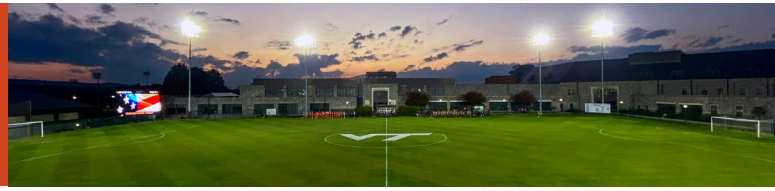




# VIRGINIA TECH

## 2021 WOMEN'S SOCCER



12 NCAA APPEARANCES / COLLEGE CUP: 2013 / 25 ALL-ACC SELECTIONS / 3 ALL-AMERICANS / 2 NWSL DRAFT PICKS

### 2021 NCAA TOURNAMENT - SECOND ROUND

#### VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

12-5-2, 5-3-2 ACC

**Head coach:** Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93)  
**Career record:** 138-67-22 (11th season)  
**Record at Virginia Tech:** 138-67-22 (11th season)  
**Record vs. Arkansas:** 1-0-0

VS

#### [2] No. 7 ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS

17-4-0, 9-1-0 SEC

**Head coach:** Colby Hale (Oral Roberts, '97)  
**Career record:** 128-69-18 (10th season)  
**Record at Ohio State:** 128-69-18 (10th season)  
**Record vs. Virginia Tech:** 0-1-0

MATCH 20 | VIRGINIA TECH at [2] No. 7 ARKANSAS - NOV. 19, 2021 | 7:30 PM EST | SECN+ | FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. | RAZORBACK FIELD (1,500)

#### QUICK COMPARISON



12-5-2	Record	17-4-0
41 (2.16)	Goals (per match)	63 (3.15)
1.08	Goals Against Avg.	0.94
+20	Goal Differential	+43
7.00	SOG per match	9.76
4.84	Corners per match	7.14



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### STARTING XI - PROJECTION

#### VIRGINIA TECH

Pos	#	Name	Note
GK	1	Alia Skinner	Five clean sheets
D	5	Aino Vuorinen	Seven straight starts
D	14	Allie Lewis	No. 28 freshman (TDS.com)
D	20	Victoria Haugen	Norwegian U-23 call-up
D	21	Averi Visage	2021: 11 starts, assist
M	4	Emily Gray	All-ACC Second Team
M	18	Lauren Gogal	Split CDM time with Tharrington
M	24	Emmalee McCarter	Three-match point streak
M	26	Emma Pelkowski	Six points last four matches
F	10	Nicole Kozlova	Ukrainian National Team
F	12	Tori Powell	Goal vs. Ohio State

#### 4-4-2 Diamond Formation



### KEY STORYLINES

#### DANCING INTO THE FINAL 32

• Virginia Tech is making its seventh appearance in the second round of the NCAA tournament (2009, 2011, 2013-15, 2018).

• The Hokies are 5-1-0 all-time during the second round (4-1-0 under head coach Chugger Adair), including their 2018 neutral-site victory against Arkansas (Cary, North Carolina).

#### DIGGING UP SEEDS

• Virginia Tech is 2-5-1 all-time against seeded NCAA tournament competition (1-4-0 in true road environments).

• The Hokies' lone true road win against a seeded NCAA opponent was earned during the 2018 first round at fourth-seeded Texas (1-0).

#### FAMILIAR FOE

• Virginia Tech defeated Arkansas, 1-0, during double overtime of the teams' 2018 NCAA second round match in Cary, North Carolina.

• Jordan Hemmen headed in the match-winning goal for Tech during the 107th minute of play off then-freshman Emily Gray's corner.

• The Hokies won despite trailing in attempts (14-10, 9-7 on target).

• Three current Tech seniors started the match as freshmen (Emily Gray, Karlie Johnson, Emmalee McCarter) while then-rookie Emma Steigerwald entered as a reserve.

#### FIRST ROUND HIGHLIGHTS

• Virginia Tech knocked off Ohio State, 3-1, at Thompson Field during the opening round of the NCAA tournament (Nov. 12).

• The Hokies placed nine of their 12 first half attempts on target, yielding Emily Gray's team leading, 12th goal of the season (12'). Upon scoring, Gray moved into sole possession of second place on the program's all-time points list (78).

