# - VIRGINIA TECH

12 NCAA APPEARANCES / COLLEGE CUP: 2013 / 25 ALL-ACC SELECTIONS / 3 ALL-AMERICANS / 3 NWSL DRAFT PICKS

**#5 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH** 

12-2. 5-2 ACC

## 2022 VIRGINIA TECH VS. #5 NOTRE DAME

## VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES 9-4-2. 3-3-1 ACC

Head coach: Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93) Record at Virginia Tech: 147-72-23 (12th season)

Series Record vs. North Carolina: 4-3-1

## Record at Notre Dame: 51-33-4 (5th season) Series Record vs. Virginia Tech: 3-4-1

12-2

2.50

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7.28

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Head coach: Nate Norman (Notre Dame, '07)

MATCH 16 | VIRGINIA TECH vs NOTRE DAME - OCT. 20, 2022 | 7:00 PM EST | ACCNX | BLACKSBURG, VA. | THOMPSON FIELD

**QUICK COMPARISON** 

Record

Goals (per match) Goals Against Avg.

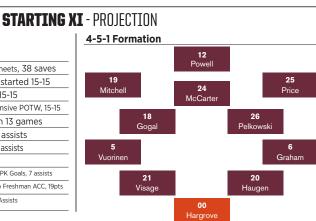
Goal Differential

SOG per match

Corners per match

VS

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## VIRGINIA TECH

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Pos	#	Name	Note
GK	00	Lauren Hargrove	5 Clean Sheets, 38 saves
D	5	Aino Vuorinen	2 assist, started 15-15
D	21	Averi Visage	Started 15-15
D	20	Victoria Haugen	ACC Defensive POTW, 15-15
D	6	Makenzie Graham	Played in 13 games
М	24	Emmalee McCarter	1 goal, 3 assists
М	26	Emma Pelkowski	2 goals, 1 assists
М	18	Lauren Gogal	3 assists
М	19	Natalie Mitchell	44 shots, 2 PK Goals, 7 assists
М	25	Taylor Price	8 goals, Top Freshman ACC, 19pts
F	12	Tori Powell	6 goals , 4 Assists

# KEY STORYLINES

VERSUS THE RANKINGS

• The Hokies have gone 3-3-1 in the ACC this season with two major victories over ranked opponents.

• The Hokies tied Virginia in the Commonwealth Clash 3-3, with 2 goals from Taylor Bryan in the final 10 minutes. Taylor Price scored the first goal of the match at 30:27, her 8th goal of the season.

• Tech defeated #3 North Carolina 2-1 with both Tech goals in the final 17 minutes. Tori Powell scored the game winning goal in the 85th minute, her 5th game-winning goal in her career.

• Powell's chip in goal over North Carolina earned her ACC Co-Offensive Player of the Week honors. • Tori Powell is second in goals on the team with six goals and two assists.

• Tech held #22 NC State down to 1 shot on goal, with a shot advantage of 21-7. Tech won the match 1-0 with a goal from Taylor Price in the 63rd minute.

• The Hokies' win against the Wolfpack marked the team's first win over a nationally ranked team this season. Tech dropped the first ranked game versus #4 South Carolina (2-1).

• Earlier this season, Victoria "Dori" Haugen was named the ACC Defensive Player of the Week, and College Soccer News Women's National Team of the Week. She was vital in the Hokies win against both NC State and Wake Forest playing a full 180 minutes. • Taylor Price scored the only goal of the game vs. NC State, her sixth goal of the season. Price continues to lead the ACC freshmen with 7 goals and 3 assists.

• Taylor Price and Natalie Mitchell were named to the midseason TopDrawerSoccer Freshmen Top 100 list. Price ranked fifth, Mitchell 11th.

• Tech has continued to show reliance on dominating in the second half of the game, scoring over half their goals in the last 45 minutes (22 of 34).

• The Hokies have scored 34 goals in their first 15 games averaging 2.27 per game.

• Tech's scoring offense is ranked tied for 26th in the NCAA with a scoring average of 2.27.

