

VIRGINIA

2021 FOOTBALL FACT BOOK

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2021 VIRGINIA FOOTBALL INFORMATION

A QUICK LOOK AT VIRGINIA

Location	Charlottesville, Va. 22904
Founded	1819 by Thomas Jefferson
Enrollment	25,642 (Undergraduate 17,314)
President	Dr. James E. Ryan
Athletics Director	Carla Williams
Faculty Athletics Rep	Carrie M. Heilman
Nicknames	Cavaliers, Wahoos, 'Hoos
Mascot	Cavalier
Colors	Orange and Blue
Song	Good Old Song
Affiliations	NCAA, Division I FBS
Conference	Atlantic Coast Conference (Coastal Division)

2021 COACHING STAFF

Bronco Mendenhall.....	Head Coach
Robert Anae.....	Offensive Coordinator/Inside Receivers/Tight Ends
Ricky Brumfield.....	Special Teams Coordinator/Cornerbacks
Nick Howell.....	Defensive Coordinator/Secondary
Kelly Poppinga.....	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Mark Atuaia.....	Running Backs
Jason Beck.....	Quarterbacks
Marques Hagans.....	Wide Receivers
Shane Hunter.....	Safeties
Clint Sintim.....	Defensive Line
Garett Tujague.....	Offensive Line
Charles Mack.....	Graduate Assistant (Defense)
Joe Spaziani.....	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Lindell Stone.....	Graduate Assistant (Offense)
Donte Wilkins.....	Graduate Assistant (Defense)

STADIUM

Stadium Complex	Carl Smith Center, Home of David A. Harrison, III Field at Scott Stadium
Official Capacity	61,500
Largest Crowd	64,947 - Aug. 30, 2008 (USC 52, UVA 7)
Playing Surface	Prescription Athletic Turf
Total Games Played at Site	483
All-Time Stadium Record	277-194-12 (.585921)
First Game at Site	Oct. 15, 1931 (VMI 18, UVA 3)

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Twitter	@UVAFootball @UVACoachBronco @VirginiaSports
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FOOTBALL INFORMATION

2020 Record.....	5-5
ACC Record (Finish).....	4-5 (9th)
Bowl Game.....	Opted Out
Starters Returning.....	17 (10 on offense, 7 on defense, plus long snapper)
Starters Lost.....	9 (3 on offense, 6 on defense, plus punter/holder and placekicker)
Lettermen Returning.....	48 (20 offense, 24 defense, 4 specialists)
Lettermen Lost.....	22 (8 offense, 11 defense, 3 specialist)
Offensive Alignment.....	Multiple Formation
Defensive Alignment.....	3-4

COACH BRONCO MENDENHALL

Seasons.....	2016-present (2021 will be his 6th season at UVA)
UVA Record.....	30-32 (five seasons)
Overall Career Head Coaching Record.....	129-75 (.632) 204 games
Career Conference Record.....	57-32 (.640) 89 games
Career vs. Non-Conference Opponents.....	72-42 (.632) 114 games
Career Record in Bowl Games.....	7-7 (.500) 14 games
Twitter.....	@UVACoachBronco

PROGRAM HISTORY

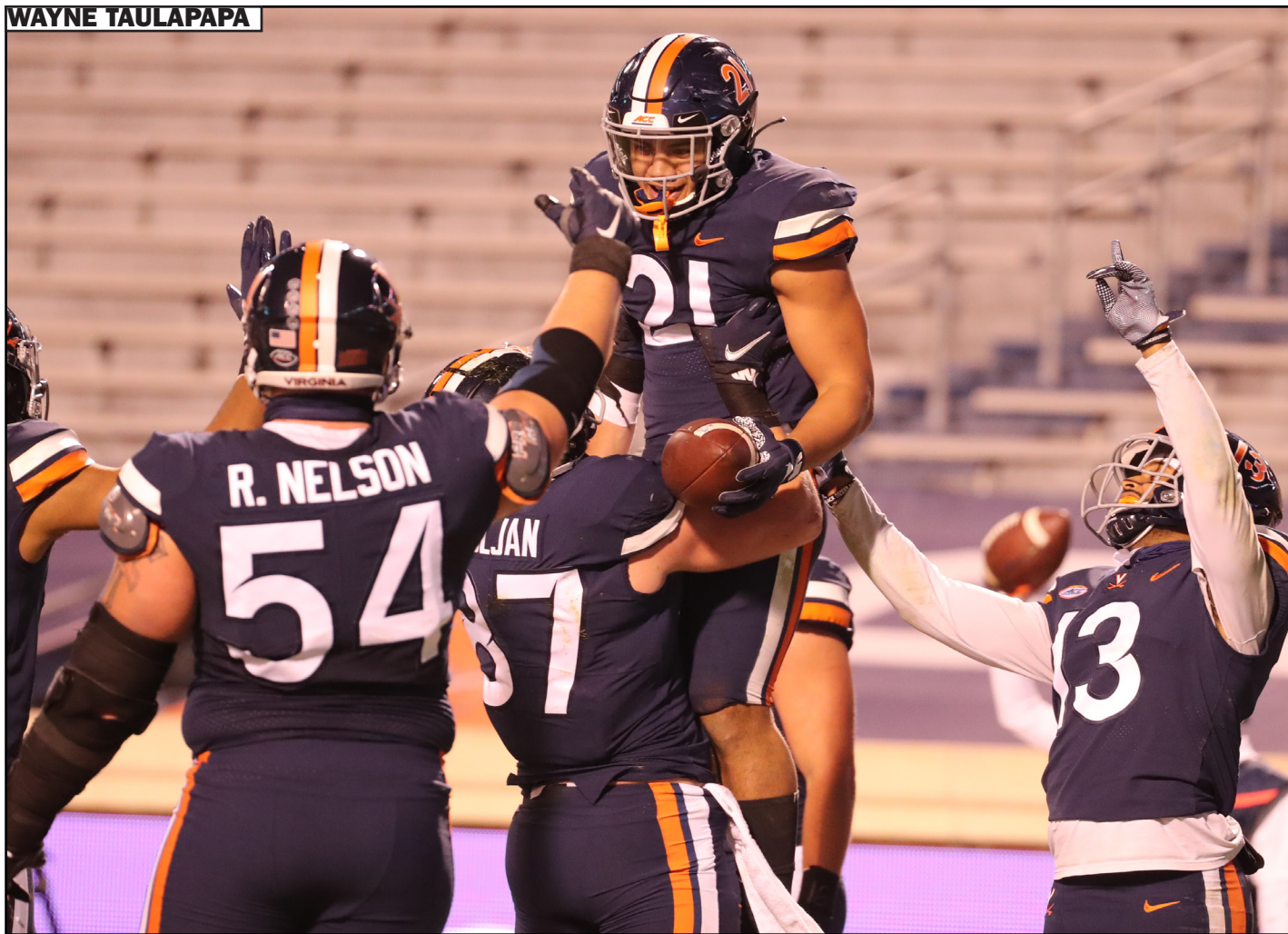
First Year of Football.....	1888 (2021 will be the 132nd season)
Total Number of Games.....	1,339
All-Time Record.....	673-618-48
Winning Seasons.....	72
Losing Seasons.....	50
.500 Seasons.....	9

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2020 VIRGINIA RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result
Sept. 26	DUKE* (ACCN)	W/38-20
Oct. 3	at Clemson *(ACCN)	L/23-41
Oct. 10	NC STATE* (ACCN)	L/21-38
Oct. 17	at Wake Forest* (ACCN)	L/23-40
Oct. 24	at Miami* (ACCN)	L/14-19
Oct. 31	NORTH CAROLINA* (ACCN)	W/44-41
Nov. 14	LOUISVILLE* (ACCN)	W/31-17
Nov. 21	ABILENE CHRISTIAN (RSN)	W/55-15
Dec. 5	BOSTON COLLEGE* (RSN)	W/43-32
Dec. 12	at Virginia Tech* (ACCN)	L/15-33

* - Denotes ACC game
Home games are **Bold**

2021 VIRGINIA SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Series Record
Sept. 4	WILLIAM & Mary	UVA leads, 30-6-1
Sept. 11	ILLINOIS	Illinois leads, 2-0
Sept. 18	at North Carolina*	UNC leads, 63-58-4
Sept. 24 (Fri.)	WAKE FOREST*	UVA leads, 34-16
Sept. 30 (Thurs.)	at Miami*	MIA leads, 11-7
Oct. 9	at Louisville*	UL leads, 5-4
Oct. 16	DUKE*	UVA leads, 39-33
Oct. 23	GEORGIA TECH*	GT leads, 21-20-1
Oct. 30	at BYU	UVA leads, 3-2
Nov. 13	NOTRE DAME	ND leads, 3-0
Nov. 20	at Pitt*	Pitt leads, 8-4
Nov. 27	VIRGINIA TECH*	VT leads, 59-38-5
Dec. 4	ACC Championship (Charlotte, N.C.)	

* - Denotes ACC game

Home games are **Bold**
All games are listed as ET

2021 PERSONNEL CHART

LETTERMEN RETURNING (48)

OFFENSE (20, 10 STARTERS)

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
TB	Mike Hollins*	So.	5-9	200
	Wayne Taulapapa****	Sr.	5-9	200
WR	Jaylon Baker**	Jr.	6-2	175
	Lavel Davis Jr.*	So.	6-7	210
	Ra'Shaun Henry*	Sr.^	6-3	190
	Billy Kemp IV**	Sr.	5-9	175
	Hayden Mitchell**	Sr.	5-11	190
	Ugo Obasi*	Jr.	6-0	195
	Dontayvion Wicks*	So.	6-1	205
QB	Brennan Armstrong*	Jr.	6-2	215
QB/WR	Keytaon Thompson*	Sr.	6-4	215
TE	Grant Misch**	Jr.	6-4	250
C	Olusegun Oluwatimi**	Sr.	6-3	305
OG	Joe Bissinger**	Jr.	6-4	310
	Chris Glaser****	Sr.^	6-4	300
OT	Derek Devine*	Jr.	6-6	280
	Bobby Haskins****	Sr.	6-7	285
	Jonathan Leech*	So.	6-4	270
	Ryan Nelson***	Sr.	6-6	325
	Ryan Swoboda****	Sr.	6-10	300

DEFENSE (24, 7 STARTERS)

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
DE	Mandy Alonso****	Sr.^	6-2	290
	Adeeb Atariwa*	Sr.^	6-3	280
	Tommy Christ**	Sr.	6-5	280
DT	Aaron Faumui**	Jr.	6-1	280
	Jahmeer Carter*	So.	6-2	305
	Jordan Redmond*	So.	6-0	290
ILB	Josh Ahern*	So.	6-3	230
	T.C. Harrison**	So.	6-2	225
	Nick Jackson**	So.	6-1	225
OLB	Elliott Brown***	Sr.^	6-5	225
	Jairus Satiu*	So.	6-2	200
	Hunter Stewart*	So.	6-2	240
	Noah Taylor***	Jr.	6-5	215
DB	Chayce Chalmers*	So.	6-2	215
	Antonio Clary**	Jr.	6-0	200
	Jake Dewease*	So.	6-0	205
	Tenyeh Dixon*	So.	5-11	185
	Perris Jones**	So.	5-8	175
	Coen King*	Jr.	6-0	190
CB	Joseph White**	Jr.	6-1	180
	Darrius Bratton***	Sr.	6-1	200
	Nick Grant****	Sr.^	6-3	200
FS	Joey Blount****	Sr.^	6-2	205
SS	De'Vante Cross****	Sr.^	6-2	215

SPECIALISTS (4)

Pos.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
LS	Danny Caracciolo*	Sr.^	5-11	230
	Lee Dudley*	So.	6-0	210
	Tucker Finkelston*	Jr.	5-11	230
PK	Justin Duenkel*	So.	5-11	195

^ Denotes player using extra COVID-19 year from NCAA

LETTERMEN LOST (22)

OFFENSE (8, 3 STARTERS)

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
WR	13	Terrell Jana****	Sr.	6-1	190
	88	Tavares Kelly Jr.***	Sr.@	5-8	160
	80	Jalen Harrison*	Sr.	6-3	210
	33	Darnell Pratt*	Sr.^	6-2	185
	79	Dillon Reinkensmeyer****	Sr.	6-6	300
TE	87	Tony Poljan*	Sr.	6-7	265
RB	31	Shane Simpson*	Sr.	5-11	211
QB	36	Lindell Stone*	Sr.	6-0	240

^ Enrolled at Towson for final year of eligibility

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DEFENSE (11, 6 STARTERS)

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
DE	16	Richard Burney****	Sr.	6-4	275
	46	Andrew Yavinsky*	Sr.	6-1	265
DT	99	Jowon Briggs**	Jr.&	6-1	295
ILB	22	Rob Snyder***	Sr.	6-2	240
	0	Zane Zandier****	Sr.	6-3	230
OLB	44	Dre Bryant**	Sr.	6-1	230
	56	Matt Gahm***	Sr.	6-3	240
	11	Charles Snowden****	Sr.	6-7	235
CB	23	Heskin Smith**	Sr.%	5-11	175
S	28	Brenton Nelson****	Sr.	5-11	185
	30	D'Angelo Amos*	Sr.	6-1	185

& Enrolled at Cincinnati for final two years of eligibility

% Enrolled at Kent State for final year of eligibility

SPECIALISTS (3)

Pos.	No.	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.
PK	26	Brian Delaney****	Sr.	5-10	200
	96	A.J. Mejia**	Jr.	5-8	185
P/HOLD	81	Nash Griffin****	Sr.	6-2	225

*-indicates letters earned

2020 starters in **bold**

Players listed alphabetically



STARTERS

Offensive Players With Starting Experience Returning (15)

Name, Pos.	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	Career	Streak
Ryan Nelson, OT	*	*	13	14	10	37	37
Chris Glaser, OG	*	2	7	13	10	32	11
Olusegun Oluwatimi, C	*	*	*	13	10	23	20
Wayne Taulapapa, TB	*	*	*	12	8	20	1
Ra'Shaun Henry, WR	*	2\$	0\$	12\$	2	16	-
Ryan Swoboda, OT	*	*	1	3	10	14	10
Bobby Haskins	*	*	*	13	0	13	-
Billy Kemp IV, WR	*	*	0	2	9	11	5
Brennan Armstrong, QB	*	*	0	0	9	9	6
Lavel Davis Jr., WR	*	*	*	*	7	7	4
Keytaon Thompson, WR	*	1!	1!	0!	4	6	2
Grant Misch, TE	*	*	1^	0	3	4	-
Tavares Kelly, WR	*	*	2	1	1	4	-
Joe Bissinger, OG	*	*	*	0	3	3	3
Jaylon Baker, WR	*	*	*	1	0	1	-

* did not play Note: Some starts may be at positions other than the ones listed.
 ^ - starts while playing defense
 \$ - starts while playing at St. Francis (Pa.)
 ! - starts while playing at Mississippi State

Offensive Players With Starting Experience Lost (6)

Name, Pos.	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	Career	Streak
Dillon Reinkensmeyer, OG	*	11	13	13	7	44	-
Tony Poljan, TE	*	0	5@	12@	8	25	3
Terrell Jana, WR	*	1	2	10	7	20	-
Shane Simpson, TB	7!	0!	12!	3!	1	23	-
Lindell Stone, QB	*	0	0	0	1	1	-
Tyler Fannin, C	*	*	*	1	0	1	-

* did not play Note: Some starts may be at positions other than the ones listed.
 @ - starts while playing at Central Michigan
 ! - starts while playing at Towson

Defensive Players With Starting Experience Returning (14)

Name, Pos.	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	Career	Streak
Adeeb Atariwa, DE	*	0	8%	15%	5	28	5
Mandy Alonso, DE	*	4	5	9	9	27	8
De'Vante Cross, FS	*	*	1	14	10	25	24
Nick Grant, CB	*	*	*	14	10	24	24
Joey Blount, FS	*	1	5	11	5	22	2
Noah Taylor, OLB	*	*	*	10	9	19	1
Nick Jackson, OLB	*	*	*	2	10	12	11
Aaron Faumui, DT	*	*	4	5	0	9	-
Jordan Redmond, NT	*	*	5	0	2	7	2
Darius Bratton, CB	*	*	5	0	0	5	-
Coen King, S	*	*	0	0	4	4	4
Antonio Clary, S	*	*	*	0	3	3	-
Tommy Christ, DE	*	*	3^	0	0	3	-
Elliott Brown, OLB	*	0	0	0	1	1	-

* did not play Note: Some starts may be at positions other than the ones listed.
 ^ - starts while playing offense

Defensive Players With Starting Experience Lost (8)

Name, Pos.	'16	'17	'18	'19	'20	Career	Streak
Charles Snowden, OLB	*	*	13	14	8	35	-
Brenton Nelson, FS	*	13	12	5	4	34	-
D'Angelo Amos, S	*	0	13%	15%	5	33	-
Zane Zandier, LB	*	0	8	14	10	31	24
Richard Burney, DE	0	3'	3	6	5	17	-
Matt Gahm, OLB	*	0	0	4	2	6	2
Rob Snyder, ILB	0	0	6	0	0	6	-
Heskin Smith, CB	*	*	*	3	0	3	-

* did not play Note: Some starts may be at positions other than the ones listed.

WHAT RETURNS BY PERCENTAGE

Rushing Yards	83.8
Passing Yards	81.5
Receiving Yards	60.1
Receptions	56.1
Punt Return Yards	100.0
Kickoff Return Yards	18.2
Scoring	58.6
Total Offense	81.6
All-Purpose Yards	65.6
Field Goals	0.0
Punting Yards	0.0
Tackles	59.4
Tackles for Loss	45.1
Sacks	31.3
Fumble Recoveries	85.7
Interceptions	63.6
Passes Broken Up	64.5
Turnovers Forced	72.2

UVA BY CLASS

GRADUATES (4)

RB Devin Darrington, P Jacob Finn, CB Josh Hayes, WR Artie Henry

SENIORS (22)

DE Mandy Alonso, DL Adeeb Atariwa, FS Joey Blount, CB Darius Bratton, OLB Elliott Brown, LS Danny Caracciolo, DE Tommy Christ, DB Joe Comer, FS De'Vante Cross, OG Chris Glaser, CB Nick Grant, OT Bobby Haskins, WR Ra'Shaun Henry, WR Hayden Mitchell, OT Ryan Neson, C/OG Olusegun Oluwatimi, OT Ryan Swoboda, TB Wyane Taulapapa, OLB Noah Taylor, QB/WR Keytaon Thompson, RB Ronnie Walker Jr.

JUNIORS (23)

QB Brennan Armstrong, WR Jaylon Baker, LB Chico Bennett Jr., OG Joe Bissinger, DB Antonio Clary, WR Josh Clifford, OT Derek Devine, DT Aaron Faumui, LS Tucker Finkelston, ILB T.C. Harrison, ILB Nick Jackson, DB Anthony Johnson, CB Perris Jones, OT Jack Keenan, DB Coen King, SS Darren Klein, TE Grant Misch, PK Hunter Pearson, NT Jordan Redmond, DL Samson Reed, DB Joseph White, TE Jelani Woods

SOPHOMORES (28)

ILB Josh Ahern, OG Kariem Al Soufi, WR Nathaniel Beal III, DL Jahmeer Carter, DB Chayce Chalmers, DB Fentrell Cypress II, WR Lavel Davis Jr., DB Jake Dewease, DB Tenyeh Dixon, LS Lee Dudley, K, Justin Duenkel, P Brendan Farrell, RB Mike Hollins, WR Zack Kindel, TE Mike Kosar, OT, Johathan Leech, DL Nusi Malani, CB Sean Moore, OLB D'Sean Perry, WR Jared Rayman, OLB Jaius Satiu, DE Ben Smiley III, WR Demick Starling, OLB Hunter Stewart, OG Zachary Teter, WR Luke Wentz, WR Dontayvion Wicks, TE Sackett Wood Jr.

