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THE MATCHUP

No. 19 VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

7-2-2, 1-0-2 ACC

Head coach: Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93)
Career record: 133-64-22 (11th season)
Record at Virginia Tech: 133-64-22 (11th season)
Record vs. Pittsburgh: 5-0-1

VS

PITTSBURGH PANTHERS

8-3-0, 1-2-0 ACC

Head coach: Randy Waldrum (Midwestern State, '81)
Career record: 32-30-4 (fourth season)
Record at Pittsburgh: 431-138-33 (27th season)
Record vs. Virginia Tech: 0-3-0

MATCH 12 | VIRGINIA TECH at PITTSBURGH - OCT. 2, 2021 | 7 PM | ACCNX | PITTSBURGH, PA. | AMBROSE URBANIC FIELD (735)

QUICK COMPARISON



7-2-2	Record	8-3-0
25 (2.27)	Goals (per match)	30 (2.73)
0.96	Goals Against Avg.	0.91
+14	Goal Differential	+20
6.91	SOG per match	8.55
3.56	Corners per match	5.82



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STARTING XI - LAST MATCH

VIRGINIA TECH

Pos	#	Name	Note
GK	1	Alia Skinner	ACC Co-Defensive Player of Week
D	6	Makenzie Graham	Inactive vs. Pitt (red card)
D	9	Emma Steigerwald	Assist vs. NC State
D	14	Allie Lewis	Team leader, minutes
D	20	Victoria Haugen	2021: Three assists
M	4	Emily Gray	T-32nd most goals, NCAA
M	7	Avery Tharrington	Assist at James Madison
M	24	Emmalee McCarter	Two consecutive starts
M	26	Emma Pelkowski	Tech rookie points leader
F	10	Nicole Kozlova	T-32nd most goals, NCAA
F	12	Tori Powell	2021: Four goals, three assists

4-2-2-2 Formation



KEY STORYLINES

TECH MOVES INTO TOP 25

• Virginia Tech vaulted to No. 19 in the *United Soccer Coaches* top 25 poll after earning two ACC draws against No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23) and No. 2 Duke (Sept. 26).

• Tech returned to the top 25 for the first time since the 2019 season when the Hokies were ranked for 14 of their 19 matches, peaking at No. 18.

• Under head coach Chugger Adair, Tech has been ranked as high as No. 2 nationally during its 10-0-0 start to the 2014 season, having reached the 2013 College Cup.

STATEMENT PERFORMANCES

• Virginia Tech has earned results against both Duke and North Carolina in the same season for

the first time during its ACC history.

• Considering Tech seasons, the Hokies have scored multiple results against top-five nationally ranked programs for the first time since the 2009 campaign (wins against both No. 1 North Carolina and No. 5 Wake Forest).

UNBEATEN

• Virginia Tech carries its five-match unbeaten streak into Saturday's tilt against Pittsburgh (3-0-2).

• The Hokies (1-0-2 ACC) are unbeaten through three league matches for the first time since the 2009 campaign (Tech began ACC action 4-0-0).

• Tech has never lost to Pittsburgh (6-0-1 all-time).

SCOUTING PITTSBURGH

• Karlie Johnson and Tori Powell scored the goals that delivered Tech its 2-0 victory against No. 14 Pittsburgh during the 2020-21 season. Alia Skinner made 12 saves (rookie season high).

• Pitt had been ranked in the *United Soccer Coaches* top 25 poll for three consecutive weeks before dropping out on Sept. 21. The Panthers were ranked as high as No. 19.

• Sarah Schupansky and Amanda West co-lead Pitt with six goals apiece this fall.

• Pitt is 8-0-0 this season when scoring a goal (all wins feature two or more goals). Two of the Panthers' three defeats have occurred against No. 6 TCU (Sept. 5) and No. 1 Florida State (Sept. 23).

