LAST MEETING: THE CITADEL 31, VMI 10 - NOV. 16, 2013

2014 VMI SCHEDULE & RESULTS		
OVERALL: 2-9		SOCON: 1-5
HOME: 2-2		AWAY: 0-7
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
A30	at Bucknell	L, 38-42
S6	at Bowling Green	L, 7-48
S13	Davidson	W, 52-24
S20	at Samford*	L, 21-63
S27	Mercer*	L, 24-27
O4	at #14 Chattanooga*	L, 7-55
O11	at Navy	L, 14-51
O18	Gardner-Webb	L, 41-47 (2 OT)
O25	at Wofford*	L, 3-38
N1	Furman*	W, 31-15
N15	at Western Carolina*	L, 27-42
N22	The Citadel*	1:30 p.m.



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QUICK HITTERS:

2014 CITADEL SCHEDULE/RESULTS		
OVERALL: 4-7		SOCON: 2-4
Date	Opponent	Time/Result
A30	Coastal Carolina	L, 16-31
S6	at Florida State	L, 12-37
S20	at Charleston Southern	L, 18-20
S27	Gardner-Webb	W, 37-14
O4	at Wofford	L, 13-17
O11	Charlotte	W, 63-56
O18	Chattanooga	L, 14-34
O25	at Western Carolina	L, 15-29
N1	at Mercer	W, 28-26
N8	Furman	W, 42-35 (OT)
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A VMI Win against The Citadel would -
 Give the Keydets the Silver Shako for the first time since 2002.

Be VMI's third season-ending win in the last four years.

Allow VMI to finish with a winning record at home for the first time since 2008.

HOW TO FOLLOW:

VMI RADIO NETWORK - WWZW-FM 96.7 FM (Lexington, Lynchburg), WLEE 990 AM (Richmond) and WRTZ 1410 AM (Roanoke). A free audio broadcast of the game is available at www.3wzfm.com. Wade Branner will call the play-by-play, with Rick Cruze on color beginning with the pregame show at 1:15 p.m.

TELEVISION/VIDEO STREAMING - Saturday's game can be seen free of charge on participating providers through the ESPN3/WatchESPN web site at www.watchespn.com. Pete Yanity will handle play by play and Will Merritt will do color commentary.

TALE OF THE TAPE



24.1	Scoring Average	25.0
41.1	Points Allowed/Gm.	29.0
231	First Downs	252
104.0	Rushing Avg.	342.6
259.5	Passing Avg.	78.8
363.5	Total Offense Avg.	421.5
30:47	Time of Possession	32:26
266.5	Rushing Defense Avg.	203.2
230.6	Passing Defense Avg.	233.1
497.2	Total Defense Avg.	436.3
10	Interceptions Made	3
12-64	Sacks By-Yards	20-137
15-10	Fumbles-Lost	28-11
42%	3rd Down Conv.	48%
47%	Opp. 3rd Down Conv.	36%
40%	4th Down Conv.	48%
88%	Opp. 4th Down Conv.	53%
18.2	Kick Return Average	18.8
4.8	Punt Return Average	5.8
-3	Turnover Margin	-2

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VMI's 2014 Record When

Home	2-2
Away	0-7
Playing On Grass	2-3
Playing On Turf	0-7
Winning The Coin Toss	1-3
Losing The Coin Toss	1-6
Receiving The Ball First	1-7
Kicking Off First	1-2
Leading After the 1st Quarter	2-0
Trailing After the 1st Quarter	0-9
Tied After the 1st Quarter	0-0
Leading at Halftime	2-1
Trailing at Halftime	0-8
Tied at Halftime	0-0
Leading After the 3rd Quarter	2-0
Trailing After the 3rd Quarter	0-8
Tied After the 3rd Quarter	0-1
Leading with 2:00 Left	2-1
Trailing with 2:00 Left	0-8
Tied with 2:00 Left	0-0
Scoring First	2-0
Opponent Scores First	0-9
Scoring 40 or more points	1-1
Scoring 30-39 points	1-1
Scoring 20-29 points	0-3
Scoring less than 20 points	0-4
Allowing Opponent less than 20 points	1-0
Allowing Opponent 20 or more points	1-6
Allowing Opponent less than 30 points	1-1
Allowing Opponent 30 or more points	0-8
Rushing for 100 yards or more	2-3
Rushing for less than 100 yards	0-6
Passing for 200 yards or more	2-6
Passing for less than 200 yards	0-3
Totaling 400 yards or more in offense	1-5
Totaling less than 400 yards in offense	1-4
Allowing Opp. 150 or more rushing yards	1-8
Allowing Opp. less than 150 rushing yards	1-1
Allowing Opp. 200 or more passing yards	2-5
Allowing Opp. less than 200 passing yards	0-4
Committing Fewer Turnovers	2-3
Committing Equal Turnovers	0-0
Committing More Turnovers	0-6
Committing One Turnover or Less	1-3
Committing Two Turnovers or More	1-4
Playing in August	0-1
Playing In September	1-3
Playing In October	0-4
Playing In November	1-1

SATURDAY'S GAME VS.THE CITADEL -

THE SERIES - Saturday's battle between VMI and The Citadel will be the 70th meeting overall in the series that began in 1920. The rivalry adopted the name "Military Classic of the South" in 1976 when the Keydets and Bulldogs began vying for the "Silver Shako" trophy that is awarded to the winner of each meeting. The Citadel leads the overall series 37-30-2 but in games played in Lexington VMI holds a 16-10-2 edge. VMI will be trying to reclaim the Silver Shako for the first time since 2002 when the Keydets downed The Citadel, 23-21, in Charlotte, N.C. Saturday's game will also have a pregame recognition of 15 VMI football senior players.

IT HAPPENED ON NOVEMBER 22 -

VMI FOOTBALL - On this date in 1962, the Keydets beat Virginia Tech 14-9 in Roanoke, ending a Southern Conference championship season.

VMI FOOTBALL SEASON NOTES -

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Head Coach Sparky Woods

Sparky Woods (Carson-Newman '76), a veteran coach in the college ranks with over 30 years of experience, is in his seventh season in Lexington.

Woods was named the 30th head football coach in the Institute's 118-year history on February 12, 2008. That marked his return to the FCS (I-AA) ranks, where he produced a successful run as head coach of Appalachian State for five seasons, from 1984 through 1988. Woods guided the Mountaineers to a 38-19-2 mark and two Southern Conference titles (1986, 1987) and two I-AA playoff appearances. Over the two-year span in '86-'87, Appalachian State posted a perfect 13-0 conference mark. The Southern Conference tabbed Woods as Coach of the Year for three consecutive years (1985-87) and he was named Kodak Region II Coach of the Year in 1986.

As a head coach overall, Woods holds a 80-107-5 mark. Woods was also head coach at South Carolina from 1989-93, and later served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Memphis (1995-96), Virginia (1997-98), and Mississippi State. Woods also served as running backs coach at Alabama from 2003-06 and served a one-year stint under Pete Carroll on the staff of the NFL's New York Jets in 1994.

Career Record - 80-107-5

Record at VMI - 17-61

First Career Head Coaching Victory - Sept. 8, 1984 - Appalachian State 17, E. Kentucky 16

First Win at VMI - Sept. 6, 2008 - VMI 49, Saint Francis (Pa.) 0

First Loss at VMI - Sept. 13, 2008 - William & Mary 52, VMI 17

Largest Margin of Victory at VMI - Sept. 20, 2008 - VMI 69, Chowan 20

FURMAN GAME NOTES

SANDERS CAPS INTERCEPTION STREAK - Freshman Greg Sanders ended an impressive run with an interception against Furman. It was the third straight game in which Sanders recorded a pick. He is the first Keydet freshman with three picks in a season since Christian Kelly had three in 2006. He is the first Keydet player of any class with three picks in a season since 2012.

GROUND GAME GETS MOVING – VMI rushed for a season-high 44 attempts against Furman on November 1 and also surpassed the century mark in rushing for the first time in five games with 138 yards against the Paladins. It was the fourth time overall this season that VMI piled up 100 or more yards rushing.

DEFENSE SETS TONE IN WIN – The Keydet defense surrendered a season best 15 points in the 31-15 win over Furman November 1. The 299 total yards allowed the Paladins was also the least yards of total offense allowed against an opponent this season.

WOFFORD GAME NOTES

A FIRST KICKOFF - The Keydets kicked off to start a game for the first time this year in Sept. 25's contest against Wofford. It ended a string of 11 straight games in which VMI had gotten the ball on offense to open a game, a run that dated back to Nov. 2, 2013 against Liberty.

KEYS SETS CAREER-HIGH - Defensive back Alex Keys logged a career-high in tackles Oct. 25 at Wofford. Keys made 11 stops in the VMI loss.

CRATSENBERG EARNS STARTING NOD - VMI true freshman Allen Cratsenberg (Natrone, Pa.) made his first career start at inside linebacker last week against Wofford and finished with four solo stops and four assists for eight total tackles. For the season, Cratsenberg has 33 total tackles.

GARDNER-WEBB GAME NOTES

COBB EARNS MULTIPLE HONORS AFTER GWU - VMI quarterback Al Cobb earned multiple honors after posting a 34 for 53, 351-yard, six touchdown performance Oct. 18 against Gardner-Webb. Cobb earned both SoCon Freshman of the Week and co-Sports Network FCS National Freshman of the Week honors for his efforts that included setting a new school record with six TD passes. That marks also tied for the second-highest figure in SoCon history.

LITANY OF RECORDS SET IN GARDNER-WEBB GAME - Both teams set a litany of records in Oct. 18's Gardner-Webb game - Al Cobb's six touchdowns were a new VMI best, while his 34 completions were tied for the school record. Cobb also set single game marks for most TD's responsible for and points responsible for (38). GWU quarterback Lucas Beatty, meanwhile, set a new Alumni Memorial Field record for passing yards, while Kenny Cook's 251 yards receiving for GWU were also a new facility best.

SPREADING THE WEALTH – For the third time this season, VMI redshirt freshman Al Cobb's multiple touchdown games have all gone to different receivers and no VMI wideout has caught two touchdown passes from Cobb in the same game. In his four touchdown game against Bucknell Aug. 30, Cobb utilized four different receivers and his two touchdowns thrown against Mercer were to different VMI players. His record breaking six touchdown performance against Gardner-Webb Oct. 18 last Saturday saw the Pulaski, Tenn. native utilize six different receivers for scores.

SPREADING THE WEALTH PART TWO – The Gardner-Webb game marked the third time this season that 10 different VMI receivers caught at least one pass during the game. VMI also utilized 10 receivers against Mercer September 27 and at Navy October 11.

OVERTIME WOES – After winning their first five overtime games, VMI has dropped its last three contests that have gone beyond regulation. All of the OT setbacks have been multiple sessions.

2014 Southern Conference Standings

	Overall	Conf.
#9 Chattanooga	8-3	6-0
Samford	7-3	5-2
Western Carolina	7-4	5-2
Wofford	5-5	3-3
The Citadel	4-7	2-4
Mercer	6-5	1-5
VMI	2-9	1-4
Furman	3-8	1-4

This Week's Games

The Citadel at VMI, 1:30 p.m.

Mercer at Wofford, 1:30 p.m.

Chattanooga at Furman, 3:30 p.m.

Western Carolina at Alabama, 4 p.m.

Samford at Auburn, 7 p.m.

VMI's 2014 Honors

Sports Network FCS Freshman of the Week:

Co - QB Al Cobb (10/20)

Jerry Rice Award Watch List:
QB Al Cobb

SoCon Student Athlete of the Week:
LB Chris Copeland (9/17)

CFPA Weekly Honorable Mention:
WR Aaron Sanders (9/16)

SoCon Offensive Player of the Week:
WR Aaron Sanders (9/15)

SoCon Freshman of the Week:
QB Al Cobb (9/1), (10/20), (11/3)

SoCon Preseason All-Conference:
OT Andrew Marcotte

SoCon Preseason Poll

1. Chattanooga (6)	.48
2. Furman (1)	.40
2. Samford (1)	.40
4. Wofford	.30
5. Western Carolina	.24
6. The Citadel	.22
7. Mercer	.10
7. VMI	.10

NAVY GAME NOTES

RUSHING ATTACK - With 30 yards rushing against Navy on Oct. 11, senior running back Jabari Turner took over the team rushing lead from Deon Watts. Turner now has 74 carries for 312 yards and his six touchdowns have also placed him atop the team scoring list with 36 points.

FUMBLE = TOUCHDOWN - Damien Jones' fumble recovery in the end zone for a touchdown against Navy was the first time a Keydet had achieved that feat since Weston Reber recovered a Gardner-Webb fumble on November 9, 2013.

AVOIDING THE FLAGS - VMI had a season-low one penalty against Navy on Saturday and was not assessed any penalty yards in the game. The lone flag against the Keydets was a safety imposed when punter Hayden Alford kicked an errant snap over the end zone back line. The Keydets now lead the SoCon in fewest penalty yards per game.

FORLINES EQUALS CAREER-HIGH - Sophomore wide receiver Dane Forlines led VMI in receiving at Navy with a career-high tying five receptions for 51 yards. It marked the first time this year that the Richmond, Va. native had topped the Keydet receivers in receptions in a game.

CHATTANOOGA GAME NOTES

ALFORD PUNT LONGEST THIS YEAR - Lost in the shuffle of Oct. 4's game at Chattanooga was Hayden Alford's 69-yard punt. It was not only a career-best, but was the longest in the SoCon this season and VMI's longest since Brent Barth had a 70-yard punt during 2001.

THREE KEYDETS RETURN FROM INJURY - Three VMI defensive players - Caleb Lindsey, Denton Ensinger and Bradley Lipscomb - returned from injury Oct. 4 against Chattanooga.

MERCER GAME NOTES

PATTERSON RETURNS TO THE STAT COLUMNS - After seeing brief action against Samford in his season debut, wideout Sam Patterson paced the Keydets with a six-catch, 93-yard effort Sept. 27 against Mercer. Patterson was voted Second Team All-Big South after the 2013 season.

ZIGLAR BACK IN ACTION - Running back Derrick Ziglar, who had played just six plays prior to the Mercer game, saw action on 32 snaps against Mercer. Ziglar, VMI's leading rusher last year, had seven carries and caught three passes.

KEYDETS BLOCK A KICK, AGAIN - VMI blocked its third kick of the season Sept. 27 against Mercer, this one an extra point that Joe Nelson got a hand on.

SAMFORD GAME NOTES

TURNER FINDS THE ENDZONE - With two rushing touchdowns against Samford, senior running back Jabari Turner has reached the end zone five times in the past two games. Turner scored on rushes of 5 and 1 yards against Samford and two weeks ago against Davidson became the first VMI back since Chaz Jones in 2011 to score three rushing touchdowns in a game.

PATTERSON RETURNS TO ACTION - Junior wide receiver Sam Patterson returned to action against Samford, seeing his first action of the year. Patterson had missed the first three games of the season due to knee issues.

SOCON OPENER - The Samford game marked VMI's first Southern Conference contest in football since Nov. 16, 2002, a 23-21 win over The Citadel in Charlotte.

DAVIDSON GAME NOTES

SANDERS EARNS MULTIPLE WEEKLY HONORS - After posting one of the best games by a receiver in VMI football history, Aaron Sanders earned multiple honors on Sept. 15 and 16. Sanders caught 10 balls for 215 yards against Davidson, including a career-high 60-yard grab, the third-highest total single-game receiving yard effort in Keydet annals. For his efforts, he was named SoCon Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 15 and was tabbed with College Football Performance Awards' Honorable Mention laurel one day later.

CHRIS COPELAND NAMED STUDENT-ATHLETE OF THE WEEK - Linebacker Chris Copeland was named SoCon Student-Athlete of the Week on Sept. 17 after blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown in Sept. 13's win over Davidson. It was not only Copeland's first career TD, but marked the second straight Keydet blocked punt that had been accomplished by Copeland. He also sent one back against Charleston Southern on Oct. 13, 2012. Copeland also added a career-best two sacks in VMI's win over Davidson.

HOME OPENERS - By winning its home opener Sept. 13 against Davidson, the Keydets captured their ninth victory over their last 10 home openers.

