# 2009 VIRGINIA TECH SOFTBALL

# **GAME NOTES**

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# TECH STEPS OUT OF CONFERENCE TO FACE BUCS

# **GAME 30**

VIRGINIA TECH (12-17, 3-3 ACC) vs.

EAST TENNESSEE STATE (18-12)

March 31, 2009 • 5 PM Johnson City, Tenn. ETSU Softball Stadium (500) The Series: VT leads 9-1

#### About ETSU

East Tennessee State is 18-12 on the year after losing twice to Florida Gulf Coast last Friday on the road. The Lady Bucs are hitting .269 as a team with just seven home runs and have a staff ERA of 2.07.

Senior Kate Powell leads the way at the plate with a .351 batting average while Katy Jett (320) and Trisha Massenzo (.315) are also having good seasons. In the circle, Marissa Hardy (9-4, 1.83 ERA) and Darci Gilbert (9-4, 1.74 ERA) see most of the action.

# The Series

Virginia Tech and ETSU have met 10 previous times with the Hokies holding an 9-1 lead. ETSU's only win in the series came in the 2004 State Line Classic in Bristol. The two first met in 2001 with the Hokies winning two games in Blacksburg, 8-0 (6) and 2-0.

The following year, the team traveled to Johnson City and won 10-1 (6) and 6-0. In 2004, ETSU returned to Blacksburg for a tournament and the Hokies won, 6-4.

ETSU's lone win came in 2004, winning 4-2. In 2005, ETSU returned to Tech's home tournament and dropped a pair of games to the Hokies, 9-1 and 4-3. The last meeting came in 2006 at the SLC with Tech winning 8-2. An eightrun fourth inning, capped by a two-run home run from Charisse Mariconda, combined with 11 strikeouts in four innings from Angela Tincher proved to be the difference.

Last year, the two met again in Bristol with Tech winning 6-0.

# Leave the ETSU Gear at Home

Head coach Scot Thomas will have to leave all of his ETSU gear at home when his team travels Tuesday. That's because Thomas is 1991 graduate of the Johnson City school.

Thomas hasn't gone easy on his old school, posting an 9-1 career mark against his Bucs.

# Odds and Ends

Tech is 26-21 all-time in the state of Tennessee ... Tech is 24-19 all-time against teams from the state of Tennessee ... Tech's Kenzie Roark and ETSU's Shelby Morris both attended Mt. Juliet High School with Roark graduating a year before Morris.

# The Countdown is On

Tech head coach Scot Thomas is approaching another coaching milestone as he is nearing his 500th career win. He enters this week's action needing five victories to reach the mark. He has a current record of 495-324 in his 14th year at the helm.

# 222 and Counting

Senior Charisse Mariconda has started all 222 games played in her three-plus seasons at Tech and could end up being the first player in Tech softball history to start every game in a four-year span. The closest any player has come to accomplishing the feat was Michelle Meadows, who started 250 games out of 252 games played during her career. Mariconda has started 187 games at third base and 35 games at shortstop.

#### Goin!

Tech set the school record for stolen bases as a team in a season last year with 102 thefts. Jenna Rhodes led the way with a school-record 41 steals on 48 attempts. She broke the single-season record of 34 held by her older sister, Callie, who set the mark in 2006.

Between Rhodes (85-for-101), Charisse Mariconda (35-for-37) and Erin Ota (33-for-40), the Hokies have three veterans on the base paths who have combined for an 86 percent success rate (153 for 178) for their careers.

# **Records Watch**

Senior Charisse Mariconda needs six more doubles to break the school's career doubles mark. Michelle Meadows had 48 two-baggers from 1997-2000. Mariconda picked up a double against Radford on Tuesday and now has 43.

Senior Erin Ota has been hit four times already this season, extending her school record for times hit by pitch. In four years, the Irvine, Calif., native has been plunked 21 times, well ahead of the second-most of 16 (Shanel Garofalo).

It'll take a strong finish, but senior Jenna Rhodes could finish with the school's highest batting average. She currently has a career average of .343, just a few points behind Meadows, who batted .347 for her career.

6	Maine	W, 4-1
	Troy	W, 1-0
7	Tennessee Tech	L, 0-15 (5)
	at Chattanooga	L, 0-8 (6)
8	at Chattanooga	L,4-5
14-15	Georgia State First Pitch Classic	c
	(at Panthersville, Ga.)	
14	#17 Missouri	L, 0-10 (5)
	at Georgia State	L, 2-3
15	Evansville	L, 0-9 (6)
	Evansville	L, 0-8 (5)
20-22	Kickin' Chicken Classic	
	(at Conway, S.C.)	
20	at Coastal Carolina	W, 7-1
20	Maine	L, 1-4 (9)
21	Western Carolina	L, 3-4
21	Appalachian State	W, 5-4 (8)
22	at Coastal Carolina	W, 6-0
27	NFCA Leadoff Classic	۷۷, 0-0
27	(at Columbus, Ga.)	
27		I O G
Mar. 6-8	#6 Michigan	L, 0-6
Iviar, 0-0	USF Under Armor Invitational	
6	(at Clearwater, Fla.)	111.4.2
6	Lehigh	W, 4-3
_	South Florida	L, 3-7
7	Fordham	L, 2-3
	Illinois-Chicago	W, 3-2
8	Western Michigan	W, 1-0
11	at Lipscomb	L, 4-5
14	NC STATE *	Cancelled
	NC STATE *	Cancelled
15	NC STATE *	Cancelled
21	GEORGIA TECH *	L, 0-13 (5)
	GEORGIA TECH *	L, 5-8 (10)
22	GEORGIA TECH *	W, 3-2
24	RADFORD	W, 4-2
	RADFORD	L,6-11
28	at Virginia *	L, 2-5
	at Virginia *	W, 10-2 (5)
29	at Virginia *	W, 5-2
31	at East Tennessee State	5 p.m.
April 4	at Florida State *	3 p.m.
	at Florida State *	5 p.m.
5	at Florida State *	1 p.m.
10	BOSTON COLLEGE *	6 p.m.
11	BOSTON COLLEGE *	Noon
	BOSTON COLLEGE *	2 p.m.
15	at Liberty	2 p.m.
	at Liberty	4 p.m.
18	at North Carolina *	1 p.m.
	at North Carolina *	3 p.m.
19	at North Carolina *	1 p.m.
21	LONGWOOD	5 p.m.
	LONGWOOD	7 p.m.
25	MARYLAND *	Noon
	MARYLAND *	2 p.m.
26	MARYLAND *	1 p.m.
May 2	vs. Campbell	1 p.m.
	at East Ĉarolina	5 p.m.
3	at East Carolina	Noon
8-10	ACC Championship (at Raleigh,	
15-17	at NCAA Regionals (sites TBA)	
23-24	at NCAA Super Regionals (sites	
M 28-J 3	at WCWS (at Oklahoma City, O	
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2009 Virginia Tech Schedule Chattanooga Challenge