2021 FIXTURES

RECORD	7-2-2
ACC	1-0-2
NON-CONFERENCE	6-2-0
HOME	5-0-1
AWAY	2-1-1
NEUTRAL	0-1-0

Day	Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Result
Sun.	Aug. 8	Loyola (Md.) ^{EXH}	--	W, 2-0
Thu.	Aug. 12	Richmond ^{EXH}	--	W, 2-0
Thu.	Aug. 19	Liberty	ACCNX	W, 3-0
Sun.	Aug. 22	William & Mary	ACCNX	W, 1-0
Thu.	Aug. 26	Elon	ACCNX	W, 7-1
Sun.	Aug. 29	at Cincinnati	ESPN+	L, 1-2

Thu.	Sept. 2	at James Madison ^{JMU}	FLO FC	W, 3-2
Sun.	Sept. 5	vs. No. 9 Santa Clara ^{JMU}	--	L, 0-2
Thu.	Sept. 9	Villanova	ACCNX	W, 5-1
Sun.	Sept. 12	at No. 12 South Carolina	SECN	W, 1-0
Sat.	Sept. 18	North Carolina State *	ACCNX	W, 1-0
Thu.	Sept. 23	at No. 4 North Carolina *	ACCNX	T, 2-2 (20T)
Sun.	Sept. 26	No. 2 Duke *	ACCN	T, 1-1 (20T)

Sat.	Oct. 2	at Pittsburgh *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 7	at Clemson *	ACCN	8 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 10	at Wake Forest *	ACCN	5 p.m.
Fri.	Oct. 15	Florida State *	RSN	5 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 21	Miami *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun.	Oct. 24	Boston College *	RSN	12 p.m.
Thu.	Oct. 28	at Syracuse *	ACCNX	7 p.m.

All times Eastern
 * - ACC Match
 ACC - 2021 ACC Women's Soccer Championship (TBA)
 EXH - Exhibition
 JMU - Fairfield by Marriott Invitational (Harrisonburg, Va.)

THE SERIES

Matches played: 7
Virginia Tech record: 6-0-1
Home: 3-0-0
Away: 3-0-1
Neutral: 0-0-0
Tech streak: Won three
First meeting: Sept. 29, 2002 • A • W, 2-0
Last meeting: Oct. 4, 2020 • H • W, 2-0
Last Tech win: Oct. 4, 2020 • H • W, 2-0

QUICK FACTS

THE BASICS

University Name: Virginia Tech
Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Enrollment: 36,000
President: Dr. Timothy Sands
Director of Athletics: Whit Babcock
Nickname: Hokies
Mascot: HokieBird
Colors: Chicago Maroon & Burnt Orange
Affiliation: NCAA Division I
Conference: Atlantic Coast (18th Season)

HOME PITCH

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

TEAM INFORMATION

2020-21 Record: 8-9-0
Home / Away / Neutral: 4-3-0 / 4-4-0 / 0-2-0
Conference Record: 4-4-0
Home / Away: 2-2-0 / 2-2-0
Conference Finish: 1-6th
Postseason: ACC quarterfinals
Starters Returning/Lost: 9/2
Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/8
Newcomers: 10

Total seasons: 29th
First season: 1993
All-Time Record: 285-234-48
All-Time ACC Record: 69-79-25
All-Time ACC Tournament Record: 4-8-2
ACC Finals Appearances (Last): 2 (2013)
NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last): 11 (2019)
All-Time NCAA Record: 12-11-1
College Cup Appearances (Last): 1 (2013)

MEDIA INFORMATION

MEDIA ACCESS/CREDENTIALS

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

All credentials for Virginia Tech home matches during the 2021 season will be issued on a single-match basis. Media seating is extremely limited.

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

INTERVIEW POLICY

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

Non-Matchdays: All coach and student-athlete interview requests need to be arranged through the Virginia Tech Strategic Communications Office - contact **Mike Skovan** by email at muskovan@vt.edu or by phone at (845) 204-1777. Student-athletes and coaches should not be contacted directly under any circumstances.