# **2022 FIXTURES**

D	ECORD			9-4-2
AC	-			3-3-2
	N-CONFEF	RENCE		6-1-1
	ME /AY			4-2-2
	UTRAL			5-2-0
NE	UTRAL			0-0-0
Tue.	Aua. 9	at Richmond <sup>EXH</sup>		W. 4-0
sat.		at hichinonu at Lovola <sup>EXH</sup>		
	Aug. 13			W, 1-0
Thu.	Aug. 18	at William & Mary	FLO FC	W, 4-3
Sun.	Aug. 21	Indiana	ACCNX	T, O-O
Thu.	Aug. 25	Delaware	ACCNX	W, 2-0
Sun.	Aug. 28	at Elon	FLO FC	W, 5-1
Thu.	Sept. 1	at Old Dominion	ESPN+	W, 3-0
Sun.	Sept. 4	Charlotte	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Thu.	Sept. 8	#4 South Carolina	ACCNX	L, 2-1
Sun.	Sept. 11	Northern Colorado	ACCNX	W, 5-2
Fri.	Sept. 16	Pitt *	ACCNX	L, 4-1
Thu.	Sept. 22	at #22 NC State *	ACCNX	W, 1-0
Sun.	Sept. 25	at Wake Forest *	ACCN	W, 2-0
Sat.	Oct. 1	#3 North Carolina *	ACCNX	W, 2-1
Thu.	Oct. 6	at Miami *	ACCN	L, 3-1
Sun.	Oct. 9	at Clemson *	ACCNX	L, 2-1
Thu.	Oct. 13	#13 Virginia *	ACCN	T, 3-3
Thu.	Oct. 20	Notre Dame *	ACCNX	
Sun.	Oct. 23	Syracuse *	ACCNX	
Thu.	Oct. 27	at Florida State *	ACCNX	

All times Eastern \* - ACC Match EXH - Exhibition

# **THE SERIES**

Matches played: 8 Virginia Tech record: 4-3-1 Home: 3-3-1 Away: 1-2 Neutral: ---Tech streak: Two Game Winning Streak First meeting: Sept. 20, 2002 • L, 5-0 Last meeting: Oct. 18, 2018 • W, 2-1 Last Tech win: Oct.18, 2018 • W, 2-1

# **VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN'S SOCCER**

# **QUICK FACTS**

#### THE BASICS

University Name: Virginia Tech Location: Blacksburg, Va. Founded: 1872 Enrollment: 37,000 President: Dr. Timothy Sands Director of Athletics: Whit Babcock Nickname: Hokies Mascot: HokieBird Colors: Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange Affiliation: NCAA Division I Conference: Atlantic Coast (19th Season)

#### HOME PITCH

Thompson Field Capacity: 2,028 Dimensions: 75x125 yards Surface: Natural bluegrass

#### TEAM INFORMATION

2021 Record: 12-6-2 Home / Away / Neutral: 8-1-1 / 4-4-1 / 0-1 Conference Record: 5-3-2 Home / Away: 3-1-1 / 2-2-1 Conference Finish: 8th Postseason: NCAA Second Round

First season: 1993 All-Time Record: 298-240-49 All-Time ACC Record: 75-83-25 All-Time ACC Tournament Record: 4-8-2 ACC Finals Appearances (Last): 2 (2013) NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last): 12 (2021) All-Time NCAA Record: 13-12-1 College Cup Appearances (Last): 1 (2013)

# **MEDIA INFORMATION**

#### MEDIA ACCESS/CREDENTIALS

Outlets interested in obtaining media access to cover Virginia Tech women's soccer home matches must apply for credentials through **Eric Raumen** (media contact) via email at **eraumen@vt.edu**.

All credentials for Virginia Tech home matches during the 2022 season will be issued on a single-match basis. Media seating is extremely limited.

Per Virginia Tech athletic department policy, all media members in attendance must wear a mask regardless of vaccination status when inside the press box or interacting with Virginia Tech student-athletes and coaches.

#### **INTERVIEW POLICY**

Matchdays: Virginia Tech head coach Chugger Adair and requested student-athletes will be available to the media after the match following a 10-minute cooling-off period.

Non-Matchdays: All coach and student-athlete interview requests need to be arranged through the Virginia Tech Strategic Communications Office - contact Eric Raumen by email at eraumen@vt.edu. Student-athletes and coaches should not be contacted directly under any circumstances.

