



2011 Virginia Tech VOLLEYBALL • Match 21 & 22 Notes

2011 Schedule 11-9 Overall, 4-5 ACC

Hokie Tournament		
8/26	CLEVELAND STATE	W, 3-0
8/27	HIGH POINT	W, 3-1
	INDIANA	W, 3-1

Kentucky Classic		
9/2	vs. Ohio	L, 2-3
9/3	vs. Western Kentucky at Kentucky	L, 0-3 L, 0-3

Hokie Invite		
9/9	AMERICAN	W, 3-0
9/10	SETON HALL	W, 3-0
	TENNESSEE	L, 1-3

Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational		
9/16	VIRGINIA*	W, 3-1
9/17	CHATTANOOGA	W, 3-1
	CONNECTICUT	W, 3-1

9/23	#21 MIAMI*	L, 0-3
9/24	#23 FLORIDA STATE*	L, 0-3
9/29	at Boston College*	L, 0-3
10/2	at Maryland*	W, 3-2
10/6	WAKE FOREST*^	W, 3-2
10/7	DUKE*	L, 2-3
10/13	at North Carolina*	L, 0-3
10/14	at NC State*	W, 3-2
10/21	GEORGIA TECH*	7 p.m.
10/23	CLEMSON*	1 p.m.
10/28	at Florida State*	7 p.m.
10/30	at Miami*	1 p.m.
11/4	at WakeForest*	7 p.m.
11/5	at Duke*	7 p.m.
11/11	MARYLAND*^	7 p.m.
11/12	BOSTON COLLEGE*^	6 p.m.
11/18	NORTH CAROLINA*^	7 p.m.
11/19	NC STATE*^	6 p.m.
11/25	at Virginia*	7 p.m.

* Denotes ACC matches
CAPS denotes home matches
^ Denotes Hokies All-Access broadcast

This Week: Friday, Oct. 21 Georgia Tech 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 23 Clemson 1:00 p.m.
Cassell Coliseum • Blacksburg, Va.

Coverage: *Live Stats* - www.hokiesports.com/volleyball/live

The Hokies will return home this weekend after going 1-1 last week on the road. Tech hits the midway point in conference play as it hosts Georgia Tech and Clemson and will have faced every conference team once by the weekend's end. The Hokies are coming off of a five-set win at NC State last Friday, making it three five-set victories in five matches as they look to carry that momentum into Homecoming Weekend.

Series Info

Georgia Tech - The Hokies are 6-10 all-time against the Yellow Jackets, including a 5-8 record as conference foes in the ACC. Georgia Tech also holds the series edge in Blacksburg, 4-3. The two teams first met in 1978 as the Yellow Jackets claimed a 2-1 win. The pair split the series in 2010 as each team fell at home. Georgia Tech took the meeting in Blacksburg, 3-2, but the Hokies later swept the Yellow Jackets in Atlanta.

Clemson- The Tigers boast the all-time series lead with a 12-7 record against Tech. The Hokies hold the advantage at home as they are 5-2 against Clemson in Blacksburg. As ACC members, Clemson sees the slight lead at 7-6 since Tech joined the conference in 2004. The pair first met in 1980, when Clemson took a 2-1 win to kickoff the series. Tech's last victory over the Tiger came the last time it hosted the South Carolina-based school as it claimed a 3-2 win in 2009. Since then, the Hokies have dropped the three most recent matchups.

VOLLEYBALL FACTS

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PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

Kathryn Caine • Freshman • Middle Blocker • McLean, Va.

Freshman Kathryn Caine has been a staple in the Tech starting lineup for much of the season and a source of consistency at the net for the Hokies. Last week, Caine got up for four blocks at North Carolina, which tied her for team lead. The very next day she was in the mix of team leaders again as she tallied six blocks at NC State.

Caine has tallied 43 kills so far this season as well as 46 blocks, both numbers lead all Tech freshmen.

Scouting Report

Georgia Tech - The Yellow Jackets enter the weekend at 11-8 on the season, 4-5 in conference action. They recently put an end to a two-match winning streak with a loss to Florida State, but bounced back with a 3-1 win over top-25 member Miami.

Monique Mead leads the Tech offense with 348 kills and a 4.97 per-set average. Her numbers on offense are also among the league and nation's best. Ali Santi has also been among conference leaders all season as the primary setter for the Yellow Jackets. Her 414 assists this year are good for 10.89 per set. Nicki Meyer has led Tech with 243 digs (3.47/s), while Asia Stawicka's 66 blocks give her a 1.14 per-set average.

Clemson - The Tigers will head to Virginia before rounding out the weekend in Blacksburg on Sunday. They have suffered two straight sweeps against Florida State and Miami, that ended a three-match winning streak. Heading into the weekend, Clemson sits at 13-7 on the year, 5-4 in the ACC.

Sandra Adeleye leads the Clemson offense with 229 kills, while Hannah Brenner has handled the setting duties and tallied 468 assists on the season, good for a 6.50 average. Of the five players with 100-plus digs, the Tigers are led in the category by Natalie Patzin with 229 to date. At the net, Alexa Rand has been a force and among the conference's best all year as she has 105 blocks, good for a 1.46 average.

Among the Best

Tech currently ranks among the nation's and ACC's best in blocks and service aces. As a team, the Hokies hold the No. 17 spot in the nation as they average 2.68 blocks per set. The average is also good for second among league teams. Sophomore middle blocker Victoria Hamsher is a big part of

Tech's impressive numbers as she is the only individual to represent Tech nationally, ranking 33rd in the nation with a 1.28 blocks per-set average.

Tech also currently sits at second among conference teams as it averages 1.28 aces per set on the season.