2021 VIRGINIA TECH NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Cl.	Pos.	Ht.	Hometown	High School (College)	Previous Club
0	Dare Burnett	R-So.	GK	5-10	Ashburn, Va.	Briar Woods	FC Virginia DA
00	Lauren Hargrove	Fr.	GK	5-9	Richmond, Va.	Douglas S. Freeman	Richmond United ECNL
1	Alia Skinner	So.	GK	5-9	Fleming Island, Fla.	Fleming Island	United Soccer Alliance DA
2	Riley McCarthy	So.	D	5-4	Clifton, Va.	James W. Robinson	FC Virginia DA
3	Kendall Feighan	R-So.	F	5-3	Pleasant Valley, N.Y.	Arlington	New York City FC DA
4	Emily Gray	Sr.	M	5-4	Sewell, N.J.	Washington Township	Penn Fusion DA
5	Aino Vuorinen	Fr.	F	5-4	Espoo, Finland	Haukilahti	FC Honka
6	Makenzie Graham	Jr.	M	5-9	State College, Pa.	State College	Pittsburgh Riverhounds
7	Avery Tharrington	Fr.	M	5-7	Springfield, Va.	South County	BRYC Elite
8	Ayden Yates	So.	F	5-6	Davidson, N.C.	Lake Norman Charter	Charlotte Soccer Academy DA
9	Emma Steigerwald	Sr.	D	5-4	Downingtown, Pa.	Downingtown East	Penn Fusion DA
10	Nicole Kozlova	R-Jr.	F	5-5	Toronto, Ontario	William Lyon Mackenzie C.I.	GS United
11	Gabby Johnson	R-Sr.	M	5-3	Midlothian, Va.	Veritas School (Delaware)	Seattle Sounders WPSL
12	Tori Powell	So.	F	5-9	Haymarket, Va.	Battlefield	FC Virginia DA
13	Karlie Johnson	Sr.	F	5-9	Keller, Texas	Keller	FC Dallas DA
14	Allie Lewis	Fr.	D	5-9	Bloomsburg, Pa.	Bloomsburg	Penn Fusion SA
15	Sophie Maltese	Fr.	F	5-7	Leesburg, Va.	Briar Woods	McLean ECNL
16	Erin Carleton	So.	M	5-8	Powder Springs, Ga.	Hillgrove	Concorde Fire Platinum ECNL
18	Lauren Gogal	Fr.	M/D	5-9	Annandale, Va.	Northern Virginia CC	Virginia Developmental Academy
19	Holly Weber	R-So.	M	5-6	Springfield, Va.	Bishop Ireton	McLean ECNL
20	Victoria Haugen	So.	D	5-7	Bristow, Va.	Patriot	FC Virginia DA
21	Averi Visage	So.	D	5-10	Acworth, Ga.	Harrison	Concorde Fire Platinum ECNL
22	Taylor Bryan	So.	F	5-5	Brooklyn, N.Y.	Xaverian	Fury FC DA
23	Kate Bonshak	So.	F	5-4	Whitehall, Pa.	Whitehall	Lehigh Valley United
24	Emmalee McCarter	Sr.	F/M	5-6	Charleston, S.C.	James Island Charter	South Carolina United FC
25	Calista Heister	Jr.	F	5-7	Olean, N.Y.	Olean	WNY Flash Academy ECNL
26	Emma Pelkowski	Fr.	M	5-7	West Chester, Pa.	Bayard Rustin	Penn Fusion SA
27	Ava Veith	So.	D	5-9	Williamsburg, Va.	Bruton	Richmond United ECNL
28	Victoria Moser	Fr.	F/D	5-8	Greensboro, N.C.	Walter Hines Page	NC Fusion
30	S.A. Phillips	R-Jr.	GK	5-7	Pawleys Island, S.C.	Waccamaw	South Carolina United FC
32	Allie George	Fr.	F	5-11	Louisville, Ky.	Sacred Heart Academy	Javanon FC

COACHING & SUPPORT STAFF

Head Coach: Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93), 11th season as head coach
Associate Head Coach: Drew Kopp (Pittsburgh, '99), 10th season
Assistant Coach: Matt Gwilliam (Elizabethtown, '01), seventh season
Director of Operations: Macaulay Soto (Messiah, '16), fifth season
Strength & Conditioning: Brandon Dillard
Athletic Trainer: Emily Whitaker
Creative Communications: Mike Skovan