## **2022 VIRGINIA TECH NUMERICAL ROSTER**

No.	Name	CI.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	High School (College)	Previous Club
0	Dare Burnett	R-Jr.	GK	5-10	Ashburn, Va.	Briar Woods	FC Virginia DA
00	Lauren Hargrove	So.	GK	5-9	Richmond, Va.	Douglas S. Freeman	Richmond United ECNL
1	Alia Skinner	Jr.	GK	5-9	Fleming Island, Fla.	Fleming Island	United Soccer Alliance DA
2	Riley McCarthy	Jr.	D	5-4	Clifton, Va.	James W. Robinson	FC Virginia DA
3	Kendall Feighan	R-Jr.	F	5-3	Pleasant Valley, N.Y.	Arlington	New York City FC DA
4	Ines Obradovac	Fr.	F/M	5-9	Woodstock, Ga.	River Ridge	United Futbol Academy
5	Aino Vuorinen	So.	D	5-4	Espoo, Finland	Haukilahti	FC Honka
6	Makenzie Graham	Sr.	М	5-9	State College, Pa.	State College	Pittsburgh Riverhounds
7	Avery Tharrington	So.	М	5-7	Springfield, Va.	South County	BRYC Elite
8	Ayden Yates	Jr.	F	5-6	Davidson, N.C.	Lake Norman Charter	Charlotte Soccer Academy DA
9	Calista Heister	Sr.	F	5-7	Olean, N.Y.	Olean	WNY Flash Academy ECNL
10	Bella Pontieri	Fr.	F/M	5-7	Jacksonville, Fla.	St. John's Country Day	GS United
11	Gabby Johnson	Gr.	М	5-3	Midlothian, Va.	Veritas School (Delaware)	Seattle Sounders WPSL
12	Tori Powell	Jr.	F	5-9	Haymarket, Va.	Battlefield	FC Virginia DA
13	Victoria Moser	R-Fr.	F/D	5-8	Greensboro, N.C.	Walter Hines Page	NC Fusion
14	Allie Lewis	So.	D	5-9	Bloomsburg, Pa.	Bloomsburg	Penn Fusion SA
15	Sophie Maltese	So.	F	5-7	Leesburg, Va.	Briar Woods	McLean ECNL
16	Allie George	Fr.	F	5-11	Louisville, Ky.	Sacred Heart Academy	Javanon FC
17	Courtney Andersen	Fr.	М	5-6	Clifton, Va.	Centreville	FC Virgina
18	Lauren Gogal	So.	M/D	5-10	Haymarket, Va.	Northern Virginia CC	Virginia Developmental Academy
19	Natalie Mitchell	Fr.	F/M	5-7	Temecula, Calif.	Temecula Valley	San Diego Surf ECNL
20	Victoria Haugen	Jr.	D	5-7	Bristow, Va.	Patriot	FC Virginia DA
21	Averi Visage	Jr.	D	5-10	Acworth, Ga.	Harrison	Concorde Fire Platinum ECNL
22	Taylor Bryan	R-So.	F	5-5	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Xaverian	Fury FC DA
23	Kate Bonshak	Jr.	F	5-4	Whitehall, Pa.	Whitehall	Lehigh Valley United
24	Emmalee McCarter	Gr.	F/M	5-6	Charleston, S.C.	James Island Charter	South Carolina United FC
25	Taylor Price	Fr.	F/M	5-6	Ashburn, Va.	Briar Woods	TSJ FC Virginia
26	Emma Pelkowski	So.	М	5-7	West Chester, Pa.	Bayard Rustin	Penn Fusion SA
27	Ava Veith	Jr.	D	5-9	Williamsburg, Va.	Bruton	Richmond United ECNL
28	Ella Ciardullo	Fr.	F/M	5-5	Milton, Ga.	Cambridge	Tophat Gold
29	Kendall DiMillio	Fr.	M/D	5-4	Broadlands, Va.	Briar Woods	TSJ FC Virginia
31	Maysen Nelson	Fr.	D	5-8	Woodbridge, Va.	Colgan	TSJ FC Virginia
32	Emma Stanley	Fr.	F/M	5-3	Grand Blanc, Mich.	Grand Blanc	Nationals
34	Ella Valente	Fr.	F/M	5-6	Sterling, Va.	Potomac Falls	VA Union ECNL
35	Ruby Darling	So.	F/D	5-9	Fredricksburg, Va.	Mountain View (WVU)	Richmond United

# **COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF**

Head Coach: Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93), 12th season as head coach Associate Head Coach: Drew Kopp (Pittsburgh, '99), 11th season Assistant Coach: Matt Gwilliam (Elizabethtown, '01), eigth season Director of Operations: Katie Flores, first season Strength & Conditioning: Brandon Dillard Athletic Trainer: Emily Whitaker Creative Communications: Eric Raumen

