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THE MATCHUP

VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES

4-2-0, 0-0-0 ACC

Head coach: Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, '93)
Career record: 130-64-20 (11th season)
Record at Virginia Tech: 130-64-20 (11th season)
Record vs. Villanova: 1-0-0

VS

VILLANOVA WILDCATS

5-0-0, 0-0-0 BIG EAST

Head coach: Chris McLain (Eastern Nazarene, '97)
Career record: 33-38-5 (fifth season)
Record at Villanova: 33-38-5 (fifth season)
Record vs. Virginia Tech: 0-1-0

MATCH 7 | VIRGINIA TECH vs. VILLANOVA - SEPT. 9, 2021 | 5 PM | ACCNX | BLACKSBURG, VA. | THOMPSON FIELD (2,028)

QUICK COMPARISON



4-2-0	Record	5-0-0
15 (2.50)	Goals (per match)	14 (2.80)
1.17	Goals Against Avg.	0.59
+8	Goal Differential	+11
8.00	SOG per match	7.60
6.00	Corners per match	7.00



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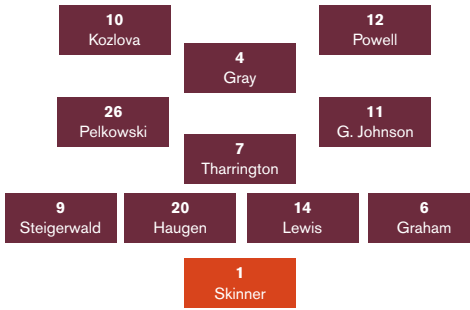
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STARTING XI - LAST MATCH

VIRGINIA TECH

Pos	#	Name	Note
GK	1	Alia Skinner	2021: 1:17 GAA
D	6	Makenzie Graham	First start vs. Santa Clara
D	9	Emma Steigerwald	First start vs. Santa Clara
D	14	Allie Lewis	Team leader, minutes
D	20	Victoria Haugen	2021: two assists
M	4	Emily Gray	Hat trick at JMU
M	7	Avery Tharrington	First career assist at JMU
M	11	Gabby Johnson	First point at Tech vs. Elon
M	26	Emma Pelkowski	Four points, six starts
F	10	Nicole Kozlova	2021: Three goals, assist
F	12	Tori Powell	2021: Two goals, assist

4-4-2 Diamond Formation



KEY STORYLINES

CHANGING THE SYSTEM

• After rolling out the same starting XI for its first five matches of the season, Virginia Tech made two adjustments for its Sept. 5 match against Santa Clara:

- LB** Emma Steigerwald
- RB** Makenzie Graham

• Graham and Steigerwald both set season highs for minutes played, logging 85 and 81, respectively.

BOUNCING BACK

• With Virginia Tech's 3-2 win at James Madison on Sept. 2, the Hokies improved to 4-4-0 since the beginning of the 2020-21 season when competing after a loss.

• Under head coach Chugger Adair, the Hokies have never lost

consecutive matches against non-conference, non-ACC opponents during the regular season. (Tech's 2020-21 season included three consecutive non-conference losses to ACC foes Virginia [two] and Duke.)

SCOUTING VILLANOVA

• Villanova enters Thursday's match unbeaten, having defeated four of its five opponents by multiple-goal margins.

• Virginia Tech is the Wildcats' first and only non-conference opponent this season that hails from a Power Five conference.

• Chloe O'Neill ranks second among BIG EAST goal scorers (six) and carries a four-match goal streak into Thursday's contest.

• Megan McClay (0.59 GAA) has polished two clean sheets for Villanova, including her most recent outing against Cornell (Sept. 5).

THURSDAY KICKOFFS

• After its Sept. 2 win at James Madison, Virginia Tech has won six consecutive Thursday matches.

HOME, SWEET HOME

• Virginia Tech enters Thursday having won five consecutive matches at Thompson Field.

• The Hokies have prevailed during each of their last 12 non-conference, home regular season matches against non-ACC opponents (19-0-2 last 21 such matches dating back to Tech's 2-1 loss to Ohio State on Sept. 1, 2016).

