

## Virginia Tech Women's Soccer

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### #3 North Carolina

Thompson Field

Blacksburg, Va.

September 19, 2015

7 p.m.



### 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

### Strategic Communications

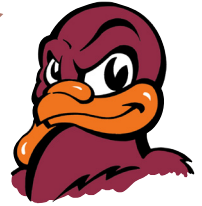
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# VIRGINIA TECH

## Women's Soccer

## HOKIE NOTES



### Entering Tonight's Match

The Hokies enter the match 8-0-1 overall ... North Carolina is 7-0-1 on the season ... Tech is ranked ninth in the NSCAA poll and eighth in the TopDrawerSoccer.com poll ... The Tar Heels are ranked third in both the NSCAA and TDS polls.

### Last Time Out: VT 2, Georgetown 1

The Hokies closed out the non-conference slate with a big, 2-1 victory at Georgetown on Sunday afternoon ... **Laila Gray** netted the game-winner in the 88th minute off a pass from **Kallie Peurifoy** ... **Candace Cephers** had gotten the Hokies on the board in the first half ... Tech finished the non-conference slate 8-0-1.

### Murielle is the Tops!

Virginia Tech junior forward, **Murielle Tiernan**, scored Tech's second goal of the Longwood match and in doing so, recorded her 30th career goal ... She now has 31 career goals ... That puts her alone in first place on the Virginia Tech all-time goals list ... She enters tonight's match in tied for the lead in career points, at 75, with former teammate Kelly Conheeneey.

### Ashley's Not Far Behind

Virginia Tech senior midfielder, **Ashley Meier**, scored her 28th career goal in Tech's win over Davidson ... That puts her alone in third place on the Virginia Tech all-time goals list ... She enters tonight's match in tied with former teammate Shannon Mayrose for fourth place in career points, with 67 ... Meier has 169 career shots, sixth place on Virginia Tech's all-time list.

### The Hokies vs. North Carolina

North Carolina leads the all-time series, 11-2 and has won the last three meetings ... UNC won the last meeting in Blacksburg, 2-1, in 2013 ... Tech is 2-4 in home games in the series and is 1-3 against the Tar Heels under **Chugger Adair** ... The Hokies are 2-9 in ACC games against UNC ... Tech is 46-77-15 all-time against schools currently in the ACC and 40-59-12 in ACC games.

### Chugging Right Along

Virginia Tech head coach, **Charles "Chugger" Adair**, is now in his fifth season in charge of the Hokies ... He has a 70-25-6 overall record (.723) and a 22-18-3 record in ACC competition (.547) ... A full bio is available on page 3 of this release.



Laila Gray



Murielle Tiernan



Ashley Meier



Chugger Adair

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## Murielle's Big Week

Junior **Murielle Tiernan** earned many accolades for her play during the season's first weekend of action 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.

## Statistical Housekeeping

In checking back on the game final from the win at VCU, Virginia Tech's **Murielle Tiernan** should have been awarded an assist on the goal by Laila Gray in the 66th minute of play ... Tiernan now has two assists on the season.

## On the List

**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 ... The MAC Hermann Award Trophy is the most prestigious individual award in NCAA soccer presented annually to one male and one female athlete.

## 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 remaining games.

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

## 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.

## Upon Further Review

In the win over JMU, the Hokies' second goal was originally credited to **Ashley Meier** ... The coaches reviewed the game film and it was obvious that the goal should be credited to **Murielle Tiernan**, with an assist to Meier ... The stats have been adjusted.

## On the Injury Front

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 ... Tech has also lost redshirt sophomore Jordyn Brock to a torn ACL, suffered in the win over UNC Greensboro ... She will miss the remainder of the season.



Kelsey Irwin

## 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.



Jordyn Brock

## 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 entered 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.



Candace Cephers

## 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.

## What's Up Next?

The Hokies play their first road ACC match of the season on Thursday night, as they travel to Raleigh to face NC State ... The match kicks off at 7 p.m. and will be broadcast by ESPN3.

## Representing the U.S.A.

Virginia Tech senior **Ashley Meier** spent a portion of her summer representing her country for US Soccer ... The U-23 Women's National Team came away with two wins and one draw in winning 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 65-25-6 overall record, good for a sterling .708 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