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

<b>0</b> - Dare Burnett	DAIR
1 - Alia Skinner	ah-LEE-ah
3 - Kendall Feighan	FAY-in
4 - Ines Obradovac	E-nis O-bra-Vech
5 - Aino Vuorinen	EYE-no WORR-in-en (European 'r')
7 - Avery Tharrington	THAIR-ing-ton
8 - Ayden Yates	AID-en
9 - Calista Heister	cah-LISS-tah HY-stir
10 - Bella Pontieri	Pon-T-air-E
13 - Victoria Moser	MOH-zer
15 - Sophie Maltese	mahl-TEECE
18 - Lauren Gogal	GO-goal
20 - Victoria Haugen	HOW-gen
21 - Averi Visage	VIS-idge
23 - Kate Bonshak	BON-shack
27 - Ava Veith	VYTH ('eye' sound)
28 - Ella Ciardullo	car-DO-low
29 - Kendall DiMillio	D-mill-E-o
34 - Ella Valente	VAL-n-Tay
AC - Matt Gwilliam	GWILL-um

## **VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Tech is fifth in the ACC with 241 shots, and 6th in Goals.

• Tech's goalkeeper Lauren Hargrove recorded her fifth clean sheet of the season with the win over Wake Forest. Hargrove is third in the ACC for shutouts, and seventh in saves (41).

• Virginia Tech ended the non-conference portion of their schedule 6-1-1.

#### **SCOUTING FIGHTING IRISH**

• Notre Dame steps back into the pitch after a 2-0 win against Louisville, their fourth straight shutout victory. The Irish scored both goals in the first 49 minutes. Despite having a 12-13 shot deficit, the Irish were able to outscore the Cardinals.

• Olivia Wingate plays a powerful game for the Irish, scoring her 10th goal this season in the match versus Louisville. Wingate leads the conference in goals (10) and shots (58).

• Wingate also led the Irish in goals versus Florida State in their 4-0 shutout victory, with 2 goals and one assist.

• Notre Dame is second in the conference in shots with 276, and is leading Tech by 1 goal. The Irish have recorded nine shutouts this season, including three over ranked teams.

• Notre Dame's two losses this season have been against Clemson (2-0) and Pitt (3-1).

• Goalkeeper Makenzie Wood has allowed zero goals in 810 minutes of play this season, saving 15 shots. She recored the win for the Irish's last four games.

•Notre Dame is ranked 14th in the NCAA with a goals-against average of .571, 1st in the ACC allowing only 8 goals this season.

• The Irish scoring power mainly comes from four keys players, including Wingate. Maddie Mercado has made 8 goals and 3 assists, Korbin Albert 5 goals and 3 assists, and Kiki Van Zanten with 5 goals and 2 asissts.

• Notre Dame's assist may be unpredictable though having a wide range of players (13) who can make the asssit. Wingate is ranked tied for 8th in the ACC with 5 assists.

• Notre Dame's scoring offense is ranked 14th in the NCAA with an average of 2.50 goals per game.

• Last season, Notre Dame went 14-6-2, ending their season with a loss in the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament against Arkansas (3-2).

• Notre Dame was picked to finish 6th in the ACC preseason poll.

#### **THE HISTORY**

• Virginia Tech leads the series against Notre Dame, with an overall series record of 4-3-1. Tech defeated the #9 Notre Dame team in 2013 (1-0).

• Tech last defeated Notre Dame at home in 2018 with score of 2-1. Tech has won three of five home matches against the Irish, having also tied once.

#### ACC RECORD

• The Hokies have an overall ACC conference record of 76-85-26. In 2021, the Hokies finished with a 5-3-2 conference record.

#### SCORING

٠	Below	is	the	Hokies'	active	scoring	list:
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Player	MP	MS	G	Α
Taylor Price	15	15	8	3
Tori Powell	15	15	6	4
Natalie Mitchell	15	15	3	7
Sophie Maltese	13		4	1
Emma Pelkowski	14	14	2	1
Gabby Johnson	14	7	2	2
Emmalee McCarter	15	8	1	3
Ella Valenete	11	1	1	2
Taylor Bryan	15		5	2
Ella Ciardullo	9		1	1
Allie George	14		2	2

#### **ATTACK**

• Virginia Tech has averaged 16.1 shot attempts per match this season, keeping opponents down to an average of 9.3 shots. The Hokies are ranked fifth in the ACC in total shots (241), fifth in points (102), and sixth in goals (34).

