



2017 MATCH NOTES

2010 NCAA TOURNAMENT | FIVE ALL-AMERICANS | 16 ALL-ACC

A-STATE INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, SEPT. 1-2 | CONVOCATION CENTER | JONESBORO, ARK.



Virginia Tech Hokies

2017 Record.....3-0, 0-0 ACC
All-Time Series.....Arkansas State leads 2-0
Starters R/L.....4+Libero/2
Head Coach.....Jill Wilson
Record (Years).....3-0 (1st)



Ole Miss Rebels

2017 Record.....3-1, 0-0 SEC
All-Time.....Ole Miss leads 3-0
Starters R/L.....3+Libero/2
Head Coach.....Steven McRoberts
Record (Years).....64-36 (4th)

SCHEDULE & RECORD

3-0

THE RECORD		
ACC		0-0
NON-CONFERENCE		3-0
HOME		0-0
AWAY		1-0
NEUTRAL		2-0

THE SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT (TV)	TIME/RESULTS
Aug. 25	(1) vs. Idaho State (YouTube)	W, 3-2
Aug. 25	(1) vs. South Dakota State (YouTube)	W, 3-0
Aug. 26	(1) at Milwaukee (ESPN3)	W, 3-2
Sep. 1	(2) vs. Ole Miss (Red Wolves Dig. Net.)	Noon
Sep. 1	(2) at Arkansas State (RWDN)	7:30 p.m.
Sep. 2	(2) vs. SMU (RWDN)	5 p.m.
Sep. 8	(3) at Marshall	7 p.m.
Sep. 9	(3) vs. Maryland	11 a.m.
Sep. 9	(3) vs. Toledo	5 p.m.
Sep. 15	(4) Radford (HokieVision)	7 p.m.
Sep. 16	(4) East Tennessee State (HokieVision)	2 p.m.
Sep. 22	at Miami* (ACCN+)	7 p.m.
Sep. 24	at Florida State* (ACCN+)	1 p.m.
Sep. 27	at Virginia*	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Pitt*	1 p.m.
Oct. 6	Louisville* (HokieVision)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Notre Dame* (ACCN+)	Noon
Oct. 13	at North Carolina* (ACCN+)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	at NC State* (ACCN+)	2 p.m.
Oct. 20	Wake Forest* (HokieVision)	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Duke* (HokieVision)	1 p.m.
Oct. 27	at Syracuse* (ACCN+)	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	at Boston College*	1 p.m.
Nov. 3	Georgia Tech* (ACCN+)	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 5	Clemson* (ACCN+)	1 p.m.
Nov. 10	at Notre Dame*	7 p.m.
Nov. 12	at Louisville*	2 p.m.
Nov. 17	Florida State* (ACCN+)	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 19	Miami* (ACCN+)	Noon
Nov. 22	Virginia* (ACCN+)	4 p.m.
Nov. 24	Pitt* (ACCN+)	4 p.m.

* ACC game | All times ET and are subject to change

- 1- Pepsi Panther Invitational
- 2- A-State Invitational
- 3- Thunder Invite
- 4- Hokie Invitational



A-State Red Wolves

2017 Record.....2-2, 0-0 Sun Belt
All-Time.....Arkansas State leads 2-0
Starters R/L.....4/4+Libero
Head Coach.....David Rehr
Record (Years).....110-56 (6th)



SMU Mustangs

2017 Record.....1-2, 0-0 American
All-Time.....SMU leads 1-0
Starters R/L.....4/2+Libero
Head Coach.....Lisa Seifert
Record (Years).....365-290 (21st)

HOW TO WATCH & FOLLOW

Friday, Sept. 1

Match 1 - vs. Ole Miss @ noon ET



Match 2 - at Arkansas State @ 7:30 p.m.



Saturday, Sept. 2

Match 3 - vs. SMU @ 5 p.m.



Live Stats | <http://www.statbroadcast.com/events/statbroadcast.php?t=1&gid=aru>

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• Freshman Kaity Smith had a debut to remember in the season opener, tallying 30 kills - a program first.

• Setter Rhegan Mitchell is No. 1 in the nation for the most assists in a match (vs. Idaho State).

• Virginia Tech owns the fourth-best hitting percentage in the country with .353.

WEEKEND STORYLINES



PEPSI PANTHER INVITATIONAL CHAMPS

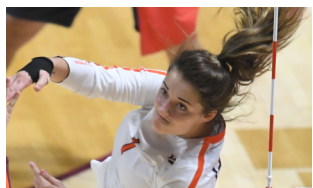
- Kicking off the season on a high note, Virginia Tech claimed the first tournament it played in, though, there were some close calls as two matches were five setters.
- Tech placed three players on the All-Tournament Team - Rhegan Mitchell, Stacey Christy and Kaity Smith.
- All three set career highs opening weekend.

ACC FRESHMAN OF THE WEEK

- Outside hitter Kaity Smith made quite the splash wearing the Maroon and Orange last weekend as the freshman earned her first ACC honor.
- The Kentucky native racked up 61 kills, 17 digs, three service aces and one block on the weekend.
- She posted 20-plus kills twice in the tournament.

WILSON ENTERS FIRST YEAR

- Head coach Jill Wilson begins her first year in Blacksburg and her first year as a head coach.
- She comes from LSU where she was an assistant coach for 10 years and guided the Tigers to six NCAA Tournament trips and the 2009 SEC Championship.
- Wilson also brought in five top-30 recruiting classes.



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#	Probable Starters	SP	K	Pct.	A	SA	D	B	P
1	Kaity Smith (OH)	13	61	.349	0	3	17	1	64.5
3	Cara Cunningham (MB)	9	18	.419	0	4	8	26.5	
4	Jaila Tolbert (RS)	13	27	.293	0	2	6	7	32.5
6	Stacey Christy (MB)	13	29	.462	0	2	2	9	37.0
9	Rhegan Mitchell (S)	13	8	.375	152	1	26	2	10.0
14	Ester Talamazzi (OH)	13	31	.264	2	1	15	6	35.0
5	Carol Raffety (L)	13	0	.000	13	6	41	0	6.0

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AVCA Top 25 Preseason PollAug. 28 | *Opponents in italics*

Team (1st place)	Points	Record	Last
1 Stanford (53)	1587	3-0	2
2 Minnesota (3)	1461	2-0	4
3 Florida (7)	1447	2-0	12
4 Texas (1)	1332	1-1	1
5 Penn State	1320	3-0	6
6 Wisconsin	1271	2-0	7
7 Creighton	1250	3-0	9
8 Washington	1095	2-1	3
9 Kansas	1070	3-0	8
10 BYU	1054	3-0	10
11 UCLA	988	3-0	13
12 Nebraska	850	0-2	5
13 Kentucky	833	3-0	14
14 Oregon	750	1-1	18
15 <i>Florida State</i>	680	3-0	15
16 <i>North Carolina</i>	602	0-2	11
17 San Diego	494	2-1	22
18 USC	454	3-0	NR
19 Michigan	413	2-1	16
20 Ohio State	383	2-1	21
21 Purdue	335	3-0	25
22 Utah	315	2-1	23
23 Michigan State	207	2-1	17
24 WKU	137	3-0	NR
25 Iowa State	116	3-0	NR

Others receiving votes: Wichita State 73; Missouri 40; Washington State 31; Baylor 30; Hawai'i 30; UNI 27; Arizona 18; Cal Poly 14; Colorado State 14; Pitt 12; Marquette 11; Duke 10; Lipscomb 8; Dayton 6

NCAA RPINov. 26 | *Opponents in italics*

Team	Conference	Record
1 Minnesota	B1G	29-5
2 Texas	Big 12	27-5
3 Nebraska	B1G	31-3
4 Wisconsin	B1G	28-5
5 Stanford	Pac-12	27-7
6 Washington	Pac-12	29-5
7 BYU	WCC	29-4
8 UCLA	Pac-12	27-7
9 <i>North Carolina</i>	ACC	29-4
10 Kansas	Big 12	27-3
11 Missouri	SEC	26-6
12 Creighton	BIG EAST	29-7
13 Florida	SEC	27-4
14 Michigan	B1G	24-11
15 Michigan State	B1G	25-9
16 WKU	C-USA	30-3
17 San Diego	WCC	24-6
18 <i>Florida State</i>	ACC	26-6
19 Kansas State	Big 12	21-10
20 Kentucky	SEC	23-8
21 TCU	Big 12	15-13
22 Penn State	B1G	24-10
23 Arizona	Pac-12	20-15
24 Oregon	Pac-12	21-10
25 SMU	<i>American</i>	26-8
26 Boise State	MWC	26-7
27 Hawai'i	Big West	23-6
28 Purdue	B1G	19-14
29 Ohio State	B1G	22-13
30 UNLV	MWC	24-8

QUICK FACTS

University Name Virginia Tech
 Location Blacksburg, Va.
 Founded 1872
 Enrollment 31,224
 President Dr. Timothy Sands
 Director of Athletics Whit Babcock
 Nickname Hokies
 Mascot Hokie Bird
 Colors Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange
 Affiliation NCAA Division I
 Conference Atlantic Coast

2017 Key Information**RETURNING STARTERS (4 + Libero)**

Stacey Christy	MB
Cara Cunningham	MB
Rhegan Mitchell	S
Carol Raffety	OH/L
Jaila Tolbert	MB/RS

OTHERS RETURNING (9)

Melody Caloyannides	OH
Kelly Esch	RS
Briana Lanktree	OH
Abby McKinzie	L/DS
Rhana Mitchell	DS
Mandy Powers	S
Haley Price	L/DS
Gabriela Senties	S/DS
Alex Toben	L/DS

NEWCOMERS (5)

Marisa Cerchio	MB
Kaity Smith	OH
Ester Talamazzi	OH
Kylie Thomas	L/DS
Kai Young	MB

STARTERS LOST (2)

Amanda McKinzie	OH
Lindsey Owens	OH

2016 INFORMATION, 2017 PREVIEW

Overall Record 13-18
 ACC Record 8-12 (9th)
 Starters Returning/Lost 4 + Libero/2
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost 13/4
 Returning Redshirts 1
 Newcomers 5
 Home Court Cassell Coliseum
 Capacity 9,567

Hit .233 with 25 blocks and two services
 Team-high 106 blocks, 24 SA, 212.5 points
 Team-high 570 assists, 10.75 A/set, 1.75 D/set
 Team-high 481 digs, 20 SA, 51 assists
 Hit a team-high .301, 223 kills, 83 blocks