Top Competition

The Hokies will face some tough competition this weekend as Georgia Tech and Clemson are both well represented among the ACC's best. Tech ranks first as a team in the ACC with 1.34 aces per set, while Monique Mead leads the league with 348 kills on the year. Her 4.97 per-set average also ranks her third in the nation. Susan Carlson holds the No. 3 spot among league members with 0.33 aces per set, while Ali Santi's 10.89 assist per-set average puts her at second in the ACC.

Clemson ranks at least one player in the top five of four of the six major statistical categories. As a team it holds the No. 26 spot in the nation with 2.62 blocks per set and the 24th spot with a .256 hitting percentage. Alexa Rand represents the Tigers in both of those categories on both the national and conference levels. Her 1.41 bps average ranks 13th in the nation and second in the conference, while her .367 hitting percentage is good for fourth in the ACC and 43rd in the country.

Block Party

The Hokies have made their presence at the net known this season. Tech got up for 30 total blocks, six solo and 48 assisted during the Hokie Invite and bettered that total during the Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational with 35 total blocks, including 60 assisted and five solo.

Terps Turnaround

In true dramatic fashion, the Hokies made a huge turnaround when they came from behind to top Maryland 3-2 on the road. The victory was Tech's first in the three matches and the first road win of the season for the squad.

Numerous players put up season and career-best numbers in the match as five different Hokies set new highs. As a team, Tech set new season highs, to date, in kills (62), assists (56) and digs (87).

The Hokies kept things rolling as they hosted Wake Forest the very next match and rallied for a 3-2 win over the Deacons. Two players tallied 20-plus digs for the second-straight match while Justine Record and Erin Leaser also recorded double-doubles. As a team, Tech set new kills (68) and assists (63) marks.

Raising the Baar

The ever-improving but already dominant Cara Baarendse has been a staple in Tech's lineup over the past three seasons and has yet to let her guard down. The honorable mention All-American and Preseason All-ACC honoree has ranked in the top 10 among conference members in hitting percentage all season, while also leading the team in eight matches so far.

The Mason, Ohio, native was named Virginia Tech Athlete of the Week as well as Hokie Tournament MVP in the same week earlier this season. Most recently Baarendse has been lights-out offensively as she has upped her previous season high in kills in each of the last three matches. After throwing down 14 at Maryland, Baarendse tallied 15 against Wake Forest and later 16 against Duke. She recently tallied her third double-double of the season with 16 kills and 10 digs at NC State.

2011 HOKIE HIGHS AND LOWS

Highest Attack%	.313, vs. UConn (9/17)
Lowest Attack%	.063, vs. #23 Florida State (9/24)
Most Kills	68, vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
Least Kills	29, at North Carolina (10/13)
Most Attempts	187, vs. Ohio (9/2)
Least Attempts	85, vs. American (9/9)
Most Assists	63, vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
Least Assists	29, at North Carolina (10/13)
Most Aces	12, High Point (8/27)
Least Aces	0, vs. WKU (9/3)
Most Digs	87, at Maryland (10/2)
Least Digs	29, vs. American (9/9)
Most Blocks	16.5, at NC State (10/14)
Least Blocks	3, vs. #23 Florida State (9/24)

2011 OPPONENTS HIGHS AND LOWS

Highest Attack%	.392, vs. Tennessee (9/10)
Lowest Attack%	.052, vs. Ohio (9/2)
Most Kills	68, at NC State (10/14)
Least Kills	29, Twice
Most Attempts	189, at NC State (10/14)
Least Attempts	83, American (9/9)
Most Assists	60, Twice
Least Assists	25, Twice
Most Aces	7, Three Times
Least Aces	1, Three Times
Most Digs	86, vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
Least Digs	28, vs. American (9/9)
Most Blocks	21, vs. Ohio (9/2)
Least Blocks	4, Connecticut (9/17)

Serving Up Greatness

Senior outside hitter Justine Record has had her way with Tech's all-time record books this season as she has rapidly climbed the rankings. She has tallied 24 service aces this season and leads the squad with seven double-doubles.

The Redwood City, Calif., native tallied a career-high six aces against High Point earlier in the year and recently took sole possession of sixth place on the all-time list against Wake Forest.

Record set a new career high against Maryland as she scooped up 24 digs in the victory, making it her eighth match with double-digit digs this season.

Record continued the momentum against Wake Forest, with a new season-high 19 kills and 20-plus digs for the second-straight match.

-Sher Thing

Sophomore middle blocker Victoria Hamsher has spearheaded Tech's net game this season as she leads the team with 97 total blocks. Her 1.28 per-set average makes her the only player on the team to rank nationally in any category and puts her at fourth among league members.

The Nazareth, Pa., native has also been a force on offense, as she had a career weekend during the Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational. She tallied double-digit kills in two of the three matches, including a new career high, 16, against Chattanooga. Hamsher also set a new season-high seven blocks in that match, only to later up the total to eight against UConn. For her efforts she was named Virginia Tech Athlete of the Week.

Leaser on the Loose

Senior setter Erin Leaser has been an important part of the Tech offense over the past three seasons, and her final one is no exception. Leaser recently moved into third place on Tech's all-time career assists list against Virginia in the Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational, as she easily surpassed the seven assists she needed and upped her three-year total to 4,065 by tournament's end. Leaser leads the squad with 507 assists and her 6.67 average places her at ninth about ACC members.

The Allentown, Pa., native notched her second double-double of the season against Wake Forest when she tossed up a whopping 34 assists and scooped up 11 digs. Her assists total helped Tech set a new team season high of 63 in the Wake match.

Big Weekend for Wiker

Redshirt-junior Jennifer Wiker tallied double-digit kills twice in the same weekend for the first time this season during the Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational. Wiker threw down 10 against Virginia in the opening match before going for 11 against UConn. The Charlotte, N.C., native just missed against Chattanooga as she tallied nine, while also posting four blocks.

Wiker, who has already earned a degree in Finance and is currently working towards her MBA, recently dominated on the offensive end as she led the team in its come-from-behind win over Maryland. She threw down a season-best 16 kills, hitting at a season-high .441 clip.