#### **HOKIES AT HOME**

• Virginia Tech is 4-2-2 at home this season. Hokies tied with Indiana 0-0 in the home opener, and then went on to beat Delaware 2-0 later in the week. Tech then went on to take down Charlotte 3-0, before falling to #4 South Carolina 1-2.

• In perhaps the biggest win of the season so far, Virginia Tech defeated #3 North Carolina 2-1. Tori Powell scored the game winning goal in the 85th minute.

• Hokies have scored 17 goals in eight games at home this season. The Hokies have won 7 games this season when scoring first, having lost only to South Carolina.

• Virginia Tech compiled a 8-1-1 record at home during the 2021 season, scoring 27 goals at a +21 goal differential.

#### THE SECOND

• The Hokies continue put the pressure on teams in the second half scoring 22 of their 34 goals in the last 45 minutes.

• Tech tied Virginia in the final 10 minutes of the game with two goals.

• Hokies defeated North Carolina in the final 18 minutes of the match with two goals.

• Tori Powell scored her second goal of the game in the 86th minute of the match versus Charlotte.

• In their toughest non-conference match, the Hokies held off the #4 Gamecocks for 56 minutes before allowing a goal. After South Carolina's second goal, the Hokies continued to stop the Gamecocks from scoring in the final 30 minutes.

• The team has the drive to stay strong in the final minutes of the match, allowing only 79 shots in the second half compared to their 134 shots.

#### PRICE

• Four times this season, freshman Taylor Price has scored the first goal of the game for the Hokies leading them to a victory.

• Price leads the team with eight goals this season and remains the top ranked freshman in the ACC with 19 points.

• As a freshman, Price has already made a huge impact on the team with 36 shots, 8 goals, 3 assists, and 19 points.

• Price was named to the College Soccer News National Women's Team of the Week on Oct. 3 for her game winning shot against NC State.

#### POWELL

• Tori Powell scored her 21st career goal vs. North Carolina, her sixth goal of the season.

• Powell scored the game winning goal against North Carolina in the 85th minute of the match (2-1).

• Powell scored the third and final goal at the Charlotte match with less than 4 minutes remaining in the game. She scored 2 of 3 shots on goal.

• Powell became the 11th Virginia Tech player to notch the program's 13th all-time hat trick on Oct. 10 at Wake Forest (2021).

• Powell's hat trick marked Tech's first against a Power Five opponent (fifth during the program's ACC tenure). **Ctd. on page 5 ...** 



#### 2022 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC	PTS	OVERALL
No. 4 Florida State	6-1	18	10-1-2
No. 5 Notre Dame	5-2	15	12-2
No. 2 North Carolina	5-2	15	12-3
No. 10 Duke	5-2	15	10-4
No. 20 Pittsburgh	4-2-1	13	11-3-1
No. 8 Virginia	3-2-2	11	10-2-3
Virginia Tech	3-3-1	10	9-4-2
Clemson	3-3-1	10	7-4-3
Wake Forest	3-4	9	9-4-2
NC State	2-4-1	7	7-5-4
Louisville	2-5	6	5-6-2
Syracuse	1-4-2	5	8-5-2
Boston College	1-5-1	4	5-6-4
Miami	1-5-1	4	4-6-3

#### PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

	TEAM (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	POINTS
1.	Duke (3)	156
2.	Virginia (4)	153
3.	North Carolina (4)	150
4.	Florida State (3)	143
5.	Clemson	115
6.	Notre Dame	108
T7.	NC State	90
T7.	Wake Forest	90
9.	Virginia Tech	79
10.	Pittsburgh	66
11.	Louisville	47
12.	Boston College	36
13.	Miami	21
14.	Syracuse	20

## **VIRGINIA TECH WOMEN'S SOCCER**



# THE ADAIR FILE

Coaching Exp.: 24th season, 17th at Tech Head Coach: 12th season, 12th at Tech Record at Tech: 147-72-24 (.654) Overall Record: 147-72-24 (.654) College: San Diego (1993) Playing Exp: San Diego State (1989), San Diego (1990-93)

Year	School/Org.	Position
2011-present	Virginia Tech	Head Coach
2006-10	Virginia Tech	Associate Head Coach
2004-06	UC Santa Barbara	Women's Assistant Coach
2003	San Diego Spirit	Assistant Coach
2002	Pacific	M&W Assistant Coach
1998-2000	San Diego	Men's Assistant Coach

