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VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

9-6, 2-5 ACC

Head Coach: Kristen Skiera (Duke, 2007)
 Record at VT: 28-24 (Third season)
 Career Record: 74-64 (Ninth season)
 Record vs. Notre Dame at VT: 1-1

VS.

#1/5 NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH

12-2, 5-2 ACC

Head Coach: Christine Halfpenny (Virginia Tech, 1999)
 Record at School: 149-52 (13th season)
 Career Record: 192-126 (18th season)

GAME 16 • VIRGINIA TECH vs. NOTRE DAME • APRIL 13, 2024 • NOON • BLACKSBURG, VA.

STARTING LINEUP IN LAST GAME

POS.	#	NAME	Yr.	GP-GS	Hometown
GK	36	Jocelyn Torres	So.	15-15	Glenwood, Md.
D	10	Mary Griffin	Gr.	15-15	Sykesville, Md.
D	21	Molly Dunphey	Gr.	15-12	Ridgewood, N.J.
D	37	Sydney Golini	Sr.	15-15	East Setauket, N.Y.
D	39	Emma Monte	Jr.	15-15	Fairport, N.Y.
D	45	Mackenzie Beam	Gr.	15-15	Brooklin, Ontario
M	25	Maura O'Malley	Jr.	15-3	Narragansett, R.I.
A	4	Olivia Vergano	Jr.	15-15	West Babylon, N.Y.
A	13	Lauren Render	So.	7-3	Powder Springs, Ga.
A	15	Paige Tyson	Gr.	18-8	Collegeville, Pa.
A	22	Kayla Downey	5th	15-15	Babylon, N.Y.
A	38	Sarah Gresham	So.	15-15	Long Valley, N.J.



GAME 16

2024 SCHEDULE

RECORD	9-6
ACC	2-5
NON-CONFERENCE	7-1
HOME	5-2
AWAY	4-4

Date	Opponent	TV	TIME
F10	VCU	ACCNX	W, 10-5
F14	at #3/4 JMU	ESPN+	L, 5-17
F17	at Mercer	-	W, 21-8
F21	Queens	ACCNX	W, 19-6
F24	at Louisville	ACCN	W, 14-10
M3	at #1 Boston College	ACCNX	L, 7-20
M6	Elon	ACCNX	W, 17-7
M9	#5 Syracuse	ACCNX	L, 5-15
M12	at Furman	ESPN+	W, 20-9
M16	Duke	ACCNX	L, 8-9
M20	Longwood	ACCNX	W, 17-4
M23	at Pitt	ACCN	W, 13-9
M30	at Clemson	ACCNX	L, 4-15
A6	at North Carolina	ACCNX	L, 9-13
A10	ODU	ACCNX	W, 18-5
A13	Notre Dame	ACCNX	Noon
A17	Virginia	ACCN	7 p.m.

KEY STORYLINES

THE SERIES

- Virginia Tech is 2-11 all-time against the Fighting Irish with both victories coming in the last two matchups in Blacksburg.
- With the exception being a dominant display last year at Notre Dame by the home side, five of the last six meetings have been decided by five goals or less, despite Notre Dame being ranked in all six of those games.
- In fact, Notre Dame has been ranked in 12 of the 13 all-time meetings with Tech.
- The Hokies picked up their second ranked win of Kristen Skiera's inaugural season against Notre Dame on March 10, 2022 in Blacksburg with a 13-12 comeback victory.
- After going down 4-0 in just the first 4:04 of the game, the Hokies leveraged four-goal games from Olivia Vergano and Sophie Student to pick up a statement win.
- In Tech's first win against Notre Dame, there was a similar plot in terms of scoring, as the Hokies jumped out to an 8-1 lead 10 minutes into the second half.
- Now assistant coach MC Byrne scored in that 2018 victory for Virginia Tech. The Hokies' 9-6 triumph was integral in the program's first trip to the NCAA Tournament that season.

A WIN WOULD..

- Be Virginia Tech's highest ranked win in program history.
- Be Virginia Tech's fourth ranked win under Kristen Skiera.
- Be Virginia Tech's third straight home win over Notre Dame.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Hokies bolstered the win column on Wednesday with an 18-5 victory over Old Dominion in their first home game in three weeks.
- Kayla Downey decorated the scoresheet with two goals and six assists, her second time eclipsing eight points this season (10 at Furman).
- Virginia Tech jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the first quarter and never looked back.
- Wednesday's game was the second game in a row that Tech had a season-low nine turnovers.
- Jocelyn Torres and Lilly Kannapell split time in cage for the Hokies.