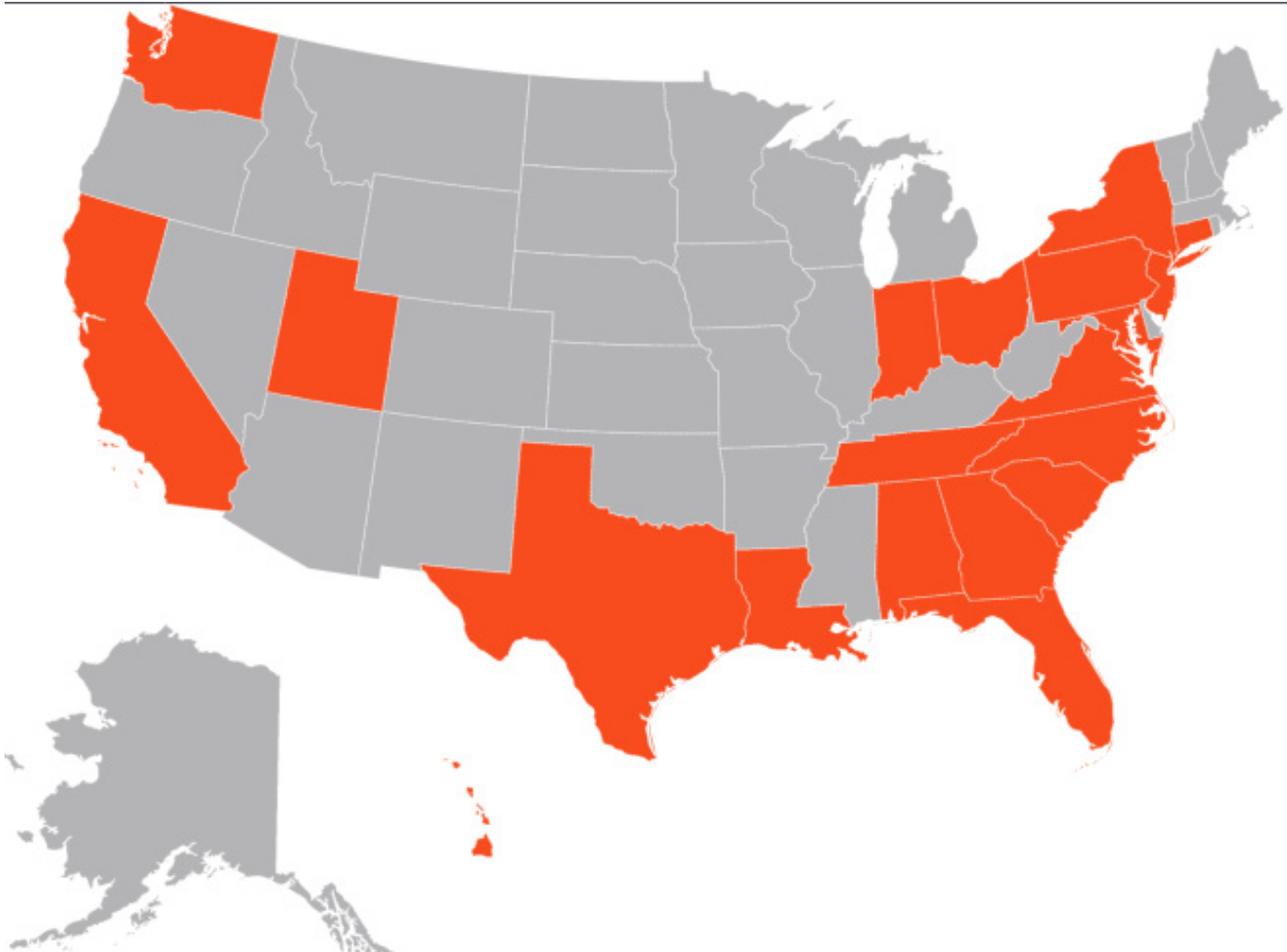
REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (16)

DL Olasunkonmi Agunloye, QB Iraken Armstead, RB Chris Barfield, DE Sam Bond, LB Sam Brady, DB Elijah Gaines, ILB Jack Hardy, DB Dave Herard, LB Jonathan Horton, DB Donovan Johnson, OL Jestus Johnson III, OT Colby McGhee, DE Nate Morris, TE Joshua Rawlings, OLB Brayden Sheffer

FRESHMEN (34)

LB Ryan Attaway, DB Javin Burke, LS Luke Byrne, DL Bryce Carter, ILB Kendall Cross, WR Ethan Davies, WR, Jesiah Davis, DL Michael Diatta, TE Henry Duke, WR Malachi Fields, RB Amaad Foston, OL Ty Furnish, DB Micah Gaffney, OLB Mike Green, OLB Joseph Holland, OLB James Jackson, OL Noah Josey, C, Joey Kagel, OL Grant Lanham, DL, Hugh Laughlin, DB Langston Long, OLB Josh McCarron, OL Charlie Patterson, QB Jacob Rodriguez, DB Ryan Aidan, DB Jonas Sanker, DB William Simpkins III, OL Logan Taylor, WR Dillon Tennyson, DL Terry Lorenz, ILB West Weeks, DE Andrew Williams, TE Jack Witmer, WR Jay Woolfolk

2021 CAVALIERS BY STATE AND HOMETOWN



PLAYER	HOMETOWN	HIGH SCHOOL
Alabama (1)		
Micah Gaffney	Spanish Fort	Spanish Fort
California (2)		
Nusi Malani	San Bruno	Junipero Serra
Ryan Nelson	Buena Park	Buena Park
Connecticut (1)		
Bobby Haskins	Fairfield	The Hun School (N.J.)
District of Columbia (1)		
Tenyeh Dixon	Washington	Woodson
Florida (12)		
Mandy Alonso	Miami	Gulliver Prep
Antonio Clary	Jacksonville	Sandalwood
Jacob Finn	Jacksonville	Paxon
Josh Hayes	Lakeland	Lake Gibson
Artie Henry	Sarasota	Booker
Dave Herard	Fort Lauderdale	Stranahan
Anthony Johnson	Coconut Creek	Chaminade-Madonna Prep
Sean Moore	Cutler Bay	Gulliver Prep
Georgia (14)		
D'Sean Perry	Miami	Gulliver Prep
Jordan Redmond	Kissimmee	Osceola
Ryan Swoboda	Windermere	Windermere Prep
Zachary Teter	Lakeland	Lake Gibson
Ryan Attaway	Milton	Blessed Trinity Catholic
Joey Blount	Atlanta	Landmark Christian
Joe Comer	Decatur	Cedar Grove
Brendan Farrell	Dunwoody	Marist School
Amaad Foston	Milledgeville	John Milledge Academy
Ty Furnish	Woodstock	Blessed Trinity Catholic
T.C. Harrison	Lawrenceville	Collins Hill
Nick Jackson	Atlanta	The Lovett School
Hugh Laughlin	Athens	Athens Academy
Jonathan Leech	Hoschton	Mill Creek
Charlie Patterson	Roswell	Fellowship Christian
Jared Rayman	Atlanta	Pace Academy
West Weeks	Watkinsville	Oconee County
Jelani Woods	Ellenwood	Cedar Grove
Hawaii (3)		
Aaron Faumui	Kapolei	Kapolei
Samson Reed	Laie	Kahuku
Wayne Taulapapa	Honolulu	Punahou



PLAYER HOMETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Indiana (1)

Iraken Armstead South Bend Adams

Louisiana (5)

Mike Hollins Baton Rouge University Lab
Jonathan Horton Baton Rouge Scotlandville Magnet
Donovan Johnson Harvey Helen Cox
Keytaon Thompson New Orleans Landry-Walker
Dontayvion Wicks Plaquemine Plaquemine

Maryland (9)

Elliott Brown Odenton Flowers
Jahmeer Carter Severn Archbishop Spalding
Devin Darrington Forest Hill The Bullis School
Tucker Finkelston Clarksville River Hill
Jestus Johnson III Laurel Gonzaga
Ugo Obasi Baltimore Milford Mill Academy
Olusegun Oluwatimi Upper Marlboro DeMatha Catholic
William Simpkins III Gaithersburg Quince Orchard
Noah Taylor Silver Spring Avalon School

New Jersey (1)

Sam Bond Fredon Blair Academy

New York (2)

Olasunkonmi Agunloye Lindenhurst Lindenhurst
Elijah Gaines Queens Episcopal (Va.)

North Carolina (2)

Sam Brady Lincolnton North Lincoln
Jesiah Davis Huntersville Hough

Ohio (3)

Brennan Armstrong Shelby Shelby
Chris Glaser Solon Solon
Grant Lanham Cincinnati Indian Hill

Pennsylvania (2)

De'Vante Cross Allentown Parkland
Derek Devine Pittsburgh North Allegheny

South Carolina (3)

Fentrell Cypress Rock Hill Northwestern
Lavel Davis Jr. Dorchester Woodland
Hunter Pearson Seneca Seneca

Tennessee (5)

Jaylon Baker Chattanooga Baylor School
Javin Burke Cleveland Bradley Central
Michael Diatta Antioch Can Ridge
Noah Josey Brentwood Brentwood Academy
Demick Starling Nashville East Nashville Magnet

Texas (5)

Nathaniel Beall III Houston Strake Jesuit
Joe Bissinger Houston Memorial
Ra'Shaun Henry Killeen Copperas Cove
Jacob Rodriguez Wichita Falls Rider
Jack Witmer Cypress Cy-Fair

Utah (1)

Jarius SSati Lehi Skyridge/Fork Union Military Academy

PLAYER HOMETOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Virginia (49)

Josh Ahern Burke Lake Braddock
Adeeb Atariwa Sterling Dominion
Chris Barfield Richmond L.C. Bird
Chico Bennett Jr. Ashburn Battle Ground Academy (Tenn.)
Darius Bratton Roanoke Fleming
Luke Byrne McLean Bishop O'Connell
Danny Caracciolo Centreville Paul VI
Bryce Carter South Chesterfield Life Christian Academy
Chayce Chalmers Gainesville Stonewall Jackson
Tommy Christ Sterling Dominion
Josh Clifford Salem Glenvar
Kendall Cross Chesterfield Clover Hill
Ethan Davies Fairfax West Springfield
Jake Dewease Daleville Lord Botetourt
Lee Dudley Richmond Woodberry Forest
Justin Duenkel Great Falls Flint Hill School
Henry Duke Henrico Mills E. Godwin
Malachi Fields Keswick Monticello
Nick Grant Spotsylvania Courtland
Mike Green Williamsburg Lafayette
Jack Hardy Fredericksburg James Monroe
Joseph Holland Culpepper Culpepper County
James Jackson Pulaski North Cross
Luke Johnson Annandale The Preddie School (N.J.)
Perris Jones Alexandria Episcopal
Joey Kagel Virginia Beach Catholic
Jack Keenan Arlington Gonzaga College
Billy Kemp IV Highland Springs Highland Springs
Zack Kindel Stafford Colonial Forge
Coen King Culpeper Eastern View
Darren Klein Crozet Western Albemarle
Mike Kosar Woodbridge Saint John Paul the Great
Langston Long Woodbridge Christ School (N.C.)
Colby McGhee Orange Orange County
Grant Misch Sterling Potomac Falls
Hayden Mitchell Richmond St. Christopher's
Nate Morris Glen Allen Glen Allen
Aidan Ryan Fredericksburg James Monroe
Jonas Sanker Charlottesville The Covenant School
Brayden Sheffer West Point West Point
Ben Smiley III Chesapeake Indian River
Hunter Stewart Alexandria Gonzaga
Dillon Tennyson Chesterfield Benedictine College Prep
Lorenz Terry Sandston Varina/Fork Union Military Academy
Ronnie Walker Jr. Hopewell Hopewell
Joseph White Virginia Beach Landstown
Andrew Williams Fredricksburg James Monroe
Sackett Wood Jr. Lynchburg E.C. Glass
Jay Woolfolk Chesterfield Benedictine College Prep

Washington (1)

Josh McCarron Mukilteo Archbishop Murphy

INTERNATIONAL

Canada - Nova Scotia (1)

Logan Taylor Bridgewater Episcopal High School (Va.)

Germany (2)

Kariem Al Soufi Paderborn Friedrich-Spree Gesamtschule
Luke Wentz Troisdorf Reismann-Gymnasium

2021 VIRGINIA NUMERICAL ROSTER

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	High School/Previous Schoo
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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

COACHES

Robert Anae..... Ah-NIGH
Mark Atuaia Ah-too-why-ah
Marques Hagans..... Marcus
Kelly Poppinga..... PUH-ping-guh
Garrett Tujague..... TOO-Jay

PLAYERS

Olasunkonmi Agunloye..... Oh-la-su-con-me Agun-low-yay
Adeeb Atariwa uh-deeb u-tar-ee-wah
Josh Ahern..... AA-Hern
Kariem Al Soufi Kareem Al-Sue-Fee
Jake Dewease..... Da-Weeze
Tenyeh Dixon..... Ten-Yay
Aaron Faumui..... Fowl-Moo-EE
Chris Glaser..... Guh-lay-zer

Dave Herard..... Her-ARD
Grant Misch Mish, rhymes with Fish
Ugo Obasi..... You-Go, Oh-Bah-See
Olusegun Oluwatimi..... O-Lieu-Sheh-Goon
..... O-Lieu-Wah-Timmy
Ryan Swoboda Swo-bo-duh
Wayne Taulapapa..... Towel-La-Papa
Keytaon Thompson..... KEY-tahn

2021 VIRGINIA ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Yr	Hometown	High School/Previous School
Olasunkonmi Agunloye	DL	6-6	270	1*	Lindenhurst, N.Y.	Lindenhurst
Josh Ahern	ILB	6-3	230	2	Burke, Va.	Lake Braddock
Kariem Al Soufi	OG	6-3	350	2	Paderborn, Germany	Friedrich-Spee Gesamtschule
Mandy Alonso****	DE	6-2	280	4	Miami, Fla.	Gulliver Prep
Iraken Armstead	QB	6-3	210	1*	South Bend, Ind.	Adams
Brennan Armstrong*	QB	6-2	215	3	Shelby, Ohio	Shelby
Adeeb Atariwa*	DL	6-3	280	4	Sterling, Va.	Dominion/JMU
Jaylon Baker	WR	6-2	175	3	Chattanooga, Tenn.	Baylor School
Chris Barfield	RB	5-10	200	1*	Richmond, Va.	L.C. Bird
Nathaniel Beal III	WR	6-4	215	2	Houston, Texas	Strake Jesuit College Prep
Chico Bennett Jr.	LB	6-4	250	3	Ashburn, Va.	Battle Ground Academy (Tenn.)/Georgia Tech
Joe Bissinger**	OG	6-4	310	3	Houston, Texas	Memorial
Joey Blount****	FS	6-2	205	4	Atlanta, Ga.	Landmark Christian
Sam Bond	DE	6-3	235	1*	Fredon, N.J.	Blair Academy
Sam Brady	LB	6-3	220	1*	Lincolnton, N.C.	North Lincoln
Darrius Bratton***	CB	6-1	200	4	Roanoke, Va.	Fleming/Fork Union Military Academy
Elliott Brown***	OLB	6-5	225	4	Odenton, Md.	Flowers/Taft School (Conn.)
Javin Burke	DB	6-0	195	1	Cleveland, Tenn.	Bradley Central
Danny Caracciolo*	LS	5-11	230	4	Centreville, Va.	Paul VI/Bryant
Bryce Carter	DL	6-3	250	1	South Chesterfield, Va.	Life Christian Academy
Jahmeer Carter*	DL	6-2	305	2	Severn, Md.	Archbishop Spalding
Chayce Chalmers*	DB	6-2	215	2	Gainesville, Va.	Stonewall Jackson
Tommy Christ**	OT	6-5	315	4	Sterling, Va.	Dominion
Antonio Clary**	DB	6-0	200	3	Jacksonville, Fla.	Sandalwood
Josh Clifford	WR	6-1	195	3	Salem, Va.	Glengar
Joe Comer	DB	5-10	170	4	Decatur, Ga.	Cedar Grove/Louisville
De'Vante Cross****	S	6-2	215	4	Allentown, Pa.	Parkland
Fentrell Cypress II	DB	5-11	180	2	Rock Hill, S.C.	Northwestern
Devin Darrington	RB	5-9	205	4	Forest Hill, Md.	The Bullis School/Harfard
Jesiah Davis	WR	6-3	180	1	Huntersville, N.C.	Hough
Lavel Davis Jr.*	WR	6-7	210	2	Dorchester, S.C.	Woodland
Derek Devine*	OT	6-6	280	3	Pittsburgh, Pa.	North Allegheny
Jake Dewease*	DB	6-0	205	2	Daleville, Va.	Lord Botetourt
Michael Diatta	DL	6-5	265	1	Antioch, Tenn.	Cane Ridge
Teneyh Dixon*	DB	5-11	185	2	Washington, D.C.	Woodson
Lee Dudley*	LS	6-0	210	2	Richmond, Va.	Woodberry Forest School
Justin Duenkel	PK	5-11	195	2	Great Falls, Va.	Flint Hill School
Brendan Farrell	P	5-11	200	2	Dunwoody, Ga.	Marist School
Aaron Faumui**	DT	6-1	285	3	Kapolei, Hawaii	Kapolei
Malachi Fields	WR	6-4	205	1	Keswick, Va.	Monticello
Tucker Finkelston	LS	5-11	230	3	Clarksville, Md.	River Hill
Jacob Finn	P	6-4	210	4	Jacksonville, Fla.	Paxon School/Florida
Amaad Foston	RB	6-0	210	1	Milledgeville, Ga.	John Milledge Academy
Ty Furnish	OL	6-4	250	1	Woodstock Ga.	Blessed Trinity Catholic
Micah Gaffney	DB	6-0	170	1	Spanish Fort, Ala.	Spanish Fort
Elijah Gaines	DB	6-2	195	1*	Queens, N.Y.	Episcopal (Va.)
Chris Glaser****	OG	6-4	305	4	Solon, Ohio	Solon
Nick Grant****	CB	6-1	200	4	Spotsylvania, Va.	Courtland
Mike Green	OLB	6-4	215	1	Williamsburg, Va.	Lafayette
Jack Hardy	ILB	6-3	215	1*	Fredericksburg, Va.	James Monroe
T.C. Harrison**	ILB	6-2	235	3	Lawrenceville, Ga.	Collins Hill
Bobby Haskins***	OT	6-7	280	4	Fairfield, Conn.	The Hun School (N.J.)
Josh Hayes	CB	5-11	185	4	Lakeland, Fla.	Lake Gibson/North Dakota State
Artie Henry	WR	6-1	180	4	Sarasota, Fla.	Booker/San Diego Mesa JC/Marshall
Ra'Shaun Henry*	WR	6-3	190	4	Killeen, Texas	Copperas Cove/St. Francis (Pa.)
Dave Herard	DB	6-0	185	1*	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Stranahan
Mike Hollins*	RB	5-9	200	2	Baton Rouge, La.	University Lab
Jonathan Horton	LB	6-4	220	1*	Baton Rouge, La.	Scotlandville Magnet
James Jackson	OLB	6-3	200	1	Pulaski, Va.	North Cross
Nick Jackson**	LB	6-1	235	3	Atlanta, Ga.	The Lovett School
Anthony Johnson	DB	6-1	205	3	Coconut Creek, Fla.	Chaminade-Madonna Prep/Louisville
Donovan Johnson	DB	6-2	195	1*	New Orleans, La.	Helen Cox
Justus Johnson III	OL	6-3	330	1*	Laurel, Md.	Gonzaga College (Va.)
Luke Johnson	OT	6-5	305	1*	Annandale, Va.	The Preddie School (N.J.)
Perris Jones**	CB	5-8	175	3	Alexandria, Va.	Episcopal
Noah Josey	OL	6-5	280	1	Brentwood, Tenn.	Brentwood Academy
Jack Keenan	OT	6-5	290	3	Arlington, Va.	Gonzaga College
Billy Kemp IV**	HB	5-9	170	4	Highland Springs, Va.	Highland Springs
Zack Kindel	WR	5-11	185	2	Stafford, Va.	Colonial Forge
Coen King*	DB	6-0	190	3	Culpeper, Va.	Eastern View
Darren Klein	S	6-0	200	3	Crozet, Va.	Western Albemarle
Mike Kosar	TE	6-6	230	2	Woodbridge, Va.	Saint John Paul the Great Catholic
Hugh Laughlin	DL	6-5	280	1	Athens, Ga.	Athens Academy
Jonathan Leech*	OT	6-4	270	2	Hoschton, Ga.	Mill Creek
Langston Long	DB	6-2	215	1	Woodbridge, Va.	Christ School (N.C.)
Nusi Malani	DL	6-6	250	2	San Bruno, Calif.	Junipero Serra



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Josh McCarron	OLB	6-4	215	1	Mukilteo, Wash.	Archbishop Murphy
Colby McGhee	OT	6-3	290	1*	Orange Va.	Orange County
Grant Misch**	TE	6-4	250	3	Sterling Va.	Potomac Falls
Hayden Mitchell**	WR	6-0	190	4	Richmond, Va.	St. Christopher's
Sean Moore	DB	6-2	170	2	Cutler Bay, Fla.	Gulliver Prep
Nate Morris	DE	6-2	210	1*	Glen Allen, Va.	Glen Allen
Ryan Nelson***	OT	6-6	325	4	Buena Park, Calif.	Buena Park
Ugo Obasi*	WR	6-0	195	3	Baltimore, Md.	Millford Mill Academy
Olusegun Oluwatimi**	C	6-3	310	4	Upper Marlboro, Md.	DeMatha Catholic/Air Force
Charlie Patterson	OL	6-7	285	1	Roswell, Ga.	Fellowship Christian
Hunter Pearson	PK	6-2	210	3	Seneca, S.C.	Seneca
D'Sean Perry	OLB	6-3	235	2	Miami, Fla.	Gulliver Prep
Joshua Rawlings	TE	6-5	260	1*	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Woodland Hills
Jared Rayman	QB	6-2	190	2	Atlanta, Ga.	Pace Academy
Jordan Redmond*	NT	6-0	310	3	Kissimmee, Fla.	Osceola
Samson Reed	DL	6-2	280	3	Laie, Hawaii	Kahuku
Jacob Rodriguez	QB	6-1	200	1	Wichita Falls, Texas	Rider HS
Aidan Ryan	DB	6-1	185	1	Fredericksburg, Va.	James Monroe
Jonas Sanker	DB	6-0	185	1	Charlottesville, Va.	The Covenant School
Jairus Satiu*	OLB	6-2	200	2	Lehi, Utah	Skyridge/Fork Union Military Academy
Brayden Sheffer	OLB	6-3	220	1*	West Point, Va.	West Point
William Simpkins III	DB	6-1	170	1	Gaithersburg, Md.	Quince Orchard
Ben Smiley III	DE	6-4	260	2	Chesapeake, Va.	Indian River
Demick Starling	WR	6-0	180	2	Nashville, Tenn.	East Nashville Magnet
Hunter Stewart*	OLB	6-2	240	2	Alexandria, Va.	Gonzaga College
Ryan Swoboda***	OT	6-10	325	4	Windermere, Fla.	Windermere Prep
Wayne Taulapapa***	RB	5-9	210	4	Laie, Hawaii	Punahou
Logan Taylor	OL	6-7	295	1	Bridgewater, N.S.	Episcopal (Va.)
Lorenz Taylor	DL	6-5	260	1	Sandston, Va.	Varina/Fork Union Military Academy
Noah Taylor***	OLB	6-5	225	4	Silver Spring, Md.	Avalon School
Zachary Teter	OG	6-5	310	2	Lakeland, Fla.	Lake Gibson
Keytaon Thompson*	QB	6-4	215	4	New Orleans, La.	Landry-Walker/Mississippi State
Ronnie Walker Jr.	RB	5-11	210	4	Hopewell, Va.	Hopewell/Indiana
West Weeks	ILB	6-2	205	1	Watkinsville, Ga.	Oconee County
Luke Wentz	WR	6-3	215	2	Troisdorf, Germany	Reismann-Gymnasium
Joseph White*	DB	6-1	180	3	Virginia Beach, Va.	Landstown
Dontayvion Wicks*	WR	6-1	210	2	Plaquemine, La.	Plaquemine
Brandon Williams	LB	6-3	230	1*	New Orleans, La.	Isidore Newman
Jack Witmer	TE	6-6	225	1	Cypress, Texas	Cy-Fair
Sackett Wood Jr.	TE	6-3	235	2	Lynchburg, Va.	E.C. Glass
Jelani Woods	TE	6-7	275	3	Ellenwood, Ga.	Cedar Grove/Oklahoma State
Jay Woolfolk	QB	5-11	190	1	Chesterfield, Va.	Benedictine

Key:
1* = redshirt freshman, *** beside name indicates letters won

Coaching Staff:
Bronco Mendenhall (head coach), Robert Anae (offensive coordinator/inside receivers/tight ends), Ricky Brumfield (special teams coordinator/cornerbacks), Nick Howell (defensive coordinator/secondary), Kelly Poppinga (co-defensive coordinator/linebackers), Mark Atuaia (running backs), Jason Beck (quarterbacks), Marques Hagans (wide receivers), Shane Hunter (safeties), Clint Sintim (defensive line), Garrett Tujague (offensive line), Charles Mack (graduate assistant/defense), Chris Peace (graduate assistant/defense), Joe Spaziani (graduate assistant/offense), Donte Wilkins (graduate assistant/defense).