• Tori Powell (68') and Emma Steigerwald (84') broke the 1-1 score line during the second half.

• Tech improved to 7-5-0 all-time during the opening round (4-2-0 at Thompson Field).

• The Hokies have now advanced out of the first round during five of their last six NCAA berths.

### 2021 FIXTURES

RECORD	12-5-2
ACC	5-3-2
NON-CONFERENCE	7-2-0
HOME	8-1-1
AWAY	4-3-1
NEUTRAL	0-1-0

Day	Date	Opponent	TV	Time/Result
Sun.	Aug. 8	Loyola (Md.) <sup>DN</sup>	--	W, 2-0
Thu.	Aug. 12	Richmond <sup>DN</sup>	--	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 <sup>JMU</sup>	FLO FC	W, 3-2
Sun.	Sept. 5	vs. No. 9 Santa Clara <sup>JMU</sup>	--	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	W, 2-1
Thu.	Oct. 7	at Clemson *	ACCN	L, 0-1
Sun.	Oct. 10	at Wake Forest *	ACCN	L, 3-4
Fri.	Oct. 15	No. 1 Florida State *	RSN	L, 0-2
Thu.	Oct. 21	Miami *	ACCNX	W, 5-0
Sun.	Oct. 24	Boston College *	RSN	W, 1-0
Thu.	Oct. 28	at Syracuse *	ACCNX	W, 2-1

Fri.	Nov. 12	Ohio State <sup>NCAA</sup>	ACCNX	W, 3-1
Fri.	Nov. 19	at [2] No. 7 Arkansas <sup>NCAA</sup>	SECN+	7:30 p.m.

All times Eastern  
 \* - ACC Match  
 EXH - Exhibition  
 JMU - Fairfield by Marriott Invitational (Harrisonburg, Va.)  
 NCAA - 2021 NCAA Div. 1 Women's Soccer Championship (Blacksburg, Va.)

### THE SERIES

**Matches played:** 1  
**Virginia Tech record:** 1-0-0  
**Home:** 0-0-0  
**Away:** 0-0-0  
**Neutral:** 1-0-0  
**Tech streak:** Won one  
**First meeting:** Nov. 16, 2018 • N • W, 1-0 \*  
**Last meeting:** Nov. 16, 2018 • N • W, 1-0 \*  
**Last Tech win:** Nov. 16, 2018 • N • W, 1-0 \*

\* Double overtime: Jordan Hemmen (107')

## 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:** 16th  
**Postseason:** ACC quarterfinals  
**Starters Returning/Lost:** 9/2  
**Lettermen Returning/Lost:** 22/8  
**Newcomers:** 10

**Total seasons:** 29th  
**First season:** 1993  
**All-Time Record:** 290-237-48  
**All-Time ACC Record:** 73-82-25  
**All-Time ACC Tournament Record:** 4-8-2  
**ACC Finals Appearances (Last):** 2 (2013)  
**NCAA Tournament Appearances (Last):** 12 (2021)  
**All-Time NCAA Record:** 13-11-1  
**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 [mskovan@vt.edu](mailto:mskovan@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 [mskovan@vt.edu](mailto:mskovan@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.	D	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

## POSTSEASON BOUND

• Virginia Tech is making its 12th NCAA tournament appearance all-time and its third within the last four seasons (2018, 2019).

• The Hokies have qualified for the NCAA tournament during eight of Chugger Adair's 11 seasons as head coach.

• Tech is 13-11-1 all-time during the NCAA tournament (11-7-1 under Chugger Adair).

## TOURNEY EXPERIENCE

• Prior to this season, six members of Virginia Tech's 2021 roster had NCAA tournament experience: Emily Gray, Calista Heister, Karlie Johnson, Nicole Kozlova, Emmalee McCarter and Emma Steigerwald.

• Eleven Hokies made their NCAA tournament debuts during Tech's 3-1 opening round win against Ohio State (eight such players started).