Saw time in eight matches as a freshman
 Posted 69 kills, 29 blocks and 90 points
 Appeared in 15 matches, tallying 40 kills
 Played in 16 matches, racking up 56 digs
 Turned in 52 digs, seven assists in 12 matches
 Second-most on team with 529 assists
 Redshirted due to hip surgery
 Saw time in 16 matches, posting 34 assists
 Started six matches and tallied 75 digs

Won USAV Nationals, 3x all-conference at Turpin
 Cincinnati.com Player of the Year, 3x all-state
 Club team took home U18 National Championship
 3x all-state/conference, owns kills school record
 All-conference senior year, captain, ran track

VaSID All-State, over 1,000 digs/kills
 4x All-ACC, AVCA All-Region, over 1,000 kills

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Kaity Smith	OH	6'1"	Fr.	Florence, Ky.
2	Gabriela Senties	S/DS	5'4"	So.	Laredo, Texas
3	Cara Cunningham	MB	6'4"	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.
4	Jaila Tolbert	MB/RS	6'1"	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.
5	Carol Raffety	OH/L	5'11"	So.	Novato, Calif.
6	Stacey Christy	MB	6'2"	r-Sr.	Hagerstown, Md.
7	Briana Lanktree	OH	5'11"	Sr.	Redondo Beach, Calif.
8	Alex Toben	L/DS	5'8"	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va.
9	Rhegan Mitchell	S	5'8"	r-Jr.	Peachtree City, Ga.
10	Kylie Thomas	L/DS	5'7"	Fr.	Sterling, Va.
11	Mandy Powers	S	5'11"	Sr.	Leesburg, Va.
14	Ester Talamazzi	OH	6'0"	Fr.	Campo Ligure, Genoa, Italy
15	Kelly Esch	RS	6'1"	Sr.	Williamsburg, Va.
16	Rhana Mitchell	L/DS	5'8"	Sr.	Peachtree City, Ga.
18	Haley Price	L/DS	5'8"	r-So.	Bristol, Tenn.
19	Marisa Cerchio	MB	6'3"	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio
20	Abby McKinzie	L/DS	5'9"	So.	East Leroy, Mich.
21	Melody Caloyannides	OH	6'0"	So.	Reston, Va.
22	Kai Young	MB	5'11"	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.

Head Coach: Jill Wilson (LSU, 2001) 1st Season**Associate Head Coach:** John Wasielewski (Penn State, 1990)**Assistant Coach:** Thomas Amberg (UCLA, 2012)**Director of Operations:** Leah Joseph (Georgia Southern, 2016)**Pronunciation**

Melody Caloyannides: cal-oh-yahn-EE-dis

Marisa Cerchio: SER-ko

Rhegan Mitchell: like (Ronald) Reagan

Rhana Mitchell: RAIN-uh

Ester Talamazzi: Tal-uh-MAHT-zee

Jaila Tolbert: JAY-lah

Gaby Senties: sen-TEE-is

Jill Lytle Wilson: LIE-til



**2016 ACC Standings**

Team	Overall	ACC
1 Duke	3-0	1.00 0-0
No. 15 Florida State	3-0	1.00 0-0
Miami	3-0	1.00 0-0
Notre Dame	3-0	1.00 0-0
Virginia Tech	3-0	1.00 0-0
Wake Forest	3-0	1.00 0-0
7 Clemson	3-1	.750 0-0
8 Virginia	2-1	.667 0-0
Georgia Tech	2-2	.500 0-0
Syracuse	2-2	.500 0-0
Pitt	1-1	.500 0-0
12 Boston College	1-2	.333 0-0
Louisville	0-2	.000 0-0
No. 15 North Carolina	0-2	.000 0-0
NC State	0-3	.000 0-0

2017 ACC Preseason Coaches' Poll

1. North Carolina (196 points, 14 1st votes)
2. Florida State (169 points)
3. Pitt (168 points)
4. Notre Dame (149 points)
5. NC State (140 points)
6. Miami (136 points)
7. Duke (118 points)
8. Louisville (104 points)
9. Georgia Tech (99 points)
10. Syracuse (75 points)
11. Wake Forest (69 points)
- 12. Virginia Tech (54 points)**
13. Virginia (50 points)
14. Boston College (28 points)
15. Clemson (20 points)

2017 ACC Preseason All-ACC Team

Leah Meyer, Jr., MB, Duke
 Milica Kabura, Sr., OH, Florida State
 Gabriela Stavnetchei, Sr., OH, Georgia Tech
 Tess Clark, Sr., MB/ OH, Louisville
 Molly Sauer, Jr., L, Louisville
 Olga Strantzali, Sr., OH, Miami
 Haley Templeton, R-Jr., S, Miami
 Taylor Fricano, Sr., MH/ OP, North Carolina
 Taylor Leath, Jr., OH, North Carolina
 Julia Scoles, So., OH, North Carolina
 Bree Bailey, GS, OH, NC State
 Julia Brown, Sr., OH, NC State
 Sam Fry, Sr., MB, Notre Dame
 Caroline Holt, Sr., S, Notre Dame
 Kamalani Akeo, Jr., S, Pitt
 Stephanie Williams, R-So., OH, Pitt
 Santita Ebangwese, Jr., MB, Syracuse
 Kylie Long, Sr., OH, Wake Forest

GREENSBORO, N.C. – For the third year in a row, North Carolina has been chosen as the ACC volleyball preseason favorite in a vote by the league's 15 head coaches.

It was unanimous as the reigning ACC Champion Tar Heels garnered all 14 first-place votes and 196 points. Coaches were not allowed to include their own team in their predicted order of finish.

LAST TIME OUT

- Performing at their best out the gate, numerous Hokies stepped up and achieved career highs in guiding Tech to the Pepsi Panther Invitational title.
- First-year head coach Jill Wilson started the year off 3-0 and saw three players make the All-Tournament Team - Stacey Christy, Rhegan Mitchell and Kaity Smith.
- Down 2-1 in its final match against Milwaukee entering set four, Tech dug deep and won 25-21 and used that momentum to win the final set, 15-10, to claim the tournament crown.
- When it mattered most, in the fifth set, the Hokies defense came to play holding the Panthers to a .050 hitting clip.
- Three Hokies paced Tech against UWM posting 10-plus kills in Smith (20), Christy (13) and Jaila Tolbert (13), while Mitchell, the tournament's MVP, tallied 56 assists.

CAREER HIGHS FOR DAYS

- The first week of the season was quite the start for returners on the Virginia Tech squad as five players set new career highs at the Pepsi Panther Invitational in Milwaukee.
- Libero Carol Raffety achieved career bests in assists (7) and service aces (4) against Milwaukee.
- Middle blocker Stacey Christy posted a career-high 11 kills in the opener and followed it up in the third match with a new career-high 13 kills. Christy also had a career-high six blocks.
- Middle blocker Cara Cunningham tallied a Virginia Tech career-high 12 kills versus SDSU.
- Right side hitter Jaila Tolbert earned her first-ever ace against SDSU.
- Setter Rhegan Mitchell opened up the season with a career-high 65 assists against Idaho State.

SOMETHING ABOUT OPENERS

- Rhegan Mitchell has had her A-game in back-to-back years in the opening match, setting new career highs in the 2016 and 2017 openers.
- She posted 57 kills against Appalachian State on Aug. 26, 2016 and followed it up with 65 versus Idaho State on Aug. 25, 2017.
- The 65-kill performance against Idaho State also included 14 assists, marking her first double-double of the season and the 11th in her storied career.

A DEBUT FOR THE AGES

- Freshman Kaity Smith placed her self in the record books on Aug. 25 when she led the Hokies to a 3-2 victory over Idaho State.
- Smith's 30 kills against the Bengals did the following in Tech's storied history:
- Most ever in a debut since the NCAA implemented rally scoring in 2001.
- Second freshman in school history to have over 30 kills in a match in their first season. Virginia Tech Sports Hall of Famer Lisa Pikalek racked up 38 against Southern Miss on Nov. 7, 1992.
- Tied for the seventh-most kills in Hokie history.

BLOCK PARTY

- Tech collected 18 blocks against Milwaukee as defense led the way to winning the Pepsi Panther Invitational.

- It marked the first time Tech has done so since it tallied 18 against Virginia on Sept. 30, 2016.
- Four players had four or more blocks – Cara Cunningham (5), Stacey Christy (6), Ester Talamazzi (4) and Jaila Tolbert (4).

THE SIX

- Virginia Tech is one of six schools from the Atlantic Coast Conference which went perfect opening weekend.
- The following schools accomplished the feat - Duke, No. 15 Florida State, Miami, Notre Dame, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest.
- On the losing end, Louisville, No. 16 North Carolina and NC State went winless opening weekend, however, the three teams did play three ranked opponents in No. 2 Minnesota, No. 6 Wisconsin and No. 9 Kansas.

ACC RANKS

- The Hokies currently sit atop three statistics in the ACC as a team and one player does individually in the conference.
- Assists per set (13.62), hitting percentage (.353) and kills per set (14.38).
- Redshirt senior Stacey Christy leads all ACC players in hitting percentage with .462.

RETURNING NUMBERS FOR HOKIES

- To open the 2017 season, Virginia Tech returns almost all of its assists and blocking personnel, but will need a push in the kills department with departing outside hitters Amanda McKinzie and Lindsey Owens.

Returning	Kills	Assists	Digs	Blocks	Points
2017	43.1%	96.2%	58.2%	77.0%	49.4%

THE SCHEDULE

- Of the 25 teams on Tech's schedule this fall, 12 squads posted 20-plus win seasons last year.
- Of the 12, four made the NCAA Tournament and 11 finished in the top-100 in RPI.

RACKING IT UP

- With trips to the states of Wisconsin, Arkansas and West Virginia for non-conference tournaments, the Hokies will rack up over 1,600 miles of travel.
- The closest of the three trips is to Huntington, West Virginia (190 miles), where Tech will play on the campus of Conference USA member Marshall.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

- Tech will play its first 13 of 15 matches on the road and won't host its first conference match until Oct. 6.

FALL FAMILY WEEKEND

- On Oct. 6 when Virginia Tech takes on Louisville in its first home conference match of the season, will be Tech's annual Fall Family Weekend. Additionally, it will be the first time first-year head coach Jill Lytle Wilson coaches against an ACC opponent on her home floor.
- Some of the highlights of the weekend include President Tim Sands' state of the university address, family movie night in Lane Stadium, open houses and information sessions.

LAST TIME THE TEAM...