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Garrett Tujague..... TOO-Jay

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BRONCO MENDENHALL

Mendenhall Embarks on Season Number Six at UVA

Since arriving at Virginia for the 2016 season, head coach Bronco Mendenhall's impact on the Cavalier program has been immense. From a two-win season, to the ACC's Coastal Division Championship and a New Year's Six bowl invitation, Virginia football's ascent has both remarkable and historic.

Mendenhall came to Charlottesville after a highly successful 11-year career at BYU with a vision and a plan of execution for the daunting renovation project he faced. He has masterfully crafted principles and culture, and instilled pride and purpose, leading to a standard of unbroken growth in just four seasons.

Having a plan and being able to execute a strategic approach to achieving results have been mission critical to Mendenhall's formula for success.

"Teams and organizations are perfectly designed to get the results that they get," Mendenhall is fond of saying regarding both successes and failures. His pursuit of "unbroken growth" centers around learning, applying and improving on tools, frameworks, networks, innovation and processes that deliver those results. His ultimate goal is more expansive than building a great football organization. He strives to build great people.

On-field success is just part of the story Mendenhall has scripted at Virginia. He is a powerful believer in balance, which he frequently sums up with one simple word ... AND. It has become the calling card for the UVA football program.

"I think decisions are made based on principle, and I think principles are governed by beliefs," Mendenhall said. "AND is one of our guiding principles, and that is based on my belief that football is a vehicle to develop people."

At his introductory press conference, Mendenhall stressed that he wanted students AND athletes and believed that combination was achievable, especially at an institution such as Virginia that ranks among the top three public universities in the nation. Since that time, he has not compromised his approach to achieving those means. More importantly, his teams have bought in on the concepts with great enthusiasm and demonstrated they can do so while also being successful on the field.

"I would love to win a national championship," Mendenhall said. "I'd love to develop a great program here. But what I would really love is for every kid in my program to have an amazing life."

In the world of big-time football, Mendenhall's philosophy is unconventional, but that doesn't faze him.

"I'm looking for the complete development of everyone in our program – and winning," he said. "One is not at the expense of the other. I think they go hand-in-hand, and winning, without the other, would be hollow to me."

Under Mendenhall, the UVA program has progressed from two to six to eight to nine wins prior to the 2020 pandemic-shortened season that saw the Cavaliers go 5-5. Achievements and recognitions on the field, in the classroom and around the community have exponentially increased as well.

In 2019, UVA placed 10 players on the ACC All-Academic team, the most in the program's history. Seven earned the award in 2020 when a total of 34 Cavaliers received ACC Honor Roll honors. Also in 2019, linebacker Jordan Mack was named the ACC's Jim Tatum Award winner as the league's top football scholar-athlete and was a finalist for the William B. Campbell Trophy, known in the sport as the "academic Heisman." Linebacker Micah Kiser, now a member of the Los Angeles Rams, won the award in 2017.

Giving back has become a cornerstone of Virginia football. Players frequently visit the University's Children's Medical Center and speak at local elementary schools. The team's Thursday's Heroes program has been recognized for its efforts to honor individuals across the state of Virginia who are dealing with personal adversity. In 2020, the ACC honored the Thursday's Heroes program with its "Game Changers" award, which recognizes and highlights specific conference teams' involvement with their local communities.

"I'm in pursuit, and we're in pursuit as a football program, of both of those things, and without compromising our expectations for one or the other," Mendenhall said. "I want good young people. I'm talking about morals, values, character, behavior and contribution to the world. And I want a great team. I know it sounds idealistic, but I would not coach football if I did not think it could be done, and I would not coach at Virginia if I did not think there was support for doing it that way."

Mendenhall's pursuit of individual growth is only magnified by the success his teams have also achieved on the field. His name appears often when the accolades of college football's leading active coaches are charted.



FBS WINNING PERCENTAGE OF ACTIVE FBS HEAD COACHES (MIN. 100 WINS)

Name, School	FBS Years	FBS Record	Win %
Dabo Swinney, Clemson	13	140-33	.809
Nick Saban, Alabama	25	256-65-1	.797
Jimbo Fisher, Texas A&M	11	109-33	.767
Gary Patterson, TCU	20	178-74	.706
Brian Kelly, Notre Dame*	17	134-61	.687
Mike Gundy, Oklahoma State	15	137-67	.672
Kyle Whittingham, Utah	17	134-66	.670
Mack Brown, North Carolina*	32	253-127	.666
Les Miles, Kansas	19	145-73	.665
Bronco Mendenhall, Virginia	16	129-75	.632
Frank Solich, Ohio	22	173-101	.631
Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	22	168-106	.613
Ken Niumatalolo, Navy	14	101-67	.601

*- only includes career record at FBS level

He completed the 2020 season with a career record of 129-75 that includes a 99-43 mark in 11 seasons at BYU. His career winning percentage (.632) ranks 10th among active Division I coaches (with at least 100 career wins) and his 129 victories is 102nd all-time in Division I. With seven career bowl victories, Mendenhall figures 12th among active coaches and 36th all-time in that category. During nine of his 16 seasons, his teams have been ranked in the Associated Press poll at some point.

Mendenhall is one of two active coaches to have inherited at least two programs in his career that were coming off a losing season and then, in year one, or year two, played in a bowl game. The other coach to do so is Nick Saban (Alabama, LSU, Michigan State).

Entering the 2021 season, with two more wins, Mendenhall will move into the top-100 for all-time coaching wins on the Division I level.

In Mendenhall's office, however, there are few mementos of his personal success or the multiple coaching award recognitions he has received. What you will find are artifacts from his personal journey and items that reflect the importance of his family. The walnut-colored bookcases provide a glimpse into his personal passion - the development of young people - in his case, through football.

An avid reader, Mendenhall consumes books dealing with psychology, organization, motivation, leadership, fitness, history and teaching. He shares influential information that he feels will benefit the team and also help players become outstanding people, fathers, husbands and ambassadors for the University.

While at BYU, with the assistance of authors, Alyson Von Feldt and Paul Gustavson, Mendenhall collaborated on the book "Running Into the Wind: Bronco Mendenhall - 5 Strategies for Building a Successful Team." In addition to his personal history, it openly presented the steps he took at his first coaching position and philosophies he adopted that could be used by other organizations. To his delight, Mendenhall discovered upon his arrival at Virginia, the book was

included on several freshman class reading syllabuses.

Mendenhall has also provided feature articles on his approach to building a successful football program to the American Football Coaches Association and spoken on the subject at numerous coaches clinics around the nation. He freely shares his insights in the hopes that other coaches might take a similar path to the overall development of their teams and players.

UVA's program is built on a number of guiding principles, including one that states that everything is "earned not given." Mendenhall implemented a transparent scoring and tracking system that allows every Cavalier player to know exactly what his status is on the team.

From state changes in the color of practice and conditioning apparel to the annual selection of jersey numbers, Virginia players truly progress through the program based on the choices they make and the effort they give. All of which is governed by a player council known as the task leaders.

Whether it is directing workouts, community service efforts, or team events, creating a foundation of leadership and self-governance ensures continuity for the program's principals. It also sets the stage for players in his program to carry those roles with them as they leave college and

become leaders in their communities, faith and business ventures.

His passion for building leaders through football, and not just better people, sets Mendenhall apart in his field.

If his approach sounds unconventional at times, Mendenhall is okay with that. He's grounded in routine, ritual and traditions, and behind his desk is a quote from Albert Einstein that reads: "Great spirits are always opposed by mediocre minds."

"I think decisions are made based on principle, and I think principles are governed by beliefs," Mendenhall said.

To show his commitment and belief to the future of the football program at Virginia, in 2018 Mendenhall and his wife, Holly, made a \$500,000 pledge to support construction of the University's new football operations center as part of the athletics department's master

"We're not going to compromise anything. I like the idea of "and," not "or." We will have fantastic students, fantastic people, and a fantastic football team, and it's not "or." You're not going to just have academics or football, and it won't just be football or character, and it won't just be character or being woven into the fabric of our community. It'll be "and." I want all of that."

**- Bronco Mendenhall
on his vision for UVA Football**

plan project.

“To me, football is just a magical and powerful platform to have motivated learners, and I get to teach life lessons through the sport of football,” Mendenhall said. “The trophies, the wins, they’re necessary for job security and the world makes a big deal of that. But it is hollow without the substance. Relationships are everything. Other than that, it would just be a game, and that does not sound quite meaningful enough to me.”

AT VIRGINIA

During the 2020 pandemic-shortened season, Mendenhall rallied his team from a 1-4 start to a 5-5 finish. With the health and welfare the top concern for his program, he overhauled the program’s daily regiment and approach with an emphasis on safety first. As a result, UVA did not have to cancel any of its games due to pandemic. That season, the team saw its season-opening opponent change four times due to Covid-19 issues and protocols.

In 2019, in his fourth season with the Cavaliers, Mendenhall led the program to the Atlantic Coast Conference’s Coastal Division title for the first time and its first appearance in the ACC Championship game. UVA appeared in its first New Year’s Six bowl game, the Orange Bowl, and finished ranked No. 24 in the final College Football Playoff poll.

The Cavaliers played in the Military Bowl in 2017 and the Belk Bowl in 2018. Virginia has appeared in three consecutive bowls for the first time since going to four in a row in 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Mendenhall is one of just two college coaches to have increased his team’s win total in each of the last three seasons. The other is LSU’s Ed Orgeron. In 2019, senior quarterback Bryce Perkins capped a brilliant two-year career as a Hoo by breaking the UVA single-season passing record and his own UVA single-

season total offense record from 2018. Perkins finished the 2019 season with 3,538 passing yards and 4,307 yards of total offense.

Perkins spearheaded an offense that is No. 1 all-time in program history with 449 points. Wide receiver Joe Reed earned multiple first-team All-America honors as a kick returner, including from the Walter Camp Foundation and the Football Writers Association of America, while winning the Jet Award as the nation’s top returner. He finished No. 1 in the nation with 33.2 yards per kick return. Reed was the only player in the nation with 600+ receiving yards and 700+ kick return yards, earning finalist honors for the Paul

Hornung Award as the nation’s most versatile player.

Despite losing multiple starters on the defensive side of the ball for the season, UVA broke the program record for sacks in a season. The Chris Long-led defense in 2007 set the standard with 43, and the 2019 edition concluded the year with 46, which ranked No. 6 in the

“I celebrate effort. Very few people try as hard as they can at any one moment of their life, and when you do, you recognize it when it happens, and first and foremost, we will develop the will of our student-athletes. Skill will come along, the position mastery will come along, the execution will come along, but only after they learn to try hard.”

**– Bronco Mendenhall
on player development**

MENDENHALL’S BIOGRAPHY AT-A-GLANCE

PERSONAL

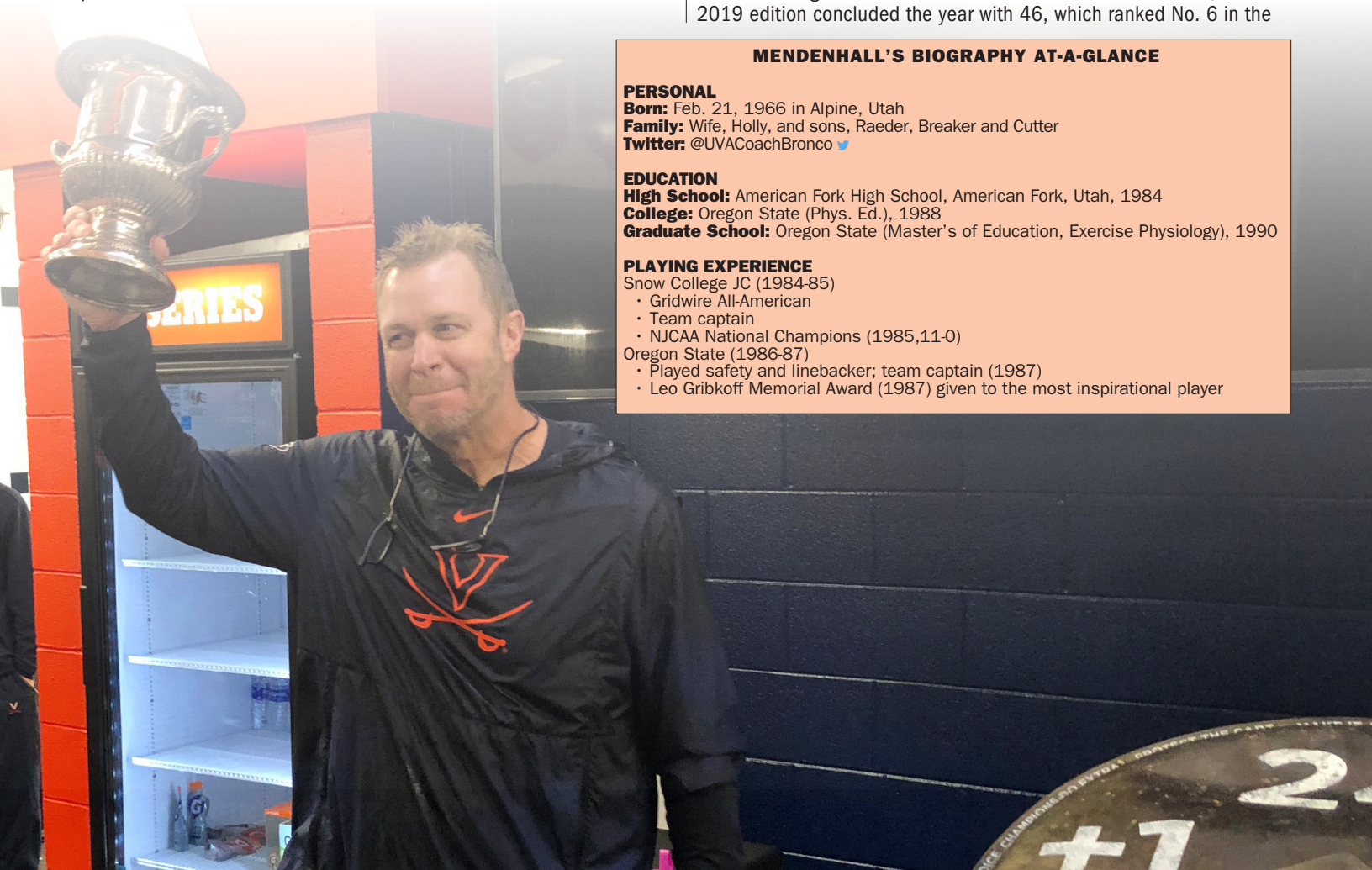
Born: Feb. 21, 1966 in Alpine, Utah
Family: Wife, Holly, and sons, Raeder, Breaker and Cutter
Twitter: @UVACoachBronco

EDUCATION

High School: American Fork High School, American Fork, Utah, 1984
College: Oregon State (Phys. Ed.), 1988
Graduate School: Oregon State (Master’s of Education, Exercise Physiology), 1990

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Snow College JC (1984-85)
• Gridwire All-American
• Team captain
• NJCAA National Champions (1985,11-0)
Oregon State (1986-87)
• Played safety and linebacker; team captain (1987)
• Leo Gribkoff Memorial Award (1987) given to the most inspirational player





nation. Inside linebacker Jordan Mack leads all ACC linebackers with 7.5 sacks. In all, 27 of UVA's 46 sacks were recorded by linebackers.

In 2019, Mendenhall was named the Bobby Ross Coach of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Richmond as the Commonwealth's top whistle for his efforts for the second year in a row. He first earned the accolade in 2018 after the Cavaliers shut out South Carolina, 28-0, in the 2018 Belk Bowl, giving them their first bowl victory since the 2005 Music City Bowl. UVA's shutout performance was the first over an SEC team in a bowl game by a non-SEC team since the 1975 Gator Bowl.

Year number three under Mendenhall saw great strides in performance on the field. UVA's defense finished No. 20 in the country, allowing 330.5 yards per game, while finishing No. 21 in the nation in scoring defense (20.1). UVA's defense also finished No. 16 in the nation in fewest passing yards allowed and the offense finished No. 6 in the nation in third-down conversion percentage.

Perkins and Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (Oklahoma) were the only players in the nation with 2,600+ passing yards and 900+ rushing yards. Under Mendenhall in 2018, Bryce Hall earned second-team All-America honors from both the Walter Camp Foundation and the Football Writers Association of America. Hall led the nation with 22 pass breakups and 24 passes defended. Hall, safety Juan Thornhill and wideout Olamide Zaccheaus all earned first-team All-ACC accolades, leading UVA's eight selections. Thornhill finished 2018 third in the nation with six interceptions and Zaccheaus, the 2018 Belk Bowl MVP, was No. 1 in the ACC with 93 receptions (a UVA single-season record). Zaccheaus left UVA with a program-record 250 career receptions, which ranks No. 6 all-time in ACC history.

More "firsts" for UVA during Mendenhall's tenure include quarterback Kurt Benkert's final college season in 2017, when he became the first player in UVA history to throw for more than 3,000 yards in a season. In 2016, running back Taquan Mizzell became the first player in ACC history to record at least 1,500 career rushing and 1,500 career receiving yards. Benkert reached 1,000 yards passing and 2,000 yards passing faster than any other quarterback in UVA history, doing so in four and eight games, respectively. He matched that feat again in 2017.

The 2017 defense ranked No. 7 in the nation against the pass (165.8). The group was headed by three-time first-team All-ACC player Quin Blanding, ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year Brenton Nelson and third-team All-ACC cornerback Thornhill. Blanding finished his illustrious career with more All-America honors and as UVA's all-time record holder with 495 career tackles. The 495 career tackles tied for No. 6 all-time in ACC history and are the most by any ACC defensive back. Kiser, the 2017 Campbell Trophy winner, led the ACC in tackles for the third year in a row, joining Boston College's Luke Kuechly (2009-11) as the only players to accomplish the feat in league history. Kiser was also a three-time first-team All-ACC honoree and received multiple All-America honors over the 2016 and 2017 seasons, including becoming the first Cavalier since Tiki Barber in 1996 to earn both academic and athletic All-America honors in the same season when he was a second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2016.

Mendenhall came to Charlottesville after 11 seasons (2005-15) as the head coach at Brigham Young University. At BYU, Mendenhall compiled an overall record of 99-43, ranking 12th in total wins among all FBS teams during that time.

BYU

In the three seasons prior to Mendenhall becoming their head coach, the Cougars compiled an overall record of 14-21. Over Mendenhall's 11 years at BYU, the Cougars were one of only 11 programs to advance to a bowl game each season. The others were Alabama, Boise State, Clemson, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Oklahoma, Oregon, Virginia Tech and Wisconsin during that time frame.

Among those 11 teams, only Florida State achieved more bowl wins (seven) than than BYU (six) during that span.

More than 60 of Mendenhall's BYU players signed with NFL teams, including defensive end Ezekiel Ansah, the No. 5 overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft and Kyle Van Noy, the No. 40 overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Under Mendenhall, the Cougars tied for seventh among all FBS programs for the most Academic All-America citations during his 11 seasons in Provo and BYU topped all FBS programs with the most selections (39) to the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society (recognizing starters and significant contributors finishing their eligibility with a 3.2 GPA or better over their college career) during that same time period.