W.4-1

(at Chattanooga, Tenn.)

Feb. 6-8

6

Maine

\* denotes Atlantic Coast Conference games

Home games in ALL CAPS and played at Tech Softball Park All times and dates subject to change

# VIRGINIA TECH SOFTBALL 2009 QUICK FACTS

#### School

Location: Virginia Tech is located in Blacksburg (pop. 39,000) in scenic southwest Virginia. The campus lies on a plain between the Blue Ridge and Allegheny Mountains, 2,100 feet above sea level. History: Founded in 1872 as the land-grant university of the state Enrollment: 30,000 Colors: Chicago maroon & burnt orange Nickname: Hokies Conference: Atlantic Coast President: Charles W. Steger Director of Athletics: Jim Weaver

# **COACHING STAFF**

Head Coach: Scot Thomas Alma Mater: East Tennessee State, 1991 Career/VT Record: 495-324 (14<sup>th</sup> year) Assistant Coach: Al Brauns Alma Mater: Penn State, 1973 (11th year) Assistant Coach: Barb Sherwood Alma Mater: Troy, 1999 (1<sup>st</sup> year)

FACILITY

Home Field: Tech Softball Park (1,024) Dimensions: Lines 200'; center 220' **Press Box Phone:** (540) 231-6061

#### **ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS**

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#### **TEAM INFORMATION**

2008 Record: 49-19 2008 ACC Record/Finish: 16-5/2nd Postseason: Won ACC Tournament; Won Knoxville Regional; Won Ann Arbor Super Regional; T7th at WCWS

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ACC Web Site: theacc.com NCAA Web Site: ncaa.org NFCA Web Site: nfca.org USA Softball Web Site: usasoftball.com

# Hokies by the States

Virginia	8
Florida	
Georgia	
California	
Tennessee	
Canada	1

# HOKIES BY CLASS

Seniors	6
Juniors	.2
Sophomores	.3
Freshmen	5

# VIRGINIA TECH NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	B-T	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
2	Erin Ota	SS/2B	5-2	Sr.	L-R	3L	Irvine, Calif. (Northwood)
3	Charisse Mariconda	3B	5-2	Sr.	R-R	3L	Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
4	Whitney Davis	OF	5-4	Jr.	L-L	2L	Tazewell, Va. (Tazewell)
5	Richelle McGarva	OF	5-6	So.	R-R	JC	Surrey, B.C., Canada (Lord Tweedsmoir)
7	Kim Jalm	1B	5-9	Sr.	R-R	1Y	Jupiter, Fla. (Jupiter)
8	Jessica Everhart	OF	5-7	Sr.	R-R	3L	Purcellville, Va. (Loudoun Valley)
9	Abbie Rexrode	Р	5-4	Fr.	R-R	HS	Fincastle, Va. (James River)
11	Amber Walker	С	5-9	Jr.	R-R	1Y	Galax, Va. (Galax)
12	Marra Hvozdovic	OF/U	5-6	Fr.	R-R	HS	Herndon, Va. (Herndon)
13	Alicia Field	3B	5-3	So.	R-R	1Y	Manassas, Va. (Osbourn Park)
14	Beth Walker	1B	5-7	Sr.	R-R	3L	Galax, Va. (Galax)
15	Jenna Rhodes	OF/DP	5-6	Sr.	L-R	3L	Broadway, Va. (Broadway)
16	Kenzie Roark	Р	5-8	So.	R-R	1L	Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)
20	Kristin Graham	P/U	6-0	Fr.	R-R	HS	Warner Robins, Ga. (Warner Robins)
21	Kelsey Hensel	С	5-8	Fr.	R-R	HS	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)
37	Kristen Froehlich	2B/SS	5-7	Fr.	R-R	HS	Coral Springs, Fla. (North Broward Prep)

Head Coach: Scot Thomas (East Tennessee State, 1991, 14th Season) Record: 495-324

Assistant Coach: Al Brauns (Penn State, 1973, 11th Season)

Assistant Coach: Barb Sherwood (Troy, 1999, First Season)

Trainer: Katie Baer

Manager: Kevin Price

Media Relations: Bryan Johnston

# Tazewell - TAZ-well Purcellville - PUR-sull-vill

Hometowns

Galax - GAY-lax **High Schools** Aquinas - uh-KWY-nus Loudoun Valley - LAU-don

# STREAKS AND PRODUCTIVITY

# Longest Hitting Streaks:

2. Kara Krumhardt, 1999 ......16 3. Bronwyn Blair, 2000 ...... 15 4. Michelle Meadows, 1997 ...... 12 Michelle Meadows, 2000 ......12 Mindi Wylie, 2002......12 Kelly Brown, 2003 ......12 8. Kelly Brown, 2005 ......11 Megan Evans, 2005.....11 Caitlin Murphy, 2005 ...... 11 Amy Voorhees, 2002 ...... 11 Jenna Rhodes, 2008 ...... 11