SANDERS GOES OVER 200 - Receiver Aaron Sanders was one of many stories on Sept. 13 against Davidson, as

VMI's Top SoCon Rankings - Team

Kickoff Touchbacks

2. VMI18

Passing Yards Per Game

1. VMI259.5

Time of Possession

3. VMI31:06

Fewest Penalty Yards Per Game

1. VMI42.2

VMI's Top SoCon Rankings - Individual

Passing Yards Per Game

1. Al Cobb, VMI234.1

Receiving Yards Per Game

2. Aaron Sanders, VMI66.9

Receptions Per Game

3. Aaron Sanders, VMI4.6

Total Offense Per Game

2. Al Cobb, VMI243.0

Interceptions

T-3. Greg Sanders, VMI3

Last Meeting with The Citadel

Keydets Fall in Military Classic of the South, 31-10

After the VMI Keydets took a 10-7 lead into halftime, the Citadel Bulldogs scored all 24 of the game's second half points en route to a 31-10 win in the Military Classic of the South, contested Nov. 16 at Johnson-Hagood Stadium in Charleston, S.C.

After Citadel (5-6) had kicked a field goal early in the third quarter to knot the score, 10-10, the Keydets (2-9) got the ball back late in the period but had the drive stall on downs at The Citadel 13. The Bulldogs scored on their next three drives to take the 21-point lead that would eventually prove to be the final margin.

Both teams opened the game with lengthy drives but no points to show for it.

The Keydets took the opening kickoff from their own 37 and crossed midfield on a Derrick Ziglar rush of 11 yards to The Citadel 40. A third down conversion pass to James Rogers for 10 yards moved it to the 28. The Bulldog defense stiffened and VMI attempted a 41-yard field goal, but freshman kicker Dillon Christopher missed wide left leaving an 11-play 39-yard drive empty-handed. The Bulldogs saw a similar fate on their first drive when a 22-yard rush by fullback Darrien Robinson to the VMI 3 put the The Citadel in prime position for the game's first score. The Bulldogs could not punch it in following a muffed handoff exchange, a no gain rush by Robinson, and a two-yard keeper by Dupree. Bulldog place kicker Thomas Warren lined up for a 20-yard angle shot from the right hash but misfired leaving the game scoreless as it headed into the second quarter.

Christopher knocked through a 38-yard field goal in the opening seconds of the second quarter capping an 11-play, 59-yard drive that put the Keydets up, 3-0. Ben Dupree and the Bulldog offense answered on the ensuing drive with a 13-play, 65 yard scoring possession capped by the senior quarterback's 4-yard keeper to push the hosts ahead, 7-3, with 8:42 left in the second quarter. Dupree executed the drive going 2 of 3 in passing for 14 yards and rushed four times for 28 yards.

VMI retook the lead in the final minutes of the first half after the VMI defense forced The Bulldogs to punt from deep in their own territory. VMI took over at The Citadel 48 with :53 left in the half and struck quickly. An 18-yard completion to Alec Thompson to the Citadel 27 setup a touchdown strike one play later as Augustine threaded a bullet to Rogers in full stride across the goal line for a 27-yard TD pass at the :26 second mark. Christopher's extra point was good and VMI went to the locker room with a 10-7 halftime lead.

The Bulldogs tied the game on the opening drive of the second half moving 59 yards in six plays and settling for a 34-yard field goal by Warren to tie the game at 10-10 with 11:53 left in the third quarter. A 41-yard run off a pitch by slotback Vinny Miller to the VMI 21 helped moved The Citadel into the red zone.

VMI went three and out on its next drive, but the Keydet defense buckled down and held Citadel on downs at midfield when Dupree was halted by Keydet linebacker Weston Reber on a fourth and one attempt. The Keydets took over and managed the ball downfield using an 14-yard rush by Ziglar and an 11-yard completion to Burton to spark the drive. A four-yard scramble by Augustine set up a 4th and 3 from The Citadel 13. Augustine's pass over the middle was knocked down at the line of scrimmage and The Citadel took over on downs with 3:50 remaining in the third quarter.

The Bulldogs quickly ripped off runs of 14 yards by Dupree and 17 yards by Miller and later added an 18-yard jaunt by Dupree which moved The Citadel inside the VMI 35. As the game turned into the fourth quarter still tied and the drive still in place, The Citadel chipped away and took the lead for good when Dupree rushed for his second TD of the day on an eight-yard cutback read up the middle. Warren's extra point made it 17-10 Bulldogs with 12:21 left in the final period.

VMI took over at its own 14 and three plays later Augustine was picked off by Citadel defensive back Sadath Jean-Pierre on a boundary throw at the VMI 45 and returned 19 yards. The game quickly became a two score contest when Dupree rushed 10 yards for his third tally three plays and Warren's extra point made it 24-10 with 10:22 left.

VMI moved it to the Citadel 41 on the ensuing drive but three sacks for 19 yards pushed the Keydets back into their own territory and the visitors turned the ball over on downs at their own 40. The Citadel delivered a knockout blow when slotback Dalton Trevino rushed 5 yards for a touchdown for the game's final score with 4:39 remaining. The Keydet offensive production was limited to 125 yards total offense in the second half after generating 216 yards before halftime. The Citadel racked up 238 yards total offense in the second half after mustering 121 yards in the first half.

Citadel's Robinson led all ground gainers with 115 yards followed by Dupree with 109 yards and three TD's. VMI was paced by Ziglar's 71 yards on the ground while Augustine completed 17 of 25 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown. Keydet wideouts Rogers and Alec Thompson each led the receiving corps with five catches. Defensively, VMI outside linebacker Logan Staib topped the Keydet charts with eight solo stops and six assists for a career-high tying 14 tackles equaling the mark he had against the Bulldogs two years ago. The Bulldog defense collectively racked up seven sacks for 44 yards on the afternoon.



Alec Thompson had a career-high five catches in Nov. 16's loss to The Citadel.

VMI (2-9) 10
The Citadel (5-6) 31

Johnson-Hagood Stadium • Charleston, S.C.
Nov. 16, 2013 • Attendance: 12,069

VMI	0	10	0	0	-	10
CIT	0	7	3	21	-	31

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Christopher 38 FG - 14:56

CIT - Dupree 4 run (Warren kick) - 8:42

VMI - Rogers 27 pass from Augustine (Christopher kick) - 0:26

THIRD QUARTER

CIT - Warren 34 FG - 11:53

FOURTH QUARTER

CIT - Dupree 8 run (Warren kick) - 12:21

CIT - Dupree 10 run (Warren kick) - 10:22

CIT - Trevino 5 run (Warren kick) - 4:39

	VMI	CIT
First Downs	22	21
Rushes-Yards	31-92	59-304
Passing Yards	249	55
Passes (C-A-I)	21-34-1	3-8-0
Total Offense	341	359
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	1-0
Penalties	9-95	6-65
Punts-Avg.	1-47.0	1-36.0
Time of Possession	27:56	32:04

RUSHING: VMI - Ziglar 13-71; Watts 3-28; Lipscomb 1-7; Turner 1-6; Stout 1-0; Alford 1-(-7); Augustine 11-(-13). **CIT** - Robinson 21-115; Dupree 17-109; Miller 5-43; Trevino 6-22; Martin 4-11; Stenson 2-7; Renew 1-1.

PASSING: VMI - Augustine 17-25-1-189; Alford 4-9-0-60. **CIT** - Dupree 3-8-0-55.

RECEIVING: VMI - Rogers 5-68; A. Thompson 5-61; Patterson 3-44; Burton 3-31; Sanders 3-24; Ziglar 1-13; Hann 1-8. **CIT** - Thompson 2-14; Miller 1-41.

he posted the third-highest single-game receiving yard total in VMI football history. Sanders caught 10 passes for 215 yards, a reception total that made him just the sixth Keydet to ever catch 10 passes in a single game.

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS - VMI's passing attack wasn't the only thing to have success Sept. 13 against Davidson - The ground game showed well too. Jabari Turner (3) and Deon Watts (1) combined for four touchdowns, the first four touchdown game by VMI running backs since the Keydets went from the triple option to a pro-style offense following the 2009 season. Turner's three scores marked the first time since Sept. of 2011 (Chaz Jones) that a VMI ball carrier had tallied three TD's on the ground.

BOWLING GREEN GAME NOTES

THE YOUNGER SANDERS A BRIGHT SPOT

- Despite a difficult result at Bowling Green on Sept. 6, there was a defensive bright spot for the Keydets. Freshman Greg Sanders posted five tackles, forced a fumble and blocked a kick in his second collegiate game. That was the first blocked kick by a VMI player since Charlie Jones got a hand on a try Nov. 17, 2012 against Liberty.

BUCKNELL GAME NOTES

COBB NAMED SOCON FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

- Quarterback Al Cobb, fresh off an outstanding first collegiate game on August 30, was named the SoCon Freshman of the Week on Sept. 1. Cobb became the first Keydet to earn weekly honors during VMI's return to the conference, and is the first VMI player overall to earn SoCon Freshman of the Week laurels since Sean Mizzer on Nov. 2, 2002.

COBB EXCELS IN DEBUT - Quarterback Al Cobb had a sterling collegiate debut against Bucknell on August 30, throwing for four touchdowns and running for another. He became only the fourth player in VMI history to be responsible for 30 points or more in a single game, joining Tony Scales (1990), Dave Brown (1986) and Bobby Mitchell (1961). He also became the eighth quarterback in VMI history to throw four or more touchdowns in a single game.

YARDAGE IN A SEASON OPENER - VMI posted 421 yards of total offense in August 30's setback against Bucknell. That was the highest total offense output in a Keydet season opener since 2008 against St. Francis (Pa.), which was the last time the Keydets played on Sept. 6.

SCORING IN SETBACKS - The 38 points scored against Bucknell marked VMI's most points in a loss since scoring 52 in a triple OT loss to Gardner-Webb on Oct. 22, 2005. It was also the most points scored in a VMI regulation loss since Oct. 24, 1998, when the Keydets

also scored 38 against Morehead State (41-38 loss).

MORE COBB - With his 308 yards passing against Bucknell in the season opener, Al Cobb became the first quarterback to throw four TD passes in a game since Eric Kordenbrock against Glenville State on Sept. 7, 2013 and was also the first VMI quarterback to throw for 300 or more yards in a game since Kordenbrock threw for 359 yards against Robert Morris. All of Cobb's touchdowns passes were to four different receivers and were from 20, 38, 8 and 20 yards.

PRESEASON NOTES

OUTSIDE THE COMMONWEALTH - 2014 marks, surprisingly, the first time in VMI's 125-year history of organized football that the team will not play an opponent located inside the Commonwealth of Virginia. Even in 1899, when VMI played only one game, that game was against Washington & Lee.

NFL TIES EXPAND - With the recent hirings of Ron Mattes and Justin Hamilton, the ties of the VMI coaching staff to the NFL have expanded. Mattes had an eight-year career with Seattle, Chicago and Indianapolis, while Hamilton spent three years with Cleveland and Washington. Longtime offensive coordinator Matt Campbell, of course, played in the NFL as well, spending eight years in the league himself.

KEYDETS ON TV/ESPN3 - The VMI-Navy football game October 11 in Annapolis will be carried on CBS Sports Network and will begin at 3:30 pm. In addition, VMI will have four games carries on ESPN3 - Bowling Green (Sept. 6) Samford (Sept. 20), Furman (Nov. 1), and The Citadel (Nov. 22).

MARCOTTE NAMED TO SOCON PRESEASON SQUAD - Redshirt senior offensive tackle Andy Marcotte (Williamsburg, Va.) was named to the 2014 All-Southern Conference preseason second team as an offensive lineman.

BACK TO THE SOCON - After an 11-year absence, VMI football returns back to the conference it called home for 79 years. The Keydets resume Southern Conference play in 2014 after competing in the Big South Conference since the 2003 season. In its first tour in the Southern Conference that began in 1925, VMI captured seven football titles, its most recent coming in 1977.

Keydet Career Highs

Passing Yards

#8 Al Cobb351, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#12 Hayden Alford63, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green

Completions

#8 Al Cobb34, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#12 Hayden Alford4, 11/6/13 vs. The Citadel

Attempts

#8 Al Cobb53, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#12 Hayden Alford9, 11/6/13 vs. The Citadel

Touchdowns

#8 Al Cobb6, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb (School Record)
#12 Hayden Alford1, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson

Longest Completion

#8 Al Cobb60, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#12 Hayden Alford44, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga

Rushing Yards

#2 Deon Watts97, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#8 Al Cobb49, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#21 Jabari Turner91, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#22 Taylor Stout36, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#23 Cody Shirley19, 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian
#26 Bradley Lipscomb58, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#39 Derrick Ziglar137, 10/26/13 at Coastal Carolina

Attempts

#2 Deon Watts22, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#8 Al Cobb11, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#21 Jabari Turner20, 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian Coll.
#22 Taylor Stout9, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#23 Cody Shirley10, 10/27/12 at Gardner-Webb
#26 Bradley Lipscomb10, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#39 Derrick Ziglar23, 10/26/13 at Coastal Carolina

Touchdowns

#2 Deon Watts1 (3x), Last 9/20/14 at Samford
#8 Al Cobb1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#12 Hayden Alford1 (2x), Last 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#21 Jabari Turner3, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#23 Cody Shirley1, 11/10/12 vs. The Citadel
#39 Derrick Ziglar2, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian

Longest Rush (Min. 5 yds for offense)

#2 Deon Watts28, 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#6 Dane Forlines5, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville
#8 Al Cobb25, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#12 Hayden Alford11, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#21 Jabari Turner38, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#22 Taylor Stout16, 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#26 Bradley Lipscomb55, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#23 Cody Shirley9, 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian Coll.
#39 Derrick Ziglar34, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian

Receiving Yards (Min. 5 yards)

#2 Deon Watts64, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#6 Dane Forlines72, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green
#11 Darrian Johnson16, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green
#18 Doug Burton109, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#21 Jabari Turner89, 9/8/12 vs. Chowan
#22 Taylor Stout32, 10/11/14 at Navy
#23 Cody Shirley24, 11/17/12 vs. Liberty
#39 Derrick Ziglar78, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#49 Kyle Vardo13, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#57 Bradley Hann13, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#80 Samuel Patterson161, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#81 Chad Jacob27, 9/20/14 at Samford
#82 Matthew Nicholson86, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#84 Calvin Michie54, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#85 Aaron Sanders215, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#88 J.C. Garvin28, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#89 Andrew Lewis16, 10/11/14 at Navy

Receptions

#2 Deon Watts6, 9/20/14 at Samford
#6 Dane Forlines5 (4x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#11 Darrian Johnson2, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green
#18 Doug Burton7, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#21 Jabari Turner7, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#22 Taylor Stout3, 10/11/14 at Navy
#23 Cody Shirley3 (2x), Last 11/17/12 vs. Liberty
#26 Bradley Lipscomb2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#39 Derrick Ziglar5, 10/12/13 vs. Charleston Southern
#80 Samuel Patterson7 (2x), Last 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#81 Chad Jacob3, 9/20/14 at Samford
#82 Matthew Nicholson5, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#84 Calvin Michie2, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#85 Aaron Sanders10, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#88 J.C. Garvin2 (2x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#89 Andrew Lewis3, 10/11/14 at Navy
(Several not listed with one reception)

Touchdowns

#2 Deon Watts1 (2x), Last 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#6 Dane Forlines1 (4x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#18 Doug Burton1 (5x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#21 Jabari Turner2, 9/8/12 vs. Chowan
#39 Derrick Ziglar1, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#49 Kyle Vardo1, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#57 Bradley Hann1, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#80 Samuel Patterson2, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#81 Chad Jacob1, 10/11/14 at Navy
#82 Matthew Nicholson2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#85 Aaron Sanders1 (3x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#88 J.C. Garvin1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman

Longest Reception (Min. 10 yds)