Won a match.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost a match.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16
Won at home.....	Wake Forest, 3-0, 11/13/16
Lost at home.....	Duke, 3-0, 11/11/16
Won on the road.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost on the road.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16
Won in three sets.....	vs. South Dakota State, 3-0, 8/25/17
Lost in three sets.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16
Won in four sets.....	at Syracuse, 3-1, 11/20/16
Lost in four sets.....	No. 8 North Carolina, 3-1, 10/28/16
Won in five sets.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost in five sets.....	at No. 15 Florida State, 3-2, 10/14/16
Beat an ACC team.....	at Virginia, 3-2, 11/25/16
Lost to an ACC team.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16
Beat an ACC team at home.....	Wake Forest, 3-0, 11/13/16
Lost to an ACC team at home.....	Duke, 3-0, 11/11/16
Beat an ACC team on the road.....	at Virginia, 3-2, 11/25/16
Lost to an ACC team on the road.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16
Beat a non-conference team.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost to a non conference team.....	Ohio, 3-2, 9/16/16
Beat non-conference team at home.....	Radford, 3-1, 9/16/16
Lost to non-conference team at home.....	Ohio, 3-2, 9/16/16
Beat non-conference team on road.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost to non-conference team on road.....	vs. Lipscomb, 3-0, 9/10/16
Beat a ranked team.....	at No. 19 Michigan State, 3-1, 9/4/15
Lost to a ranked team.....	No. 8 North Carolina, 3-1, 10/28/16
Beat an unranked team.....	at Milwaukee, 3-2, 8/26/17
Lost to an unranked team.....	at Pitt, 3-0, 11/23/16

Started a season 3-0.....	2017
Was 10 matches over .500 in a season.....	2013 (11 matches over .500 at 12-1)
Had 70 or more kills in a match.....	Idaho State, 75, 8/25/17
Had 200 or more attacks in a match.....	Chattanooga, 204, 9/19/15
Hit .300 or better in a match.....	vs. South Dakota State, .402, 8/25/17
Hit .400 or better in a match.....	vs. South Dakota State, .402, 8/25/17
Had 65 or more assists in a match.....	Idaho State, 75, 8/25/17
Had 10 or more aces in a match.....	vs. Bowling Green State, 10, 9/12/15
Had 75 or more digs in a match.....	at Syracuse, 75, 11/20/16
Had 85 or more digs in a match.....	Appalachian State, 85, 8/26/16
Had 15.0 or more blocks in a match.....	at Milwaukee, 18.0, 8/26/17
Had 20.0 or more blocks in a match.....	Virginia, 20.0, 11/28/15

ON THIS DATE...

Virginia Tech has played 20 times on Sep. 1 and owns a 9-11 overall record. The Hokies are 5-0 at home at Cassell Coliseum, 1-5 on the road and 3-6 in neutral site tournament matches. Here is the last three matches on this date.

Season	Date	Rank	Opponent	Score	Site
2016	Thu., 9/1	NR/NR	vs. Alabama	L, 2-3	Puerto Rico
2012	Sat., 9/1	NR/NR	Harvard	W, 3-0	Blacksburg, Va.
2012	Sat., 9/1	NR/NR	MTSU	W, 3-1	Blacksburg, Va.

LAST TIME AN INDIVIDUAL...

Had 20 or more kills in a match.....	at Milwaukee, 20, Kaity Smith, 8/26/17
Had 30 or more kills in a match.....	vs. Idaho State, 30, Kaity Smith, 8/25/17
Had 50 or more attacks in a match.....	vs. Idaho State, 51, Kaity Smith, 8/25/17
Hit over .500 in a match.....	at Milwaukee, .667, Kelly Esch, 8/26/17
Hit over .600 in a match.....	at Milwaukee, .667, Kelly Esch, 8/26/17
Hit over .800 in a match.....	NC State, .857, Kathryn Caine, 10/12/12
Had 45 or more assists in a match.....	at UWM, 56, Rhagan Mitchell, 8/26/17
Had 55 or more assists in a match.....	at UWM, 56, Rhagan Mitchell, 8/26/17
Had 70 or more assists in a match.....	Liberty, 86, Kelli O'Dell, 10/17/00
Had 4 or more aces in a match.....	at Milwaukee, 4, Carol Raffety, 8/26/17
Had 8 or more aces in a match.....	ULM, 8, Annie Spicer, 9/10/04
Had 25 or more digs in a match.....	Radford, 27, Carol Raffety, 9/16/16
Had 30 or more digs in a match.....	Georgia Tech, 30, Morgan O'Neill, 11/3/12
Had 10 or more blocks in a match.....	vs. Ole Miss, 11, Cara Cunningham, 9/9/16
Had 15 or more blocks in a match.....	West Virginia, 17, Cheryl Stinson, 10/5/01
Opponent had less than 30 kills in a match.....	vs. SDSU, 22, 8/25/17
Two players had 17 or more kills each in a match.....	Chattanooga (5 sets) - Amanda McKinzie (17), Kennedy Bryan (17) - 9/19/15

DOUBLE-DOUBLES COUNT...

WHO	WHAT	WHEN
Rhagan Mitchell.....	57 A, 14 D.....	at Milwaukee (8/25)

What's a Hokie?

The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute. With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body.

Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Hokie" yell which is still used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was used only as an attention-getter for his yell. It soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics.

The official university school colors - Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange - also were introduced in 1896. The colors were chosen by a committee because they made a 'unique combination' not worn elsewhere at the time. The official definition of "hokie" is "a loyal Virginia Tech Fan".

HOKIES IN SEASON OPENERS

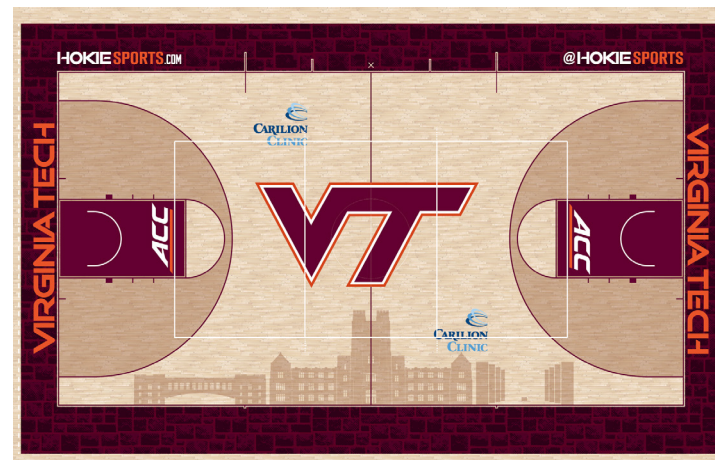
- The Hokies are 24-17 all-time in season openers, however, they have been on a roll in the last decade compiling a 9-1 record. At home during that time span, they are a perfect 10-0.

Date	Opponent	Location	Score
Aug. 29, 2008	Maryland-Eastern Shore	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Aug. 28, 2009	Montana	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Aug. 27, 2010	Chattanooga	Knoxville, Tenn.	W, 3-0
Aug. 26, 2011	Cleveland State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 25, 2012	Nicholls State	Columbia, Mo.	W, 3-0
Aug. 30, 2013	Towson	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Aug. 29, 2014	Butler	Lexington, Ky.	L, 1-3
Aug. 28, 2015	East Tennessee State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 26, 2016	Appalachian State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-2
Aug. 25, 2017	Idaho State	Milwaukee, Wis.	W, 3-2

Date	Opponent	Location	Score
Aug. 24, 2007	William & Mary	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Aug. 29, 2008	Maryland-Eastern Shore	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Aug. 28, 2009	Montana	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Sep. 3, 2010	Coastal Carolina	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 26, 2011	Cleveland State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 31, 2012	Towson	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 30, 2013	Towson	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-1
Sep. 19, 2014	UNC Wilmington	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 28, 2015	East Tennessee State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-0
Aug. 26, 2016	Appalachian State	Cassell Coliseum	W, 3-2

SAME HOME, NEW COURT

- Virginia Tech Athletics this summer implemented a new design on the playing surface at Cassell Coliseum. The basketball and volleyball court displays three iconic campus spots - Torgerson Bridge, Burruss Hall and War Memorial Chapel.
- In addition to the court redesign, Tech redid the floors at the men's basketball practice facility and volleyball practice gym, at a cost of about \$35,000.



RECORD WHEN...

Overall:	3-0
Home:	0-0
Away:	1-0
Neutral:	2-0
Three-set match:	1-0
Four-set match:	0-0
Five-set match:	2-0
Win first set:	1-0
Lose first set:	2-0
Win first two sets:	1-0
Split first two sets:	2-0
Lose first two sets:	0-0
Against top-25 teams:	0-0
Against unranked teams:	0-0
ACC:	0-0
Home:	0-0
Away:	0-0
Three-set match:	0-0
Four-set match:	0-0
Five-set match:	0-0
Win first set:	0-0
Lose first set:	0-0
Win first two sets:	0-0
Split first two sets:	0-0
Lose first two sets:	0-0
Against top-25 teams:	0-0
Against unranked teams:	0-0
Higher hitting % than opponent:	3-0
Lower hitting % than opponent:	0-0
Hit over .400:	1-0
Hit over .300:	1-0
Hit over .200:	1-0
Hit under .200:	0-0
Opponent hits under .200:	1-0
More kills than opponent:	3-0
Fewer kills than opponent:	0-0
More service aces than opponent:	1-0
Fewer service aces than opponent:	1-0
Same service aces as opponent:	1-0
More digs than opponent:	2-0
Fewer digs than opponent:	1-0
Same digs as opponent:	0-0
More blocks than opponent:	2-0
Fewer blocks than opponent:	1-0
Same blocks as opponent:	0-0
On Wednesday:	0-0
On Friday:	2-0
On Saturday:	1-0
On Sunday:	0-0
In August:	3-0
In September:	0-0
In October:	0-0
In November:	0-0
In December:	0-0
Current set winning streak:	1
Current set losing streak:	1
Longest set winning streak:	4
Longest set losing streak:	1
Current match winning streak:	3
Current match losing streak:	0
Current ACC winning streak:	0
Current ACC losing streak:	0
Longest match winning streak:	3
Longest match losing streak:	0
Current home winning streak:	0
Current home losing streak:	0
Current home ACC winning streak:	0
Current home ACC losing streak:	0

STOMPING GROUNDS

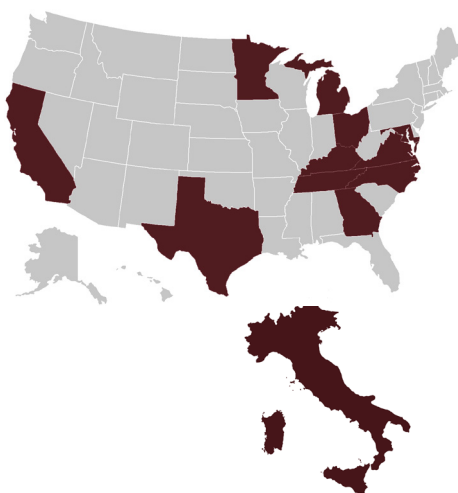
- Virginia Tech has some ties to its opponents this weekend as 23 players combined from Arkansas State, Ole Miss and SMU grew up in the same state as 11 Hokies.
- The closest in proximity would be A-State's Ryley Gill to Tech's Kylie Thomas, their Virginia hometowns are 10 minutes apart. The two actually played on the same club team, too.
- Texas takes the cake as 18 players in the tournament are from the Lone Star State - A-State (4), Ole Miss (5), SMU (8) and Virginia Tech (1).

