

# Virginia Tech

*2000 Softball*



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## Softball

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### Quick Facts

Location .....	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded .....	1872
Enrollment .....	25,000
Colors .....	Chicago maroon & burnt orange
Nickname .....	Hokies
Conference .....	Atlantic 10
President .....	Charles W. Steger
Director of Athletics .....	Jim Weaver

### Softball Information

Home Field .....	Tech Softball Field (500)
Softball Coach .....	Scot Thomas (East Tennessee State, '91)
Record at Tech .....	126-111 (4 years)
Career Record .....	126-111 (4 years)
Assistant Coaches .....	Amy Hayes (Evansville, '92) Al Brauns (Penn State, '73)
1999 Record .....	54-16
1999 Atlantic 10 Record .....	14-2
1999 Atlantic 10 Finish .....	Second
Starters Returning/Lost .....	8/1
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### 2000 SCHEDULE

February	18-20	UNC/Triangle Classic @ Raleigh, N.C.	
	18	Ball State	Noon
		Youngstown State	4 p.m.
	19	UNC Greensboro	10 a.m.
	23	Radford (DH) @ Salem, Va.	4 p.m.
March	4-5	State Line Classic @ Bristol, Tenn.	
	4	Kentucky	2 p.m.
		Notre Dame	6 p.m.
	5	Tennessee	Noon
March	9-12	Speedline Invitational @ Tampa, Fla.	
	9	UT-Chattanooga	3 p.m.
		Florida	7 p.m.
	10	Florida Atlantic	Noon
		Boston	2 p.m.
	11	Michigan State	2 p.m.
March	17-19	Florida State Invitational @ Tallahassee, Fla.	
	17	Northern Iowa	10 a.m.
		Bethune-Cookman	Noon
		Maryland	6 p.m.
<b>March</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>George Mason (DH)</b>	<b>2 p.m.</b>
March	24-26	Georgia Tech Buzz Classic @ Atlanta, Ga.	
	24	Connecticut	1 p.m.
		Georgia State	6 p.m.
	25	Evansville	8:30 a.m.
		UNC Chapel Hill	12:30 p.m.
	29	at Marshall (DH)	3 p.m.
<b>Mar 30-Apr 2</b>		<b>Hudson-Hokie Classic @ Blacksburg, Va.</b>	
	<b>30</b>	<b>East Carolina</b>	<b>4 p.m.</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>Harvard</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>
		<b>Liberty</b>	<b>1:30 p.m.</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>Massachusetts (DH) *</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Rhode Island (DH) *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>Virginia (DH)</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
April	16	at Dayton (DH) *	1 p.m.
April	19	at Liberty (DH)	3 p.m.
April	22	at St. Joseph's (DH) *	1 p.m.
April	23	at Temple (DH) *	1 p.m.
<b>April</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>La Salle (DH) *</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Fordham (DH) *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>South Carolina (DH)</b>	<b>Noon</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>St. Bonaventure (DH) *</b>	<b>1 p.m.</b>
May	11-13	Bell Atlantic/Atlantic 10 Softball Championships @ Amherst, Mass.	TBA
May	20-23	NCAA Regionals	TBA
May	26-30	College World Series @ Oklahoma City, Okla.	TBA

\* Denotes Atlantic 10 Conference game

Home Games in **Bold**

Home Games played at Virginia Tech Softball Field

**On the front cover:** The original members of Coach Scot Thomas' first recruiting class. Clockwise from the top: third baseman Kara Krumhardt, first baseman Laura Flowers and second baseman Michelle Meadows. **On the back cover:** Senior shortstop Lauren Koelemay (top) and senior catcher Jaime Love.



# 2000 HOKIES

## Virginia Tech Softball Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Class	B-T	Exp.	Hometown/H.S./Other
1	Mary Gardner	OF	5-2	r-Fr.	L-R	HS	Richmond, Va./Freeman
2	Tiffany Hurt	OF	5-8	So.	R-R	1L	Madison, Va./Madison
3	Laura Flowers	1B	6-0	Sr.	R-R	HS	Silver Spring, Md./Springbrook
4	Nicole Strada	P	5-5	r-So.	R-R	HS	Wall, N.J./Wall
5	Mary Lowzinski	OF	5-7	Jr.	L-R	2L	Richmond, Va./Mills Godwin
6	Carmen Farmer	SS	6-0	Fr.	R-R	HS	Richmond, Va./Varina
7	Kelli Roznowski	OF	5-4	Fr.	R-R	HS	Yorktown, Va./York
8	Ashlee Dobbe	P/1B	6-1	So.	R-R	1L	N. Vancouver, B.C./Argyle Secondary
9	Clarisa Crowell	P/U	5-5	So.	R-R	1L	Waldorf, Md./McDonough
10	Bronwyn Blair	OF	5-5	Jr.	R-R	2L	Virginia Beach, Va./Salem
11	Michelle Meadows	2B	5-7	Sr.	R-R	3L	Richmond, Va./Monacan
12	Kara Krumhardt	3B	5-6	Sr.	R-R	3L	White Rock, B.C./Earl Marriott
13	Lauren Koelemay	SS/U	5-8	Sr.	R-R	2L	Springfield, Va./Thomas Jefferson/Iowa State
14	Jennifer Vantucci	OF	5-5	Fr.	R-R	HS	Jefferson, Md./Governor Thomas Johnson
15	Crystal Armes	OF/3B	5-6	Jr.	R-R	2L	Cedar Bluff, Va./Richlands
16	Heather Todd	2B	5-8	Fr.	R-R	HS	Purcellville, Va./Loudon Valley
17	Maura Green	C/3B	5-4	Fr.	R-R	HS	McLean, Va./Langley
18	Lisa Abbamonte	2B	5-4	Fr.	R-R	HS	Frederick, Md./Walkersville
19	April Ellenberger	C/IB	5-11	Fr.	R-R	HS	Chesapeake, Va./Deep Creek
20	Heather Terry	P	5-9	Fr.	R-R	HS	Willis Wharf, Va./Northhampton
21	Ali Verbage	OF	5-8	Jr.	R-R	2L	Huntington, W.Va./Huntington
22	Bethany Bird	C	5-8	So.	R-R	1L	Eugene, Ore./North Eugene
23	Jaime Love	C	5-8	Sr.	R-R	1L	Clayton, N.C./Clayton/Louisburg College
24	Michelle Whitaker	3B	4-11	Jr.	R-R	2L	Middleburg, Va./James W. Robinson

## Alphabetical Roster

18	Lisa Abbamonte
15	Crystal Armes
22	Bethany Bird
10	Bronwyn Blair
9	Clarisa Crowell
8	Ashlee Dobbe
19	April Ellenberger
6	Carmen Farmer
3	Laura Flowers
1	Mary Gardner
17	Maura Green
2	Tiffany Hurt
13	Lauren Koelemay
12	Kara Krumhardt
23	Jaime Love
5	Mary Lowzinski
11	Michelle Meadows
7	Kelli Roznowski
4	Nicole Strada
20	Heather Terry
16	Heather Todd
14	Jennifer Vantucci
21	Ali Verbage
24	Michelle Whitaker

Head Coach: Scot Thomas (East Tennessee State, 1991); Assistants: Amy Hayes (Evansville, 1992), Al Brauns (Penn State, 1973); Manager: Mattie Fuller; Trainer: Marianne Rubinberg; Sports Information: Bryan Johnston

## 2000 TRAVEL PLANS

### UNC/Triangle Classic

Depart Feb. 17, return Feb. 20  
Sleep Inn - Raleigh • (919) 755-6005

### Radford

Depart Feb. 23, return Feb. 23

### State Line Classic

Depart March 4, return March 5  
Hampton Inn • (423) 764-3600

### Speedline Classic

Depart for Jacksonville, Fla., on March 8  
Holiday Inn-N. Airport • (904) 741-4404  
Depart for Tampa, Fla., on March 9  
Days Inn-Busch Gardens Maingate  
(813) 933-6471

### Florida State Invitational

Depart Tampa, Fla., on March 15  
La Quinta • (850) 878-5099  
Return on March 19

### Georgia Tech Buzz

Depart March 23, return March 26  
Holiday Inn & Suites-Marietta  
(770) 952-7581

### Marshall

Depart March 29, return March 29

### Dayton

Depart April 15, return April 16  
Dayton Crowne Plaza • (937) 224-0800

### Liberty

Depart April 19, return April 19

### St. Joseph's and Temple

Depart April 21, return April 23  
Comfort Inn-Valley Forge  
(610) 962-0700

### Atlantic 10 Tournament

Travel dates and hotel accommodations are TBA.



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# THE OUTLOOK

## Hokies striving to 'live up to the expectations'

The 1999 Hokie softball team did what no one thought was possible. It went 54-16 and had the best season ever in the program's short history. But as Coach Scot Thomas said, "It's easier to exceed the unexpected than to live up to the expectations." This year's team will have high expectations and goals for the 2000 season. And why not? With all but one player back from last year's squad and some solid freshmen added to the mix, the Hokies are ready to make a run at the Atlantic 10 title and an NCAA postseason berth for the first time ever.

The 2000 team will warm up for its big showdown with A-10 power Massachusetts with a tough preseason schedule. The Hokies will play in six tournaments before conference play. The most challenging will be the Speedline Invitational, where Tech will play national powers Florida and Michigan State in the preliminaries.

"Playing good teams makes you better," Thomas said. "No one will say our schedule is weak. If we can survive through spring break, then we will know where we're going to be."

The infield will be one of the solid spots for the Hokies. Seniors **Laura Flowers**, **Kara Krumhardt** and **Michelle Meadows** form a tremendous base because of their profound knowledge of the system. Krumhardt was named the VaSID State Player of the Year after batting .343 with seven homeruns and 40 RBI in 1999. Meadows is a weapon at the plate as well, hitting .338 with 34 RBI last season. Flowers is one of the better-fielding first basemen around and hits for power at the plate. With the addition of freshman shortstop **Carmen Farmer**, the fielding should become stronger. Farmer will benefit from the experience she will receive this year, paving the way for a bright future.

Senior **Lauren Koelemay** has been riddled with injuries throughout her career, but as long as she stays healthy, she will battle for playing time at shortstop. Junior **Michelle Whitaker** has seen action at third base and will provide quality depth for the Hokies. One of the faster players on the team, she also will see action as a pinch runner. **Lisa Abbamonte**, **Maura Green** and **Heather Todd** are three freshmen who are striving to improve their game in an effort to increase their playing time.

The Hokies return three starters from last year's outfield. Junior **Ali Verbage**, sophomore **Tiffany Hurt**, and junior **Bronwyn Blair** combine to form one of the best outfields in the conference. Blair is a returning all-conference player and is a threat at the plate and in the field. Verbage is looking to return to the form of her phenomenal freshman year at the plate. If she does, she will be a major force this year. Hurt hit .220 last season with 22 RBI and gets a great jump on any ball hit her way. While three starters



*Junior Ali Verbage hopes to return to the level of play from her freshman year.*

return, five other players will be vying for playing time. Junior **Mary Lowzinski** is one of the top base-stealing threats and she is looking to increase her time in the field. Freshman **Mary Gardner** will add speed to the outfield and on the base path. Junior **Crystal Armes** is a player who can play in either the outfield or infield and adds quality depth. Two other freshmen, **Kelli Roznowski** and **Jennifer Vantucci**, will look to contribute when called upon.

"The outfield is stronger than it's ever been," Thomas said. "We have the ability to run down balls and have strong arms out there, so we'll save a lot of runs."

One of the biggest surprises of last season was the pitching of sophomores **Ashlee Dobbe** and **Clarisa Crowell**, who combined to finish third in the nation in ERA. Dobbe broke numerous Tech pitching records in posting a 29-8 record with an ERA of just 0.92. Crowell is a tenacious competitor who posted a 25-8 record last year with an ERA of 1.05. The two combine to form one of the best duos in collegiate softball.

"These two players need to continue pitching the way they did last year. You can't ask much more from them. They step up consistently to competition. We need to give them more hits and runs to make their jobs easier."

Newcomers **Nicole Strada** and **Heather Terry** will look to give the Hokies quality innings in relief.

Another strong spot for Tech is its catchers, as two veterans return. Senior **Jaime Love** and sophomore **Bethany Bird** will split time at the starting position. Coach Thomas says they both know the system well and they complement the pitchers. Love hit .231 with eight doubles last season while Bird committed just two errors in 236 chances. With experience, freshman **April Ellenberger** could see time at either the catcher or first base positions.

Coach Thomas believes this will be the toughest year in the A-10 because of the parity among the teams. Massachusetts will once again be at the top of the league, but lost All-American pitcher Danielle Henderson. Temple, St. Joseph's, St. Bonaventure and La Salle will all be much improved this season. Thomas believes if all the pieces fall into place, then the Hokies could earn their first conference title ever.

Leadership is the key to a successful season. Flowers, Krumhardt and Meadows all bring a wealth of experience and talent. They have been the backbone of the program and will be looked upon to lead the team this year.

"These three must have the same fire and desire that they came with to lead the team. They must show the team the way to a championship."



*Sophomore pitcher Ashlee Dobbe is expected to lead the Hokie pitching staff again this season.*

# THE COACHES



## SCOT THOMAS

Head Coach • Fifth Year • 126-111 • ETSU, '91



Coach Scot Thomas has Virginia Tech softball on the move. A noted recruiter and strategist, Thomas has positioned Virginia Tech softball as one of the top programs in the nation. Thomas became Tech's first head softball coach when he was hired on July 7, 1995.