#2 Deon Watts38, 11/10/12 vs. The Citadel
#6 Dane Forlines36, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#18 Doug Burton50, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#21 Jabari Turner81, 11/10/12 vs. The Citadel
#23 Cody Shirley15, 11/17/12 vs. Liberty
#39 Derrick Ziglar56, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#49 Kyle Vardo13, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#57 Bradley Hann13, 11/9/13 at Gardner-Webb
#80 Samuel Patterson42, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#81 Chad Jacob13, 8/20/14 at Samford
#82 Matthew Nicholson61, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#84 Calvin Michie44, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#85 Aaron Sanders60, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#88 J.C. Garvin19, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson

All-Purpose Yards

#2 Deon Watts120, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#6 Dane Forlines157, 10/26/13 at Coastal Carolina
#7 Damian Jones21, 9/27/14 vs. Mercer
#8 Al Cobb49, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#9 James Fruehan101, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville
#11 Darrian Johnson16, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green
#14 Greg Sanders88, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#18 Doug Burton109, 8/30/14 at Bucknell
#19 Doug Moore39, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#21 Jabari Turner146, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#22 Taylor Stout132, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#23 Cody Shirley24, 11/17/12 vs. Liberty
#26 Bradley Lipscomb58, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#28 Brendon Bock13, 8/31/13 at Richmond
#31 Travis Hawkins10, 10/12/13 vs. Charleston Southern
#38 Alijah Robinson42, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#39 Derrick Ziglar187, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#47 Caleb Lindsey16, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville
#57 Bradley Hann13, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#59 Chris Copeland27, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#80 Samuel Patterson161, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#81 Chad Jacob27, 9/20/14 at Samford
#82 Matthew Nicholson86, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#84 Calvin Michie54, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#85 Aaron Sanders215, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#88 J.C. Garvin28, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#89 Andrew Lewis16, 10/11/14 at Navy
Several omitted with less than 10 yds

Kicking

Field Goals Made

#27 Dillon Christopher2 (3x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina

Field Goals Attempted

#27 Dillon Christopher4, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb

Points Scored

#27 Dillon Christopher9 (3x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina

Longest Field Goal

#27 Dillon Christopher52 (2x), Last 11/23/13 vs. Bucknell

Punting

Punts

#12 Hayden Alford8, 9/6/14 at Bowling Green

Longest Punt

#12 Hayden Alford69, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga

Touchdowns Scored

#2 Deon Watts2, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#6 Dane Forlines1 (4x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#7 Damian Jones1, 10/11/14 at Navy
#8 Al Cobb1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#12 Hayden Alford1 (2x), 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#18 Doug Burton1 (5x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#21 Jabari Turner3, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#23 Cody Shirley1, 11/10/12 vs. The Citadel
#39 Derrick Ziglar2, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#49 Kyle Vardo1, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#57 Bradley Hann1, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#80 Samuel Patterson2, 10/19/13 at Presbyterian
#81 Chad Jacob1, 10/11/14 at Navy

#82 Matthew Nicholson2, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#85 Aaron Sanders1 (3x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#88 J.C. Garvin1 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#97 John Washington1, 10/13/12 at Charleston So.

Tackles

#2 Deon Watts2, 10/29/11 at The Citadel
#3 Caleb Furlow7 (2x), Last 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#5 Darnell Ashton12, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#7 Damian Jones10, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#9 James Fruehan11, 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian Coll.
#14 Greg Sanders6 (2x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#19 Doug Moore7, 8/31/13 at Richmond
#20 Alex James15, 9/20/13 vs. Glenville State
#25 Alex Keys11, 10/25/14 at Wofford
#28 Brendon Bock7, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#31 Travis Hawkins3, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#32 Jon Stroyk3 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#38 Alijah Robinson10, 9/27/14 vs. Mercer
#41 Logan Staib14 (2x), Last 11/16/13 at The Citadel
#42 Tony Richardson4, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#44 Ryan Francis12 (2x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#45 Miller Williams13, 9/27/14 vs. Mercer
#46 Allen Cratsenber17, 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#47 Caleb Lindsey8, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#59 Chris Copeland5, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#70 Emmanuel Cooper4, 10/8/11 at Coastal Carolina
#82 Matthew Nicholson2, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#90 Robert de Wolff4, 9/20/14 at Samford
#93 Denton Ensinger6, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#94 Amon-Ra Clay4, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#97 John Washington8, 8/31/13 at Richmond
#99 Joe Nelson9, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville
Several omitted with one tackle

Tackles-For-Loss

#2 Deon Watts0.5, 10/29/11 at The Citadel
#3 Caleb Furlow1.0 (3x), 11/23/13 vs. Bucknell
#5 Darnell Ashton2.0, 9/20/14 at Samford
#7 Damian Jones0.5 (2x), Last 9/20/14 at Samford
#9 James Fruehan1.5, 10/13/12 at Charleston So.
#14 Greg Sanders1.0, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#19 Doug Moore1.5, 10/18/14 at Gardner-Webb
#20 Alex James1.0, 11/31/12 at Stony Brook
#25 Alex Keys1.0 (4x), Last 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#38 Alijah Robinson1.0 (3x), Last 10/25/14 at Wofford
#41 Logan Staib2.5, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#42 Tony Richardson0.5, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#44 Ryan Francis2.5, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#45 Miller Williams2.5, 10/12/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#46 Allen Cratsenber1.0, 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#47 Caleb Lindsey1.0 (2x), Last 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#59 Chris Copeland2.5, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#70 Emmanuel Cooper1.0, 11/21/11 at Presbyterian
#90 Robert de Wolff1.5, 9/20/14 at Samford
#93 Denton Ensinger1.5 (2x), Last 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#94 Amon-Ra Clay1.0, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#97 John Washington2.5, 11/2/13 at Liberty
#99 Joe Nelson1.5 (2x), Last 10/4/14 at Chattanooga

Sacks

#3 Caleb Furlow0.5, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#9 James Fruehan0.5, 9/11/12 at Delaware State
#19 Doug Moore1.0, 10/18/14 vs. Gardner-Webb
#41 Logan Staib1.0 (2x), Last 9/20/14 at Samford
#44 Ryan Francis1.0 (2x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#45 Miller Williams0.5 (2x), Last 10/20/12 vs. Coastal
#47 Caleb Lindsey1.0, 9/7/13 vs. Glenville State
#59 Chris Copeland2.0, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#70 Emmanuel Cooper0.5, 9/11/12 at Delaware State
#90 Robert de Wolff0.5, 9/20/14 at Samford
#97 John Washington2.0, 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian
#99 Joe Nelson1.0 (3x), Last 9/27/14 vs. Mercer

Interceptions

#3 Caleb Furlow1, 9/28/13 vs. Robert Morris
#7 Damian Jones1 (3x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#9 James Fruehan1 (3x), Last 9/6/14 at Bowling Green
#14 Greg Sanders1 (3x), Last 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#19 Doug Moore1, 9/21/13 at Virginia
#28 Brendon Bock1 (2x), Last 11/15/14 at Western Carolina
#32 Jon Stroyk1, 9/13/14 vs. Davidson
#38 Alijah Robinson1, 11/11/14 vs. Furman
#41 Logan Staib1 (2x), Last 10/6/12 vs. Presbyterian
#44 Ryan Francis1, 10/4/14 at Chattanooga
#45 Miller Williams1, 11/9/13 vs. Gardner-Webb
#47 Caleb Lindsey1, 9/14/13 vs. North Greenville
#59 Chris Copeland1, 10/11/14 at Navy
#97 John Washington1, 11/2/13 at Liberty

Game 1 - VMI at Bucknell

Keydets Fall Despite Cobb's Spectacular Debut, 42-38



Al Cobb accounted for five touchdowns against Bucknell in the 2014 season opener.

Al Cobb threw for four touchdowns and ran for another in a spectacular collegiate debut, but the Bucknell Bison took the lead for good on a 62-yard fourth quarter punt return for a touchdown and went on to defeat the VMI Keydets, 42-38, in NCAA football action August 30 in Lewisburg, Pa.

VMI (0-1) never led in Saturday's game, but had rallied from an early 14-0 deficit to tie the score four different times, the last of which came late in the third quarter, when Cobb found Dane Forlines for a 20-yard touchdown to knot the score at 35. Less than a minute into the fourth quarter, however, Josh Brake of Bucknell (1-0) broke a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown that gave the Bison a 42-35 lead they would not relinquish.

Dillon Christopher added a field goal with 5:26 to go, cutting the Keydet deficit to 42-38, but the homestanding Bison were able to run out the clock to preserve their narrow victory. Cobb, a redshirt freshman who was named the starter for the opening game late last week, finished 27 of 40 for 308 yards. He became just the fourth player in VMI history to be responsible for 30 points or more in a single game, joining Tony Scales (1990), Dave Brown (1986) and Bobby Mitchell (1961). He also became the eighth quarterback in VMI history to throw four or more touchdowns in a single game, and his 27 completions tied for the third-most in VMI annals.

Other standouts included running back Deon Watts, who ran for a career-high 97 yards, and Doug Burton who caught a team-high seven passes for 109 yards and a touchdown. Bucknell was led by C.J. Williams, who piled up 164 yards rushing on the night. Bucknell jumped ahead early, scoring the game's first 14 points. Matt DelMauro was responsible for both touchdowns, and after he scampered 56 yards for a score with 2:11 left in the first quarter, the home team led 14-0. The Keydets came back early in the second period, however, when Cobb took advantage of three Bucknell penalties and a critical 3rd and 17 conversion pass to Burton. That was part of an eight-play, 92-yard drive that Burton capped with a 20-yard touchdown reception, putting VMI on the board, 14-7 with 14:10 left in the half.

VMI struck again on its next possession, helped by a 3rd and 1, 13-yard swing pass to fullback Kyle Vardo. Aaron Sanders grabbed a 38-yard scoring strike on the next play, tying the score, 14-14 with 10:37 on the clock. The Bison answered that play, however, with a 50-yard R.J. Nitti to Brake touchdown that made it a 21-14 game at the 7:21 mark. The barn-burner kept going on the next Bucknell possession, when VMI redshirt freshman Ryan Francis sacked Nitti. The BU quarterback fumbled the ball and Francis fell on it for the turnover. Seven plays later, Cobb found Matthew Nicholson with a seven-yard touchdown pass to tie the game again, 21-21. The home team used a quick strike approach to score again before halftime, as Williams had a 49-yard run on the first play after the kickoff. That moved Bucknell into VMI territory with under 30 seconds to go in the half, and three plays later, Williams scored from one yard out to make the halftime score 28-21, Bison.

After getting a potentially crucial defensive stop, the Keydets got the ball back early in the third quarter. The drive started with a 29-yard Cobb to Burton completion, but after two ineffective runs, VMI faced a 3rd and 9. The Keydets converted thanks to a roughing the passer penalty, and four plays later, Cobb ran it in from a yard out to tie the game once more, 28-28. The Bison answered with a steady dose of Williams. A six-play, 75-yard drive that took 2:36 saw all 75 yards notched by the running back, and he capped the spurt with a three-yard plunge that gave the home team a 35-28 lead with 6:17 left in the third quarter. Cobb promptly marched his team back down the field, going 65 yards in 11 plays that included a 13-yard third down conversion to Burton and a six-yard Deon Watts first down run on 3rd and 4. Five plays after Watts' run, Cobb found Forlines for a 20-yard strike that tied the game at 35-35.

That would prove to be the final tie of the night. After a Bucknell punt, VMI went three and out to start the fourth quarter. It was the first Keydet three and out of the game, and it would be the pivotal moment as Brake ran the Hayden Alford punt back 62 yards for the decisive touchdown with 13:08 to play. Once again, Cobb answered with a long drive, but this one was stymied at the Bucknell 17-yard line. Christopher knocked home his first field goal of the year from 34 yards out, making it a 42-38 game with 5:26 to play. DelMauro then iced the game on the ensuing drive, running for a first down with just over a minute to play as the home team held on for the victory.

Bucknell finished the game with a 465-421 edge in total offense. The Keydet yardage marked its most total offense in a season opener since the 2008 season, and VMI held a substantial edge in time of possession, 36:59 to 23:01. That TOP advantage was VMI's largest-such edge in a game since Oct. 6, 2012, when the Keydets had the ball for 15:32 longer than Presbyterian College.

VMI (0-1)	38
Bucknell (1-0)	42

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VMI	0	21	14	3	-	38
BUCKNELL	14	14	7	7	-	42

FIRST QUARTER

BUCK - DelMauro 10 pass from Nitti (Maurer kick) - 5:16

BUCK - DeMauro 56 run (Maurer kick) - 2:11

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Burton 20 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 14:10

VMI - Sanders 38 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 10:37

BUCK - Brake 50 pass from Nitti (Maurer kick) - 7:21

VMI - Nicholson 8 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:36

BUCK - Williams 1 run (Maurer kick) - 0:07

THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Cobb 1 run (Christopher kick) - 8:53

BUCK - Williams 3 run (Maurer kick) - 6:17

VMI - Forlines 20 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 1:43

FOURTH QUARTER

BUCK - Brake 62 punt return (Maurer kick) - 13:08

VMI - Christopher 34 FG - 5:26

	VMI	BUCK
First Downs	28	19
Rushes-Yards	36-113	30-235
Passing Yards	308	230
Passes (C-A-I)	27-40-0	14-25-0
Total Offense	421	465
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties	5-31	8-90
Punts-Avg.	4-29.2	3-42.7
Time of Possession	36:59	23:01

RUSHING: VMI - Watts 22-97; Turner 10-25; Forlines 1-2; Cobb 3-(-11). **BUCK** - Williams 17-164; DelMauro 8-95; Nitti 2-(-16).

PASSING: VMI - Cobb 27-40-0-308. **BUCK** - Nitti 14-25-0-230.

RECEIVING: VMI - Burton 7-109; Sanders 4-72; Forlines 4-44; Nicholson 4-27; Watts 4-23; Vardo 1-13; Garvin 1-9; Turner 1-7; Jacob 1-4. **BUCK** - Kaslander 7-79; Brake 3-80; Hartman 2-60; DelMauro 1-10; Kelly 1-1.

Game 2 - VMI at Bowling Green

Keydets Fall at Bowling Green, 48-7

The Bowling Green Falcons returned one punt for a touchdown and blocked another for a score, en route to a 48-7 win over the VMI Keydets Sept. 6 in Bowling Green, Ohio. The game was VMI's first-ever against the FBS team from the Mid-American Conference and was the Keydets' first of two against FBS opponents this season.



Aaron Sanders had a career-high seven receptions against Bowling Green.

VMI (0-2), which surrendered a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown in the season-opener against Bucknell, gave up a second Saturday when Bowling Green's Ryan Burbrink fielded a Hayden Alford kick and brought it back 75 yards to give the Falcons a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Bowling Green (1-1) pushed the advantage to 34-7 by halftime, and VMI's first drive of the third quarter stalled at the Keydet 29-yard line, where Herve Coby blocked Alford's punt, scooped up the loose ball and raced 14 yards for the touchdown that extended the Falcon lead to 41-7. The pace slowed from there, with only seven additional points being scored to account for the final margin.

Redshirt freshman quarterback Al Cobb, who was named the Southern Conference Freshman of the Week after throwing for four touchdowns and running for another in the opener against Bucknell, did not find the end zone against the Falcons, but he did enjoy another solid showing. Cobb completed 26 of 43 passes for 224 yards as the Keydets finished with 321 yards through the air. His 26 completions were good for the fifth-highest figure in school history.

Alford completed three of his seven attempts for 63 yards, while Ryan Swingle was 1 for 5 for 34 yards in his collegiate debut. The 55 passing attempts were the third-most in school history.

Ten different players hauled in receptions in the contest, led by Aaron Sanders' career-high seven grabs for 76 yards. Doug Burton, Dane Forlines and Deon Watts recorded five catches apiece.

VMI finished with 97 yards rushing on 35 attempts. Jabari Turner led the way with 43 yards on 13 carries. Derrick Ziglar saw brief action in his season debut after missing the opener with an injury, while defensively, VMI forced two turnovers, a fumble recovery by Ryan Francis and a James Fruehan interception. The Keydets committed three turnovers, however, losing two fumbles and seeing Cobb throw his first career interception.