Mendenhall took over as BYU's defensive coordinator in 2003 before being named the Cougars head coach in 2005.

In 2015, Mendenhall led BYU to a 6-5 regular-season record and earned an invitation to the Maaco Bowl Las Vegas – the team's first postseason bowl appearance in three seasons. The Cougars finished tied for second in the MWC with a 5-3 league ledger.

Following the 2006 season, Mendenhall was named the American Football Coaches Association Region IV Coach of the Year. In addition, the Football Writers Association of America named Mendenhall one of nine finalists for the prestigious Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award. By 2007, Mendenhall became the only coach in BYU football history to win 25 games in his first 35 attempts. Mendenhall coached the Cougars to back-to-back 11-2 seasons in 2006 and 2007, while claiming consecutive outright MWC titles with a combined record of 16-0 against league opponents.

In 2008, BYU finished 10-3 overall and 6-2 in the MWC to achieve three straight 10-win seasons and become the first teams in Cougar history to go unbeaten at home over three consecutive seasons.

While recording an 11-2 record and 7-1 league mark in 2009, Mendenhall's team went 3-1 against ranked opponents, including a 14-13 season-opening win over No. 3 Oklahoma and a 44-20 season-finale Maaco Bowl Las Vegas victory over No. 16 Oregon State. BYU finished No. 12 in the final 2009 polls to earn the distinction of being one of only six programs nationally to be ranked in both final polls for four straight seasons.

The 2010 campaign was highlighted by BYU's 52-24 New Mexico Bowl victory and in 2011, the Cougars posted yet another 10-win season, capped off by another comeback bowl victory over Tulsa in the Armed Forces Bowl. That season the BYU defense finished the season as the No. 13 ranked overall defense in the nation.

That dominant defense was present again in 2012 and led BYU to its seventh winning season in as many years as the BYU football team finished the 2012 season with eight wins, a program-best fourth consecutive bowl victory. With an 8-5 record, BYU claimed its sixth season with at least eight wins under Mendenhall's eight-year head coaching tenure. Incredibly consistent all year long, BYU finished the year ranked No. 3 in total defense, allowing just 266.1 yards per game. The Cougars ended the season ranked in the top four in five major defensive categories.

BYU posted back-to-back 8-5 records in 2013 and 2014. The Cougars appeared in the 2013 Fight Hunger Bowl and in the 2014 Miami Beach Bowl.

Mendenhall has served as the BYU's defensive coordinator for much of his tenure as the head coach. He returned to a full-time role with the defense again in 2015.

During his tenure in Provo, the Cougars have consistently fielded one of the nation's strongest defenses. Mendenhall's defense excels at keeping opponents out of the end zone. Entering the 2015 season, they averaged a No. 20 national ranking in scoring defense while he oversees the defense, including three top-10 ratings.

While at BYU, Mendenhall worked to implement many of his outreach initiatives. On the night before Cougar road games, the team would visit with local Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

Saints members. Mendenhall dubbed them “firesides,” a 60-minute period when players would speak, sing and interact all in the name of faith. From a crowd of 13 at the first such gathering, they grew to where more than 150,000 people attended them during his 11 years in Provo. At the events, Mendenhall and players shared their thoughts about character, faith, values and being the best you can be – all aligning to the mission of the University and the mission of the football program.

PLAYING DAYS AND EARLY COACHING CAREER

Mendenhall played for two years at Snow College (Utah) before finishing his career as a starter at Oregon State during the 1986 and 1987 seasons. He played both linebacker and safety for the Beavers.

Mendenhall began his coaching career as a graduate assistant in 1989 at his alma mater, Oregon State. After earning his master’s degree in 1990, he moved to Snow College in Ephraim, Utah, where he served as the secondary coach and defensive coordinator from 1991-92 under BYU assistant coach Paul Tidwell. Following two seasons with the Badgers, Mendenhall became the secondary coach at Northern Arizona, where the Lumberjacks boasted the top-ranked defense in the Big Sky Conference. He was elevated to co-defensive coordinator for the 1994 season.

In 1995, Mendenhall returned to Oregon State to become the defensive line coach under then-defensive coordinator Rocky Long. When Long left to become the defensive coordinator at UCLA, Mendenhall was promoted to defensive coordinator for the 1996 season. At just 29 years of age, Mendenhall became the youngest defensive coordinator in Pac-10 history.

In 1997, Mendenhall became the secondary coach at Louisiana Tech where he helped the Bulldogs to a 9-2 record as his defensive unit was credited with 17 interceptions, allowing just 15 touchdowns on the season.

In 1998, Mendenhall moved to Albuquerque, N.M., to become the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at the University of New Mexico. Over the next five seasons, the Lobos improved from just three wins in 1998 to seven wins and an invitation to the Las Vegas Bowl in 2002. In the Lobos’ 27-13 loss against UCLA in the Las Vegas Bowl, the Mendenhall-led defense held the Bruins to a season-low 167 yards.

Under Mendenhall, the Lobos led the Mountain West Conference in rushing defense for three straight seasons. In 2001, New Mexico gave up just 87.4 yards per game over the season. In his final season in Albuquerque, Mendenhall led the Lobos to a top ranking against league opponents in total defense, allowing just 316.4 yards per game. The Lobos also led the MWC in sacks in the 2000 and 2002 season, totaling 46 and 38, respectively.

At New Mexico, Mendenhall played a valuable role in the development of the 1999 Mountain West Player of the Year, Consensus All-American and first-round NFL Draft pick Brian Urlacher. The ninth overall selection in the 2000 NFL Draft, Urlacher was voted the NFL’s Defensive Rookie of the Year and was a Pro Bowl selection.

Mendenhall and his wife, Holly, have three sons, Raeder, Breaker and Cutter. Breaker is a sophomore on the Utah State team where he plays outside linebacker.

THE MENDENHALL RECORD

BYU (99-43)



Year	Overall	Conference	Place	Postseason
2005	6-6	5-3 MWC	2nd	Las Vegas Bowl
2006	11-2	8-0 MWC	1st	Las Vegas Bowl
2007	11-2	8-0 MWC	1st	Las Vegas Bowl
2008	10-3	6-2 MWC	3rd	Las Vegas Bowl
2009	11-2	7-1 MWC	2nd	Las Vegas Bowl
2010	7-6	5-3 MWC	3rd	New Mexico Bowl
2011	10-3	Independent	N/A	Armed Forces Bowl
2012	8-5	Independent	N/A	Poinsettia Bowl
2013	8-5	Independent	N/A	Fight Hunger Bowl
2014	8-5	Independent	N/A	Miami Beach Bowl
2015	9-4	Independent	N/A	Las Vegas Bowl
BYU Total	99-43		39-9 MWC	11 Bowl Appearances

VIRGINIA (30-32)



Year	Overall	Conference	Place	Postseason
2016	2-10	1-7 ACC	T6th Coastal	N/A
2017	6-7	3-5	T4th Coastal	Military Bowl
2018	8-5	4-4	T3rd Coastal	Belk Bowl
2019	9-5	6-2	1st Coastal	Orange Bowl
2020	5-5	4-5	T9th	N/A
UVA Total	30-32	18-23		Three Bowl Appearances
Career Total	129-75	57-32		14 Bowl Appearances



THE MENDENHALL RECORD vs. OPPONENTS

Opponent	Overall	UVA	BYU
Abilene Christian	1-0	1-0	--
Air Force	5-1	--	5-1
Arizona	1-2	--	1-2
Boise State	3-2	1-0	2-2
Boston College	1-3	1-1	0-2
California	1-1	--	1-1
Central Michigan	1-0	1-0	--
Cincinnati	1-0	--	1-0
Clemson	0-1	0-1	--
Colorado State	6-0	--	6-0
Connecticut	3-1	1-1	2-0
Duke	5-0	5-0	--
East Carolina	1-0	--	1-0
Eastern Illinois	1-0	--	1-0
Eastern Washington	1-0	--	1-0
Florida	0-1	0-1	--
Florida State	1-2	1-0	0-2
Fresno State	1-0	--	1-0
Georgia Tech	4-2	2-2	2-0
Hawaii	2-0	--	2-0
Houston	2-0	--	2-0
Idaho	2-0	--	2-0
Idaho State	2-0	--	2-0
Indiana	0-2	0-2	--
Liberty	2-0	2-0	--
Louisville	2-2	2-2	--
Memphis	1-0	--	1-0
Miami (Fla.)	1-4	1-4	--
Middle Tennessee	2-0	--	2-0
Michigan	0-1	--	0-1
Missouri	0-1	--	0-1
Navy	0-1	0-1	--
NC State	0-2	0-2	--
Nebraska	1-0	--	1-0
Nevada	1-2	--	1-2
New Mexico	6-0	--	6-0
New Mexico State	2-0	--	2-0

Opponent	Overall	UVA	BYU
North Carolina	4-1	4-1	--
Northern Iowa	1-0	--	1-0
Notre Dame	0-4	0-1	0-3
Ohio	1-0	1-0	--
Oklahoma	1-0	--	1-0
Old Dominion	1-0	1-0	--
Ole Miss	1-0	--	1-0
Oregon	1-1	0-1	1-0
Oregon State	2-1	--	2-1
Pittsburgh	1-3	1-3	--
Richmond	1-1	1-1	--
San Diego State	6-1	--	6-1
San Jose State	2-1	--	2-1
Savannah State	1-0	--	1-0
South Carolina	1-0	1-0	--
Texas	2-1	--	2-1
TCU	2-5	--	2-5
Tulane	1-0	--	1-0
Tulsa	2-1	--	2-1
UCF	1-1	--	1-1
UCLA	2-2	--	2-2
UNLV	7-0	--	7-0
Utah	3-7	--	3-7
Utah State	7-2	--	7-2
UTEP	1-0	--	1-0
Virginia	1-1	--	1-1
Virginia Tech	1-4	1-4	--
Wagner	1-0	--	1-0
Wake Forest	0-2	0-2	--
Washington	2-1	--	2-1
Washington State	1-0	--	1-0
Weber State	1-0	--	1-0
William & Mary	2-0	2-0	--
Wisconsin	0-1	--	0-1
Wyoming	6-0	--	6-0
Totals	129-75	30-32	99-43

MENDENHALL RECORD vs. RANKED OPPONENTS

Versus Opponents Ranked in the FBS Associated Press Poll

Date	Mendenhall Team (rank)	Opponent	Rank	Result
Sept. 3, 2005	BYU	Boston College	22	L, 3-20
Oct. 22, 2005	BYU	at Notre Dame	9	L, 23-49
Sept. 16, 2006	BYU	at Boston College	25	L, 23-30 (201)
Sept. 28, 2006	BYU	at TCU	15	W, 31-17
Sept. 8, 2007	BYU	at UCLA	14	L, 17-21
Oct. 16, 2008	BYU	at TCU	24	L, 7-32
Nov. 22, 2008	BYU	at Utah	7	L, 24-48
Sept. 5, 2009	BYU (24)	vs. Oklahoma^	3	W, 14-13
Oct. 24, 2009	BYU (16)	TCU	7	L, 7-38
Nov. 28, 2009	BYU (15)	Utah	19	W, 26-23 (01)
Dec. 22, 2009	BYU (14)	vs. Oregon State*	20	W, 44-20
Oct. 16, 2010	BYU	at TCU	5	L, 3-31
Nov. 27, 2010	BYU	at Utah	22	L, 16-17
Sept. 10, 2011	BYU	at Texas	21	L, 16-17
Sept. 20, 2012	BYU	at Boise State	24	L, 6-7
Oct. 13, 2012	BYU	Oregon State	10	L, 24-42
Oct. 20, 2012	BYU	at Notre Dame	5	L, 14-17
Sept. 7, 2013	BYU	Texas	15	W, 40-21
Nov. 9, 2013	BYU	at Wisconsin	21	L, 17-27
Sept. 12, 2015	BYU	Boise State	20	W, 35-24
Sept. 19, 2015	BYU (19)	at UCLA	10	L, 23-24
Dec. 19, 2015	BYU	vs. Utah*	20	L, 28-35
Sept. 10, 2016	UVA	at Oregon	24	L, 26-44
Oct. 22, 2016	UVA	North Carolina	22	L, 14-35
Oct. 29, 2016	UVA	Louisville	5	L, 25-32
Nov. 18, 2017	UVA	at Miami (Fla.)	2	L, 21-38
Nov. 24, 2017	UVA	Virginia Tech	24	L, 0-10
Oct. 13, 2018	UVA	Miami (Fla.)	16	W, 16-13
Sept. 28, 2019	UVA (18)	at Notre Dame	10	L, 20-35
Nov. 29, 2019	UVA	Virginia Tech	23	W, 39-30
Dec. 7, 2019	UVA (22)	vs. Clemson%	3	L, 17-62
Dec. 30, 2019	UVA	vs. Florida*	6	L, 28-36
Oct. 3, 2020	UVA	at Clemson	1	L, 23-41
Oct. 24, 2020	UVA	at Miami (Fla.)	11	L, 14-19
Oct. 31, 2020	UVA	North Carolina	15	W, 44-41

* - bowl game
 ^ - Cowboys Stadium, Arlington, Texas; % - Bank of American Stadium, Charlotte, N.C.

MENDENHALL YEAR-BY-YEAR

BYU

2005 (6-6; 5-3 MWC)

S3	Boston College #22	H	L	3	20
S10	Eastern Illinois	H	W	45	10
S24	TCU	H	LOT	50	51
O1	San Diego State	A	L	10	31
O8	New Mexico	A	W	27	21
O15	Colorado State	H	W	24	14
O22	Notre Dame #9	A	L	23	49
O29	Air Force	H	W	62	41
N5	UNLV	A	W	55	14
N12	Wyoming	A	W	35	21
N19	Utah	H	LOT	34	41
D22	California	N	L	28	35
2005 Las Vegas Bowl (Las Vegas, NV)					

BYU

2006 (11-2; 8-0 MWC)

S2	Arizona	A	L	13	16
S9	Tulsa	H	W	49	24
S16	Boston College #25	A	L2OT	23	30
S23	Utah State	H	W	38	0
O7	San Diego State	H	W	47	17
O21	UNLV	H	W	52	7
O28	Air Force	A	W	33	14
N4	Colorado State	A	W	24	3
N9	Wyoming	H	W	55	7
N18 #24	New Mexico	H	W	42	17
N25 #23	Utah	A	W	43	31
D21 #20	Oregon	N	W	38	8
2006 Las Vegas Bowl (Las Vegas, NV)					

BYU

2007 (11-2, 8-0 MWC)

S1	Arizona	H	W	20	7
S8	UCLA #14	A	L	17	27
S15	Tulsa	A	L	47	55
S22	Air Force	H	W	31	6
S29	New Mexico	A	W	31	24
O13	UNLV	A	W	24	14
O20	Eastern Washington	H	W	42	7
N3	Colorado State	H	W	35	16
N8	TCU	H	W	27	22
N17	Wyoming	A	W	35	10
N24 #23	Utah	H	W	17	10
D1	#19San Diego State	A	W	48	27
D22 #19	UCLA	N	W	17	16
2007 Las Vegas Bowl (Las Vegas, NV)					

BYU

2008 (10-3, 6-2 MWC)

A30 #17	Northern Iowa	H	W	41	17
S6	#15Washington	A	W	28	27
S13	#15UCLA	H	W	59	0
S20	#11Wyoming	H	W	44	0
O3	#7 Utah State	A	W	34	14
O11	#8 New Mexi co	H	W	21	3
O16	#8TCU #24	A	L	7	32
O25	#17 UNLV	H	W	42	35
N1	#17 Colorado State	A	W	45	42
N8	#16 San Diego State	H	W	41	12
N15	#14 Air Force	A	W	38	24
N22	#14 Utah #7	A	L	24	48
D20	#16 Arizona	N	L	21	31
2008 Las Vegas Bowl (Las Vegas, NV)					

BYU

2009 (11-2, 7-1 MWC)

S5	#24Oklahoma #3	N	W	14	13
S12	#12Tulane	A	W	54	3
S19	#9 Florida State	H	L	28	54
S26	#20Colorado State	H	W	42	23
O2	#21Utah State	H	W	35	17
O10	#20UNLV	A	W	59	21
O17	#19San Diego State	A	W	38	28
O24	#16TCU #7	H	L	7	38
N7	#25Wyoming	A	W	52	0
N14	#22New Mexico	A	W	24	19
N21	#18Air Force	H	W	38	21
N28	#15Utah #19	H	WOT	26	23
D22	#14Oregon State #20	N	W	44	20
2009 Maaco Bowl Las Vegas (Las Vegas, NV)					

BYU

2010 (7-6; 5-3 MWC)

S4	Washington	H	W	23	17
S11	Air Force	A	L	14	35
S18	Florida State	A	L	10	34

S25	Nevada	H	L	13	27
O1	Utah State	A	L	16	31
O9	San Diego State	H	W	24	21
O16	TCU #5	A	L	3	31
O23	Wyoming	H	W	25	20
N6	UNLV	H	W	55	7
N13	Colorado State	A	W	49	10
N20	New Mexico	H	W	40	7
N27	Utah #22	A	L	16	17
D18	UTEP	N	W	52	24
2010 New Mexico Bowl (Albuquerque, NM)					

BYU

2011 (10-3; Independent)

S3	Ole Miss	A	W	14	13
S10	Texas #21	A	L	16	17
S17	Utah	H	L	10	54
S23	UCF	H	W	24	17
S30	Utah State	H	W	27	24
O8	San Jose State	H	W	29	16
O15	Oregon State	A	W	38	28
O22	Idaho State	H	W	56	3
O28	TCU	N	L	28	38
N12	Idaho	H	W	42	7
N19	New Mexico State	H	W	42	7
D3	Hawai'i	A	W	41	20
D30	Tulsa	N	W	24	21
2011 Armed Forces Bowl (University Park, TX)					

BYU

2012 (8-5; Independent)

A30	Washington State	H	W	30	6
S8	Weber State	H	W	45	13
S15 #25	Utah	A	L	21	24
S20	Boise State #24	A	L	6	7
S28	Hawai'i	H	W	47	0
O5	Utah State	H	W	6	3
O13	Oregon State #10	H	L	24	42
O20	Notre Dame #5	A	L	14	17
O27	Georgia Tech	A	W	41	17
N10	Idaho	H	W	52	13
N17	San Jose State	A	L	14	20
N24	New Mexico State	A	W	50	14
D20	San Diego State	A	W	23	6
2012 Poinsettia Bowl (San Diego, CA)					

BYU

2013 (8-5; Independent)

A31	Virginia	A	L	16	19
S7	Texas #15	A	W	40	21
S21	Utah	H	L	13	20
S27	Middle Tennessee	H	W	37	10
O4	Utah State	A	W	31	14
O12	Georgia Tech	H	W	38	20
O19	Houston	A	W	47	46
O25	Boise State	H	W	37	20
N9	Wisconsin #21	A	L	17	27
N16	Idaho State	H	W	59	13
N23	Notre Dame	A	L	42	7
N30	Nevada	A	W	28	23
D27	Washington	N	L	16	31
2013 Fight Hunger Bowl (San Francisco, CA)					

BYU

2014 (8-5; Independent)

A29	Connecticut	A	W	35	10
S6	Texas	A	W	41	7
S11 #25	Houston	H	W	33	25
S20 #21	Virginia	H	W	41	33
O3 #18	Utah State	H	L	20	35
O9	UCF	A	LOT	24	31
O18	Nevada	H	L	35	42
O24	Boise State	A	L	30	55
N1	Middle Tennessee	A	W	27	7
N15	UNLV	H	W	42	23
N22	Savannah State	H	W	64	0
N29	California	A	W	42	35
D22	Memphis	N	L2OT	48	55
2014 Miami Beach Bowl (Miami, FL)					

BYU

2015 (9-4; Independent)

S5	Nebraska	A	W	33	28
S12	Boise State #20	H	W	35	24
S19	#19UCLA #10	A	L	23	24
S26 #22	Michigan	A	L	0	31
O2	Connecticut	H	W	30	13
O10	East Carolina	H	W	45	38
O16	Cincinnati	H	W	38	24

O24	Wagner	H	W	70	6
N6	San Jose State	A	W	17	16
N14	Missouri	N	L	16	20
N21	Fresno State	H	W	52	10
N28	Utah State	A	W	51	28
D19	Utah #20	N	L	28	35
2015 Las Vegas Bowl (Las Vegas, NV)					

Virginia

2016 (2-10; 1-7 ACC)

S3	Richmond	H	L	20	37
S10	Oregon #24	A	L	26	44
S17	UConn	A	L	10	13
S24	Central Michigan	H	W	49	35
O1	Duke	A	W	34	20
O15	Pittsburgh	H	L	31	45
O22	North Carolina #22	H	L	14	35
O29	Louisville #5	H	L	25	32
N5	Wake Forest	A	L	20	27
N12	Miami (Fla.)	H	L	14	34
N19	Georgia Tech	A	L	17	31
N26	Virginia Tech	A	L	10	52

Virginia

2017 (6-7; 3-5 ACC)

S2	William & Mary	H	W	28	10
S9	Indiana	H	L	17	34
S16	UConn	H	W	38	18
S22	Boise State	A	W	42	23
O7	Duke	H	W	28	21
O14	North Carolina	A	W	20	14
O21	Boston College	H	L	10	41
O28	Pittsburgh	A	L	14	31
N4	Georgia Tech	H	W	40	36
N11	Louisville	A	L	21	38
N18	Miami (Fla.) #2	A	L	28	44
N24	Virginia Tech #24	H	L	0	10
D28	Navy	A	L	7	49
2017 Military Bowl (Annapolis, MD)					

Virginia

2018 (8-5; 4-4 ACC)

S1	Richmond	H	W	42	13
S8	Indiana	A	L	16	20
S15	Ohio	N	W	45	31
S22	Louisville	H	W	27	3
S29	NC State	A	L	21	35
O13	Miami (Fla.) #16	H	W	16	13
O20	Duke	A	W	28	14
O27	North Carolina	H	W	31	21
N2 #23	Pitt	H	L	13	23
N10	Liberty	H	W	45	24
N17	Georgia Tech	A	LOT	27	30
N23	Virginia Tech	A	LOT	31	34
D29	South Carolina	N	W	28	0
2018 Belk Bowl (Charlotte, NC)					

Virginia

2019 (9-5; 6-2 ACC)

A31	Pittsburgh	A	W	30	14
S6	William & Mary	H	W	52	17
S14 #25	Florida State	H	W	31	24
S21 #21	Old Dominion	H	W	28	17
S28 #18	Notre Dame #10	A	L	20	35
O11 #20	Miami (Fla.)	A	L	9	17
O19	Duke	H	W	48	14
O26	Louisville	A	L	21	28
N2	North Carolina	A	W	38	31
N9	Georgia Tech	H	W	33	28
N23	Liberty	H	W	55	27
N29	Virginia Tech #23	H	W	39	30
D7 #22	Clemson #3	N	L	17	62
2019 ACC Championship Game (Charlotte, NC)					
D30	Florida #6	N	L	28	36
2019 Orange Bowl (Miami Gardens, FL)					

Virginia

2020 (5-5; 4-5 ACC)

S26	Duke	H	W	38	20
O3	Clemson #1	A	L	23	41
O10	NC State	H	L	21	38
O17	Wake Forest	A	L	23	40
O24	Miami #11	A	L	14	19
O31	North Carolina #15	H	W	44	41
N14	Louisville	H	W	31	17
N21	Abilene Christian	H	W	55	15
D5	Boston College	H	W	43	32
D12	Virginia Tech	A	L	15	33



OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/INSIDE RECEIVERS/TIGHT ENDS

ROBERT ANAE

Robert Anae enters his sixth season at Virginia and 15th as an offensive coordinator under UVA head coach Bronco Mendenhall, which includes nine years at BYU. In addition to serving as offensive coordinator, Anae (Ah-NIGH) also coaches Virginia's inside receivers and tight ends.

