

2013 GAME NOTES



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2013 Schedule

2/8	at #7 Duke*	L, 9-17
2/15	at High Point	4 PM
2/20	at Davidson	6 PM
2/23	at Coastal Carolina	Noon
2/27	JAMES MADISON	6 PM
3/2	MOUNT ST. MARY'S	1 PM
3/9	BOSTON COLLEGE*	Noon
3/12	at UC Davis	7 PM
3/16	at California	5 PM
3/23	OLD DOMINION	1 PM
3/30	NORTH CAROLINA*	2 PM
4/3	LIBERTY	4 PM
4/10	LONGWOOD	4 PM
4/13	DELAWARE STATE	1 PM
4/17	at Virginia*	7 PM
4/20	MARYLAND*	Noon
4/25, 26, 28	ACC Tournament	Chapel Hill, N.C.

BOLD CAPS denotes home game
(Played at Thompson Field)
* denotes ACC opponent
All times Eastern

Quick Facts

Head Coach:	Megan Burker (Stanford '06)
Career Record (yrs):	20-15 (two season)
Record at Tech (yrs):	20-15 (two season)
Associate Head Coach:	Lindsay Lewis (BU '06)
Asst. Coach:	Sarah Jonson (William & Mary '11)
2012 Record:	10-7
ACC Record/ Finish:	1-4 (6th)
Home:	7-2
Away:	3-4
Starters Returned/ Lost:	7/6

GENERAL

Name of School:	Virginia Tech
Location:	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded:	1872
Enrollment:	28,000
Nickname:	Hokies
Colors:	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
Home Field:	Thompson Field (2,028)
Conference:	Atlantic Coast Conference
Website:	www.hokiesports.com



**VIRGINIA TECH
HOKIES**

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VS.

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0-0 Big South

**HIGH POINT
PANTHERS**



Fri., Feb. 15 • 4 PM • Vert Stadium • High Point, N.C.

Live Stats: www.highpointpanthers.com / www.hokiesports.com

Broadcast (video): www.highpointpanthers.com / www.hokiesports.com

Series Info

All Time vs. High Point: 2-0 • **At VT:** 1-0 • **At High Point:** 1-0 • **Neutral:** 0-0
Notes: Tech leads the all-time series against the Panthers ... High Point hosted the Hokies in the program's first-ever game to kick off the 2011 season ... Tech topped the Panthers last season, 18-8, in Blacksburg.

Scouting High Point

High Point will begin its 2013 season hosting Tech on Friday and is coming off of back-to-back 15-4 seasons. This is the first season the Big South Conference has supported lacrosse, and the Panthers were voted preseason No. 1 in the new league.

With most of the squad intact from last season, the Panthers will look to 2012 National Lacrosse Conference Player of the Year Mackenzie Carroll and 2011 NCL POY Grace Gaeng to lead the offense. Carroll finished last season with 71 points (33g, 38a), while Gaeng tallied 67 points (30g, 37a).

In cage for the High Point will be senior Anna Wallingford, who finished 2012 with a 14-4 record and a .413 save percentage.

Scouting Virginia Tech - Last Time Out

The Hokies are coming off a 17-9 loss in the season opener at No. 7 Duke. Senior middle Brooke Martin tallied a hat trick in the first game of the season, while sophomore Megan Will added two goals and an assist. Sophomore Meg Bartley matched a career high, winning six draws.

Despite the outcome, the Tech defense came up big against the Blue Devils, not allowing them to score in the first 15 minutes of the second half and coming up with numerous stops. Hokie goalie Alex Gale finished the game with 12 saves.

Two newcomers, Jessi Thon and Meghan Macera, made their first career starts in the game and saw significant playing time against the ranked conference opponent.

The game at High Point comes after the Hokies have had a week off and is the second of four season-opening road games for Tech. The Hokies will have their first midweek game of the season next week as they head to Davidson to take on another Big South opponent, before making the trek to Coastal Carolina the following Saturday.

Senior Leaders

Captaining the Hokies this season will be seniors Libby Rosebro, Brooke Martin, Julia Heaps and Christina Patten. All four bring a wealth of on-field experience. Entering the season they have combined to play in 190 games and make 137 start, even with Heaps being sidelined for much of last season due to injury and Patten suffering a torn Achilles causing her to miss 2011.

Each player represents a different part of the field as Heaps plays attack, Martin has floated from attack to midfield, Rosebro has bounced between midfield and defense and Patten is a defender. They have collectively scored 92 goals and tallied 138 points, 124 ground balls and caused 48 turnovers while learning to lead from different positions on and off the field.

