

Virginia Tech Women's Soccer

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Hoosier Invitational

Yeagley Field at Armstrong Stadium

Bloomington, Indiana

August 21 & 23, 2015

Indiana University, host



Hoosier Invitational

Friday, August 21, 7 p.m.

Virginia Tech vs. Indiana

Sunday, August 23, 12 p.m.

Virginia Tech vs. West Virginia



Virginia Tech Quick Facts

Location	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
Enrollment	31,000
Nickname	Hokies
Colors	Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange
Head Coach	Charles "Chugger" Adair (San Diego, 1993)
Season (record)	5th season (62-25-5)
Associate Head Coach	Drew Kopp (Pittsburgh, 1999)
Assistant Coach	Matt Gwilliam (Elizabethtown, 2001)
Website	Hokiesports.com
Twitter	@VT_WSoccer
Home Field (capacity)	Thompson Field (2,028)
All-Time Record (1993-2013)	214-195-31
All-Time ACC Record	45-54-13
NCAA Record (appearances)	9-8-1 (8 appearances)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	14/7
Starters Returning/Lost	5/6

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HOKIE NOTES



Entering the Season

The Hokies enter the 2015 regular season ranked 13th in the NCSAA preseason poll and 11th in the TopDrawerSoccer.com preseason poll ... The Hokies are predicted to finish fifth in the ACC this season in a vote of league coaches.

The Hokies vs. Indiana

The Hokies and the Hoosiers have met once previously in women's soccer, but don't expect any of the current players on either team to remember ... Indiana won, 2-1, in Columbus, Ohio in 1994 ... The Hokies are 9-11-2 all-time against schools currently in the Big Ten.

The Hokies vs. West Virginia

This will be the sixth all-time meeting between the Hokies and Mountaineers in women's soccer, although the two schools enjoy a long, rich rivalry in every sport ... WVU leads the all-time series, 3-2, but Tech has won each of the last two meetings ... The 4th-ranked Hokies defeated the 12th-ranked Mountaineers, 1-0, at Thompson Field in Blacksburg on Nov. 22, 2013 in the second round of the 2013 NCAA Tournament ... Tech would advance to the College Cup that season ... This will be the first-ever neutral-field meeting between the two schools ... The Hokies are 4-3 all-time against teams currently in the Big 12 Conference.

Chugging Right Along

Virginia Tech head coach, **Charles "Chugger" Adair**, is now in his fifth season in charge of the Hokies ... He has a 62-25-5 overall record (701) and a 22-18-3 record in ACC competition (547) ... A full bio is available on page 3 of this release.



Chugger Adair

Senior Watch

Senior **Ashley Meier** has been named a preseason All-ACC selection in a vote by the league coaches ... Meier was third in goals and points ... In the same poll, the Hokies have been picked fifth in the ACC.



Ashley Meier

On the List

Junior **Murielle Tiernan** named to the 2015 Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Award watch list ... Tiernan is one of 28 student-athletes on the list and one of eight players from Atlantic Coast Conference schools ... Tiernan led the Hokies in goals, assists and scoring last season and Meier was third in goals and points ... The MAC Hermann Award Trophy is the most prestigious individual award in NCAA soccer presented annually to one male and one female athlete.



Murielle Tiernan

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In the Goal

Anchoring the defense this season will be sophomore **Kaylyn Smith** ... As a freshman, Smith earned increased playing time during the course of the season and finished the season with a 5-2 record and two shutouts ... She started seven of the team's 22 games.



Kaylyn Smith

On the Mend

The Hokies will be without outstanding freshman **Kelsey Irwin**, who suffered a torn ACL over the summer and will miss the 2015 season ... She is expected to be ready to practice during the spring and earn a medical redshirt.



Kelsey Irwin

Senior Leadership

This season's senior class for the Hokies consists of five players, **Ashley Meier, Jordan Coburn, Morgan Conklin, Courtney Stutts** and **Delia Maresco** ... This talented quintet enters the 2015 season with an overall record of 48-17-4, for a .725 winning percentage ... This group has also made the NCAA Tournament in all three of their previous seasons and 5-2-1 NCAA Tournament record.

Lights, Camera, Action!

Fans will be able to see the Hokies often this season, even when they cannot make it to Thompson Field ... At least eight Virginia Tech matches will be streamed live on ESPN3 and HokiesXtra ... Here is a complete list of the games.

Aug. 30	Tennessee	5 p.m.	ESPN3
Sept. 2	Longwood	7 p.m.	HokiesXtra
Sept. 24	at NC State	7 p.m.	ESPN3
Sept. 27	Syracuse	1 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 4	at Duke	2 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 22	Florida State	7 p.m.	ESPN3
Oct. 25	Pittsburgh	1 p.m.	HokiesXtra
Oct. 30	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.	ESPN3

Another Side of Morgan

Virginia Tech's **Morgan Conklin** can be found other places on Hokiesports.com, other than the women's soccer home page ... The senior from Midlothian, Virginia also spends here time working for HokieVision, being one of the on-camera talent for the Virginia Tech video productions ... She often interviews other Virginia Tech student-athletes for the website ... Also, last spring, she worked as a sideline reporter for HokieVision's ESPN3 broadcasts.