Last Line of Defense

Junior libero Morgan O'Neill has been outstanding for the Hokies after making the move to libero this season. O'Neill set a new career high earlier in the year against Chattanooga when she scooped up 29

2011 Statistical Leaders

Kills	Cara Baarendse (197)
Kills/Set	Cara Baarendse (2.59)
Hit%	Cara Baarendse (.323)
Assists	Erin Leaser (507)
Assists/Set	Erin Leaser (6.67)
Aces	Justine Record (24)
Aces/Set	Justine Record (0.34)
Digs	Morgan O'Neill (300)
Digs/Set	Morgan O'Neill (4.00)
BS	Victoria Hamsher & Jennifer Wiker (9)
BA	Victoria Hamsher (88)
TB	Victoria Hamsher (97)
Blocks/Set	Victoria Hamsher (1.28)

Individual Match Highs

Kills	Jennifer Wiker, 16 at Maryland (10/2)
Hit%	Victoria Hamsher, .875 vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
Assists	Erin Leaser, 46 vs. Ohio (9/2)
Aces	Justine Record, 6 vs. High Point (8/27)
Digs	Morgan O'Neill, 29 at Maryland (10/2) & vs. Chattanooga (9/17)
BS	Victoria Hamsher, 2, Three Times
BA	Victoria Hamsher, 8 vs. UConn (9/17); Cara Baarendse, 8 vs. Ohio (9/2)
TB	Cara Baarendse, 9 vs. Ohio (9/2)

The Last Time...

30-kill match	Lisa Pikalek, 35 at Liberty (9/15/92)
30-dig match	Jill Gergen, 37 vs. Clemson (10/17/09)
60-assist match	Erin Leaser, 62 vs. Miami (10/30/10)
10-block match	Victoria Hamsher, 10 vs. Towson (9/18/10)
5-Ace match	Justine Record, 6 vs. High Point (8/27/11)
Triple-double	Michelle Lang, 13 kills, 22 assists, 10 digs vs. UConn (8/29/08)
500-kill season	Lisa Pikalek, 653 (1992)
500-dig season	Amanda Cloyd, 617 (2007)
1,500-assist season	Kelly Chambliss, 1,698 (1992)
150-block season	Felicia Willoughby, 172 (2007)



Junior Cara Baarendse led the squad with 15 kills at NC State last week. Her 10 kills in that match helped her earn her third double-double of the season.

Sophomore Samantha Gostling threw down 11 kills at NC State and hit at an impressive .348 clip, also assisting on five blocks.



digs, and matched the total in Tech's recent win over Maryland. O'Neill made back-to-back 20-plus digs matches as she scooped up 25 against Wake Forest.

The Atherton, Calif., native averages 4.00 digs per set, good for tenth in the conference.

Fresh Start

Freshman Kathryn Caine has been a staple in Tech's starting lineup for much of this season and leads all other newcomers with nine starts so far. The McLean, Va., native recently wiped out all of her previous career highs when she threw down seven kills and hit at a season-best .429 clip at Maryland. Caine upped her single-match numbers against Wake Forest as she tallied eight kills and got up for five blocks.

Setting Up Early Success

Freshman Jordan Fish made the first start of her career against Virginia and rose to the occasion. While splitting time with senior setter Erin Leaser, Fish tallied a career-high 24 assists in the match, along with six digs. Fish nearly matched that total the following night against UConn when she tossed up 21 helpers.

Fish was recently part of a new team season high as her 23 assists against Wake Forest helped the Hokies tally 63 total assists in the match.

Career Weekend for Tech

Four different upperclassmen wiped out career highs during the Hilton Garden Hokie Invitational. Headlining the top performers was sophomore Victoria Hamsher who tallied 16 kills against Chattanooga and earned season bests in consecutive matches with seven and then eight block assists.

Junior Cara Baarendse's 16 digs against Virginia set a new personal mark, while senior Erin Leaser's four service aces also set a new bar. Junior Morgan O'Neill set a new team season high as she got down for 29 digs against Chattanooga.

Top Tier in Tournaments

The Hokies recently ended a 23-match home tournament winning streak last weekend. The streak dated back to the 2005 season. Tech extended the streak early this year as it swept the competition at the Hokie Tournament and seemed to keep things rolling during the Hokie Invite as it swept American in its first match and later Seton Hall the following day. The final match of the tournament did the Hokies in, though, as they fell 3-1 to a talented Tennessee team.

Historic Happenings

The Hokies made history last season when they earned their first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament after an impressive regular season. Tech also earned its first tournament victory when it defeated Delaware, 3-0, in the opening round. En route to the post season, the Hokies wrapped up the regular season with the 600th win in program history and the 26th win over in-state rival Virginia, 3-2.

Midway through conference play, Tech claimed its first win over a ranked opponent as it defeated then-No. 25 Florida State, 3-2, in Cassell Coliseum.

Double-Digit Kills

Cara Baarendse (10)

16 vs. Duke (10/7)
15 at NC State (10/14)
15 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
14 at Maryland (10/2)
13 vs. Connecticut (9/17)
13 vs. Virginia (9/16)
11 vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
10 vs. Tennessee (9/10)
10 vs. American (9/9)
10 vs. Indiana (8/27)

11 vs. Connecticut (9/17)
10 vs. Virginia (9/16)

Samantha Gostling (6)

13 vs. Ohio (9/2)
12 at Boston College (9/29)
12 vs. Indiana (8/27)
11 at NC State (10/14)
11 vs. Connecticut (9/17)
11 vs. High Point (8/27)

Victoria Hamsher (3)

16 vs. Chattanooga (9/17)
10 vs. Virginia (9/16)
10 vs. Indiana (8/27)

Alyssa Gammel (1)

10 vs. #23 FSU (9/24)

Justine Record (8)