The Keydets fell behind 28-0 before finally getting on the scoreboard when Alford capped a 69-yard, six-play drive with a 1-yard touchdown run with 8:29 left in the first half. Unfortunately for the visitors, that was as close as they could get as the Falcons scored the final 20 points of the game. VMI drove to the Falcon 2-yard line late in the contest, but redshirt freshman Swingle, the third quarterback used by the Keydets in the game, could not connect with tight end J.C. Garvin as time expired.

Bowling Green's balanced attack piled up 526 yards of total offense, 260 on the ground and 266 through the air. James Knapke completed 22 of 31 passes for the Falcons for 237 yards and a touchdown and ran for another score. Roger Lewis finished the game with six catches for 140 yards and a score, while Travis Greene rushed for 132 yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries. Fred Coppet had a rushing touchdown for Bowling Green.

VMI opens the home portion of the schedule Sept. 13, playing host to Davidson at Foster Stadium in Lexington. Kickoff is slated for 1:30 p.m.

VMI (0-2)	7
Bowling Green (1-1)	48

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VMI	0	7	0	0	-	7
BGSU	14	20	7	7	-	48

FIRST QUARTER

BGSU - Knapke 1 run (Tate kick) - 10:22
 BGSU - Burbrink 75 punt return (Tate kick) - 3:33

SECOND QUARTER

BGSU - Coppet 15 run (Tate kick) - 14:16
 BGSU - Green 21 run (Tate kick) - 11:16
 VMI - Alford 1 run (Christopher kick) - 8:29
 BGSU - Green 7 run (Tate kick blocked) - 2:46

THIRD QUARTER

BGSU - Coby 14 blocked punt return (Tate kick) - 10:47

FOURTH QUARTER

BGSU - Lewis 51 pass from Knapke (Tate kick) - 8:45

	VMI	BGSU
First Downs	24	26
Rushes-Yards	35-97	37-260
Passing Yards	321	266
Passes (C-A-I)	30-55-1	25-34-1
Total Offense	418	526
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties	4-35	7-87
Punts-Avg.	9-31.7	5-38.2
Time of Possession	39:07	20:53

RUSHING: **VMI** - Turner 13-43; Watts 11-40; Ziglar 3-7; Cobb 3-7; Stout 2-4; Alford 3-(4). **BGSU** - Greene 18-129; Coppet 9-73; Givens 6-41; Knapke 2-18; Callaway 2-(1).

PASSING: **VMI** - Cobb 26-43-1-224; Alford 3-7-0-63; Swingle 1-5-0-34. **BGSU** - Knapke 22-31-1-237; Callaway 3-3-0-29.

RECEIVING: **VMI** - Sanders 7-76; Burton 5-86; Forlines 5-72; Watts 5-29; Johnson 2-16; Nicholson 2-12; Ca. Michie 1-15; Jacob 1-9; Vardo 1-4; Ziglar 1-2. **BGSU** - Lewis 6-140; Jackson 6-59; Moore 3-11; Coby 2-12; Greene 2-8; Dieter 2-4; Klingerman 1-11; Roop 1-10; Burbrink 1-9; Pohlman 1-2.

Game 3 - VMI vs. Davidson

Keydet Offense Explodes in 52-24 Win over Davidson

The VMI Keydets saw their offense explode to its highest levels since 2008, sending them to a 52-24 win over the Davidson Wildcats in non-conference football action Sept. 13 at VMI's Foster Stadium. The game marked VMI's home opener for the 2014 season.

The Keydets (1-2) took early command, scoring the game's first 17 points and never seeing their lead fall below 14 the rest of the way. VMI rolled up 597 yards of total offense, its highest total since Nov. 22, 2008, and part of a 1,128-yard day of total offense as Davidson (1-2) added 531 yards of its own. The point total was VMI's largest since Sept. 20, 2008 against Chowan and was the second-highest total the Keydets have recorded under Sparky Woods.

Aaron Sanders was VMI's offensive leader as he caught 10 passes for 215 yards, the third-highest receiving yardage total in Keydet history. VMI also saw Jabari Turner rush for three touchdowns, the first Keydet to do so since Chaz Jones in September of 2011, while Al Cobb went 18 of 25 for 338 yards and a touchdown. Cobb led a passing attack that gained 394 net yards, just 28 off the all-time Keydet record set in 1986.

Despite the lofty offensive numbers, there were defensive highlights as well. Chris Copeland blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown, while Jon Strozzyk grabbed an interception and added a fumble recovery. Darnell Ashton also chipped in a career-high 12 tackles to help VMI win its ninth home opener over the past 10 seasons.

The Keydets got on the board on their second possession. After four plays, Turner took a handoff and jetted 38 yards for a score. The point after put VMI up, 7-0, just over four minutes into the game.

That margin grew on VMI's next drive, when Cobb found Sanders on a fly pattern down the left sideline. The pass was good for 49 yards, but was fumbled by the Keydet receiver. VMI was able to fall on the ball at the Davidson 21, however, leading to an overall gain of 60 yards on the play. Two plays later, Turner plunged in from a yard out and it was 14-0, Keydets.

That was the score at the conclusion of the first quarter, but the Keydets tacked on early in the second. A 50-yard Cobb to Burton pass, followed by a Davidson pass interference penalty, opened the door for a Dillon Christopher 24-yard field goal that gave VMI a 17-0 lead with 10:40 left in the half.

Davidson came back with an 11-play, 71-yard drive, however, and got on the board with Trevor Smith's 23-yard field goal at the 7:08 mark, cutting the VMI advantage to 17-3.

That 14-point deficit lasted just one drive. Sanders and Deon Watts accounted for 68 yards of an 80-play drive, capped by Watts' 12-yard touchdown grab that made it 24-3, Keydets with 3:33 remaining in the half. That would remain the score at halftime, as a last gasp Davidson drive went for naught.

At the half, the Keydets had already rolled up 321 yards of total offense. It would be more of the same in the second half, but Davidson was first on the board. The Wildcats used passes of 30 and 26 yards to William Morris, the latter of which was good for a touchdown. That cut the margin to 24-10.

The visitors tried a bit of creativity on the ensuing kickoff, using a short kick, but the short field position cost DC. A 19-yard completion to J.C. Garvin and an 18-yard grab by Burton set up Turner's third touchdown, a two-yard run that pushed the margin back to 21, 31-10, with 10:04 remaining in the third.

The Wildcats quickly went three and out, but saw their ensuing punt try be blocked by Copeland. The ball skittered loose, was grabbed at the DC 3 and taken in easily for a touchdown, making it 38-10.

The Keydets scored once more in the third, doing so on a Deon Watts 1-yard run that had been set up by Strozzyk's interception, but Davidson did as well. Rogers scampered in from 15 yards out to account for the score after three quarters, 45-17.

Backup quarterback Hayden Alford engineered a long drive that ended early in the fourth quarter for VMI's final points. It was a 10-play, 96-yard drive that included 30 yards receiving for Sanders. Burton hauled in a 26-yard touchdown to put VMI up, 52-17. The visitors added a late TD run by Rogers to account for the final margin.

Davidson was led by Morris, who shattered the previous Foster Stadium record with 16 receptions. Wildcat quarterback J.P. Douglas was 28 of 41 for 317 yards, while Rogers ran for 103 yards and two scores.



Aaron Sanders had the third-highest single-game receiving yardage in VMI history in the game vs. DC.

Davidson (1-2)	24
VMI (1-2)	52

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DC	0	3	14	7	-	24
VMI	14	10	21	7	-	52

FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Turner 38 run (Christopher kick) - 7:57
VMI - Turner 1 run (Christopher kick) - 3:58

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Christopher 24 FG - 10:40
DAV - Smith 23 FG - 7:08
VMI - Watts 12 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 3:33

THIRD QUARTER

DAV - Morris 26 pass from Douglas (Smith kick) - 13:04
VMI - Turner 2 run (Christopher kick) - 10:04
VMI - Copeland 3 blocked punt ret. (Christopher kick) - 9:29
VMI - Watts 1 run (Christopher kick) - 4:35
DAV - Rogers 15 run (Smith kick) - 2:05

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Burton 26 pass from Alford (Christopher kick) - 12:52
DAV - Rogers 1 run (Smith kick) - 1:26

	DAV	VMI
First Downs	30	25
Rushes-Yards	40-205	37-203
Passing Yards	326	394
Passes (C-A-I)	29-43-1	21-29-0
Total Offense	531	597
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	1-0
Penalties	8-60	6-55
Punts-Avg.	5-19.4	2-25.5
Time of Possession	30:16	29:44

RUSHING: DAV - Rogers 10-103; Douglas 10-34; Cook 6-27; Wells 9-24; Keil 5-17. VMI - Watts 15-96; Turner 12-89; Stout 9-28; Cobb 1-(-10).

PASSING: DAV - Douglas 28-41-1-317; Cook 1-2-0-9. VMI - Cobb 18-25-0-338; Alford 3-4-0-56.

RECEIVING: DAV - Morris 16-208; Chevront 5-36; Huelskamp 4-50; Hines 2-17; Schepher 1-9; Wheeler 1-6. VMI - Sanders 10-215; Burton 3-94; Forlines 3-25; Garvin 2-28; Nicholson 2-20; Watts 1-12.

Game 4 - VMI at Samford

Keydets Fall at Samford, 63-21

The Samford Bulldogs scored 49 points in the first half and went on to defeat the VMI Keydets, 63-21, in Southern Conference football action Sept. 20 at Seibert Stadium in Birmingham, Ala. The game was the SoCon opener for both schools, and was VMI's first game in the conference since rejoining the league prior to the season.

Unfortunately for the Keydets (1-3, 0-1 SoCon), the tone was set early when Denzel Williams ran 61 yards for a touchdown on SU's (2-1, 1-0 SoCon) second play from scrimmage. Samford would score the game's next 49 points, helped by four first-half Keydet turnovers, en route to the eventual win.

In his team's win, Williams led all individual efforts by posting 178 yards on 16 carries. Krondis Larry gained 128 yards on just 10 carries, and quarterback Michael Eubank ran for four of Samford's eight rushing touchdowns on the day. All told, the home team gained 433 of their 525 yards on the ground.

In the loss, the Keydets were led by Jabari Turner, who ran for two scores in the second half and now has five rushing touchdowns over VMI's last two games.

VMI took the opening drive and was forced to punt after three plays. The game started with a good play for the VMI defense – a six yard sack of Eubank by John Washington and Robert de Wolff on Samford's first play from scrimmage. One play later, Williams ripped off a 61-yard run up the middle to the end zone to open up the scoring with just 3:17 into the game and the extra-point made it 7-0 for the hosts.

VMI on its next possession converted a third-down pass to Dane Forlines at the VMI 39, but Cobb's long ball over the top on the next play intended for Matthew Nicholson was picked off by Josh Kimberlin and returned 33 yards to the VMI 23. Samford wasted no time as Eubank found the end zone on a 23-yard keeper up the middle and the Bulldog offense had two scores on its first three snaps from scrimmage.

The Bulldogs made it 21-0 on a 5-play, 55-yard drive capped by a 25-yard touchdown pass from Eubank to Karel Hamilton at the 5:47 mark of the opening quarter.

Kimberlin agonized Cobb again later in the quarter as he picked off a sideline throw at the VMI 45. Eubank and Hamilton connected again on a 24-yard strike to the VMI 4 and Williams raced around the right end for his second touchdown one snap later to make it 21-0 after the extra point.

The Keydets forced Samford to punt on its first drive of the second quarter, but fumbled it away at its own 15-yard line on its next drive. The Bulldogs made the Keydets pay, but not without a fight from the Keydet defense. Samford was lined up for a 44-yard field goal and elected to run a fake but failed to reach the first down marker on a fourth-and-22. But a personal foul on VMI wiped out the stop and revived the Samford drive at the VMI 16 and Eubank rushed for a seven-yard TD run to extend the margin to 35-0 with 8:41 left in the half.

VMI turned the ball over on its next drive with another fumble when Watts had the ball stripped after catching a pass from Cobb. The Keydet defense forced the Bulldogs to run seven plays to cover 27 yards, but the Bulldogs were able to capitalize when Eubank dove over the top for a one yard score and his third rushing TD of the half. He added his fourth score on a 23-yard fake handoff and run up the middle capping a 6-play, 79 yard drive with :04 left in the first half.

Samford's 49-0 advantage at halftime was keyed by the 28 points off the four VMI turnovers and the Bulldogs scored on seven of their first eight possessions.

After an exchange of punts to start the second half, Bulldog back Larry Krondis raced around right end for a 68-yard TD dash four minutes into the half.

VMI was able to get on the board with 7:12 left in the third quarter when Turner bounced out of a pile and ran to the right corner for a 5-yard TD. The Keydets added another score on a Turner 1-yard dive that was set up by Watts who rushed four times for 28 yards on the possession.

The Keydets closed out the scoring on a four-yard TD run by Watts who helped his cause with a 24-yard catch-and-run to the Samford 4.

Watts ended up as VMI's leading receiver with 6 catches for 50 yards.

VMI returns home next Saturday to face Mercer at Foster Stadium. Kickoff is 1:30.



VMI (1-3, 0-1) 21
Samford (2-1, 1-0) 63

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 Sept. 20, 2014 • Attendance: 4618

VMI	0	0	7	14	-	21
SAM	28	21	14	0	-	63

FIRST QUARTER

SAM - Williams 61 run (Handrahan kick) - 12:43
 SAM - Eubank 23 run (Handrahan kick) - 10:37
 SAM - Hamilton 25 pass from Eubank (Handrahan kick) - 5:47
 SAM - Williams 4 un (Handrahan kick) - 3:08

SECOND QUARTER

SAM - Eubank 7 run (Handrahan kick) - 8:41
 SAM - Eubank 1 run (Handrahan kick) - 4:01
 SAM - Eubank 23 run (Handrahan kick) - 0:04

THIRD QUARTER

SAM - Larry 68 run (Handrahan kick) - 11:00
 VMI - Turner 5 run (Christopher kick) - 7:12
 SAM - Gates 5 run (Handrahan kick) - 3:18

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Turner 1 run (Christopher kick) - 13:30
 VMI - Watts 4 run (Christopher kick) - 3:53

	VMI	SAM
First Downs	16	26
Rushes-Yards	29-119	55-433
Passing Yards	145	92
Passes (C-A-I)	20-28-2	11-15-0
Total Offense	264	525
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-0
Penalties	7-66	11-133
Punts-Avg.	4-35.5	3-39.7
Time of Possession	30:22	29:38

RUSHING: VMI - Turner 15-66; Watts 12-47; Cobb 2-6. SAM - Williams 16-178; Larry 10-128; Eubank 11-43; Preston 5-37; Gates 6-34; Barnett 3-11; Clark 1-6; Pederson 1-2; Johns 1-(-2).

PASSING: VMI - Cobb 18-25-2-117; Alford 2-3-0-28. SAM - Eubank 6-9-0-66; Barnett 5-6-0-26.

RECEIVING: VMI - Watts 6-50; Forlines 4-25; Jacob 3-27; Sanders 2-15; Nicholson 2-4; Turner 1-17; Burton 1-4; Lewis 1-3. SAM - Hamilton 2-49; Clark 2-8; Obajimi 1-19; Clay 1-11; Williams 1-7; Schmitt 1-5; Gates 1-(-1); Larry 1-(-2); Johns 1-(-4).

Game 5 - Mercer at VMI

Late Interception Costs Keydets in 27-24 Loss to Mercer

TAn interception with less than two minutes to go thwarted a potential tying drive, as the Mercer Bears edged the VMI Keydets, 27-24, in Southern Conference football action Sept. 27 in Lexington, Va. It was the first meeting ever between the programs.

With 1:32 remaining and VMI (1-4, 0-2) driving into Mercer territory, Keydet quarterback Al Cobb threw a fade down the left sideline for Doug Burton, but MU defensive back Zach Jackson came from his safety position and leapt in front of the ball for the game-turning interception. From there, the Bears were able to run out the clock and preserve the margin for their first-ever SoCon victory.

In the setback, Sam Patterson led VMI with six catches for 93 yards and a touchdown. The receptions were his first catches of the season. Quarterback Cobb chipped in with a 30 for 44 day that included 322 yards and two touchdowns, but he was intercepted twice.