2021 FIXTURES

RECORD	4-2-0
ACC	0-0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-2-0
HOME	3-0-0
AWAY	1-1-0
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	5 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 12	at No. 12 South Carolina	SECN	5 p.m.
Sat.	Sept. 18	North Carolina State *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Thu.	Sept. 23	at North Carolina *	ACCNX	7 p.m.
Sun.	Sept. 26	Duke *	ACCN	5 p.m.

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 *	ACCNX	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: 5
Virginia Tech record: 2-3-0
Home: 1-1-0
Away: 1-2-0
Neutral: 0-0-0
Tech streak: Won two
First meeting: Sept. 16, 2001 • H • L, 0-2
Last meeting: Sept. 7, 2018 • A • W, 3-0 *
Last Tech win: Sept. 7, 2018 • A • W, 3-0 *

* Match played at Talen Engery Stadium (now Subaru Park) in Chester, Pa.

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: 282-234-46
All-Time ACC Record: 68-79-23
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 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 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 (rolled '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

LAST MEETING

• Karlie Johnson (goal) and Emily Gray (assist) are the lone two active Hokies who have recorded points against Villanova.

• The duo factored into Tech's three-goal second half on Sept. 7, 2018, helping the Hokies defeat the Wildcats, 3-0, at Talen Energy Stadium (presently Subaru Park).

GRAY NETS HISTORIC TECH HAT TRICK

• Emily Gray recorded the Hokies' first hat trick since 2009 on Sept. 2 at James Madison, 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).

• With 21 career goals to her name, Gray enters Thursday's match against Villanova one goal shy of tying Laurie Beth Puglisi for 10th place on Virginia Tech's all-time scoring list:

Rk	Player	Years	Goals
1.	Murielle Tiernan	2013-16	49
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8.	Alani Johnson	2014-17	24
	Emily Barnhart	2000-03	24
10.	Laurie Beth Puglisi	2005-08	22

• Considering the 2021 calendar year, Gray has netted goals during seven of the Hokies' 10 matches, helping Tech achieve a 7-3-0 record.

• Entering Thursday's match, Gray has scored or assisted on five of Tech's six set piece goals this season.

GRAY MOVES UP TECH ALL-TIME ASSISTS LIST

• Emily Gray assisted twice during Virginia Tech's season-opening victory against Liberty (Aug. 19) - both off set pieces she initiated.

• Gray, who was named to the 2020-21 *United Soccer Coaches* All-Atlantic Region Second Team, enters Thursday's match against Villanova tied for fifth all-time at Tech in career assists:

Rk	Player	Years	Assists
1.	Julian Johnson	2006-09	31
2.	Kelly Conheaney	2009-13	23
3.	Kelsey Loupee	2011-14	22
4.	Jazmine Reeves	2010-13	19
5.	Emily Gray	2018-pres.	18
	Marika Gray	2007-10	18

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

• 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).

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).

NEXT WOMAN UP

• Virginia Tech is chasing its first non-Emily Gray goal scored since Aug. 26 against Elon (Sophie Maltese - 85').

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 has 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).

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).

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.

POWELL PACKS A PUNCH

• After her seven-goal rookie season during the 2020-21 campaign, sophomore Tori Powell factored into the scoring for three of Tech's first four season-opening goals.

• Powell headed in Tech's third goal against Liberty (Aug. 19). Three of her nine career goals have been scored against the Flames (102 minutes of series match time).

• After heading in Ava Veith's corner against William & Mary (Aug. 22), Powell recorded her third career match-winning goal.

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2021 STANDINGS

TEAM	ACC	PTS	OVERALL
1. No. 2 North Carolina	0-0-0	0	6-0-0
No. 3 Virginia	0-0-0	0	6-0-0
Wake Forest	0-0-0	0	6-0-0
No. 1 Florida State	0-0-0	0	5-0-0
No. 5 Duke	0-0-0	0	5-0-0
No. 20 Pittsburgh	0-0-0	0	5-1-0
Boston College	0-0-0	0	5-1-0
Notre Dame	0-0-0	0	4-1-1
Louisville	0-0-0	0	4-1-0
Syracuse	0-0-0	0	4-1-0
Virginia Tech	0-0-0	0	4-2-0
North Carolina State	0-0-0	0	3-1-2
Clemson	0-0-0	0	3-2-0
Miami	0-0-0	0	2-2-0

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: 130-64-20 (.654)

Overall Record: 130-64-20 (.654)

College: San Diego (1993)

Playing Exp: San Diego State (1989), San Diego (1990-93)

Year	School/Org.	Position
2011-present	Virginia Tech	Head Coach
2006-10	Virginia Tech	Associate Head Coach
2004-06	UC Santa Barbara	Women's Assistant Coach
2003	San Diego Spirit	Assistant Coach
2002	Pacific	M&W Assistant Coach
1998-00	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	4-2-0
TOTALS:		130-64-20



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



Emily Gray has scored six goals across Tech's last four matches. She has accounted for six of the team's last 11 goals scored, including four in a row.