• Below is the Hokies' active NCAA scoring list:

Player	MP	MS	G	A
Emily Gray	4	4	1	2
Emma Steigerwald	5	1	1	--
Tori Powell	1	1	1	--
Emmalee McCarter	5	5	--	1
Nicole Kozlova	2	2	--	1
Victoria Haugen	1	1	--	1
Emma Pelkowski	1	1	--	1

## WHY NOT US?

• Virginia Tech is looking to stage its first run to the College Cup since 2013 when the fourth-ranked Hokies reached the national semifinals:

- **R64:** def. UMBC, 2-0
- **R32:** def. West Virginia, 1-0
- **R16:** def. [4] Santa Clara, 1-1 (3-1 on penalty kicks)
- **QF:** def. Duke, 3-0
- **SF:** lost to [1] Florida State, 2-3

## HOKIES AT HOME

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

• After defeating Ohio State on Nov. 12, the Hokies improved to 6-2-1 all-time during NCAA tournament matches staged at Thompson Field.

## POSTSEASON RESUME

• Entering the selection window, Virginia Tech ranked No. 29 in RPI and No. 47 in strength of schedule.

• The Hokies sported a 6-5-2 record against RPI top-100 opponents, highlighted by consecutive top-40 wins at South Carolina (Sept. 12) and against North Carolina State (Sept. 18).

• Tech earned seven results from 10 matches played within the ACC (No. 1 conference RPI).

## BEST PERFORMANCES

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

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

• **Sept. 26:** Virginia Tech collects a result against its second consecutive top-five opponent, drawing with No. 2 Duke (1-1). The Hokies never trailed against UNC or Duke during the same week.

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

## HOKIES IN THE TOP 25

• Virginia Tech has been ranked as high as No. 17 in the *United Soccer Coaches* top 25 poll this season (Oct. 5):

<b>Preseason</b>	--	<b>Oct. 5</b>	No. 17
<b>Aug. 24</b>	RV	<b>Oct. 12</b>	RV
<b>Aug. 31</b>	--	<b>Oct. 19</b>	RV
<b>Sept. 7</b>	--	<b>Oct. 26</b>	RV
<b>Sept. 14</b>	RV	<b>Oct. 26</b>	RV
<b>Sept. 21</b>	RV	<b>Nov. 2</b>	RV
<b>Sept. 28</b>	No. 19	<b>Nov. 9</b>	RV

• 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.

## GRAY SCORES SECOND CAREER ALL-ACC HONOR

• Virginia Tech senior midfielder Emily Gray was named to the 2021 All-ACC Second Team - marking her second career All-ACC selection (2020 Third Team) on top of 2018 All-ACC Freshman Team honors.

• Gray led all ACC midfielders during the regular season with 29 points (11 goals, seven assists).

• On Oct. 5, Gray was named the ACC Co-Offensive Player of the Week after notching the match-winning brace during Tech's 2-1 victory at Pitt. She also was named to *College Soccer News* Women's National Team of the Week (Oct. 4).

• Gray was ranked as the No. 27 national player by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*.

## HOKIES RETURN FROM OVERSEAS

• Virginia Tech went 2-0-0 against Miami and Boston College (RPI No. 73) while losing two starters to international duty.

• **Nicole Kozlova:** Competed with the Ukrainian Women's National Team inside 2023 UEFA World Cup qualifying (Group B). Kozlova scored the opening goal for Ukraine during its 4-0 win against the Faroe Islands (Oct. 21). She also started during Ukraine's 6-0 defeat to Spain (Oct. 26).

• **Victoria "Dori" Haugen:** Was called up to the Norwegian Under-23 Women's National Team for two friendlies. Haugen started and played the duration of Norway's 1-1 draw against the

Netherlands (Oct. 21) and logged 87 minutes of match time during its 3-2 defeat to France (Oct. 25).

## TRIPLE THREAT

• Virginia Tech has relied heavily this season on the goal-scoring ability of its three lead attackers: Emily Gray (12 goals), Tori Powell (eight) and Nicole Kozlova (seven).

• Here are the Hokies' match records when their big three find the back of the net:

Player	2021	All-Time
Emily Gray	6-1-0	15-4-0
Nicole Kozlova	4-0-2	9-1-2
Tori Powell	4-1-1	9-1-1

• The Tech trio has combined to net 27 of the Hokies' 41 goals during the 2021 campaign.