A three-time Frank Broyles Award nominee for Assistant Coach of the Year, Anae is a 32-year coaching veteran that has directed multiple record-breaking performances and NCAA top-25 offensive statistical finishes during his career. Over the previous 14 seasons as Mendenhall's offensive coordinator, an Anae-led offense has earned top-25 NCAA statistical rankings in 10 different offensive categories a total of 51 times, including 18 top-10 ratings.

Not only has Anae's offenses broken records and top the NCAA statistical rankings over the years, but he has tutored dozens of young men that have gone on to successful careers in the NFL. Former Anae pupils that paved their way in the NFL include the likes of Austin Collie (Colts), Ron Hall (Lions), Taysom Hill (Saints), Ed Mulitalo (Ravens) and Dennis Pitta (Ravens).

The records, statistical rankings and NFL careers are reflective of how Anae has been successful at every one of his coaching stops. Virginia has been no different. Since the arrival of Mendenhall and company in Charlottesville in 2016, UVA's offensive production has soared. In the previous 126 seasons of Virginia football before Anae took over the offense, UVA never had a 3,000-yard passer and only once had a quarterback that amassed 3,000+ yards of total offense in a season.

In Anae's first four seasons as Virginia's offensive coordinator, the Cavaliers have had two 3,000-yard passers and the UVA single-season record for total offense has been broken three times. With the unique nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season only saw UVA play 10 games, but the passing yards per game (260.6) was the second-best output in Anae's UVA tenure. Also, you can find Anae's quarterbacks all over the UVA single-game passing and single-game total offense record book, as six of the top nine outputs in single-game passing and the top six outings in single-game total offense have come under Anae over the past five seasons.

Anae and UVA quarterbacks coach Jason Beck have worked together for the past eight seasons and quarterbacks have thrived under the pairing. Between 2013 and 2020, quarterbacks under Anae and Beck have averaged 3,200 passing yards and 524 rushing yards a season for an average of 3,725 yards of total offense.

The 2019 season was special one in Charlottesville as the Cavaliers won the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division for the first time and made their first appearance in the ACC Championship game. UVA appeared in its first New Year's Six bowl game, the Orange Bowl, and finished ranked No. 24 in the final College Football Playoff poll and No. 25 in the final USA Today coaches poll. It is UVA's first string of three-straight bowl appearances since UVA went to four bowl games between 2002 and 2005.

Anae's offense broke five team records in 2019, which includes most first downs (296), first downs passing (180), completions (337), passing yards (3,748) and points scored (449). UVA also tied the 1990 team for most touchdowns (56), while Anae's offense in 2019 averaged 33.2 points per game, which is No. 2 all-time to UVA's 1990 team. UVA amassed over 5,000 yards of total offense in both 2018 and 2019 under Anae, which marks only the second time in program history UVA has done that in back-to-back seasons. Prior to Anae's arrival UVA only surpassed 5,000 yards of total offense four times.

Bryce Perkins was a catalyst for Anae's offense, graduating as the program's career record holder for total offense (7,910) after playing only two seasons in Charlottesville (2018-19). Under Anae, Perkins also owns the top two spots in the Cavalier record book for single-season and single-game total offense. His program record for single-season total offense (4,307) in 2019 ranked No. 6 nationally and No. 1 in the ACC. A second-team All-ACC honoree, Perkins also set the single-season passing record at UVA with 3,538 passing yards in 2019, which ranked No. 16 in the nation and No. 3 in the ACC. Perkins was a special quarterback for the Cavaliers as he and Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts were the only players in the nation in 2019 with 3,000+ passing yards and 700+ rushing yards. In 2018, Perkins and 2018 Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (Oklahoma) were the only two players in the nation with 2,600+ passing yards and 900+ rushing yards. Perkins was the only college player between 2018-19 to accumulate 6,000+ passing yards and 1,500+ rushing yards. Perkins also left UVA the program's all-time leader in career rushing by a quarterback (1,692) and games of 100+ rushing yards by a quarterback (7).

No ACC team had more than one receiver with 70+ receptions in 2019, while UVA had three in Joe Reed (77), Hasise Dubois (75) and Terrell Jana (74), finishing No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 in the league in catches and all ranking in the top seven on UVA's single-season receptions ledger. Reed earned first-team All-ACC honors as an all-purpose player. Dubois (All-ACC) and Jana were two of four FBS receivers in 2019 with 100+ target, 70 percent catch rate and 10+ yards per target. Dubois was rated with the "Best Hands in the Nation" by Pro Football Focus after making 75 catches in 2019 with zero drops.

Other receivers have thrived in Anae's offense, including Olamide Zaccheaus, who finished his senior season in 2018 No. 1 in the ACC and No. 5 in the nation with 93 receptions, while earning first-team All-ACC honors. Zaccheaus concluded his career with 250 receptions, No. 1 all-time at UVA and No. 6 all-time in ACC history. Zaccheaus (1,058 receiving) and Jordan Ellis (1,026 rushing) gave UVA a 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season for just the second time in program history (1990). With Dubois recording 1,062 receiving yards in 2019, Anae's offense has produced two 1,000-yard receiving receivers in four years. Only two Cavaliers had reached the 1,000-yard plateau in a season prior to Anae's arrival.

Anae oversaw quarterback Kurt Benkert's record-breaking season in 2017. The UVA senior quarterback became the first player in program history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season. Benkert finished the

THE ANAE FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
• Last name is pronounced: Ah-NIGH
• Has 32 years of collegiate coaching experience
• Was an offensive lineman on BYU's 1984 National Championship team and a member of four BYU bowl teams
@CoachAnae

PERSONAL

Hometown: Laie, Hawaii
Family: Wife, Liane; two sons and a daughter

EDUCATION

High School: Kahuku HS, Kahuku, Hawaii, 1977
College: BYU, 1986
Graduate School: BYU, 1990, M.S.; 1999, Ph.D.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- BYU (1981-84)
• Drafted in the 3rd round of the 1985 USFL Draft by the New Jersey Generals

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1986-87 - Hawaii (offensive graduate assistant)
• 1990-91 - BYU (offensive graduate assistant)
• 1992-95 - Ricks College (offensive line)
• 1996 - Boise State (offensive line)
• 1997 - UNLV (offensive line)
• 1998 - UNLV (offensive line/running game coord.)
• 2000-04 - Texas Tech (offensive line)
• 2005-10 - BYU (offensive coordinator/inside receivers)
• 2011 - Arizona (offensive line/run game coordinator)
• 2012 - Arizona (offensive line)
• 2013-15 - BYU (offensive coordinator/inside receivers)
• 2016-21 - Virginia (offensive coordinator/inside receivers)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Holiday Bowl (1981) - player
• Holiday Bowl (1982) - player
• Holiday Bowl (1983) - player
• Holiday Bowl (1984) - player
• Holiday Bowl (1990)
• Holiday Bowl (1991)
• Real Dairy Bowl (1992)
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• Galleryfurniture.com Bowl (2000)
• Alama Bowl (2001)
• Tangerine Bowl (2002)
• Houston Bowl (2003)
• Holiday Bowl (2004)
• Las Vegas Bowl (2005)
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• Las Vegas Bowl (2008)
• Las Vegas Bowl (2009)
• New Mexico Bowl (2010)
• New Mexico Bowl (2012)
• Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
• Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
• Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
• Military Bowl (2017)
• Belk Bowl (2018)
• Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Ka'Deem Carey (Arizona)
• John Beck (BYU)
• Curtis Brown (BYU)
• Austin Collie (BYU)
• Max Hall (BYU)
• Jonny Harline (BYU)
• Dennis (BYU)
• Harvey Unga (BYU)
• Kurt Benkert (Virginia)
• Jordan Ellis (Virginia)
• Taquan Mizzell (Virginia)
• Olamide Zaccheaus (Virginia)
• Joe Reed (Virginia)
• Bryce Perkins (Virginia)
• Hasise Dubois (Virginia)

season with 3,207 passing yards, which stood as a program record until Perkins in 2019. Anae's offense also created the first UVA receiving trio to each amass at least 600 receiving yards in the same season as Zaccheaus (895), Andre Levrone (689) and Doni Dowling (647) accomplished the feat. This happened twice in four years as Dubois (1,062), Jana (886) and Reed (679) accomplished the feat in 2019. Under Anae's tutelage, Taquan Mizell became the first player in ACC history to record at least 1,500 career rushing and 1,500 career receiving yards.

Anae came to Charlottesville after serving as Mendenhall's offensive coordinator and inside receivers coach in nine of his 11 seasons at BYU. Anae helped BYU finish the 2015 regular season ranked No. 21 in passing offense after directing the 2014 Cougar offense to a No. 14 ranking in scoring offense, putting up 37.1 points per game, the most points by a BYU team since the 2001 season.

In 2013, Anae led the BYU offense to a No. 14 national ranking, including a No. 10 finish in rushing offense, setting a school record with 3,475 rushing yards. He helped coach two 1,000-yard rushers in Taysom Hill and Jamaal Williams.

BYU ranked in the top 25 in third-down efficiency each of Anae's first six seasons at BYU (2005-10), including a No. 1 ranking in 2009 and No. 2 ratings in 2008 and 2006. The Cougars were in the top-6 in passing offense three times (2005, 2006, 2008) during his first tenure overseeing the BYU attack.

BYU's offensive production under Anae helped produce the school's top three rushers of all time (Jamaal Williams: 3,901; Harvey Unga: 3,455 yards; and Curtis Brown: 3,221 yards), the program's top wide receiver in receiving yards, catches and touchdowns (Austin Collie: 3,255 yards and 30 touchdowns on 215 catches), BYU's highest achieving tight end in both receiving yards and catches (Dennis Pitta: 2,901 yards on 221 receptions) and the Cougars' winningest all-time quarterback (Max Hall: 32 victories as a starter). Hall and John Beck, who also played quarterback during Anae's tenure, both went on to the NFL with Beck earning All-America accolades at BYU. Dennis Pitta, meanwhile, not only set the BYU record for receiving yards by a tight end, but also is No. 1 in that category in NCAA history.

Anae's BYU stints from 2005-10 and 2013-15 bookend the two seasons (2010-11) he spent at Arizona under Mike Stoops and Rich Rodriguez, serving as offensive line coach both seasons and run game coordinator under Stoops. Arizona's offense ranked in the top 16 both years and was in the top 25 in passing both seasons as well. Arizona produced the No. 3 passer nationally with Nick Foles, who averaged 360.8 passing yards per game in 2011 before being drafted in the third round of the NFL draft by the Philadelphia Eagles. The Wildcats' offensive line, under Anae's direction, blocked for the nation's leading rusher in 2012 as Ka'Deem Carey totaled 1,929 yards and 23 touchdowns on 303 carries.

Arizona ranked No. 7 in total offense in 2012 at 526.2 yards per game to help the Wildcats to an 8-5 record that included victories over nationally ranked Oklahoma State (59-38) and USC (39-36). The Wildcats scored 38.2 points per game to rank No. 16 nationally, including a 49-point output to defeat Nevada in the 2012 New Mexico Bowl. The point total was just three points off the New Mexico Bowl record of 52 points set by BYU in 2010 with Anae directing the Cougar offense.

As BYU's inside receivers coach from 2005-2010, Anae helped Pitta, Jonny Harline and Andrew George earn a combined six All-Mountain West Conference tight end honors, including five first-team awards. BYU tight ends also achieved national accolades under Anae's tutelage as Harline received first-team All-America honors in 2006 and Pitta was named an NCAA Consensus All-American in 2009.

Anae has been part of many of BYU's most successful teams as both a player and a coach. As BYU's offensive coordinator, the Cougars earned bowl invitations each season, while winning two outright MWC championships. He was an offensive lineman on BYU's National Championship team in 1984 and part of four bowl teams from 1981-84, while earning second-team All-Western Athletic Conference honors. BYU achieved a 43-7 record during Anae's playing days under Hall of Fame coach LaVell Edwards. He played in the Hula bowl in 1985 and was drafted by the New Jersey Generals of the USFL.

Anae's first stint as offensive coordinator at BYU came following five seasons coaching with Mike Leach at Texas Tech from 2000-2004. As offensive line coach for the Red Raiders, Anae helped put together some of the most prolific offenses in the NCAA. The Texas Tech offense ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing three out of Anae's five years and in the top 11 the remaining two. The Red Raiders also ranked in the top six in total offense three times, including 582.8 yards per game to lead the nation in 2003—the fifth-best mark in NCAA history.

Anae began his coaching career as a graduate assistant working with the offensive line at Hawaii under Dick Tomey in 1986-87. He then was a graduate assistant for a pair of years at BYU in 1990 and 1991 before coaching the offensive line at Ricks College in Idaho from 1992-95. Anae coached the offensive front for a year at Boise State in 1996 before moving to UNLV for a pair of seasons, the final as running game coordinator along with his line duties in 1998.

Anae and his wife, Liane, have two sons and a daughter. His son Famika played on the offensive line at BYU before ending his career during the 2012 season due to injuries. Anae's father, Famika Sr., and brothers Brad and Matt, also played football for BYU.

He was born in California in 1958 and raised in Laie on Hawaii's north shore. He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Tulsa, Okla., from 1978-80. He graduated from BYU in 1986, obtained a master's degree in sociology from BYU in 1990 and earned his doctorate in sociology from BYU in 1999 while serving as an assistant director in the Brigham Young student-athlete center and NCAA Life Skills director.

Anae graduated from BYU in 1986 with a degree in political science. He went on to earn two more degrees from BYU, an M.S. in sociology in 1990 and a PH.D. in sociology in 1999.





SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR/CORNERBACKS

RICKY BRUMFIELD

Ricky Brumfield is in his fourth season at Virginia after joining Bronco Mendenhall's staff in January of 2018 as the program's special teams coordinator. In February of 2021, Mendenhall announced Brumfield would also serve as the cornerbacks coach after serving as the tight ends coach for the 2020 season.

Brumfield, who enters his 21st season as a collegiate coach in 2021, has consistently overseen record-breaking performances at the FBS, FCS and DII levels, while also boasting pupils that have been named semifinalists for coveted honors like the Lou Groza Award and the Ray Guy Award. The 2019 season was the most recent season serving of record-breaking performances as the Cavaliers won the ACC Coastal Division title and made their first appearance in the Orange Bowl.

In addition to his special coordinator duties, Brumfield started coaching tight ends in 2020. Brumfield was able to work one season with graduate transfer Tony Poljan. Under Brumfield, Poljan in just 10 games finished No. 7 in the nation among tight ends with 38 receptions, No. 7 in the nation among tight ends with six touchdown receptions and his six receiving touchdowns is tied for No. 2 on UVA's single-season list for a tight end. Poljan's season resulted in an invite to the Senior Bowl.

The 2019 team broke the single-season record for both kick return yards (1,204) and kick return average (28.7). Heading the attack on the record book was Joe Reed, who was named to a myriad of All-America teams in 2019 as a kick returner. First-team nods by the Walter Camp Football Foundation and the Football Writers Association of America highlighted those All-America accolades. Reed also won the Jet Award in 2019 as the nation's top kick returner after leading the nation in kick return average at 33.2. Reed also led the nation in 2019 with two kick returns for touchdowns and left UVA No. 1 in program history with 3,042 career kick return yards, which makes him one of 10 players in FBS history with 3,000+ kick return yards. Reed also left UVA with a career 28.69 career kick return average, which ranks No. 22 all-time at the FBS level. Reed is the only player in FBS history with 2,700+ career kick return yards and a kick return average of 28+ yards.

Also in 2019, All-ACC placekicker Brian Delaney broke the UVA single-season record for points kicking (110), which also ranked No. 13 in the nation. His 52 PATs also broke a single-season UVA record. Overall, Delaney's 110 points in 2019 ranked No. 3 on the UVA single-season scoring list.

In Brumfield's first season at UVA his punt return defense finished No. 1 in the ACC and No. 7 in the nation with 3.21 yards allowed per return after he inherited a group that finished No. 117 in the nation the year prior (2017). On kick return Reed finished No. 10 in the nation and No. 2 in the ACC with 27.2 yards per kick return. Reed also became the UVA all-time career leader in kick return yardage, breaking the record in less than three seasons.

Brumfield comes to UVA after spending the 2016 and 2017 seasons at the University of Texas at San Antonio where he was the Roadrunners' special teams coordinator and coached the team's tight ends.

In 2016, his first season with the Roadrunners, Brumfield helped guide the team to six wins and the program's first-ever bowl game, the 2016 Gildan New Mexico Bowl. His special teams set several school records, including season marks for touchbacks (27), points (79), extra points (43) and punting average (42.0).

This season, Brumfield saw freshman placekicker Jared Sackett earn freshman All-America honors from USA Today. Sackett made a UTSA school-record 19 field goals on 22 attempts. He also set the school mark with 80 points. Sackett was a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award presented to the nation's top placekicker.

UTSA punter Yannis Routsas was a semifinalist for the 2017 Ray Guy Award presented to the nation's top punter. UTSA was one of just three schools in 2017 to have both its placekicker and punter as semifinalists for those two national awards.

During the 2017 season, the Roadrunners went 6-5 with four of those losses coming by a total of 17 points. In the current NCAA FBS football statistics, UTSA ranks No. 6 in the nation in punt return defense. This season the Roadrunners allowed just eight punt returns for a total of 23 yards (2.88 ypr). UTSA was No. 39 in the nation in kickoff defense by allowing 19.61 yards per return.

His Roadrunner special teams forced five fumbles during the 2016 season and two in 2017.

Brumfield came to UTSA from Western Kentucky, where he spent three seasons as special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach. He helped the Hilltoppers to a combined 28 victories, including a pair of bowl wins, during his tenure.

In 2015, WKU won the Conference USA title and capped off a 12-2 season with a 45-35 victory against USF in the Miami Beach Bowl, while finishing the season with a No. 24 final ranking. Garrett Schwettman, the school's career record

holder for points, extra points and field goals, earned first-team all-conference honors, while kick returner Kylen Towner made the second team and cornerback Prince Charles Iworah and long snapper Nolan Dowling were named honorable mention.

In his first two seasons with the Hilltoppers, the defense and special teams were among the conference's best in nearly every major statistical category. He tutored five all-conference performers, including cornerbacks Wonderful Terry and Cam Thomas, who played for the NFL's Buffalo Bills in 2015.

In 2013, WKU led the Sun Belt Conference and finished 14th nationally in total defense, while also leading the league in interceptions (14), team pass efficiency defense and fewest passing yards allowed. Additionally, his kick and punt coverage units were tops in the conference.

Brumfield was the special teams coordinator and safeties coach at Nicholls State, in 2011-12. His impact on the Colonels' special teams was felt immediately, as they blocked six kicks and ranked 14th in the Football Championship Subdivision in kick return average, while punter Cory Kemps finished sixth nationally with a 42.8 average in 2011.

While at Nicholls State, Brumfield oversaw Chika Madu who left the school as the all-time program leader in kick return yards (2,076) and ranked No. 2 in the Southland Conference record book. Madu also ranks No. 2 in the conference record book in kick return touchdowns and No. 4 in kick return average (24.14).

