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BASEBALL 1979

Head Coach: Vern Beitzel (VMI 1972)

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1978 Results 1979 Schedule

Overall: 2-27 (.069) Conference: 0-14 (.000)

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	Davidson	6	Mar.	17	@ U.T. Chattanooga (2)
4	Davidson	12		19	@ Furman (2)
0	The Citadel	1		21	William & Mary
1	The Citadel	12		24	Appalachian State (2)
17	North Car. Wesl	.13		25	Duke
0	Old Dominion	7		29	The Citadel (2)
2	Old Dominion	10			. ,
1	Virginia	6	April	2	James Madison
3	Furman	13	*	6	@Richmond (2)
0	Furman	6		7	Virginia Tech
0	James Madison	23		9	@ Virginia
5	Appalachian St.	9		10	Old Dominion (2)
0	Appalachian St.	16		13	@ East Tennessee State (2)
0	Western Carolina	a 9		15	@ Marshall (2)
4	Wes. Carolina	13		18	@ Virginia Commonwealth (2)
0	Richmond	8		22	Longwood
9	Old Dominion	13		23	Western Carolina (2)
6	U.T./Chattan.	7		25	@ James Madison
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5	Richmond	13		2.0	Davidson (2)
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Top Returning Players

Batting (1978 Statistics)

Pitching (1978 Statistics)

Name	G	AB	H	Avg	Name	G	IP	W-L	ERA
Kelly Lombard	29	68	20	. 294	Mike Vela	8	54	0-8	8.17
Tom Savage	29	47	10	.213	• • • • • •				
. •				دلک	Craig Jones	7	44	0-7	8.59
Brendan Miney	29	80	16	.200	Don Briggs	11	23 1/3	3 1-1	10.96

For the 1979 edition of VMI Baseball, there is good news and bad news. The good news is that almost everybody returns from last season. The bad news though is, the 1978 team only won two games (2-27, 0-14).

Coach Vern Beitzel, entering his 3rd season, must rely on young players to improve on the .202 team batting average and 9.81 ERA of the disastrous '78 season.

Senior Mike Vela, one of two partial scholarship players, will hold down the mound along with juniors Craig Jones (football), Don Briggs, and sophomore Jeff Davies.

Senior Kelly Lombard (All-Southern Conference '77) returns as the teams leading hitter (.294). Kelly will see duty in the outfield as well as his regular position behind the plate. Adding experience will be back-up catcher Bruce Reinard and outfielder Andy Andrews.

The infield is strong at the corners with juniors Brendan Miney at 3rd and Matt Griffen at 1st. Along with Lombard and Reinard, these men will need to shoulder most of the run producing responsibility.

Coach Beitzel hopes to get some help from the football team. Along with Craig Jones, Tim Cox (1st team DE) could help at 1st and Robert Savage (1st team WR) adds speed in the outfield.

The key to the season will be the development of some freshmen. Mike Burt, VMI's other partial scholarship player, will help out on the mound and see duty in the infield.

The Keydets must improve their defense as well as pitching and batting. Mistakes and errors have hurt VMI in many close games in the past. VMI cannot continue to compete against other Division I teams without scholarship caliber players. The guys are full of spirit, but most of the players are just average high school players.

VMI BASEBALL ROSTER 1979

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>c1</u> .	Pos.	B/T	<u>Ht</u> .	Mt.	<u>Hometown</u>
10	Andy Andrews	Sr.	OF	L/L	58	170	Williamsburg, VA
5	Steve Barger	Fr.	2nd	R/R	5-8	135	Buchanan, VA
19	Don Briggs	Jr.	Р	R/L	6-5	200	Waverly, VA
7	Mike Burt	Fr.	P-Inf.	R/R	5-9	150	So. Otselic, NY
21	Larry Butler	So.	lst	L/L	6-0	190	Suffolk, VA
17	Jeff Davies	So.	p	R/R	6-0	172	Suffolk, VA
12	Paul Davis	So.	P	L/L	5-8	155	Vinton, VA
15	John Friend	Fr.	OF	R/R	6-1	185	Mobile, AL
2	Jim Frishkorn	So.	OF	L/L	5-10	170	Poquoson, VA
23	Johnny Garnett	Sr.	2nd	R/R	5-9	182	Hampton, VA
6	Matt Griffin	Jr.	lst	R/R	6-2	200	Morfolk, VA
7	Craig Jones	Jr.	P	R/R	5-11	160	Norfolk, VA
24	Mark Lee	Fr.	С	R/R	6-1	185	Salem, VA
9	John Locher	So.	3rd	R/R	6-0	1681	Lexington, VA
20	Kelly Lombard	Sr.	C-OF	R/R	5-11	185	Bridgeport, CT
14	Brendan Miney	Jr.	SS-3rd	R/R	5-10	155	Richmond, VA
11	Richard Nehls	So.	P-Inf	R/R	6-0	175	Woodsboro, MD
8	Jimmy O'Book	Fr.	P	R/R	6-4	185	Trumbull, CT
3	Robbie Preddy	Fr.	C	R/R	5-9	160	Roanoke, VA
4	Bruce Reinard	Sr.	С	R/R	5-9	170	Springfield, VA
22	Mark Vasco	So.	0F	R/R	6-1	138	Steelton, PA
18	Mike Vela	Sr.	P	R/R	6-1	190	Valley Stream, NY

16 Coaches: Head: Vern Beitzel (3rd season)

Asst.: Chuck Carr

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25 Managers: Head: Randy Atkins - Richmond, VA

Asst.: Harold Mayton - Petersburg, VA

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