HISTORY-MAKIN' DOWNEY

- With Virginia Tech's first goal on March 30 against Clemson, Kayla Downey set a new single-season program record for assists with her 37th of the year.
- She accomplished the feat in 13 games, two less than Natasha Fuchs (36 assists) did in 2005.
- The 2023 ASUN Player of the Year now sits at 46 assists this season.
- Downey has assisted 12 different Hokies this season: Paige Tyson (18), Claire Schotta (7), Olivia Vergano (4), Isa Torres (4), Caroline Little (3), Ella Rishko (2), Mia Pozzi (2), Marie Cacciabauda (2), Maura O'Malley (1), Gracie Kennedy (1), Lauren Render (1) and Grace New (1).
- With 67 points total, Downey sits seven shy of tying the single-season points record set by Paige Petty in

2024 VIRGINIA TECH LACROSSE ROSTER

1	Sam Cifra	G	Fr.	5-4	Blue Bell, Pa.
4	Olivia Vergano	A	Jr.	5-9	West Babylon, N.Y.
5	Ella Rishko	A	So.	5-4	Rehoboth Beach, Del.
6	Jess Kent	M	Fr.	5-6	Westminster, Md.
8	Lauren Kelly	M	Fr.	5-4	Charlotte, N.C.
7	Keelin Byrne	D	So.	5-11	McLean, Va.
9	Bridget Noonan	M	Sr.	5-6	Wellesley, Mass.
10	Mary Griffin	D	Gr.	5-7	Sykesville, Md.
11	Grace New	A	Gr.	5-8	Raleigh, N.C.
12	Kacie Hanson	D	Sr.	5-4	Roanoke, Va.
13	Lauren Render	M	So.	5-9	Powder Springs, Ga.
14	Mia Mangin	M	Jr.	5-6	Potomac, Md.
15	Paige Tyson	A	Gr.	5-10	Collegeville, Pa.
16	Gracie Kennedy	A	Sr.	5-3	Baltimore, Md.
17	Cassy Montgomery	M	Fr.	5-1	Columbia, Md.
18	Isa Torres	A	Fr.	5-9	Glenelg, Md.
19	Marie Cacciabauda	M	Fr.	5-2	Garden City, N.Y.
21	Molly Dunphey	D	Gr.	5-7	Ridgewood, N.J.
22	Kayla Downey	A	Sr.	5-5	Babylon, N.Y.
23	Caroline Little	M	So.	5-3	Sykesville, Md.
24	Elizabeth Labbe	D	Jr.	5-7	Annapolis, Md.
25	Maura O'Malley	M	Jr.	5-10	Narragansett, R.I.
26	Zoe Stencil	D	Fr.	5-6	Lake Shore, Md.
27	Ava Romanello	A	So.	5-0	New Fairfield, Conn.
28	Molly Re	M	So.	5-6	Bel Air, Md.
29	Lilly Kannapell	G	Sr.	5-8	Chevy Chase, Md.
30	Claire Schotta	M	Sr.	5-7	Charlottesville, Va.
31	Emma Christensen	A	Jr.	5-1	Potomac, Md.
32	Mia Pozzi	M	Fr.	5-6	Baldwinsville, N.Y.
34	Jane Brewer	M	Fr.	5-9	Sykesville, Md.
35	Tess Moore	D	Sr.	5-6	Alexandria, Va.
36	Jocelyn Torres	G	So.	5-7	Glenelg, Md.
37	Sydney Golini	D	Sr.	5-4	East Setauket, N.Y.
38	Sarah Gresham	A	So.	5-8	Long Valley, N.J.
39	Emma Monte	D	Sr.	5-2	Fairport, N.Y.
40	Ally Peterson	D	Fr.	5-7	Neshanic Station, N.J.
41	Ainsley Malamala	D	Gr.	5-11	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.
42	Lauren Martin	D	Sr.	5-8	Rockville, Md.
43	Blair Guy	M	Jr.	5-9	La Plata, Md.
44	Kendall Lally	D	So.	5-6	Towson, Md.
45	Mackenzie Beam	D	Gr.	5-5	Brooklin, Ontario
46	Payton Bezjak	A	Fr.	5-6	Boca Raton, Fla.
47	Katie McCarthy	A	Jr.	5-8	Ridgewood, N.J.