In his first season, he led a team of non-scholarship athletes to a respectable 16-32 record, a total not indicative of the progress made in just one season. An all-conference player, a two-hit shutout and an eight-game winning streak were just some of the highlights of the 1996 season.

Melissa Sanderson finished the season ranked eighth in the nation in triples, with eight, on her way to becoming Tech's first All-Atlantic 10 player. Tina Diamond pitched a two-hitter to record the school's first shutout in a 4-0 win over Cornell.

In 1997, Thomas' squad batted nearly .300 for the season, placed two players on the Atlantic 10 first-team All-Conference and won eight more games than during the inaugural season. In its second season, Thomas led the softball team to a 24-32 record and a fifth-place finish in the conference, just two games shy of the four-team league tournament. His first recruited class produced a solid foundation. Freshman shortstop Michelle Meadows and junior college transfer catcher Jennifer McKibben shattered almost every single-season school record and found themselves as members of the All-Atlantic 10 first team. Meadows also became Tech's first softball player named to the ECAC All-State team.

The 1998 season came to be one of the most decorated in Tech softball history. With an extremely young squad the Hokies posted the first winning season ever, with a 32-31 record, a second-place finish in the Atlantic 10, two players on the A-10 All-Conference team, two GTE Academic All-Americans, and freshman Ali Verbage was named A-10 Rookie of the Year and an All-Southeast Region All-American. In total, the Hokies received over 25 academic and athletic awards.

The 1999 season is one that will stand out in Tech history forever. The Hokies finished a spectacular regular season ranked 25th in the nation with a 54-16 record. In just its fourth year as a varsity sport, the team placed second at the A-10 tournament, falling to UMass for the second year in a row. The Hokies' hopes for a regional



Coach Scot Thomas with his wife, Carolyn, and their son, Andrew Scot.

at-large bid were denied, but they did receive the national attention they had been working for.

Early games against No. 3 Washington, No. 4 Michigan and No. 20 Florida helped put the Hokies in the driver's seat for the majority of the season. Big wins came over Michigan, Kansas, Tennessee and UVa. They finished the year undefeated at home and 14-2 in A-10 play, losing only to UMass. The Hokies had the third longest winning streak in the nation at 26, and at one point won 35 of 36 games.

Two stellar freshmen pitched every game for the Hokies and combined for a team ERA of 1.03, finishing third best in the country. A-10 Rookie of the Year, All-Conference and Southeast All-Region All-American pitcher Ashlee Dobbe and A-10 All-Conference and All-Tournament pitcher/utility player Clarisa Crowell, put up impressive numbers all season and combined for 33 shutouts.

Two seasoned juniors led the Hokies' offense. All-Conference, All-Tournament, GTE District III Academic All-American and Virginia State Player of the Year Kara Krumhardt and GTE National First-Team Academic All-American Michelle Meadows each finished the season hitting over .335. Sophomore all-conference outfielder Bronwyn Blair and freshman outfielder Tiffany Hurt received A-10 all-tournament awards. Thomas was voted the A-10 and Virginia Sports Information Director's Coach of the Year for the first time.

Thomas graduated from East Tennessee State University in 1991 with a bachelor's in physical education. He is on the Louisville Slugger advisory staff for the fifth straight year.

A native of Blacksburg, Thomas graduated from Blacksburg High School where he was a member of the football and baseball teams.

Thomas is married to the former Carolyn Croy, a Tech graduate from Blacksburg. She is employed as a third-grade teacher at Gilbert Linkous Elementary school. The couple has a son, Andrew Scot, who turned two in December.



Scot Thomas is congratulated by Tech A.D. Jim Weaver after being named the A-10 Coach of the Year.



## AMY HAYES

Assistant Coach • Third Year • Evansville, '92



Former collegiate standout Amy Hayes begins her third season as the Hokies' assistant coach. Her responsibilities include working with the pitchers, as well as recruiting and conditioning.

Under her tutelage, freshman pitchers Ashlee Dobbe and Clarisa Crowell blossomed, combining for a 54-16 record and an ERA of just 0.99. The staff had an ERA of 1.03, third best in the country, and has improved every year.

Hayes came to Tech after serving as the assistant softball coach at Bradley University. At Bradley, she served as pitching coach and coordinated recruiting, conditioning and the overall academics of the Braves' softball team.

While in Peoria, Ill., Hayes also served as a coach/player on the Decatur Twister, a women's Amateur Softball Association major softball team and as a pitching and hitting instructor for the YMCA.

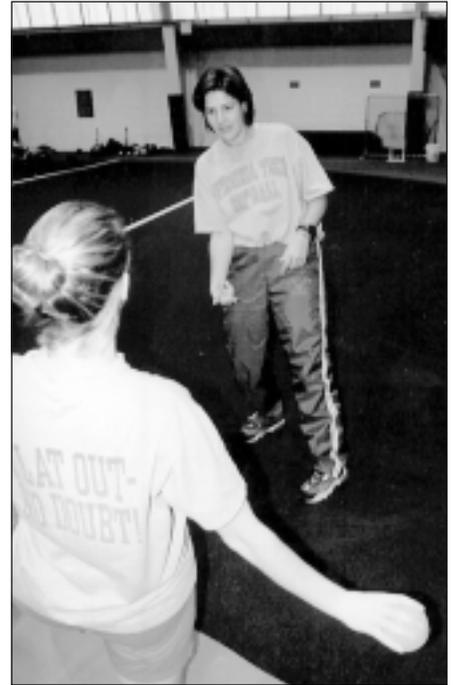
Prior to her time at Bradley, Hayes was the head softball coach at Maroa-Forsyth High School in Maroa, Ill., in 1994 and was assistant softball coach at the University of Evansville in 1993.

She also played for the Decatur Sting/Decatur Lady

Pride women's ASA major softball team from 1989-94 and helped lead them to a third-place finish at the national tournament in 1994.

Hayes also played a season of softball in New Zealand, where she received the top pitching award at New Zealand Club Nationals.

Hayes attended the University of Evansville where she was a four-year starter and guided the Aces to a third-place finish in the Mid-Western Collegiate Conference during her senior year. She also served as co-captain and was named to the MCC All-Conference team in her final season. She earned a bachelor's in sociology from there as well.



## AL BRAUNS

Assistant Coach • Second Year • Penn State, '73



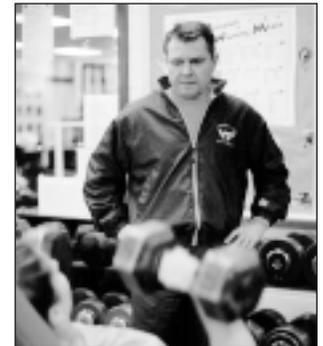
Al Brauns begins his second year as an assistant for the Hokies. His responsibilities include working with the outfielders, field maintenance, equipment and recruiting. Brauns is a familiar face to Hokie sports, holding a position with the athletic department for three years prior to joining the softball staff.

Under his direction a year ago, the trio of Ali Verbage, Bronwyn Blair and Tiffany Hurt (three returning players on this year's squad) combined for a fielding percentage of .949. The three committed

just eight errors in 157 chances.

Brauns started playing fastpitch in the 1960s and finished his career playing with a men's major team from 1970-74. He is originally from Uniontown, Pa., and graduated from Penn State in 1973 with a degree in criminology.

Coach Brauns and his wife, Michelle, have one child, Adam, the Hokies' batboy, who is seven. Brauns also has two other sons, Eric, 30 and Jason, 24. He has two grandchildren, Alaina and Allison.



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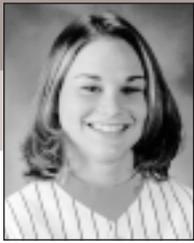
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Hokie Softball



# #15 Crystal Armes



OF/3B • 5-6 • Junior • R-R • Cedar Bluff, Va.

A solid competitor who played in 29 games

as both a true freshman and as a sophomore last season ... One of the hardest workers on the team ... A quality role-player who can step in at any outfield or infield position without any problems ... Can be used in any situation ... Will also pinch-hit frequently.

**1999:** Competed in 29 games for the Hokies, starting 15 ... Improved her batting average from her freshman season, raising it to .218 ... Had 12 hits, including four doubles in 55 at-bats ... Also had two home runs and drove in four runs on the season ... Had her best game against Florida A&M, going 3-for-4 with a home run, a double, an RBI and two runs scored ... Also went 1-for-3 in an Atlantic 10 Conference tournament game against Dayton ... In that game, she hit her other home run, a solo shot.

**1998:** Played in a total of 29 games, starting 24 of them ... Hit .203 for the season and drove in 13 runs ... Had eight doubles ... Went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a home run in the win against La Salle ... Drove in three runs against UNC Charlotte ... Had two RBI in games against St. Joseph's and North Carolina A&T ... Had a slugging percentage of .375.

**High School:** Three-time first-team all-state honoree at Richlands High School for Coach Rhonda Blevins ... Led her school to two Virginia State AA championships ... Played primarily third base in high school ... Named 1997 Southwest District Player of the Year ...

Was chosen to play on the World Sport International Tours team in Holland ... Named a Louisville Slugger All-American her junior year ... Also excelled in volleyball and basketball, earning two letters as a setter in volleyball and three letters as a point guard in basketball ... Earned second-team all-state honors in basketball and was listed as one of the Top 25 players in Virginia by *USA Today* ... Tallied all-district and all-region honors in softball, basketball and volleyball.

**Personal:** Crystal Gale Armes ... Born June 8, 1979 ... Daughter of Tommy and Gaynell Armes ... Became engaged in December to Nick Joyce ... Majoring in human services and health/physical education.



### Crystal's Personality Profile

**My favorite quotation is:** "One can never consent to creep when one feels an impulse to soar," Helen Keller; **I'd describe my hometown as:** Blacksburg minus Virginia Tech; **My most embarrassing softball moment was:** trying to catch a foul ball near the fence but I missed it and it hit me in the head; **My goal in life is:** to have a positive influence on the lives of youngsters; **Four famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Tom Hanks, Robin Williams, Larry Bird and Rosie O'Donnell; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** an administrator in the public school system; **The most important thing to have is:** family; **I'd describe a Hokie as:** a big gobbler with an attitude; **If I could change an event in history, I'd choose:** the invention of the atomic bomb; **On a rainy day, I'd:** sleep as much as possible; **The place I'd like to visit most is:** Australia; **My superstitions are:** rolling my sleeves up before stepping up to the plate and always putting my left shoe on first.

### Crystal's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	29	64	9	13	8	0	1	13	.203	0-0	5	26	19	2	4	.840
1999	29	55	6	12	4	0	2	4	.218	0-0	4	9	7	4	2	.846
Totals	58	119	15	25	12	0	3	17	.210	0-0	9	35	26	6	6	.842



# #22 Bethany Bird



C • 5-8 • Sophomore • R-R • Eugene, Ore.



A tough individual who will split time at the starting catcher spot ... Continues to improve her game ... Has matured since last season ... Looking for her bat to come around this season ... Handles the pitchers well ... Calls a good game from behind the plate ... Does a good job of keeping the ball in front of her ... Possesses a great arm ... Has the ability to step up and answer the challenge.

**1999:** Had a solid season as a true freshman for the Hokies ... Played in 34 games, starting 33 ... Had 10 hits in 56 at-bats for an average of .179 ... Hit two doubles and drove in five runs on the year ... Had 214 putouts from her catcher position ... Had her best game at the plate against Georgia Tech, going 2-for-4 with two runs scored and one RBI ... Had a career-high 13 putouts in a game against Liberty ... Recorded double-digit putout totals in eight games ... Had a fielding percentage of .992, committing just two errors all year.

**High School:** Hit .304 as a senior at North Eugene High School ... A four-year letterwinner at catcher ... Was a second-team all-state catcher as a junior ... A three-year all-league honoree, including first-team honors as a senior ... Played for the Oregon Fillies summer team which won five straight state

championships ... That team finished fifth in the nation in 1996 and seventh in 1998.

**Personal:** Bethany Ann Bird ... Born August 9, 1980 ... Daughter of Robert and Victoria Bird ... Majoring in business.

### Beth's Personality Profile

**My favorite quotation is:** "The past is history, the future is a mystery. Today is a gift; that's why it's called the present."; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** Italy; **The place I'd choose to live if I could live anywhere is:** Denver, Colorado; **I like to collect:** shoes; **If I could switch places with one person for a day, I'd choose:** Jennifer Lopez; **If I could change an event in history, I'd choose:** the Holocaust; **Few people know that:** I am from Oregon; **My goal in life is:** to be happy and successful in whatever I do; **I model myself after:** my parents; **My superstition is:** I will never step in fair play on the field before a certain point in pre-game warm-up; **The best event I ever attended was:** a Seattle Mariners/New York Yankees game in Seattle when they got in a brawl; **Four famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Derek Jeter, Adam Sandler, Julia Roberts and Michael Jordan; **My most memorable childhood moment was:** when I had heart surgery; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** either working in a big city making lots of money or staying at home being a housewife and mom.

### Beth's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1999	34	56	3	10	2	0	2	4	.179	0-0	4	9	7	4	2	.846



# #10 Bronwyn Blair



OF • 5-5 • Junior • R-R • Virginia Beach, Va.

