

## Virginia Tech Women's Soccer

NCSAA:

No. 9

TopDrawer Soccer:

No. 10

### JMU/Tennessee

Thompson Field  
Blacksburg, Va.  
August 28-30, 2015



### Home Opener

Friday, August 28, 6 p.m.  
Virginia Tech vs. James Madison

Sunday, August 30, 5 p.m.  
Virginia Tech vs. Tennessee **ESPN 3**



### 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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# VIRGINIA TECH

## Women's Soccer

## HOKIE NOTES



### Entering the Weekend

The Hokies enter the weekend ranked ninth in the NCSAA preseason poll and 10th in the TopDrawerSoccer.com preseason poll ... The Hokies are predicted to finish fifth in the ACC this season in a vote of league coaches.

### Last Time Out

The Hokies won the 2015 Hoosier Classic over the weekend in Bloomington, Indiana ... Tech downed host Indiana, 2-1, on Friday night in the regular season opener and then downed No. 12 West Virginia, 2-1, on Sunday afternoon ... **Murielle Tiernan** scored both goals on Friday night and joined **Candace Cephers** in scoring Sunday's goals.



Murielle Tiernan

### Murielle's Big Week

Junior **Murielle Tiernan** earned many accolades for her play over the weekend in the Hokies' victory in the Hoosier Classic ... Tiernan, who scored three of Tech's four goals on the weekend, was named the National Player of the Week by both espnW and TopDrawerSoccer.com ... She was also named the ACC Offensive Player of the Week.



Candace Cephers

### Hoosier Honors

Juniors **Murielle Tiernan** and **Candace Cephers**, along with senior **Ashley Meier**, were named to the all-tournament team at the Hoosier Classic on Sunday afternoon.



Ashley Meier

### The Hokies vs. James Madison

James Madison leads the all-time series, 12-4-1 ... The Hokies have won the last three meetings, most recently a 3-1 victory in Harrisonburg in 2013 ... Tech is 2-6-1 in home games and 3-0 against the Dukes under Chugger Adair ... Tech is 14-18-1 all-time against schools currently in the Colonial Athletic Association.

### The Hokies vs. Tennessee

The Hokies won the only other meeting between the two schools, a 2-1 in Blacksburg in the 2007 series ... Tech is 4-4 all-time against schools currently in the Southeastern 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 64-25-5 overall record (.707) and a 22-18-3 record in ACC competition (.547) ... A full bio is available on page 3 of this release.



Chugger Adair

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## 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.

## 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.

## In the Goal

Anchoring the defense this season is 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 ... She currently leads the ACC in saves, with 13.



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

## What's Up Next?

The Hokies return to action on Wednesday night, as the host in-state foe, Longwood ... The match kicks off at 7 p.m. at Thompson Field and will be available on HokiesXtra.

## 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 features a host of quality non-conference opponents along with the always-tough ACC slate ... Six opponents earned NCAA Tournament berths last season ... The Hokies won their first match against a ranked opponent, 2-1 over No. 12/10 West Virginia on Sunday, Aug. 23 in Bloomington, Indiana.

## Major Losses

Head coach **Chugger Adair** had 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 its 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.

## 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.

# 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 NAAs 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



**Virginia Tech Soccer**  
**Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Aug 24, 2015)**  
**All games**

<b>RECORD:</b>	<b>OVERALL</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>
ALL GAMES	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0
CONFERENCE	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	2-0	0-0	1-0	1-0

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Att.</b>
Aug 21	at Indiana	w 2-1	397
Aug 23	vs #12 West Virginia	w 2-1	67

<b>TEAM STATISTICS</b>	<b>VT</b>	<b>OPP</b>
<b>SHOT STATISTICS</b>		
Goals-Shot attempts	4-20	2-32
Goals scored per game	2.00	1.00
Shot pct.	.200	.062
Shots on goal-Attempts	8-20	15-32
SOG pct.	.400	.469
Shots/Game	10.0	16.0
CORNER KICKS	12	5
PENALTY KICKS	1-1	0-0
<b>PENALTIES</b>		
Yellow cards	2	1
Red cards	0	0
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>		
Total	0	397
Dates/Avg Per Date	0/0	1/397
Neutral Site #/Avg	1/67	

<b>#</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>gp</b>	<b>g</b>	<b>a</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>sh</b>	<b>sh%</b>	<b>sog</b>	<b>sog%</b>	<b>gw</b>	<b>pk-att</b>
20	Murielle Tiernan	2	3	0	6	3	1.000	3	1.000	1	0-0
23	Kallie Peurifoy	2	0	0	0	3	.000	1	.333	0	0-0
18	Candace Cephers	2	1	0	2	3	.333	1	.333	1	1-1
21	Madi Conyers	2	0	0	0	3	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
7	Laila Gray	2	0	0	0	2	.000	1	.500	0	0-0
28	Kristina Diana	2	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
13	Alani Johnson	2	0	0	0	1	.000	1	1.000	0	0-0
3	Anissa Dadkhah	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
15	Ashley Meier	2	0	1	1	1	1.000	0	.000	0	0-0
17	Bria Dixon	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
19	Jordan Coburn	2	0	0	0	1	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
29	Caroline Kerns	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
26	Alia Abu El Hawa	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
25	Gracie DeGooyer	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
22	Morgan Conklin	2	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
14	Sydney Curtis	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
11	Jordyn Brock	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
9	Heather Timothy	2	0	1	1	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
2	Courtney Stutts	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0-0
<b>Total</b>		2	4	3	11	20	.200	8	.400	2	1-1
<b>Opponents</b>		2	2	1	5	32	.062	15	.469	0	0-0

<b>#</b>	<b>Goalie</b>	<b>GP</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>GA</b>	<b>GAAvg</b>	<b>Saves</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>W-L-T</b>	<b>Sho</b>
1	Kaylyn Smith	2	180:00	2	1.00	13	.867	2-0-0	0/0
<b>Total</b>		2	180:00	2	1.00	13	.867	2-0-0	0
<b>Opponents</b>		2	180:00	4	2.00	4	.500	0-2-0	0

<b>Goals by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Virginia Tech	2	2	4
Opponents	0	2	2

<b>Shots by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Virginia Tech	10	10	20
Opponents	15	17	32

<b>Saves by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Virginia Tech	4	9	13
Opponents	3	1	4

<b>Corners by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Virginia Tech	5	7	12
Opponents	2	3	5

<b>Fouls by Period</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>Total</b>
Virginia Tech	12	15	27
Opponents	10	5	15