FRESHMEN SAW ACTION

- Out of the four true freshmen in 2016, the quartet racked up 71 sets played.
- Of the 71 sets, libero Carol Raffety accounted for 31 of them (44%).
- In their action on the court, they did not disappoint as each had career nights in their rookie campaigns - setter Gabriela Senties tallied 18 assists against Ole Miss, Raffety posted 28 digs in the season opener versus Appalachian State, defensive specialist Abby McKinzie had 11 digs when Tech clashed with Temple and outside hitter Melody Caloyannides chipped in two kills against Ohio.

WHERE THEY AT

- Tech has 19 players on the squad who represent 10 states and one international country (Italy).
- Virginia is where the most players are from on the team, making up 32 percent.

**SISTER DUO**

- The Mitchells will play key roles for Tech this season with Rhegan returning as the Hokies' starting setter and Rhana holding down the back line defense.
- The redshirt junior and senior both have similar tastes in a few categories, as expected for the twins.
- Their favorite superhero is Spiderman, sport beside volleyball is basketball, TV show is Game of Thrones, midnight snack is chips, website is Amazon and place to shop is Target.

SMITH TABBED PRESEASON AWARD

- Freshman Kaity Smith was included on PrepVolleyball.com's list of Top Impact Freshmen.
- The outside hitter out of Kentucky had a teammate as well who made the list, Keyton Kinley, who will be a defensive specialist and libero for Tennessee.

AVCA ACADEMIC HONOR

- The American Volleyball Coaches Association announced that the Virginia Tech volleyball program earned Team Academic Honors for the 2016-17 season.
- The AVCA honored a record 822 teams this year from both the high school and college ranks.
- The award is given to teams that hold an average

STATES/COUNTRYVirginia (6)

- #3 Cara Cunningham
- #8 Alex Toben
- #10 Kylie Thomas
- #11 Mandy Powers
- #15 Kelly Esch
- #21 Melody Caloyannides

California (2)

- #5 Carol Raffety
- #7 Briana Lanktree

Georgia (2)

- #9 Rhegan Mitchell
- #16 Rhana Mitchell

Ky., Md., Mich., Minn., N.C., Ohio, Tenn., Texas, Italy (1)

- #1 Kaity Smith (Ky.)
- #2 Gabriela Senties (Texas)
- #4 Jaila Tolbert (Minn.)
- #6 Stacey Christy (Md.)
- #14 Ester Talamazzi (Italy)
- #18 Haley Price (Tenn.)
- #19 Marisa Cerchio (Ohio)
- #20 Abby McKinzie (Mich.)
- #22 Kai Young (N.C.)

#VenTure

"The culture is starting to change quite a bit. We've talked a lot about being adventurous, bold and risky - I think that's going to be a big part of our program. Everything that we have thrown at them they have bought in and give the theme #VenTure life. I really appreciate that and it makes me excited for the season because when you have a group that is that open-minded, they are going to be able to take big steps. #VenTure is a daring and risky endeavour, diving into something new to take a step, and that's what is going to be key for them to be able to take the next step for this program." - **Jill Lytle Wilson**

3.30 cumulative team GPA during the academic year on a 4.0 scale or 4.10 on a 5.0 scale.

- The Hokies finished the academic year with a cumulative team grade point average of 3.31.
- A total of 145 Division I schools were honored and Tech is one of six ACC schools to make the list, joining Clemson, Louisville, NC State, Notre Dame and Virginia.

FINISHING STRONG

- Setter Rhegan Mitchell was out for two months of the season last fall, but came back right before November and put on a clinic on how to set, racking up 307 assists in the month.
- Tech went 5-3 in November - its best winning percentage of any month (minimum eight matches).

TOLBERT REPS ACC

- Junior Jaila Tolbert was selected as the ACC's lone Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) representative on the National Division I SAAC - Tech's first ever.
- She will vote on proposals regarding welfare for student-athletes - mental health, time demands and more.
- Tolbert posted a team-best .301 hitting clip last fall.

SOPHOMORE SET TO LEAD

- Carol Raffety was an impact player last year playing in all 31 matches, one of only four Hokies to do so, and broke the freshman digs record with 481 - most since '04.
- The libero finished sixth in the ACC with 4.26 digs

per set in 113 sets.

- The California native's career high is 28 digs (vs. App St.).

MAROON VS ORANGE SCRIMMAGE

- The inaugural scrimmage took place on Saturday, Aug. 19, as the Hokies split up into two teams in front of their home fans. The Orange team won 4-0.
- It was the first time the five newcomers saw action and they did not disappoint with outside hitters Kaity Smith (15 kills) and Ester Talamazzi (12 kills) posting strong performances and middle blockers Kai Young (three solo blocks) and Marisa Cerchio (six kills) standing tall. Libero Kylie Thomas tallied 10 digs, respectively.
- Junior Jaila Tolbert had a match-high 18 kills.

BACK FOR MORE

- Last year for Haley Price didn't go as smooth as she would have hoped, as the libero and defensive specialist had season-ending surgery on her hips prior to the first match.
- Price, a four-year letterwinner at Sullivan South High School in Tennessee, performed well her freshman year in 2015 by posting two assists, six service aces and 11 digs in 15 matches played.

PRO CIRCUIT

- Announced on Aug. 24, alum Amanda McKinzie ('17) signed with VBC Val-de-Travers located in Couvet, Switzerland, to play professional volleyball.
- The outside hitter is the second pro to come out of Tech in the last two years. Kennedy Bryan ('16) plays

in Palmi, Italy, for the club Golem Volley.

- McKinzie is just the latest as 12 former Tech volleyball student-athletes have played pro in the last decade.

DOUBLING DOWN

- Rhegan Mitchell and Mandy Powers, both setters, have tallied at least one double-double in their careers. They are the only two players on Tech to pull off the feat.
- Mitchell has tallied 11 in her career and Powers has posted one. The pair each recorded the feat once in 2016.

OFFICIAL REPLAY

- In 2017, video replay (Challenge Review System - CRS) will be allowed in conference matches.
- Each team will have three challenges per match, and challenges are not tied to timeouts. The following can be challenged.
- Net faults: players contacting the net/antenna.
- Player touching the ball: four hits/blocker/defensive player.
- Whether a ball was in or out (this includes pancakes and whether the ball touched the antenna).
- Service foot faults.

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STARTERS

Opponent	Date	MB	MB	OH	OH	RS	S	L
Idaho State (W, 3-2)	Aug. 25	Marisa Cerchio	Cara Cunningham	Ester Talamazzi	Kaity Smith	Jaila Tolbert	Rhegan Mitchell	Carol Raffety
SDSU (W, 3-0)	Aug. 25	Stacey Christy	Cara Cunningham	Ester Talamazzi	Kaity Smith	Jaila Tolbert	Rhegan Mitchell	Carol Raffety
Milwaukee (W, 3-2)	Aug. 26	Stacey Christy	Cara Cunningham	Ester Talamazzi	Kaity Smith	Alex Toben	Rhegan Mitchell	Carol Raffety
Ole Miss	Sep. 1							
Arkansas State	Sep. 1							
SMU	Sep. 2							
Marshall	Sep. 8							
Maryland	Sep. 9							
Toledo	Sep. 9							
Radford	Sep. 15							
ETSU	Sep. 16							
Miami*	Sep. 22							
Florida State*	Sep. 24							
Virginia*	Sep. 27							
Pitt*	Oct. 1							
Louisville*	Oct. 6							
Notre Dame*	Oct. 8							
North Carolina*	Oct. 13							
NC State*	Oct. 15							
Wake Forest*	Oct. 20							
Duke*	Oct. 22							
Syracuse*	Oct. 27							
Boston College*	Oct. 29							
Georgia Tech*	Nov. 3							
Clemson*	Nov. 5							
Notre Dame*	Nov. 10							
Louisville*	Nov. 12							
Florida State*	Nov. 17							
Miami*	Nov. 19							
Virginia*	Nov. 22							
Pitt*	Nov. 24							



PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year	1977
All-Time Record	719-622-3
Conference Champions	(1) 1972, Metro
Tournament Championships	None
NCAA Tournaments	(1) 2010
NIVC Tournaments (0) Steve Lowe Award, 1982	
Postseason Record	1-1
Best record	(1992) 26-11
Best in NCAAAs	(2010) 1-1
Players signed pro	12 since 2006

CASSELL COLISEUM

Capacity	9,567
Opened	1962
Renovation	2017
Tech Record	365-158 (.698)
Attendance High in 2016	2,341
Winning Seasons	20

UPCOMING MILESTONES

250 Blocks	Cara Cunningham, 227
400 Kills	Jaila Tolbert, 391
550 Digs	Carol Raffety, 522
1,750 Assists	Rhegan Mitchell, 1,638

SCOUTING OLE MISS

- The Rebels enter the weekend with a 3-1 record after claiming the Rebel Invitational in Oxford. Ole Miss took down Louisiana Tech, Chattanooga and Florida A&M, while losing to North Dakota in five sets.
- Head coach Steven McRoberts' squad returns three starters and a libero from last year's team, which compiled a 17-14 record.
- Outside hitter Kate Gibson, who is in the 1,000/1,000 club, leads the Rebels with 55 kills and 64 digs and setter Lauren Bars owns 115 assists. Junior libero Caroline Adams and sophomore Emily Stroup were named to the All-Tournament Team.

SCOUTING ARKANSAS STATE

- A-State, which is hosting the tournament, comes in with a 2-2 record after a weekend at SEC opponent Kentucky's home court in Lexington. The Red Wolves, under head coach David Rehr's watch, defeated Cincinnati, but lost to two ranked opponents in No. 13 Kentucky and No. 22 Utah.
- They are the only team in the A-State Invitational to play a mid-week match, claiming a 3-1 victory over Southern Illinois in Carbondale on Tuesday, Aug. 29.
- Pacing the Red Wolves are Carlisa May (68 kills, 31 digs) and Tatum Ticknor (77 digs, 14 assists).