# Most Career Multi-Hit Games: 1. Michelle Meadows (1997-2000)...... 69 3. Bronwyn Blair (1998-2001) ...... 67 4. Kara Krumhardt (1997-2000)......65 Most Career Multi-RBI Games: 1. Megan Evans (2002-2005) ...... 43 3. Ali Verbage (1998-2001)...... 30 Kara Krumhardt (1997-2000)...... 30 Charisse Mariconda (2006-present)......30 5. Megan Evans (2002-2005) ...... 29 6. Shanel Garofalo (2001-2004) ...... 28

# Alphabetical Roster

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NameNo.
Whitney Davis 4
Jessica Everhart8
Alicia Field13
Kristen Froehlich
Kristin Graham20
Kelsey Hensel21
Marra Hvozdovic12
Kim Jalm7
Charisse Mariconda 3
Richelle McGarva5
Erin Ota2
Kenzie Roark16
Abbie Rexrode9
Jenna Rhodes15
Amber Walker11
Beth Walker14

# VIRGINIA TECH MEDIA INFORMATION COACH/PLAYER **INTERVIEWS**

For questions about the team while it is on the road, please contact Bryan Johnston of the Virginia Tech Athletics Communications Office via email at blj@vt.edu.

#### LIVE STATS AND BROADCASTS

There will be no Internet broadcasts of this Tuesday's action on hokietv.com.

Fans and media can keep up with the Hokies this weekend via the Internet with live stats. Look for a link

to those stats on Virginia Tech's homepag	ge,
hokiesports.com.	

# SOFTBALL HOTLINE

Shortly after each game, fans and media can call the Tech Softball Hotline and listen to a recording recapping the action. To access the hotline, call (540) 232-3719 and press "3" during the introduction.

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

Baer(naked) bare or (grrr) bear
Brauns Brawns
Marra Hvozdovic MARR-uh
has-DOE-vick
Charisse Maricondashuh-REECE
mare-uh-CON-duh
Erin OtaOH-tuh
Kenzie RoarkRO-ark

# Inside the Numbers

Overall: 12-17 Home: 2-3 Away: 4-5 Neutral: 6-9

Atlantic Coast Conference: 3-3 Home: 1-2 Away: 2-1

When leading after five: 7-3 When trailing after five: 1-5 When leading after six: 7-2 When trailing after six: 1-6 When tied after five: 3-4 When tied after six: 3-3 Record in extra innings: 1-2 When scoring first: 8-5 When scoring in first inning: 4-3 When scoring six or more runs: 3-1 When holding opp. to two runs or less: 10-0 Record in one-run games: 6-5 Record in two-run games: 1-0 Record in five-run or more games: 3-8 When committing one or fewer errors: 8-6 When committing two or more errors: 4-11

vs. lefties (starters): 1-2 vs. righties (starters): 11-15

In February: 5-10 In March: 7-7 In April: 0-0 In May: 0-0

Day games: 12-16 Night games: 0-1

In white jerseys: 3-8 In maroon jerseys: 4-5 In orange jerseys: 5-4

# MOST RUNS SCORED IN ...

1st inning: 3 (Virginia; 3/28) 2nd inning: 2 (Coastal Carolina; 2/20) 3rd inning: 4 (twice) 4th inning: 3 (Georgia Tech; 3/21) 5th inning: 3 (twice) 6th inning: 2 (Virginia; 3/29) 7th inning: 3 (Lehigh; 3/6) Extra innings: 3 (Appalachian State; 2/21)

Largest margin of victory: 10 (Virginia; 3/28) Largest margin of defeat: 15 (Tenn. Tech; 2/7) Longest winning streak: 2 games Longest losing streak: 7 games

Did You Know ?: Senior Charisse Mariconda does not have a middle name ... Senior Jessica Everhart has a twin sister, Jennifer, who plays softball at Radford ... Head coach Scot Thomas was in the same fraternity as country music star Kenny Chesney at ETSU ... Assistant coach Al Brauns served in the Vietnam War ... Marra Hvozdovic is a fourth-generation Hokie as her great grandfather, grandfather and both parents attended Virginia Tech ... Richelle McGarva used to work in construction with her dad ... At seven letters, Erin Ota has the shortest name of anyone in the history of Tech softball, while at 17 letters, Charisse Mariconda's name is tied with Christine Trunnell as the longest in Tech softball history ... Kenzie Roark was an aunt before she was even born and recently became a great aunt ... Kim Jalm's family lives across from Burt Reynolds' ranch in Florida ... Erin Ota donated 10 inches of her hair to "Locks for Love" in January ... Kristen Froehlich went to Italy over the summer and brought back some ash from Pompeii ... Beth Walker and Amber Walker used to be battery mates at Galax High when Beth pitched ... Whitney Davis went to the same high school as former MLB great Billy Wagner ... Jenna Rhodes was raised on a chicken farm ... Erin Ota's sister, Melissa, played softball at Brown ... Jessica Everhart is engaged to Stevie Ray Lloyd, a former Hokie football player who finished his career at Liberty University ... Beth Walker is President of Virginia Tech's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) ... Abbie Rexrode went to Europe this past summer with her family visiting seven countries over a two-week span ... Alicia Field has a severe case of Ophidiophobia (fear of snakes).

A Second Home: Trainer Katie Baer has had her hands full this season already as several key players are making the Eddie Ferrell Memorial Training Room a second home. Kristin Graham's arm troubles prevented her from pitching early in the season. Graham was able to hit and play first base and shortstop, at least, and finally made her debut in the circle on March 21 against Georgia Tech. Another setback came on Feb. 10 when starting centerfielder Richelle McGarva suffered a lateral dislocation of her left ankle in a routine base running drill in practice. She had emergency surgery that night at Montgomery Regional Hospital that night and is likely out for the rest of the season. That left the Hokies with three full-time outfielders and forced Marra Hvozdovic - who had been working at shortstop and catcher - back as the fourth outfielder. Tech also lost shortstop/catcher Misty Hall for the season when she was dismissed from school for a violation of university policy and Kenzie Roark hurt her knee in a training session over Spring Break and but returned for the Georgia Tech series. Tech is down to just 15 healthy players for the time being with seven of those being current or former true or invited walk-ons.

