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BASEBALL 1979

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1978 Results

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

3	Davidson	6
4	Davidson	12
0	The Citadel	1
1	The Citadel	12
17	North Car. Wesl.	13
0	Old Dominion	7
2	Old Dominion	10
1	Virginia	6
3	Furman	13
0	Furman	6
0	James Madison	23
5	Appalachian St.	9
0	Appalachian St.	16
0	Western Carolina	9
4	Wes. Carolina	13
0	Richmond	8
9	Old Dominion	13
6	U.T./Chattan.	7
2	U.T./Chattan.	4
5	Richmond	13
2	Marshall	17
5	Marshall	9
0	James Madison	23
2	Wash. & Lee	3
3	Wash. & Lee	2
1	Liberty Baptist	5
5	Liberty Baptist	10
0	Virginia Tech	4
1	Virginia Tech	12

1979 Schedule

Mar.	17	@ U.T. Chattanooga (2)
	19	@ Furman (2)
	21	William & Mary
	24	Appalachian State (2)
	25	Duke
	29	The Citadel (2)
April	2	James Madison
	6	@ Richmond (2)
	7	Virginia Tech
	9	@ Virginia
	10	Old Dominion (2)
	13	@ East Tennessee State (2)
	15	@ Marshall (2)
	18	@ Virginia Commonwealth (2)
	22	Longwood
	23	Western Carolina (2)
	25	@ James Madison
	28	Davidson (2)
May	1	Liberty Baptist
	2	Washington & Lee (2)

Top Returning Players

Batting (1978 Statistics)

<u>Name</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>Avg</u>
Kelly Lombard	29	68	20	.294
Tom Savage	29	47	10	.213
Brendan Miney	29	80	16	.200

Pitching (1978 Statistics)

<u>Name</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>IP</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>ERA</u>
Mike Vela	8	54	0-8	8.17
Craig Jones	7	44	0-7	8.59
Don Briggs	11	23 1/3	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

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Cl.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>B/T</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
10	Andy Andrews	Sr.	OF	L/L	5-8	170	Williamsburg, VA
5	Steve Barger	Fr.	2nd	R/R	5-8	135	Buchanan, VA
19	Don Briggs	Jr.	P	R/L	6-5	200	Maverly, VA
7	Mike Burt	Fr.	P-Inf.	R/R	5-9	150	So. Otselec, NY
21	Larry Butler	So.	1st	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.	1st	R/R	6-2	200	Norfolk, VA
1	Craig Jones	Jr.	P	R/R	5-11	160	Norfolk, VA
24	Mark Lee	Fr.	C	R/R	6-1	185	Salem, VA
9	John Locher	So.	3rd	R/R	6-0	168	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.	C	R/R	5-9	170	Springfield, VA
22	Mark Vasco	So.	OF	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				
25	Managers:	Head:	Randy Atkins - Richmond, VA				
13		Asst.:	Harold Mayton - Petersburg, VA				

1979 FINAL STATS

	(G)	AB	R	H	PO	A	E	SB	CS	NR	SO	SAC	HR	BB	SO	FB1	Batting Avg.	Slugging Avg.	Fielding Avg.
+ ANDREWS	(6)	16	2	3	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	4	.188	.313	1.000
BARBER	(19)	57	4	15	47	40	9	2	1	0	2	3	1	2	6	2	.263	.333	.906
BRIGGS					1	1													
BURT	(12)	29	1	3	19	16	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	13	1	.103	.103	.906
BUTLER	(10)	18	0	2	40	1	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	8	2	.111	.222	.911
DAVIES					1	4	3											.685	
DAVIES					10	3												.769	
FRIEND	(31)	95	14	22	47	0	5	2	0	4	2	0	2	6	26	6	.232	.379	.904
FRISHORN	(28)	88	8	20	65	3	6	3	1	1	7	2	0	7	25	7	.227	.318	.919
FRITZ					1	2												1.000	
+ GARNETT	(9)	19	3	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	5	4	2	.263	.316	1.000
GRIFFIN	(26)	80	5	17	179	7	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	7	.213	.250	.989
JONES					1	15	2											.889	
LEE	(1)	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	1.000
LOCHER	(28)	73	4	11	35	56	13	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	17	0	.151	.151	.875
LOMOKO	(31)	95	8	21	50	10	11	5	0	0	3	2	1	11	11	5	.221	.274	.845
+ MINER	(7)	22	1	2	9	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	.091	.091	.929
NEHLS	(29)	83	1	18	30	45	13	3	0	1	1	1	0	6	20	7	.217	.289	.852
PREDY	(15)	30	2	3	31	9	6	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	12	4	.100	.200	.870
REINHARD	(24)	62	8	12	77	11	7	2	1	1	0	2	2	5	22	5	.194	.300	.926
VASCO	(24)	76	6	24	0	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	1	5	12	7	.316	.395	.000
VELA					4	9	1											.929	
SAVAGE	(6)	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	.000	.000	1.000
ROAN	(5)	12	2	5	9	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	3	.417	.750	.909
Team Totals		859	75	183	664	259	91	26	6	9	24	14	7	59	192	62	.213	.289	.910
Opponents Totals		911	302	267	688	236	57	34	8	15	59	31	8	138	101	68	.293	.397	.942

Team Record:

Conference

Overall

W 15 L 15

W 6 L 25

* LEFT TEAM

+ INJURED FOR SEASON

0 JOINED TEAM 4/22 FOR FINAL 11 GAMES

0 BOOK - 1 ASSIST

	W	L	Saves	St ^a Outs	GS	CG	Innings Pitched	BF	R	H	HR	ER	BB	SO	WP	HP	BK	ERA
VELA	2	7	0	0	9	8	66 1/3	320	54	73	5	39	45	41	2	7	0	5.29
DAVIES	0	7	0	0	6	1	26 1/3	148	35	40	2	30	26	5	1	1	1	10.25
DAVIES	1	3	0	0	5	2	40 2/3	194	32	43	1	25	23	17	0	2	0	5.53
JONES	2	6	0	0	8	5	47	226	39	51	2	28	28	26	3	2	0	5.36
BURT	0	0	0	0	0	0	8 1/2	43	9	13	1	8	5	1	0	1	0	8.64
O'Boyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	3	4	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	27.00
BRIGGS	0	2	0	0	2	0	14 2/3	76	21	23	4	17	9	5	1	0	1	10.13
FRITZ	1	0	0	0	1	1	17	74	9	20	0	6	2	5	1	0	1	3.18
Team Totals	6	25	0	0	31	17	221 1/2	1028	202	227	15	156	138	101	8	14	3	6.34
Opponents Totals	25	6	0	0	31	23	221 1/2	939	75	183	9	58	59	192	7	9	0	2.28