Veteran Experience

Tech returns a wealth of experience this season as it welcomes back 12 seniors. As a class, these veterans have been an integral part of the transition the program has recently made. They have helped lead their squad to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in over 10 years. They have also assisted in taking down ranked conference opponents in back-to-back years, topping then-No. 16 Boston College in 2011 and then-No. 7 Virginia in 2012.

Progressing Program

The Virginia Tech lacrosse team has seen a steady momentum shift over the past few seasons. Since former assistant Megan Burkner took over as head coach the Hokies have put together back-to-back 10-win seasons for the first time in program history while also knocking off ranked conference opponenets in back-to-back years. Tech earned its best ACC finish in 2011 when a tiebreak awarded the Hokies the three-seed in the annual ACC Tournament. Tech also set a new program best in 2012 when it finished the year with a 7-2 record at Thompson Field.

Against The Best

The Hokies have a chance to play numerous ranked opponents and NCAA Tournament participants every season, especially within conference play. This year Tech opened with No. 7/6 Duke on the road. Although Tech is just 5-73 against ranked opponents, the Hokies have knocked off two ranked opponents in the last two seasons, earning their first-ever defeat of a top-10 foe when they topped then-No. 7 Virginia last year.

Strong Conference

The Atlantic Coast Conference has made a name for itself as a strong lacrosse conference. This season, five teams entered the year ranking in the top 20 of both the IWLC A Poll and the deBeer Media Poll. With preseason polls still in effect, Maryland holds the No. 4 spot in both polls, while North Carolina ranks fifth in each. Duke enters the year as the 7/6 team in the nation, Virginia holds the No. 8 and No. 11 spots and Boston College ranks 20th and 18th.

Maryland, Duke, North Carolina and Virginia were all participants in the the 2012 NCAA Tournament.

Will to be the Best

Sophomore Megan Will broke onto the scene her in collegiate

debut last year, earning a starting spot right away and never looked back. Will finished the year as the second-leading scorer on the team with 30 goals, also tallying a squad second-best 37 points. Her three goals against Maryland in the ACC Tournament earned her a spot on the conference's All-Tournament team.

The Bel Air, Md., native is already out to a productive start after scoring two goals and assisting another at Duke.

Gale in Goal

Senior goalie Alex Gale has been the primary starter in cage since her arrival in 2010. Her 299 career saves lands her in fifth place all-time Tech. Gale finished 2012 with 90 saves and a 10-7 record.

Right Back to Business

Martin returns great experience to the Hokie attack and midfield this year. She has played in every game since arriving on campus. After finishing her junior season as the third-leading scorer on the team, Martin has gone straight to work in 2013. She put away three goals in the opener a week ago at Duke.

The Hunt Valley, Md., native matched the seventh-most goals scored in a game all-time at Tech when she put away six against High Point in 2012.

Bartley, an Unexpected Surprise

Sophomore Meg Bartley walked on to the Tech lacrosse team in the Fall of 2011 and as the 2012 season began she made a quick and efficient impact. The Lewes, Del., native earned a starting job on attack by the fifth game, after scoring four goals and assisting another against UC Davis at home.

Bartley will again be threat on the draw for the Hokies as she matched a career high, winning six, at Duke a week ago.

True Team Player

Senior Libby Rosebro has been a team-first player for the Hokies over the years. She has started and played in every game since the beginning of her sophomore outing. The middle made the transition to defense as sophomore to add game-experience and help fill in where injuries and inexperience left the Hokies at a disadvantage. Contributing on both sides of the field, the Richmond, Va., native finished her junior campaign with 12 goals, nine assists, 17 ground balls and 10 caused turnovers.

Fresh Meat

Tech welcomes eight freshmen to the squad this season, hailing from six different states. Hannah Sieger is the only goalie in the new mix for the Hokies and she joins the team from San Diego and Rancho Bernardo High School. Laney Clarke (Virginia Beach, Va./ Cape Henry) and Mikayla Sweeney (Waxhaw, N.C./ Waxhaw) will look to add depth for the Hokies on attack.

The remaining newcomers will contribute in the coming years from the midfield or on the defensive side of things. Gracee Hendrix (Vero Beach, Fla./ Vero Beach), Claiborne Lucas (Roanoke, Va./ Patrick Henry), Jessi Thon (Victor, N.Y./ Victor), Kelsey Allen (West Islip, N.Y./ West Islip) and Meghan Macera (Westminster, Md/ Westminster) will look to earn playing time in their debuts.