SCOUTING SMU

- Heading into the weekend with a 1-2 record, SMU comes off hosting its own tournament last weekend in the SMU DoubleTree Invitational. Mississippi State and Rice got the best of them, but SMU defeated Texas A&M - Corpus Christi to earn its first victory of the season.
- The Mustangs have a balanced attack as three players have 30 kills or more - Katie Hegarty (44), Lauren Mills (43) and Brittany Adams (31). They are coached by veteran Lisa Seifert, who enters her 21st season.

2017 TEAM MATCH-BY-MATCH

Date	Opponent	sp	attack				set			serve				recept			dig	blocking				bhe	points	score
			k	e	ta	pct	a	ta	pct	sa	se	ta	pct	re	ta	pct		bs	ba	be	total			
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	5	75	19	143	.392	73	-	-	4	12	-	-	6	89	.933	58	1	4	2	3.0	1	-	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	3	45	12	82	.402	40	-	-	9	10	-	-	2	46	.957	27	1	10	1	6.0	0	-	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	5	67	21	157	.293	64	-	-	6	10	-	-	6	96	.938	59	2	18	4	11.0	1	-	3-2
		13	187	52	382	.353	177	-	-	19	32	-	-	14	231	.939	144	4	32	7	20.0	2	-	
Opponents		13	143	54	364	.245	136	-	-	14	21	-	-	19	254	.925	127	2	40	1	22.0	5	-	

Sets played: 13
 Kills per set: 14.38
 Assists per set: 13.62

Service aces per set: 1.46
 Digs per set: 11.08
 Blocks per set: 1.54

Ball handling errors per set: 0.15
 Reception errors per set: 1.08





JILL LYTLE WILSON

- First season at Virginia Tech
- 15th as a coach in Division I
- Produced 15 All-SEC players and '02 ACC Player of the Year
- Averaged 20+ wins per year at LSU (10 years)

The Wilson File

PERSONAL

BORN: May 6, 1979

HOMETOWN: Richmond, Texas

FAMILY: Husband, Jared

COACHING RECORD AT VIRGINIA TECH: 0-0 (1st year)

CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD: 0-0 (.000)

EDUCATION

LSU - Bachelor of Science - Business Admin., 2001

JOINED TECH STAFF: Jan. 12, 2017

YEARS OF COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING: 0

YEARS OF COLLEGIATE COACHING: 15

COACHING HISTORY

2017- Virginia Tech (Head Coach)

2013-16 LSU (Associate Head Coach)

2007-12 LSU (Assistant Coach)

2006-07 Wake Forest (Assistant Coach)

2002-04 North Carolina (Assistant Coach)

2001-02 Tennessee-Martin (Graduate Assistant)

PLAYING HISTORY

1997-00 LSU (outside hitter)

4-year letterwinner and starter

Ranked 6th in the SEC with 23 service aces senior year

Appeared in the 2000 SEC Tournament finals

POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

LSU 2014 (First Round - Eugene, Ore.)

Defeated Oklahoma, Loss to Oregon

2013 (First Round - Seattle, Wash.)

Defeated Michigan, Loss to Washington

2010 (First Round - Norman, Okla.)

Loss to Tulsa

2009 (First Round - Baton Rouge, La.)

Defeated Tulane, Loss to Texas A&M

2008 (First Round - Los Angeles, Calif.)

Loss to UCLA

2007 (First Round - Austin, Texas)

Defeated New Mexico State, Loss to Texas

UNC 2002 (Regionals - Lincoln, Neb.)

Defeated Winthrop, South Carolina at home

Loss to Hawai'i

Jill Lytle Wilson was named the head coach of the Virginia Tech volleyball program on Jan. 12, 2017.

Wilson joins the Hokies after an extremely successful run on the bench in LSU where, as the recruiting coordinator, she signed five top-30 recruiting classes according to PrepVolleyball.com. She also helped lead the Tigers to six NCAA Tournament appearances and the 2009 SEC Championship, as well as 25-win seasons in 2007, 2009 and 2010. The Tigers averaged over 20 wins per season during her time on the LSU staff.

"We are excited to welcome Jill and her husband, Jared, to Virginia Tech," Virginia Tech Director of Athletics Whit Babcock said after the announcement of her hiring. "Jill served as an integral component of an LSU program that became a perennial NCAA tournament team during her tenure in the highly-competitive Southeastern Conference. We heard from some of the most respected coaches in the country about Jill's many talents, and their sentiments were very consistent that the school that recruited her away from her alma mater was going to be fortunate to have Jill lead their volleyball program."

Along with her reputation as a staunch recruiter, Lytle Wilson helped produce 15 All-SEC selections, four American Volleyball Coaches Association All-South Region First Team picks and an AVCA First Team All-American and SEC Player of the Year in middle blocker Brittnee Cooper.

No stranger to the ACC, Wilson was an assistant at North Carolina

from 2002-04 before serving as the top assistant at Wake Forest in 2006. She coached two All-Americans, an ACC Player of the Year and helped lead the Tar Heels to the 2002 regular season ACC Championship and an NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance. With the Demon Deacons, Wilson trained outside and right side hitters along with assisting in recruiting prospective student-athletes and organizing all team travel.

Lytle Wilson broke into coaching in 2001 as a graduate assistant coach at Tennessee-Martin. The Skyhawks finished the campaign with a 24-7 record and won the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship.

A four-year starter at outside hitter at LSU from 1997-2000, Wilson ranked sixth in the SEC with 23 service aces during her senior campaign that also saw the Tigers appear in the 2000 SEC Tournament finals.

Lytle Wilson exemplified the Virginia Tech spirit of Ut Prosim while she was a student-athlete. She was the Tigers' representative on the women's at-large SEC Good Works Team in 1999-00 and she was named the LSU Student-Athlete Volunteer of the Year in 2000.

The Richmond, Texas, native graduated from LSU with a B.S. in business administration with concentration in pre-law. While at UT-Martin, Wilson pursued graduate studies in health and human performance.



KAITY SMITH

Freshman | 6-1
Outside Hitter | Florence, Ky.

High School/Club Team
Randall Cooper | Lexington United

Major: Criminology

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AT THE NET

- Started off the season with a bang, tallying 30 kills in her debut against Idaho State - second most in a match across the nation
- The 30-kill feat was the most in a Hokie debut since 2001 when the NCAA implemented rally scoring
- It was the most kills by a Tech player since 1992
- It was the second-most ever by a freshman in school history
- It's tied for the seventh-most all-time
- Four-year high school varsity letterwinner
- 2016 Cincinnati.com City Player of the Year
- Ranked No. 88 in PrepVolleyball's Senior Aces
- 2016 Under Armour All-American Third Team
- Three-time All-State and a four-time All-Conference selection
- 2016 Region 9 Player of the Year
- Named to PrepVolleyball's Sophomore 79 and Freshman 59 lists.

CAREER/SEASON HIGH

Kills.....30 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage.....541 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Assists.....
Aces.....1 (3x)
Digs.....8 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Blocks.....1 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	set	a	e	ta	pt	a	ta	pt	sa	se	ta	pt	re	ta	pt	dig	bs	ba	bt	total	bhe	points	high	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	3	30	7	51	451	0	-	-	1	4	-	-	2	23	913	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	-	392	3-0
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	*3	11	3	21	381	0	-	-	1	4	-	-	0	1	1,000	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	-	402	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	*3	20	7	54	241	0	-	-	1	5	-	-	1	12	917	8	0	1	0	1.0	0	-	293	3-2
		13	61	17	126	346	0	-	-	3	13	-	-	3	36	917	17	0	1	0	1.0	0	-		

Sets played: 13
Kills per set: 4.69

Service aces per set: 0.23
Digs per set: 1.31
Blocks per set: 0.08



GABRIELA SENTIES

Sophomore | 5-4
S/DS | Laredo, Texas

High School/Club Team
Laredo United | Valley Venom

Major: Communications
Sen-TEE-is

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AT THE NET

- Appeared in 16 matches with one start at setter as a true freshman
- Had a career night in a five set loss to Ole Miss (9/9), tallying 18 assists and nine digs, both career-highs, against the Rebels
- Posted her first career service ace in a 3-0 win over Wake Forest (10/7)
- Had 10 assists and three digs at Lipscomb (9/10)

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs.....
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists18 vs. Ole Miss (09/09/16)
Aces1 at Wake Forest (10/07/16)
Digs.....9 vs. Ole Miss (09/09/16)
Blocks.....

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS



CARA CUNNINGHAM

Senior | 6-4
Middle Blocker | Fairvax, Va.

High School/Club Team
Robinson | Virginia Elite

Major: Business Management

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AT THE NET

- Started all three matches opening weekend
- Posted a Virginia Tech career-high 12 kills against South Dakota State while hitting .500
- Also tallied four service aces against the Jackrabbits
- Recorded five blocks at the net versus Milwaukee
- Played in 29 matches with 27 starts at middle blocker in 2016
- Hit .272 with 1.04 blocks per set and 24 service aces
- Led the Hokies with 24 service aces and 106 total blocks
- Collected 17 solo blocks and 89 block assists
- Set career-highs in all major offensive/defensive categories
- Hit over .400 in nine matches
- Tallied 5-plus blocks 11 times
- Transferred from Villanova to Virginia Tech in 2015 spring

SEASON HIGH

Kills 12 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage 500 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Assists
Aces 4 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Digs 2 (2x)
Blocks 5 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

CAREER HIGH

Kills 12 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage 883 vs. Louisville (10/21/16)
Assists 2 at Wake Forest (10/07/16)
Aces 4 (2x)
Digs 5 at Duke (10/09/16)
Blocks 11 vs. Ole Miss (9/9/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	att	set	serve	recept	block	team
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	*1	1 1 3 .000	0 - -	0 1 -	0 0 .000	0 0 0 0 0 0	392 3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	*3	12 3 18 .500	0 - -	4 2 -	0 0 .000	2 1 2 0 3 0	402 3-0
Aug 25, 2017	at Milwaukee	*3	5 1 10 .400	0 - -	0 3 -	0 1 1.000	2 0 5 1 5 0	293 3-2
		9	18 5 31 .419	0 - -	4 6 -	0 1 1.000	4 1 7 1 8 0	

Sets played: 9
Kills per set: 2.00
Service aces per set: 0.44
Digs per set: 0.44
Blocks per set: 0.89



JAILA TOLBERT

Junior | 6-1
MB/RS | Minneapolis, Minn.