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

0 - Dare Burnett	DAIR
1 - Alia Skinner	ah-LEE-ah
3 - Kendall Feighan	FAY-in
5 - Aino Vuorinen	AYE-no WORR-in-en (European 'r')
7 - Avery Tharrington	THAIR-ing-ton
8 - Ayden Yates	AID-en
9 - Emma Steigerwald	STY-gurr-wald
10 - Nicole Kozlova	koz-LOW-vah
15 - Sophie Maltese	mahl-TEECE
18 - Lauren Gogal	GO-goal
20 - Victoria Haugen	HOW-gen
21 - Averi Visage	VIS-idge
23 - Kate Bonshak	BON-shack
25 - Calista Heister	cah-LISS-tah HY-stir
27 - Ava Veith	VYTH ('eye' sound)
28 - Victoria Moser	MOH-zer
AC - Matt Gwilliam	GWILL-um

SKINNER REWARDED FOR DEFENSIVE SUCCESS

• Sophomore goalkeeper Alia Skinner was named the ACC Co-Defensive Player of the Week on Sept. 28 after combining to save 22 of the 25 shots she faced against No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23) and No. 2 Duke (Sept. 26).

• Skinner's 14 saves against UNC set a new Virginia Tech ACC-era record (since 2004), passing the 13 saves that were made by Robin Chidester in 2009 against No. 4 Stanford.

• The second-year Tech keeper conceded once off the 16 total corners she faced against the Tar Heels (1-of-7) and the Blue Devils (0-for-9).

• With Skinner in goal, the Hokies never trailed against UNC and Duke - including a 31-minute period during which Tech played with 10 women against the Blue Devils.

• Skinner was also named to the *College Soccer News* Women's National Team of the Week (Sept. 27).

PLAYING FROM IN FRONT

• Virginia Tech has scored the match-opening goal during nine of its 11 contests this season (7-0-2 record when scoring first).

• Entering Saturday's match at Pittsburgh, the Hokies have played with a lead for 47.4% of their 2021 season (488:26) while trailing for 11.5% (118:05).

RESUME BUILDING

• Virginia Tech moved up to No. 18 in the Sept. 27 reveal of the NCAA Women's Soccer RPI - the sixth highest position among ACC programs.

• Considering the Sept. 28 issue of the *United Soccer Coaches* top 25 poll, the Hokies are the fifth highest ranked ACC team.

BIG BIRD SCHEDULE

• Virginia Tech is scheduled to face eight programs that advanced to the 2020 NCAA tournament (held during the spring of 2021).

• Entering Saturday, the Hokies are 3-1-2 this season against such opponents, having defeated two defending league champions in Liberty (Aug. 19) and Elon (Aug. 26). Tech is yet to face Clemson (Oct. 7) and Florida State (Oct. 15).

• On Sept. 26, the Hokies closed a six-match stretch of their schedule that featured four ranked opponents. Tech went 1-1-2 across such matches.

HOKIES AGAINST RANKED SIDES

• Virginia Tech has earned five points from four matches played against ranked competition this season (1-1-2).

• Considering their three point-earning matches against ranked sides, the Hokies have scored first on all occasions and never trailed. Tech has led for 44.1% of the combined match time (136:34).

HOME, SWEET HOME

• Virginia Tech is unbeaten across its last eight matches at Thompson Field (7-0-1) - regular season and postseason - dating back to the 2020

season. The Hokies' seven-match home winning streak prior to their 1-1 draw against No. 2 Duke (Sept. 26) marked the program's longest since its eight-match streak overlapped the 2008 and 2009 seasons.

• The Hokies extended their streak to 13 straight regular season home wins against non-conference, non-ACC opponents (20-0-2 last 22 such matches dating back to Tech's 2-1 loss to Ohio State on Sept. 1, 2016).

• Since the start of the 2018 season, Tech is 9-5-2 during home ACC regular season games that have counted toward the league standings.

TALE OF TWO LOCATIONS

• **Home (5-0-1):** Virginia Tech has scored 18 goals at a +15 differential. The Hokies have yet to trail this season at Thompson Field.

• **Away/Neutral (2-2-1):** Tech is -1 in goal differential: seven for and eight against. The Hokies have scored first during their three point-earning matches: wins at James Madison (Sept. 9) and No. 12 South Carolina (Sept. 12) plus a draw at No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23).

SCORING BREAKDOWN

• **Open play (19 goals, +10 diff.):** Virginia Tech is 6-0-2 when scoring from open play this season, though 1-2-0 when not. Defensively, the Hokies have allowed multiple goals from open play on one occasion (Sept. 9 at James Madison - 2).