#### **Most NCAA Appearances by Tech coaches**

Coach	Apps	Berths
Chugger Adair	8	2011-15, 2018, 2019, 2021
Kelly Cagle	4	2004, 2008-10

# Year-By-Year Record

#### CAREER RECORD

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YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	
2011	Virginia Tech	14-8-1	
2012	Virginia Tech	13-6-1	
2013	Virginia Tech	19-5-3	
2014	Virginia Tech	16-6-0	
2015	Virginia Tech	15-4-2	
2016	Virginia Tech	11-5-3	_
2017	Virginia Tech	7-6-5	_
2018	Virginia Tech	11-8-3	
2019	Virginia Tech	12-5-2	_
2020-21	Virginia Tech	8-9-0	_
2021	Virginia Tech	12-6-2	_
2022	Virginia Tech	9-4-2	
TOTALS:		147-72-24	



On December 7, 2010, former Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Jim Weaver announced the hiring of Tech's fourth head women's soccer coach Charles "Chugger" Adair, the associate head coach for the team the previous five seasons. The 2019 season marked Adair's 14th season in Blacksburg and his ninth year as the Hokies' head coach. In that time, he's become the all-time wins leader in program history, ending the 2019 campaign with a 118-53-20 overall record, and became just the second soccer coach at the school to reach the 100-win milestone with the team's victory at Miami on Sept. 23 (Jerry Cheynet, 238 wins, 28 seasons for Tech men's soccer). He's also just the 10th women's soccer head coach to reach that mark in the ACC.

Prior to Adair's arrival on campus, the women's program just once (2004) made the postseason - playing a game in both the ACC and NCAA tournaments. Since, the team has gualified for six ACC tournaments, playing for the conference title twice (2008 & 2013), and earned eight straight bids to the NCAA championship (2008-15) and 10 overall, as the Hokies made back-to-back trips in 2018 and 2019. Tech has reached the Sweet 16 four times under Adair (2009, 2011, 2014, 2018), but enjoyed its greatest success in 2013. That record-setting season included the Hokies posting a school-record 19 wins (most by any soccer team at the school), playing for the ACC title and advancing to the NCAA College Cup, where their season ended with a 3-2 loss to Florida State in a national semifinal game.

Under Adair, Tech has seen the program's three draft choices selected in the NWSL draft. Jazmine Reeves was the 21st overall pick by the Boston Breakers in 2014, while Mandy McGlynn was chosen one spot higher with the No. 20 pick by Sky Blue FC in 2020. Emily Gray made history in 2021 becoming the highest drafted pick at number three by North Carolina Courage. Tech has also had its only three All-Americans under Adair's tutelage - Reeves (1st, 2013), Murielle Tiernan (3rd, 2015) and McGlynn (2nd, 2019) - and two of its three Academic All-Americans - Katie Yensen (3rd, 2014) and McGlynn (1st, 2019).

Along with the great strides the Hokies have made on the pitch, the Tech women's soccer program is also known for producing outstanding students who are major contributors off of it. Each year, the Hokies boast a high team grade point average and have student-athletes who compete for state, regional and national academic recognition. In fact, during the 2017-18 academic season, the team posted a program-tying best ever team GPA of 3.53 in the spring semester. In addition, both Ashley Meier (2015) and Alani Johnson (2017) have received an ACC Postgraduate Scholarship, with Meier also earning an NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship as well. Lastly, in 2018, Heather Timothy became Tech's sixth women's soccer player to earn the Skelton Award for Academic Excellence in Athletics - the highest designation handed out by the Tech athletics department.

In 2015, the Hokies went 15-4-2 and won their opening round game in the NCAA Championship, while in the 2014 season, Adair led the Hokies to a 16-6 record and advanced to the Sweet 16 for the third time in school history. During that season, the Hokies set a school record for most goals in a season, with 62, and fewest goals allowed in a season, surrendering just 18, and reached a program-best No. 2 ranking in the country after starting the season at 10-0-0.

In their record-setting 2013 campaign, the Hokies beat three ranked teams during the regular season and then blew out then-No. 1 Virginia 4-2 in the ACC Tournament semifinals. They added two more ranked foes to their list of conquests when they downed West Virginia 1-0 and knocked off Santa Clara by advancing on penalty kicks in the NCAA Championships. The Hokies were a No. 1 seed in the tournament and hosted four games in Blacksburg. The Hokies scored a then school-record 56 goals, breaking the mark of 45 set by the 2012 team, and shut out 12 opponents, tying the mark also set by the 2012 squad. They finished the season with a school-best No. 4 ranking in the country.

