

# VMI FOOTBALL

## 2005 MEDIA GUIDE

### Adrian Cmerek '06 1984-2004



*"Adrian Cmerek was the ultimate TEAM player. Adrian was loved by all of his teammates as a football player and a lacrosse player at VMI.*

*Adrian's enthusiasm was contagious. He was proud of being a VMI athlete and befriended the entire Corps. A tough individual, Adrian played physically, aggressively, and full speed.*

*Adrian's presence is sorely missed by his brothers at VMI; however, Adrian's tenacious spirit lives within all of those he touched."*

**- Cal McCombs**

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This guide has been prepared to assist the media in covering VMI football during the 2005 season. Football fans and friends of VMI may purchase copies of the guide from VMI Sports Information at the cost of \$7.00 each. VMI regrets it cannot supply complimentary copies to collectors.

# MEDIA INFORMATION

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE VISITING LEXINGTON...

### WORKING MEDIA

Press passes and parking permits will be supplied to those media outlets regularly covering VMI football well in advance of the season. All others are requested to call the Sports Information Office far enough in advance so that passes can be mailed. Complimentary passes are available upon request.

### PHOTOGRAPHERS

Photographers will be granted field privileges, but must limit their work outside the 25 yard restrictions and no closer than six feet from the sidelines. Those holding passes or complimentary tickets will not be permitted in the press box unless covering the game.

### PRESS BOX

All press, radio, PA, and statistical crews are located on the fourth floor of VMI's football building. Entrance is through the middle door located across from the concession stand behind the stadium. An elevator will take you to the fourth floor. Television and film crews will work from the top of the press box level, and TV broadcast talent will be located at a designated booth on the fourth floor.

### RADIO

Two radio booths are available. One is reserved for the "official" visiting station. Two telephone lines are already installed for the visiting network's broadcast, and a tradeout agreement is desirable. Additional lines should be ordered through Sprint at 540-463-2121.

### GAME INFORMATION

All media in the press box will be provided updated statistics on both teams, easy to read flip cards with accurate numbers and current depth charts, a souvenir program, and an outstanding buffet lunch. The view of the Blue Ridge Mountains is breathtaking. Score updates of other games around the country are provided.

### AFTER THE GAME

A complete statistical game package will be available as soon as possible. The visiting team's locker room is located under the home team stands. Coach McCombs' post-game press conference and individual player interviews will be on the third floor of the football building, one floor below the press box level. Coordinate all interview requests with VMI Sports Information.

### KEYDET SCORE-LINE

To access, call 540-464-7205. Interviews with Cal McCombs will also be posted when available.

### IT'S VMI, PLEASE

When referring to our athletic teams, it is requested that members of the media refer to this institution as "VMI", or "Virginia Military Institute", not "Virginia Military" or the cryptic "Va. Military". Any help in using the correct moniker would be greatly appreciated.

### KEYDET FOOTBALL ON THE WEB

Fans and media are encouraged to follow the team on the VMI athletic home page. Timely information on the football Keydets will be available to both media and fans alike. Included in the service will be schedules, rosters, stats and the latest notes on the team, as well as access to live radio game broadcasts. The VMI Keydets can be accessed on the world wide web at [www.vmikeydets.com](http://www.vmikeydets.com)

### INTERVIEW POLICY

Media members are reminded that all interview requests with VMI players, coaches and staff MUST go through the VMI Sports Information Office first. Interviews are encouraged to be conducted Monday through Wednesday of game weeks.

### INTERNET BROADCASTS

All VMI football game radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at [www.vmikeydets.com](http://www.vmikeydets.com). Listeners can go to the athletic home page and click on the link provided for audio streaming. For more information or assistance, contact the Sports Information Office, 540-464-7253.



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### KEY PRE-SEASON DATES...