Brumfield and Justin Anderson, UVA's director of player personnel, were both assistant coaches at Nicholls State during the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

The New Orleans native got his coaching start in 2001 at Union College, where he oversaw special teams and wide receivers for three seasons.

Brumfield served as special teams coordinator and wide receivers coach at Fairmont State in 2004-10. He helped the Fighting Falcons rank among the nation's best in special teams categories by the end of his tenure, including the third-best kick return average in 2009.

In his final season with the Fighting Falcons, his special teams units blocked five kicks, forced two turnovers and had a pair of touchdowns. Three of his players earned all-conference accolades, including kick returner Zack Page, who set Division II career records for kick returns, kick return yardage and combined return yards. One of his receivers, Perry Baker, was one of a handful non-Division I players to be selected to play in the 2010 East-West Shrine Game. Baker went on to become of the premier rugby players in the world. Baker is an Olympian for the USA Sevens team and was a two-time World Rugby MVP (2017 and 2018).

During his time at Fairmont State, Brumfield spent five summers assisting with various NFL teams. He tutored wide receivers and special teams with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 2007-09 and also spent time with the Atlanta Falcons, Buffalo Bills and Green Bay Packers.

Brumfield was a four-year letterwinner and two-year starter at wide receiver at Utah State. He helped the Aggies to a pair of Big West Conference Championships and a berth in the 1997 Humanitarian Bowl.

Brumfield earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Utah State in 1999 and his master's degree in secondary education from Union College (Ky.) in 2003.

He and his wife, Erin, have four children, Kyan, McKel, Tacy and Asher.

THE BRUMFIELD FILE



- Fourth season at Virginia
- Hired as UVA's 10th assistant coach in Jan. of 2018 after the NCAA approved a measure for 10 full-time assistants
- Has 20 years of collegiate coaching experience as a special teams coordinator
- One of eight coaches on UVA's staff that played college football in the state of Utah

@RickyBrumfield

PERSONAL

Hometown: New Orleans, La.

Family: Wife, Erin; four children, Kyan, McKel, Tacy and Asher

EDUCATION

High School: Archbishop Shaw HS, Marrero, La., 1994

College: Utah State, 1999

Graduate School: Union College (Ky.), 2003

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Utah State (1995-98)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001-03 – Union College (special teams coord./WRs)
- 2004-10 – Fairmont State (special teams coord./WRs)
- 2011-12 – Nicholls State (special teams coord./safeties)
- 2013-15 – Western Kentucky (special teams coord./CBs)
- 2016-17 – UTSA (special teams coord./TEs)
- 2018-19 – Virginia (special teams coordinator)
- 2020 – Virginia (special teams coordinator/TEs)
- 2020 – Virginia (special teams coordinator/Cornerbacks)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Humanitarian Bowl (1997) - player
- Bahamas Bowl (2014)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2015)
- New Mexico Bowl (2016)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Perry Baker (Fairmont State)
- Prince Charles Iworah (Western Kentucky)
- Cam Thomas (Western Kentucky)
- Taywan Taylor (Western Kentucky)
- Tyler Higbee (Western Kentucky)
- Jordan Moore (UTSA)
- Joe Reed (Virginia)

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/SECONDARY

NICK HOWELL

Nick Howell is in his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the defensive coordinator/secondary coach.

Howell led the UVA defense through the unique nature of the 2020 season, navigating the COVID-19 pandemic, opt-Outs and injuries. Under Howell's watch, OLB Charles Snowden, despite missing most of the last three games with a season-ending injury, led the ACC's linebackers with 0.75 sacks per game, was No. 13 in the nation among linebackers with 6.0 sacks, No. 3 in the ACC among linebackers with 1.2 tackles for loss per game and No. 15 in the nation among linebackers with 10.0 tackles for loss.

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Despite losing multiple starters on the defensive side of the ball for the season, UVA broke the program record for sacks in a season in 2019. The Chris Long-led defense in 2007 set the standard with 43, and the 2019 edition concluded the year with 46, which ranked No. 6 in the nation. Inside linebacker Jordan Mack led all ACC linebackers with 7.5 sacks. In all, 27 of UVA's 46 sacks were recorded by linebackers. Howell's defense accomplished this all despite having lost five starters and various role players to season-ending injuries by the time UVA kicked off in the Orange Bowl.

"Havoc Hoos" is the mantra of the UVA defense and they terrorized opponents' all season, but the six sacks against Virginia Tech to clinch the ACC Coastal championship and Commonwealth Cup were probably the most clutch. Leading 33-30 with 1:23 left to play, UVA sacked Virginia Tech three-straight times, including a strip sack in the end zone by Mandy Alonso and touchdown recover by Eli Hanback to seal UVA's first-ever appearance in the ACC Championship game. Howell's defense was No. 1 in the ACC and No. 12 in the nation in 2019 with three defensive touchdowns.

Howell's defense shined in 2018, finishing No. 12 in the nation in team passing efficiency defense (107.62), No. 16 in passing yards allowed (183.0), No. 20 in the nation in team defense (330.5) and No. 20 in scoring defense (20.1). UVA's 28-0 drubbing of South Carolina in the 2018 Belk Bowl was the first time an SEC team was shutout in a bowl by a non-SEC team since the 1975 Gator Bowl. Bryce Hall finished No. 1 in the nation with 22 pass breakups and 24 passes defended, earning All-America honors from five different outlets highlighted by Walter Camp and Football Writers Association of America. Safety Juan Thornhill also earned All-America honors, appeared in the Senior Bowl and led all ACC safeties in lowest passer rating when in coverage. Both Hall and Thornhill earned first-team All-ACC honors. Thornhill became the second round pick of the Kansas City Chiefs in the 2019 NFL Draft, while cornerback Tim Harris was the sixth round selection of the San Francisco 49ers.

In Howell's second season in Charlottesville in 2017 he oversaw a secondary that boasted a corps that ranked No. 7 in the nation and No. 2 in the ACC against the pass (165.8). The group was headed by three-time first-team All-ACC player Quin Blanding, ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year Brenton Nelson and third-team All-ACC cornerback Thornhill. Blanding finished his illustrious career with more All-America honors and as UVA's all-time record holder with 495 career tackles. The 495 career tackles rank tied for No. 6 all-time in ACC history and are the most by any ACC defensive back. Blanding finished each of his four seasons No. 2 in the ACC in tackles, a feat that hadn't even been done three times in the league until he did it after his junior year. In his duties overseeing the defense, inside linebacker Micah Kiser was named the Campbell Trophy winner (Academic Heisman) and led the ACC in tackles for the third year in a row. Only Boston College's Luke Kuechly (2009-11) had previously accomplished the feat in league history. Kiser was also a three-time first-team All-ACC honoree and received multiple All-America honors over the past two seasons.

Howell served on Mendenhall's BYU staff in several roles from 2007-15, most recently as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach. Howell first came to BYU in 2007 as a defensive intern. From 2008-09 Howell was a defensive graduate assistant. Howell's first full-time position on Mendenhall's staff came in 2010 as the outside linebacker coach and from 2011-12 he was the secondary coach and a special teams coach.

Howell helped the defensive unit at BYU finish the 2015 regular season ranked No. 6 nationally in sacks per game and No. 15 in tackles for loss after the Cougars ranked No. 20 in rushing defense in 2014.

Despite having to defend more plays than all but four teams nationally in 2013 due to BYU's up-tempo offensive system, the Cougar defense ranked No. 12 nationally in yards-per-play defense, No. 16 in pass efficiency defense and No. 22 in scoring defense. Howell helped the BYU defense rank No. 3 in total defense (266.1 yards allowed) and No. 10 in passing yards allowed (179.2 yards per game) in 2012.

In 2011, Howell helped the defense rank No. 15 in pass efficiency defense, allowing a rating of 112.58. In that same year, the Cougars ranked No. 13 in overall defense.

Howell first came to BYU in 2007 as a defensive intern and then served two years as a graduate assistant before being hired as an assistant coach in 2010. Since first being hired at BYU by Mendenhall in 2007, he has helped coach defensive backs and linebackers. Howell started as a full-time coach working as the team's outside linebackers coach before taking over the BYU secondary partway through the 2010 season.

Prior to coming to BYU, Howell was the head coach at Ben Lomond High School (Ogden, Utah) from 2004-2006 and served as defensive coordinator at Weber High School (North Ogden, Utah) in 2003 and defensive line coach at Sky View High School (Smithfield, Utah) in 2002.

A native of Ogden, Utah, Howell earned a M.A. in education with teaching certification from the University of Phoenix in 2007 after receiving his undergraduate degree in history from Weber State in 2005. Howell and his wife Brooke have four children.

Howell's contributions at BYU helped the Cougars put one of the nation's top defenses on the field each year he was in Provo. In 2013, Howell was a candidate for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

THE HOWELL FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
- Made the jump from defensive intern at BYU under Bronco Mendenhall in 2007 to defensive coordinator of the Cougars by 2013
- In 2019 helped UVA finish No. 6 in the nation with 46 sacks, breaking the program single-season record
- Spent three years as the head coach at his alma mater, Ben Lomond High School

@Nick9Howell

PERSONAL

Hometown: Ogden, Utah

Family: Wife, Brooke; four children, Dakota, Kayla, Autumn and Zion

EDUCATION

High School: Ben Lomond HS, Ogden, Utah, 1998

College: Weber State, 2005

Graduate School: University of Phoenix, 2007

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2002 – Sky View High School (defensive line)
- 2003 – Weber High School (defensive coordinator)
- 2004-06 – Ben Lomond High School (head coach)
- 2007 – BYU (defensive intern)
- 2008-09 – BYU (defensive graduate assistant)
- 2010 – BYU (outside linebackers)
- 2011-12 – BYU (secondary and special teams)
- 2013-15 – BYU (defensive coordinator/secondary)
- 2016-21 – Virginia (defensive coordinator/secondary)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Las Vegas Bowl (2007)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2008)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2009)
- New Mexico Bowl (2010)
- Armed Forces Bowl (2011)
- Poinsettia Bowl (2012)
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Preston Hadley (BYU)
- Skye PoVey (BYU)
- Daniel Sorensen (BYU)
- Kai Nacua (BYU)
- Michael Davis (BYU)
- Micah Hannemann (BYU)
- Kyle Van Noy (BYU)
- Quin Blanding (Virginia)
- Andrew Brown (Virginia)
- Micah Kiser (Virginia)
- Juan Thornhill (Virginia)
- Tim Harris (Virginia)
- Chris Peace (Virginia)
- Bryce Hall (Virginia)
- Jordan Mack (Virginia)
- Charles Snowden (Virginia)



CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LINEBACKERS

KELLY POPPINGA

Kelly Poppinga is in his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the linebackers coach. On April 5, 2018 Poppinga (PUH-ping-guh) was promoted to co-defensive coordinator. From 2016-20 Poppinga worked with just the outside linebackers.

Under Poppinga's guidance, OLB Charles Snowden, despite missing most of the last three games of 2020 with a season-ending injury, led the ACC's linebackers with 0.75 sacks per game, was No. 13 in the nation among linebackers with 6.0 sacks, No. 3 in the ACC among linebackers with 1.2 tackles for loss per game and No. 15 in the nation among linebackers with 10.0 tackles for loss.

The 2019 season was special one in Charlottesville as the Cavaliers won the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division for the first time and made their first appearance in the ACC Championship game. UVA appeared in its first New Year's Six bowl game, the Orange Bowl, and finished ranked No. 24 in the final College Football Playoff poll and No. 25 in the final USA Today coaches poll. It is UVA's first string of three-straight bowl appearances since UVA went to four bowl games between 2002 and 2005.

Despite losing multiple starters on the defensive side of the ball for the season, UVA broke the program record for sacks in a season in 2019. The Chris Long-led defense in 2007 set the standard with 43, and the 2019 edition concluded the year with 46, which ranked No. 6 in the nation. In all, 27 of UVA's 46 sacks were recorded by linebackers, which includes 13.5 by Poppinga's outside linebackers. UVA also finished No. 22 in the nation in tackles for loss in 2019, led by outside linebacker Noah Taylor's 13.5 tackles for loss. Taylor also had seven sacks, finishing No. 2 on the team and No. 2 in the ACC among linebackers (behind teammate Jordan Mack).

In 2018 Poppinga's outside linebackers were key in helping UVA finish No. 12 in the nation in team passing efficiency defense (107.62), No. 16 in passing yards allowed (183.0), No. 20 in the nation in team defense (330.5) and No. 20 in scoring defense (20.1). UVA's 28-0 drubbing of South Carolina in the 2018 Belk Bowl was the first time an SEC team was shutout in a bowl by a non-SEC team since the 1975 Gator Bowl. Snowden led the nation's linebackers with nine pass breakups and 11 passed defended. Chris Peace concluded his senior season No. 1 in the ACC among linebackers with 7.5 sacks, the second year in a row he accomplished this feat. Peace, a third-team All-ACC honoree in 2018, went on to star in the East-West Shrine All-Star Game.

Poppinga was also the special teams coordinator in 2016 and 2017 before the addition of a 10th assistant coach per NCAA legislation and the hiring of current special teams coordinator Ricky Brumfield.

In his two seasons as the special teams coordinator he had a few special Cavaliers. Poppinga coached the ACC's best kick return man in 2017 as Joe Reed led the league with a 29.7 average. Reed also led the league with two kick returns for touchdowns, a first in program history that a player had more than one in the same season. Reed also ranked No. 8 in the nation in yards per kick return. Poppinga also had two of the ACC's better punters in 2016 and 2017. Lester Coleman earned second-team All-ACC honors and was No. 4 in the league with a 43.7 yards per punt average in 2017. Coleman led the ACC with 23 punts of 50 yards or more, while ranking No. 2 in the ACC and No. 7 in the nation with 29 punts inside the 20.

In 2016 Poppinga also oversaw one nation's most effective punters as Nicholas Conte was named a first-team All-ACC honoree and led the league with a 44.3 yards per punt average. The Ray Guy Award semifinalist led the nation through regular season with 34 punts inside the 20 and with 15 punts inside the 10, while six of his punts were downed at the one. Conte was No. 3 in the nation before bowl season with 23 punts of 50 yards or more. Between Conte's punts and the punt coverage team, 80 percent of UVA's punts were not returned. Conte concluded his UVA career No. 1 all-time at UVA and No. 3 all-time in the ACC with a 44.45 yards per punt average.

Poppinga coached outside linebacker Peace to honorable mention All-ACC honors in 2017. Peace ranked No. 5 in the ACC and No. 1 among linebackers with 7.5 sacks. The 7.5 sacks rank No. 7 among the nation's linebackers.

Poppinga started his collegiate coaching career at BYU, which began in 2009 as a defensive intern on Mendenhall's staff. In 2010 Poppinga was a defensive graduate assistant and interim outside linebacker coach. His first full-time position came in 2011 when Poppinga was elevated to linebacker coach.

From 2013-15 Poppinga was BYU's special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach. Poppinga helped outside linebackers Kyle Van Noy and Alani Fua advance to the NFL in recent years with Van Noy selected by the Detroit Lions in the second round of the 2014 NFL Draft and Fua earning a spot with the Arizona Cardinals in 2015.

In 2014 BYU ranked No. 20 in rushing defense and Poppinga helped a defensive unit finish the 2015 regular season ranked No. 6 nationally in sacks per game and No. 15 in tackles for loss. Under Poppinga, BYU's special teams also ranked No. 7 in punting average and No. 19 in kick return coverage in 2014.

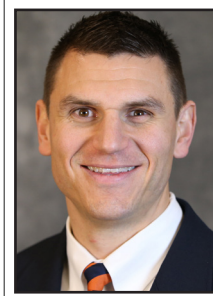
Poppinga assisted one of BYU's best-ever defenses in 2012 when the Cougars finished No. 3 in the nation in total defense and ranked in the top 10 in six different defensive categories.

Poppinga started his coaching career at BYU in 2009 as the defensive intern and contributed to the team's 11-2 record and 44-20 Maaco Bowl Las Vegas victory over No. 16 Oregon State. After the team's 1-4 start in 2010, Poppinga was asked as the defensive graduate assistant to assume the role as outside linebackers coach and helped the Cougars finish 6-2 over the remaining games, including a 52-24 win over UTEP at the New Mexico Bowl.

As a player, Poppinga was an All-Mountain West Conference linebacker and Academic All-MWC honoree at BYU under Mendenhall while helping the Cougars achieve back-to-back conference championships in 2006 and 2007. Poppinga redshirted Mendenhall's first season as head coach at BYU in 2005 after transferring from Utah State where he played two years (2003-04). Poppinga helped BYU achieve Las Vegas Bowl wins over Oregon and UCLA and led the team with 113 tackles his senior season. He spent the 2008 season with three NFL teams before going to Super Bowl XLIII with the Arizona Cardinals.

A native of Evanston, Wyo., Poppinga has completed bachelor's (2007) and master's (2010) degrees from BYU in exercise science. Poppinga and his wife, Rebekah, have four daughters.

THE POPPINGA FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
 - Last name is pronounced: PUH-ping-guh
 - Made the rise from defensive intern at BYU under Bronco Mendenhall in 2009 to special teams coordinator of the Cougars by 2013
 - Played with three NFL teams
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PERSONAL

Hometown: Evanston, Wyo.
Family: Wife, Rebekah; four daughters

EDUCATION

High School: Evanston HS, Evanston, Wyo., 2003
College: BYU, 2007
Graduate School: BYU, 2010, M.A.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Utah State (2003-04)
- BYU (2006-07)
- Miami Dolphins (2008)
- St. Louis Rams (2008)
- Arizona Cardinals (2008)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2009 – BYU (defensive intern)
- 2010 – BYU (graduate assistant/interim OLBs)
- 2011-12 – BYU (outside linebackers)
- 2013-15 – BYU (special teams coordinator/OLBs)
- 2016-17 – Virginia (special teams coordinator/OLBs)
- 2018-20 – Virginia (co-defensive coordinator/OLBs)
- 2021 – Virginia (co-defensive coordinator/LBs)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Las Vegas Bowl (2006) - player
- Las Vegas Bowl (2007) - player
- Las Vegas Bowl (2009)
- New Mexico Bowl (2010)
- Armed Forces Bowl (2011)
- Poinsettia Bowl (2012)
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Alani Fua (BYU)
- Kyle Van Noy (BYU)
- Chris Peace (Virginia)

RUNNING BACKS

MARK ATUAIA

Mark Atuaia is in his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the running backs coach.

Atuaia (Ah-too-why-ah) has been instrumental in the development of running back Wayne Taulapapa, who is on the verge of surpassing the 1,000-yard mark in his career entering the 2021 campaign. He enters the season with 868 yards. In 2019, Taulapapa rushed for 12 touchdowns, the most by a Cavaliers since Keith Payne's 14 in 2010. Taulapapa had four games with multiple rushing touchdowns, highlighted by three in the win over Florida State, including the game-winning score.

Atuaia guided Jordan Ellis to a stellar senior season in 2018, rushing for 1,026 yards and 10 touchdowns, becoming just the third 1,000-yard rusher at UVA since 2004. Ellis was UVA's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2013 and 15th overall. Ellis went on to appear in the East-West Shrine All-Star Game and sign a free agent contract with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Atuaia helped All-ACC running back Taquan Mizzell take a big step as a senior in 2016 as the tailback became the first player in ACC history with at least 1,500 career rushing and 1,500 career receiving yards. Under Atuaia's watchful eye, Mizzell developed into one of the nation's most durable backs, and was one of four players in the nation in 2016 to led his team in rushing (940) and receptions (52).

Atuaia has been with Mendenhall since 2013 when he joined the BYU staff as the running backs coach. In 2013 BYU's run game ranked No. 10 in the nation averaging 267.3 yards per game, setting a school record with 3,475 rushing yards. He tutored Jamaal Williams as the Cougar rushed for 1,233 yards and seven touchdowns in 2013 as a sophomore. Atuaia assisted in BYU's offense ranking No. 14 in scoring offensive in 2014 as BYU put up 37.1 points per game, the most points by a BYU team since 2001. In 2015 the BYU offense ranked No. 4 in the nation in red zone offense, scoring at a 94.3 percent clip.

Atuaia mentored Paul Lasike, a former BYU rugby All-American from Auckland, New Zealand. Under Atuaia's tutelage, the big running back played football for the first time ever in his life and after three seasons at BYU Lasike signed with the Chicago Bears in 2015.

Atuaia has a history of working with big, strong and powerful running backs. As a student assistant at BYU from 2005-11, Atuaia was instrumental in the development of former NFL running backs Fahu Tahī, Fui Vakapuna, Harvey Unga and Manase Tonga during their time at BYU.

A former running back at BYU during the 1991 and 1994-96 seasons, Atuaia first joined the BYU athletic department in June 2012 as the assistant to the athletics director for student services. He previously worked as the assistant to the dean of Student Life at BYU. He accepted that position after graduating in 2011 with both a doctor of jurisprudence from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School and a master of public administration from the George W. Romney Institute of Public Management at BYU's Marriott School of Management.

During Atuaia's four-year playing career, BYU achieved a 39-11-2 record, won three conference titles and was ranked in the final top-25 national rankings three times. In addition, the offense was ranked in the top 10 nationally during three of his four seasons.

As a senior in 1996 he started 13 games on BYU's 14-1 Cotton Bowl team that finished the year ranked No. 5 in the country after defeating Kansas State 19-15 on New Year's Day 1997. Atuaia also helped BYU defeat Oklahoma 31-6 in the 1994 Cooper Bowl to finish ranked No. 10 by CNN and No. 18 by The Associated Press with a 10-3 record.