High School/Club Team
Breck | MN Select

Major: International Business
(JAY-lah)

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AT THE NET

- Played in all three matches with two starts opening weekend
- Posted five kills or more in all three matches, including 13 against Milwaukee with a .360 hitting clip
- Tallied her first-ever ace against South Dakota State, then added one more on the night
- Played in all 31 matches with 29 starts in 2016
- Set career-highs in hitting percentage, kills per set, digs and blocks
- Led the Hokies with a .301 hitting percentage
- Had a team best .281 hitting percentage in conference matches
- Hit over .400 nine times
- Ranked second on the Hokies with 83.0 total blocks

SEASON HIGH

Kills 13 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Hitting percentage 360 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Assists
Aces 2 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Digs 3 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Blocks 4 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

CAREER HIGH

Kills 20 vs. Appalachian State (8/26/16)
Hitting percentage 733 vs. Pitt (9/28/16)
Assists 2 vs. Notre Dame (10/23/16)
Aces 2 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Digs 3 (2x)
Blocks 7 vs. Appalachian State (8/26/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	att	set	serve	recept	block	team
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	*3	9 4 23 .217	0 - -	0 0 -	0 0 .000	4 0 0 0 0 0	352 3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	*3	5 2 10 .300	0 - -	2 2 -	0 0 .000	1 0 3 0 3 0	402 3-0
Aug 25, 2017	at Milwaukee	*3	13 4 25 .360	0 - -	0 0 -	0 0 .000	3 0 4 0 4 0	293 3-2
		13	27 10 58 .293	0 - -	2 2 -	0 0 .000	8 0 7 0 7 0	

Sets played: 13
Kills per set: 2.08
Service aces per set: 0.15
Digs per set: 0.46
Blocks per set: 0.54





CAROL RAFFETY

Sophomore | 5-11
OH/L | Novato, Calif.

High School/Club Team
Marin Catholic | Absolute

Major: Criminology

5

AT THE NET

- Played in all three matches opening weekend
- Picked up where she left off last fall posting 17 digs in the opener versus Idaho State
- Had a career night against Milwaukee, tallying 14 digs and set two career highs - assists (7) and service aces (4)
- Started in all 31 matches, including two starts at outside hitter in 2016
- One of only three Hokies to start in all 31 matches
- Broke the freshman digs record with 481, a mark that had been held by Amanda Cloyd since 2004
- Ranked sixth in the ACC with 4.26 digs per set
- Averaged 4.25 digs per set in conference matches, ranking ninth in the ACC

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists7 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Aces4 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Digs17 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills9 at Florida State (10/14/16)
Hitting percentage.....350 at Florida State (10/14/16)
Assists7 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Aces4 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Digs28 vs. Appalachian State (8/26/16)
Blocks.....1 at Florida State (10/14/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	att	set	serve	recept	dig	block	total	bhe	points	team
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-2
		13	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Sets played: 13
Kills per set: 0.00
Assists per set: 1.00

Service aces per set: 0.46
Digs per set: 3.15



STACEY CHRISTY

r-Senior | 6-2
Middle Blocker | Hagerstown, Md.

High School/Club Team
Williamsport | Synergy

Masters: Agricultural, Life Sciences

6

AT THE NET

- Played in all three matches with two starts opening weekend
- Kicked the year off with setting a career high in kills (11) versus Idaho State
- In the final match of the tournament against Milwaukee, topped her 11 kills with posting 13 for a new career best
- Named to the Pepsi Panther Invitational All-Tournament Team after her 29 kills and nine blocks on the weekend
- Played in 19 matches and logged nine starts in 2016
- Hit .233 with 25 blocks and two services in 47 sets
- Helped lead the Hokies to a 3-2 win over Temple (9/2) after hitting .350 with a career-high nine kills
- Hit .400 (8-2-15) with five blocks, a career-high, against Ole Miss
- Turned in a .300 attack percentage (7-1-20) with three blocks and a service ace in a 3-1 win over Radford (9/16)

SEASON HIGH

Kills13 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Hitting percentage.....556 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Assists
Aces2 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Digs2 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Blocks.....6 at Milwaukee (8/25/17)

CAREER HIGH

Kills13 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Hitting percentage.....571 vs. Alabama (9/1/16)
Assists4 vs. Notre Dame (10/23/16)
Aces1 vs. Notre Dame (10/23/16)
Digs3 vs. Temple (9/2/16)
Blocks.....6 at Milwaukee (8/25/17)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	att	set	serve	recept	dig	block	total	bhe	points	team
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	9	11	1	18	556	0	0	0	0	0	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	*3	5	1	11	364	0	0	0	0	0	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	*5	13	3	23	436	0	0	0	0	0	3-2
		13	29	5	52	482	0	0	0	0	0	

Sets played: 13
Kills per set: 2.23

Service aces per set: 0.15
Digs per set: 0.15
Blocks per set: 0.69





BRIANA LANKTREE

Senior | 5-11
Outside Hitter | Redondo Beach, Calif.

High School/Club Team
Redondo Union | Club Troy

Major: Human Development

7

AT THE NET

- Logged four starts and saw time in 15 matches in 2016
- Set a career-high eight kills and in a 3-0 win at Wake Forest (10/7)
- Hit .313 (7-2-16) with five blocks, a career-high, against Ole Miss (9/9)
- Posted seven kills, a block and an ace in the Hokies' 3-1 victory over Radford (9/16)
- Turned in four kills and a solo block against UMBC (8/27).

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills8 at Wake Forest (10/7/16)
Hitting percentage......667 vs. UMBC (8/27/16)
Assists.....1 vs. Radford (9/16/16)
Aces1 at Florida State (10/14/16)
Digs3 at Wake Forest (10/7/16)
Blocks.....5 vs. Ole Miss (9/9/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS



ALEX TOBEN

Junior | 5-8
L/DS | Virginia Beach, Va.

High School/Club Team
Princess Anne | Coastal VA

Major: Human Development

8

AT THE NET

- Played in all three matches, drawing one start opening weekend
- Posted four digs in the win over Idaho State
- Tallied three digs against Milwaukee
- Registered six starts in the back row in 2016
- Appeared in 16 matches and 47 sets
- Set new career highs with 75 digs and six starts
- Tallied a season-high 10 digs with two assists at Florida State (10/14)
- Racked up nine digs at Duke (10/9)
- First career kill came in a 3-0 win against Virginia (9/30)
- Had an assist and five digs in a sweep of Clemson (9/23).

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....1 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Aces.....
Digs4 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills1 vs. Virginia (9/30/16)
Hitting percentage.....1.00 vs. Virginia (9/30/16)
Assists.....2 vs. Georgia Tech (9/25/16)
Aces1 vs. Chattanooga (9/19/15)
Digs10 at Florida State (10/14/16)
Blocks.....

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	attack			set			serve			recept			blocking			pts	team					
		sp	k	a	ta	pt	sa	se	ta	pt	re	ta	pt	di	bs	ba			be				
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	4	0	0	0	.000	1	-	-	0	3	-	-	0	9	1.000	4	0	0	0.0	0	392	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	2	0	0	0	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	1	11	.909	0	0	0	0.0	0	402	3-0
Aug 25, 2017	at Milwaukee	2	0	0	0	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	4	1.000	3	0	0	0.0	0	293	3-2
		8	0	0	0	.000	1	-	-	0	3	-	-	1	24	.958	7	0	0	0.0	0	-	-

Sets played: 8
Assists per set: 0.12

Digs per set: 0.88
Blocks per set: 0.00

Sets played: 8
Assists per set: 0.12

Digs per set: 0.88
Blocks per set: 0.00





r-Junior | 5-8
Setter | Peachtree City, Ga.

High School/Club Team
McIntosh | Tsunami

Major: Human Nutrition, Exercise
(like Ronald Reagan)

9

- Started all three matches opening weekend
- Set a career-high 65 assists in the opener against Idaho State
- That mark leads the nation as the most assists in a match
- Tallied 56 assists and the second-most digs (14) in her career to lead the Hokies over Milwaukee on their way to the tournament title behind her double-double
- Earned Pespi Panther Invitational MVP, All-Tournament Team
- Played in 15 matches at setter with 14 starts in 2016
- Suffered an eye injury early on in the 2016 season that forced her to miss 17 matches
- 2016 All-ACC Academic Team
- Came on at the end of the season to lead the Hokies with 10.75 assists per set
- Ranked fourth on the team with 1.75 digs per set
- Set a career-high with 26 total blocks

Kills	3 (2x)
Hitting percentage.....	1.00
Assists.....	.65 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Aces.....	1 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Digs.....	14 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Blocks.....	2 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

Kills.....5 vs. Appalachian State (8/26/16)
Hitting percentage......400 at Virginia (11/25/16)
Assists......65 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Aces2 at Wake Forest (10/23/15)
Digs......15 vs. Clemson (10/16/15)
Blocks......5 vs. Alabama (9/1/16)

Date	Opponent	sq	k	o	sa	pcr	set	pcr	sa	serve	pcr	recept	pcr	dg	bs	blocking	pts	team	score		
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	"3	3	0	3	1,000	65	-	0	0	-	0	0.000	9	0	0	2.0	1	-	392	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	"3	2	1	7	1,430	31	-	1	0	-	0	0.000	3	0	2	2.0	0	0	402	3-0
Aug 25, 2017	at Milwaukee	"3	3	2	16	333	36	-	0	0	-	0	0.000	14	0	0	0.0	0	-	293	3-2
		13	8	2	18	375	152	-	1	0	-	0	0.000	26	0	2	2.0	1	-		

Sets played: 13 Service aces per set: 0.08
Kills per set: 0.62 Digs per set: 2.00
Assists per set: 1.69 Blocks per set: 0.15



Freshman | 5-7
L/DS | Sterling, Va.

High School/Club Team
Dulles | Potomac Falls

Major: National Security, Foreign Affairs

10

- Four-year letterwinner at Potomac Falls HS
- Three-time all-state
- Three-time all-conference
- Two-time MVP of the Capitol Hill Classic
- Two-time Player of the Year runner-up
- Holds the school record for career kills and kills in a season

Kills	
Hitting percentage.....	
Assists	
Aces.....	
Digs	
Blocks.....	



MANDY POWERS

Senior | 5-11
Setter | Leesburg, Va.