**Double Duty:** Assistant coach **Barb Sherwood** will pull double duty this summer as she was recently named the field manager (head coach) of the Akron Racers of the NPF. She will continue her duties with the Hokies while coaching the Racers. Sherwood will get to work with former Hokie and 2008 All-NPF selection Angela Tincher in the league.

**Tracking Tinch:** After being named the National Player of the Year by USA Softball in 2008, former Hokie pitcher Angela Tincher has kept things rolling. Last summer, she was a standout for the Akron Racers and this spring, she is in Japan for another adventure. She signed with LeoPalace 21 of the Japan Pro Softball League and is competing there for three months before returning to the NPF this summer. She will head back to Japan after the NPF season is complete to finish her stint across the seas.

# **What's a Hokie**?

That's the most often-asked question regarding Virginia Tech athletics. The answer leads all the way back to 1896 when Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College changed its name to Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

With the change came the necessity for writing a new cheer and a contest for such a purpose was held by the student body. Senior O.M. Stull won first prize for his "Old Hokie" yell which still is used today.

Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the words he used had no hidden or symbolic meaning, but had been thought up in an effort to get attention. Hokie soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics.

Following is the "Old Hokie" yell in its original form:

Hoki, Hoki, Hoki Hy! Tech! Tech! V.P.I.! Sola-Rex Sola-Rah Polytech-Vir-gin-i-a!! Rae, Ri, V.P.I.

# JUST VIRGINIA TECH, PLEASE

While the full name of the school is Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, the school is commonly referred to as "Virginia Tech."

Founded in 1872, as Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, the university changed its named to Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1896.

Fans of the athletic department, as well as media covering the Hokies, shortened the name to VPI, but it eventually became Virginia Tech.

The "State University" was added in 1970 to bring the official title to what it is today.

Those covering Hokie athletics are asked to refer to the university as simply "Virginia Tech."

Virginia Tech University, VPI and SU, VPI&SU, VT or VA Tech are not recognized names and should not be used.

# Across the Nation

# Hokies vs. the States Tech's record vs. the teams from the 40 different states it has played

State	Record	State	Record
Alabama	5-3	Missouri	2-3
Arizona	1-3	Nebraska	0-3
Arkansas	0-2	Nevada	2-0
California	2-6	New Jersey	15-9
Connecticut	10-3	New Mexico	1-0
Delaware	3-0	New York	45-14
Florida	25-18	North Carolina	61-28
Georgia	17-18	North Dakota	0-1
Illinois	7-3	Ohio	29-9
Indiana	6-18	Oklahoma	2-1
Iowa	4-6	Oregon	1-2
Kansas	1-0	Pennsylvania	39-32
Kentucky	5-1	Rhode Island	15-7
Louisiana	1-3	South Carolina	28-17
Maine	1-2	Tennessee	24-19
Maryland	9-11	Texas	2-1
Massachusetts	22-21	Utah	1-0
Michigan	11-12	Virginia	88-42
Minnesota	2-0	Washington	0-1
Mississippi	1-2	West Virginia	8-4

# Hokies in the States Tech's record in the 23 states it has played in

State	Record	Last
Virginia	231-110	2009
Florida	71-48	2009
North Carolina	42-21	2008
South Carolina	31-17	2009
Tennessee	26-21	2009
Georgia	21-26	2009
Pennsylvania	10-16	2003
Massachusetts	9-7	2008
Maryland	9-7	2008
Rhode Island	8-4	2004
New York	7-7	2004
Alabama	4-1	2007
Nevada	4-1	2006
Connecticut	3-1	2004
Arizona	3-2	2008
Michigan	2-1	2008
Ohio	5-6	2007
California	5-10	2008
New Jersey	3-5	2003
West Virginia	1-3	2000
Oklahoma	0-2	2008
Indiana	0-4	2004
Louisiana	0-4	2001

# Career Multiple-Hit Games

	Career	2009
Charisse Mariconda	57	11
Erin Ota	48	4
Jessica Everhart	39	5
Jenna Rhodes	32	
Beth Walker		
Whitney Davis	12	2
Kristin Graham		
Kristen Froehlich	1	1

# CAREER MULTIPLE-RBI GAMES

	Career	2009
Charisse Mariconda		5
Jessica Everhart	22	4
Beth Walker		
Erin Ota		
Whitney Davis	4	1
Jenna Rhodes		
Kristen Froehlich	2	2
Amber Walker	1	0
Marra Hvozdovic	1	1

# **CAREER WALK-OFF HOMERS**

	Opp.	Inn.	Score	Date
Marra Hvozdovic	W. Mich	B7	1-0	3/8/09
Jessica Everhart	App St	B8	5-4	4/26/08
Beth Walker	UNC	B10	5-2	2/21/09

# Miscellaneous All-Time Streaks & Records

Tech's All-Time Varsity Record
Home
Away
Neutral
Versus Virginia Opponents
Home vs. Virginia Opponents44-22
In Virginia
In February
In March 195-125
In April 165-118
In May
In Season Openers
In Home Openers
In Atlantic Coast Conference Play (5th year)50-33
In BIG EAST Play (4 years)
In Atlantic 10 Play (5 years)
In Conference Tournament Games
In NCAA Tournament Games8-10
Scoring First
Opponent Scores First 132-258
Record When Scoring 0-2 Runs
Record When Allowing 0-2 Runs
Record When Scoring 3-5 Runs
Record When Allowing 3-5 Runs94-132
Record When Scoring 6-9 Runs145-14
Record When Allowing 6-9 Runs
Record When Scoring 10 or More Runs
Record When Allowing 10 or More Runs1-38
Record When Scoring Margin is 1 Run140-98
Record When Scoring Margin is 2 Runs67-54
Record When Scoring Margin is 5 or More Runs163-97
Longest Winning Streak
April 2, 1999 through May 1, 1999
Longest Losing Streak
April 4, 1996 through April 17, 1996
Longest Home Winning Streak
April 25, 1998 through April 8, 2000

# No-Hitters & Perfect Games

# • Perfect Games

1.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. St. Bonaventure	. W, 10-0 (5)	5/7/00
2.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. Hofstra	.W, 6-03	3/10/02
3.	Katie Maynard vs. Liberty	. W, 3-0	5/9/04
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# • No-Hitters