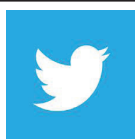
2013 VIRGINIA TECH LACROSSE ROSTER

No.	Name	Yr	Pos	Hometown	High School/College
00	Alex Gale	Sr.	G	Cicero, N.Y.	Cicero North-Syracuse
1	Gracee Hendrix	Fr.	M	Vero Beach, Fla.	Vero Beach
2	Kelly Naslonski	Jr.	A	East Setauket, N.Y.	Ward Melville
3	Christina Patten	r-Sr.	D	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly
5	Laney Clarke	Fr.	A	Virginia Beach, Va.	Cape Henry
6	Claiborne Lucas	Fr.	M	Roanoke, Va.	Patrick Henry
7	Maddy Hess	So.	M	Lancaster, Pa.	Penn Manor
8	Lindsay Roche	Jr.	M	Sykesville, Md.	Century
9	Rachel Sweeney	Sr.	D	Waxhaw, N.C.	Presbyterian College
10	Charlotte Marsh	Sr.	M	Reading, Mass.	Reading Memorial
11	Jessi Thon	Fr.	M	Victor, N.Y.	Victor
12	Kelsey Allen	Fr.	M	West Islip, N.Y.	West Islip
13	Cawley Bromley	So.	A	Cary, N.C.	Apex
15	Meghan Macera	Fr.	M	Westminster, Md.	Westminster
16	Becca Niles	Jr.	D	Columbus, Ohio	Upper Arlington
17	Jack Boissonneault	So.	M	Brooklin, Ontario, Canada	Donald A. Wilson
18	Mikayla Sweeney	Fr.	A	Waxhaw, N.C.	Marvin Ridge
19	Meg Bartley	So.	A	Lewes, Del.	Cape Henlopen
20	Ann Wallace Tazewell	So.	D	Richmond, Va.	Collegiate
21	Rachel Skay	So.	M	North Bethesda, Md.	Walter Johnson
23	Katie Grogan	Sr.	D	Woodbine, Md.	Glenelg
24	Libby Rosebro	Sr.	M	Richmond, Va.	Collegiate School
25	Brooke Martin	Sr.	A	Hunt Valley, Md.	Dulaney
26	Julia Heaps	r-Jr.	A	Street, Md.	North Harford
27	Kristin Semones	Sr.	D	Westminster, Md.	Westminster
28	Sammi Moschetti	Jr.	D	Fallston, Md.	Fallston
29	Hannah Sieger	Fr.	G	San Diego, Calif.	Ranch Bernardo
32	Kate Sistare	Sr.	M	Ashburn, Va.	Broad Run
33	Kimberly Patten	Sr.	D	Chantilly, Va.	Chantilly
34	Alexis Carey	Sr.	G	Charlottesville, Va.	Albemarle
35	Megan Will	So.	A	Bel Air, Md.	C. Milton Wright

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Assistant Coach: Sarah Jonson (William & Mary '11)
Volunteer Assistant: Ryan Rotanz

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Naslonski	Naz-lawn-ski
Thon	th-own
Macera	mass-sera
Boissonneault	bwah-son-oh
Tazewell	taz-well
Sieger	see-gur



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Around the ACC

Friday, Feb. 15

Towson at North Carolina	4:00 p.m.
Virginia Tech at High Point	4:00 p.m.
Richmond at Duke	7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 16

Virginia at Loyola (Md.)	1:00 p.m.
Boston College at Holy Cross	3:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Vanderbilt at Boston College	1:00 p.m.
Richmond at North Carolina	1:00 p.m.
William & Mary at Duke	3:00 p.m.



National Polls

IWLCA Preseason Poll

- Team**
1. Northwestern (12)
 2. Syracuse (4)
 3. Florida (3)
 4. Maryland (1)
 5. North Carolina
 6. Loyola
 7. Duke
 8. Virginia
 9. Notre Dame
 10. Penn State
 11. Penn
 12. Dartmouth
 13. Ohio State
 14. Massachusetts
 15. Georgetown
 16. Cornell
 17. Towson
 18. Stony Brook
 19. Johns Hopkins
 20. Boston College

deBeer Media Preseason Poll

- Team**
1. Syracuse (5)
 2. Northwestern (4)
 3. Florida (1)
 4. Maryland
 5. North Carolina
 6. Duke
 7. Loyola
 8. Notre Dame
 9. Penn State
 10. Penn
 11. Virginia
 12. Dartmouth
 13. Massachusetts
 14. Georgetown
 15. Harvard
 16. Towson
 17. Johns Hopkins
 18. Boston College
 19. Stony Brook
 20. Ohio State