An outstanding all-around athlete who will be an anchor in the outfield ... Former walk-on ... Will start the season in the lead-off spot ... Tremendous outfielder with great instincts ... One of the best overall athletes on the team ... Expected to do big things this year ... Will be a key to the Hokies' success this season ... Willing to do whatever it takes to help the team ... The coaching staff has complete confidence in her ability.

**1999:** A mainstay in the Tech outfield ... Started 66 of the Hokies' 70 games ... Played in 67 games ... Hit .260 at the plate ... Had 58 hits in 223 at-bats ... Recorded seven doubles, three triples and a home run ... Drove in 24 runs ... Committed just four errors in 68 chances for a fielding percentage of .944 ... Went 2-for-2 with one run scored in a game against East Carolina ... Went 2-for-4 with two RBI and two runs scored in a game vs. Delaware ... Went 3-for-4 with a triple, one RBI and one run scored vs. Rhode Island on May 1 ... Recorded lone home run on the season

vs. St. Bonaventure on April 24 ... Went 3-for-5 in that game with one RBI and two runs scored ... Had a season-high four putouts in a game vs. Florida Atlantic ... One of the Hokies' top base stealers ... Was successful on 10 of 14 stolen-base attempts ... Was named to the Atlantic 10 Softball All-Conference Team.

**1998:** Enjoyed an outstanding debut with the Hokies ... Played in all 63 games and started 62 ... Most of her playing time came in center field but she also appeared 11 times in the circle ... Finished third on the team with a .330 average and led the Hokies in doubles with 14 and stolen bases with 17 ... Also had four home runs, two triples and drove in 24 runs ... Had an on-base percentage of .373 as Tech's leadoff hitter ... Had 18 multiple-hit games ... Had a .955 fielding percentage ... Drove in four runs against St. Bonaventure ... Had a home run in three straight games ... Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team ... Suffered a torn ACL in the Atlantic 10 championship game ... Also named to the VaSID Division I All-State Team ... Went 1-3 as a

pitcher with a 2.29 ERA ... Earned a victory against Georgia State, giving up just one run in the game ... Most of her time in the circle was in relief.

**High School:** Attended Salem High School where she was named Virginia's AAA Player of the Year ... A four-year letterwinner in softball for Coach Larry Bowman ... Was an outstanding pitcher for Salem High ... Four-time all-district and all-region honoree ... Earned first-team all-state honors as a senior ... Named captain for the AAA all-state team ... Received the Metropolitan Scholastic Softball Player award by the Norfolk Sports Club in 1995 and 1997 ... Also earned four letters in volleyball and three letters in basketball ... Three-time all-district and all-region honoree in volleyball.

**Personal:** Bronwyn Leigh Blair ... Born July 17, 1979 ... Daughter of James and Barbara Blair ... Majoring in psychology.



## Bronwyn's Personality Profile

**I came to Tech because:** I loved the family atmosphere it presented and it's so beautiful here.; **The best part of my game:** depends on what kind of day I'm having; **On a rainy day, I'd:** sleep in as late as possible, rent a movie and hang out with my friends; **The most important things in life to have are:** family, friends and a good sense of humor; **My favorite quotation is:** "Everything happens for a reason"; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a tourist spot. Everything depends on the tourists in the summer; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** Australia because I was born there and would like to go back to see what it is like; **Few people know that I:** am in a sorority; **My advice to youngsters is:** never give up and go after your goal; **My superstition is:** to braid my hair before every game; **My goal in life is:** to be happy and successful at whatever I do; **I model myself after:** my parents and grandparents because they taught me well; **When people meet me, the last thing they think:** is that I am a softball player or an athlete.

## Bronwyn's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	63	203	42	67	14	2	4	24	.330	17-19	10	17	85	21	5	.955
1999	67	223	34	58	7	3	1	24	.260	10-14	6	33	64	4	4	.944
Totals	130	426	76	125	21	5	5	48	.293	27-33	16	50	149	25	9	.951



# #9 Clarisa Crowell



P/U • 5-5 • Sophomore • R-R • Waldorf, Md.

Coming off a superb freshman campaign ... Looking to have another excellent year as a sophomore ...

Phenomenal player ... One of the fiercest competitors on the team ... Gives her very best every time ... Smart player ... Tremendous base runner ... Looking to have more positive at bats this season ... Will play in the outfield when not pitching.

**1999:** Teamed with Ashlee Dobbe to form one of the deadliest pitching rotations in the nation ... Had a sensational freshman campaign, putting up some of the best single-season numbers in Tech history ... Went 25-8 ... Had an ERA of just 1.05 ... Gave up 34 earned runs in 225.2 innings pitched ... Pitched 24 complete games ... Struck out 209 opposing batters while giving up just 46 walks ... Opposing hitters had a batting average of .188 against her ... Threw three no-hitters on the year ... No-hit Boston College (3/27/99) ... Threw back-to-back no-hitters against La Salle (4/18/99) and UNC Greensboro (4/21/99) ... Had a career-high 14 strikeouts against Liberty on March 24 ... Also very productive at the plate, batting .270 on the year ... Had nine doubles, two triples and two home runs on the season ... Drove in 24 runs ... Went 3-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored against Delaware ... Had a career-high three RBI in games vs. Radford and Fordham ... Hit home runs in contests vs. Radford and Fordham ... Spent the summer playing for the Southern Maryland Dynasty ASA 18-and-under team ... Selected for an all-star team that won the Big League World Series in Kalamazoo, Mich. ... Team became the first to win the World Series three years in a row ... Was named to the VaSID All-State Softball Team ... Also named to the Atlantic 10 Softball All-Conference Team ... Chosen for the A-10 All-Championship Team for her play in the conference postseason tournament.

**High School:** Played at McDonough High School where she helped lead her team to four state championships ... Named *The Washington Post* Player of the Year as a junior and senior in high school ... Finished the final two years of her prep career with a 28-0 record ... Struck out 371 batters and had a 0.28 ERA in those two years ... Hit .518 in 1997 with 14 shutouts, seven no-hitters and two perfect games ... Threw a perfect game in the 1997 state championship game ... Was a two-time all-conference player of the year as well as all-county player of the year ... A two-time South Region All-American ... Her summer team, the Maryland District 7, won two Big League World Series national championships ... Also a standout setter in volleyball ... Earned four letters ... All-county player of the year her senior year ... Earned two letters in basketball.

**Personal:** Clarisa Kuulei Aloma Crowell ... Born November 20, 1980 ... Daughter of Richard and Lori Crowell ... Credits her parents for where she is today ... Enrolled in university studies.



### Clarisa's Personality Profile

**If I could switch places with one person for a day, I'd choose:** my 6-year-old brother, Connor, just to feel what it's like to be that young again and not have a worry in the world; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** Jamaica; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** living a happy life somewhere in the hot sun and out of the cold; **My most memorable childhood experience was:** spending the holidays with my entire family back home in Hawaii; **My favorite quotation is:** "To the world you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world."; **Three famous people I'd like to invite to dinner are:** "Stone Cold" Steve Austin, Will Smith and Goldberg; **The best trip I've ever taken was:** to Oklahoma City with my summer softball team; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a town where everybody knows your name; **The most important things in life are:** to be happy and to live life to its fullest; **If I could change an event in history, I'd choose:** the deaths of my grandparents because I didn't have the opportunity to spend time with them. I would at least liked to have had the opportunity to tell them I loved them; **My advice to youngsters is:** don't be afraid to step up and face any challenge that life throws at you.

### Clarisa's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.	
1999	70	204	36	55	9	2	2	24	.270	2-5	15	12	47	113	6	.964	
Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HBP
1999	1.05	25-8	35	26	24	0	225.2	155	50	34	46	209	23	3	6	11	6



# #8 Ashlee Dobbe



P/1B • 6-1 • Sophomore • R-R • North Vancouver, B.C.



Broke numerous school records in compiling a 29-9 record as a true freshman ... Combines with teammate Clarisa Crowell to form one of the best pitching duos in collegiate softball ... Looks to pick up where she left off last season ... A great athlete who fields her position very well ... Has to be the "go-to" pitcher this year for the Hokies ... Has good ball control and throws hard ... Tremendous work ethic.

**1999:** Appeared in 46 games on the mound, starting 44 ... Threw 34 complete games and 17 shutouts ... Had an ERA of 0.92 ... Threw a school-record six no-hitters throughout the season ... Broke more than a dozen Virginia Tech individual pitching records including starts (44), complete games (34), innings pitched (251.0), ERA (0.92), won-lost percentage (.784), strikeouts in a game (17), strikeouts in a season (289), wins (29) and shutouts (17) ... No-hit Ohio University (2/28/99), Evansville (3/6/99), Loyola-Chicago (3/7/99), Florida A&M (3/10/99), Georgia State (3/13/99) and Brown (3/26/99 and 4/2/99) ... No-hitters against Ohio, Evansville, Florida A&M, Georgia State and the second Brown game were perfect games ... Recorded a school-record 17 strikeouts in an eight-inning game against St. Bonaventure on April 24 ... Recorded 10 or more strikeouts in 12 games ... Gave up just four home runs on the year ... Struck out 289 batters in 251.0 innings pitched ... Had one home run and two RBI at the plate ... Was named the Atlantic 10 Conference Rookie of the Year ... Also made the A-10 Softball All-Conference Team ... Voted to the Virginia State Sports Information Director's All-State Team ... Named to the Southeast All-Region Second Team ... Traveled to Taiwan with the Canadian Junior National Team to participate in the Junior World Tournament.

**High School:** Came to Tech from Argyle Secondary School ... Played summer softball for the White Rock Renegades ... Was named team's most valuable player in her final season ... Also a standout in volleyball and basketball.

**Personal:** Ashlee Michelle Dobbe ... Born July 23, 1980 ... Daughter of Chris and Cindy Dobbe ... Majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise with an emphasis on sports medicine.

### Ashlee's Personality Profile

**When people meet me, they think:** wow, you're tall!; **My goal in life is:** to be a powerful authority figure; **Few people know that I:** am a foreigner; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** a successful doctor; **My favorite quotation is:** "Your attitude about who you are and what you have is a very little thing that makes a very big difference." Theodore Roosevelt; **I'd describe my hometown as:** sea to sky country. It's beautiful; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** Switzerland for some great skiing; **The place I'd choose to live if I could live anywhere would be:** Savannah, Georgia; **The part of my game that needs the most improvement is:** pitching ahead in the count; **If I could change one event in history, I'd choose:** to change my relationship with my sister; **Three famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Michael Jordan, Gabriel Reece and Will Smith; **My superstitions are:** wiping out the back of the pitching circle and having Coach Hayes pick up the ball for me every inning; **My most memorable sports moment was:** pitching to Dot Richardson and Lisa Fernandez.



Ashlee poses with Virginia Tech Athletics Director Jim Weaver after winning the A-10 Rookie of the Year Award last year.

### Ashlee's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.	
1999	3	7	1	1	0	0	1	2	.143	0-0	0	2	5	54	3	.952	
Year	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	WP	HBP
1999	0.92	29-8	46	44	34	0	251.0	124	51	33	120	289	15	3	4	21	6



# #3 Laura Flowers



1B • 6-0 • Senior • R-R • Silver Spring, Md.

Returning starter at first base for the Hokies ... Member of Coach Scot Thomas' original recruiting class ... Outstanding hitter

who hits for power ... One of the best defensive first basemen in the game ... Had a tremendous junior year ... Wants to finish her career on a strong note ... Coming off an excellent fall season ... Hit the ball well in the preseason tournaments ... Has a good eye at the plate.

**1999:** One of only two players to start all 70 games for the Hokies ... Hit .211 at the plate with nine doubles and a career-high six homeruns ... Had 25 RBI on the year ... Had a team-high 448 putouts ... Committed just five errors in 475 chances for a fielding percentage of .989 ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored in the Hokies' upset over nationally-ranked Michigan ... Had two doubles and two RBI in a game vs. Delaware ... Went 2-for-3 with a home run, three runs scored and a career-high four RBI in a game against Brown on April 2 ... Recorded a season-high 15 putouts in Tech's win over Elon on March 19.

**1998:** Played in 62 games at first base ... Hit .301 on the season with eight doubles, one home run and 25 RBI ... Had a fielding percentage of .961 ... Went 3-for-3 with three RBI and a home run in the win over Yale ... Went 4-for-4 with two doubles and RBI against North Carolina A&T ... Had three hits against Saint Louis, Coastal Carolina and La Salle ... Had 10 multiple-hit games ... Walked 23 times on the season ... Produced 15 multiple-hit games ... Had 461 putouts on the year, a school record for a season.

**1997:** Tech's starting first baseman for 46 games ... Missed some starts due to a sprained ankle ... Hit .288 during this true-freshman season with 11 doubles and 11 RBI ... Had three hits in games versus Radford and Winthrop ... Also had two runs scored and drove in two runs against Winthrop ... Went 2-for-4 with two RBI in Ft. Myers Tournament in win over Grand Valley ... Produced 15 double-digit putout games, including a school-record 17 putouts at St. Bonaventure ... Drilled two doubles in series against A-10 foes Rhode Island and SBU ... Hit a perfect 3-for-3 in win over Temple ... Recorded 12 multiple-hit games ... Had 380 putouts ... Named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State First Team.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner for Coach John Haberman at Springbrook High School ... Hit .460 with 24 RBI and seven extra-base hits in 63 at-bats for a .683 slugging percentage ... Scored a team-high 27 runs and posted a .965 fielding percentage ... Garnered unanimous first-team all-county honors after her junior and senior seasons ... Regional player of the year selection in 1996 after being a runner-up in the three previous years ... Named all-metropolitan second-team in 1996 ... Served as a member of the Maryland Junior Olympics team ... Also a star center/forward on Coach Steve Disarski's basketball team.