Atuaia totaled 1,247 yards on 301 carries (4.1 yards per attempt) with 11 touchdowns during his college career, while adding 68 catches for 668 yards (9.8 yards per catch) and four scoring receptions. His career-long rush was 51 yards while his long reception went for 61 yards. Atuaia also added 113 return yards as a member of the kick return team his freshman and sophomore seasons.

A native of Laie, Hawaii, Atuaia prepped at Kahuku High School before attending BYU. He served as a missionary for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Tucson, Ariz., from 1992-93. He received his bachelor's degree from BYU-Hawaii in 2003.

Atuaia and his wife Elizabeth, an accomplished recording artist and lead singer for the 1980s pop group The Jets, are the parents of seven children. His brothers Alema (1993, 1995-96) and Donny (1995-1999) also played football at BYU.

THE ATUAIA FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
- Last name is pronounced: Ah-too-why-ah
- In his first season as a full-time collegiate coach in 2013 he helped BYU's rushing game finish No. 10 in the nation in rushing yards per game
- At BYU had a history of working with big, strong and powerful running backs that later went on to the NFL

@UVACoachAtuaia

PERSONAL

Hometown: Laie, Hawaii

Family: Wife, Elizabeth; seven children

EDUCATION

High School: Kahuku HS, Kahuku, Hawaii, 1991

College: BYU-Hawaii, 2003

Graduate School: BYU, 2011, M.P.A.; J.D., 2011

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- BYU (1991, 1994-96)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-15 – BYU (running backs)
- 2016-21 – Virginia (running backs)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Holiday Bowl (1991) - player
- Copper Bowl (1994) - player
- Cotton Bowl (1997) - player
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Jamaal Williams (BYU)
- Paul Lasike (BYU)
- Fahu Tahī (BYU)
- Fui Vakapuna (BYU)
- Harvey Unga (BYU)
- Manase Tonga (BYU)
- Taquan Mizzell (Virginia)
- Jordan Ellis (Virginia)



QUARTERBACKS

JASON BECK

Jason Beck enters his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the quarterbacks coach.

Since the arrival of Mendenhall and company in Charlottesville in 2016, UVA's offensive production has soared. In the previous 126 season of Virginia football before Beck started working with quarterbacks, UVA never had a 3,000-yard passer and only once had a quarterback that amassed 3,000+ yards of total offense in a season. In Beck's first four seasons as Virginia's quarterbacks coach, the Cavaliers have had two 3,000-yard passers and the UVA single-season record for total offense has been broken three times. With the unique nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season only saw UVA play 10 games, but the passing yards per game (260.6) was the second-best output in Beck's UVA tenure. Also, you can find Beck's quarterbacks all over the UVA single-game passing and single-game total offense record book, as six of the top nine outputs in single-game passing and the top six outings in single-game total offense have come since Beck started at Virginia.

Beck and UVA offensive coordinator Robert Anae have worked together for the past eight seasons and quarterbacks have thrived under the pairing. Between 2013 and 2020, quarterbacks under Anae and Beck have averaged 3,200 passing yards and 524 rushing yards a season for an average of 3,725 yards of total offense.

In 2020 Brennan Armstrong, under Beck's guidance, tied for the FBS lead with most single-season games (6) with 200+ yards passing and 45+ yards rushing, tied for the FBS lead with most single-season games (4) with 200+ yards passing, 45+ yards rushing yards, 1+ passing touchdowns and 1+ rushing touchdowns, going 4-0 in such games and was No. 3 in the ACC and No. 18 in the nation with 296.6 yards of total offense a game. Armstrong was also No. 8 in the nation among non-option quarterbacks with 552 yards rushing and No. 3 in the ACC and No. 25 in the nation with 15.6 points responsible for per game.

Prior to Armstrong, Beck guided Bryce Perkins' electric career at UVA. Perkins graduated as the program's career record holder for total offense (7,910) after playing only two seasons in Charlottesville (2018-19). Under Beck, Perkins also owns the top two spots in the Cavalier record book for single-season and single-game total offense. His program record for single-season total offense (4,307) in 2019 ranked No. 6 nationally and No. 1 in the ACC. Perkins also set the single-season passing record at UVA with 3,538 passing yards in 2019, which ranked No. 16 in the nation and No. 3 in the ACC. Perkins was a special quarterback for the Cavaliers as he and Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts were the only players in the nation in 2019 with 3,000+ passing yards and 700+ rushing yards. In 2018, Perkins and 2018 Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (Oklahoma) were the only two players in the nation with 2,600+ passing yards and 900+ rushing yards. Perkins was the only college player between 2018-19 to accumulate 6,000+ passing yards and 1,500+ rushing yards. Perkins also left UVA the program's all-time leader in career rushing by a quarterback (1,692) and games of 100+ rushing yards by a quarterback (7).

Perkins finished 2018 No. 1 in the ACC and No. 13 in the nation in points responsible for with 206. His 25 passing touchdowns are tied for No. 2 on UVA's single-season ledger and were No. 2 in the ACC in 2018. Perkins' 34 total touchdowns (25 passing, nine rushing) set a UVA single-season record. Perkins is the only UVA quarterback to ever pass for 1,500+ yards and notch 900+ rushing yards, which he did in 2018.

Under Beck's watchful eye, UVA quarterback Kurt Benkert had a record-breaking season in 2017. The UVA senior quarterback became the first player in program history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season. Benkert finished the season with 3,207 passing yards and a single-season program record 298 completions, both marks were passed by Perkins in 2019. Benkert's 25 passing touchdowns in 2017 rank No. 2 all-time at UVA for a season. He also set the UVA single-season standard for total offense with 3,144 total yards. The 2017 UConn game saw Benkert break his own single-game passing and single-game total offense records he set in 2016. Against the Huskies he amassed 455 passing yards and 465 total offense yards. In 2019 Perkins passed Benkert's total offense record twice.

Beck saw Benkert finish his two-year UVA career with 5,759 career passing yards and 46 career touchdowns, both numbers rank No. 3 all-time in the UVA annals. In 2016 and 2017 Benkert became the fastest quarterback in a season to reach 1,000 and 2,000 yards of passing, doing so in four and eight games, respectively. A UVA quarterback has only passed for 400 yards three times in a game and Benkert did it twice.

With 21 passing touchdowns in 2016 and 25 in 2017, Benkert and Perkins are the only UVA quarterbacks to throw for at least 20 touchdowns in multiple seasons. Perkins tossed 25 scores in 2018 and 22 in 2019.

Beck, a former Cougar quarterback and offensive intern on Mendenhall's BYU coaching staff, returned to Provo in 2013 with six years of coaching experience, including stints at LSU, Weber State and Simon Fraser.

Beck helped true freshman Tanner Mangum break all BYU freshman QB marks in 2015 after taking over for injured Heisman hopeful Taysom Hill in the season opener. Mangum earned 2015 Freshman of the Year honors from the Touchdown Club of Columbus (Ohio) after he was the only freshman to finish the regular season with more than 3,000 passing yards and a 60 percent completion percentage.

In 2014, Beck helped BYU successfully navigate a season-ending injury to Hill in the season's fifth game as Hill and Christian Stewart combined to total 3,623 yards and 32 touchdowns on the year, including 25 TDs by Stewart. As a sophomore quarterback in 2013, Hill passed for 2,938 yards and 19 TDs while also rushing for 1,344 yards and 10 TDs under Beck's tutelage.

In 2012, Beck was hired as the offensive coordinator at Simon Fraser located in Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada. SFU is the first and only member of the NCAA located outside of the United States. Beck turned an offense that ranked last in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference in total offense, passing offense and scoring offense in 2011 into the league's No. 1-rated attack in all three categories during the program's first year as a full NCAA Division II member in 2012. The team nearly doubled its total touchdowns scored, going from 28 to 52, and more than tripled its passing TDs, jumping from nine to 28.

Under Beck's direction, the Clan offensive attack improved from 24 points per game to 34.3 points per contest to rank No. 36 overall in Div. II compared to a ranking of 109th the prior season. SFU also averaged 440.4 yards in total offense (No. 31 in Div. II) compared to 335.4 yards the prior year (which ranked 111th) and 306.3 passing yards (No. 14 in Div. II) compared to 147.4 yards through the air (which ranked 131st) in 2011.

Players also thrived individually as SFU quarterback Trey Wheeler ranked No. 14 in Div. II in passing yards per game at 297.1 yards per game while receiver Lemar Durant ranked No. 4 in receiving yards per game (119.8), No. 7 in receptions per game (8.27) and No. 18 in scoring (9.27 ppg). Durant received first-team all-conference, conference newcomer of the year, and All-America Second Team recognition with 82 catches for 1,227 yards and 16 TDs.

Beck served as quarterbacks coach at Weber State in Ogden, Utah, for three years from 2009-2011 under head coach Ron McBride. Under his tutelage, Wildcat quarterback Cameron Higgins set school records for most career passing yards (12,274), most career touchdowns passes (98), most career total touchdowns (105), most career pass completions (935) and career passing efficiency rating (144.5). Higgins completed his career as one of the most prolific players in Big Sky Conference history, ranking No. 1 in passing touchdowns, No. 2 in total touchdowns and No. 3 in total offense.

Prior to Weber State, Beck served the 2008 season as an offensive intern at LSU working with the quarterbacks under offensive coordinator Gary Crowton on Les Miles' staff. He also assisted with quarterbacks as an offensive intern on Mendenhall's staff at BYU in 2007 with Robert Anae as the offensive coordinator.

As a player at BYU, Beck served as the backup to All-American quarterback John Beck from 2004-2006, including a redshirt year due to an injury suffered his junior season. He totaled 553 passing yards and 28 rushing yards, including 305 yards on 20-of-28 passing in his lone start in a 38-0 victory over Utah State his senior season.

Beck transferred to BYU from College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, Calif., where he led the COC Cougars to an 11-1 season and Western States Conference Northern Division title as a sophomore. A unanimous first-team All-Western States Conference pick, he led COC to a No. 1 ranking in California and No. 4 national JC ranking, throwing for 2,052 yards while completing 77.5 percent of his passes. He also added 430 rushing yards. Current UVA offensive line coach Garrett Tujague was the COC offensive line coach during Beck's year in Santa Clarita.

A Junior College Academic All-American, Beck spent his freshman season at Ventura College after prepping at Hueneme High School in his hometown of Oxnard, Calif. Before starting college, he served a two-year mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Denver, Colo., from 1999-2001.

Beck earned bachelor's and master's degrees in communications from BYU in 2006 and 2011. He is married to former BYU soccer standout Jaime Rendich, and they have a daughter, Peyton, and twin sons, Cameron and Jackson. Jaime was a four-year starter and All-American midfielder/forward during her BYU career from 2002-05.

THE BECK FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
- Played quarterback for Bronco Mendenhall at BYU
- Helped mentor two record-setting quarterbacks at BYU and two more at Virginia
- Has collegiate experience as an offensive coordinator

@Coach_Beck7

PERSONAL

Hometown: Oxnard, Calif.
Family: Wife, Jaime; daughter, Peyton, twin sons, Cameron and Jackson

EDUCATION

High School: Hueneme HS, Oxnard, Calif., 1999
College: BYU, 2006
Graduate School: BYU, 2011, M.A.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Ventura College (2002)
- College of the Canyons (2003)
- BYU (2004-06)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2007 – BYU (offensive intern)
- 2008 – LSU (offensive intern)
- 2009-11 – Weber State (quarterbacks)
- 2012 – Simon Fraser (offensive coordinator)
- 2013-15 – BYU (quarterbacks)
- 2016-21 – Virginia (quarterbacks)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Las Vegas Bowl (2005) - player
- Las Vegas Bowl (2006) - player
- Las Vegas Bowl (2007)
- Chick-fil-A Bowl (2008)
- FCS Playoffs First Round (2009)
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Taysom Hill (BYU)
- Tanner Mangum (BYU)
- Kurt Benkert (Virginia)
- Bryce Perkins (Virginia)
- Cameron Higgins (Weber State)

WIDE RECEIVERS

MARQUES HAGANS

Marques Hagans enters his ninth season at Virginia as a full-time assistant coach and his sixth on Bronco Mendenhall staff as the wide receivers coach. Hagans spent the 2011 and 2012 seasons at UVA as a graduate assistant, working with the offense.

The 2020 season was a unique one for college football, but it also signaled the emergence of Lavel Davis Jr. The true freshman finished No. 2 in the nation and No. 1 in the ACC with 25.75 yards per reception average. Davis Jr also was No. 7 in the nation among freshmen with 515 receiving yards and tied for No. 5 in the nation among freshmen with five receiving touchdowns. He was the only player in the nation with 500+ receiving yards on 20 or fewer receptions, something that has only been accomplished five times now since 2000.

The 2019 season was special one in Charlottesville as the Cavaliers won the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division for the first time and made their first appearance in the ACC Championship game. UVA appeared in its first New Year's Six bowl game, the Orange Bowl, and finished ranked No. 24 in the final College Football Playoff poll and No. 25 in the final USA Today coaches poll. It is UVA's first string of three-straight bowl appearances since UVA went to four bowl games between 2002 and 2005.

No ACC team had more than one receiver with 70+ receptions in 2019, while UVA had three in Joe Reed (77), Hasise Dubois (75) and Terrell Jana (74), finishing No. 2, No. 3 and No. 5 in the league in catches and all ranking in the top seven on UVA's single-season receptions ledger. Reed earned first-team All-ACC honors as an all-purpose player. Dubois (All-ACC) and Jana were two of four FBS receivers in 2019 with 100+ target, 70 percent catch rate and 10+ yards per target. Dubois was rated with the "Best Hands in the Nation" by Pro Football Focus after making 75 catches in 2019 with zero drops.

In 2018 Hagans mentored Olamide Zaccheaus, who finished his senior season No. 1 in the ACC and No. 5 in the nation with 93 receptions. After 12 catches, 100 receiving yards and three touchdowns, Zaccheaus was named MVP of the Belk Bowl after a 28-0 triumph over South Carolina. Zaccheaus concluded his career with 250 receptions, No. 1 all-time at UVA and No. 6 all-time in ACC history. Zaccheaus also became only UVA's third 1,000-yard receiver, finishing with 1,058 receiving yards, which was No. 3 in the ACC. Zaccheaus also finished his career No. 2 all-time at UVA with 2,753 career receiving yards.

Under Hagans' watchful eye in 2017, UVA saw its first receiving trio to amass at least 600 receiving yards in the same season as Zaccheaus (895), Andre Levrone (689) and Doni Dowling (647) accomplished the feat. Dowling (136), Levrone (127) and Zaccheaus (122) also became the first Cavalier trio to amass 100+ receiving yards in the same game when they did so against UConn in 2017. It was only the sixth time such a feat happened in the ACC since 2000. Also in 2017, Zaccheaus set the UVA single-season record for receptions in a season with 85, while his 895 yards in 2017 rank No. 5 all-time on UVA's single-season ledger. Dowling, Levrone and Zaccheaus all reached 1,000 career receiving yards in 2017, giving Hagans seven wide receivers he has coached at UVA that have reached the mark.

In 2016 three members of the wide-receiving corps combined for 150 catches for 1,686 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns. Zaccheaus led the wide-receiving group with 51 receptions and seven touchdowns. Doni Dowling led the team with 626 receiving yards on his 50 catches and four scores. Rounding out the group was senior Keeon Johnson, who made 49 catches for 476 yards and three touchdowns.

Wide receiver Canaan Severin thrived under Hagans earning second-team All-ACC honors in 2015 after finishing the regular season ranked No. 3 in the ACC with 759 receiving yards. Severin's 759 receiving yards also ranks No. 15 all-time in the UVA record book for a season. Severin caught 54 passes and eight touchdowns. The 54 receptions tie him with Herman Moore (1990) for No. 11 all-time in the UVA annals for catches in a season. In 2015 Severin became the 20th player in program history with 100 receptions and finished his career No. 19 all-time with 102 catches, 96 of which came over the 2014 and 2015 seasons. Severin finished his career with 1,383 receiving yards, which ranks No. 15 all-time in the UVA record book.

Severin's rise began in 2014 under Hagans. As a junior Severin led UVA with 42 catches for 578 yards and five touchdowns after entering the season with six career receptions.

Hagans oversaw the emergence of Johnson in 2013, then a true freshman. Despite not playing the first four games of a potential redshirt season, Johnson completed one of the best true freshman seasons in recent UVA history, catching 20 passes for 282 yards and a score in the final eight games of the season.

Hagans was a four-year letterwinner at UVA from 2002-05 and currently is No. 7 all-time in passing at UVA with 4,877 passing yards. He finished his career at No. 5, but has since been passed by Jameel Seweel and Marc Verica, the two starting quarterbacks to follow him in Charlottesville. Hagans in No. 5 all-time at UVA in total offense with 5,779 yards and his 2005 season ranks No. 3 all-time with 2,802 total yards. Only his predecessor, Matt Schaub (2002 & 2003), and current quarterback Matt Johns (2015) had better seasons in the UVA annals in regards to total offense.

The St. Louis Rams selected Hagans in the fifth round (144 overall) of the 2006 NFL Draft. He spent three seasons with the Rams before being picked up by the Kansas City Chiefs for the 2009 campaign. Hagans finished the 2009 season with the Washington Redskins and was released in the summer of 2010 after injuring himself in off-season workouts.

Hagans is a native of Hampton, Va., and graduated from Hampton High School after spending two years at neighboring Bethel High School. As a junior at Hampton, Hagans led the Crabbers to the state championship in Group AAA, Division 5 of the Virginia High School League in 1998. Hampton advanced to the state semifinals in Hagans' senior season in 1999.

Hagans graduated with a degree in anthropology from UVA in 2005 and is currently finishing a graduate degree in professional studies.

Hagans resides in Charlottesville with his wife, the former Lauren Swierczek, a former Cavalier women's basketball player. The couple has two sons, Christopher Dex and Jackson Watford.

THE HAGANS FILE



- Ninth season at Virginia
- Ninth season as UVA's wide receivers coach after spending two seasons as a graduate assistant working with the offense
- Is No. 9 all-time at UVA with 4,877 career passing yards
- His 358 passing yards against Minnesota in the 2005 Music City Bowl are the most by a UVA player in a bowl game

@coachmhagans

PERSONAL

Hometown: Hampton, Va.

Family: Wife, Lauren; sons, Christopher Dex and Jackson Watford

EDUCATION

High School: Hampton HS, Hampton, Va., 2000

College: Virginia, 2005

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Virginia (2000-05)
- St. Louis Rams (2006-07)
- Kansas City Chiefs (2008)
- Indianapolis Colts (2008)
- Washington Redskins (2008-10)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011-12 – Virginia (graduate assistant)
- 2013-21 – Virginia (wide receivers)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Continental Tire Bowl (2002)
- Continental Tire Bowl (2003)
- MPC Computers Bowl (2004)
- Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (2005)
- Chick-fil-A Bowl (2011)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Kris Burd (Virginia)
- Hasise Dubois (Virginia)
- Terrell Jana (Virginia)
- Darius Jennings (Virginia)
- Keeon Johnson (Virginia)
- Andre Levrone (Virginia)
- Joe Reed (Virginia)
- Canaan Severin (Virginia)
- Olamide Zaccheaus (Virginia)



SAFETIES

SHANE HUNTER

Shane Hunter is in his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the safeties coach. He previously coached inside linebackers from 2016-20.

In 2020, two of Hunter's inside linebackers earned All-ACC honors as Nick Jackson took home third-team accolades and Zane Zandier was named honorable mention for the second year in a row. Jackson was No. 2 in the ACC and No. 16 in the nation with 10.5 tackles per game, No. 6 in the nation and No. 2 in the ACC with 105 tackles and No. 2 in the ACC and No. 16 in the nation with 5.5 solo tackles per game.

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Despite losing multiple starters on the defensive side of the ball for the season, UVA broke the program record for sacks in a season in 2019. The Chris Long-led defense in 2007 set the standard with 43, and the 2019 edition concluded the year with 46, which ranked No. 6 in the nation. Inside linebacker Jordan Mack led all ACC linebackers with 7.5 sacks. In all, 27 of UVA's 46 sacks were recorded by linebackers, which included 13 by Hunter's inside linebacker. UVA also was No. 22 in the nation in tackles for loss, which included 22.5 from the inside linebackers.

Mack, the ACC's Jim Tatum Award winner as the league's scholar-athlete of the year, also became Hunter's second Campbell Trophy (Academic Heisman) finalist at UVA which includes 2017 winner Micah Kiser.

Hunter's inside linebacker group assisted with UVA finishing 2018 No. 12 in the nation in team passing efficiency defense (107.62), No. 16 in passing yards allowed (183.0), No. 20 in the nation in team defense (330.5) and No. 20 in scoring defense (20.1). UVA's 28-0 drubbing of South Carolina in the 2018 Belk Bowl was the first time an SEC team was shutout in a bowl by a non-SEC team since the 1975 Gator Bowl.

In 2017, Hunter oversaw a tremendous senior season for inside linebacker Kiser, who was named the Campbell Trophy winner and led the ACC in tackles for the third year in a row. Only Boston College's Luke Kuechly (2009-11) had previously accomplished the feat in league history. Kiser was also a three-time first-team All-ACC honoree and received multiple All-America honors over the past two seasons. Kiser's 145 tackles in 2017 rank No. 2 all-time on UVA's single-season ledger.