THE STAFF

HEAD COACH: KRISTEN SKIERA (THIRD YEAR)
ASSOC. HEAD COACH: SHANNON JACOBITTI (THIRD YEAR)
ASSISTANT COACH: MC BYRNE (THIRD YEAR)
ASSISTANT COACH: TAYLOR PAIGE (FIRST YEAR)

ATHLETIC TRAINER: ANNE BRYAN
STRENGTH & CONDITIONING COACH: RON DICKSON

ROSTER BY STATE

MARYLAND: 17
NEW YORK: 6
VIRGINIA: 4
NEW JERSEY: 4
DELAWARE: 1
PENNSYLVANIA: 2
NORTH CAROLINA: 2
FLORIDA: 2
GEORGIA: 1
MASSACHUSETTS: 1
RHODE ISLAND: 1
CONNECTICUT: 1
CANADA: 1

ROSTER BY CLASS

FRESHMEN: 11
SOPHOMORES: 9
JUNIORS: 7
SENIORS: 10
5TH-YEAR SENIORS: 1
GRADUATE STUDENTS: 6

PRONUNCIATIONS

Isa Torres	.....	EE-suh
Marie Cacciabauda	.....	catch-a-bah-doe
Elizabeth Labbe	.....	lab-EE
Mia Pozzi	.....	POE-ZEE
Jocelyn Torres	.....	joss-lyn
Sydney Golini	.....	go-LEE-NEE
Emma Monte	.....	mont-EE
Kristen Skiera	.....	sky-ruh
Shannon Jacobitti	.....	jack-uh-bitti
MC Byrne	.....	burn

MORE STORYLINES

SENIOR DAY

- Prior to Saturday's game, the Hokies will honor 17 graduating student-athletes.
- Six graduate students: Mackenzie Beam, Molly Dunphey, Mary Griffin, Ainsley Malamala, Grace New and Paige Tyson.
- One fifth-year senior: Kayla Downey.
- Ten true seniors: Kayla Rinaldi (former player), Bridget Noonan, Kacie Hanson, Gracie Kennedy, Lilly Kannapell, Claire Schotta, Tess Moore, Sydney Golini, Emma Monte and Lauren Martin.

ONE-TWO PUNCH ON THE DRAW

- Virginia Tech has two players ranked top-28 nationally in total draw controls this season.
- Gresham (86) ranks t-18th, while Vergano (76) is 28th.
- Both Sarah Gresham (111) and Olivia Vergano (106) broke the program's previous single-season draw control record in 2023, which was held by Tristan McGinley (96) in the 2018 season.
- Gresham is three draw controls away from her 200th of her career. Should she accomplish that on Saturday, the Hokies would become one of three programs (Maryland and Notre Dame) to had two players with 200+ controls on the same team. Of note, James Madison has one player with 200+ and one player at 199.

RENDER IS RIPPIN' IT

- After a delayed start to the season following an injury last year, Lauren Render has 14 points in her last four games.
- Against North Carolina and Pitt, the Powder Springs, Ga. native has four goals apiece.

VERGANO SETS THE PACE

- Twice named an honorable mention All-American (Inside Lacrosse, 2022; USA Lacrosse Magazine, 2023), Olivia Vergano enters her third season with the Hokies on Saturday.
- Vergano's league honors have gradually increased in her first two seasons with Tech, as well. She was on the ACC's All-Freshman team in 2022 before being named second team All-ACC in 2023.
- In 2023, she was one of five players nationally (and the only in the ACC) to have 100+ draw controls and 50+ goals.

NAME	SCHOOL	DC	G
Jillian Wilson	Loyola (Md.)	198	61
Ellie Masera	Stony Brook	120	71
Annabel Frist	Stanford	138	50
Arden Tierney	Richmond	120	50
Olivia Vergano	Virginia Tech	106	50

ALL ON THE DRAW

- Tech had three players (Sarah Gresham, Olivia Vergano and Sydney Golini) record 5+ draw controls against Furman, a mark that the Hokies haven't met since 2007.