1.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. Brown
2.	Clarisa Crowell vs. Boston CollegeW, 2-0
3.	Clarisa Crowell vs. La Salle
4.	Clarisa Crowell vs. GreensboroW, 1-04/21/99
5.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. La Salle
6.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. Dayton
7.	Catherine Gilliam vs. Cornell
8.	A. Dobbe/N. Smith vs. Winthrop
9.	Clarisa Crowell vs. Providence
10.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. Gardner-WebbW, 8-0 (5)3/29/02
11.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. Tennessee
12.	Ashlee Dobbe vs. PittsburghW, 4-0
13.	K. Maynard/R. Pacheco vs. LibertyL, 0-1
14.	Katie Maynard vs. ProvidenceW, 1-0 (8)4/23/04
15.	A. Tincher/K. Morrison vs. St. Bonaventure W, 8-0 (5)3/19/05
16.	Angela Tincher vs. Maryland
17.	Angela Tincher vs. Furman
18.	Angela Tincher vs. Radford
19.	Angela Tincher vs. Virginia
20.	Angela Tincher vs. UNC GreensboroW, 2-04/25/06
21.	Angela Tincher vs. Fordham
22.	Angela Tincher vs. Ohio StateW, 2-03/11/07
23.	Angela Tincher vs. Canisius
24.	8
25.	Angela Tincher vs. NC State
26.	Angela Tincher vs. US National Team (exhib.) W, 1-0
27.	Angela Tincher vs. East CarolinaW, 11-0 (5)4/29/08
27.	Angela Tincher vs. Florida StateW, 2-05/10/08

# TILC AT THE TSPTech Softball Park, home of VirginiaTech Softball Since 1998, has been a tough place<br/>for opposing teams to play of the years. Tech<br/>finished in 21st in the nation in 2007, averaging<br/>547 fans per home date, a year after finishing<br/>17th in the country with an average of 551 fansTech Softball Park<br/>Top 10 Attendance MarksAtt.Opp.Date<br/>1,977NC State4/16/05

per home date. Last year, Tech went way up in

average attendance, averaging 699 fans per date.

added, along with lights, two more press boxes and a new sound system, making the facility a

record at home, a winning percentage of .734.

fine one for the Hokies to play.

1998:

1999:

2000:

2001:

2002:

2003:

2004:

2005:

2006:

2007:

2008: 2009:

Nearly 800 permanent seats have been

Over the years, Tech has posted a 152-55

12-7

17-0

20-3

18-4

16-3

10-7

15-6

9-9

8-4

12-4

15-5

2-3

152-55 (.734)

1,977	NC State	4/16/05
1,874	North Carolina	4/15/06
1,283	Maryland	4/21/07
1,182	Florida State	4/19/08
1,164	North Carolina	4/26/08
1,030	Liberty	4/16/08
917	North Carolina	4/27/08
814	Maryland	4/22/07
805	Florida State	4/18/08
785	Virginia	4/6/08

# Tech Softball Park Average Attendance

	(last 5 years	)
Year	Avg. Att.	Nat'l Rank
2004	275	-
2005	535	15th
2006	551	17th
2007	547	21st
2008	699	13th

# STREAKIN!

- Longest Winning Streaks: 1. Feb. 26-April 26, 1999 ...... 26 2. Feb. 13-March 6, 2005...... 18 March 10-March 20, 2002 ..... 13 3. 4. April 24-May 10, 2002 ..... 12 5. April 4-April April 28, 2007 ..... 10 Feb. 12-March 1, 2006 ..... 10 March 20-March 31, 1999 .....9 7. April 12-April 19, 2008 ......9 March 24-April 2, 1996 ......8 8. Longest Losing Streaks: 1. April 4-April 17, 1996 ...... 13 2. Feb. 23-March 9, 2003 ..... 10 3. Feb. 22-March 12, 1996......8 4. Feb. 7-Feb. 20, 2009 ......7 5. April 12-April 16, 1997 ......6

# **CAREER STARTS BY POSITION**

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LEFT FIELD	Everhart 191	<b>RIGHT FIELD</b>
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# **Scot** Thomas



# Virginia Tech Head Coach 14th season East Tennessee State (1981) Record: 495-324

+ 2007 Atlantic Coast Conference Coach of the Year +
+ 2007, 2008 NFCA Northeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year +
+ 1999 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year +
+ 1999, 2000, 2002, 2005 & 2008 VaSID State Coach of the Year +

• Is approaching 500 career wins after leading Tech to the Women's College World Series last year, a first for the program. The Hokies also finished a program-best eighth in both final polls.

• Led the Hokies to a 1-0 upset win over the USA National Team in an exhibition game on March 26, 2008 at Oklahoma City, snapping the team's 185-game pre-Olympic exhibition tour winning streak.

• Guided Tech to its fourth straight NCAA Regional in 2008, a program first. Tech was seed 16th nationally and No. 1 at the Columbus Regional in 2007 and advanced to the NCAA Women's College World Series for the first time in program history in 2008.

• Led the Hokies to Atlantic Coast Conference tournament titles in both 2007 and 2008. Also led the Hokies to the regular-season title in 2007, a program first.

+ Has had 10 winning seasons in 13 seasons, building the program from the ground up starting in 1996.

• Was named the 2007 ACC Coach of the Year and he and his staff were named the Northeast Region Coaching Staff of the Year by the NFCA in both 2007 and 2008.

• In 2006, won 39 games and were a No. 2 seed at the Knoxville Regional, despite starting seven sophomores or freshmen down the stretch. Helped coach Tech's first softball All-American, as well as five all-region, four all-conference and seven all-state selections.

• In 2005, Tech picked up 44 wins and was selected to the NCAA Tournament, a first in the program's history. After finishing seventh in the regular season, the Hokies made a dramatic run to the championship game to secure the bid. Three players earned all-region honors and over two dozen school records were broken by either the team or individuals.