## FROM THE DOT

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

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### 2021 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC	PTS	OVERALL
1. No. 2 Virginia	8-0-2	26	17-2-2
2. No. 1 Florida State	7-1-2	23	17-1-2
3. No. 4 Duke	7-2-1	22	14-3-1
4. Notre Dame	7-3-0	21	14-5-1
5. Clemson	6-3-1	19	12-7-1
6. No. 10 North Carolina	5-2-3	18	12-3-3
Wake Forest	6-4-0	18	16-5-0
<b>8. Virginia Tech</b>	<b>5-3-2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12-5-2</b>
9. Pittsburgh	4-6-0	12	11-7-0
North Carolina State	4-6-0	12	9-8-2
11. Louisville	3-6-1	10	7-7-2
12. Boston College	1-9-0	3	7-10-1
Miami	1-9-0	3	4-12-0
14. Syracuse	0-10-0	0	4-12-1

### 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
<b>7. Virginia Tech</b>	<b>85</b>
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



## THE ADAIR FILE

**Coaching Exp.:** 23rd season, 16th at Tech  
**Head Coach:** 11th season, 11th at Tech  
**Record at Tech:** 138-67-22 (.656)  
**Overall Record:** 138-67-22 (.656)  
**College:** San Diego (1993)  
**Playing Exp:** San Diego State (1989), San Diego (1990-93)

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

### Most NCAA Appearances by Tech coaches

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

## Year-By-Year Record

CAREER RECORD		
YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD
2011	Virginia Tech	14-8-1
2012	Virginia Tech	13-6-1
2013	Virginia Tech	19-5-3
2014	Virginia Tech	16-6-0
2015	Virginia Tech	15-4-2
2016	Virginia Tech	11-5-3
2017	Virginia Tech	7-6-5
2018	Virginia Tech	11-8-3
2019	Virginia Tech	12-5-2
2020-21	Virginia Tech	8-9-0
2021	Virginia Tech	12-5-2
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>138-67-22</b>



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.

# 12

Tech is equipped with 18 different point-earners on its 2021 roster, including 12 different goal scorers. Emma Steigerwald became the newest addition to the Hokies' cast of goal scorers (Nov. 12).

# 22

Virginia Tech has been cautioned 22 times, tying for the 16th most nationally (most among ACC programs). The Hokies were shown four yellows during their Sept. 5 match against No. 9 Santa Clara.

## KEY STORYLINES, CTD.

### EMILY GRAY ON TECH'S ALL-TIME LEADERBOARDS

• Senior midfielder Emily Gray stands to leave Virginia Tech as one of its greatest all-time playmakers. With her three-point night during the Hokies' first round victory against Ohio State (Nov. 12), she moved into sole possession of second place on the program's all-time points list:

Rk	Player	Years	Points
1.	Murielle Tiernan	2013-16	112
2.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2018-pres.</b>	<b>78</b>
3.	Kelly Conheaney	2009-13	75

• Gray ranks in a tie for the fourth most goals scored all-time at Virginia Tech:

Rk	Player	Years	Goals
1.	Murielle Tiernan	2013-16	49
2.	Ashley Meier	2012-15	30
3.	Murielle Tiernan	2006-09	29
4.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2018-pres.</b>	<b>27</b>
	Shannon Mayrose	2009-14	27
	Marika Gray	2007-10	27

• Gray also ranks second all-time at Virginia Tech in career assists:

Rk	Player	Years	Assists
1.	Julian Johnson	2006-09	31
2.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2018-pres.</b>	<b>24</b>

• Considering multi-goal matches, Gray ranks second all-time at Virginia Tech behind its all-time leading goal scorer:

Rk	Player	Years	Matches
1.	Murielle Tiernan	2013-16	9
2.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2018-pres.</b>	<b>7</b>

### EMILY GRAY ON TECH'S SINGLE-SEASON LISTS

• Considering single Tech seasons, Emily Gray's 12 goals rank in a tie for the fifth most all-time:

Rk	Player	Season	Goals
1.	Ashley Stinson	2004	17
	Emily Jukich	2008	15
3.	Murielle Tiernan	2015	14
	Murielle Tiernan	2014	14
5.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>12</b>
	Kelly Conheaney	2011	12

### McCARTER ADDS TO STREAK

• Virginia Tech senior midfielder Emmalee McCarter extended her point streak to three consecutive matches after assisting on Emily Gray's match-opening goal of the Hokies' NCAA tournament opener against Ohio State (Nov. 12).

• McCarter's goal against Syracuse (Oct. 28) marked her first since Oct. 15, 2020, against Miami (25 appearances).