Emily Gray enters Thursday's match riding 18 career assists. Gray's next assist will move her into a tie for fourth place all-time at Tech.



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

KEY STORYLINES, ctd.

KEEP IT CLEAN

• Virginia Tech posted consecutive season-opening clean sheets for the fourth time during its program history (all instances under Chugger Adair: 2012, 2014, 2019, 2021).

CORNER POCKET

• On Aug. 19 and Aug. 22, Virginia Tech accumulated 10 or more corners during consecutive matches for the first time since August 2017.

TRAINING PAYS OFF

• Set pieces - both attacking and defending - were a point of emphasis for Virginia Tech during its preseason training.

• Three of the Hokies' first four goals scored of the 2021 season came off set pieces (two off corners).

• Entering Thursday, Tech's 15 goals have been comprised of six off set pieces (two off penalty kicks) and nine from open play.

IN PURSUIT OF PERFECTION

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

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

SKINNER KEEPS HER FOURTH CLEAN SHEET

• Alia Skinner kept her third and fourth career clean sheets during Virginia Tech's season-opening victories against Liberty (Aug. 19) and William & Mary (Aug. 22):

Date	Opponent (Site)	Saves
Oct. 4, 2020	Pittsburgh (H)	12
Nov. 1, 2020	Boston College (A)	2
Aug. 19, 2021	Liberty (H)	2
Aug. 22, 2021	William & Mary (H)	4

• Skinner (12-10-0, 1.33 GAA) has logged seven career shutout appearances between the posts, including the first half of Tech's Aug. 26 win against Elon.

BIG-TIME MINUTES

• Virginia Tech backs Victoria Haugen and Allie Lewis played the duration of Tech's two season-opening matches against Liberty (Aug. 19) and William & Mary (Aug. 22).

• Entering Thursday, Lewis (526 minutes, 87.7 per match) and fellow rookie Avery Tharrington (435,

72.5) rank first and fourth, respectively, among Tech's outfield players who have seen the most match time this season.

A SENIOR NIGHT TO REMEMBER

• Nicole Kozlova dramatically scored Tech's first goal of the 2021 season on her Senior Night (Aug. 19 vs. Liberty) - the first of six matches this season devoted to honoring one member of the Hokies' 2021 senior class.

• Kozlova broke the ice during the 19th minute, directing a 12-yard, right-to-left rolling shot through the left post (assisted by Victoria Haugen and Tori Powell). Tech went on to win, 3-0.

• Kozlova's strike against Liberty made her eighth career goal and her fourth career match-winner.

• 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.

HEY THERE, ROOKIE

• Emma Pelkowski netted her first collegiate goal on Aug. 19 against Liberty during her first career appearance and start.

• Pelkowski headed in the rebound from Emily Gray's 25-yard free kick during the 50th minute to deliver Tech the 2-0 lead against the Flames.

• From Tech's starting XI, Pelkowski was substituted for during the 25th minute before beginning the second half on the pitch. She scored during her 30th minute of play.

BIG BIRD SCHEDULE

• Santa Clara was the third of eight programs on Virginia Tech's 2021 schedule that advanced to the 2020 NCAA tournament (held during the spring of 2021).

• Tech is 2-1-0 this season against these eight programs, having defeated two defending league champions in Liberty (Aug. 19) and Elon (Aug. 26).

• The Hokies' next such opponent is No. 12 South Carolina, which Tech will face on Sept. 12.

FINE ATTACKING DISPLAYS

• Virginia Tech has averaged 15.3 shot attempts per match this season, peaking at 20 shots during its Aug. 26 victory against Elon.

• Tech averaged 11.35 attempts per match during the 2020-21 season.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

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

BY MONTH

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

BY KIT

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