High School/Club Team
Loudoun County | Metro American

Major: Biology

11

AT THE NET

- Played in one match opening weekend
- Tallied seven assists and one dig in the win over South Dakota State
- Started in 16 of 17 matches she played in last fall
- Ranked second on the team with 529 assists and 8.40 assists per set
- Career-high 48 assists came at Florida State (10/14)
- Hit .375 (4-1-8) with 32 assists, six digs and a career-best three service aces in a sweep of Clemson (9/23)
- Posted 43 assists, nine digs and four blocks vs. UNC (10/28)
- Transferred into Tech in 2016 from UNC-Asheville

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists7 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Aces.....
Digs.....1 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills5 (3x)
Hitting percentage.....375 vs. Clemson (9/23/16)
Assists48 at Florida State (10/14/16)
Aces3 vs. Clemson (9/23/16)
Digs.....12 vs. Radford (9/16/16)
Blocks4 vs. No. 8 North Carolina (10/28/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	a	ta	pt	a	ta	pt	sa	se	ta	pt	re	ta	pt	bs	ba	be	totl	bhe	points	team	hsh%	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	2	0	0	0	.000	7	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0.0	0	-	402	3-0	
		2	0	0	0	.000	7	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0.0	0	-			
Sets played: 2 Averaging per set: 3.50																									
Digs per set: 0.50																									

Sets played: 2
Assists per set: 3.50



ESTER TALAMAZZI

Freshman | 6-0
OH | Campo Ligure, Genoa, Italy

High School/Club Team
Liceo Scientifico A. Antonelli | Volleyro'

Major: Business
(Tal-uh-MAHT-zee)

14

AT THE NET

- Started all three matches opening weekend
- In her debut against Idaho State, she tallied 14 kills, six digs and two blocks
- Followed it up with her best hitting percentage of the week-end with hitting a .462 clip and eight kills in Tech's clash with South Dakota State
- Set a career-high four blocks versus Milwaukee
- Coached by Luca Pieragnoli on the Italian Youth National team and Luca Cristofani on the National U19 and U23 squads
- Played a key role on her club team which took home the 2013-14 U18 National Championship
- Was a part of two club teams - Igor Volley Novara (2014-15) and Omia Volley Cisterna (2015-16)

CAREER/SEASON HIGH

Kills14 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage.....462 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Assists1 (2x)
Aces1 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Digs6 (2x)
Blocks4 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	a	ta	pt	a	ta	pt	sa	se	ta	pt	re	ta	pt	bs	ba	be	totl	bhe	points	team	hsh%	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs. Idaho State	14	14	5	30	.300	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	2	16	.675	8	0	2	0	2.0	0	-	392	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs. South Dakota State	13	8	2	13	.462	1	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	11	1.000	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	-	402	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	18	9	5	29	.310	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	29	.969	4	0	4	2	4.0	0	-	290	3-2
Service aces per set: 0.08 Digs per set: 1.15 Blocks per set: 0.46																									

Sets played: 13
Kills per set: 2.38
Assists per set: 0.15



KELLY ESCH

Senior | 6-1
Right Side | Williamsburg, Va.

High School/Club Team
Jamestown | Williamsburg

Major: Criminology

15

AT THE NET

- Played in two matches opening weekend
- Posted a season-high four kills and a dig against Milwaukee
- Played in 19 matches with nine starts in her first season
- Hit .316 with a season-high eight kills, four digs and three blocks in a 3-2 win at Virginia (11/25)
- Hit .500 (6-0-12) and added three blocks in a sweep of Clemson (9/23)
- Transferred in from LSU in 2016 spring

SEASON HIGH

Kills.....4 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Hitting percentage......667 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs.....1 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Blocks.....1 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)

CAREER HIGH

Kills.....8 at Virginia (11/25/16)
Hitting percentage......500 vs. Clemson (9/23/16)
Assists.....1 (5x)
Aces.....1 (5x)
Digs.....5 (2x)
Blocks.....5 at Syracuse (11/20/16)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	e	ta	ptc	a	ta	ptc	sa	se	ta	ptc	re	ta	ptc	dig	bs	ba	be	totl	bhe	points	hlt%	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	1	0	0	0	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	.402	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	3	4	0	6	.667	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	0	0	-	.293	3-2
Totals		4	4	0	6	.667	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1	0	0	-		

Sets played: 4
Kills per set: 1.00

Digs per set: 0.25
Blocks per set: 0.00



RHANA MITCHELL

Senior | 5-8
L/DS | Peachtree City, Ga.

High School/Club Team
McInstosh | Tsunami

Major: Public Relations
(RAIN-uh)

16

AT THE NET

- Played in all three matches opening weekend
- Tallied an assist and a dig against Idaho State in the opener
- Posted three digs versus Milwaukee
- Appeared in 12 matches with one start in 2016
- Set a career-high with 52 digs
- Registered her first career start in a 3-2 win at Virginia (11/25)
- Set a new single-match high with 10 digs in a 3-0 win over Boston College (11/18)

SEASON HIGH

Kills.....
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....1 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Aces.....
Digs.....3 at Milwaukee (8/26/17)
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills.....
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....2 (2x)
Aces.....1 at Georgia Tech (11/4/16)
Digs.....10 (2x)
Blocks.....

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	e	ta	ptc	a	ta	ptc	sa	se	ta	ptc	re	ta	ptc	dig	bs	ba	be	totl	bhe	points	hlt%	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	2	0	0	0	.000	1	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	3	1.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	.392	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	3	0	0	0	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	2	1.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	.402	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	2	0	0	0	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	2	1.000	3	0	0	0	0	0	-	.293	3-2
Totals		7	0	0	0	.000	1	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	7	1.000	5	0	0	0	0	0	-		

Sets played: 7
Assists per set: 0.14

Digs per set: 0.71





HALEY PRICE

r-Sophomore | 5-8
L/DS | Bristol, Tenn.

High School/Club Team
Sullivan South | Tri-Cities Extreme Velocity

Major: Clinical Neuroscience

18

AT THE NET

- Missed the 2016 season after undergoing hip surgery
- Appeared in 15 matches and 37 sets for the Hokies
- Totaled 11 digs and six aces
- Made collegiate debut versus Middle Tennessee
- Collected five digs at Boston College
- Notched two digs versus Clemson and Virginia
- Recorded a career high of three aces at Syracuse

SEASON HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs
Blocks.....

CAREER HIGH

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....1 (2x)
Aces.....3 at Syracuse (10/11/15)
Digs5 at Boston College (10/9/15)
Blocks.....

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS



MARISA CERCHIO

Freshman | 6-3
Middle Blocker | Cincinnati, Ohio

High School/Club Team
Turpin | NKYVC

Major: Biology

19

AT THE NET

- Played in two matches, drawing one start opening weekend
- Posted seven kills and two blocks in her debut
- Three-time conference champion at Turpin HS
- District 16 All-City
- Participated in the OHSVCA Senior All-Star Game
- Three-time All-Conference Academic selection
- Won a USAV National Championship with NKYVC.

CAREER/SEASON HIGH

Kills7 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage......429 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs
Blocks.....2 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	e	ta	ptct	a	ta	ptct	sa	se	ta	ptct	re	ta	ptct	bs	ba	be	total	bha	points	team	hlf%	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs Idaho State	5	7	1	14	.429	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	2	0	-	.382	3-2
Aug 26, 2017	at Mississippi	3	0	0	3	.000	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	.293	3-2
Totals		8	7	1	17	.353	0	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	2	0	-		

Sets played: 7
Kills per set: 1.00

Blocks per set: 0.25



Sophomore | 5-9
L/DS | East Leroy, Mich.

High School/Club Team
St. Philip Catholic Central | Dead Frog

Major: Communications

20

- Played in all three matches opening weekend
- Tied a career-high 11 digs and in the opener
- Tallied five digs in the win over Milwaukee
- Played in 16 matches with one start in 2016
- First career start came in the Hokies' 3-2 win over Temple (9/2)
- Set a career-high with 11 digs against the Owls

Kills
Hitting percentage.....
Assists.....1 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Aces.....
Digs.....11 vs. Idaho State (8/25/17)
Blocks.....

Kills.....1 vs. Temple (9/2/16)
Hitting percentage.....1.00 at Temple (9/2/16)
Assists2 at Lipscomb (9/10/16)
Aces.....1 (3x)
Digs.....11 (2x)
Blocks.....

Date	Opponent	attack	set	serve	recept	blocking	team													
		k	e	a	t	a	p	a	t	p	d	b	b	a	b	total	pts	points	total	score
Aug 25, 2017	vs Ohio State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	1000	0	0	0	0	0	0	392	3-2
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	1000	3	0	0	0	0	0	402	3-0
Aug 26, 2017	at Milwaukee	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	950	5	0	0	0	0	293	3-2
		12	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	47	979	19	0	0	0	0	0	-

Sets played: 12
Digs per set: 1.58
Assists per set: 0.08



Sophomore | 6-0
Outside Hitter | Reston, Va.

High School/Club Team
South Lakes | Dulles

Major: General Engineering
(Cal-oh-yahn-EE-dis)

21

- Appeared in eight matches with one start in 2016
- Had two kills, two blocks and a dig in her first collegiate match against Ohio (9/16)
- Tallied two blocks at Duke (10/9)
- Posted three digs and a block at Pitt (11/23).
- 2014 All-6A North Region honorable mention
- Three-time all-conference selection at South Lakes HS

Kills

Hitting percentage.....

Assists.....

Aces.....

Digs

Blocks.....

Kills2 vs. Ohio (9/16/16)
Hitting percentage.....1.00 vs. NC State (10/30/16)
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs
Blocks.....2 (2x)



KAI YOUNG

Freshman | 5-11
Middle Blocker | Charlotte, N.C.