Mercer (4-1, 1-1 SoCon) was paced by its rushing attack that rolled up 269 yards on 53 attempts. Alex Lakes led the way with 98 yards on 20 carries. Quarterback John Russ, who entered the game ranked in the top-10 nationally in pass efficiency, was held to 12 of 22 for 176 yards.

Mercer struck first on a warm afternoon with very little wind. On their first possession, the Bears used 11 plays to go 79 yards, 34 of which came on the legs of Lakes. He then capped the push with an 18-yard dash for a score, putting the visitors up, 7-0.

The next quarter-plus was a struggle for both teams, as each squad committed two turnovers before the Keydets tied the game in the second quarter by taking advantage of one of those miscues. Chandler Curtis, the current SoCon Special Teams Player of the Week, fumbled a punt at the Mercer 13 and James Fruehan fell on the loose ball. The Keydets then scored four plays later on a one-yard run by Jabari Turner, his sixth rushing touchdown in three games, to tie the score 7-7.

Mercer then took over with 2:55 left in the half and responded immediately. The Bears went 75 yards in just 1:15 and scored on a nifty misdirection reverse run by Curtis, a 23-yard dash that made it 13-7. Joe Nelson then blocked the ensuing point after.

That would not end the first half scoring, however, as the teams traded interceptions on the next two plays, with Damian Jones logging the Keydet pick with 1:12 left in the half. Cobb then accounted for 26 yards on the next three plays and got the Keydets into the endzone with an eight-yard touchdown pass to J.C. Garvin.

Garvin's first career touchdown catch allowed the Keydets to go into the locker room with a 14-13 halftime lead, thanks in large part to Cobb's 14 of 18 performance over the first 30 minutes.

The third quarter was critical, as Mercer would outgain the Keydets 206-67 in the period and outscore the home team 14-3. That got underway right away, as Mercer took the kickoff and went 75 yards in eight plays to retake the lead, 20-14, on a one-yard touchdown run by Lakes.

After a Keydet punt that saw the Bears pinned to their own 4-yard line, the visitors put together perhaps the game's decisive drive. Mercer went 96 yards on seven plays and scored on a 62-yard reception by Curtis, giving MU a 27-14 lead with 6:58 left in the third.

The Keydets then saw Dillon Christopher boom a 49-yard field goal on their next possession to cut into that margin, and with 5:36 left in the third quarter, it was 27-17 Mercer. That was the score at the end of the third quarter, and after an exchange of punts in the fourth, the Keydets cut into their deficit again.

VMI took over at its own 19 and Cobb quickly found Burton for 28 yards. Seven plays later, a 28-yard connection to Patterson was good for a touchdown and a 27-24 score with 6:36 to go.

VMI's defense rose up on the next Mercer possession and forced a punt, giving VMI the ball with 3:34 left. An eight-yard completion to Derrick Ziglar to start the drive had a 15-yard penalty tacked on, moving the chains 23 yards. Five plays later, however, Cobb was picked down the left sideline by Jackson for the fourth Keydet turnover of the afternoon. Russ then ran for 19 yards on Mercer's next play, picking up a first down and icing the game.

Defensively, Miller Williams logged a career-high 13 tackles for the Keydets, while Fruehan forced a fumble and recovered another. Jackson had a fumble recovery and an interception for the visitors.



Mercer (4-1, 1-1) 27
VMI (1-4, 0-2) 24

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 Sept. 27, 2014 • Attendance: 4490

MU	7	6	14	0	-	27
VMI	0	14	3	7	-	24

FIRST QUARTER

MU - Lakes 18 run (Zielenske kick) - 8:33

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Turner 1 run (Christopher kick) - 2:55
 MU - Curtis 23 run - 1:40
 VMI - Garvin 8 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:34

THIRD QUARTER

MU - Lakes 1 run (Lieb kick) - 11:50
 MU - Curtis 62 pass from Russ (Lieb kick) - 6:58
 VMI - Christopher 49 FG - 5:36

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Patterson 28 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 6:36

	MU	VMI
First Downs	25	25
Rushes-Yards	53-269	25-91
Passing Yards	176	322
Passes (C-A-I)	12-22-1	30-44-2
Total Offense	445	413
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	2-2
Penalties	8-74	6-69
Punts-Avg.	3-36.3	3-39.0
Time of Possession	32:01	27:59

RUSHING: MU - Lakes 20-98; Mitchell 11-72; Usher 8-48; Russ 12-28; Curtis 1-23. VMI - Turner 9-48; Cobb 6-21; Ziglar 7-17; Watts 3-5.

PASSING: MU - Russ 12-22-1-176. VMI - Cobb 30-44-2-322.

RECEIVING: MU - Palmer 5-60; Jones 3-22; Curtis 1-62; Brown 1-19; Mitchell 1-9; Marshall 1-4. VMI - Patterson 6-93; Burton 5-66; Sanders 5-44; Nicholson 4-50; Ziglar 3-21; Watts 3-15; Forlines 1-15; Garvin 1-8; Jacob 1-7; Turner 1-3.

Game 6 - VMI at #14 Chattanooga

Keydets Fall to #14 Chattanooga, 55-7

The nationally-ranked defense of the #14 Chattanooga Mocs lived up to its billing, shutting down VMI and handing the Keydets a 55-7 Southern Conference loss Saturday afternoon at Finley Stadium in Chattanooga, Tenn. The game was the first meeting between the programs since 2002.



VMI, which fell to 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the SoCon, entered the contest with one of the top passing teams at the FCS level, but the Mocs (3-2, 2-0), ranked 20th in FCS and second in the Southern Conference in total defense, kept up their stingy ways. UTC held VMI to just 165 yards of total offense while recording four quarterback sacks and forcing three Keydet turnovers.

Chattanooga kept VMI off the scoreboard until just 36 seconds remained in the game and red-shirt sophomore quarterback Hayden Alford dove into the end zone from a yard out. Alford's touchdown was set up by his 44-yard completion to Calvin Michie, as well as the QB's 11-yard scramble that got the Keydets down to the one-yard line.

VMI, which had been averaging over 400 yards of offense per game, including 298 passing yards per contest, never got on track. Cobb completed just six of 18 passes for 42 yards, while Alford was 4-for-9 for 70 yards and an interception.

On the other side, UTC piled up 555 total yards, including 322 yards on the ground. Quarterback Jacob Huesman did most of the damage for the Mocs, rushing for 99 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries and completing 15 of 22 passes for 178 yards and four scores.

The two teams battled back and forth through most of the first quarter, and the game remained scoreless until Huesman hooked up with Derrick Craine on a 23-yard scoring strike with 1:40 to play in the period. UTC would then score on its next six possessions to take a commanding 34-0 halftime lead en route to the victory. The Keydets did block a kick in the second quarter, turning back an extra point for their fourth blocked kick attempt of the year. Coming into the weekend, that number would have been one off the FCS lead.

Defensively, VMI was led by junior linebacker Caleb Lindsey, who recorded eight tackles, and sophomore defensive back Alijah Robinson, who was in on six stops. Junior Alex James had two tackles and recovered a fumble for the Keydets.

VMI will be back on the road next Saturday when the Keydets travel to Annapolis, Md., to take on Navy. Game time is set for 3:30 p.m.

VMI (1-5, 0-3) 7
#14 UTC (3-2, 2-0) 55

Finley Stadium • Chattanooga, Tenn.
 Oct. 4, 2014 • Attendance: 8848

VMI	0	0	0	7	-	7
#14 UTC	7	27	14	7	-	55

FIRST QUARTER

UTC - Craine 23 pass from Huesman (Ribeiro kick) - 1:40

SECOND QUARTER

UTC - Huesman 6 run (Ribeiro kick) - 14:17
 UTC - Board 26 pass from Huesman (Ribeiro kick) - 10:14
 UTC - Shafaat 17 pass from Huesman - 4:18
 UTC - Shafaat 18 pass from Huesman (Ribeiro kick) - 1:16

THIRD QUARTER

UTC - Huesman 44 run (Ribeiro kick) - 12:31
 UTC - Stewart 21 pass from Bennifield (Ribeiro kick) - 5:\$1

FOURTH QUARTER

UTC - Green 13 run (Ribeiro kick) - 4:01
 VMI - Alford 1 run (Christopher kick) - 0:36

	VMI	UTC
First Downs	9	25
Rushes-Yards	29-53	49-322
Passing Yards	112	233
Passes (C-A-I)	10-27-1	19-27-0
Total Offense	165	555
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	1-1
Penalties	5-25	8-56
Punts-Avg.	9-39.9	3-38.0
Time of Possession	26:08	33:52

RUSHING: **VMI**- Stout 7-36; Turner 6-11; Ziglar 7-10; Alford 4-9; Watts 2-7; Cobb 3-(-20). **UTC** - Huesman 9-97; Bennifield 4-70; Bagley 10-55; Craine 5-53; Green 10-36; Tyson 7-17; Williams 1-4; Roberson 1-2.

PASSING: **VMI**- Cobb 6-18-0-42; Alford 4-9-1-70. **UTC** - Huesman 15-22-0-178; Bennifield 4-5-0-55.

RECEIVING: **VMI** - Michie 2-54; Sanders 2-23; Jacob 1-9; Turner 1-7; Patterson 1-6; Ziglar 1-5; Forlines 1-4; Nicholson 1-4. **UTC** - Stewart 6-71; Board 4-64; Shafaat 4-49; Craine 1-23; Borishade 1-13; Davis 1-9; Bagley 1-3; Stovall 1-1.

Game 7 - VMI at Navy

VMI Falls at Navy, 51-14

Despite the Virginia Military Institute football team cutting the lead to 14-7 at the United States Naval Academy, the Midshipmen scored 23 unanswered points over 5:19 in the second quarter en route to a 51-14 win at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium Saturday afternoon, October 11.

Navy (3-4) jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter before the Keydets capitalized on a Midshipmen miscue as Joe Nelson forced a fumble that was recovered in the end zone by Damian Jones for VMI touchdown, cutting Navy's lead in half.

But the Midshipmen scored 23 points in the second quarter to take a 37-7 lead at halftime, followed by another touchdown in each of the third and fourth quarters. VMI (1-6) was held off the board until the waning moments of the game as Chad Jacob caught a one-yard pass from redshirt freshman Al Cobb for a 51-14 final.

Cobb finished the cold and windy day with 202 yards passing, completing 26 of his 40 pass attempts, including the touchdown pass. He hit 11 different receivers, including Dane Forlines five times for 51 yards. Aaron Sanders caught another four passes from Cobb for 38 yards. Forlines and Taylor Stout had the longest receiving plays for VMI, each grabbing a 19-yard pass.

VMI netted 60 yards on the ground, paced by Derrick Ziglar's 32 on nine carries. Jabari Turner also ran nine times for 30 yards. In the second quarter, a snap sailed over Hayden Alford's on a punt attempt, going out of the back of the end zone and resulting in a safety after a loss of 31 yards.

Navy kept its offensive attack on the ground, covering 350 yards along with five rushing touchdowns. Noah Copeland was the game's top runner, going for 107 yards on eight carries and a touchdown. Early in the game, Copeland broke off a 64-yard for the game's first score. Chris Swain ran for another 58 yards on 11 attempts. Navy got rushing touchdowns from quarterbacks Tago Smith and Will Worth, as well as Quinton Singleton and Geoffrey Whiteside.

Smith, who fumbled the ball recovered by VMI for a touchdown, completed three of his five passes, including one for a touchdown to Copeland for the final score of the first half. Worth attempted one pass but was picked off late in the game by VMI's Chris Copeland.

Defensively, VMI was led by Nelson and Miller Williams, who had seven tackles each. Nelson's forced fumble set up VMI's first fumble recovery for a touchdown this season while also logging a tackle for a two-yard loss. Logan Staib finished with six tackles, including a pair that dropped the Mids for seven yards, and was credited with a pass break up. Allen Cratsenberg finished with six tackles with John Washington and Denton Ensminger had five each.

Navy scored twice in the first quarter, as Noah Copeland and Whiteside each scored rushing touchdowns. Copeland wasted no time, scoring on Navy's first possession on a three-play, 72-yard drive that took just over a minute off the clock. Whiteside's touchdown came with just eight seconds left in the first quarter.

But the Keydets, who played their second game at Navy in the last three seasons, cut the advantage in half on Jones' fumble recovery with five minutes gone by in the second quarter. Navy took advantage of the punting miscue, followed by three more touchdowns in the second quarter for a 37-7 halftime lead.

VMI's defense held up well after the break, holding Navy to a three-and-out on its first possession of the second half. The offense gave its opposites a break with a drive that ate six minutes of clock early in the third stanza, aiding in VMI's time of possession advantage of nearly 35 minutes.

Navy scored just once in each quarter of the second half, with Smith scoring on a two-yard scamper, set up by a 32-yard pass to Whiteside, down to the VMI two-yard line. Worth ran in a one-yard touchdown with six minutes left in the third quarter.

The Keydets had the final touchdown of the day as Cobb engineered a drive that nearly ran out the clock, covering 65 yards on 10 plays. The redshirt freshman handed it off to Jacob for VMI's second touchdown of the game.



Joe Nelson forced a fumble in Oct. 11's loss to Navy.

VMI (1-6) 14
Navy (3-4) 51

Navy - Marine Corps Memorial Stadium •

Annapolis, Md.

Oct. 11, 2014 • Attendance: 33,812

VMI	0	7	0	7	-	14
NAVY	14	23	7	7	-	51

FIRST QUARTER

NAVY - Copeland 64 run (Grebe kick) - 11:44

NAVY - Whiteside 4 run (Grebe kick) - 0:08

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Jones 0 fumble recovery (Christopher kick) - 10:03

NAVY - Safety - 5:19

NAVY - Singleton 14 run (Grebe kick) - 3:01

NAVY - Gaines 39 INT return (Grebe kick) - 2:05

NAVY - Copeland 16 pass from Smith (Grebe kick) - 1:05

THIRD QUARTER

NAVY - Smith 2 run (Grebe kick) - 4:48

FOURTH QUARTER

NAVY - Worth 1 run (Grebe kick) - 5:52

VMI - Jacob 1 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:14

	VMI	NAVY
First Downs	15	20
Rushes-Yards	30-60	49-352
Passing Yards	202	82
Passes (C-A-I)	26-40-1	3-6-1
Total Offense	262	434
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties	1-0	3-20
Punts-Avg.	5-30.4	3-43.3
Time of Possession	34:38	25:22

RUSHING: VMI - Ziglar 9-32; Turner 9-30; Stout 3-16; Watts 3-11; Cobb 5-2. **NAVY** - Copeland 8-107; Swain 11-58; Romine 2-51; Sanders 4-46; Smith 9-24; Singleton 4-21; Osborne 1-10; Worth 3-10; Daniel 1-10; Ezell 2-8; Whiteside 3-8.

PASSING: VMI - Cobb 26-40-1-202. **NAVY** - 3-5-0-82; Worth 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING: VMI - Forlines 5-51; Sanders 4-38; Stout 3-32; Lewis 3-16; Turner 3-8; Jacob 2-15; Watts 2-8; Patterson 1-15; Nicholson 1-8; Ziglar 1-8; Burton 1-3. **NAVY** - Tillman 1-34; Whiteside 1-32; Copeland 1-16.

Game 8 - Gardner-Webb at VMI

Keydets Fall in Double OT Thriller, 47-41

A Kenny Cook touchdown catch in the second overtime was the difference as the Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs eked out a 47-41 double overtime victory over the VMI Keydets in non-conference football action Saturday at Lexington, Va.'s Foster Stadium. It was VMI's first overtime game of the 2014 season and was played before a crowd of 6,624, VMI's largest attendance since the 2012 Military Classic of the South against The Citadel.



Al Cobb had one of the best QB games in VMI football history on Oct. 18's loss to Gardner-Webb.

After VMI (1-7) entered the fourth quarter down 31-13, the Keydets stormed back and led briefly before a late GWU (4-3) field goal forced overtime. Both teams scored quickly in the first overtime, with the visitors doing so on a J.J. Hubbard touchdown run and VMI converting an Al Cobb to Aaron Sanders 25-yard touchdown pass.

In the second overtime, however, the Keydets were unable to put points on the board after three incompletions and a sack led to a missed 36-yard field goal. GWU took advantage immediately, as quarterback Lucas Beatty found Cook in the left corner of the end zone for the game-winner.