• **Set pieces (6 goals, +4 diff.):** Emily Gray has scored or assisted on five of Tech's six set piece goals this season. The Hokies have only conceded two set piece goals to opponents - the match-winning free kick at Cincinnati (Aug. 29) and the match-tying corner at No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23).

FROM THE DOT

• Emily Gray is two-for-two on penalty kick attempts during the 2021 season (five-for-six all-time). This season, she has scored at Cincinnati (Aug. 29) and at James Madison (Sept. 2).

TECH EARNS AWAY POINT AT UNC

• Virginia Tech's 2-2 draw at No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23) marked the program's first-ever away point earned during series history.

• Tech's result presented the program with its first series point since the 2011 campaign, ending its 12-match series losing streak.

• The Hokies' 2-0 lead against the Tar Heels equated to the largest deficit UNC has faced in Chapel Hill since the 2013 season (by No. 1 Virginia).

• Sophomore goalkeeper Alia Skinner registered 14 saves (career high), helping Tech survive its 32-10 deficit in total attempts (16-5 on target).

RECENT RANKED RESULTS

• Virginia Tech's 1-1 draw against No. 2 Duke (Sept. 26) marked the Hokies' fifth result against ranked competition across their last 19 chances since the beginning of the 2019 season.

• Since Tech's Oct. 2020 victory against No. 14 Pittsburgh, the Hokies are 2-4-2 against ranked opposition.

HOKIES WINS ACC OPENER IN BLACKSBURG

• Virginia Tech improved to 4-7-0 when competing during ACC-opening matches under Chugger Adair after its Sept. 18 victory against North Carolina State. The Hokies' four wins have been earned exclusively at home against NC State (2012, 2021), No. 17 Clemson (2014) and Miami (2019).

• Tech improved to 5-0-0 at home during the 2021 season and extended its home winning streak to seven consecutive matches (dating back to the 2020-21 season).

• Senior forward Karlie Johnson scored the Hokies' match-winning goal against the Wolfpack, snapping her stretch of 14 scoreless performances (first goal since Oct. 15, 2020, against Miami).

UPSET IN COLUMBIA

• Virginia Tech earned a marquee victory at No. 12 South Carolina by defeating the Gamecocks, 1-0, on Sept. 12. Nicole Kozlova scored the match-winner for Tech off her sliding volley (20').

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2021 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC	PTS	OVERALL
1. No. 1 Florida State	3-0-0	9	10-0-0
No. 2 Virginia	3-0-0	9	10-1-0
Notre Dame	3-0-0	9	9-1-1
4. Wake Forest	2-1-0	6	10-1-0
Clemson	2-1-0	6	7-3-0
Louisville	2-1-0	6	6-2-1
7. No. 19 Virginia Tech	1-0-2	5	7-2-2
8. No. 4 Duke	1-1-1	4	7-1-1
No. 5 North Carolina	1-1-1	4	8-1-1
10. Pittsburgh	1-2-0	3	8-3-0
11. Boston College	0-3-0	0	6-4-1
North Carolina State	0-3-0	0	4-5-2
Syracuse	0-3-0	0	4-5-1
Miami	0-3-0	0	3-6-0

PREDICTED ORDER OF FINISH

TEAM (FIRST-PLACE VOTES)	POINTS
1. Florida State (11)	167
2. North Carolina (2)	155
3. Virginia (1)	148
4. Duke	129
5. Clemson	124
6. Notre Dame	104
7. Virginia Tech	85
8. Louisville	77
9. Wake Forest	72
10. North Carolina State	71
11. Pittsburgh	57
12. Boston College	45
13. Syracuse	24
14. Miami	16



CHUGGER ADAIR

THE ADAIR FILE

Coaching Exp.: 23rd season, 16th at Tech
Head Coach: 11th season, 11th at Tech
Record at Tech: 133-64-22 (.658)
Overall Record: 133-64-22 (.658)
College: San Diego (1993)
Playing Exp: San Diego State (1989), San Diego (1990-93)

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

Most NCAA Appearances by Tech coaches

Coach	Apps	Berths
Chugger Adair	7	2011-15, 2018, 2019
Kelly Cagle	4	2004, 2008-10