High School/Club Team
Charlotte Christian | Carolina Union

Major: University Studies

22

AT THE NET

- Played in one match opening weekend
- Tallied two kills and one block in her debut
- All-Conference selection as a senior
- Also ran track at Charlotte Christian
- Father played football at Notre Dame and was a 14-year NFL veteran with the San Francisco 49ers
- Mother ran track at Notre Dame

CAREER/SEASON HIGH

Kills2 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Hitting percentage.....1.00 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)
Assists.....
Aces.....
Digs.....
Blocks.....1 vs. South Dakota State (8/25/17)

2017 MATCH-BY-MATCH STATS

Date	Opponent	sp	k	e	ta	pt	a	ta	pt	sa	se	ta	pt	re	ta	pt	di	bs	bs	bs	total	lbe	points	team	
Aug 25, 2017	vs South Dakota State	2	0	2	1.000	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.0	0	-	202	3-0
		2	0	2	1.000	0	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	1.0	0	-	-	-

Sets played: 1
Kills per set: 2.00
Blocks per set: 1.00

2017 NCAA STATS

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Aces Per Set (318 ranked)	113	5	1.46	Houston Baptist	3.00	Miami (FL)	2.08
Assists Per Set (318 ranked)	30	1	13.62	Fla. Atlantic	16.44	Virginia Tech	13.62
Blocks Per Set (318 ranked)	249	14	1.54	Illinois	4.20	Notre Dame	3.14
Digs Per Set (318 ranked)	291	14	11.08	Towson	22.45	Notre Dame	21.55
Hitting Percentage (317 ranked)	4	1	0.353	Penn St.	0.469	Virginia Tech	0.353
Kills Per Set (318 ranked)	38	1	14.38	Fla. Atlantic	17.11	Virginia Tech	14.38
Match W-L Pctg. (251 ranked)	1	1	1.000	64 teams tied	1.000	6 teams tied	1.000
Opp Hitting Percentage (318 ranked)	249	12	0.245	Penn St.	0.004	Wake Forest	0.081
Team Assists (318 ranked)	34	3	177	Robert Morris	234	NC State	182
Team Attacks Per Set (318 ranked)	296	15	29.38	Illinois St.	44.82	Notre Dame	42.55
Team Digs (318 ranked)	206	12	144	Charlotte	362	Florida St.	255
Team Kills (318 ranked)	39	3	187	North Dakota	250	Clemson	194
Team Service Aces (318 ranked)	78	3	19	Robert Morris	38	Miami (FL)	25
Team Total Attacks (318 ranked)	162	10	382	Robert Morris	767	Florida St.	535
Team Total Blocks (317 ranked)	177	12	20.0	Charlotte	74.0	Florida St.	41.0

Statistic	Player	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Aces Per Set (148 ranked)	Carol Raffety	141	7	0.46	Abby Gargus, Houston Baptist	2.00	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	0.67
Assists Per Set (149 ranked)	Rhegan Mitchell	22	2	11.69	Ivone Martinez, Fla. Atlantic	15.11	Wilma Rivera, Louisville	11.86
Attacks Per Set (142 ranked)					Lindsey Ruddins, UC Santa Barbara	15.88	Jemma Yeadon, Notre Dame	14.13
Blocks Per Set (296 ranked)					Ali Bastianelli, Illinois	2.50	Sam Fry, Notre Dame	1.73
Digs Per Set (150 ranked)					Ryann DeJarld, Notre Dame	7.91	Ryann DeJarld, Notre Dame	7.91
Hitting Percentage (149 ranked)	Stacey Christy Cara Cunningham	36 67	1 2	0.462 0.419	Haleigh Washington, Penn St.	0.667	Stacey Christy, Virginia Tech	0.462
Kills Per Set (149 ranked)	Kaity Smith	19	2	4.69	Pilar Victoria, Arkansas	6.80	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	5.25
Kills SG Highs (0 ranked)								
Points (144 ranked)	Kaity Smith	38	2	64.5	Faith Dooley, North Dakota	82.5	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	72.5
Points Per Set (150 ranked)	Kaity Smith	37	2	4.96	Pilar Victoria, Arkansas	7.40	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	6.04
Service Aces (136 ranked)	Carol Raffety	67	4	6	Claire Archibald, Iona Adriana Nieto, NJIT	13 13	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	8
Total Assists (150 ranked)	Rhegan Mitchell	20	2	152	Sydney Griffin, North Dakota	206	Caroline Pearson, Clemson	156
Total Attacks (147 ranked)	Kaity Smith	114	6	126	Janell Sparks, Charlotte	233	Gabriela Stavnetchei, Georgia Tech	175
Total Blocks (146 ranked)					Jannelle Curtiss, Charlotte	38	Taryn Knuth, Florida St.	24
Total Digs (145 ranked)					Yumi Garcia, Charlotte	129	Ryann DeJarld, Notre Dame	87
Total Kills (142 ranked)	Kaity Smith	21	2	61	Aleksandra Kazala, American	75	Olga Strantzali, Miami (FL)	63
Triple Doubles (1 ranked)					6 players tied	1	Kylie Pickrell, NC State	1





The Automated ScoreBook
Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 26, 2017)
All matches



RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	3-0	0-0	1-0	2-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	3-0	0-0	1-0	2-0

##	Player	sp	Attack					Set		Serve			re	Dig			Blocking						points
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s		dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s	be	bhe		
1	Kaity Smith	13	61	4.69	17	126	.349	0	0.00	3	13	0.23	3	17	1.31	0	1	1	0.08	0	0	-	
14	Ester Talamazzi	13	31	2.38	12	72	.264	2	0.15	1	1	0.08	3	15	1.15	0	6	6	0.46	2	0	-	
6	Stacey Christy	13	29	2.23	5	52	.462	0	0.00	2	2	0.15	0	2	0.15	3	6	9	0.69	1	0	-	
4	Jaila Tolbert	13	27	2.08	10	58	.293	0	0.00	2	2	0.15	0	6	0.46	0	7	7	0.54	0	1	-	
3	Cara Cunningham	9	18	2.00	5	31	.419	0	0.00	4	6	0.44	0	4	0.44	1	7	8	0.89	1	0	-	
9	Rhegan Mitchell	13	8	0.62	2	16	.375	152	11.69	1	0	0.08	0	26	2.00	0	2	2	0.15	2	1	-	
19	Marisa Cerchio	7	7	1.00	1	17	.353	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	2	0.29	0	0	-	
15	Kelly Esch	4	4	1.00	0	6	.667	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.25	0	0	0	0.00	1	0	-	
22	Kai Young	1	2	2.00	0	2	1.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	1.00	0	0	-	
8	Alex Toben	8	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.12	0	3	0.00	1	7	0.88	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	
20	Abby McKinzie	12	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.08	0	1	0.00	1	19	1.58	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	
16	Rhana Mitchell	7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	1	0.14	0	0	0.00	0	5	0.71	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	
11	Mandy Powers	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	7	3.50	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	
5	Carol Raffety	13	0	0.00	0	2	.000	13	1.00	6	4	0.46	2	41	3.15	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-	
	TEAM	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	VIRGINIA TECH	13	187	14.38	52	382	.353	177	13.62	19	32	1.46	14	144	11.08	4	32	20.0	1.54	7	2	-	
	Opponents	13	143	11.00	54	364	.245	136	10.46	14	21	1.08	19	127	9.77	2	40	22.0	1.69	1	5	-	

Team Statistics	VT	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	187	143
Errors	52	54
Total Attacks	382	364
Attack Pct	.353	.245
Kills/Set	14.4	11.0
SET		
Assists	177	136
Assists/Set	13.6	10.5
SERVE		
Aces	19	14
Errors	32	21
Aces/Set	1.5	1.1
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	14	19
Errors/Set	1.1	1.5
Attempts	231	254
Reception Pct	.939	.925
DEFENSE		
Digs	144	127
Digs/Set	11.1	9.8
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	4	2
Block Assist	32	40
Total Blocks	20.0	22.0
Blocks/Set	1.5	1.7
Block Errors	7	1
Ball handling errors	2	5
ATTENDANCE		
Total	0	419
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/419
Neutral site #/Avg	2/132	
Current win streak	3	-
Home win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 25	vs Idaho State	w 3-2	21-25,25-20,25-17,22-25,15-11	152
Aug 25	vs South Dakota State	w 3-0	25-16,25-12,25-19	111
Aug 26	at Milwaukee	w 3-2	23-25,25-23,18-25,25-21,15-10	419

Record in 3-set matches: 1-0

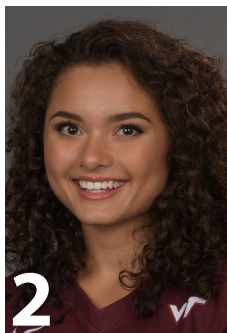
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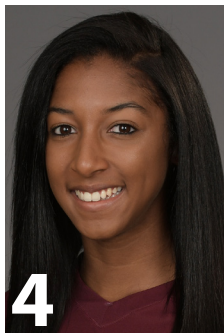
1
Kaity SMITH
OH | 6-1 | Fr.
Florence, Ky.



2
Gabriela SENTIES
S/DS | 5-4 | So.
Laredo, Texas
(sen-TEE-is)



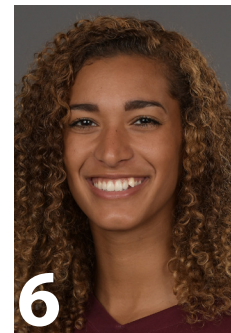
3
Cara CUNNINGHAM
MB | 6-4 | Sr.
Fairfax, Va.



4
Jaila TOLBERT
MB/RS | 6-1 | Jr.
Minneapolis, Minn.
(JAY-lah)



5
Carol RAFFETY
OH/L | 5-11 | So.
Novato, Calif.



6
Stacey CHRISTY
MB | 6-2 | r-Sr.
Hagerstown, Md.



7
Briana LANKTREE
OH | 5-11 | Sr.
Redondo Beach, Calif.



8
Alex TOBEN
L/DS | 5-8 | Jr.
Virginia Beach, Va.



9
Rhegan MITCHELL
S | 5-8 | r-Jr.
Peachtree City, Ga.
(like Ronald Reagan)



10
Kylie THOMAS
L/DS | 5-7 | Fr.
Sterling, Va.



11
Mandy POWERS
S | 5-11 | Sr.
Leesburg, Va.



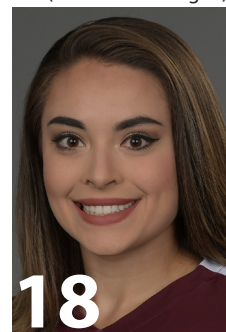
14
Ester TALAMAZZI
OH | 6-0 | Fr.
Campo Ligure, Genoa, Italy
(Tal-uh-MAHT-zee)



15
Kelly ESCH
RS | 6-1 | Sr.
Williamsburg, Va.



16
Rhana MITCHELL
L/DS | 5-8 | Sr.
Peachtree City, Ga.
(RAIN-uh)



18
Haley PRICE
L/DS | 5-8 | r-So.
Bristol, Tenn.



19
Marisa CERCHIO
MB | 6-3 | Fr.
Cincinnati, Ohio
(SER-ko)



20
Abby McKINZIE
L/DS | 5-9 | So.
East Leroy, Mich.



21
Melody CALOYANNIDES
OH | 6-0 | So.
Reston, Va.
(Cal-oh-yahn-EE-dis)



22
Kai YOUNG
MB | 5-11 | Fr.
Charlotte, N.C.



Jill LYTTLE WILSON
Head Coach
LSU, 2001
(LIE-til)



John WASIELEWSKI
Associate Head Coach
Penn State, 1990



Thomas AMBERG
Assistant Coach
UCLA, 2012



Leah JOSEPH
Director of Operations
Georgia Southern, 2016