Cook's game-winning grab gave him 251 yards receiving for the game, breaking a facility record previously set in 1997, and was just one of a litany of records set on the day. Cook's quarterback, Beatty, went 25 of 42 for 430 yards and five touchdowns, and broke VMI alumnus Dave Brown's Alumni Memorial Field mark for passing yards in the process.

Meanwhile, Keydet quarterback Al Cobb went 34 for 53 for 351 yards and six touchdowns, each of which came to a different receiver. The touchdown figure was a new school record and tied for the second-most in a single game in SoCon history, while the 34 completions tied a VMI mark and the yardage was the fifth-most ever posted by a Keydet.

Gardner-Webb jumped out to an early lead on the beautiful fall day in Lexington, as Beatty threw a pair of first quarter touchdowns to put his team up, 14-0, after one period. The Keydets got on the board with 5:46 left in the half, when Matthew Nicholson hauled in his second touchdown grab of the year, a 19-yard strike from Cobb to make it a 14-6 contest. The extra point was missed, a miss that would prove costly later on. The teams traded scores in the final two minutes of the half. GWU put together an 11-play, 92-yard drive and capped it with Beatty's 29-yard pass to Deonte Swinton to grab a 15-point lead, 21-6. The Runnin' Bulldogs left too much time for Cobb and company, however, a theme that would return in the second half on both sides.

VMI was forced to punt after the touchdown, but a stop and a 15-yard punt by Andrew Komornik gave the Keydets prime field position. Cobb took advantage by completing three quick passes, the last of which was good for a 22-yard touchdown to Doug Burton and a 21-13 halftime score. The Runnin' Bulldogs struck again to start the second half, as on the second play from scrimmage, Beatty found Cook down the left sideline for an 80-yard touchdown and a 28-13 GWU lead. Gardner-Webb then kicked a field goal on its next drive and had a game-high 18-point cushion, 31-13, with 5:43 left in the third quarter.

That would be the score entering the fourth period, but the Keydets strung together a nine-play, 64-yard drive to get back in the game. Two third-down conversions by Deon Watts were crucial, and Cobb capped the push with a three-yard touchdown pass to Kyle Vardo. With 12:09 left, the Keydets were down 31-20.

After one first down, the Keydet defense stiffened and forced a punt. Cobb picked right up where he left off on the previous drive - A nine-play, 69-yard drive saw him go 6 for 7, including a fourth-down conversion to Aaron Sanders. Dane Forlines grabbed a 12-yard touchdown at the end of the drive, but the two-point conversion failed and the score was 31-26 with 5:56 to go.

Beatty made perhaps his only mistake of the day on GWU's next play from scrimmage. A deep ball over the middle was intercepted by freshman Greg Sanders and returned to the Gardner-Webb 15, giving the Keydets a golden opportunity. VMI cashed in on 4th down, as Cobb found Watts for a 10-yard touchdown and a 34-31 lead, VMI's first lead of the day. The 21-point fourth quarter was VMI's first since last year's game against Presbyterian, but there was still 4:03 left on the clock.

The visitors capped regulation with a comeback of their own. A clutch 23-yard pass on 4th and 20 gave GWU new life, allowing it to continue a 61-yard, 15-play drive that ran off nearly all of the time remaining. Kicker Paul Schumacher converted a 43-yard field goal to cap that drive and tie the game, 34-34, as the contest headed into overtime.

The Keydets won the toss and chose defense to begin overtime, an interesting note because in regulation this year, VMI has received the ball to start all eight contests thus far. Regardless, Beatty found Cook with a 23-yard pass to start the first possession and one play later, Hubbard scored for a 41-34 GWU lead. Cobb needed only one play to connect with Sanders and tie the game, 41-41, giving VMI the ball to start the second overtime.

After a first down completion to Burton, Cobb was sacked and two plays later, Dillon Christopher was wide left from 36 yards out, giving GWU the ball. The Runnin' Bulldogs ended the game on the next play with Cook's game-winning grab. In addition to those standouts previously mentioned, Sam Patterson equaled a career-high with seven catches, while Gardner-Webb's Jeffrey Pegues posted 20 tackles on defense.

Gardner-Webb (4-3) 47
VMI (1-7) 41

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Oct. 18, 2014 • Attendance: 6,624

GWU	14	7	10	3	13	- 47
VMI	0	13	3	21	7	- 41

FIRST QUARTER

GWU - Jones 1 pass from Beatty (Schumacher kick) - 8:36

GWU - Estes 23 pass from Beatty (Schumacher kick) - 5:52

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Nicholson 19 pass from Cobb - 5:46

GWU - Swinton 29 pass from Beatty (Schumacher kick) - 1:58

VMI - Burton 22 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 0:11

THIRD QUARTER

GWU - Cook 80 pass from Beatty (Schumacher kick) - 14:07

GWU - Schumacher 26 FG - 5:43

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Vardo 3 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 12:09

VMI - Forlines 12 pass from Cobb - 5:56

VMI - Watts 10 pass from Cobb (Forlines pass from Cobb) - 4:03

GWU - Schumacher 43 FG - 0:07

OVERTIME

GWU - Hubbard 2 run (Schumacher kick) - OT 1

VMI - Sanders 25 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - OT 1

GWU - Cook 25 pass from Beatty - OT 2

	GWU	VMI
First Downs	27	26
Rushes-Yards	38-99	24-62
Passing Yards	451	351
Passes (C-A-I)	27-45-1	34-53-0
Total Offense	550	413
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	9-66	5-40
Punts-Avg.	4-28.8	4-41.2
Time of Possession	31:40	28:20

RUSHING: VMI - Turner 9-30; Watts 7-21; Ziglar 4-10; Cobb 3-5. **GWU** - Hubbard 13-76; Lewis 8-17; Jones 1-9; Clark 3-5; Maxwell 5-3; Beatty 6-(-4); Jackson IV 1-(-6).

PASSING: VMI - Cobb 34-53-0-351. **GWU** - Beatty 25-42-1-430; Maxwell 2-2-0-21.

RECEIVING: VMI - Patterson 7-75; Burton 6-85; Sanders 6-61; Watts 5-64; Forlines 4-35; Nicholson 2-25; Jacob 1-6; Johnson 1-4; Vardo 1-3; Ziglar 1-(-7). **GWU** - Cook 12-251; Estes 5-79; Swinton 3-64; Cranfill 3-34; Jackson IV 2-13; Hubbard 1-9; Jones 1-1.

Game 9 - VMI at Wofford

VMI Falls to Wofford, 38-3

The Wofford College Terriers scored the first 17 points of the game to take the lead for good, and went on to a 38-3 win over the VMI Keydets in Southern Conference football action Oct. 25 at Gibbs Stadium in Spartanburg, S.C.

Wofford (5-3, 3-1 SoCon) finished the game with 374 yards on the ground and a 499-197 edge in total offense. The Keydets (1-8, 0-4) were led in defeat by Sam Patterson, who caught five passes for 58 yards, and Alex Keys, who posted a career-high 11 tackles.



Sam Patterson caught five passes in VMI's loss to Wofford.

The Terriers dominated time of possession holding the ball 36:18 that was also aided by 9 of 15 conversions on third down. The Keydets ran 24 fewer snaps than the Terriers and were held to 139 yards passing - the second lowest output of the year.

Wofford opened the game by marching 75 yards in 10 plays and was keyed by "B" back Lorenzo Long who rushed six times for 64 yards including a one-yard dive into the end zone on a fourth and goal. Long had a 38-yard burst to the VMI 21 and another third down conversion end run by slotback Will Gay successfully converted a third and 15 from the Terrier 20. David Marvin's extra point was good and the hosts assumed a 7-0 lead with 9:23 left in the opener quarter.

Cobb was picked off by linebacker Drake Michaelson on VMI's third play from scrimmage and the Keydet defense was back on the field with Wofford in possession at the VMI 18. The Keydets nearly got the ball back when Weimer coughed up the ball five yards deep in the backfield but Wofford lineman T.J. Chamberlin was able to pounce on the football at the VMI 19. On the next play, Weimer was able to convert a third and 11 scoring pass to wide out Will Irwin who made an over the shoulder snag at the VMI 5 before striding in the right corner of the end zone for his second touchdown reception of the year. Marvin tacked on the extra point to extend the lead to 14-0 with 7:21 remaining in the opening period.

Following a three and out by the Keydets on the next possession, VMI punted the ball away to the Wofford 22. Terrier slotback Octavius Harden ripped off a 41-yard run to the VMI 37 to threaten the red zone again, but on the next snap freshman defensive back Greg Sanders picked off a Weimer pass in the end zone for his second interception in as many weeks. The Keydets moved the ball to the Wofford 32 as the first quarter entered its final minutes, but had to punt away to the Wofford 3 following a well-executed effort by VMI punter Hayden Alford. The Terriers then embarked on their longest drive of the day - 22 plays, 88 yards, and 12:02 consumed off the second quarter clock before settling for a 27-yard field goal by David Marvin which pushed the lead to 17-3 at the 5:08 mark of the first half.

VMI's lone scoring drive of the day took place on the ensuing possession when sophomore Dillon Christopher converted a 41-yard field goal with 1:24 left in the second quarter. It was Christopher's fourth successful field goal attempt and first since the Mercer game in week five of the season. Wofford, sparked by a 40-yard pass play to Irwin at the VMI 27, was able to punch in a final TD with :01 left in the first half when Weimer reversed course on a scramble to the wide side of the field and dove in for the score on a third and goal from the VMI one yard line. Marvin's extra point sent the teams to the locker room with a 17-3 Wofford lead.

VMI took opening possession in the third quarter for the first time this season but had to punt away to the Terrier 32. The Terriers then assembled an 11-play, 68 yard drive highlighted by Long who rushed seven times for 33 yards and punched in his second TD of the game with a two-yard dive at the 7:41 mark of the third quarter that extended Wofford's lead to 31-3 with 7:41 left in the third quarter.

VMI's deepest penetration into Wofford territory was on its next drive that wrapped around the final minutes of the third period and opening moments of the fourth quarter. The Keydets pounded the ball on the ground including seven straight rushes by Watts and moved the ball to the Wofford 6. On the opening play of the fourth quarter and facing a fourth and 2 from the Wofford 6, Cobb's completed pass to Sam Patterson in the back of the end zone was ruled out of bounds - ending VMI's best touchdown threat of the day.

The Terriers capped the scoring when reserve "B" back Chris Martin punched in a four-yard burst of the middle with 2:04 left in the game. Long (125 yards, 2 TDs) and Harden (100 yards, 1 TD) both hit the century mark in rushing yards while Weimer, making his second consecutive start at QB for Wofford, completed five of seven passes for 85 yards and a touchdown and rushed for 32 yards and a score.

VMI (1-8, 0-4) 3
Wofford (5-3, 3-1) 38

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Oct. 25, 2014 • Attendance: 8,010

VMI	0	3	0	0	-	3
Wofford	14	10	7	7	-	38

FIRST QUARTER

WOF - Long 1 run (Marvin kick) - 9:23
WOF - Irwin 19 pass from Weimer (Marvin kick) - 7:21

SECOND QUARTER

WOF - Marvin 27 FG - 5:08
VMI - Christopher 41 FG - 1:21
WOF - Weimer 1 run (Marvin kick) - 0:01

THIRD QUARTER

WOF - Long 2 run (Marvin kick) - 7:41

FOURTH QUARTER

WOF - Martin 4 run (Marvin kick) - 2:04

	VMI	WOF
First Downs	14	23
Rushes-Yards	21-58	65-374
Passing Yards	139	125
Passes (C-A-I)	17-31-2	8-11-1
Total Offense	197	499
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-0
Penalties	2-5	6-74
Punts-Avg.	5-41.6	2-41.0
Time of Possession	23:22	36:38

RUSHING: VMI- Watts 13-38; Turner 4-17; Cobb 3-4; Stout 1-(-1). **WOF** - Long 19-125; Harden 7-100; Gay 13-77; Weimer 9-32; Martin 4-19; Nelson 2-11; Goodson 2-8; Martin 4-6; Butler 3-0.

PASSING: VMI- Cobb 14-25-1-111; Alford 3-6-1-28. **WOF** - Weimer 5-7-1-85; Butler 2-3-0-16; Goodson 1-1-0-24.

RECEIVING: VMI - Patterson 5-58; Watts 4-15; Burton 3-21; Sanders 2-22; Forlines 2-5; Stout 1-8. **WOF** - Irwin 4-75; Francis 2-19; Windham 1-24; Christian 1-7.

Game 10 - Furman at VMI

Turnovers Spark Win Over Furman, 31-15

LEXINGTON, Va. -- The VMI defense forced four turnovers, a season-high, and Al Cobb threw for two touchdowns and ran for another to lead the Keydets past the Furman Paladins, 31-15, in Southern Conference football action Nov. 1 at Foster Stadium in Lexington, Va. It was VMI's first SoCon football win since Nov. 16, 2002, and was the first Keydet win over Furman since the 1979 season, breaking a 21-game VMI losing streak to the Paladins.



Greg Sanders logged his third straight game with an interception in Nov. 1's win over Furman.

The Keydets (2-8, 1-4 SoCon) took a commanding 17-0 lead into halftime, but the second half story was the defense, which forced three fourth quarter turnovers to quell any hopes of a Furman (2-7, 1-3) comeback as the Keydets broke their six-game losing skid. The Paladins, meanwhile, dropped their seventh in a row, their longest losing streak since the 1972 season.

Alijah Robinson and Damian Jones had interceptions early in the final period, but it was Greg Sanders who sealed the VMI win. With just over two minutes to go, Sanders picked off PJ Blazejewski to ensure that the Keydets would triumph. It marked the third consecutive game with an interception for true freshman Sanders, and the three interceptions equaled VMI's most in a single game since Oct. 23, 2010, when the Keydets logged four against Charleston Southern.

Offensively, Cobb went 24 for 37 for 239 yards and two touchdowns, the completions giving the Keydets a single-season record for team completions. Cobb also set the VMI record for most pass attempts in a season (350), surpassing Al Comer's 348 in 1985. The redshirt freshman also ran for a career-high 49 yards on 11 carries and helped his team to a startling 12 of 19 effort on third-down conversions.

The cool, blustery fall day got started with a slow first quarter. Dillon Christopher booted a 21-yard field goal for the game's first points late in the opening period, giving the Keydets a 3-0 advantage.

That lead expanded midway through the second period. Ryan Francis forced a Blazejewski fumble that Joe Nelson recovered, and the Keydets promptly went 41 yards in six plays. Dane Forlines made a 19-yard touchdown catch on 3rd and 14, and after a Christopher point after, the Keydets led 10-0.

VMI added on at the end of the period, thanks to one of its longer drives of the season. A 12-play, 84-yard drive pushed the VMI margin to 17, helped by a key play on 3rd and 10 early in the effort. Cobb ran 20 yards on a scramble and drew a personal foul penalty as well, tacking on another 15 yards and moving the Keydets into Furman territory. A 30-yard pass to Deon Watts set up the Keydets with a first and goal at the two, and two plays later, Cobb scored on a quarterback sneak to make it 17-0, Keydets at halftime. It was the first time VMI had blanked an opponent in the first half since Nov. 2, 2013 at Liberty.

After a key dropped pass on third down of the opening Furman drive, the Keydets got the ball at the 12:09 mark and promptly went 55 yards in the next nine plays. Another third down conversion, this one to Sam Patterson, was the key play and Jabari Turner capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown run, giving the Keydets a 24-0 edge with just over nine minutes to go.

The Paladins got on the board on their next drive, as Blazejewski found Chad Scott for a 28-yard touchdown pass with 4:55 left in the period to cut the VMI lead to 24-7. The touchdown for Furman ended a scoreless drought of 120:12, dating back to the team's game two weeks ago at South Carolina.

The Keydets seemed to put the game away early in the fourth quarter. The teams traded turnovers early in the period, as Cobb was intercepted by Marcus McMorris at the 9:35 mark, but Blazejewski gave the ball right back with a pick of his own just one play later. The VMI interception was returned to the Furman 16 by Alijah Robinson, and just two plays later, Cobb found J.C. Garvin for a 14-yard touchdown and a 31-7 VMI lead.