Year-By-Year Record

CAREER RECORD		
YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD
2011	Virginia Tech	14-8-1
2012	Virginia Tech	13-6-1
2013	Virginia Tech	19-5-3
2014	Virginia Tech	16-6-0
2015	Virginia Tech	15-4-2
2016	Virginia Tech	11-5-3
2017	Virginia Tech	7-6-5
2018	Virginia Tech	11-8-3
2019	Virginia Tech	12-5-2
2020-21	Virginia Tech	8-9-0
2021	Virginia Tech	7-2-2
TOTALS:		133-64-22



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

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

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

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

Adair has led his program to a winning record in each of his nine seasons in Blacksburg.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



BY THE NUMBERS

18

Virginia Tech utilized 18 outfield players during its Sept. 12 victory at No. 12 South Carolina. Despite flexing their depth, the Hokies kept the same four defensive backs through the entirety of the match.

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Karlie Johnson became Tech's 16th point-earner upon netting the match-winning goal on Sept. 18 against North Carolina State. She is the Hokies' ninth goal scorer of the 2021 season.

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Virginia Tech leads all ACC programs in yellow cards, having been cautioned 12 times this season. The Hokies were shown four yellows during their Sept. 5 match against No. 9 Santa Clara.

KEY STORYLINES, CTD.

- Tech earned a true road win against a ranked side for the first time since the opening round of the 2018 NCAA tournament (defeated No. 17 Texas, 1-0, in Austin).

KNOWING WHAT IT TAKES

- Virginia Tech seniors Emily Gray, Karlie Johnson, Emmalee McCarter and Emma Steigerwald each made freshman appearances when the Hokies defeated No. 17 Texas in Austin during the opening round of the 2018 NCAA tournament (Tech's previous true road victory against a ranked opponent before Sept. 12).

- All four seniors made appearances for the Hokies during their Sept. 12 victory against No. 12 South Carolina.

DROPPING ANCHOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

- Alia Skinner blanked No. 12 South Carolina on Sept. 12 to notch her fifth career clean sheet and her second against a top-15 opponent (No. 14 Pittsburgh - Oct. 2020).

- Allie Lewis shined at center back for the Hokies, who limited South Carolina to seven total attempts (season low by SC).

- Tech's back line of Makenzie Graham, Victoria Haugen, Allie Lewis and Emma Steigerwald each logged 90 minutes of match time against the Gamecocks.

GRAY NETS HISTORIC TECH HAT TRICK

- On Sept. 2 at James Madison, Emily Gray recorded the Hokies' first hat trick since 2009, powering Tech to the 3-2 victory.

- Gray became the 10th different Hokie to achieve the program's 12th hat trick to date (fifth during its ACC tenure).

- Upon scoring her 22nd career goal on Sept. 9 against Villanova, Gray moved into the top 10 of Virginia Tech's all-time scoring list:

Rk	Player	Years	Goals
1.	Murielle Tiernan	2013-16	49
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6.	Kelly Conheeny	2009-13	26
7.	Jazmine Reeves	2010-13	25
8.	Alani Johnson	2014-17	24
	Emily Barnhart	2000-03	24
10.	Emily Gray	2018-pres.	22
	Laurie Beth Puglisi	2005-08	22

- Considering the 2021 calendar year, the Hokies are 6-2-0 when Gray scores a goal (3-1-0 during the 2021 season).

GRAY MOVES UP TECH ALL-TIME ASSISTS LIST

- Emily Gray's centering cross on Karlie Johnson's match-winning goal against North Carolina State (Sept. 18) moved her into sole possession of fourth place all-time at Tech in career assists:

Rk	Player	Years	Assists
1.	Julian Johnson	2006-09	31
2.	Kelly Conheeny	2009-13	23
3.	Kelsey Loupee	2011-14	22
4.	Emily Gray	2018-pres.	20

DOUBLING DOWN

- Emily Gray's hat trick at James Madison (Sept. 2) marked her fifth career multi-goal performance - the most among active Hokies:

Rk	Player	Last	Matches
1.	Emily Gray	Sept. 2, 2021	5
2.	Nicole Kozlova	Aug. 26, 2021	2
	Tori Powell	April 1, 2021	2

- Her five multi-goal performances are tied for the second most all-time at Tech behind Murielle Tiernan (nine).