In Adair's first season as the head coach (2011), Tech matched its best finish in program history (at the time), making it all the way to the Sweet 16 of the NCAA Championship. Adair led the Hokies to a 14-8-1 overall record, which included 11 shutouts.

Adair came to Tech in 2006 and served as the associate head coach under previous head coach Kelly Cagle for five seasons before being promoted. In Adair's first season as an assistant to Cagle, the Hokies suffered a losing season, but have not suffered a losing season since. In 2008, the Hokies advanced to the finals of the ACC Championship for the first time, falling to North Carolina 3-0, and in 2009, the Hokies won 16 games, then a school record, and earned a final ranking of No. 12.

Adair also possesses a great deal of playing experience, having played professionally for 10 years, including stints with the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer and the U.S. National Futsal Team. He also spent time playing for the San Diego Sockers, Wichita Wings, Portland Timbers, San Diego Flash, Minnesota Thunder, Seattle Sounders, Milwaukee Wave, Carolina Dynamo and A.A. Ghent (Belgium) from 1993-2003.

Adair played soccer at the University of San Diego after transferring from San Diego State in the early 1990s. He earned All-America honors, was a two-year captain and helped USD to the NCAA finals, where the Toreros lost to Virginia. He scored 27 goals and had 23 assists in his three years at USD. He got his bachelor's degree in business administration from USD in 1993 and he received his MBA from USD in 1996.

Adair is married to the former Shelbylynn Mc-Bride, and they have a daughter, Callie Lynn and a son, Austin Tate. He also has two other daughters Alexandra and Madeline, and a son Jack.



## KEY STORYLINES, CTD.

#### MITCHELL

• Natalie Mitchell has taken 44 shots this season, ranked 9th for the most shots of any player in the ACC. She has made 3 goal and 7 assists, ranking tied for second in the ACC for assist.

• Mitchell has gone 2-2 on penalty kicks this season, scoring the first goal of the match vs. South Carolina.

#### BRYAN

• Taylor Bryan was recently named ACC Offensive Player of the Week after recording a brace against Virginia in the final minute. Bryan has scored the eqaulizer twice this season, first against North Carolina. Her goal changed the tide, and helped the Hokies comeback for a 2-1 victory.

#### HARGROVE

• Sophmore goalkeeper Lauren Hargrove made her first career start at the Indiana match allowing zero goals in her first full 90 minutes of play against the Hoosiers. Hargrove went on to play 300 minutes this season before allowing one goal.

• Hargrove has gone on to record 5 shutouts this season including 2 in the ACC.

#### **FRESHMAN TO WATCH**

• Midfielder Courtney Andersen was named to the 2022 TopDrawerSoccer.com Freshman Best XI list! Andersen made one assist in the preseason match against Loyola.

#### VEITH ON #SCTOP10

• Ava Veith's first collegiate goal - extending Virginia Tech's lead to 5-0 on Aug. 26, 2021 against Elon - received the No. 2 spot on SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays.

• Veith unloaded a 35-yard, curling strike to the top-right shelf, preluding Holly Weber's 30-yard strike that took place on the other side of a 55-minute lightning delay.

#### **SEASON OUTLOOK**

• Virginia Tech has aspirations of making the program's 13th NCAA tournament appearance to date this fall, having earned all berths since 2004.

#### **PRESEASON POLLS**

• Virginia Tech was voted to finish ninth in the preseason ACC standings this season by the league's head coaches.

• The Hokies will be chasing one of six spots in the 2022 ACC Women's Soccer Championship.

• Of the eight programs picked to finish ahead of Tech, four were ranked among the top 10 national preseason positions per *United Soccer Coaches*:

Program	ACC	National
Florida State	No. 4	No. 1
North Carolina	No. 3	No. 10
Virginia	No. 2	No. 4
Duke	No. 1	No. 2