• In 2004, led Tech to its sixth winning season while picking up his 300th win. Three players earned All-BIG EAST honors while two took home all-region accolades as Tech posted a 36-23 record.

• Became Tech's first head softball coach when he was hired on July 7, 1995. Since then, he has recorded 483 wins, averaged 37 wins per season and made the conference tournament championship game seven times.

• The Hokies finished a spectacular 1999 season ranked 25th in the nation with a 54-16 record. In just its fourth year as a varsity sport, the team placed second at the A-10 Tournament, falling to Massachusetts for the second year in a row. For his team's play, Thomas was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year.

• In 13 previous seasons, has had four players earn Academic All-America honors. Michelle Johnson made the 1998 second-team squad while Michelle Meadows was a three-time selection, the last two being on the first team. Following the 2002 season, Ashlee Dobbe earned first-team honors and Angela Tincher was a three-time Academic All-American, to go along with three NFCA/Louisville Slugger All-America honors.

• Has been named the Virginia State Coach of the Year by the Virginia Sports Information Directors (VaSID) a record five times (1999, 2000, 2002, 2005 and 2008).

• He has had over 23 different players named to the all-state team 44 different times, including at least three on every team in 10 of the last 11 seasons.

• Graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1991 with a bachelor's in physical education.

• Was also selected to be the head coach of a group of local collegiate all-stars who took on the U.S. Olympic Softball Team in Salem, Va., in the summer of 2004 and will do so again in the summer of 2008.

• A native of Blacksburg, Va., he graduated from Blacksburg High where he was a member of the football and baseball teams.

• Is married to the former Carolyn Croy, a Virginia Tech graduate from Blacksburg. The couple has a son, Andrew Scot, who is 11, and a daughter, Eliza Leigh, who turned 7 in November.

# Thomas' Career Milestones

Wins	Date	Oppon	ent	Score
1	3/15/96	UMES		9-1 (5)
-	3/11/98	Yale		· · ·
			,	8-0 (5)
	4/2/99	Saint P	eters	7-1
200	4/29/01	St. Johr	ís	2-1
300	4/27/04	Virgini	a	6-3 (8)
400	3/4/07	Stetson		3-0
Year	Overa	ll Co	onference	
1996	16-32	6-1	10 (Atlan	tic 10)
1997	24-32	8-8 (Atlantic 10)		
1998	32-31	l 8-8 (Atlantic 10)		
1999	54-16	5 14-2 (Atlantic 10)		
2000	41-22	2 12-4 (Atlantic 10)		
2001	36-23	12	-8 (BIG I	EAST)
2002	42-18	12	-8 (BIG I	EAST)
2003	21-29	6-1	L2 (BIG H	EAST)
2004	36-23	9-1	l 1 (BIG I	EAST)
2005	44-25	4-1	13 (ACC)	)
2006	39-21	12	-8 (ACC)	)
2007	49-16	15	-5 (ACC	CHAMPS)
2008	49-19	16	-5 (ACC	CHAMPS)
2009	12-17	3-3	3	

Overall: 495-324 (137-105) in 819 games

# The Coaching Staff



AL BRAUNS Associate Head Coach 11th Season First Base Coach Outfield Coach



**BARB SHERWOOD** Assistant Coach 1st Season Pitching & Catching Coach

# The Support Staff



**KATIE BAER** Certified Athletic Trainer 3rd Season



**KEVIN PRICE** Student Manager 4th Season



**BRYAN JOHNSTON** Associate Director of Athletics Communications 10th Season

# Whitney Davis • #4 OF • Jr. • Tazewell, Va. (Tazewell)

A lefty both throwing and hitting ... Has the strongest arm of all the outfielders ... Had the lone RBI in Tech's 1-0 win over Troy this season ... Hit her first collegiate home run at Michigan in the Super Regionals last year ... Has 70 career hits, 26 RBI and a batting average of .213.

#### Davis' Season and Career Highs

Category	Career Best	2009 Best
At Bats	4 (13 times)	
Runs	3 vs. Furman (4/25/07)	2 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)
Hits	3 vs. Georgia State (2/14/09) 3 va	s. Georgia Štate (2/14/09)
RBI	2 (four times)	2 vs. Radford (3/24/09)
Home Runs	1 vs. Michigan (5/25/08)	0
2B	1 (15 times)	1 (four times)
3B	1 vs. Ohio State (3/11/07)	0
Walks	2 (two times)	1 (four times)
Stolen Bases	1 (4 times)	
Putouts	4 (three times)	
Assists	1 (four times)	

# Jessica Everhart + #8

# OF + Sr. + Purcellville, Va. (Loudoun Valley)

Moved to left field early on this season after starting three years in center ... Injuries forced her back to center, but she can play both ... Drew 10 walks in the first four games of this season at the Chattanooga Challenge ... Hit a home run at the First Pitch Classic ... Had a walk-off, three-run home run in the eighth inning against Appalachian State ... Has a career batting average of .273 with 172 hits, 25 doubles, 17 home runs, 92 RBI and 85 runs scored.

## Everhart's Season and Career Highs

Category Career Best	2009 Best
At Bats	
Runs	
Hits	
<b>RBI</b>	
Home Runs1 (17 times)	1 (four times)
2B2 (two times)	al Carolina (2/22/09)
<b>3B</b> 1 (twice)	0
Walks	
Stolen Bases	
Putouts	
Assists	1 (three times)

# Alicia Field + #13

# 3B/C • So. • Manassas, Va. (Osbourn Park)

A walk-on who joined the team as a bullpen catcher and third baseman last year ... Drew a walk and scored a run in 2007 ... Picked up her first collegiate hit and RBI against Virginia last year ... Has started several games at catcher this year.

Field's Season and Career Highs

Category Career Best	
At Bats	
Runs 1 (two times)	1 vs. Illinois-Chicago (3/7/09)
Hits 1 (three times)	
RBI1 vs. Virginia (4/6/08)	
Walks1 vs. Presbyterian (2/16/08)	
Putouts 10 vs. App. State (2/21/09)	
Assists1 (four times)	

# Kristen Froehlich + #37

# 2B + Fr. + Coral Springs, Fla. (North Broward Prep)

A freshman who is starting at second base ... Picked up her first collegiate hit and RBI in the season opener against Maine ... Had a pair of doubles at the First Pitch Classic ... Doubled in two runs aginst Georgia Tech ... Has 10 hits, including five doubles.