July 28-29	Big South Media Days - Charlotte, N.C.
August 9	Team reports
August 10	Photo and Media Day
August 10	Practice begins
August 27	Final scrimmage
August 30	Classes begin

### HOW TO REACH

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**Office FAX:** (540) 464-7583  
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Sports Information Office  
116 Smith Hall  
Lexington, VA 24450

### DIRECTIONS TO

### ALUMNI MEMORIAL FIELD...

Most of our annual visitors know how to get to the Keydet home field, but for those who have never visited the charming city of Lexington, take note:

**From the East, North, or South:** Follow I-81 to Exit 188 B toward Lexington (U.S. 60 west). Follow U.S. 60 west to Nelson Street into town. Turn right at the intersection of Nelson and Main Streets. Follow Main Street .5 mile to the stadium on the right.

**From the West:** Follow I-64 East to Exit 55 (U.S. 11) and head south toward Lexington. Follow U.S. 11 toward Lexington for .5 mile. Stay to the right across the Maury River Bridge and follow U.S. 11 Business for .3 mile. The stadium will be on your left.

# COVERING THE KEYDETS

## DAILY NEWSPAPERS

### Roanoke Times

201 W. Campbell Ave., Roanoke, VA 24010  
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Toll free 1-800-346-1234  
Sports Editor: Michael Stowe  
Direct releases to Doug Doughty, Mark Berman and Katrina Waugh  
e-mail: mark.berman@roanoke.com  
Fax: 540-981-3392

### Richmond Times Dispatch

300 East Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23219  
Phone 804-649-6554  
In state toll free 1-800-488-1885  
Out of state toll free 1-800-588-9884  
Sports Editor: Jack Berninger  
Direct releases to John Packett (beat writer) and John O'Connor  
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Fax: 804-775-8085

### Lynchburg News & Advance

P.O. Box 10129, Lynchburg, VA 24506  
Phone 434-385-5554  
Sports Editor: Steve Trosky  
Direct releases to TBA  
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7505 Warwick Blvd., Newport News, VA 23607  
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Sports Editor: Doug Roberson  
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Fax: 757-247-9420

### Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

150 West Brambleton Ave., Norfolk, VA 23510  
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Sports Editor: Chic Ribbel  
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Fax: 757-533-9004

### Charlottesville Daily Progress

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Sports Editor: Jerry Ratcliffe  
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### Staunton News Leader

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e-mail: sports@newsleader.com  
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### Waynesboro News Virginian

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### Petersburg Progress Index

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### Harrisonburg Daily News-Record

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Sports Editor: Chris Simmons  
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## TELEVISION

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### WDBJ-TV 7 (CBS)

2807 Hershberger Rd., Roanoke, VA 24017  
Phone: 540-985-3623, 3624, 3637  
Sports Director: Mike Stevens  
Also direct releases Steve Mason and Travis Wells  
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Fax: 540-343-7269

### WSLS-TV 10 (NBC)

P.O. Box 10, Roanoke, VA 24009  
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Sports Director: Justin Ditmore  
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Fax: 540-343-7269

### WSET-TV 13 (ABC)

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Fax: 434-847-8800

### WTVR-TV 6 (CBS)

3301 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230  
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### WWBT-TV 12 (NBC)

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Sports Director: Ben Hamlin  
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### WRIC-TV 8 (ABC)

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## OTHER MEDIA OUTLETS

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### Virginia News Network

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Sports Director: Gary Hess  
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Fax: 804-474-0167