19 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
14 vs. Ohio (9/2)
13 vs. American (9/9)
13 vs. Kentucky (9/3)
12 vs. #21 Miami (9/23)
11 vs. Tennessee (9/10)
11 vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
11 vs. High Point (8/27)

Jennifer Wiker (6)

16 at Maryland (10/2)
15 vs. Ohio (9/2)
14 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
12 vs. Indiana (8/27)

Double-Digit Digs

Morgan O'Neill (15)

29 at Maryland (10/2)
29 vs. Chattanooga (9/17)
25 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
25 vs. Virginia (9/16)
18 vs. Connecticut (9/17)
17 vs. #21 Miami (9/23)
17 vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
16 at NC State (10/14)
15 vs. Duke (10/7)
14 vs. Indiana (8/27)
13 vs. Kentucky (9/2)
13 vs. Ohio (9/2)
10 at North Carolina (10/13)
10 at Boston College (9/29)
10 vs. High Point (8/27)

11 vs. American (9/9)

Cara Baarendse (4)

16 at Maryland (10/2)
16 vs. Virginia (9/16)
11 vs. Kentucky (9/3)
10 at NC State (10/14)

Erin Leaser (2)

13 vs. Ohio (9/2)
11 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)

Kirsten Higareda (1)

14 vs. Ohio (9/2)

Justine Record (11)

24 at Maryland (10/2)
21 vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
20 at NC State (10/14)
19 vs. Virginia (9/16)
18 vs. Ohio (9/2)
15 vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
13 vs. Duke (10/7)
12 vs. High Point (8/27)
11 vs. #21 Miami (9/23)
11 vs. Tennessee (9/10)

Double-Doubles

Justine Record (7)

19 kills, 21 digs vs. Wake Forest (10/6)
14 kills, 18 digs vs. Ohio (9/2)
13 kills, 11 digs vs. American (9/9)
12 kills, 11 digs vs. #21 Miami (9/23)
11 kills, 11 digs vs. Tennessee (9/10)
11 kills, 15 digs vs. Cleveland State (8/26)
11 kills, 12 digs vs. High Point (8/27)

Cara Baarendse (3)

15 kills, 10 digs at NC State (10/14)
14 kills, 16 digs at Maryland (10/2)
13 kills, 16 digs vs. Virginia (9/16)

Erin Leaser (2)

46 assists, 13 digs vs. Ohio (9/2)
34 assists, 11 digs vs. Wake Forest (10/6)

2011 Virginia Tech Volleyball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	Last School	Club Team
1	Jessica Wellman	L/DS	5' 4"	Jr.	McKinney, Texas	McKinney North	Premier
2	Kirsty Blue	MB	6' 1"	r-Jr.	Geneva, Fla.	Oviedo	Orlando
3	Allison Munter	S	5' 9"	So.	Chesapeake, Va.	Grassfield	Coastal Virginia
4	Jordan Fish	S	5' 9"	Fr.	North Branch, Mich.	North Branch	Michigan Elite
5	Erin Leaser	S	5' 10"	Sr.	Allentown, Pa.	Allentown Central Catholic	Philadelphia
6	Laura Misiewicz	L/DS	5' 5"	So.	Herndon, Va.	Chantilly	Virginia League
7	Justine Record	OH	5' 8"	Sr.	Redwood City, Calif.	Carlmont	Vision
8	Samantha Gostling	OH	6' 1"	So.	Charlotte, N.C.	Ardrey Kell	Carolina Juniors
9	Liz Trinchere	MB	6' 0"	Jr.	Salem, Va.	Glenvar	Roanoke Juniors
10	Cara Baarendse	MB	6' 1"	Jr.	Mason, Ohio	William Mason	Cincy Classics
11	Alyssa Gammel	OH	5' 9"	Fr.	Bakersfield, Calif.	Centennial	Club Jamba
13	Jennifer Wiker	OH	6' 3"	r-Jr.	Charlotte, N.C.	South Mecklenburg	Carolina Juniors
14	Victoria Hamsher	MB	6' 2"	So.	Nazareth, Pa.	Nazareth	Synergy
15	Delaney Pittari	OH	5' 4"	Fr.	Mandeville, La.	Fontainebleau	Louisiana Volleyball
16	Kirsten Higareda	L/DS	5' 4"	Sr.	Woodbridge, Va.	Forest Park	Ichiban
17	Corrie Sanders	L/DS	5' 8"	So.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Frank W. Cox	Coastal Virginia
18	Bailey Dowd	RS	6' 2"	Fr.	Newtown, Pa.	Council Rock North	Synergy
19	Morgan O'Neill	OH/DS	5' 9"	Jr.	Atherton, Calif.	Archbishop Mitty	Vision
20	Kathryn Caine	MB/RS	6' 1"	Fr.	McLean, Va.	Langley	Northern Virginia
21	Gabrielle Talley	L/DS	5' 9"	Fr.	Orlando, Fla.	Lake Highland	Top Select
22	Kelsey Maloney	MB	6' 3"	Sr.	Centreville, Va.	Wisconsin-Madison	Virginia Elite
32	LaTasha Samson-Akpan	MH	6' 0"	Fr.	Fairlawn, Ohio	Copley	Cleveland Volleyball

Head Coach:

Chris Riley (Jacksonville '93) Sixth season

Assistant Coaches:

Shelbylynn McBride (George Mason '05)

Jen Malcom (Iowa State '08)

Volunteer Assistant:

Joe Jablonski

PRONUNCIATION

Baarendse.....	bar-END-zee
Gostling	GOS-ling
Kirstin Higareda	KEER-stin
.....	hig-are-EE-dah
Misiewicz	mih-SHEH-vitz
Trinchere.....	trin-CHAIR-ee
Wiker	wicker

Virginia Tech Volleyball Quick Facts

University Information

Location.....	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded.....	1872
Enrollment.....	31,000
Colors.....	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
Nickname	Hokies
Facility.....	Cassell Coliseum (10,052)
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast Conference
President.....	Charles W. Steger
Director of Athletics	Jim Weaver
Senior Woman Administrator	Sharon McCloskey

Volleyball Information

2010 Record.....	20-12
Conference Record	10-10 (T-7th, ACC)
Starters Returning/Lost	5/1+Libero
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	8/2
Newcomers.....	8

Volleyball History

First Year of Volleyball	1977
All-Time Record	611-538-3 (.532)
Home Record	303-129 (.701)

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 Agriculture and Mechanical College, the university changed its name 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 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.