Froehlich's Season and Career Highs
Category Career Best/2009 Best
At Bats 5 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
Runs1 (seven times)
Hits 2 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
<b>RBI</b>
Home Runs0
<b>2B</b> 1 (six times)
<b>3B</b> 0
Walks 2 vs. Radford (3/24/09)
Putouts
Assists

# Kristin Graham + #20

1B/SS/P • Fr. • Warner Robins, Ga. (Warner Robins) Is battling for playing time at first base ... Made her debut in the circle against Georgia Tech after battling arm problems in the fall ... Has seen action at shortstop ... Had a two-hit game against Appalachian State ... Has a pair of doubles ... Hit her first home run against Illinois-Chicago ... Threw 5.0 shutout innings for the win and picked up the game-winning hit in the bottom of the seventh to lift the Hokies to a 3-2 win over Georgia Tech.

Graham's Season and Career Highs
Category Career Best/2009 Best
At Bats 5 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
Runs
Hits 2 (two times)
RBI1 (four times)
Home Runs
2B 1 (two times)
<b>3B</b> 0
Walks 1 (five times)
Stolen Bases1 vs. Appalachian State (2/21/09)
Innings Pitched 5.0 vs. Georgia Tech (3/22/09)
Strikeouts
Runs
Earned Runs 4 vs. Radford (3/24/09)
Hits
Wild Pitches 1 (two times)
Hit By Pitch0
Walks Allowed 3 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
Putouts 13 vs. Lehigh (3/6/09)
Assists $4 \text{ us Linecomb} (2/11/00)$

Assists...... 4 vs. Lipscomb (3/11/09)

# Kelsey Hensel + #21

# C • Fr. • Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Palm Beach Gardens)

Is battling for playing time behind the plate ... Also serving as a pinch runner ... Picked up her first collegiate hit against Chattanooga on Feb. 8.

# Hensel's Season and Career Highs

CategoryCareer Best/2009 Best
At Bats
Runs
Hits1 vs. Chattanooga (2/8/09)
RBI0
Home Runs0
<b>2B</b> 0
<b>3B</b> 0
Walks 0
Putouts 6 (three times)
Assists

# Marra Hvozdovic • #12 OF/U • Fr. • Herndon, Va. (Herndon)

An invited walk-on who is a versatile player ... Has worked at all three outfield spots, shortstop and at catcher ... Picked up her first collegiate hit against Evansville ... Hit a game-winning two-run home run against Illinois-Chicago ... Hit a walk-off homer in Tech's 1-0 win over Western Michigan.

# Hvozdovic's Season and Career Highs

Category Career Best/2009 Best
At Bats
Runs1 (eight times)
Hits 1 (six times)
<b>RBI</b>
Home Runs
<b>2B</b> 0
<b>3B</b> 0
Walks1 (four times)
Putouts
Assists0

# Kim Jalm + #7

# 1B + Sr. + Jupiter, Fla. (Jupiter)

A transfer from Palm Beach Community College who had to sit out last year ... Is battling for playing time at first base ... Has long-ball potential every time she swings the bat ... Picked up her first hit against Western Carolina in a pinch-hitting situation.

# Jalm's Season and Career Highs

Category Career Best/2009 Best
At Bats2 vs. Troy (2/6/09)
Runs0
Hits 1 vs. Western Carolina (2/21/09)
<b>RBI</b> 0
Home Runs
<b>2B</b> 0
<b>3B</b> 0
Walks1 (four times)
<b>Putouts</b>
Assists

# Charisse Mariconda + #3

# 3B + Sr. + Hollywood, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

2008 All-ACC First-Team selection ... Also named first-team allregion last year ... Has a career batting average of .310 with 206 hits, 43 doubles, six triples, 16 home runs, 116 RBI and 98 runs scored ... Is 35-for-37 on career stolen bases ... Has started 222 career games ... Needs six doubles for a new school record (48 by Michelle Meadows; 1997-00) ... Had a pair of home runs and four RBI in a win over Coastal Carolina.

# Mariconda's Season and Career Highs Category Career Best 2009 Best At Bats 5 (six times) 4 (three times) Runs 3 vs. Maryland (3/29/08) 2 (two times) Hits 4 (three times) 3 (two times) Hits 4 (three times) 3 (two times) BBI 4 (two times) 4 vs. Coastal Carolina (2/22/09) 2B 2 (three times) 1 vs. Lipscomb (3/11/09) Home Runs 2 vs. Coastal (2/22/09) 2 vs. Coastal Carolina (2/22/09) Walks 3 vs. Georgia State (2/14/09) 3 vs. Georgia State (2/14/09) Stolen Bases 2 (three times) 2 vs. Radford (3/24/09) Putouts 5 vs. Notre Dame (3/8/08) 3 vs. Maine (2/21/09) Assists 8 vs. Western Mich. (3/8/09) 8 vs. Western Mich. (3/8/09)

# Richelle McGarva + #5

**OF + r-So. + Surrey, B.C., Canada (Lord Tweedsmoir Sec.)** A transfer from Lake City Community College ... Started the first five games of the season in center before suffering a lateral dislocation of her left ankle in practice on Feb. 10 ... Is out for the rest of the season ... Scored the only run in Tech's 1-0 win over Troy.

	McGarva's Season and Career Highs
Category	Career Best/2009
At Bats	. 3 (two times)
Runs	• 1 vs. Troy (2/6/09)
Hits	. 1 (four times)
RBI	• 1 vs. Chattanooga (2/8/09)
2B	. 1 vs. Tennessee Tech (2/7/09)
Walks	
Putouts	. 3 vs. Chattanooga (2/8/09)

# Erin Ota + #2 SS/2B + Sr. + Irvine, Calif. (Northwood)

Moved to shortstop after starting the past three years at second ... 2008 ACC All-Tournament Team selection ... Tech's all-time leader in hit by pitches with 21 ... Has started 212 career games and has a .276 career batting average with 180 hits, 28 doubles, four triples, a home run, 55 RBI and 104 runs scored ... Has 33 career stolen bases ... A lefty who can slap or hit for power to the gaps ... Carries a 3.42 GPA in a double major of architecture and economics.