### STRIKING FIRST

• Virginia Tech has scored the match-opening goal during 14 of its 19 contests this season (12-0-2 record when scoring first).

• The Hokies have yet to come from behind to earn a result during the 2021 campaign (0-5-0 record).

### PELKOWSKI RACKING UP ASSISTS

• Rookie midfielder Emma Pelkowski co-leads Virginia Tech in assists (eight) with Emily Gray. The duo has tied for the fifth best single-season assists marks across program history:

Rk	Player	Years	Assists
1.	Kelly Conheaney	2010	12
	Julian Johnson	2006	12
3.	Kelsey Loupee	2013	10
4.	Jazmine Reeves	2011	9
5.	<b>Emily Gray</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Emma Pelkowski</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>8</b>
	Marika Gray	2010	8
	Wendy Kotwas	1999	8

• Pelkowski scored her first collegiate goal during her first collegiate appearance (Aug. 19) and scored consecutive goals against Miami (Oct. 21) and Boston College (Oct. 24).

### CAREER FIRSTS

• Freshman center back Allie Lewis headed in her first career goal during Tech's 5-0 victory against Miami (Oct. 21). Lewis - who was ranked as the No. 28 national freshman by *TopDrawerSoccer.com* - leads the Hokies in minutes played and is one of two outfield players to have started all 19 matches this season.

• Allie George earned her first collegiate point on Emma Pelkowski's match-winning goal against Boston College (Oct. 24). George received two of her three ACC starts upon Nicole Kozlova departing the team for international duty.

### RIDING THE ACC ROLLER COASTER

• **First 12 matches:** Prior to receiving its No. 17 national ranking on Oct. 5, Virginia Tech was 8-2-2 through its first 12 matches of the 2021 season. The Hokies led during 48.8% of their total season minutes while trailing for 10.5%. Tech had scored the match-opening goal during 10 of its 12 outings.

• **Three-match ACC losing streak:** From Oct. 7 to Oct. 15, Tech did not hold a lead while trailing for 80.4% of its total match time. The Hokies conceded three goals before the 20-minute mark - something Tech had not done through its first 12 matches of the season.

## RECORD BREAKDOWN

	Overall	ACC
Overall	12-5-2	5-3-2
Home	8-1-1	3-1-1
Away	4-3-1	2-2-1
Neutral	0-1-0	--
Non-conference	7-2-0	--
Ranked opponents	1-2-2	0-1-2
Day matches	5-4-1	1-2-1
Night matches	7-1-1	4-1-1
Scoring 0-1 goals	4-4-1	2-2-1
Scoring 2+ goals	8-1-1	3-1-1
Scoring 3+ goals	6-1-0	1-1-0
Scoring 4+ goals	3-0-0	1-0-0
Allowing 2+ goals	1-4-1	0-2-1
Allowing 3+ goals	0-1-0	0-1-0
Hokies score first	12-0-2	5-0-2
Opponent scores first	0-5-0	0-3-0
Leading at halftime	10-0-1	4-0-1
Trailing at halftime	0-5-0	0-3-0
Tied at halftime	2-0-1	1-0-1
Scores a goal before 10'	2-0-0	1-0-0
Scores a goal after 80'	5-0-0	2-0-0
Allows a goal before 10'	0-1-0	0-1-0
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	4-3-0	4-3-0
November	1-0-0	0-0-0

### BY KIT

All whites	4-1-1	1-1-1
Maroon top	4-1-1	3-1-1
Orange top	1-3-0	0-1-0
Black top	0-0-0	0-0-0
Gray top	2-0-0	0-0-0
Pink top	1-0-0	1-0-0