What is a Hokie, Anyway? - That's the most often-asked question in 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 "Hokie" yell which still is used today. Later, when asked if "Hokie" had any special meaning, Stull explained the word was solely the product of his imagination and was used only as an attention-getter for his yell. It soon became a nickname for all Tech teams and for those people loyal to Tech athletics. The official school colors — Chicago maroon and burnt orange — also were introduced in 1896. They were chosen because they made a "unique combination" not worn elsewhere at the time.

Polls & ACC Info

AVCA Coaches' Poll

Rk.	Team	LW
1	Illinois (58)	1
2	California	4
3	Southern California (2)	3
4	Nebraska	5
5	Stanford	7
6	UCLA	6
7	Washington	2
8	Hawai'i	8
9	Penn State	9
10	Texas	10
11	Northern Iowa	12
12	Purdue	11
13	Florida	13
14	Minnesota	14
15	Iowa State	15
16	San Diego	17
17	Pepperdine	19
18	Oregon	16
19	Florida State	21
20	Tennessee	18
21	Michigan	20
22	Oklahoma	22
23	Ohio State	24
24	Kentucky	25
25	Miami (FL)	23

Others Receiving Votes: Arizona 65; Colorado State 56; Dayton 39; Louisville 36; Texas A&M 35; North Carolina 26; Western Kentucky 24; Long Beach State 23; Duke 11; Kansas State 6; Missouri 4

Tech vs. ACC

Hokies.....	Opponent.....	Riley
7-5.....	Boston College.....	6-4
6-7.....	Clemson.....	3-7
2-13.....	Duke.....	1-10
3-11.....	Florida State.....	2-8
5-8.....	Georgia Tech.....	4-6
7-6.....	Maryland.....	7-3
4-10.....	Miami.....	3-7
4-10.....	North Carolina.....	3-7
14-0.....	NC State.....	10-0
7-7.....	Virginia.....	7-4
9-6.....	Wake Forest.....	7-4
68-83.....	Total.....	53-60

All records are in conference play since joining the ACC in 2004.

Around the ACC

Wednesday, Oct. 19

North Carolina (0) at Duke (3)
NC State (3) at Wake Forest (0)

Friday, Oct. 21

Clemson at Virginia 7:00 p.m.
Florida State at Maryland 7:00 p.m.
Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech 7:00 p.m.
Miami at Boston College 7:00 p.m.
NC State at Duke 7:00 p.m.
North Carolina at Wake Forest 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 22

Georgia Tech at Virginia 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23

Florida State at Boston College Noon
Clemson at Virginia Tech 1:00 p.m.
Miami at Maryland 2:00 p.m.

ACC Standings

Team	ACC Rec.	Overall Rec.	Streak
Florida State	9-0	15-4	Won 9
North Carolina	8-2	16-5	Lost 1
Duke	7-3	13-6	Won 5
Miami	6-3	15-3	Lost 1
Clemson	5-4	13-7	Lost 2
Georgia Tech	4-5	11-8	Won 1
<i>Virginia Tech</i>	4-5	11-9	Won 1
Boston College	3-5	7-13	Won 1
Maryland	3-6	9-12	Lost 5
NC State	3-7	15-8	Won 1
Virginia	2-7	8-11	Won 1
Wake Forest	2-8	5-14	Lost 2

ACC Individual Stat Leaders

Player	K/TA	Pct.	Player	Kills	Avg./S		
Ali Becker - UM	179/387	.380	Monique Mead - GT	348	4.97		
Christiana Gray - DU	164/333	.372	Emily McGee - NC	278	4.03		
Jessica O'Shoney - VA	197/394	.371	Simone Asque - VA	267	3.87		
Alexa Rand - CU	161/341	.367	Lane Carico - UM	211	3.46		
Elise Walch - FS	117/249	.365	Kadija Fornah - WF	214	3.34		
Player	Assists	Avg./S	Player	Aces	Avg./S		
Katie Gallagher - UM	693	11.00	<i>Justine Record - VT</i>	24	0.34		
Ali Santi - GT	414	10.89	Courtney Castle - BC	17	0.33		
Kellie Catanch - DU	748	10.84	Susan Carlson - GT	23	0.33		
Megan Cyr - ST	838	10.48	Kamryn Sherman - CU	23	0.32		
Beth Wildermuth - VA	708	10.26	Serenat Yaz - CU	18	0.30		
Player	BS	BA	Total	Avg./S	Player	Digs	Avg./S
Ashley Neff - FS	10	100	110	1.64	Ali McCurdy - DU	385	5.50
Alexa Rand - CU	15	91	106	1.41	Brennan Clark - BC	332	4.88
Sareea Freeman - FS	8	74	82	1.30	Katie Mosher - FS	315	4.70
Victoria Hamsher - VT	9	88	97	1.28	Ryan Shaffer - UM	282	4.48
Margaret Salata - ST	15	79	94	1.22	Kaylie Gibson - NC	295	4.28

Career & 2011 Season Highs

Career	Cara Baarendse	2011 Season
25, Clemson (10/1/10)	Kills	16, vs. Duke (10/7/11)
51, Clemson (10/1/10)	TA	42, at NC State (10/14/11)
1,000, Norfolk State (9/5/09)	Pct.	.643, vs. American (9/9/11)
3, Twice	Aces	3, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)
5, Xavier (8/28/10)	Assists	2, vs. Connecticut (9/17/11)
16, Twice	Digs	16, Twice
2, WKU (9/10/10)	BS	1, Twice
9, American (9/12/09)	BA	8, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
10, American (9/12/09)	TB	9, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)