Morgan Conklin

Tough Slate

This season's schedule will feature a host of quality non-conference opponents along with the always-tough ACC slate ... Six opponents earned NCAA Tournament berths last season ... The Hokies' first match against a ranked opponent comes in the first weekend of play, as Tech plays No. 12/10 West Virginia in their second game of the Hoosier Classic on Sunday, Aug. 23 in Bloomington, Indiana.

Major Losses

Head coach **Chugger Adair** will look to replace some key players from last year's squad including third team Academic All-American Katie Yensen, third team All-ACC selection Shannon Mayrose and starting goalie Caroline Kelly ... In all, seven letterwinners graduated off of last season's 16-6 team.

Scoring in Bunches

Virginia Tech will aim to continue it's offensive success after last season's team scored 62 goals, the most in program history while only allowing 18 goals ... The high-powered offense and steady defense earned the Hokies 15 wins of at least a two-goal margin, including the first 10 games of the season ... The Hokies' top scorer, **Murielle Tiernan** returns, as does the team's third-leading scorer, **Ashley Meier** ... In all, four of the team's top five scorers from last season return to the line-up this season ... Fourteen players scored goals last season; 10 of those players return for the Hokies ... Although just an exhibition, the Hokies outscored Marshall, 6-0, at Thompson Field on August 15.

Representing the U.S.A.

Virginia Tech senior **Ashley Meier** spent a portion of her summer break representing the USA for US Soccer ... The U-23 WNT came away with two wins and one draw at the 2015 Four Nations Tournament in Sarpsborg, Norway ... Meier has been a member of the national team pools since she was 12 years old and was a member of the U18 US National Team ... She was the 2011 NSCAA High School National Player of the Year and a two-time high school All-American ... Meier received the Ohio's "Ms. Soccer" and State of Ohio Player of the Year awards her senior year ... Off the pitch, Meier is a three-time ACC All-Academic Team selection and a two-time ACC Honor Roll selection ... She has been named to Dean's List in Spring 2014, Fall 2013, Spring 2013 and Fall 2012.

What is a Hokie?

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 is still 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.

Get in the #HokieHuddle

The Hokies have a new way for fans and media to get even more information about all their favorite Virginia Tech athletic teams - The #HokieHuddle ... The #HokieHuddle, accessed from each sport's home page on hokiesports.com, offers a more detailed and inside look at all 22 Virginia Tech varsity sports ... Information likely on #HokieHuddle are community service features, Q & As with players and coaches and odds & ends about the programs ... On the women's soccer #HokieHuddle, national rankings and social media updates are among the topics available ... #HokieHuddle, check it out!

Head Coach Chugger Adair



Charles "Chugger" Adair has wasted little time in making the Virginia Tech women's soccer program one of the best in the Atlantic Coast Conference and one of the best nationally.

In his four seasons at Virginia Tech, he has posted a 62-25-5 overall record, good for a sterling .701 winning percentage. During that time he has also won 22 of 42 ACC contests.

Promoted to head coach on Dec. 7, 2010, as the replacement for Kelly

Cagle, who resigned for family reasons, Adair has continued the upward trajectory of Tech women's soccer in the ACC, culminating in 2013 when he guided the Hokies to a record-setting season. Tech won a school record 19 games, advanced to the finals of the ACC Tournament and later advanced to the NCAA College Cup.

In the 2014 season, Adair led the Hokies to a 16-6 record and advanced to the third round of the NCAA Tournament, making it seven straight NCAA appearances. During the regular season, the Hokies set a school record for most goals in a season, with 62 and fewest goals allowed in a season, with just 18.

The 2013 season was an exciting one for Tech. The Hokies advanced to the NCAAs for the sixth straight time and seventh time in school history largely because of an exciting offense and stellar defense and goalkeeping.

Adair came to Tech in 2006 and served as the associate head coach under Cagle for five seasons before being promoted. In Adair's first season as an assistant to Cagle, the Hokies suffered a losing season, but have not suffered a losing season since then.

Adair came to Tech after holding the associate head coaching position at UC Santa Barbara for two seasons. Prior to his arrival at UCSB, he worked a six-year stint as Youth Soccer Coach/ Assistant Director of Competitive Older Ages for the Del Mar Sharks.

He served as an assistant for the University of San Diego's men's soccer team from 1998-2000. He moved from there and spent a season as an assistant coach for both the men's and women's soccer teams at Pacific University in Portland, Ore.

Adair also possesses a great deal of playing experience, having played professionally for 10 years, including stints with the Los Angeles Galaxy of Major League Soccer and the U.S. National Futsal Team.

Adair played soccer at the University of San Diego after transferring from San Diego State in the early 1990s. He earned All-America honors, was a two-year captain and helped USD to the NCAA finals, where the Toreros lost to Virginia. He scored 27 goals and had 23 assists in his three years at USD. He got his bachelor's degree in business administration from USD in 1993 and he received his MBA from USD in 1996.

Adair is married to the former Shelbylynn McBride, a volleyball assistant coach at Virginia Tech, and they have a daughter, Callie Lynn. He also has two other daughters, Alexandra and Madeline, and a son, Jack. The Adairs are expecting another child this fall.

2015 Virginia Tech Women's Soccer Team