Damian Jones picked off the Furman quarterback on the Paladins' next possession, but VMI could not take advantage. After a muffed punt gave the visitors excellent field position, they quickly took advantage. A Blazejewski 28-yard touchdown to Duncan Fletcher cut the margin, and ensuing two-point play by the same combination, made it a 31-15 game with 4:53 showing on the clock. Aaron Sanders recovered the onside kick, however, and after a final VMI punt, Sanders quashed a 53-yard Furman drive with his game-clinching interception.

Francis finished with 12 tackles, 2.5 for loss, for the Keydets, while Forlines tied his career-high with five catches. Blazejewski finished 20 of 37 with two touchdowns and three interceptions for the Paladins. The Keydets held Furman to 299 yards of total offense, the lowest output by a Keydet opponent since Gardner-Webb had 295 last Nov. 9.

Furman (2-7, 1-3) 15
VMI (2-8, 1-4) 31

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 Nov. 1, 2014 • Attendance: 3624

FUR	0	0	7	8	-	15
VMI	3	14	7	7	-	31

FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Christopher 21 FG - 3:52

SECOND QUARTER

VMI - Forlines 19 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 7:44

VMI - Cobb 1 run (Christopher kick) - 0:25

THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Turner 1 run (Christopher kick) - 9:02

FUR - Scott 28 pass from Blazejewski (Townes kick) - 4:55

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Garvin 14 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 8:29

FUR - Fletcher 28 pass from Blazejewski (Fletcher pass from Blazejewski) - 4:53

	FUR	VMI
First Downs	15	23
Rushes-Yards	20-82	44-138
Passing Yards	217	239
Passes (C-A-I)	20-37-3	24-37-1
Total Offense	299	377
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-1
Penalties	5-50	4-44
Punts-Avg.	6-40.2	6-30.7
Time of Possession	22:57	37:03

RUSHING: **FUR** - McCloud 9-55; Blazejewski 7-22; Garcia 4-5. **VMI** - Cobb 11-49; Turner 12-31; Watts 10-28; Ziglar 9-28; Forlines 1-3.

PASSING: **FUR** - Blazejewski 20-37-3-217. **VMI** - Cobb 24-37-1-239.

RECEIVING: **FUR** - Scott 4-38; Snellings 3-31; Fletcher 2-33; Garcia 2-28; Schumpert 2-19; Dingess 2-18; McCloud 2-6; McCarter 1-34; Skogen 1-10; Mall 1-0. **VMI** - Forlines 5-45; Sanders 4-51; Patterson 4-36; Watts 3-32; Burton 2-22; Ziglar 2-15; Garvin 1-14; Nicholson 1-9; Lewis 1-9; Jacob 1-6.

Game 11 - VMI at Western Carolina

Cobb Adds More Marks But Keydets Fall at WCU, 42-27

VMI redshirt freshman quarterback Al Cobb added more records to his outstanding debut season, but the Western Carolina Catamounts were able to hold off a second half VMI charge to down the Keydets, 42-27 before 8,339 at E.J. Whitmire Stadium Saturday afternoon, November 15.

Cobb completed 19 of 45 passes for 321 yards and two touchdowns and became the VMI single season passing leader with 2,575 yards and also set a new mark for single season total offense with 2,673 yards.

The Keydets had no answer however, for WCU quarterback Troy Mitchell who completed 32 of 42 passes for 339 yards and tossed five touchdowns, four that came in the first half and helped the Catamounts build a pair of 21-point leads.

The Keydets (2-9, 1-5) rallied to twice pull within a score in the second half and moved the ball to the WCU 39-yard line trailing 35-27, but linebacker Christon Gill picked off a Cobb pass and returned it to the WCU 40 with 6:40 remaining. Two plays later, Mitchell scampered to the end zone on a 55-yard keeper around right end to repel VMI's last serious threat of the game.

The Catamounts (7-4, 5-2) outgained VMI, 640-471 and converted 10 of 16 third downs while balancing their attack with 339 passing yards and 301 rushing yards. Four of Mitchell's TD teamed with redshirt junior Karnorris Benson who finished with eight catches for 127 yards. Sophomore Terryon Robinson snagged 12 receptions for 127 yards to top the Catamount charts.

Two Catamounts backs produced 100-yard games as Darius Ramsey rushed for a game-high 128 yards on 19 carries and Mitchell contributed 109 yards and his decisive fourth-quarter score.

Sophomore Aaron Sanders led VMI receivers with four catches for 119 yards and a touchdown while junior Sam Patterson added five catches for 67 yards for the visitors.

The VMI offense surpassed the 100-yard rushing mark for the second straight game with 150 yards on the ground. Senior Deon Watts gained 60 yards on seven carries and scored a touchdown while Cobb added 45 yards on the ground.

Freshman linebacker Alan Cratsenburg led the Keydet defensive charts with 17 tackles including eight solo stops and outside linebacker Ryan Francis contributed 12 tackles including eight solos.

Western Carolina was led defensively by Gill who logged eight tackles to go along with his crucial fourth quarter interception that stemmed the Keydet momentum.

The Mitchell-Benson TD connection helped WCU race to a 21-0 advantage with 10:18 to go in the second quarter and the contest had the makings of a rout before VMI got on the board with a 4-play, 65-yard drive capped by a Watts 9-yard burst up the middle. Watts added a 27-yard rush earlier in the scoring possession and a 44-yard completion from Cobb to Sanders to the WCU 9 set up VMI's first score of the game one play later.

The Catamounts countered to push their lead back to 28-7 when Mitchell flipped a 28-yard TD pass to a wide open Benson at the 4:53 mark of the second quarter, but VMI closed out the first-half scoring when sophomore Dillon Christopher knocked through a 45-yard field goal to cut the lead to 28-10 at halftime. It was Christopher's third field goal from 40 or more yards this season.

The VMI offense found its rhythm in the second half and took the opening drive 89 yards in five plays and scored a 44-yard strike from Cobb to Sanders to cut WCU's lead to 28-17. Christopher converted a 38-yarder at the 5:02 mark of the third quarter to pull the Keydets within 28-20 on a drive that featured eight rushes and only one pass completion.

WCU got some breathing room when Miller flipped a five-yard TD pass to tight end Tyler Sexton to extend the game to 35-20 as it headed into the final period.

VMI's final push was keyed by a 10-play, 80-yard drive that ended with spectacular touchdown end zone catch by senior Doug Burton that was heavily challenged by WCU defenders. Christopher's extra point followed to pull VMI within 35-27 with 12:32 remaining, but the Keydets could pull no closer to their Southern Conference rival.



Al Cobb set VMI's new single-season record for passing yardage in Nov. 15's loss at WCU.

VMI (2-9, 1-5) 27
Western Carolina (7-4, 5-2) 42

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VMI	0	10	10	7	-	27
WCU	14	14	7	7	-	42

FIRST QUARTER

VMI - Benson 7 pass from Mitchell (Sigmon kick) - 10:17

WCU - Benson 39 pass from Mitchell (Sigmon kick) - 5:03

SECOND QUARTER

WCU - Benson 17 pass from Mitchell (Sigmon kick) - 10:18

VMI - Watts 9 run (Christopher kick) - 8:21

WCU - Benson 28 pass from Mitchell (Sigmon kick) - 4:53

VMI - Christopher 45 FG - 1:46

THIRD QUARTER

VMI - Sanders 44 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 12:35

VMI - Christopher 38 FG - 5:02

WCU - Sexton 5 pass from Mitchell (Sigmon kick) - 0:29

FOURTH QUARTER

VMI - Burton 37 pass from Cobb (Christopher kick) - 12:32

WCU - Mitchell 55 run (Sigmon kick) - 5:56

	VMI	WCU
First Downs	26	30
Rushes-Yards	28-150	45-301
Passing Yards	321	339
Passes (C-A-I)	19-45-2	32-42-1
Total Offense	471	640
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-1
Penalties	11-94	15-155
Punts-Avg.	4-44.0	5-38.8
Time of Possession	28:28	31:32

RUSHING: VMI - Watts 7-60; Cobb 9-45; Ziglar 5-18; Stout 3-16; Turner 3-12. **WCU** - Ramsey 19-128; Mitchell 12-109; Newsome 7-34; Warren 4-19; Brown 3-11.

PASSING: VMI - Cobb 19-45-2-321. **WCU** - Mitchell 32-42-1-339.

RECEIVING: VMI - Sanders 5-119; Patterson 5-67; Nicholson 2-36; Ziglar 2-22; Garvin 2-6; Burton 1-37; Forlines 1-19; Watts 1-15. **WCU** - T. Robinson 12-127; Benson 8-127; Sexton 3-32; Newsome 3-11; Moore 2-10; S. Robinson 2-4; Helms 1-25; Ramsey 1-3.

Depth Charts

VMI Keydets

Offense					
			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
WR	80	Sam Patterson	6-5	215	Sr.
	84	Calvin Michie	6-2	180	R-Fr.
WR	6	Dane Forlines	5-9	180	So.
	82	Matthew Nicholson	6-2	180	So.
LT	63	Nate Murray	6-3	325	R-Jr.
	71	Jordan Veal	6-4	305	R-So.
LG	70	Emmanuel Cooper	6-5	310	Sr.
	66	Iyan Roseborough	6-3	325	R-So.
C	62	Patrick Doucette	6-1	285	R-Fr.
	57	Bradley Hann	6-2	277	R-So.
RG	57	Bradley Hann	6-2	277	R-So.
	78	Chad Reed	6-6	320	R-So.
RT	75	Andy Marcotte	6-8	325	R-Sr.
	61	Stephen Miller	6-2	275	R-Fr.
TE	89	Andrew Lewis	6-5	230	So.
	81	Chad Jacob	6-3	225	R-Fr.
WR	85	Aaron Sanders	6-2	185	So.
	18	Doug Burton	6-1	195	R-Sr.
TB	39	Derrick Ziglar	5-9	230	R-Jr.
	2	Deon Watts	5-11	197	Sr.
	21	Jabari Turner	6-0	210	Sr.
QB	8	Al Cobb	6-3	190	R-Fr.
	12	Hayden Alford	6-3	200	R-So.

Defense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LE	93	Denton Ensminger	6-4	265	Jr.
	90	Robert de Wolff	6-3	250	R-So.
NT	99	Joe Nelson	6-3	265	R-So.
	92	Walker Hays	6-1	265	So.
RE	97	John Washington	6-2	255	R-Jr.
	94	Amon-Ra Clay	6-1	262	R-Fr.
OLB	44	Ryan Francis	6-1	200	R-Fr.
	42	Tony Richardson	6-3	215	Fr.
OLB	41	Logan Staib	6-1	241	R-Sr.
	59	Chris Copeland	6-2	215	R-Jr.
ILB	45	Miller Williams	6-1	220	Sr.
	47	Caleb Lindsey	6-1	220	Jr.
ILB	46	Allen Cratsenburg	6-3	220	Fr.
	5	Darnell Ashton	6-2	215	So.
CB	9	James Fruehan	5-9	187	Sr.
	19	Doug Moore	5-10	190	Jr.
SS	38	Alijah Robinson	6-0	185	So.
	14	Greg Sanders	5-10	170	Fr.
FS	25	Alex Keys	5-10	185	R-Jr.
	20	Alex James	5-11	190	Jr.
CB	7	Damien Jones	6-1	190	R-So.
	28	Brendon Bock	6-0	180	R-Jr.

Special Teams

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
P	12	Hayden Alford	6-3	200	R-So.
K	27	Dillon Christopher	6-2	175	So.
KO	27	Dillon Christopher	6-2	175	So.
LS	57	Bradley Hann	6-2	277	R-So.
H	13	Ryan Swingle	6-3	225	R-Fr.
PR	6	Dane Forlines	5-9	180	So.
KR	22	Taylor Stout	6-0	180	So.
	14	Greg Sanders	5-10	170	Fr.

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Offense					
			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
LT	73	Isaiah Pinson	6-3	250	R-Fr.
	67	Victor Hill	6-2	275	Sr.
LG	57	Kyle Weaver	6-2	275	R-Fr.
	74	Sydney Martin	6-2	270	Fr.
C	52	Ryan Bednar	6-1	280	So.
	75	Harrison Davis	6-2	255	So.
RG	61	Sam Frye	5-10	285	Jr.
	76	Javion Duncan	6-0	255	Fr.
RT	56	Mike Mabry	6-1	280	Jr.
	53	Derrick Freeland	6-1	245	Fr.
WR	81	Alex Glover	6-3	235	Jr.
	83	Rudder Brown	6-4	215	So.
WR	82	Brandon Eakins	6-2	205	Jr.
	3	Jorian Jordan	6-0	165	So.
QB	12	Aaron Miller	6-0	220	Sr.
	19	Dominique Allen	6-1	220	Fr.
B-BACK	39	Isiaha Smith	5-10	225	Fr.
	36	Tyler Renew	5-11	210	So.
SLOT	24	Jake Stenson	5-11	200	Sr.
	25	Reggie Williams	5-9	190	Fr.
SLOT	16	Vinny Miller	5-10	210	Jr.
	20	Craig Miller	5-8	185	Jr.

Defense

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	37	Joe Crochet	6-2	225	So.
	7	Mark Thomas	6-2	220	Jr.
DT	72	Cam Mobley	6-0	270	Sr.
	58	Austin Harrell	6-2	280	So.
NT	62	Mitchell Jeter	6-0	285	Jr.
	97	Jonathan King	6-1	255	Fr.
DE	96	Justin Oxendine	6-3	255	Sr.
	42	Nick Jeffreys	6-3	240	So.
BAND	13	Rah Muhammad	5-11	210	Sr.
	22	Dondray Copeland	6-2	220	So.
LB	29	Carl Robinson	6-1	245	Sr.
	9	Carson Smith	6-2	230	Jr.
LB	43	Tevin Floyd	6-1	230	So.
	49	James Riley	5-11	215	Jr.
CB	41	Walker Smith	5-9	190	Sr.
	1	Shy Phillips	6-0	165	Fr.
CB	4	Dee Delaney	6-1	185	R-Fr.
	11	Ben Roberts	5-9	175	R-Fr.
S	21	Malik Diggs	6-1	190	So.
	5	Julian Baxter	6-0	200	Sr.
S	27	Nick Willis	6-2	200	Jr.
	17	Josh Massey	5-11	190	Fr.

Special Teams

			Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
PK	99	Eric Goins	6-2	205	So.
KO	86	Austin Jordan	6-0	205	Jr.
P	90	Will Vanvick	5-11	175	So.
LS	60	Hunter Morris	6-2	240	So.
H	6	Dane Anderson	5-11	220	So.
KOR	10	DeAndre Scholtz	5-9	185	So.
	82	Brandon Eakins	6-2	205	Jr.
PR	10	DeAndre Scholtz	5-9	185	So.