**Personal:** Laura Elizabeth Flowers ... Born April 15, 1978 ... Daughter of Mary Devereaux and John Flowers ... Majoring in animal science ... Has applied for entrance to veterinary school for the Fall 2000 semester.



### Laura's Personality Profile

**My favorite quotation is:** "I have spread my dreams under your feet; Tread softly because you tread on my dreams," W.B. Yeats; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** a practicing veterinarian; **My goal in life is:** to be happy; **Four famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Oprah Winfrey, Tom Hanks, Robin Williams and Hillary Rodham Clinton; **The best trip I've ever taken was:** to British Columbia, Canada; **If I were to change anything about athletics, it would be:** long bus trips; **My craziest ambition is to:** sky dive; **My description of a Hokie is:** a ruthless competitor; **If I could switch places with one person for a day, I'd choose:** Michelle "Shorty" Whitaker so I could see the world from a different perspective; **When I get away from softball, I:** play with animals at the Humane Society; **If I could change one event in history, I'd choose:** the Holocaust; **My advice to youngsters is:** to complete your education because sports are not a guarantee, but knowledge is power.

### Laura's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1997	46	139	15	40	11	0	0	11	.288	0-0	5	24	380	31	7	.983
1998	62	163	27	49	8	0	1	25	.301	1-1	23	29	461	17	7	.986
1999	70	190	22	40	9	0	6	25	.211	0-0	21	44	448	22	5	.989
Totals	178	492	64	139	28	0	7	61	.283	1-1	49	97	1289	70	19	.986



# #2 Tiffany Hurt



OF • 5-8 • Sophomore • R-R • Madison, Va.



Coming off a great fall with the Hokies ... Very strong and fast athlete ... Called the "prototype softball player" by Coach Scot Thomas ... One of the better athletes on the team ... Has worked extremely hard in the off season ... Could be a key for the Hokies ... Will probably bat in the No. 9 spot this year ... Could be one of the best No. 9 hitters in the region ... Has good power ... Gets the best jump on a ball of any of the Tech outfielders ... Can get to any ball hit ... Will be a mainstay in left field ... Should see a lot of playing time this year for the Hokies.

**1999:** Played in 56 games for the Hokies, starting 54 of them ... Batted .220 at the plate ... Scored 17 runs and had 28 hits on the season ... Of the 28 hits, 13 were doubles and two were home runs ... Had 21 RBI in 127 at-bats ... Drew nine walks ... Was 5-of-7 on stolen-base attempts ... Had a hit in 24 of the games she played in ... Went 2-for-3 with an RBI in the second game of the season against Georgia Tech ... Hit her home runs in games against Siena (4/3/99) and Tennessee (4/14/99) ... Went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI against Brown on March 26 ... Went 2-for-2 with two doubles, a run scored and four RBI against Radford on April 6 ... Had 52 putouts from her rightfield position ... Recorded one assist ... Committed four errors in 57 chances ... Had a fielding percentage of .930 ... Had three sacrifice bunts and four sacrifice flies on the season ... Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team for her play in the conference postseason tournament ... Went 2-for-3 in the opening game against St. Joseph's ... Followed that game up with a 1-for-3 performance in the victory over Dayton ... Had a big game against St. Joseph's later that day, going 1-for-2 with a run scored and an RBI ... Lone hit was a big double to help propel the Hokies to the championship game.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Madison High School for coach Julie Smith ... Earned all-state honors her junior and senior seasons ... Also a three-time all-district and all-region performer ... Her team captured a state title during her freshman season ... Earned three varsity letters in basketball and volleyball ... Made the all-state team twice in basketball.

**Personal:** Tiffany Danyelle Hurt ... Born February 26, 1980 ... Daughter of Jerry and Tanya Hurt ... Majoring in human services.

### Tiffany's Personality Profile

**My goal in life is:** to be happy no matter where I am, who I am with or what I am doing; **I model myself after:** my mother; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** living in Virginia in my own home with my husband and kids with a successful job as a social worker; **My most memorable sports moment was:** winning the state championship my freshman year of high school; **My favorite quotation is:** "To be or not to be, that is the question."; **I'd describe my hometown as:** *Varsity Blues*-like. It's a little town crazy over football; **Few people know that I:** still sleep with my favorite "silky" blanket; **My most embarrassing softball moment was:** overthrowing third base from the outfield. The ball went over the fence, on top of a hill and the runner advanced to home; **I like to collect:** Beanie Babies; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** Hawaii; **The place I would choose to live if I could live anywhere is:** on the beach; **My description of a Hokie is:** a big, fighting gobbler; **If I could change an event in history, I'd choose:** the Oklahoma City bombing; **The color that describes me most and why is:** yellow like the sun. I am usually cheerful, excited and happy; **The most important thing in life to have is:** family; **My crazy ambition is:** to visit outer space; **On a rainy day, I'd:** sleep all day and drink hot chocolate; **My favorite non-softball event at Tech to attend is:** women's basketball.

### Tiffany's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1999	56	127	17	28	13	0	2	21	.220	5-7	9	24	52	1	4	.930



# #13 Lauren Koelemay



SS • 5-8 • Senior • R-R • Springfield, Va.



Has tremendous knowledge of the game ... Will battle for time at shortstop as long as she is healthy ... Has been riddled with injuries while at Tech ... Had back surgery in Oct., 1998 ... Had to have surgery on a broken nose in May 1999 ... Missed fall practice because of a re-injury to her back ... Scheduled to have a second nose surgery this spring ... Is needed to be a leader if she can't play.

**1999:** Saw action in 51 games, starting 50 ... Had a .246 batting average in 114 at-bats ... Had 28 hits and scored 23 runs on the season ... Tallied two doubles ... Drove in seven runs ... Drew 17 walks, third-best on the team ... Stole two bases in as many attempts ... Had 55 putouts and 78 assists, committing 14 errors ... Had a .905 fielding percentage ... Had a hit in four of the Hokies' first five games ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a run scored in a game against Ohio University ... Had a double and drew a walk in that game ... Followed that up with a 2-for-2 performance with two runs scored against Delaware ... Against Georgia Tech, went 3-for-4 with two runs scored ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored against Fordham on April 17.

**1998:** Played a total of 50 games for the Hokies ... Hit .191 on the season ... Had three doubles and nine RBI ... Went 3-for-3 with an RBI in the win over St. John's ... Had two hits and drove in three runs in Tech's win over Georgia State ... Had two hits and an RBI against North Carolina A&T ... Stole two bases on the year ... Had seven assists against La Salle and St. Joseph's ... Posted 107 assists and 63 putouts.

**1997:** Played in 22 games and started 10 at Iowa State ... Tallied two hits in 25 at-bats with two runs batted in ... Had a .923 fielding percentage ... Earned honorable-mention academic All-Big XII honors.

**High School:** Received all-region, all-district and all-state honors while at Thomas Jefferson High School ... Also earned All-Metropolitan Area honorable-mention accolades her senior year ... Led her team to the district championship her freshman and sophomore years ... Tallied a .386 batting average, collecting 27 hits and 14 RBI her senior year ... Member of the Shamrock ASA team for three years ... Squad recorded the best record in the team's history (76-5) and placed fourth at the ASA National Tournament in 1995 ... Team placed second at the 1996 Hall of Fame Tournament in Oklahoma in 1996 ... Also competed in cross country and track ... Captained her softball team for two years under coach Teri Davis.

**Personal:** Lauren Hudson Koelemay ... Born June 7, 1978 ... Daughter of Carol and J. Douglas Koelemay ... Majoring in graphic design.

## Lauren's Personality Profile

**My craziest ambition is:** to join the Peace Corps; **I like to collect:** picture frames and candles; **My favorite quotation is:** "A setback marks the beginning of a comeback."; **Few people know that I:** was born in Bridgetown, Barbados; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** living on the west coast or overseas; **My advice to youngsters is:** follow your heart and believe in what you are doing, no matter what; **My goals in life are:** to travel the world and make a difference in a child's life; **The best trip I've ever taken was:** when I went back to Barbados and saw my old house on the beach; **My most memorable sports moment was:** hitting the game-winning double when I was 13 in Babe Ruth Baseball League; **My superstition is:** that I must wear my jersey number on a necklace whenever I practice or play softball; **When people meet me, they think:** I am wild and entertaining; **An ideal day for me would consist of:** spending the day on the beach, eating a seafood dinner and sleeping under the stars; **The most important things in life to have are:** friends and family; **The parts of my game that need improvement are:** avoiding injury and mental preparation.

## Lauren's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	50	110	10	21	3	0	0	9	.191	2-2	6	21	63	107	33	.937
1999	51	114	23	28	2	0	0	7	.246	2-2	17	26	55	78	14	.905
Totals	101	224	33	49	5	0	0	16	.219	4-4	23	47	118	185	47	.866



# #12 Kara Krumhardt



3B/SS • 5-6 • Senior • R-R • White Rock, B.C.

A three-year starter who returns at third base for Tech ... Also has seen time at shortstop ... Will be able to concentrate on third with the addition of

Carmen Farmer ... One of the best defensive players on the team ... Good leader ... Member of Coach Scot Thomas' original recruiting class ... Will be one of the vocal leaders ... Good contact hitter who looks to have another outstanding season ... Understands the game as well as anybody ... An intense, focused individual.

**1999:** Started 68 of the Hokies' 70 games ... Led the team in batting average, runs scored, hits, doubles, triples, home runs, RBI, slugging percentage and assists ... Hit .343 with 72 hits in 210 at-bats ... Collected 18 doubles, four triples and a career-high seven home runs ... Scored 37 runs on the season ... Drove in 40 runs ... Had a slugging percentage of .567 ... Went 2-for-3 with two RBI in the season-opener at Georgia Tech ... Was a perfect 3-for-3 with a triple and four RBI against Brown on April 2 ... Went 2-for-4 with two home runs and three RBI against La Salle on April 18 ... Was 3-for-4 with a double and three runs scored in the opening game of the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament ... Voted the VaSID State Player of the Year ... Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Championship Team ... Also voted to the A-10 Softball All-Conference Team ... Voted to the GTE Academic All-District III Softball Team ... Worked the Canada Cup International Women's Major Tournament — a tourney which featured national teams from all over the world.

**1998:** Played in 60 games, hitting .312 for the season ... Had 12 doubles, five home runs and drove in 28 runs ... Tallied a slugging percentage of .474 ... Had a fielding percentage of .950 with 56 putouts and 192 assists ... Went 3-for-3 with three RBI in the win against St. Bonaventure ... Smacked a home run with three RBI against Coastal Carolina ... Hit home runs in back-to-back games against St. John's and Bloomsburg ... Also hit another home run against Coastal Carolina and hit one against East Carolina ... Recorded eight assists against St. John's ... Had 14 multiple-hit games and nine multiple-RBI games ... Led the team in sacrifice hits with 10 ... Had a 10-game hitting streak ... Drove in two runs with two hits in Tech's win over St. Joseph's in the A-10 Tournament ... Was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team ... Named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State Team for the second year in a row ... Earned a spot on the Atlantic 10 Conference All-Academic Team ... Played in Canada Cup International Women's Major Tournament.

**1997:** Played in all 56 games for the Hokies ... Tech's primary third-baseman and backup shortstop ... Hit .349 in this true-freshman season

with one home run and 26 RBI ... Pounded out 11 doubles and two triples ... Was named Atlantic 10 Player of the Week after posting a 10-for-18 outing in three games, pounding out four doubles and a triple ... Drove in four runs on two hits in win over Holy Family at the Ft. Myers Tournament ... Hit a solo home run at North Carolina A&T ... Went a perfect 3-for-3 versus North Carolina A&T ... Had three hits, including a double and triple in win over A-10 foe Dayton ... Had 10 sacrifice hits on the season, a team-high ... Recorded only eight strikeouts in 175 at-bats, the fewest of any starter ... Had a school-record 198 assists ... Named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State Team.

**High School:** Three-sport athlete at Earl Marriott High School ... Played basketball, soccer and volleyball ... Softball was not played in high school in Canada ... Played nine years of softball with a Canadian club team, the White Rock Renegades ... Was on the Canadian national runner-up team in 1996 and 1994 ... Team placed fifth nationally in 1995 ... Batted .498 with a .973 fielding percentage.

**Personal:** Kara Krumhardt ... Born June 22, 1977 ... Daughter of Brenda and Erik Krumhardt ... Majoring in health and physical education.



### Kara's Personality Profile

**I like to collect:** monkeys; **I'd describe my hometown as:** somewhere I always miss when I'm away; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** the Greek Isles; **When I want to get away from softball, I:** go play with kids; **My advice to youngsters is:** don't be afraid to reach for your dreams; **I model myself after:** my mom, the strongest woman I know; **My favorite quotation is:** "Success is a journey, not a destination."; **During the off season, I:** try not to get injured; **If I were to change anything about athletics, it would be:** the long road trips and continuous eating out; **The place I would choose to live if I could live anywhere is:** close to my family.