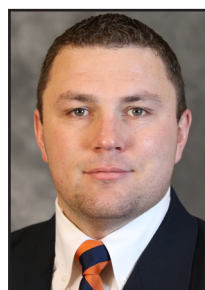
Hunter was a graduate assistant coach on Mendenhall's staff at BYU the last three seasons, where he worked with the defensive front seven and special teams. The former Cougar linebacker was the defensive line coach at Snow College during the 2011 and 2012 seasons and was also the special teams coordinator in his second season with the Badgers.

Hunter is a 2011 graduate of BYU where he earned his degree in exercise science. As a player, Hunter was a middle linebacker for the Cougars during the 2008, 2009 and 2010 seasons and he started all 13 games as senior. During the 2010 season, Hunter recorded 85 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery and earned honorable mention All-Mountain West Conference honors.

He was also named to the Academic All-Mountain West Conference team and was a member of the National Football Foundation Hampshire Honor Society. The Idaho Falls, Idaho native spent his freshman season at Snow College.

Hunter is married to Carrie Draper and the couple has three children.

THE HUNTER FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
 - Played three seasons at linebacker for Bronco Mendenhall at BYU
 - Spent three seasons at BYU as a graduate assistant working with the defense
 - Has coached two Campbell Trophy finalists at UVA, including 2017 winner Micah Kiser
- @hotohunt09

PERSONAL

Hometown: Idaho Falls, Idaho
Family: Wife, Carrie; three children, Halle, Hudson and Maizy

EDUCATION

High School: Idaho Falls HS, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 2003
College: BYU, 2011

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Snow College (2007)
- BYU (2008-10)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2011 – Snow College (defensive line)
- 2012 – Snow College (defensive line/spec. teams coord.)
- 2013-15 – BYU (defensive graduate assistant)
- 2016-20 – Virginia (inside linebackers)
- 2021 – Virginia (safeties)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Las Vegas Bowl (2008) - player
- Las Vegas Bowl (2009) - player
- New Mexico Bowl (2010) - player
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Micah Kiser (Virginia)
- Jordan Mack (Virginia)

DEFENSIVE LINE

CLINT SINTIM

Clint Sintim is in his second year as the defensive line coach on Bronco Mendenhall's UVA staff after returning to his alma mater in 2020.

Sintim's front line in 2020 helped the Cavaliers finish No. 11 in the nation with 3.2 sacks per game. UVA's 32 sacks rank No. 6 all-time on UVA's single-season list as 9.5 of those sacks were registered by defensive linemen.

Sintim returned to the Virginia after spending the previous three seasons as the linebackers/defensive ends coach for Danny Rocco at Delaware. Prior to that, he coached for Rocco at Richmond in the same capacity during the 2015 and 2016 seasons. Rocco is a former UVA assistant coach.

Sintim, a native of Woodbridge, was a four-year letter-winner at Virginia and served as a team captain as a senior in 2008. He was a second-team All-ACC selection and received All-America honors from Phil Steele and Pro Football Weekly that season. He finished his UVA career with 245 tackles, including 29 sacks and 46 tackles for loss, while playing in 49 games. His sack total ranks as the second highest in UVA history, and his tackles for loss number is tied for the third most by a Cavalier.

In 2005, Sintim picked up freshman All-American honors by the Sporting News (third team) and was also named to that organization's ACC All-Freshman team. He received UVA's Bill Dudley award as the program's most outstanding first-year player. Sintim led the nation's linebackers in sacks as both a junior and senior, accumulating nine in each season.

After playing in the 2009 Senior Bowl, Sintim was a second-round NFL Draft selection by the New York Giants. He played in both the 2009 and 2010 seasons before a knee injury sidelined him for the 2011 and 2012 campaigns. He announced his retirement as a player in 2013. Sintim's NFL career included a Super Bowl (XLVI) championship (2011 season) when the Giants defeated the New England Patriots 21-17 in Indianapolis.

After his NFL playing career, Sintim spent the 2014 season with the West Alabama Tigers as the outside linebackers coach and assisted with the special teams as part of the NFL Players Association Coaching Internship Program. Prior to the 2016 season, Sintim took part in the NFL Minority Internship Program and worked with the Washington Redskins during their preseason camp.

In each of Sintim's two seasons at Richmond, the Spiders advanced to the NCAA playoffs. They reached the national semifinals in 2015 and the quarterfinals in 2016. Each of those UR teams finished with 10 wins.

At Delaware, Sintim helped the 2018 team return to the FCS Playoffs for the first time since the 2010 season. He also helped the Blue Hens land their best recruiting class in the program's history in 2020. It was Delaware's second consecutive top-10 FCS class, according to HERO Sports.

An all-state performer at Gar-Field High School, Sintim earned his degree in anthropology from Virginia in 2009. He and his wife, Angie, had their first child (Aniyah) in 2020.

THE SINTIM FILE



- *Second Season at Virginia*
 - *No. 2 all-time at UVA with 29 career sacks*
 - *Member of the Giants Super Bowl XLVI championship*
 - *Spent 2014 as a graduate assistant at Virginia*
 - *Spent four seasons in the NFL*
- @CoachSintim

PERSONAL

Hometown: Woodbridge, Va.
Family: Wife, Angie

EDUCATION

High School: Gar-Field HS, Woodbridge, Va., 2004
College: Virginia, 2009

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Virginia (2005-08)
- New York Giants (2009-12)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- **2013** – West Alabama (OLBs/special teams)
- **2014** – Virginia (offensive graduate assistant)
- **2015-16** – Richmond (outside linebackers)
- **2017** – Delaware (outside linebackers)
- **2018-19** – Delaware (co-special teams coordinator/OLBs)
- **2020-21** – Virginia (defensive line)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Music City Bowl (2005) - *player*
- Gator Bowl (2008) - *player*
- Super Bowl XLVI (2012) - *player*
- FCS Playoffs Semifinals (2015)
- FCS Playoffs Quarterfinals (2016)
- FCS Playoffs First Round (2018)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Troy Reeder (Delaware)
- Darius Jennings (Virginia)



OFFENSIVE LINE

GARETT TUJAGUE

Garett Tujague is in his sixth season at Virginia on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and is the offensive line coach.

Under Tujague, the 2020 season boasted one of UVA's deepest offensive lines since Mendenhall and Tujague's arrival in December 2015. All-ACC offensive guard Chris Glaser and company ranked No. 1 in the ACC and No. 12 in the nation in tackles for loss allowed (4.2), while also ranking No. 2 in the ACC with 2.0 sacks allowed a game. Protecting quarterback Brennan Armstrong, the offensive line helped the UVA signal caller rank No. 3 in the ACC and No. 18 in the nation with 296.6 yards of total offense a game and No. 8 in the nation among non-option quarterbacks with 552 yards rushing.

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Tujague's (TOO-jay) offense line blocked for an offense that broke five team records in 2019, which includes most first downs (296), first downs passing (180), completions (337), passing yards (3,748) and points scored (449). UVA also tied the 1990 team for most touchdowns (56), while the UVA offense in 2019 averaged 33.2 points per game, which is No. 2 all-time to Virginia's 1990 team. UVA amassed over 5,000 yards of total offense in both 2018 and 2019, which marks only the second time in program history UVA has done that in back-to-back seasons. Prior to Mendenhall and Tujague's arrival, UVA only surpassed 5,000 yards of total offense four times.

Heading Tujague's offensive line was All-ACC center, Olusegun Oluwatimi, who set the pass protection and had a 97 percent target success rate in five-on-five/six protections, while allowing zero sacks and zero quarterback hits in 2019 on Bryce Perkins. Blocking for Perkins in 2019, Tujague's line saw the senior quarterback collect the top two spots in the Cavalier record book for single-season and single-game total offense. Perkins' program record for single-season total offense (4,307) in 2019 ranked No. 6 nationally and No. 1 in the ACC. A second-team All-ACC honoree, Perkins also set the single-season passing record at UVA with 3,538 passing yards in 2019, which ranked No. 16 in the nation and No. 3 in the ACC. Perkins was a special quarterback for the Cavaliers as he and Oklahoma's Jalen Hurts were the only players in the nation in 2019 with 3,000+ passing yards and 700+ rushing yards.

Tujague's offensive line in 2018 assisted in helping block for an offense that scored 370 points in 2018, the fifth-most points scored ever by a Cavalier football team. At the time Perkins shattered UVA's single-season record for total offense (3,603), which ranked No. 3 in the ACC and No. 21 in the nation. Perkins and 2018 Heisman Trophy winner Kyler Murray (Oklahoma) were the only two players in the nation with 2,600+ passing yards and 900+ rushing yards. Olamide Zaccheaus finished his senior season No. 1 in the ACC and No. 5 in the nation with 93 receptions. Zaccheaus concluded his career with 250 receptions, No. 1 all-time at UVA and No. 6 all-time in ACC history. Zaccheaus (1,058 receiving) and Jordan Ellis (1,026 rushing) gave UVA a 1,000-yard receiver and 1,000-yard rusher in the same season for just the second time in program history (1990).

In 2017 Tujague coached an offensive line that blocked for quarterback Kurt Benkert's record-breaking season. The UVA senior quarterback became the first player in program history to throw for over 3,000 yards in a season. Benkert finished the season with 3,207 passing yards and a single-season program record 298 completions. Benkert's 25 passing touchdowns in 2017 rank No. 2 all-time at UVA for a season. Anae's offense also created the first UVA receiving trio to each amass at least 600 receiving yards in the same season as Zaccheaus (895), Andre Levrone (689) and Doni Dowling (647) accomplished the feat.

In 2016, Tujague oversaw a line headed by Rimington Trophy watch list member Jackson Matteo and four-year starter Eric Smith. Tujague's line helped make UVA running back Taquan Mizell become the first player in ACC history with at least 1,500 career rushing and 1,500 career receiving yards. Benkert set a couple passing marks in front of Tujague's line, including a program record for passing yards in a game with 421 against Central Michigan, which he bested in 2017 against UConn (455). Benkert also became the fastest quarterback in a season to reach 1,000 and 2,000 yards of passing, doing so in four and eight games, respectively. Benkert accomplished that feat in 2016 and 2017.

Tujague was Mendenhall's offensive line coach at BYU from 2013-15 after serving 15 years at the College of the Canyons in Santa Clarita, Calif., from 1997-2012, the last six as head coach. Under his direction, the COC Cougars earned a 43-25 record and received five bowl invitations in his six seasons. Under Tujague's guidance, BYU center Tejan Koroma earned freshman All-America honors in 2014 after helping BYU rank No. 14 in the nation in scoring.

While at College of the Canyons, Tujague coached and developed three conference players of the year, an all-state player of the year, eight all-state athletes and five JC All-Americans at COC. His teams earned three postseason wins and he was named the Southern California Football Association National Conference Coach of the Year in 2008 following a 12-1 season. He was also honored as the Western States Conference Co-Coach of the Year in 2007 after a 9-3 record.

Prior to his promotion to head coach in 2007, Tujague served nine years as assistant head coach and offensive line coach at COC under Chuck Lyon, helping build the program upon its reinstatement in 1998 after 17 years without football. Before College of the Canyons, he coached at Chabot College from 1993-95 and the University of Redlands from 1996-97. While at Redlands, the Bulldogs won two Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championships.

As a player, Tujague was a left guard at BYU under LaVell Edwards from 1989-1991 after two years at Chabot College, where he earned All-America honors as an offensive lineman. After redshirting at BYU in 1989, he contributed to the Cougars' second-straight 10-3 season and top-25 final ranking in 1990. Statistically, the offense ranked No. 2 in the nation at 565.8 yards per game while also rating No. 2 in scoring, putting up 42.5 points per contest.

As a senior in 1991, Tujague earned starting duties protecting Heisman Trophy winner and consensus All-American quarterback Ty Detmer. The Cougar offensive front helped BYU rank No. 5 in total offense at 479.5 yards per outing and No. 11 nationally in scoring at 35 points per game. The Cougars won the conference championship all three seasons Tujague was in Provo.

Tujague received a bachelor's degree in recreation management from BYU in 1992 and a master's degree in educational counseling from the University of Redlands in 1997. A native of Pleasanton, Calif., Tujague and his wife, Cami, are the parents of three children.

THE TUJAGUE FILE



- Sixth season at Virginia
- Last name is pronounced: TOO-jay
- Was a starting offensive lineman at BYU during Ty Detmer's Heisman Trophy season in 1990
- Owns six years of head coaching experience at the College of the Canyons
- @Coach2J

PERSONAL

Hometown: Pleasanton, Calif.
Family: Wife, Cami; three children, Savannah, Summer and Carson

EDUCATION

High School: Amador Valley HS, Pleasanton, Calif., 1987
College: BYU, 1992
Graduate School: University of Redlands, 1997, M.A.

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- Chabot College (1987-88)
- BYU (1989-91)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1993-95 – Chabot College (assistant coach)
- 1996-97 – University of Redlands (assistant coach)
- 1998-2006 – College of the Canyons (offensive line)
- 2007-12 – College of the Canyons (head coach)
- 2013-15 – BYU (offensive line)
- 2016-21 – Virginia (offensive line)

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

- Holiday Bowl (1989) - player
- Holiday Bowl (1990) - player
- Holiday Bowl (1991) - player
- Graffiti Bowl (1995)
- McDonald's Community College Bowl (1998)
- Southern California Bowl (1999)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2000)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2001)
- Southern California Bowl (2002)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2003)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2004)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2005)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2007)
- Western State Conference Bowl (2008)
- Golden Empire Bowl (2010)
- Southern California Bowl (2012)
- Fight Hunger Bowl (2013)
- Miami Beach Bowl (2014)
- Las Vegas Bowl (2015)
- Military Bowl (2017)
- Belk Bowl (2018)
- Orange Bowl (2019)

FORMER PROMINENT PLAYERS COACHED

- Tejan Koroma (BYU)
- De' Ondre Wesley (BYU)
- Karim Barton (College of the Canyons)
- Caylin Hauptmann (College of the Canyons)
- Mychal Rivera (College of the Canyons)
- Jason Pierre-Paul (College of the Canyons)
- Marcus Applefield (Virginia)
- Eric Smith (Virginia)

SHAWN GRISWOLD

DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT AND PERFORMANCE



Shawn Griswold joined the Virginia staff in January of 2018 as the director of football development and performance.

A native of Santa Rosa, Calif., Griswold came to Virginia after working at Arizona State from 2012-2017 as the Sun Devils' head coach for sports performance. He spent the 2011 season at Pittsburgh as the Panthers' director of strength and conditioning. Prior to that he was the director of strength and conditioning at Tulsa from 2008 to 2010.

During that 10-year period, he worked for former head coach Todd Graham at each of those schools. His training and conditioning programs were considered an integral part of Graham's fast-paced style of play. Griswold was a part of teams that went to eight bowl games during a 10-year stretch, including four that won 10-or-more games during their respective seasons.

Arizona State appeared in five bowl games while Griswold worked for the Sun Devils. The Sun Devils won the Pac-12 South Division in 2013 and the 2014 squad finished ranked 12th in the final Associated Press Poll.

In his only season at Pitt, Griswold saw the Panthers earn a berth to the BBVA Compass Bowl (Birmingham, Ala.).

Griswold had two stints at Tulsa (2004-06 and 2008-10) as director of strength and conditioning. During that time the Golden Hurricane earned four bowl berths and captured the 2005 Conference USA championship. In addition to working with the football team, he also had oversight of the entire strength and conditioning program for Tulsa athletics. He spent the 2007 season at Louisville as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Cardinals.

Prior to 2007, Griswold worked for five years as head strength and conditioning coordinator at his alma mater, Utah State. He oversaw the athletic development for 16 varsity sports and was directly responsible for designing the strength and conditioning programs for football, basketball and volleyball.

A former defensive line standout at Piner High School in Santa Rosa, Calif., Griswold played at Utah State where he earned four letters from 1992 to 1995. As a tight end in 1995, he caught 23 passes for 272 yards and four scores. Griswold's career began as a graduate assistant coach for the Aggies before he was promoted to assistant strength and conditioning coordinator.

Griswold earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Utah State. He received a bachelor's degree in exercise science in 1996 and a master of science degree in 1998.

MATT EDWARDS

DIRECTOR OF SPORTS ANALYTICS



Matt Edwards is in his fifth season on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and second as the director of analytics. His first three seasons at UVA Edwards was a football analyst.

Edwards came to Virginia after a two-year stint as an assistant coach at Southern Virginia. He was the recruiting coordinator, coaching the offensive line in 2015 and the wide receivers in 2016.

Edwards started his collegiate coaching career as a graduate assistant at BYU under Mendenhall in 2013 and 2014, working with the offense.

Edwards graduated from Brigham Young in 2011 with a B.S. in mathematics and earned a masters in public administration in 2013. He was a tight end on the BYU football team, lettering in 2010 and 2011.

Edwards is married to the former MaryBeth Small and they have two sons, Luke and Shea. Edwards is the grandson of the late Hall of Fame BYU football coach LaVell Edwards.

DREW MEYER

FOOTBALL ANALYST FOR SPECIAL TEAMS



Drew Meyer is in his fifth season on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and second as a football analyst for special teams. Meyer spent the 2017, 2018 and 2019 seasons as a graduate assistant at Virginia, working with the defense and special teams.

Meyer is a former All-Big Ten punter from Wisconsin, earning four letters for the Badgers. Punting for Wisconsin from 2012-15, Meyer left Madison with more punts (256) than anyone in program history. He left Wisconsin third on the team's career punting yardage list (10,125 yards) and eighth all-time in punt average (39.8 yards per punt). Meyer is also tied for the program record for games played with 54.

Meyer, a native of Hartland, Wis., is a 2016 graduate of Wisconsin with a degree in agricultural business management. He played high school football at Arrowhead High School. In 2016 Meyer started his coaching career at his alma mater, Arrowhead High School, working with special teams.

C.J. STALKER

FOOTBALL ANALYST FOR DEFENSE



C.J. Stalker is in his third season on Bronco Mendenhall's staff and second as a football analyst. He spent his first season on staff in 2019 as a defensive graduate assistant.

Stalker is a three-year letterwinner at Virginia who appeared in 20 career games for the Cavaliers. He made a career-high three tackles in the 2017 Military Bowl.

Stalker collected 13 career tackles with a season-best eight in 2017. He spent all of the 2018 season on headset assisting by calling defensive plays in.

Stalker, a native of West Chester, Ohio, is a 2018 graduate of Virginia with a degree in foreign affairs. Stalker also earned a masters degree in higher education in 2019. He played high school football for Lakota West High School.



CHARLES MACK

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Charles Mack joined Bronco Mendenhall's staff as a graduate assistant in January 2020. He works primarily with the inside receivers. Mack moved to the coaching staff after spending the 2019 season as a regional scout.

Mack came to Virginia after spending 2018 at Georgia as an event management assistant. Before Georgia Mack was an assistant director of facilities and event management/gameday operations at Richmond, his alma mater.

Mack was a four-year letterwinner at Richmond as a defensive back. He played in 50 career games and posted a career-high 70 tackles in 2016 as a senior.

Mack is a 2017 graduate from Richmond with a degree in leadership studies and sociology. He is currently pursuing a master's degree from UVA in social and philosophical foundations of education



CHRIS PEACE

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Chris Peace joined Bronco Mendenhall's staff as a graduate assistant in 2021. He works with the Cavalier defense. Wilkins moved to the coaching staff after spending the 2020 as a recruiting analyst.

Peace returned to the Cavalier program after signing as a free agent with the Los Angeles Chargers prior to the 2019 season. He made his NFL debut in the team's 2019 season opener before being picked up by the New York Giants where he appeared in four other games during his rookie season.

A native of Norfolk, Va., Peace graduated from Denbigh High School and resided in Newport News before attending Virginia. As a senior, he made 65 tackles (11.5 for loss) and led all ACC linebackers with 7.5 sacks en route to receiving third-team All-ACC honors. It marked the second consecutive season he led ACC linebackers in sacks, also recording 7.5 as a junior.

He received his degree from UVA in 2018 in American studies. He has a son named Paris.



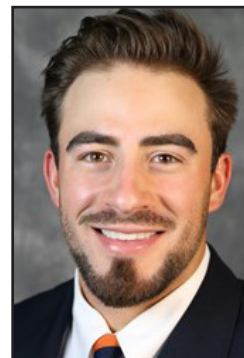
JOE SPAZIANI

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Joe Spaziani joined Bronco Mendenhall's staff as a graduate assistant in January 2020. He works primarily with the offensive line.

Spaziani returned to his alma mater after spending the 2019 season as a long snapper in the CFL with the Toronto Argonauts. The Hingham, Mass., native appeared in 30 career games for the Cavaliers as a long snapper. He made three career tackles on punt coverages and forced one fumble. He appeared in the the Military Bowl and the Belk Bowl for the Cavaliers.

Spaziani graduated from UVA in 2018 with a degree in foreign affairs, followed by a master's degree in higher education from the Curry School in 2019. He resides in Charlottesville.



DONTE WILKINS

GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Donte Wilkins joined Bronco Mendenhall's staff as a graduate assistant in January 2020. He works primarily with the defensive line. Wilkins moved to the coaching staff after spending the 2019 as a recruiting scout.

Wilkins returned to UVA in 2019 after spending the 2018 season as an assistant football performance coach at UCLA. Wilkins was a four-year letterwinner for the Cavaliers and started all 12 games on Mendenhall's first Virginia team in 2016. Wilkins played in 45 career games and made 89 tackles and 7.5 tackles for loss.

Wilkins is a 2017 graduate from Virginia with a degree in anthropology.