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CAREER SCORING

No.	Player	MP	MS	G	A
0	Dare Burnett	--	--	--	--
00	Lauren Hargrove	2	--	--	--
1	Alia Skinner	35	35	--	--
2	Riley McCarthy	6	--	--	--
3	Kendall Feighan	1	--	--	--
4	Emily Gray	68	68	27	24
5	Aino Vuorinen	17	7	1	2
6	Makenzie Graham	37	22	2	--
7	Avery Tharrington	14	14	--	1
8	Ayden Yates	6	--	--	2
9	Emma Steigerwald	74	45	4	3
10	Nicole Kozlova	40	37	14	6
11	Gabby Johnson <i>at Virginia Tech</i>	59 17	29 8	6 --	3 1
12	Tori Powell	35	33	15	10
13	Karlie Johnson	70	22	9	3
14	Allie Lewis	19	19	1	1
15	Sophie Maltese	19	--	3	2
16	Erin Carleton	10	2	--	--
18	Lauren Gogal	16	6	--	--
19	Holly Weber	31	3	2	1
20	Victoria Haugen	32	32	--	5
21	Averi Visage	32	26	--	1
22	Taylor Bryan	8	3	1	--
23	Kate Bonshak	3	--	--	--
24	Emmalee McCarter	75	61	5	10
25	Calista Heister	27	2	--	--
26	Emma Pelkowski	19	18	3	8
27	Ava Veith	15	6	1	4
28	Victoria Moser	--	--	--	--
30	S.A. Phillips	3	--	--	--
32	Allie George	19	4	--	1

• **Last four matches:** Virginia Tech has outscored its last four opponents by the combined 11-2 margin. Emily Gray (three goals, three assists) and Emma Pelkowski (two goals, two assists) have led the Hokies' attack while Alia Skinner has recorded her sixth and seventh shutout appearances of the 2021 season (including her fifth clean sheet).

**POWELL RECORDS HAT TRICK AT WAKE FOREST**

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

• Powell's three-goal performance (22', 46', 61'), helped the Hokies claw back from as large as a two-goal deficit, despite their ultimate 4-3 defeat to the Demon Deacons. Prior to Oct. 10, Tech had been 12-0-0 all-time when one of its players recorded a hat trick.

• Historically, Powell's hat trick marked Tech's first against a Power Five opponent (fifth during the program's ACC tenure).

**PULLING RABBITS OUT OF HATS**

• After not witnessing a hat trick since the 2009 season, Virginia Tech has celebrated two such performances during the 2021 season. As a team, the program has never witnessed three hat tricks during a single campaign.

• On Sept. 2, Emily Gray delivered each of the Hokies' three goals during their 3-2 victory at James Madison.

• In similar style, Tori Powell accounted for Tech's three goals during its 4-3 loss to Wake Forest.

**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 then against both No. 1 North Carolina and No. 5 Wake Forest).

**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).

**BIG BIRD SCHEDULE**

• Virginia Tech went 3-3-2 this season against its eight regular season opponents that advanced to the 2020 NCAA tournament (held during the spring of 2021).

• The Hokies defeated two defending league champions in Liberty (Aug. 19) and Elon (Aug. 26).

• 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, earning a road victory at No. 12 South Carolina.

**HOKIES AGAINST RANKED SIDES**

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

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

**TALE OF TWO LOCATIONS**

• **Home (8-1-1):** Virginia Tech has scored 27 goals at a +21 differential. The Hokies trailed for the first time during their Oct. 15 match against No. 1 Florida State.

• **Away/Neutral (4-4-1):** Tech is -1 in goal differential - 14 for and 15 against. The Hokies have scored first during their five point-earning matches.

**SCORING BREAKDOWN**

• **Open play (33 goals, +17 diff.):** Virginia Tech is 11-1-2 when scoring from open play this season, though 1-4-0 when not. Defensively, the Hokies have allowed multiple goals from open play on three occasions (Sept. 9 at James Madison - 2, Oct. 10 at Wake Forest - 2, and Oct. 15 against No. 1 Florida State - 2).

• **Set pieces (8 goals, +3 diff.):** Emily Gray has scored or assisted on seven of Tech's eight set piece goals this season. The Hokies have conceded five set piece goals to opponents - the match-winning free kick at Cincinnati (Aug. 29), the match-tying corner at No. 4 North Carolina (Sept. 23), a penalty kick goal at Pittsburgh (Oct. 2) and two penalty kick goals at Wake Forest (Oct. 10).

**LAST TIME VIRGINIA TECH ...**

• **Won an NCAA tournament match during extra time:** 2018 second round vs. Arkansas in Cary, North Carolina. (1-0, 2OT - Jordan Hemmen, 106th minute).

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

• **Advanced to the NCAA third round:** 2018 after defeating Arkansas, 1-0 (2OT), in Cary, North Carolina.

**BETWEEN THE POSTS**

• Sophomore goalkeeper Alia Skinner enters Friday's NCAA second round match ranked fourth all-time at Virginia Tech in career victories (20).