



2009 VIRGINIA TECH SOFTBALL

GAME NOTES

VIRGINIA TECH ATHLETICS COMMUNICATIONS

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2009 Virginia Tech Schedule

Feb.	6-8	Chattanooga Challenge (at Chattanooga, Tenn.)	
	6	Maine	W, 4-1
		Troy	W, 1-0
	7	Tennessee Tech at Chattanooga	L, 0-15 (5) L, 0-8 (6)
	8	at Chattanooga	L, 4-5
	14-15	Georgia State First Pitch Classic (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
		Maine	L, 1-4 (9)
	21	Western Carolina	L, 3-4
		Appalachian State	W, 5-4 (8)
	22	at Coastal Carolina	W, 6-0
	27	NFCA Leadoff Classic (at Columbus, Ga.)	
	27	#6 Michigan	L, 0-6
Mar.	6-8	USF Under Armor Invitational (at Clearwater, Fla.)	
	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
		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	W, 5-3
April	4	at #21 Florida State *	L, 0-6
		at #21 Florida State *	L, 2-3
	5	at #21 Florida State *	W, 2-0
	10	BOSTON COLLEGE *	Noon
	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 Carolina	5 p.m.
	3	at East Carolina	Noon
	8-10	ACC Championship (at Raleigh, N.C.)	
	15-17	at NCAA Regionals (sites TBA)	
	23-24	at NCAA Super Regionals (sites TBA)	
	M 28-J 3	at WCWS (at Oklahoma City, Okla.)	

* denotes Atlantic Coast Conference games
Home games in ALL CAPS and played at Tech Softball Park
All times and dates subject to change

TECH RETURNS HOME TO FACE EAGLES

GAMES 34-36

VIRGINIA TECH

(14-19, 4-5 ACC)

vs.

BOSTON COLLEGE

(14-21, 1-5 ACC)

April 10, 2009 • Noon

April 11, 2009 • Noon (DH)

Blacksburg, Va.

Tech Softball Park (1,024)

226 and Counting

Senior **Charisse Mariconda** has started all 226 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 191 games at third base and 35 games at shortstop.

Think Pink

The Virginia Tech softball team will host Breast Cancer Awareness Day this weekend as it hosts BC. The Hokies and Eagles will wear "Think Pink" T-shirts during warm-ups to help promote and support breast cancer research and awareness. The first 300 fans to the game will receive a free VT "Think Pink" drawstring bag. Fans are encouraged to show their support for the Hokies and breast cancer research by wearing pink.

Records Watch

Senior **Charisse Mariconda** needs five 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 ETSU last week and now has 44.

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 .349, just a few points ahead of Meadows, who batted .347 for her career.

Home Sweet Home

Tech Softball Park, home of Virginia Tech softball since 1998, has been a tough place for opposing teams to play of the years. Last year, Tech averaged 699 fans per date, 13th-best in the country.

With the construction project completely finished, the Hokies now play in a park that can hold 1,024 fans. Over the years, Virginia Tech has posted a 152-55 record at home, a winning percentage of .734.

Coverage This Weekend

As always, the sweet tones of Jerry Massey can be heard on the air for free on hokietv.com, for a fee on ACC Select (with video) and live stats for the games will be available on hokiesports.com.

About Boston College

Boston College is 14-21, 1-5 in the ACC after falling in extra innings to No. 17 UMass. BC has played ACC series against Georgia Tech and North Carolina. The Eagles hit just .234 as a team and have a staff ERA of 2.91.

Irene Delagrammaticas leads the team with a .291 average and nine stolen bases. Dani Weir has six home runs to lead the way. In the circle, Taylor Peyton (89, 2.77) and Allison Gage (5-8, 3.32) share a majority of the load.

The Series

The Hokies and Eagles have played since the two were members of the Big East Conference. The Hokies lead the series, which dates back to 1999, 15-4. Tech won the first six games in the series before losing three in a row. The Hokies then reeled off wins in eight of the last nine games. Last year, the Hokies swept the Eagles on the road. Tech is 4-3 against the Eagles at home.

200-100-100

With one more run scored, senior **Charisse Mariconda** will join an elite club of softball players at Virginia Tech to record 200 career hits, 100 career RBI and 100 career runs. Mariconda currently has 208 hits, 119 RBI and 99 runs scored.

Only four other Tech players have reached the 200-100-100 club in the 14-year history of the program and arguably they are among the top position players in the program's history. They are: Michelle Meadows (254-131-122), Kara Krumhardt (235-115-129), Megan Evans (212-161-117) and Clarisa Crowell (200-103-104).

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 weekend needing three victories to reach the mark. He has a current record of 497-327 in his 14th year at the helm.