- Gray's two-assist performance against Liberty marked her third career match during which she recorded multiple assists. She previously racked up four assists during the Hokies' 8-2 win against Miami (Oct. 15, 2020) and earned two during their 2-1 win against Navy (Oct. 24, 2020).

GOAL-ZLOVA

- Fourth-year forward Nicole Kozlova (14 career goals) leads the Hokies with three match-winning goals this season - two shy of the national lead.

- Kozlova scored during both outings against No. 4 North Carolina and No. 2 Duke to tie Emily Gray for the Tech lead in scoring (seven goals). Considering Kozlova's 11 appearances this season, she has scored during six matches (Tech is 4-0-2 when Kozlova scores).

- During the 2020-21 season, Kozlova appeared in five of Tech's 17 matches due to her commitment to the Ukrainian women's national team. She is expected to split time again this fall between Tech and the national team.

RETURN OF THE VETERANS

- Despite its youthful 2021 roster, Virginia Tech has slowly been able to benefit from the return of key seniors who have traditionally played big roles in the Hokies' formation.

- Emma Steigerwald returned to Tech's starting XI on Sept. 5 against No. 9 Santa Clara and is riding a streak of six consecutive starts in the backfield. Since the beginning of the 2019 season,

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	Overall	ACC
Overall	7-2-2	1-0-2
Home	5-0-1	1-0-1
Away	2-1-1	0-0-1
Neutral	0-1-0	--
Non-conference	6-2-0	--
Ranked opponents	1-1-2	0-0-2
Day matches	4-2-1	0-0-1
Night matches	3-0-1	1-0-1
Scoring 1 goal	3-1-1	1-0-1
Scoring 2 goals	0-0-1	0-0-1
Scoring 3 goals	2-0-0	0-0-0
Scoring 4+ goals	2-0-0	0-0-0
Allowing 2+ goals	1-2-1	0-0-1
Allowing 3+ goals	0-0-0	0-0-0
Hokies score first	7-0-2	1-0-2
Opponent scores first	0-2-0	0-0-0
Leading at halftime	5-0-1	0-0-1
Trailing at halftime	0-2-0	0-0-0
Tied at halftime	2-0-1	1-0-1
Scores a goal before 10'	1-0-0	0-0-0
Scores a goal after 80'	2-0-0	0-0-0
Allows a goal before 10'	0-0-0	0-0-0
Allows a goal after 80'	1-0-1	0-0-1

BY MONTH

August	3-1-0	0-0-0
September	4-1-2	1-0-2
October	0-0-0	0-0-0
November	0-0-0	0-0-0

BY KIT

All whites	4-0-1	1-0-1
Maroon top	1-0-1	0-0-1
Orange top	1-2-0	0-0-0
Black top	0-0-0	0-0-0
Gray top	1-0-0	0-0-0

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CAREER SCORING

No.	Player	MP	MS	G	A
0	Dare Burnett	--	--	--	--
00	Lauren Hargrove	1	--	--	--
1	Alia Skinner	27	27	--	--
2	Riley McCarthy	4	--	--	--
3	Kendall Feighan	1	--	--	--
4	Emily Gray	60	60	22	20
5	Aino Vuorinen	9	--	1	2
6	Makenzie Graham	34	20	2	--
7	Avery Tharrington	10	10	--	1
8	Ayden Yates	5	--	--	1
9	Emma Steigerwald	67	40	3	3
10	Nicole Kozlova	34	31	14	3
11	Gabby Johnson <i>at Virginia Tech</i>	52 10	29 8	6 --	3 1
12	Tori Powell	27	26	11	7
13	Karlie Johnson	64	22	9	3
14	Allie Lewis	11	11	--	1
15	Sophie Maltese	11	--	2	1
16	Erin Carleton	10	2	--	--
18	Lauren Gogal	8	2	--	--
19	Holly Weber	24	3	1	1
20	Victoria Haugen	26	26	--	4
21	Averi Visage	26	21	--	1
22	Taylor Bryan	8	3	1	--
23	Kate Bonshak	3	--	--	--
24	Emmalee McCarter	67	55	4	8
25	Calista Heister	26	2	--	--
26	Emma Pelkowski	11	10	1	4
27	Ava Veith	11	6	1	3
28	Victoria Moser	--	--	--	--
30	S.A. Phillips	3	--	--	--
32	Allie George	11	--	--	--

Steigerwald has started 35 of her 45 appearances, ranking fourth among the Hokies' outfield players in minutes during the 2020-21 campaign.