### WFIR Radio - AM 960

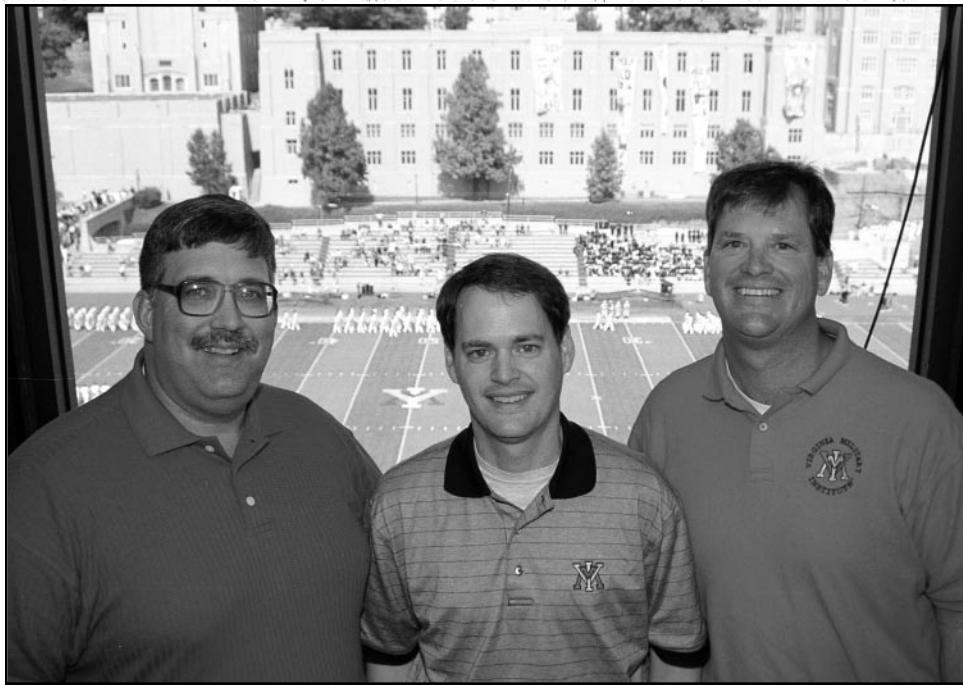
3934 Electric Rd., Roanoke, VA 24018  
Phone 540-345-1511  
Sports Director: Bob Clark  
Fax: 540-342-2270

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### The Rockbridge Weekly

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2005 VMI Radio Network Crew: Wade Branner (middle), Calvin Murray (right), Randy Atkins (left).

# KEYDETS ON THE AIR

## RADIO

Keydet football returns to the airwaves this fall with a five-station network spanning the state of Virginia.

The network flagship station for Keydet football will originate from WWWZ (96.7) FM, which has recently upgraded its signal to a strong 25,000 watts that can be heard on both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg. Affiliates for the 2005 season include WLEE (990) AM in Richmond, WRIS (1410) AM Roanoke, and WRJR 1010 in Hampton Roads.

Wade Branner, "The Voice of the Keydets" since 1987, will produce the network and provide play-by-play for the 2005 season. Providing color commentary once again for selected games will be Cal Murray, VMI Class of '83 and a former punter for the Keydets from 1980 through 1982. Also returning to the network is the irreplaceable "Handy" Randy Atkins (VMI '79), who enters his 31st season crunching the numbers as broadcast team statistician.

"Keydet First Call," the pregame show of the network, will air 15 minutes before kickoff each Saturday. The network will originate from WREL 96.7 FM in Lexington under the direction of Scott Lancey.

### 2005 VMI Football Radio Network

WREL	96.7 FM	Lexington
WLEE	990 AM	Richmond
WREL	96.7 FM	Lynchburg
WRIS	1410 AM	Roanoke
WRJR	1010 AM	Hampton Roads

## TELEVISION

The Keydets are scheduled to play a pair of games on television this year, as VMI's contests at Liberty (Oct. 1) and home against Gardner-Webb (Oct. 22) will be televised throughout the Mid-Atlantic region on Comcast SportsNet. Airtime will be at noon for both games. Updated information of this and other telecasts will be posted on [www.vmikeydets.com](http://www.vmikeydets.com).

## THE INTERNET

All VMI football radio broadcasts can be heard on the internet at [www.vmikeydets.com](http://www.vmikeydets.com). Streaming services are provided by intertainment.com of Richmond, Va.

### 3WZ 96.7 FM TO SERVE AS FLAGSHIP STATION FOR RADIO NETWORK

The WWWZ-FM 96.7 signal will serve as the flagship station for 2005.

"3WZ" 96.7 FM, which now boasts a 25,000-watt FM signal that reaches both sides of the Blue Ridge, including the city of Lynchburg, will assure Keydet football fans in both the Shenandoah Valley and central Virginia of clear reception of VMI football games for the coming seasons.

The popular pre-home game tailgate show sponsored by the Keydet Club last season is slated to return this fall. Airtime is one hour before kickoff



Two VMI football games will be carried throughout the Mid-Atlantic on Comcast SportsNet.