Career	Kirsty Blue	2011 Season
14, Wake Forest (10/17/08)	Kills	2, Cleveland State (8/26/11)
31, Wake Forest (10/17/08)	Attempts	4, Cleveland State (8/26/11)
.571, Marshall (9/5/08)	Pct.	.500 vs. #21 Miami (9/23/11)
1, Yale (9/12/09)	Aces	N/A
2, Miami (10/25/08)	Assists	N/A
4, Twice	Digs	2, at Boston College (9/29/11)
2, Three Times	BS	1, Cleveland State (8/26/11)
4, Wake Forest (10/17/08)	BA	2, Cleveland State (8/26/11)
5, Winston-Salem St. (8/30/08)	TB	3, Cleveland State (8/26/11)

Career	Kirsten Higareda	2011 Season
1, Three Times	Kills	N/A
2, Twice	Attempts	1, Twice
1,000, Norfolk State (9/5/09)	Pct.	N/A
2, Three Times	Aces	1, Twice
3, Boston College (10/10/10)	Assists	1, vs. WKU (9/3/11)
18, Florida State (10/29/10)	Digs	14, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)

Career	Erin Leaser	2011 Season
9, Wake Forest (10/15/10)	Kills	5, High Point (8/27/11)
17, Twice	Attempts	13, High Point (8/27/11)
1,000, Twice	Pct.	.375, vs. WKU (9/3/11)
4, vs. Virginia (9/16/11)	Aces	4, vs. Virginia (9/16/11)
68, Florida State (10/29/10)	Assists	46, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
14, Virginia (9/17/10)	Digs	13, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
1, Ten Times	BS	1, at Boston College (9/29/11)
6, Chattanooga (8/27/10)	BA	5, Indiana (8/27/11)
6, Chattanooga (8/27/10)	TB	5, Indiana (8/27/11)

Career	Morgan O'Neill	2011 Season
12, North Carolina (10/9/09)	Kills	2, vs. Duke (10/7/11)
41, North Carolina (10/9/09)	Attempts	3, Twice
.667, vs. Duke (10/7/11)	Pct.	.667, vs. Duke (10/7/11)
2, Four Times	Aces	1, Four Times
7, Twice	Assists	7, Twice
29, Twice	Digs	29, Twice
1, Georgia Tech (10/16/09)	BS	N/A
3, North Carolina (10/9/09)	BA	N/A
3, North Carolina (10/9/09)	TB	N/A

Career	Liz Trinchere	2011 Season
3, Boston College (11/5/10)	Kills	N/A
6, Boston College (11/5/10)	Attempts	4, vs. #21 Miami (9/23/11)
.500, Coastal Carolina (9/3/10)	Pct.	N/A
2, Norfolk State (9/5/09)	Assists	N/A
2, Boston College (11/5/10)	Digs	1, vs. American (9/9/11)
1 vs. American (9/9/11)	BS	1 vs. American (9/9/11)
N/A	BA	N/A
1 vs. American (9/9/11)	TB	1 vs. American (9/9/11)

Career	Jessica Wellman	2011 Season
2, UNC Greensboro (8/29/09)	Digs	1, vs. American (9/9/11)

Career	Jennifer Wiker	2011 Season
23, Clemson (11/13/10)	Kills	16, at Maryland (10/2/11)
51, Clemson (11/13/10)	TA	45, at NC State (10/14/11)
.500, Albany (9/19/09)	Pct.	.441, at Maryland (10/2/11)
1, Nine Times	Assists	N/A
6, Tennessee (8/28/10)	Digs	3, Twice
4, WKU (9/10/10)	BS	2, at Maryland (10/2/11)
5, Four Times	BA	5, at NC State (10/14/11)
6, Three Times	TB	6, at NC State (10/14/11)

Career	Samantha Gostling	2011 Season
15, Clemson (10/1/10)	Kills	13, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
41, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)	Attempts	41, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
1,000, Twice	Pct.	.389, vs. Seton Hall (9/10/11)
2, Twice	Aces	1, Twice
1, Three Times	Assists	1, vs. #21 Miami (9/23/11)
5, Three Times	Digs	5, Twice
1, High Point (8/27/11)	BS	1, High Point (8/27/11)
6, at Maryland (10/2/11)	BA	6, at Maryland (10/2/11)
6, at Maryland (10/2/11)	TB	6, at Maryland (10/2/11)

Career	Victoria Hamsher	2011 Season
16, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)	Kills	16, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)
22, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)	Attempts	22, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)
.875, Cleveland State (8/26/11)	Pct.	.875, Cleveland State (8/26/11)
3, High Point (8/27/11)	Aces	3, High Point (8/27/11)
1, Four Times	Assists	1, Twice
6, Two Times	Digs	5, vs. #21 Miami (9/23/11)
2, Five Times	BS	2, Three Times
10, Towson (9/18/10)	BA	8, vs. Connecticut (9/17/11)
10, Towson (9/18/10)	TB	8, vs. Connecticut (9/17/11)

Career	Justine Record	2011 Season
26, Twice	Kills	19, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
60, North Carolina (10/9/08)	TA	46, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
.600, vs. American (9/9/11)	Pct.	.600, vs. American (9/9/11)
6, Two Times	Aces	6, High Point (8/27/11)
5, Xavier (8/28/10)	Assists	3, at NC State (10/14/11)
24, at Maryland (10/2/11)	Digs	24, at Maryland (10/2/11)
2, NC State (11/7/08)	BS	1, Four Times
4, Twice	BA	4, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
5, Duke (10/14/10)	TB	4, Three Times