### Kara's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1997	56	175	27	61	11	2	1	26	.349	2-2	9	8	40	198	26	.902
1998	60	186	36	58	12	0	5	28	.312	0-0	15	23	56	192	13	.950
1999	68	210	37	72	18	4	7	40	.343	2-3	11	30	65	116	11	.943
Totals	184	571	100	191	41	6	13	94	.335	4-5	36	61	161	506	50	.930



# #23 Jaime Love



C • 5-6 • Senior • R-R • Clayton, N.C.

Had an excellent year in her first season with the Hokies ... Will split time with Beth Bird at the starting catcher spot ... Should see a lot of playing time ... One of the more improved players last year ... Continuing to learn the game ... Looks to take charge of the team this year ... Needs to work on being a vocal leader for the Hokies ... Has a good bat and has become someone the coaches can count on ... Has done a good job of calling games ... Learning on the job ... Demeanor from behind the plate gives a calming effect to the team ... Has really developed her game and will be counted on for big things.

**1999:** Played in 44 games in her first season as a Hokie ... Started 41 of those games ... Hit .231 for the season, recording 25 hits in 108 at-bats ... Had eight doubles ... Also had eight RBI ... Had just three errors in 305 chances for a fielding percentage of .990 ... Had 277 putouts ... Went 2-for-2 with two runs scored in a game vs. Delaware on Feb. 28 ... Went 2-for-3 with one run scored, two doubles and three RBI against the College of Charleston on March 20 ... Went 2-for-2 with a double against St. Joseph's on April 12 ... Had an RBI in the win over St. Joseph's, helping the Hokies advance to the championship game of the Atlantic 10 Conference Tournament.

**Louisburg College:** Earned NJCAA All-American honors at Louisburg College after hitting .415 for the season ... Team placed fifth at the National Junior College Softball

Tournament ... Earned All-Tournament honors as a catcher ... Named to the All-Region X team ... Recognized as a NFCA Academic All-American.

**High School:** A four-year varsity letterwinner at Clayton High School ... Earned all-conference honors in 1996 and all-conference honorable mention accolades in 1995 ... Team finished third at the state fast pitch finals ... Also garnered four letters in basketball.

**Personal:** Jaime Lynn Love ... Born August 25, 1978 ... Daughter of Tommie and Marilyn Love ... Is double majoring in chemistry and geochemistry.



### Jaime's Personality Profile

**Few people know that:** I like to draw when I have time; **An ideal day for me would consist of:** getting up before the sun rises on a clear, calm day and going out about 40 miles and catching the biggest fish ever; **I model myself after:** my parents because without their love and guidance, I would not have achieved all that I have; **My favorite quotation is:** "Luck is where performance and opportunity meet."; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a small, growing town with a close-knit structure; **My craziest ambition is:** that I want to go to Australia; **The most important things in life to have are:** family and a few friends who truly care about you; **The place I'd most like to visit is:** outer space; **On a rainy day, I'd:** sleep under the covers until noon and then curl up on the couch; **During the off-season I:** love to go to the beach with my family; **My superstition is:** that the softball huddle has to work in the correct order; **Four famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Garth Brooks, Gallagher, Harrison Ford and Rosie O'Donnell; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** working in a stable, well-paying job; **The best trip I've ever been on is:** the trip I took to the Bahamas last January; **When people meet me, they think:** that I'm very quiet.

### Jaime's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1999	44	108	10	25	8	0	0	8	.231	0-0	9	19	277	28	3	.990



# #5

# Mary Lowzinski



OF • 5-7 • Junior • L-R • Richmond, Va.

A hard worker ...  
One of the strongest  
athletes on the team ...

Has a good work ethic ... Has a great  
personality ... A vocal leader from the bench  
... Sees most of her time as a pinch runner,  
but could possibly see some action in the  
field ... A former walk-on ... Could push for  
time in the outfield or at designated player  
this season ... Has worked hard on perfecting  
her slap hitting ... One of the fastest players  
on this year's squad ... Has a great attitude  
... Teams with Michelle "Shorty" Whitaker to  
keep things light in the dugout.

**1999:** One of Tech's top reserves ...  
Played in 41 games, starting four ... Hit .222  
in 18 at bats ... Had four hits and scored 12  
runs for the Hokies ... One of Tech's top  
base-stealers, went 7-of-10 on stolen-base  
attempts ... Went 1-for-1 with a stolen base  
in the Hokies' win over Florida A&M on March  
12 ... Had her best game against Fordham  
on April 17 ... Went 2-for-4 with her lone RBI  
of the season ... Also recorded her lone  
putout of the season against the Rams.

**1998:** Played in a total of 42 games for  
the Hokies ... Hit .258 while driving in three  
runs ... Stole four bases ... Had a hit and an  
RBI in the win versus Saint Louis ... Added a  
hit and drove in two runs against Samford  
... Was 1-for-1 in a pinch-hitting role against  
Tennessee ... Started 10 games, mostly as  
Tech's designated player ... Had two stolen  
bases in Tech's A-10 win over La Salle.

**High School:** Played softball at Mills  
Godwin High School for coach Walter Pettus  
... Earned all-district honors at shortstop in  
1997 ... Recorded two varsity letters ...  
Helped lead her team to the district  
championship in 1996 and 1997 and to a  
runner-up finish at the '96 regionals ...  
Named Offensive Player of the Year her  
senior year by the coaching staff ... Played  
on the ASA Richmond Diamonds with  
teammate Carmen Farmer ... Also competed  
on the track and field team and earned five  
varsity letters.

**Personal:** Mary Catherine Lowzinski ...  
Born September 25, 1979 ... Daughter of  
Wes and Pat Lowzinski ... Majoring in  
management science and information  
technology.



### Mary's Personality Profile

**If I were to change one thing about athletics, it would be:** guaranteeing tickets to all Virginia Tech football games; **My favorite quotation is:** "If you love something, set it free. If it comes back to you, it is yours. If not, it was never meant to be."; **Few people know that I:** didn't start playing fastpitch until I was a junior in high school; **My most memorable childhood experience was:** plotting with my brothers to scare the baby-sitters; **Four famous people I'd invite to dinner are:** Keion Carpenter, Pope John Paul II, Carson Daly and Kirk Herbstreit; **The best trip I've ever taken was:** to Olean, New York; **During the off-season I:** try to even up my farmer's tan from our softball uniforms; **My description of a Hokie is:** a tough turkey; **If I could switch places with one person for a day, I'd choose:** a starter so I could get a cup of hot chocolate; **I like to collect:** Oats N' Honey granola bars during the season; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a close second to Marietta, Georgia, and the home of the Richmond Braves; **When I want to get away from softball, I:** go running; **The most important things in life to have are:** God, family and friends, in that order; **The places I'd most like to visit are:** the Bahamas or Jamaica; **My most embarrassing softball moment was:** when I screamed the "she hit the fatty pitch" cheer and no one joined in and Coach Thomas got mad at me; **My superstitions are:** wearing the same rubber band in my hair all season and making sure Crystal puts on chapstick during the first and fifth innings; **My most memorable sports moment was:** Ashlee Dobbe's speech at the A-10 banquet last year.

### Mary's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	42	31	10	8	0	0	0	3	.258	4-4	0	4	2	0	1	.667
1999	41	18	12	4	0	0	0	1	.222	7-10	4	5	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	83	49	22	12	0	0	0	4	.245	11-14	4	9	3	0	1	.750



# #11 Michelle Meadows

2B • 5-7 • Senior • R-R • Richmond, Va.

Excellent infielder who returns for her final season at Tech ... One of the Hokies' most-talented players ... Has played both

second base and shortstop ... Returns as one of the best hitters and fielders on the team ... Member of Coach Scot Thomas' original recruiting class ... Can be counted on to come through in the clutch ... Sees the ball as well as anyone ... Was a GTE Academic All-America First-Team selection last season.

**1999:** Started 69 games ... Was second on the team with a .338 batting average ... Had 67 hits in 198 at-bats ... Drove in 34 runs ... Had 14 doubles, one triple and three home runs ... Drew a team-high 22 walks ... Collected four hits in two different games, tying the school record for most hits in a game ... Went 4-for-4 with a double, a run scored and three RBI vs. Michigan ... Went 4-for-5 against St. Bonaventure on April 24 ... Had a double, an RBI and two runs scored in that game ... Went 3-for-3 with two runs scored at Delaware on Feb. 27 ... Went 3-for-3 with an RBI, two doubles and two runs scored vs. Liberty on March 24 ... Was named to the GTE Academic All-America Softball First Team ... Also voted to the GTE Academic All-District III Softball Team for her work in the classroom ... Voted to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State Team.

**1998:** One of only two Hokies to start all 63 games ... Hit .354 with 64 hits, 34 runs, 11 doubles, one triple, two home runs and 32 RBI ... Drew a team-best 29 walks on the year ... Registered 158 putouts and 115 assists ... Went 3-for-3 with an RBI against George Mason ... Hit 4-for-4 against Radford ... Was 4-for-4 with three RBI and a home run in Tech's A-10 Tournament win against St. Joseph's ... Had two doubles in the A-10 Championship game against UMass ... Smacked a home run and drove in three runs against Northeast Louisiana ... Added a triple and three RBI against La Salle ... Had 17 multiple-hit games ... Earned Atlantic 10 Player of the Week honors and was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament team ... Also named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State Team ... Garnered many honors in the classroom as well, including GTE Academic All-American honors, Atlantic 10 Conference All-Academic Team and the Virginia Tech All-Academic Team.

**1997:** All-Atlantic 10 Conference selection during true-freshman season ... Named to the prestigious ECAC first team at the shortstop spot ... Led the team in batting average with a school-



record .376 mark ... Also led the team in runs with 36, hits with 62, doubles with 12 and homers with four ... Started in 55 games as Tech's regular shortstop ... Hit .400 for the week in eight games, striking out only once in 25 at-bats for Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week honors ... Went 3-for-3 with a double and an RBI in second game against Maryland ... Had a school-record five RBI off a double and a home run against in-state rival Radford ... Had homers in back-to-back games against Fordham.

**High School:** Three-year letterwinner for Coach J. Keith Daniels at Monacan High School ... No. 11 jersey was retired after her senior season ... Hit .582 with 32 hits, four home runs and 25 RBI her senior season en route to earning first-team all-Metro honors ... Holds 95 different regular-season, tournament and career softball records at MHS ... Set school record for home runs in a season and career with four and 11 respectively ... Hit 24 triples in her three-year career at MHS ... Career numbers include 106 hits, 85 RBI, 49 extra base hits and a .517 batting average ... Only softball player in Virginia high school history to make all-state four straight years ... Was named the offensive and defensive player of the year at MHS her junior and senior seasons ... *Richmond Times Dispatch* Player of the Year in 1995 ... Named to the first-team all-district, all-region and all-state teams as a shortstop three consecutive years ... Offensive player of the year for 1993 Group A state champion Powhatan High School and helped capture an unblemished 25-0 record ... Was named to the first-team all-district, all-region and second-team all-state as a first baseman in 1993 ... Played on The Rage, Richmond Diamonds and SportsPlus Sharks AAU/Junior Olympic teams.

**Personal:** Michelle Evette Meadows ... Born January 3, 1978 ... Daughter of Tom and Glenda Meadows ... Enrolled as a pre-med student in the science of food, nutrition and exercise ... Minor in chemistry and biology.

### Michelle's Personality Profile

**My favorite quotation is:** "Don't be like me, be better than me."; **Few people know that:** I have a fear of public speaking; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** a practicing pediatrician; **Four famous people that I'd invite to dinner are:** Jesus Christ, Michael Jordan, Albert Einstein and Garth Brooks; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a beautiful suburban county with everything you would need; **I like to collect:** magazines which report historically-significant events; **My description of a Hokie is:** a turkey with a 'tude; **If I could change an event in history, I'd choose:** the invention of nuclear and biological warfare; **The most important things in life to have are:** a loving family and a few good friends.

### Michelle's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1997	55	165	36	62	12	4	4	30	.376	0-0	20	14	62	132	34	.851
1998	63	181	34	64	11	1	2	32	.354	1-1	29	20	158	115	16	.945
1999	69	198	26	67	14	1	3	34	.338	1-1	22	27	149	87	10	.959
Totals	187	544	96	193	37	6	9	96	.355	2-2	71	61	369	234	60	.906



# #21 Ali Verbage

OF • 5-8 • Junior • R-R • Huntington, W.Va.



Looking to get back to the form of her freshman season ... Followed up a stellar freshman campaign with another solid season for the Hokies ... Described as "the link in the Hokies' batting order who will help the Hokies take the step to the next level," by Coach Scot Thomas ... Came around late in the season at the plate ... Capable of having a break-out season ... Coming off a great fall season ... Has tremendous bat speed with a lot of power.

**1999:** Followed up a stellar freshman campaign with another impressive season ... Played in 61 games, starting 59 ... Hit .205 with 34 hits in 166 at-bats ... Had one double, two triples and three home runs ... Drove in 25 runs ... Went 1-for-2 with a run scored and two RBI in a game vs. Delaware on Feb. 27 ... Went 1-for-4 vs. St. Joseph's on April 12, knocking in four runs with a home run ... Had two RBI on 3-for-4 hitting vs. La Salle on April 18 ... Had two RBI vs. Dayton ... Had six multiple-RBI games.