VMI Roster/Pronunciation Guide

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/Previous School
2	Deon Watts	RB	Sr.	5-11	197	Powhatan, Va./Blessed Sacrament Huguenot
3	Caleb Furlow	DB	Sr.	6-2	195	Silver Spring, Md./Montgomery Blair
4	John Burton	QB	R-So.	6-3	190	Apex, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
5	Darnell Ashton	LB	So.	6-2	215	Olyphant, Pa./Valley View
6	Dane Forlines	WR	So.	5-9	180	Richmond, Va./Mills Godwin
7	Damian Jones	DB	R-So.	6-1	190	Richmond, Va./Hermitage
8	Al Cobb	QB	R-Fr.	6-3	190	Pulaski, Tenn./Giles County
9	James Fruehan	DB	Sr.	5-10	187	Clarks Summit, Pa./Abington Heights
11	Darrrian Johnson	WR	R-So.	5-8	180	Fredericksburg, Va./Stafford
12	Hayden Alford	QB	R-So.	6-3	200	Dyersburg, Tenn./Dyersburg
13	Ryan Swingle	QB	R-Fr.	6-3	225	Haymarket, Va./Battlefield
14	Greg Sanders	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	Cordova, Tenn./Christian Brothers
15	Joey Brown	WR	Fr.	6-2	190	Virginia Beach, Va./First Colonial
16	Jade Maher	QB	Fr.	6-4	190	Dunbar, Pa./Connellsville
17	Brice Tucker	WR	Fr.	5-10	175	Hampton, Va./Bishop Sullivan Catholic
18	Doug Burton	WR	R-Sr.	6-1	195	Apex, N.C./Cardinal Gibbons
19	Doug Moore	DB	Jr.	5-10	190	Washington, D.C./Friendship Collegiate
20	Alex James	DB	Jr.	5-11	196	Stockbridge, Ga./Woodland
21	Jabari Turner	RB	Sr.	6-0	210	Wakefield, Va./Sussex Central
22	Taylor Stout	RB	So.	6-0	180	Midlothian, Va./Midlothian
23	Cody Shirley	RB	R-So.	5-9	205	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic
24	Chap Michie	DB	R-Jr.	6-3	187	Richmond, Va./Douglas Freeman
25	Alex Keys	DB	R-So.	5-11	200	Rocky Mount, Va./Franklin Co.
26	Bradley Lipscomb	LB	R-So.	6-0	217	Yanceyville, N.C./Yanceyville
27	Dillon Christopher	PK	So.	6-2	175	Newport News, Va./Menchville
28	Brendon Bock	DB	R-Jr.	6-0	180	Encinitas, Calif./La Costa Canyon
29	Zach Jones	WR	R-Jr.	5-10	180	Lynchburg, Va./Virginia Episcopal
30	Gabe Sutherland	DB	Fr.	5-10	200	McLean, Va./McLean
31	Travis Hawkins	OLB	R-Jr.	6-2	210	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
32	Jon Strozyk	DB	R-Fr.	6-0	170	Knoxville, Tenn./Powell
33	Paul Conteh	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	Leesburg, Va./Heritage
34	Bill Hogan	LB/P	Fr.	6-1	225	Amissville, Va./Culpepper
35	Scott Frazier	DB	R-Fr.	6-0	190	Williamsburg, Va./Burton
36	Michael Williams	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern
37	Dakota Nicely	LB	R-Jr.	6-1	230	Clifton Forge, Va./Alleghany
38	Alijah Robinson	DB	So.	6-0	185	Waldorf, Md./North Point
39	Derrick Ziglar	RB	R-Jr.	5-9	230	Martinsville, Va./Martinsville
40	Hunter Marshall	RB	R-Fr.	5-10	184	Radford, Va./Radford
41	Logan Staib	OLB	R-Sr.	6-1	241	Midlothian, Va./Monacan
42	Tony Richardson	LB	Fr.	6-3	215	Morgantown, W.Va./University
43	Kyle Harrell	WR	R-Fr.	5-10	170	Buchanan, Va./James River
44	Ryan Francis	OLB	R-Fr.	6-1	200	Knoxville, Tenn./West
45	Miller Williams	LB	Sr.	6-1	220	Mountain Brook, Ala./Mountain Brook
46	Allen Cratsenburg	LB	Fr.	6-3	220	Natrone, Pa./Highlands
47	Caleb Lindsey	LB	Jr.	6-1	220	Ashburn, Va./Broad Run
48	John Wilkins	WR	R-So.	5-8	165	Jane Lew, W.Va./South Harrison
49	Kyle Vardo	RB	R-Fr.	6-0	218	Hayesville, N.C./Hayesville
50	Chase Smith	OL	Fr.	6-3	280	Lovettsville, Va./Woodgrove
52	Zack Baker	DE	Fr.	6-2	225	Roanoke, Va./Patrick Henry
53	Troy Barden	LB	R-Fr.	5-11	225	Chesterfield, Va./Cosby
54	Xavier Greenfield	DL	Fr.	6-0	240	Martinsville, Va./Magna Vista
55	Daniel Rader	DL	Fr.	5-10	250	Fincastle, Va./Lord Botetourt
56	Brian Ellis	LB	R-So.	6-1	210	Moneta, Va./Staunton River
57	Bradley Hann	OL	R-So.	6-2	277	Springfield, Va./Robert E. Lee
59	Chris Copeland	OLB	R-Jr.	6-2	215	Hampton, Va./Bethel
60	Kurt Odegard	OL	Fr.	6-1	280	Virginia Beach, Va./Tallwood
61	Stephen Miller	OL	R-Fr.	6-2	275	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Academy
62	Patrick Doucette	OL	R-Fr.	6-1	285	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut
63	Nate Murray	OL	R-Jr.	6-3	325	Melbourne, Fla./Satellite
65	Matt Milner	OL	R-Fr.	6-2	289	Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek
66	Iyan Roseborough	OL	R-So.	6-3	325	Jenkinsville, S.C./Fairfield Central
67	Seth Hinton	PK	R-Fr.	6-0	183	Blackstone, Va./Nottoway
68	Corey Atkins	OL	Fr.	6-1	230	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lower Dauphin
69	Joe Kluckowski	OL	R-So.	6-8	310	Winchester, Va./Sherando
70	Emmanuel Cooper	OL	Sr.	6-5	310	Irondale, Ala./Spain Park
71	Jordan Veal	OL	R-So.	6-4	305	Chesapeake, Va./Western Branch
72	Noah Bryson	DL	R-Fr.	6-2	203	Lago Vista, Texas/Lago Vista
73	Connor Mildrum	DL	R-So.	5-11	250	Richmond, Va./Glen Allen
74	Sam Reiner	PK	Fr.	5-9	160	Henrico, Va./Douglas Freeman
75	Andy Marcotte	OL	R-Sr.	6-8	325	Williamsburg, Va./Lafayette
76	Chase Jones	PK	Fr.	6-2	195	Waverly, Ohio/Piketon
77	Bradley Brown	OL	Fr.	6-4	280	Martinsville, Va./Magna Vista
78	Chad Reed	OL	R-So.	6-6	320	Dover, Pa./Dover
80	Sam Patterson	WR	Jr.	6-5	215	Keswick, Va./Monticello
81	Chad Jacob	TE	R-Fr.	6-3	225	Mechanicsville, Va./Atlee
82	Matthew Nicholson	WR	So.	6-2	180	Front Royal, Va./Warren County
83	Christian Williams	TE	Fr.	6-4	225	Suffolk, Va./Nansemond River
84	Calvin Michie	WR	R-Fr.	6-2	185	Woodbridge, Va./Forest Park
85	Aaron Sanders	WR	So.	6-2	185	Stafford, Va./Brooke Point
86	John Mobley	TE	Fr.	6-4	235	Portsmouth, Va./Nansemond-Suffolk
87	Brian Lipscomb	OLB	Fr.	6-3	225	Hampton, Va./Kecoughtan
88	J.C. Garvin	TE	R-So.	6-4	218	Kingsport, Tenn./Sullivan South
89	Andrew Lewis	TE	So.	6-5	230	Snellville, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian
90	Robert de Wolff	DL	R-So.	6-3	250	Glen Allen, Va./Trinity Episcopal
92	Walker Hays	DL	So.	6-1	265	Vestavia Hills, Ala./Vestavia Hills
93	Denton Ensminger	DL	Jr.	6-4	265	Chambersburg, Pa./Greencastle-Antrim
94	Amon-Ra Clay	DL	R-Fr.	6-1	262	Atlanta, Ga./North Atlanta
95	Shavon Henderson	DL	Fr.	6-3	240	Dyersburg, Tenn./Dyersburg
96	Seth Mallory	DL	R-So.	6-3	251	Williamsburg, Va./Warhill
97	John Washington	DE	R-Sr.	6-2	255	Midland, Va./Liberty
98	Devin Johnson	DL	Fr.	6-1	270	Gaston, S.C./Swansea
99	Joe Nelson	DL	R-So.	6-3	265	Hampton, Va./Tabb

Pronunciation Guide:

James Fruehan - James Froo-HAN

Calvin Michie - Calvin Mitch-EE

Chap Michie - Chap Mitch-EE

Logan Staib - Logan STY-b

Breakdown by Class:

Freshmen: 40 (T-24; R-16)

Sophomores: 29 (T-11; R-18)

Juniors: 13 (T-6; R-7)

Seniors: 10 (T-6; R-4)

(T- True; R- Redshirt)

Coaching Staff:

Sparky Woods, Head Coach

Greg Harris, Def. Coordinator

Matt Campbell, Off. Coordinator/Off. Line

Don Woods, Chief of Staff/Defensive Line

Greg Shockley, Running Backs

Brad Robbins, Wide Receivers

Eric Brown, Inside Linebackers

Ron Mattes, Tight Ends

Trent Walker, Secondary

Justin Hamilton, Inside Linebackers



VMI Opponents' Scores & Schedules

<p>Bucknell Bison (8-2)</p> <p>A30 VMI W, 42-38</p> <p>S6 at Marist W, 22-0</p> <p>S20 at Sacred Heart W, 36-20</p> <p>S27 Cornell W, 20-7</p> <p>O4 at Bryant L, 15-34</p> <p>O11 at Lehigh W, 45-24</p> <p>O25 at Georgetown W, 22-17</p> <p>N1 Lafayette W, 27-24 (OT)</p> <p>N7 Fordham L, 27-30 (OT)</p> <p>N15 at Holy Cross W, 31-24 (OT)</p> <p>N22 Colgate 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Bowling Green Falcons (7-3)</p> <p>A29 at W. Kentucky L, 31-59</p> <p>S6 VMI W, 48-7</p> <p>S13 Indiana W, 45-42</p> <p>S20 at Wisconsin L, 17-68</p> <p>S27 at UMass W, 47-42</p> <p>O4 Buffalo W, 36-35</p> <p>O11 at Ohio W, 31-13</p> <p>O18 Western Michigan L, 14-26</p> <p>N4 at Akron W, 27-10</p> <p>N12 Kent State W, 30-20</p> <p>N19 at Toledo 8 p.m.</p> <p>N28 Ball State TBA</p>	<p>Davidson Wildcats (1-9)</p> <p>A30 College of Faith - Charlotte W, 56-0</p> <p>S6 Catawba L, 7-35</p> <p>S13 at VMI L, 24-52</p> <p>S20 Morehead State L, 32-40</p> <p>S27 at Princeton L, 17-56</p> <p>O4 Dayton L, 48-54 (5 OT)</p> <p>O11 at Drake L, 14-51</p> <p>O18 at Campbell L, 27-28</p> <p>O25 Stetson L, 34-40</p> <p>N8 Jacksonville L, 0-56</p> <p>N15 at Marist L, 7-38</p> <p>N22 at Valparaiso 2 p.m.</p>
<p>Samford Bulldogs (7-3)</p> <p>A30 at TCU L, 14-48</p> <p>S11 Stillman College W, 52-0</p> <p>S20 VMI W, 63-21</p> <p>S27 at Chattanooga L, 24-38</p> <p>O4 Mercer W, 21-18</p> <p>O18 Wofford L, 20-24</p> <p>O25 at Furman W, 45-0</p> <p>N1 Concordia College W, 55-0</p> <p>N8 Western Carolina W, 34-20</p> <p>N15 at The Citadel W, 20-17</p> <p>N22 at Auburn 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Mercer Bears (6-5)</p> <p>A28 Reinhardt W, 45-42</p> <p>S6 Furman L, 20-25</p> <p>S13 at Stetson W, 49-0</p> <p>S20 Ave Maria W, 42-21</p> <p>S27 at VMI W, 27-24</p> <p>O4 at Samford L, 18-21</p> <p>O11 Austin Peay W, 49-21</p> <p>O18 Western Carolina L, 21-35</p> <p>O25 at Chattanooga L, 31-38</p> <p>N1 The Citadel L, 26-28</p> <p>N15 Warner W, 56-0</p> <p>N22 at Wofford 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>#9 Chattanooga Mocs (8-3)</p> <p>A28 at Central Michigan L, 16-20</p> <p>S6 Jacksonville State L, 23-26 (OT)</p> <p>S13 at Austin Peay W, 42-6</p> <p>S27 Samford W, 38-24</p> <p>O4 VMI W, 55-7</p> <p>O11 at Tennessee L, 10-45</p> <p>O18 at The Citadel W, 34-14</p> <p>O25 Mercer W, 38-31</p> <p>N1 at Western Carolina W, 51-0</p> <p>N8 Wofford W, 31-13</p> <p>N15 at Tennessee Tech W, 38-17</p> <p>N22 at Furman 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Navy Midshipmen (5-5)</p> <p>A30 vs. Ohio State L, 17-34</p> <p>S6 at Temple W, 31-24</p> <p>S13 at Texas State W, 35-21</p> <p>S20 Rutgers L, 24-31</p> <p>S27 W. Kentucky L, 27-36</p> <p>O4 at Air Force L, 21-30</p> <p>O11 VMI W, 51-14</p> <p>O25 San Jose State W, 41-31</p> <p>N1 vs. Notre Dame L, 39-49</p> <p>N15 Georgia Southern W, 52-19</p> <p>N28 at South Alabama TBA</p> <p>D13 vs. Army 3 p.m.</p>	<p>Gardner-Webb Runnin' Bulldogs (5-6)</p> <p>A30 at Furman L, 3-13</p> <p>S6 at Wake Forest L, 7-23</p> <p>S13 Virginia-Lynchburg W, 34-0</p> <p>S20 Wofford W, 43-36</p> <p>S27 at The Citadel L, 14-37</p> <p>O4 Charlotte W, 27-24</p> <p>O18 at VMI W, 47-41 (2 OT)</p> <p>O25 at Liberty L, 0-34</p> <p>N1 Coastal Carolina L, 14-38</p> <p>N8 at Charleston Southern L, 14-44</p> <p>N15 Presbyterian L, 7-14</p> <p>N22 at Monmouth Noon</p>	<p>Wofford Terriers (5-5)</p> <p>A30 at Georgia Tech L, 19-38</p> <p>S13 North Greenville W, 42-27</p> <p>S20 at Gardner-Webb L, 36-43</p> <p>S27 UVA-Wise W, 49-15</p> <p>O4 The Citadel W, 17-13</p> <p>O11 at Western Carolina L, 14-26</p> <p>O18 at Samford W, 24-20</p> <p>O25 VMI W, 38-3</p> <p>N8 at Chattanooga L, 13-31</p> <p>N15 at Furman L, 14-31</p> <p>N22 Mercer 1:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Furman Paladins (3-8)</p> <p>A30 Gardner-Webb W, 13-3</p> <p>S6 at Mercer W, 25-20</p> <p>S13 at Presbyterian L, 7-10</p> <p>S20 at South Carolina State L, 7-17</p> <p>S27 Western Carolina L, 17-35</p> <p>O4 #3 Coastal Carolina L, 31-37 (2 OT)</p> <p>O18 at South Carolina L, 10-41</p> <p>O25 Samford L, 0-45</p> <p>N1 at VMI L, 15-31</p> <p>N8 at The Citadel L, 35-42 (OT)</p> <p>N15 Wofford W, 31-14</p> <p>N22 Chattanooga 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Western Carolina Catamounts (7-4)</p> <p>A30 at South Florida L, 31-36</p> <p>S6 Brevard W, 45-21</p> <p>S13 Catawba W, 35-17</p> <p>S27 at Furman W, 35-17</p> <p>O4 at Presbyterian L, 14-19</p> <p>O11 Wofford W, 26-14</p> <p>O18 at Mercer W, 35-21</p> <p>O25 The Citadel W, 29-15</p> <p>N1 Chattanooga L, 0-51</p> <p>N8 at Samford L, 20-34</p> <p>N15 VMI W, 42-27</p> <p>N22 at Alabama 4 p.m.</p>	<p>The Citadel Bulldogs (4-7)</p> <p>A30 Coastal Carolina L, 16-31</p> <p>S6 at Florida State L, 12-37</p> <p>S20 at Charleston Southern L, 18-20</p> <p>S27 Gardner-Webb W, 37-14</p> <p>O4 at Wofford L, 13-17</p> <p>O11 Charlotte W, 63-56</p> <p>O18 Chattanooga L, 14-34</p> <p>O25 at Western Carolina L, 15-29</p> <p>N1 at Mercer W, 28-26</p> <p>N8 Furman W, 42-35 (OT)</p> <p>N15 Samford L, 17-20</p> <p>N22 at VMI 1:30 p.m.</p>