Career	Laura Misiewicz	2011 Season
1, BC (10/10/10)	Kills	N/A
2, Georgia Tech (10/2/10)	Attempts	N/A
1,000, BC (10/10/10)	Pct.	N/A
3, Georgia Tech (10/2/10)	Aces	1, Twice
2, Twice	Assists	2, Indiana (8/27/11)
21, Clemson (10/1/10)	Digs	8, High Point (8/27/11)

Career	Allison Munter	2011 Season
N/A	Kills	N/A
1, BC (11/5/10)	Attempts	N/A
N/A	Pct.	N/A
N/A	Aces	N/A
15, vs. UK (9/3/11)	Assists	15, vs. UK (9/3/11)
3, vs. UK (9/3/11)	Digs	3, vs. UK (9/3/11)



Program History	Team	2011 Season
97, Twice	Kills	68, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
272, So. Miss (11/7/92)	Attempts	187, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)
.688, Coppin State (9/12/98)	Pct.	.313, vs. Connecticut (9/17/11)
22, Davidson (9/8/89)	Aces	12, High Point (8/27/11)
90, Liberty (10/17/00)	Assists	63, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
143, South Florida (10/14/94)	Digs	87, at Maryland (10/2/11)
13, Twice	BS	4, Twice
42, West Virginia (10/5/01)	BA	29, at NC State (10/14/11)
22, West Virginia (10/5/01)	TB	16.5, at NC State (10/14/11)

Alyssa Gammel

Kills 10, vs. #23 FSU (9/24/11)
 TA 27, vs. #23 FSU (9/24/11)
 Pct500 vs. UConn (9/17/11)
 Aces 1, vs. #23 FSU (9/24/11)
 Assists 1, Twice
 Digs 5, at Boston College (9/29/11)
 BS N/A
 BA 1, Five Times
 TB 1, Twice

Kathryn Caine

Kills 8, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
 TA 17, vs. Wake Forest (10/6/11)
 Pct429, at Maryland (10/2/11)
 Digs 2, at Maryland (10/2/11)
 BS 1, Six Times
 BA 6, at NC State (10/14/11)
 TB 6, at NC State (10/14/11)

Jordan Fish

TA 2, Twice
 Aces 4, vs. Chattanooga (9/17/11)
 Assists 24, vs. Virginia (9/16/11)
 Digs 7, Twice

LaTasha Samson-Akpan

TA 2, High Point (8/27/11)
 BA 1, High Point (8/27/11)
 TB 1, High Point (8/27/11)

Kelsey Maloney

Kills 2, Twice
 TA 8, at UK (9/3/11)
 Pct 1.000, vs. American (9/9/11)
 Digs 2, at UK (9/3/11)
 BA 6, at UK (9/3/11)
 TB 6, at UK (9/3/11)

Delaney Pittari

Digs 1, vs. Ohio (9/2/11)

Match-by-Match Leaders

MATCH	Kills	Hit Pct. (<i>min. 7 att.</i>)	Service Aces	Digs	Blocks
Cleveland State	Baarendse/ Record (11)	Hamsher (.875)	Three Hokies (1)	O'Neill (17)	Hamsher (6)
High Point	Gostling/ Record (11)	Baarendse (.500)	Record (6)	Record (12)	Hamsher (6)
Indiana	Gostling/ Wiker (12)	Baarendse (.400)	Hamsher/ Record (1)	O'Neill (14)	Hamsher (6)
vs. Ohio	Wiker (15)	Hamsher (.227)	Baarendse/ Record (2)	Record (18)	Baarendse (9)
vs. Western Kentucky	Baarendse (8)	Baarendse/ Leaser (.375)	None	O'Neill (7)	Baarendse (5)
at Kentucky	Record (13)	Baarendse (.350)	Baarendse/ Wiker (1)	O'Neill (13)	Maloney (6)
American	Record (13)	Baarendse (.643)	Record (3)	Record (11)	Hamsher (5)
Seton Hall	Baarendse (10)	Baarendse (.421)	Baarendse (2)	Baarendse (9)	Hamsher (4)
Tennessee	Record (11)	Record (.417)	Leaser (3)	O'Neill/ Record (11)	Hamsher (4)
Virginia	Baarendse (13)	Hamsher (.444)	Leaser (4)	O'Neill (25)	Hamsher (4)
Chattanooga	Hamsher (16)	Hamsher (.682)	Fish (4)	O'Neill (29)	Hamsher (7)
Connecticut	Baarendse (13)	Baarendse (.462)	Three Hokies (1)	O'Neill (18)	Hamsher (8)
#21 Miami	Record (12)	Wiker (.227)	Fish (1)	O'Neill (17)	Four Hokies (2)
#23 Florida State	Gammel (10)	Baarendse (.429)	Three Hokies (1)	O'Neill (9)	Hamsher (3)
at Boston College	Gostling (12)	Hamsher (.250)	Leaser (1)	O'Neill (10)	Three Hokies (4)
at Maryland	Wiker (16)	Wiker (.441)	Leaser (2)	O'Neill (29)	Gostling (6)
Wake Forest	Record (19)	Caine (.412)	Record (3)	O'Neill (25)	Three Hokies (4)
Duke	Baarendse (16)	Hamsher (.444)	Leaser/ Record (2)	O'Neill (15)	Hamsher (6)
at North Carolina	Wiker/ Gostling (9)	Wiker (.348)	O'Neill/ Hamsher (1)	O'Neill (10)	Hamsher/Caine (4)
at NC State	Baarendse (15)	Gostling (.348)	Baarendse/ Record (2)	Record (20)	Three Hokies (6)
Georgia Tech					
Clemson					
at Florida State					
at Miami					
at Wake Forest					
at Duke					
Maryland					
Boston College					
North Carolina					
NC State					
at Virginia					

Virginia Tech Volleyball
Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Oct 17, 2011)
All matches