# **CAREER SCORING**

No.	Player	MP	MS	G	Α	
0	Dare Burnett	1				
00	Lauren Hargrove	16	13			
1	Alia Skinner	37	37			
2	Riley McCarthy	15	3		1	
3	Kendall Feighan	1				
4	Ines Obradovac	2				
5	Aino Vuorinen	33	23	1	4	
6	Makenzie Graham	50	33	2		
7	Avery Tharrington	20	17		1	
8	Ayden Yates	6			2	
9	Calista Heister	27	2			
10	Bella Pontieri	4				
11	Gabby Johnson	74	36	8	3	
	at Virginia Tech	32	15	2	2	
12	Tori Powell	51	49	21	14	
13	Victoria Moser					
14	Allie Lewis	26	21	1	1	
15	Sophie Maltese	33		7	3	
16	Allie George	34	5	2	2	
17	Courtney Andersen	5				
18	Lauren Gogal	30	20		3	
19	Natalie Mitchell	15	15	3	7	
20	Victoria Haugen	48	48		5	
21	Averi Visage	48	42		1	
22	Taylor Bryan	23	3	5	2	
23	Kate Bonshak	3				
24	Emmalee McCarter	91	70	6	13	
25	Taylor Price	15	15	8	3	
26	Emma Pelkowski	34	33	5	9	
27	Ava Veith	19	6	1	5	
28	Ella Ciardullo	9		1	1	
29	Kendall DiMillio	2			1	
31	Maysen Nelson	2				
32	Emma Stanley	5				
34	Ella Valente	11	1	1	2	
35	Ruby Darling	2				
	at Virginia Tech					

#### LAST TIME VIRGINIA TECH ...

• Won an NCAA tournament match: 2021 first round vs. Ohio State in Blacksburg, Va. (3-1).

• Won an NCAA tournament match on penalty kicks: 2013 third round vs. [4] Santa Clara at Thompson Field (1-1 draw, 3-1 on penalty kicks).

• Advanced to the NCAA third round: 2018 after defeating Arkansas, 1-0 (20T), in Cary, North Carolina.

#### **BEST PERFORMANCES 2021**

• **Sept. 12:** Virginia Tech defeats No. 12 South Carolina, 1-0, in a true road environment. The Hokies held SC to season lows in attempts (seven total, three on target).

• **Sept. 23:** Tech earns its first-ever away series point at No. 4 North Carolina (2-2 draw). The Hokies' 2-0 lead marked the largest deficit UNC had faced at home since 2013.

• **Sept. 26:** Virginia Tech collects a result against its second consecutive top-five opponent, drawing with No. 2 Duke (1-1).

The Hokies never trailed against UNC or Duke during the same week.

# **RECORD BREAKDOWN**

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	Overall	ACC
Overall	9-4-2	0-0
Home	4-2-2	1-1-1
Away	5-2-0	2-2
Neutral		
Non-conference	6-1-1	
Ranked opponents	2-1-1	2-0-1
Day matches	1-1-1	0-1
Night matches	8-3-1	3-2-1
Scoring 0-1 goals	1-4-1	1-2
Scoring 2 goals	3-0-0	2-0
Scoring 3 goals	2-0-1	
Scoring 4+ goals	3-0-0	
Allowing 2 goals	1-1-0	0-1
Allowing 3+ goals	1-2-1	0-2-1
Hokies score first	7-1-1	3-0-1
Opponent scores first	2-2-0	2-2
BY MONTH		
August	3-0-1	0-0-0
September	5-2-0	2-1-0

• **Oct. 15:** Tech holds No. 1 Florida State to season lows in attempts (nine total, two on target).

1-2-1

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• *Nov. 12:* Tech takes down Ohio State (3-1) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

#### AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH

• With the victory against Old Dominion, Virginia Tech improved to 21-2-0 under Chugger Adair when competing in non-conference regular season matches against in-state opponents.

• Tech's two defeats were had against Virginia during the 2020-21 season (non-conference ACC matches inside COVID-19 scheduling).

• The Hokies tied a program record with their eight assists (Aug. 27, 2006, vs. Radford).

#### **LUCKY SEVEN**

October

• Virginia Tech's seven goals against Elon on Aug. 26, 2021 (7-1 victory) tied its third highest goal count across program history:

Rk	Player	Opponent	Goals
1.	Aug. 31, 2004	VMI	9
2.	Oct. 15, 2020	Miami	8
3.	Aug. 26, 2021	Elon	7
	Aug. 23, 2013	High Point	7
	Sept. 15, 1993	Virginia Wesleyan	7

#### **SCORELESS IN 2021**

• Virginia Tech kept its 2021 opponents scoreless through the first 269 minutes of the season, marking the third longest season-opening stretch the Hokies have mastered to date:

Rk	Season	First Goal	Match No.
1.	2019	326:12	4th
2.	2014	322:38	4th
3.	2021	269:23	3rd
4.	2012	245:49	3rd