DOWNEY'S BIG DAY

- Kayla Downey's seven assists against Furman are tied for the second-most in a single-game in program history, falling just short of Kayla Frank's mark of eight against Radford in 2020.
- Her 10 points are tied for fourth-most in a single game and the most since Frank's 11 against Radford in 2020.

NEW FACES IN THE FOLD

- Ten Hokies have made their debuts for Virginia Tech this season.
- Transfers Mackenzie Beam, Molly Dunphey and Kayla Downey made contributions in their first Tech appearances, while freshmen Marie Cacciabauda, Mia Pozzi and Zoe Stencil have represented the freshmen corp.
- Cacciabauda and Pozzi scored their first career goals at Mercer, while Stencil has earned reps off the bench with the defense.
- Lauren Kelly scored her first career goal for Tech against Queens.
- Ainsley Malamala recorded minutes in the Hokies' game against Furman.

WEST BABYLON, STAND UP!

- Virginia Tech's offense has been led by a pair of West Babylon High School teammates in Kayla Downey and Olivia Vergano. The two were not only lacrosse high school teammates, but also played basketball and soccer throughout their childhoods together.
- Vergano is leading the way in goalscoring with 31 goals, while Downey has set the bar high with 38 assists through 13 games.

GLAD TO HAVE YA HERE

- Virginia Tech is itching closer to getting its full rotation of players, as Lauren Render made her season debut against Boston College.
- The March 3 outing marked Render's first game since getting injured 11 games into her freshman season, in which she had seven goals and four assists at the time.
- Against Queens (N.C.) on February 21, freshman Isa Torres made her first career appearance for Tech.

SHUTOUT QUARTERS

- With a shutout first quarter against Old Dominion, the Hokies have held seven opponents scoreless in at least one quarter this season.

TORRES MAKING HER MARK

- Isa Torres has utilized the non-conference slate to get up to speed after missing portions of the early season to injury.
- The highly-touted freshman, who's transitioned from midfield to attack, has four goals in Virginia Tech's last two non-conference games.

WATCHLIST HOKIES

- Virginia Tech's Isa Torres and Zoe Stencil were represented on ILWomen's Power 100 Rankings for the Class of 2023.
- Torres was No. 28 on the list, while Stencil appeared on the Watchlist portion of the rankings.

YOU CAN COUNT ON GOLINI

- Coach Skiera often cites Sydney Golini as one of Tech's most under-appreciated players.
- The unsuspecting 5-4 defender typically picks up the opponent's toughest matchup on the attacking end and holds her own.
- A native of East Setauket, N.Y., Golini has an endless motor, which is often showcased in the Hokies' conditioning drills.

RECORD WATCH

- Kayla Downey's 36 assists this season puts her tied for most all-time in a single-season, with Natasha Fuchs holding the crown with 36 in 2005.

MORE STORYLINES

IT'S A SISTER THING

- The pair of Isa and Jocelyn Torres join Keelin and MC Byrne as sisters within the lacrosse program this season.
- Next year, Ella Rishko will be joined by her sister Lulu, who signed with the Hokies in November as part of their 2024 recruiting class.

MARY GRIFFIN RECOGNIZED

- Senior Mary Griffin has one of the most inspirational stories in college athletics.
- During the fall of 2020, Griffin was diagnosed with a neuroendocrine tumor on her pancreas. It was discovered after Virginia Tech medical personnel ordered a biopsy following Griffin experiencing pain in her side while conditioning.
- She had an operation in November 2020 to remove the tumor, her spleen and 40% of her pancreas.
- Just four months following her diagnosis, Griffin was back on the field competing for Virginia Tech in the spring of 2021.
- In June 2022, Griffin was honored with the 2022 Wilma Rudolph Student-Athlete Achievement Award by the N4A.

GRACIE FROM TEAM IMPACT

- Last spring, the team was paired up with Grace Fladhammer via Team Impact and welcomed her as part of their team.
- Team Impact is an organization that pairs children facing serious illness and disability with college sports team.
- "Gracie" is a big lacrosse fan, who participates in the local New River lacrosse league.
- In the fall, the Hokies had a "Signing Day" ceremony for Gracie, where she was able to have a photoshoot and sign her letter of commitment with the team after practice.



MS. DOWNEY

- While the other three transfers joined the Hokies in the fall, Kayla Downey remained in New York while she completed her student teaching requirements, as she aspires to be an educator one day.