Overall record: 11-9 Conf: 4-5 Home: 9-4 Away: 2-3 Neutral: 0-2

##	Player	sp	Attack				Set		Serve			re	Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta	pct	a	a/s	sa	se		sa/s	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
2	Kirsty Blue	6	4	0.67	1	9	.333	0	0.00	0	2	0.00	0	2	0.33	1	3	4	0.67	0	0	-
10	Cara Baarendse	76	197	2.59	41	483	.323	6	0.08	13	10	0.17	1	133	1.75	2	59	61	0.80	3	1	-
14	Victoria Hamsher	76	136	1.79	49	310	.281	2	0.03	14	24	0.18	0	30	0.39	9	88	97	1.28	3	0	-
20	Kathryn Caine	47	43	0.91	18	107	.234	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.13	6	40	46	0.98	6	1	-
13	Jennifer Wiker	72	163	2.26	63	502	.199	1	0.01	1	2	0.01	1	27	0.38	9	40	49	0.68	5	1	-
7	Justine Record	70	169	2.41	91	492	.159	13	0.19	24	39	0.34	22	227	3.24	5	30	35	0.50	7	1	-
8	Samantha Gostling	76	151	1.99	97	467	.116	1	0.01	3	7	0.04	7	46	0.61	1	46	47	0.62	2	0	-
5	Erin Leaser	76	23	0.30	15	91	.088	507	6.67	20	30	0.26	0	130	1.71	1	17	18	0.24	2	18	-
11	Alyssa Gammel	22	31	1.41	25	95	.063	2	0.09	2	11	0.09	4	25	1.14	1	6	7	0.32	0	0	-
19	Morgan O'Neill	75	3	0.04	2	17	.059	61	0.81	6	12	0.08	23	300	4.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
9	Liz Trinchere	1	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1.00	1	0	1	1.00	0	0	-
3	Allison Munter	7	0	0.00	0	0	.000	24	3.43	0	0	0.00	0	6	0.86	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
15	Delaney Pittari	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
1	Jessica Wellman	2	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.50	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
32	LaTasha Samson-Akpa	1	0	0.00	0	2	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	1	1.00	0	0	-
18	Bailey Dowd	1	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	1	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
16	Kirsten Higareda	26	0	0.00	0	2	.000	1	0.04	2	7	0.08	2	50	1.92	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
6	Laura Misiewicz	23	0	0.00	0	0	.000	5	0.22	2	2	0.09	2	28	1.22	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	-
4	Jordan Fish	49	1	0.02	1	9	.000	208	4.24	10	23	0.20	1	60	1.22	0	0	0	0.00	0	12	-
22	Kelsey Maloney	6	4	0.67	5	16	-.062	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	2	0.33	0	6	6	1.00	0	0	-
	VIRGINIA TECH	76	925	12.17	408	2604	.199	831	10.93	97	170	1.28	76	1075	14.14	36	336	204.0	2.68	28	34	-
	Opponents	76	918	12.08	455	2648	.175	825	10.86	76	165	1.00	97	1103	14.51	29	287	172.5	2.27	33	25	-

Team Statistics	VT	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	925	918
Errors	408	455
Total Attacks	2604	2648
Attack Pct	.199	.175
Kills/Set	12.2	12.1
SET		
Assists	831	825
Assists/Set	10.9	10.9
SERVE		
Aces	97	76
Errors	170	165
Aces/Set	1.3	1.0
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	76	97
Errors/Set	1.0	1.3
DEFENSE		
Digs	1075	1103
Digs/Set	14.1	14.5
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	36	29
Block Assist	336	287
Total Blocks	204.0	172.5
Blocks/Set	2.7	2.3
Block Errors	28	33
Ball handling errors	34	25
ATTENDANCE		
Total	6081	2178
Dates/Avg Per Date	13/468	5/436
Neutral site #/Avg	2/384	
Current win streak	1	-
Home win streak	0	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 27	INDIANA	w 3-1	21-25,25-18,25-22,25-22	575
Aug 27	HIGH POINT	w 3-1	25-16,24-26,25-13,25-12	501
Aug 26	CLEVELAND STATE	w 3-0	25-15,25-20,33-31	517
Sep 02	vs OHIO	L 2-3	25-16,23-25,25-15,23-25,14-16	367
Sep 03	vs Western Kentucky	L 0-3	20-25,16-25,20-25	401
Sep 03	at Kentucky	L 0-3	22-25,22-25,27-29	1188
Sep 10	TENNESSEE	L 1-3	25-20,21-25,16-25,17-25	516
*Sep 16	VIRGINIA	w 3-1	25-18,25-21,22-25,25-15	650
Sep 16	CHATTANOOGA	w 3-1	25-15,25-17,20-25,25-15	313
Sep 17	CONNECTICUT	w 3-1	25-14,21-25,25-19,26-24	534
Sep 09	AMERICAN	w 3-0	25-22,25-21,25-15	313
Sep 10	SHU	w 3-0	25-22,25-18,25-21	312
*Sep 24	#23 FLORIDA STATE	L 0-3	16-25,21-25,11-25	313
*Sep 23	#21 MIAMI	L 0-3	23-25,20-25,20-25	511
*Sep 29	at Boston College	L 0-3	25-27,18-25,18-25	122
*Oct 02	at Maryland	w 3-2	22-25,25-27,25-22,25-16,15-10	293
*Oct 06	WAKE FOREST	w 3-2	27-25,20-25,24-26,25-17,15-7	303
*Oct 07	DUKE	L 2-3	25-16,17-25,25-23,17-25,10-15	723
*Oct 13	at North Carolina	L 0-3	22-25,14-25,17-25	213
*Oct 14	at NC State	w 3-2	25-22,24-26,32-30,15-25,15-10	362

Record in 3-set matches:3-6 • Record in 4-set matches:5-1 • Record in 5-set matches:3-2