**1998:** Earned Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year honors and Southeast Region All-American honors ... Led the Hokies in virtually every hitting category, including average (.372), hits (68), home runs (8), RBI (48), total bases (109), slugging percentage (.596) and on-base percentage (.444) ... One of two Hokies to start every game ... Hit a grand slam in her first collegiate at bat against Akron ... Also added a solo homer in that game and drove in five runs ... Had three hits, including a homer, and five RBI the next day against George Mason ... Had a 10-game hitting streak ... Drilled home runs against St. John's, Coastal Carolina, Virginia, La Salle and Rhode Island ... Was 2-for-2 with two doubles and two RBI in Tech's A-10 Tournament win over Dayton ... Had three hits and two RBI versus Rhode Island ... Went 5-for-6 with four RBI in the doubleheader sweep against La Salle ... Had 19 multiple-hit games and 13 multiple-RBI games ... Also had 13 doubles and two triples on the year ... Named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference Team and Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team ... Twice named Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week ... Named to the Virginia Sports Information Director's All-State Team ... Received the Softball Rookie of the Year award.

**High School:** Played at Huntington High School for Coach Willie Wilson ... Three-time honoree on the West Virginia All-State Team ... Also named captain of the All-State Team ... Earned honorable-mention All-State honors as a freshman ... Guided her team to the West Virginia state championship in 1996 ... Named to the *Fast-Pitch* magazine All-American team ... Four-time first-team selection to the Mountain State Athletic Conference first team ... Earned four varsity letters in high school.

**Personal:** Allison Brooke Verbage ... Born March 31, 1979 ... Daughter of Larry and Vickie Verbage ... Majoring in psychology.

### Ali's Personality Profile

**The place I'd most like to visit as a player is:** Oklahoma City, where the Women's College World Series is; **My favorite non-softball event to go to at Tech is:** a football game because the excitement on those Saturdays is incredible; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** settled into a comfortable environment where I am very successful; **My most memorable sports moment was:** hitting a grand slam in my first collegiate at-bat; **My favorite quotation is:** "Hit 'em where they ain't."; **I'd describe my hometown as:** a small town ... "I've seen it all in a small town ... Had myself a ball in this small town," John Cougar Mellancamp; **My description of a Hokie is:** a winner; **I model myself after:** my parents because I've always looked up to and admired them. I wouldn't be the way I am today without them; **My superstitions are:** wearing the same bow in my hair every game and walking around in a circle after every pitch; **During the off season, I:** relax, yet try to keep in shape for next season; **My most embarrassing softball moment was:** when I was put on the spot to make a speech for "Rookie of the Year". It was bad.

### Ali's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	63	183	39	68	13	2	8	48	.372	1-1	17	28	49	6	5	.917
1999	61	166	15	34	1	2	3	25	.205	0-0	14	56	24	4	0	1.000
Totals	124	349	54	102	14	4	11	73	.292	1-1	31	84	73	10	5	.943



# #24 Michelle Whitaker

3B • 4-11 • Junior • R-R • Middleburg, Va.

Understands the ins and outs of the game as well as anyone on the team ... Has a great personality ... Keeps spirits

high in the dugout ... Teams with Mary Lowzinski to keep things light in the dugout ... Great leader ... Very effective pinch runner ... Became faster since last season ... Adds depth to Tech's talented infield ... Loved by both her teammates and coaches ... "Everybody needs a 'Shorty' on their team," says Coach Scot Thomas.

**1999:** Appeared in 24 games, starting two for the Hokies ... Hit .272, recording three hits in 11 at bats ... Scored 10 runs ... Was perfect in stealing bases, going 2-for-2 ... Went 1-for-2 against Florida A&M on March 10 ... Went 1-for-3 with a run scored against George Mason on March 31 ... Followed that game up with another 1-for-3 performance against Brown ... Scored eight of her 10 runs in pinch-running situations.

**1998:** Played a total of 38 games as Tech's backup third baseman ... Had many pinch-running duties ... Hit .208 for the season ... Drove in a run with a double against Radford ... Had

a hit and scored two runs against St. Louis ... Had a hit and two RBI versus St. Bonaventure ... Committed one error in 21 fielding opportunities ... Scored 11 runs and drew six walks.

**High School:** Came to Tech from James W. Robinson High School ... Earned three varsity letters at third base for coach Barry Gorodnick ... Was captain her senior year ... Was a second-team all-region selection in 1997 ... Named first-team all-district in 1996 and 1997 ... Helped lead her squad to the district championship in 1995.

**Personal:** Michelle Denise Whitaker ... Born May 29, 1979 ... Daughter of Tim Whitaker and Linda Meyer ... Nicknamed "Shorty" by friends and teammates ... Majoring in accounting information systems.



## Michelle's Personality Profile

**My favorite quotation is:** "Don't take life seriously, nobody survives it anyway"; **Ten years from now, I hope to be:** rich and perhaps tall; **During the off-season I:** make every effort to get buff; **My superstition is:** to collect any rock that Kara Krumhardt throws my way; **My goal in life is:** to be five-feet tall; **When people meet me, they think:** where's the little girl's mother?; **My most embarrassing softball moment was:** when I went in as a pinch-runner and ran to the wrong base; **I'd describe my hometown as:** not even being on maps; **If I were to change anything about athletics, it would be:** that I would be able to breathe after walking up only three stairs; **The color that describes me most and why is:** mother of pearl because it's definitely not the norm; **My description of a Hokie is:** a mascot that needs to wash its uniform; **The best parts of my game are:** that I know all the cheers and I always have my helmet ready; **The part of my game that needs improvement is:** my ability to carry a beat; **On a rainy day, I'd:** probably eat more food; **Few people know that I:** have in fact grown since the second grade; **An ideal day for me would consist of:** ducking when I walk through doors, driving without the comfort of phone books and coming past the waist of all my friends.

## Michelle's Statistics

Year	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.	SB-A	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Pct.
1998	38	24	11	5	1	0	0	3	.208	2-4	6	3	4	16	1	.952
1999	24	11	10	3	0	0	0	0	.273	2-2	2	3	2	7	0	1.000
Totals	62	35	21	8	1	0	0	3	.229	4-6	8	6	6	23	1	.967

# THE NEWCOMERS



## #18 Lisa Abbamonte



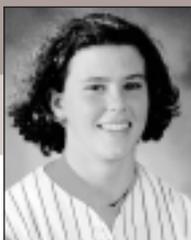
2B • 5-5 • Freshman • R-R • Frederick, Md.

A solid option at second base ... Potential back-up to Michelle Meadows at the position ... Has good speed ... Smart player who knows the game well ... Hard worker ... Could see some time as a pinch-runner.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Walkersville High School for Coaches Dave Schrodel and Michelle Barndollar ... Was named first-team all-area in 1998 and 1999 ... Led team to the Maryland Class 2 state championship in 1996 and 1999 ...

Team finished second in the state in 1998 ... Lists winning the state championship her senior year as her greatest sports thrill in high school ... Was a member of the National Honor Society ... Was also the student government vice president ... Honored for excellence in academics.

**Personal:** Lisa Marie Abbamonte ... Born February 12, 1981 in Silver Spring, Md. ... Daughter of Barbara Burdette and Robert Abbamonte ... Majoring in building construction ... Has three sisters and two brothers.



## #19 April Ellenberger



C/1B • 5-11 • Freshman • R-R • Chesapeake, Va.

A diamond in the rough ... Can hit the long ball ... An extremely strong and powerful hitter ... Continues to work on improving her knowledge of the game ... Could be a factor this year and in the future ... Looking primarily to be a pinch-hitter this year ... Also could see time at the designated player spot ... Working hard behind the plate in hopes of seeing action.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Deep Creek High School for Coach Barbara Stevenson ... Named to the first-team All-Tidewater squad her senior year ... Was named first-team all-district as a junior ... Batted .610 with six homeruns and 22 RBI

in her final season ... Voted to the second team as a freshman and sophomore ... Voted Most Valuable Player her freshman, sophomore and junior years ... Played with teammate Kelli Roznowski on the Virginia Legends club team ... Team was co-champion of the region and finished in the top 20 at nationals ... Led the team in home runs ... Also played basketball, lettering four times ... Lists going to the state tournament in basketball as a senior as her greatest sports thrill.

**Personal:** April Dawn Ellenberger ... Born February 13, 1981 in Los Angeles, Calif. ... Daughter of William and Pamela Ellenberger ... Majoring in human nutrition, food and exercise ... Career objective is to be a personal trainer.



## #6 Carmen Farmer



SS • 6-0 • Freshman • R-R • Richmond, Va.

Should step in right away at the starting shortstop position ... Will allow Kara Krumhardt to concentrate on third base ... Makes the infield one of the strong points for Tech ... Does things you can't teach ... An exciting player ... Sure-handed in the field ... Has good speed and excellent range ... Possesses very good arm strength ... Could be one of the top shortstops in the nation before she leaves Tech ... Needs to work on her hitting ... If hitting catches up to her fielding, the sky is the limit ... A key to the Hokies' success this year.

**High School:** A standout player for Coach Randall Clary at Varina High School ... Lettered four times ... Was a three-time first-team all-state selection ... Was also a four-time first-team all-central region and all-district selection ... Was named the

Central Region Player of the Year in both 1998 and 1999 ... Was her district's player of the year in 1998 and 1999 ... Three-time All-Metro ... *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Player of the Year in 1998 and 1999 ... Was a member of the 1997 State AAA Championship team ... Also lettered in basketball and volleyball ... Lettered three times in basketball and twice in volleyball ... Was a second-team All-Metro in basketball in 1999 ... Was also first-team all-district in hoops her senior year ... Grabbed a career-high 25 rebounds against Henrico her senior year ... Was a first-team all-region and two-time first-team all-district selection in volleyball ... Was named the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 1999.

**Personal:** Carmen Leigh Farmer ... Born December 4, 1980 ... Daughter of Charles and Betty Farmer ... Majoring in architecture.



# #1 Mary Gardner



OF • 5-2 • r-Freshman • L-R • Richmond, Va.

The fastest player ever to play at Tech ... Will be a surprise to most ... Needs to learn more about Division-I athletics ... Is very strong ... Will contribute in the outfield

and as a pinch runner ... In her second year at VT, but her first on the softball team.

**High School:** A two-year letterwinner at Freeman High School for Coach Bill Butler ... Was named all-region ... Was

named MVP of her team ... Named to the all-academic team ... Also played soccer and basketball ... Lettered twice in soccer ... Was MVP of her team ... Also named all-academic and all-region ... Lettered once in basketball ... Was a member of the Beta Club.

**Personal:** Mary Catherine Gardner ... Born January 18, 1980 in Richmond, Va. ... Daughter of Linda and David Gardner ... Enrolled in university studies.



# #17 Maura Green



C/3B • 5-4 • Freshman • R-R • McLean, Va.

Will be a role player for the Hokies this season ... Can contribute at both catcher and third base ... Working hard to improve her game.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Langley High School for Coach Dean Ferrington ... Was named all-district four times ... Also named to the all-region team four years ... Was All-Metro her freshman, sophomore and senior years ... Was

voted second-team all-state her junior and senior years ... Led team to state semifinals in 1996 and 1997 ... Also played field hockey, lettering twice ... Was voted all-district and all-region her junior and senior years ... Named "Most Athletic Female Athlete" in 1999 ... Voted "Most Athletic Female Senior Athlete."

**Personal:** Maura Kelly Green ... Born February 24, 1981 ... Daughter of James and Eileen Green ... Enrolled in university studies.



# #7 Kelli Roznowski



OF • 5-4 • Freshman • R-R • Yorktown, Va.

A fiery competitor ... Working hard on her game ... A walk-on who will contribute as a pinch-hitter ... Has a great personality ... Could see playing time

increase as she improves her game ... Hard work could pay off in the next few years.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at York High School for Coach Timothy Martin ... Was named first-team all-district as a utility player her freshman year ... Voted to the second team

as an outfielder her senior year ... Also played for the Virginia Legends, a club team coached by her father, Steve ... Led the 18-and-under team in both doubles and triples ... Also played field hockey, lettering three times ... Was an honorable-mention all-district selection as a senior ... Led team to regionals by scoring the winning goal.

**Personal:** Kelli Rose Roznowski ... Born December 30, 1980 ... Daughter of Steve and Denise Roznowski ... Enrolled in university studies.



# #4 Nicole Strada



P • 5-5 • r-Sophomore • R-R • Wall, N.J.

Will be the No. 3 pitcher for the Hokies this year ... Tried out for the team as a freshman but did not make it ... Persisted and made the team this year after working

hard on her game ... Will be looked upon for good innings to help rest Crowell and Dobbe ... Needs to step up her game ... Must get used to being back in the circle.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Wall High School for Coach Tony Vedola ... Was named first-team all-conference and All-Shore ... Voted Group 3 first-team all-state ... Named first-team

all-around all-state ... Voted State Player of the Year ... Was a scholar-athlete ... Led team to Group 3 State Championship ... Also played field hockey, lettering three times ... Named Group 3 first-team all-state ... Also named first-team all-conference and second-team All-Shore ... Led team to the Central Jersey Group 3 State Championship her senior year ... Lettered in indoor track twice ... Was part of the school-record 400-meter relay team.

**Personal:** Nicole Lynn Strada ... Born June 26, 1979 in Neptune, N.J. ... Daughter of Remo and Linda Strada ... Majoring in graphic design.



## #20 Heather Terry



P • 5-9 • Freshman • R-R • Willis Wharf, Va.