#### Ota's Season and Career Highs

Category	Career Best	2009 Best
At Bats	5 (six times)	4 (six times)
Runs	3 vs. Longwood (4/4/07)	1 (nine times)
Hits	4 vs. Northern Ill. (3/11/06)	2 (four times)
RBI	3 (five times)	1 (four times)
2B	2 vs. Florida State (5/10/08)1 vs. Georgia	a Tech (3/22/09)
3B	••• 1 (four times)	0
Home Runs	1 vs. Georgia Tech (3/15/08)	0
Walks	2 (six times)2 vs. Chatt	anooga (2/8/09)
Stolen Bases	2 (three times)	1 (three times)
Putouts	6 vs. Michigan (2/27/09)6 vs. Mic	higan (2/27/09)
Assists	6 (two times)	6 (two times)

# Abbie Rexrode + #9

# P + Fr. + Fincastle, Va. (James River)

One of two freshman arms in the circle ... Picked up her first college win in her debut, a 4-1 win over Maine ... Pitched a career-high 9.1 innings against Georgia Tech ... Is 3-6 on the season.

#### **Rexrode's Season and Career Highs**

Category Career/2009 Best
Innings Pitched
Strikeouts
Runs 15 vs. Tennessee Tech (2/7/09)
Earned Runs 6 (three times)
Hits 12 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
Wild Pitches 2 (two times)
Hit By Pitch0
Walks Allowed9 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)
Putouts
Assists

# Jenna Rhodes • #15 DP/OF • Sr. • Broadway, Va. (Broadway)

2008 All-ACC Second-Team and All-Tournament Team selection ... A speedy player who leads off for the Hokies ... Replaced her sister, Callie, as the team's designated player and leadoff batter last year ... Can also play in the outfield ... Has appeared in 170 games in her career, recording 85 stolen bases in 101 attempts ... Has a career batting average of .343 with 111 hits, including two doubles and three triples ... Has driven in 13 runs and scored 66 runs ... Had 11 stolen bases in 2007 and a school-record 41 last year ... Carries a 3.69 GPA in a double major of psychology and sociology.

#### Rhodes' Season and Career Highs

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Category	Career Best	
At Bats		
Runs	2 (10 times)	
Hits		
RBI	2 (two times)	. 2 vs. Appalachian State (2/21/09)
2B	1 (two times)	. 1 vs. Appalachian State (2/21/09)
3B	1 (three times)	
Walks	2 vs. Liberty (4/16/08)	
Stolen Bases		
Putouts	2 (four times)	

# Kenzie Roark • #16

# P • So. • Mt. Juliet, Tenn. (Mt. Juliet)

Takes over as the No. 1 pitcher of the staff after biding her time behind Angela Tincher last season ... Tossed a one-hit shutout in Tech's win over Troy at the Chattanooga Challenge, striking out seven ... Struck out nine against Appalachian State and shut out Coastal Carolina ... Is 10-16 on her young career with a 3.69 ERA and 140 strikeouts in 170.2 innings.

#### Roark's Season and Career Highs

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Category	. Career Best	
Innings Pitched	• 8.2 vs. Maine (2/21/09)8.2 vs.	Maine (2/21/09)
Strikeouts	• 9 (two times) 9 vs. Appalachian	1 State (2/21/09)
Runs	10 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09) 10 vs. Georgia	a Tech (3/21/09)
Earned Runs	• 8 (two times)	8 (two times)
Hits	• vs. Radford (3/24/09) 11 vs. Ra	adford (3/24/09)
Wild Pitches	• 3 vs. Chattanooga (2/7/09)3 vs. Chatt	anooga (2/7/09)
Hit By Pitch	• 1 (seven times)	1 (seven times)
Walks Allowed	• 6 vs. South Florida (3/6/09) 6 vs. South	Florida (3/6/09)
Putouts	• 1 (four times)	1 (three times)
Assists	• 6 vs. App. State (2/21/09)6 vs. App.	. State (2/21/09)

# Amber Walker • #11

# C • Jr. • Galax, Va. (Galax)

A transfer from Roanoke College who is battling for playing time behind the plate ... Sister of senior Beth Walker ... Has started 14 games this year and 16 for her career ... Had an RBI double at Virginia this year.

Walker's Season and Career Highs		
Category	Career Best	
At Bats	3 (four times)	
Runs	1 (three times)	
Hits	1 (six times)	
RBI	2 vs. Liberty (4/16/08)	1 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)
2B	1 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)	1 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)
Walks	1 (five times)	
Putouts	7 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)	7 vs. Virginia (3/29/09)
Assists	2 (three times)	

# Beth Walker • #14

# 1B • Sr. • Galax, Va. (Galax)

Battling for playing time at a crowded first base position ... Has started 138 games for her career with an average of .219 ... Has 81 career hits, 21 doubles, one triple, 12 home runs, 55 RBI, 55 walks and 46 runs scored ... Had a grand slam and six total RBI in a win at Virginia this year ... Hit walk-off three run home run in the 10th inning to lift Tech to a 5-2 win over No. 14 North Carolina last year.

# Walker's Season and Career Highs

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Category Career Best		
At Bats	5 vs. Georgia Tech (3/21/09)	
Runs		
Hits		
RBI6 vs. Virginia (3/28/09)	6 vs. Virginia (3/28/09)	
2B2 vs. Boston College (4/12/08).		
<b>3B</b> 1 vs. Virginia (4/7/07)	0	
Home Runs1 (12 times)		
Walks		
Stolen Bases1 (seven times)		
Putouts 14 vs. Maine (2/20/09)	14 vs. Maine (2/20/09)	
Assists	5 vs. Michigan (2/27/09)	