• Emmalee McCarter moved back into Tech's starting XI on Sept. 23 at No. 4 North Carolina. Behind Emily Gray, McCarter ranks second among active Hokies in career starts (55), including her streak of 53 consecutive starts that ended in March 2021.

• Karlie Johnson's lone start of the 2021 season took place at No. 12 South Carolina. Johnson, who ranks third among active Hokies in career appearances (64), scored Tech's match-winning goal against North Carolina State (Sept. 18).

RESOURCEFUL ROOKIES

• Allie Lewis leads all Tech outfield players, including rookies, in minutes played (1,016, 92.4 minutes per start).

• Freshmen midfielders Emma Pelkowski and Avery Tharrington have made 10 starts apiece for the Hokies. Pelkowski (goal, four assists) leads Tech's rookie class in scoring.

• Fellow newcomer Lauren Gogal moved into the Hokies' starting XI against Villanova (Sept. 9) and South Carolina (Sept. 12).

HIGH FIVE

• Virginia Tech's Sept. 9 win against Villanova featured five unique goal scorers, marking the second time this season the Hokies have had five or more players find the back of the net (Aug. 26 against Elon).

BETWEEN THE POSTS

• Sophomore goalkeeper Alia Skinner enters Saturday's match at Pittsburgh tied for seventh all-time at Virginia Tech in career victories:

Rk	Player	Years	Wins
1.	Dayle Colpitts	2010-13	46
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6.	Caroline Kelly	2012-14	16
7.	Alia Skinner	2020-pres.	15
	Karen Crawley	1997-2000	15

• Skinner (career - 15-10-2, 1.21 GAA) has logged six career clean sheets and nine career shutout appearances, including the first half of Tech's Aug. 26 win against Elon.

STRENGTH IN NUMBERS

• Virginia Tech's diverse attacking cast is comprised of 16 players who have recorded at least one point this fall (nine goal scorers).

• Emily Gray and Nicole Kozlova enter Saturday's match against Pittsburgh ranked in a tie for sixth among ACC players in goals scored (seven).

• Emma Pelkowski leads Tech's freshman class with six points (goal, four assists) while Sophie Maltese (two goals, assist) and Aino Vuorinen (goal, two assists) have stepped up for the Hokies as well.

THURSDAY KICKOFFS

• After its Sept. 23 draw at No. 4 North Carolina, Virginia Tech is unbeaten during its last eight Thursday matches (7-0-1).

STRANGE, BUT TRUE

• Virginia Tech's men's and women's soccer programs faced the defending national champion in their sport, one week apart, during neutral-site matches at James Madison's Sentara Park.

• Tech's No. 15 men's team came back from 2-0 down to defeat No. 1 Marshall, 3-2, on Aug. 29 in Harrisonburg.

• The women's team lost to No. 9 Santa Clara, 2-0, on Sept. 5.

AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH

• With victories against Liberty (Aug. 19), William & Mary (Aug. 22) and James Madison (Sept. 2), Virginia Tech improved to 18-2-0 under Chugger Adair when competing in non-conference regular season matches against in-state opponents.

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

TECH STARTS HOT

• Virginia Tech began the 2021 season with a 3-0-0 record for the seventh time under Chugger Adair (second time within the last three seasons).

• The Hokies' +10 goal differential across their first three matches of the 2021 season is tied for the program's third best mark all-time (record: +14 in 2004).

VEITH MAKES #SCTOP10

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

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

SEVENTH HEAVEN

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

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

• Nicole Kozlova factored into three of Tech's four goals scored within the opening 20 minutes of play. She became the Hokies' third player to record five or more points within the last five seasons (Allyson Brown, Tori Powell).

• On Tech's fifth goal of the match, Aino Vuorinen connected with Ava Veith, yielding both players their first collegiate assist and goal, respectively.

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