Will likely be redshirted this year ... Has worked hard on improving her game ... Could be a solid contributor on the mound in the future if she continues to improve and

mature.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Northampton High School for Coach Robert Butch Travis ... Was named first-team all-

district twice ... Also was named to the second-team all-district squad once ... Was named the MVP of the Greenbrier Tournament in 1998 ... Also played basketball, lettering four times ... Named honorable-mention all-district.

**Personal:** Heather Marie Terry ... Born December 30, 1981 in Willis Wharf, Va. ... Daughter of Pete and Ann Terry ... Father is a graduate of Virginia Tech ... Enrolled in university studies.



## #16 Heather Todd



2B • 5-8 • Freshman • R-R • Purcellville, Va.

Will battle for time as a reserve at the second-base position ... Hits the ball extremely well ... Was a late "find" by the coaching staff ... Sees the ball very well ... A solid performer ... Could see time in pinch-hitting duty ... Still working on her game ... Could step in at any time and help out.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Loudon Valley High School for Coach Joe Spicer ... Was named first-team all-district as a utility player her freshman year ... Also was named to the second-team all-region squad her senior year ... Was a captain her final

season ... Led her team to the 1997 and 1999 regional championships ... Team was the 1998 district champion ... Won the 1999 Coaches' Award ... Also voted to the 1999 all-area team ... Voted the most improved player in 1998 ... Also played basketball, lettering twice ... Was a second-team all-district selection ... Was a captain her senior year ... Was voted the 1998 Most Valuable Player.

**Personal:** Heather Lynne Todd ... Born July 17, 1981 in Leesburg, Va. ... Daughter of Kimberly and Wayne Todd ... Enrolled in university studies ... Career goal is to be a teacher.



## #14 Jennifer Vantucci



OF • 5-5 • Freshman • R-R • Jefferson, Md.

Has tremendous spirit ... Looking to contribute down the road for Tech ... Has worked hard to get stronger.

**High School:** A four-year letterwinner at Governor Thomas Johnson High School for Coach Steve Nibbs ... Was named first-team CMC in 1996 and 1998 by *The Frederick News Post* ... Voted to the second team in 1997 and 1999 ... Voted first-team all-area in 1997 by *The Frederick News Post* ... Also played golf, lettering three times ... Named honorable-mention CMC by *The*

*Frederick News Post* in 1997 and 1998 ... Finished second at the district tournament and fifth in the state in 1999 ... Lettered in indoor track once ... Was named a *Frederick News Post* Scholar-Athlete in 1999 ... Was an Army Scholar-Athlete as a senior ... Was valedictorian of her senior class ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Was an honorable-mention National Merit Scholar.

**Personal:** Jennifer Michelle Vantucci ... Born July 28, 1981 in Frederick, Md. ... Daughter of Michael and Nancy Vantucci ... Majoring in communications.



**2000 Virginia Tech Softball Team**  
(front row, l-r) Michelle Whitaker, Jennifer Vantucci, Lisa Abbamonte, Kelli Roznowski, Clarisa Crowell, Bronwyn Blair, Maura Green;  
(middle row, l-r) Jaime Love, Tiffany Hurt, Michelle Meadows, Crystal Armes, Kara Krumhardt, Heather Todd, Nicole Strada, Mary Gardner, trainer Marianne Rubinberg; (back row, l-r) Assistant Coach Al Brauns, Assistant Coach Amy Hayes, Mary Lowzinski, Heather Terry, April Ellenberger, Carmen Farmer, Ashlee Dobbe, Laura Flowers, Bethany Bird, Ali Verbage, manager Mattie Fuller, Head Coach Scot Thomas. Not pictured: Lauren Koelemay

# 2000 Virginia Tech Opponents

## Radford Highlanders

Feb. 23 • 4 p.m. (DH)  
Radford, Va.

Location: ..... Radford, Va.  
Conference ..... Big South  
Colors: ..... Red, White and Blue  
President: ..... Dr. Douglas Covington  
Athletic Director: ..... Greig Denny  
Home Field: ..... Dedmon Center Park  
Head Coach: ..... Kami Sutton  
Career Record: ..... 25-27 (1 year)  
Record at RU: ..... 48-42 (2 years)  
Assistants: ..... Ginny May, Courtney Peek  
1999 Record: ..... 25-27  
1999 Big South Record: ..... 10-3  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 9/6  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 5/4  
SID Contact: ..... Chris King  
Phone/Fax: ..... 540-831-5211/540-831-5036  
SID Home Phone: ..... 540-731-1880

## George Mason Patriots

March 22 • 2 p.m. (DH)  
Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Fairfax, Va.  
Conference ..... Big South  
Colors: ..... Green and Gold  
President: ..... Dr. Alan G. Merten  
Athletic Director: ..... Tom O'Connor  
Home Field: ..... George Mason Field (500)  
Head Coach: ..... Elizabeth Fulcher  
Career Record: ..... 43-93 (3 years)  
Record at GMU: ..... 36-78 (2 years)  
Assistants: ..... TBA  
1999 Record: ..... 20-39  
1999 CAA Record: ..... 2-10 (6th)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 12/5  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 8/1  
SID Contact: ..... C.J. Martin  
Phone/Fax: ..... 703-993-3260/703-993-3259  
SID Home Phone: ..... 703-993-6098

## Marshall Thundering Herd

March 29 • 3 p.m. (DH)  
Huntington, W.Va.

Location: ..... Huntington, W.Va.  
Conference ..... Mid-American  
Colors: ..... Kelly Green and White  
President: ..... Dan Angel  
Athletic Director: ..... Lance West  
Home Field: ..... Dot Hicks Field (1,500)  
Head Coach: ..... Shonda Stanton  
Career Record: ..... First year  
Record at MU: ..... First Year  
Assistant: ..... Natalie Pry  
1999 Record: ..... 24-28  
1999 MAC Record: ..... 8-17  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 8/1  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 14/4  
SID Contact: ..... Michael Bertsch  
Phone/Fax: ..... 304-696-4662/304-696-2325  
SID Home Phone: ..... 740-867-2289

## East Carolina Pirates

March 30 • 4 p.m.  
Blacksburg, Va.  
*Hudson-Hokie Classic*

Location: ..... Dayton, Ohio  
Conference ..... Conference USA  
Colors: ..... Purple and Gold  
Chancellor: ..... Dr. Richard Eakin  
Athletic Director: ..... Mike Hamrick  
Home Field: ..... ECU Softball Field  
Head Coach: ..... Tracey Kee  
Career Record: ..... 142-65 (3 years)  
Record at ECU: ..... 142-65 (3 years)  
Assistant: ..... Jenny Parsons  
1999 Record: ..... 50-20  
1999 C-USA Record: ..... 11-3 (1st)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 10/5  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 4/5  
SID Contact: ..... Mendy Nestor  
Phone/Fax: ..... 252-328-4522/252-328-4528  
SID Email: ..... nestorm@mail.ecu.edu

## Harvard Crimson

April 1 • 11:30 a.m.  
Blacksburg, Va.  
*Hudson-Hokie Classic*

Location: ..... Cambridge, Mass.  
Conference ..... Ivy League, ECAC  
Colors: ..... Crimson, Black and White  
President: ..... Neil Rudenstine  
Athletic Director: ..... William J. Cleary, Jr.  
Home Field: ..... Soldiers Field (1,600)  
Head Coach: ..... Jenny Allard  
Career Record: ..... 135-90-1 (5 years)  
Record at HU: ..... 135-90-1 (5 years)  
Assistant: ..... Frank Matthews  
1999 Record: ..... 20-18  
1999 Ivy League Record: ..... 10-2 (2nd)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 10/4  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 6/3  
SID Contact: ..... Lisa McEvoy  
Phone/Fax: ..... 617-495-2206/617-495-2130  
SID Home Phone: ..... 617-562-1581

## Liberty Lady Flames

April 1 • 1:30 p.m. • Blacksburg, Va.  
*Hudson-Hokie Classic*  
April 19 • 3 p.m. (DH) • Lynchburg, Va.

Location: ..... Lynchburg, Va.  
Conference ..... Big South  
Colors: ..... Red, White and Blue  
President: ..... Dr. John M. Borek, Jr.  
Athletic Director: ..... Kim Graham  
Home Field: ..... Liberty Softball Field (500)  
Head Coach: ..... Paul Wetmore  
Career Record: ..... 178-152 (6 years)  
Record at LU: ..... 178-152 (6 years)  
Assistants: ..... Katie Bigham, Tammy Carp, JoAnn Parsons  
1999 Record: ..... 41-25  
1999 Big South Record: ..... 11-3 (T1st)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 8/7  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 6/3  
SID Contact: ..... Todd Wetmore  
Phone/Fax: ..... 804-582-2292/804-582-2076  
SID Home Phone: ..... 804-237-4524

## Massachusetts Minutewomen

April 8 • Noon (DH)  
Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Amherst, Mass.  
Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
Colors: ..... Maroon and White  
President: ..... William Bulger  
Athletic Director: ..... Bob Marcum  
Home Field: ..... Totman Field  
Head Coach: ..... Elaine Sortino  
Career Record: ..... 653-291-3 (20 years)  
Record at UMass: ..... 653-291-3 (20 years)  
Assistants: ..... Kathryn Gleason, Danielle Henderson  
1999 Record: ..... 43-10  
1999 A-10 Record: ..... 15-1 (1st)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 10/6  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 6/4  
SID Contact: ..... Kathy Connors  
Phone/Fax: ..... 413-545-2439/413-545-1556  
SID Home Phone: ..... 413-665-2328

## Rhode Island Rams

April 9 • 1 p.m. (DH)  
Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Kingston, R.I.  
Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
Colors: ..... Light Blue, Dark Blue and White  
President: ..... Dr. Robert Corothers  
Athletic Director: ..... Ron Petro  
Home Field: ..... URI Softball Complex (500)  
Head Coach: ..... Kim Staehle  
Career Record: ..... 53-89-1 (3 years)  
Record at URI: ..... First Year  
Assistants: ..... Marcie Hickey, Denise Davis  
1999 Record: ..... 20-35-1  
1999 A-10 Record: ..... 6-10  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 7/3  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 11/4  
SID Contact: ..... John White  
Phone/Fax: ..... 401-874-2409/401-874-5354  
SID Home Phone: ..... 401-727-8066

## Virginia Cavaliers

April 11 • 3 p.m. (DH)  
Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Charlottesville, Va.  
Conference ..... Atlantic Coast  
Colors: ..... Blue and Orange  
President: ..... John T. Casteen III  
Athletic Director: ..... Terry Holland  
Home Field: ..... The Park (475)  
Head Coach: ..... Cheryl Sprangel  
Career Record: ..... 539-409-1 (15 seasons)  
Record at UVA: ..... 73-54 (2 seasons)  
Assistants: ..... Jamie Pinkerton, Sara Holland  
1999 Record: ..... 35-26  
1999 ACC Record: ..... 4-4 (4th)  
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 11/8  
Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 7/2  
SID Contact: ..... Bill Hurd  
Phone/Fax: ..... 804-982-550/804-982-5525  
Athletic Web Site: ..... www.virginiasports.com

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## Dayton Flyers April 16 • 1 p.m. (DH) Dayton, Ohio

Location: ..... Dayton, Ohio  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Red and Blue  
 President: ..... Brother Raymond Fitz  
 Athletic Director: ..... Ted Kissell  
 Home Field: ..... Stuart Field (500)  
 Head Coach: ..... Jodi Eickemeyer  
 Career Record: ..... 74-109-3 (4 years)  
 Record at UD: ..... 74-109-3 (4 years)  
 Assistants: ..... Barry Reed, Carla Sacher  
 1999 Record: ..... 20-36  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 8-6  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 14/6  
 SID Contact: ..... Chris Norris  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 937-229-4460/937-229-4461  
 SID Home Phone: ..... 937-229-3537  
 Athletic Web Site: ..... www.daytonflyers.com

## St. Joseph's Hawks April 22 • 1 p.m. (DH) Philadelphia, Pa.

Location: ..... Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Crimson and Gray  
 President: ..... Rev. Nicholas Rashford, S.J.  
 Athletic Director: ..... Don DiJulia  
 Home Field: ..... East Norriton  
 Head Coach: ..... Charlie Weiners  
 Career Record: ..... 288-161-3 (9 years)  
 Record at SJU: ..... 288-161-3 (9 years)  
 Assistants: ..... Joe Coppens, Dana Moyer, Bob Wallauer  
 1999 Record: ..... 34-27-1  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 10-6  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 13/6  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 6/4  
 SID Contact: ..... Phil Denne  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 610-660-1727/610-660-1724  
 Athletic Web Site: ..... www.sjuhawks.com

## Temple Owls April 23 • 1 p.m. (DH) Philadelphia, Pa.

Location: ..... Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Cherry and White  
 President: ..... Peter J. Liacouras  
 Athletic Director: ..... Dave O'Brien  
 Home Field: ..... Erny Field  
 Head Coach: ..... Rocci Pignoli  
 Career Record: ..... 32-59-1 (2 years)  
 Record at TU: ..... 32-59-1 (2 years)  
 Assistants: ..... Terri Adams, Dan DeMarco  
 1999 Record: ..... 16-31-1  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 9-7  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 13/2  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 9/0  
 SID Contact: ..... Bethany J. McClam  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 215-204-7445/215-204-7499  
 SID Email: ..... bmcclam@astro.temple.edu