THERE'S STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

- It seems obvious to state that the more goalscorers a team has, the more likely it is to win. However, it rings especially true for Virginia Tech and is a point of emphasis for the Hokies.
- Under Kristen Skiera, the Hokies are 22-5 when four or more players score multiple goals in a game and 11-2 when five players reach the same mark.
- Tech hasn't lost a game in which four or more players scored multiple goals since April 21, 2022. There have been 16 games in which that has occurred since that loss.

SPIDEY SENSES

- Sarah Gresham picked up the nickname "Spidey" during her freshman season and that has certainly stuck around.
- Grace New attributed to Gresham's ability to wrangle in so many draws as "spidey senses," and since then, her name has been forever changed within the Hokies locker room.

FIFTH-YEAR PRESENCE

- The Hokies' roster consists of seven fifth-year players, including three that have been with Virginia Tech throughout the entirety of their careers in Mary Griffin, Grace New and Paige Tyson.
- The trio of graduate student Hokies have a combined 115 appearances for Tech entering 2024.
- Joining those three is a quartet of transfers: Kayla Downey, Mackenzie Beam, Ainsley Malamala and Molly Dunphey.
- The four transfers have 218 combined starts in their career entering the 2024 season.
- Notably, four of the seven are defenders, while the other three are attackers.

ALL GOOD THINGS MUST COME TO AN END

- Fifth-year transfer Kayla Downey held a 22-game scoring streak heading into Tech's game vs. No. 1 BC.
- When the Hokies faced Downey's previous school Coastal Carolina in 2022, she scored once.

LONG ISLAND CONNECTIONS

- With the help of Northport, N.Y. native Shannon Jacobitti on staff, the Hokies have been able to build up a contingent of Long Island, N.Y. players.
- The Hokies expect big things of all four Long Island natives on the team: Olivia Vergano (West Babylon), Kayla Downey (Babylon), Marie Cacciabauda (Garden City) and Sydney Golini (East Setauket).

WE'VE GOT HISTORY

- Two of Virginia Tech's transfers, Kayla Downey and Ainsley Malamala, have faced the Hokies in their careers.
- In 2022, Downey scored a goal and recorded an assist in Coastal Carolina's 17-6 loss to Tech.
- In 2023, Malamala started for Mercer in its 11-8 win Blacksburg.

MORE STORYLINES

A SPECIAL BOND WITH A SPECIAL TEAM

- Head coach Kristen Skiera met with Virginia Tech women's basketball coach Kenny Brooks during her interview in Blacksburg and since then, has had a special bond with Brooks and members of his team.
- The women's basketball team made the Final Four in 2023, which served as inspiration for the lacrosse program which started a rebuild similar to the one that Brooks inherited when he came to Blacksburg in 2016.
- Furthermore, when Skiera was in the process of moving to the area, she temporarily lived next to star players and All-Americans Elizabeth Kitley and Georgia Amooore. The two created a bond with Skiera's family, including her daughter Cazlen. Both Kitley and Amooore can be seen often at Tech lacrosse games due to their close friendship with several players.
- In the fall, Brooks invited the lacrosse team to watch them practice.



SOUTHERN DRAW

- In order to have the nation's best one-two punch on the draw last season, the Hokies utilized an invention by Kristen Skiera's father, Steve Waagbo, who graduated from Virginia Tech with a degree in Civil Engineering.
- The "Southern Draw" is a contraption that allows the draw specialists to practice their draws without another individual matching up with them.
- Last year's initial prototype was made out of wood, but this year's version is composed of steel to last through outdoor conditions.

SOMETHING IS BREWING

- After Virginia Tech took No. 2 Syracuse to the wire in the ACC Championships quarterfinal last April, falling a few goals of the biggest upset college lacrosse would have seen that season, there was a special energy in the locker room. The result capped off a fourth loss by four goals or less to a top-12 ranked team in 2023 – in a sport which goals often come aplenty.

Skiera often speaks of the positive energy in the locker room after the Syracuse game - knowing that something special was brewing on a larger scale within the program.



HOKIES IN RED, WHITE AND BLUE

- Following their stellar freshman campaigns, Ella Rishko, Sarah Gresham and Jocelyn Torres were all selected to participate in the United States U20 team tryouts ahead of the World Lacrosse 2024 Women's U20 Championship in Hong Kong, China in August.
- Torres progressed passed tryouts and has been part of the country's training team roster, which will be cut down ahead of the summer competition.
- Virginia Tech's athletic trainer, Anne Bryan, was chosen to serve as the team's athletic trainer. She has attended tryouts and training camps along with the three players, and will travel with the team to Hong Kong.
- Head coach Kristen Skiera (2003) and associate head coach Shannon Jacobitti (2011) were members of past United States world championship teams when the competition fielded U19 teams.



2024 VIRGINIA TECH LACROSSE TEAM STATS

Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All Games	9-6	5-2	4-4	0-0
Conference	2-5	0-2	2-3	0-0
Non-Conference	7-1	5-0	2-1	0-0

Date	Opponent	WL	Score	Att.
2/10/24	VCU	W	10-5	293
2/14/24	at James Madison	L	5-17	288
2/17/24	at Mercer	W	21-8	218
2/21/24	QUEENS	W	19-6	115
2/24/24	at Louisville	W	14-10	242
3/01/24	at Boston College	L	7-20	121
3/06/24	ELON	W	17-7	55
3/09/24	SYRACUSE	L	5-15	178
3/12/24	at Furman	W	20-9	57
3/16/24	DUKE	L	8-9	270
3/20/24	LONGWOOD	W	17-4	159
3/23/24	at Pitt	W	13-9	627
3/30/24	at Clemson	L	4-15	990
4/06/24	at North Carolina	L	9-13	746
4/10/24	ODU	W	18-5	102

Team Statistics	VT	OPP
SHOT STATISTICS		
Goals-Shot Att.	187-416	152-380
Goals Per Game	12.47	10.13
Shot Pct.	.450	.400
Shots on Goal-Att.	306-416	275-380
SOG Pct.	.736	.724
Shots/Game	27.7	25.3
Assists	101	55
FREE POSITION OPPORTUNITIES		
Free Position Made-Att.	25-54	29-64
Free Position pct.	.463	.453
GOAL BREAKDOWN		
Total Goals	187	152
Free Position	25	29
Unassisted	86	97
Overtime	0	0
Goals Scored Avg	12.47	10.13
GROUND BALLS	228	223
DRAW CONTROLS	215	165
TURNOVERS	223	233
CAUSED TURNOVERS	130	121
CLEARs	259-282	245-277
Clear Pct.	.918	.884
SHOT CLOCK VIOLATIONS	2	0
ATTENDANCE		
Total	1,172	3,289
Dates-Avg Per Date	7/167	8/411
Neutral Site #-Avg	0/	

#	Player	GP	G	A	PTS	SH	GW	GB	DC	TO	CT
22	Downey, Kayla	15	21	46	67	47	2	7	0	33	1
4	Vergano, Olivia	15	36	8	44	80	2	10	76	35	6
15	Tyson, Paige	15	28	4	32	48	1	8	1	7	0
5	Rishko, Ella	14	17	8	25	47	0	14	16	25	7
30	Schotta, Claire	14	19	5	24	37	0	6	0	16	2
18	Torres, Isa	10	14	2	16	30	1	2	1	4	0
13	Render, Lauren	7	13	3	16	25	0	1	0	8	1
23	Little, Caroline	14	9	7	16	27	1	13	3	7	6
11	New, Grace	8	7	5	12	12	1	4	0	8	1
32	Pozzi, Mia	10	7	4	11	14	1	18	0	10	12
19	Cacciabauda, Marie	11	8	0	8	16	0	2	0	7	0
25	O'Malley, Maura	15	4	1	5	10	0	8	0	3	5
16	Kennedy, Gracie	7	1	4	5	3	0	1	0	3	1
43	Guy, Blair	9	2	0	2	13	0	1	0	10	3
8	Kelly, Lauren	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
45	Beam, Mackenzie	15	0	1	1	1	0	26	0	4	17
10	Griffin, Mary	15	0	1	1	0	0	14	1	7	5
47	McCarthy, Katie	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
27	Romanello, Ava	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
34	Brewer, Jane	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	3
7	Byrne, Keelin	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
21	Dunphey, Molly	15	0	0	0	0	0	22	1	1	14
37	Golini, Sydney	15	0	0	0	0	0	16	25	4	17
38	Gresham, Sarah	15	0	0	0	0	0	2	86	4	1
12	Hanson, Kacie	12	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3
29	Kannapell, Lilly	7	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	1	1
24	Labbe, Elizabeth	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
41	Malamala, Ainsley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
42	Martin, Lauren	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
39	Monte, Emma	15	0	0	0	1	0	15	1	10	8
26	Stencil, Zoe	8	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4
36	Torres, Jocelyn	15	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	3	6
TM	Team	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	5
Totals		15	187	101	288	416	9	228	215	223	130
Opponents		15	152	55	207	380	6	223	165	233	121

#	Goalie	GP	MIN	GA	GAA	SAVE	PCT	W-L-T
29	Kannapell, Lilly	7	181:27	19	6.28	24	.558	0-0-0
36	Torres, Jocelyn	15	718:33	133	11.11	99	.427	9-6-0
Totals		22	900:00	152	10.13	123	.447	9-6-0
Opponents		25	900:00	187	12.47	119	.389	6-9-0

Goals by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Virginia Tech	50	64	35	38	187
Opponents	49	43	32	28	152

Saves by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Virginia Tech	31	29	27	36	123
Opponents	34	28	33	24	119

Shots by Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Virginia Tech	116	119	103	78	416
Opponents	113	99	83	85	380

SEASON HIGHS

VIRGINIA TECH

MOST GOALS: 21 at Mercer (2/17/2024)

MOST ASSISTS: 12 vs. Elon (3/6/2024)

MOST GROUND BALLS: 21 vs. VCU (2/10/2024), vs. Elon (3/6/2024)

MOST DRAW CONTROLS: 20 at Mercer (2/17/2024)

MOST CAUSED TURNOVERS: 16 at Mercer (2/17/2024)

MOST POINTS (IND.): 10, KAYLA DOWNEY at Furman (3/13/2024)

MOST GOALS (IND.): 5, ELLA RISHKO at Mercer (2/17/2024)

MOST ASSISTS (IND.): 7, KAYLA DOWNEY at Furman (3/13/2024)

MOST GROUND BALLS (IND.): 5, Mia Pozzi vs. Elon (3/6/2024); Emma Monte vs. Elon (3/6/2024)

MOST DRAW CONTROLS (IND.): 12, SARAH GRESHAM vs. Queens (2/21/2024)

MOST CAUSED TURNOVERS (IND.): 3, MIA POZZI vs. VCU (2/10/2024), at Mercer (2/17/2024); SYDNEY GOLINI at No. 1 Boston college (3/3/2024)

LAST TIME VIRGINIA TECH...

SCORED 10 OR MORE GOALS	18 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
SCORED 15 OR MORE GOALS	18 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
SCORED 20 OR MORE GOALS	20 - at Furman (3/13/2024)
ALLOWED 10 OR FEWER GOALS	5 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
ALLOWED 5 OR FEWER GOALS	5 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
5 OR MORE ASSISTS	11 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
10 OR MORE ASSISTS	11 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
30 OR MORE SHOTS	32 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
40 OR MORE SHOTS	42 - vs. Pitt (4/23/2023)
20 OR MORE SHOTS ON GOAL	25 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
30 OR MORE SHOTS ON GOAL	32 - at Akron (3/18/2023)
15 OR MORE GROUND BALLS	16 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
20 OR MORE GROUND BALLS	21 - vs. Elon (3/6/2024)
25 OR MORE GROUND BALLS	25 - at Furman (3/15/2022)
CAUSED 10+ TURNOVERS	11 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
CAUSED 15+ TURNOVERS	16 - at Mercer (2/17/2024)
CAUSED 20+ TURNOVERS	21 - at Liberty (2/12/2021)
COMMITTED 15+ TURNOVERS	16 - at Clemson (3/30/2024)
COMMITTED 20+ TURNOVERS	24 - vs. #5 Syracuse (3/9/2024)
COMMITTED 25+ TURNOVERS	26 - at Liberty (2/12/2021)
15 OR MORE DRAW CONTROLS	17 - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
20 OR MORE DRAW CONTROLS	22 - vs. Longwood (3/21/2024)
SHUTOUT OPPONENT IN A QUARTER	1st - vs. Old Dominion (4/12/2024)
SHUTOUT OPPONENT IN A HALF	1st - vs. Radford (2/24/2016)

MOST...

LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY	20 (TWICE, LAST VS. WILLIAM & MARY IN 2020)
LARGEST MARGIN OF DEFEAT	21 (vs. UNC IN 2021)
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY VS. RANKED TEAM	6 (vs. Denver IN 2018)
MOST GOALS SCORED VS. RANKED TEAM	20 (at UVA IN 2021)
HIGHEST RANKED TEAM DEFEATED	8 (at UVA 2021)
MOST POINTS IN A HOME GAME	37 (2005 VS. Howard; 1999 VS. Denver)
MOST POINTS IN AN AWAY GAME	41 (@ Akron (3/18/2023)
MOST GOALS IN A HOME GAME	23 (THREE TIMES, LAST VS. WILLIAM & MARY IN 2020)
MOST GOALS IN AN AWAY GAME	23 (2019 at ODU)
MOST ASSISTS IN A HOME GAME	16 (2005, Howard; 1999, Denver)
MOST ASSISTS IN AN AWAY GAME	18 (@ Akron (3/18/2023)

▶ THE SKIERA FILE



Virginia Tech, Head Coach | 2021 - Present
Army, Head Coach | 2015-2021
Duke, Assistant Coach | 2012-2015
Navy, Assistant Coach | 2011-2012
UC-Davis, Assistant Coach | 2010
Navy, Volunteer Assistant Coach | 2008-2009

Since being named head coach of Virginia Tech lacrosse on June 11, 2021, Kristen Skiera has conducted one of the more impressive turnarounds of a collegiate lacrosse program in recent time. Skiera, or “Waags” as she’s nicknamed in the lacrosse community, has improved Tech’s total and ACC win totals in both of her first two seasons.

Skiera was inspired to get into coaching after a successful two-time All-American, Tewaaraton semifinalist career at Duke, where she played had four Final Four appearances. She had the privilege of playing and working under two of lacrosse’s greatest ever coaches, Kerstin Kimel and Cindy Timchal, respectively.

The 2018 U.S. Lacrosse Greater Baltimore Chapter Hall of Fame inductee specializes in working with Virginia Tech’s attacking group, which has produced a pair of All-Americans in Sarah Lubnow and Olivia Vergano since Skiera arrived ahead of the 2022 season.

An Ellicott City, Md. native, Skiera oversaw Army women’s lacrosse’s transition from club to varsity sport, where she compiled a 46-40 record and developed 12 All-Patriot league players for the Black Knights.

Skiera resides in Christiansburg, Va. with her husband, Kyle, and their two daughters, Caslen and Lane.

▶ THE ASSISTANTS



Virginia Tech, Assoc. Head Coach | 2021 - Present
Army, Assoc. Head Coach | 2016-2021
Vanderbilt, Assistant Coach | 2015-2016

Shannon Jacobitti is in her third season with Virginia Tech lacrosse after following Skiera from Army, where she held the same position on staff. In her role with the Hokies, Jacobitti directs the midfield and oversees the draw control training.

It was under Jacobitti’s watch in 2023 that two Tech players, Sarah Gresham (111) and Olivia Vergano (106) broke the program’s single-season draw control record.

An accomplished player in her own right, Jacobitti was a two-time Tewaaraton finalist and finished tied eighth all-time in NCAA history for goals.



Virginia Tech, Assistant Coach | 2021 - Present
ECU, Assistant Coach | 2019-2021

MC Byrne joined Skiera’s initial staff at Virginia Tech in 2021, returning to the program that she played at from 2015 to 2019. In her role with the Hokies, Byrne oversees the defensive unit and worked with goalie prior to the arrival of assistant coach Taylor Paige.

Under her watch, four defenders have earned career highs in caused turnovers. As a player for Virginia Tech, she finished her career ranked third all-time in caused turnovers and sixth all-time in ground balls.



Virginia Tech, Assistant Coach | 2023 - Present
Virginia, Operations Assistant | 2021 - 2023
Shenandoah, Assistant Coach | 2019-2021
Bridgewater College, Assistant Coach | 2017-2018

Taylor Paige is the newest member of Virginia Tech’s staff, having joined in the summer of 2023 to oversee goalies and handle day-to-day operations for the program.

At her previous stop, Paige handled operations within the Virginia program that made two NCAA Tournaments during her tenure. Prior to her time in Charlottesville, she served as an assistant at Shenandoah and Bridgewater College.

An accomplished goalie in her own right, Paige was a four-year contributor at Mary Washington.