## La Salle Explorers April 29 • Noon (DH) Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Blue and Gold  
 President: ..... Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C.  
 Athletic Director: ..... Dr. Tom Brennan  
 Home Field: ..... Good Shepherd (800)  
 Head Coach: ..... Carla Camino  
 Career Record: ..... 14-31 (1 year)  
 Record at LU: ..... 14-31 (1 year)  
 Assistant: ..... Kim Killo  
 1999 Record: ..... 14-31  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 5-11  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 11/5  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 7/3  
 SID Contact: ..... Tim McCaffrey  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 215-951-1605/215-951-1694  
 Athletic Web Site: ..... www.lasalle.edu/athletic

## Fordham Rams April 30 • 1 p.m. (DH) Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Bronx, N.Y.  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Maroon and White  
 President: ..... Rev. Joseph A. O'Hare, S.J.  
 Athletic Director: ..... Frank McLaughlin  
 Home Field: ..... Bahosly Field at Murphy Field Complex (100)  
 Head Coach: ..... Beddie Corbett  
 Career Record: ..... 31-90 (3 years)  
 Record at FU: ..... 31-90 (3 years)  
 Assistant: ..... Karla Kalin  
 1999 Record: ..... 7-30  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 1-15  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 9/1  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 9/1  
 SID Contact: ..... Cathy Cryan  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 718-817-4219/718-817-5588  
 SID Home Phone: ..... 914-576-3912

## South Carolina Lady Gamecocks May 6 • Noon (DH) Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Columbia, S.C.  
 Conference ..... Southeastern  
 Colors: ..... Garnet and Black  
 President: ..... Dr. John Palms  
 Athletic Director: ..... Dr. Mike McGee  
 Home Field: ..... Beckham Field (1,500)  
 Head Coach: ..... Joyce Compton  
 Career Record: ..... 816-296-1 (24 years)  
 Record at USC: ..... 608-200-1 (13 years)  
 Assistants: ..... Holly Aprile, Beth Keylon  
 1999 Record: ..... 49-21  
 1999 SEC Record: ..... 17-11 (T1st East)  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 13/2  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 6/2  
 SID Contact: ..... Kara Irving  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 803-777-5257/803-777-2967  
 SID Home Phone: ..... 803-695-1010

## St. Bonaventure Bonnies May 7 • 1 p.m. (DH) Blacksburg, Va.

Location: ..... Olean, N.Y.  
 Conference ..... Atlantic 10  
 Colors: ..... Brown and White  
 President: ..... Dr. Robert J. Wickenheiser, Ph.D.  
 Athletic Director: ..... Gothard Lane  
 Home Field: ..... McGraw-Jennings Field (1,000)  
 Head Coach: ..... Mike Treehouse  
 Career Record: ..... 41-80 (4 years)  
 Record at SBU: ..... 41-80 (4 years)  
 Assistants: ..... Jen Bovee, Tracy Nytrasky  
 1999 Record: ..... 11-36  
 1999 A-10 Record: ..... 4-12  
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost: ..... 10/9  
 Starters Returning/Lost: ..... 5/5  
 SID Contact: ..... Greg Kennedy  
 Phone/Fax: ..... 716-375-2575/716-375-2383  
 SID Home Phone: ..... 716-379-5166

## 2000 Tournaments

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>UNC/Triangle Classic @ Raleigh, N.C.</b>  <b>Feb. 18-20</b>                  Tech's Schedule  <i>Feb. 18</i></p> <p>Ball State ..... Noon                  Youngstown State ..... 4 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Feb. 19</i></p> <p>UNC Greensboro ..... 10 a.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>State Line Classic @ Bristol, Va.</b>  <b>March 4-5</b>                  Tech's Schedule  <i>March 4</i></p> <p>Kentucky ..... 2 p.m.                  Notre Dame ..... 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>March 5</i></p> <p>Tennessee ..... Noon</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Speedline Invitational @ Tampa, Fla.</b>  <b>March 9-12</b>                  Tech's Schedule  <i>March 9</i></p> <p>UT-Chattanooga ..... 3 p.m.                  Florida ..... 7 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>March 10</i></p> <p>Florida Atlantic ..... Noon                  Boston ..... 2 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>March 11</i></p> <p>Michigan State ..... 2 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Florida State Invitational @ Tallahassee, Fla.</b>  <b>March 17-19</b>                  Tech's Schedule  <i>March 17</i></p> <p>Northern Iowa ..... 10 a.m.                  Bethune-Cookman ..... Noon                  Maryland ..... 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Georgia Tech Buzz Classic @ Atlanta, Ga.</b>  <b>March 24-26</b>                  Tech's Schedule  <i>March 24</i></p> <p>Connecticut ..... 1 p.m.                  Georgia State ..... 6 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>March 10</i></p> <p>Evansville ..... 8:30 a.m.                  UNC Chapel Hill ..... 12:30 p.m.</p>
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# 1999 REVIEW

## Hokies crack Top 25, set numerous records in program's best season ever

In just its fourth season as a varsity sport, the Virginia Tech softball squad soared to new heights in 1999. A Top 25 regular-season finish, an upset of the fourth-ranked team in the nation, a 26-game winning streak and numerous conference and national awards highlighted the season.

The Hokies finished a spectacular season with a 54-16 record, finishing second at the Atlantic 10 tournament, falling to UMass for the second year in a row. Although the Hokies' hopes for a

regional bud were denied, they received the national attention they had been working for. Early season games against No. 3 Washington and No. 20 Florida helped prepare the Hokies for the majority of their season.

Big wins came against No. 4 Michigan, Kansas, Tennessee and Virginia. They finished the year undefeated at home and 14-2 in A-10 play, losing only to UMass. The Hokies had the third-longest winning streak in the nation last year at 26 games.

tournament, which was held in Salem, Va. But after a surprising 1-0 loss to St. Joseph's in the opening round, the Hokies were forced to claw their way back. With their backs to the wall, they responded by knocking off Dayton, 5-0, and St. Joseph's, 4-2, on the same day to advance to the championship game. In the title game, Massachusetts continued its mastery of Tech by defeating the Hokies, 2-0. The loss ended the Hokies' season at 54-16, by far the best in the program's short history.

Two stellar freshmen pitched every game for the Hokies and combined for a team earned run average of 1.03, placing them third in the country. Ashlee Dobbe was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year, All-Conference and a Southeast All-Region All-American pitcher. Crowell was named to the all-conference team and the all-tournament team. The two, who were both named to the Virginia State Sports Information Director's All-State Team, put up impressive numbers all season and combined for 33 shutouts.

The Hokies' offense was led by two juniors, Kara Krumhardt and Michelle Meadows. Krumhardt led the team in nearly every



**Seniors Kara Krumhardt (l) and Michelle Meadows were both named to the Virginia All-State team.**

The season started on a slow note as the Hokies lost three of their first four games. On Feb. 20, Tech jump-started its season in a big way. Thanks to a four-hitter by Clarisa Crowell and 11 hits from the offense, Tech pulled off a major upset, knocking off No. 4 Michigan, 6-2. The No. 4 ranking by the Wolverines marks the highest-ranked opponent Tech has ever defeated.

After losses to Michigan and Washington, two perennial World Series participants, Tech won five of its next six games and 11 of its next 13. The Hokies went 4-4 over the next eight games before going on one of the greatest streaks in NCAA softball history.

After a loss to nationally-ranked Southern Miss on March 20, the Hokies won 35 of their next 36 games, including 26 in-a-row from April 2 to May 1. A 3-0 loss to UMass on May 2 ended the streak. During that stretch, the Hokies knocked off such teams as Boston College (twice), SEC power Tennessee and Virginia (twice). Over the 26-game streak, Tech outscored its opponents, 137-18.

After finishing the conference schedule at 14-2, the Hokies were seeded second heading into the postseason



**Scot Thomas was named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year.**



**Tiffany Hurt was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament Team.**

offensive category, hitting .343 with seven home runs and 40 RBI. She was named all-conference, all-tournament and a GTE District III Academic All-American. She also was named the Virginia SID's Player of the Year.

Meadows got it done on the field and in the classroom and was honored for her work in both areas. She was voted to the VaSID team and was named a GTE First-Team Academic All-American and a GTE District III Academic All-District. Meadows finished the season with a .338 batting average and 34 RBI.

Head Coach Scot Thomas received the Atlantic 10 and VaSID Coach of the Year Awards, while all-conference outfielder Bronwyn Blair and all-tournament outfielder Tiffany Hurt also received A-10 awards.

# 1999 STATISTICS

Overall Record: 54-16

A-10 Record: 14-2

Home: 15-0

Away: 15-5

Neutral: 24-11

## Hitting Statistics

No.	Player	Avg.	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	BB	HBP	SO	SF	SH	SB-SBA	PO	A	E	FLD%
12	Kara Krumhardt	.343	68-68	210	37	72	18	4	7	40	119	11	2	30	1	6	2-3	65	116	11	.943
11	Michelle Meadows	.338	69-69	198	26	67	14	1	3	34	92	22	3	27	1	3	1-1	149	87	10	.959
24	Michelle Whitaker	.273	24-2	11	10	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	2-2	2	7	0	1.000
9	Clarisa Crowell	.270	70-70	204	36	55	9	2	2	24	74	15	4	12	0	14	2-5	47	113	6	.964
10	Bronwyn Blair	.260	67-66	223	34	58	7	3	1	24	74	6	3	33	2	3	10-14	64	4	4	.944
13	Lauren Koelemay	.246	51-50	114	23	28	2	0	0	7	30	17	1	26	0	5	2-2	55	78	14	.905
23	Jaime Love	.231	44-41	108	10	25	8	0	0	8	33	9	0	19	0	5	0-0	277	28	3	.990
5	Mary Lowzinski	.222	41-4	18	12	4	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	5	0	2	7-10	1	0	0	1.000
2	Tiffany Hurt	.220	56-54	127	17	28	13	0	2	21	47	9	3	34	1	4	5-7	52	1	4	.930
7	Sarah Hudson	.219	49-39	105	10	23	3	0	1	8	29	4	2	24	0	4	0-1	23	0	3	.885
15	Crystal Armes	.218	29-15	55	6	12	4	0	2	4	22	4	1	9	0	1	0-0	7	4	2	.846
3	Laura Flowers	.211	70-70	190	22	40	9	0	6	25	67	21	2	44	2	12	0-0	448	22	5	.989
21	Ali Verbage	.205	61-59	166	15	34	1	2	3	25	48	14	1	56	3	2	0-0	24	4	0	1.000
22	Beth Bird	.179	34-33	56	3	10	2	0	0	5	12	8	0	4	1	3	0-0	214	20	2	.992
8	Ashlee Dobbe	.143	3-2	7	1	1	0	0	1	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	0-0	5	54	3	.952
	TEAM TOTALS	.257	70-70	1792	262	460	90	12	28	228	658	146	22	328	11	64	31-45	1433	539	67	.967
	OPPONENTS	.166	70-70	1694	104	282	39	6	10	82	363	166	12	499	1	48	55-67	1384	603	96	.954

## Pitching Statistics

No.	Player	ERA	APP	GS	CG	W-L	S	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	BF	HBP	WP	BK
8	Ashlee Dobbe	0.92	46	44	34	29-8	0	251.0	124	51	33	120	289	15	3	4	1023	6	21	0
9	Clarisa Crowell	1.05	35	26	24	25-8	0	225.2	155	50	34	46	209	23	3	6	891	6	11	1
4	Rachel Norris	21.00	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.0	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	8	0	0	0
	TEAM TOTALS	1.03	70	70	58	54-16	0	477.2	282	104	70	166	499	39	6	10	1925	12	32	1
	OPPONENTS	3.00	70	70	47	16-54	2	461.1	460	262	198	146	328	90	12	28	2038	22	33	1

## 1999 SOFTBALL RESULTS

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Feb. 17	at Georgia Tech	L	4-5	Mar. 20	vs. Southern Miss %	L	0-6	Apr. 21	UNC GREENSBORO	W	1-0
17	at Georgia Tech	W	3-2	20	vs. College of Charleston %	W	5-1	21	UNC GREENSBORO	W	3-0
19	at Florida	L	1-2	24	LIBERTY	W	4-3	24	at St. Bonaventure *	W	5-0
19	vs. Florida \$	L	0-3	24	LIBERTY	W	1-0	24	at St. Bonaventure *	W	7-5
20	vs. Michigan \$	W	6-2	26	vs. Boston College #	W	1-0	25	DAYTON *	W	4-2
20	vs. Michigan \$	L	0-5	26	vs. George Mason #	W	3-0	25	DAYTON *	W	10-0
21	vs. Washington \$	L	0-5	26	vs. Brown #	W	1-0	27	at Virginia	W	1-0
26	vs. George Mason ^	W	1-0	27	vs. Boston College #	W	2-0	27	at Virginia	W	1-0
26	vs. Marshall ^	W	3-0	27	vs. St. Joseph's #	W	2-0	May 1	at Rhode Island *	W	5-0
27	vs. Delaware ^	W	7-3	31	at George Mason	W	2-1	1	at Rhode Island *	W	3-0
28	vs. Ohio University ^	W	5-0	31	at George Mason	L	0-1	2	at Massachusetts *	L	0-3
28	vs. Delaware ^	W	11-3	Apr. 2	vs. Brown †	W	17-5	2	at Massachusetts *	L	1-4
28	vs. East Carolina ^	L	2-4	2	vs. Saint Peter's †	W	7-1	7	vs. St. Joseph's +	L	0-1
Mar. 6	vs. Georgia Tech @	W	10-6	3	SIENA	W	4-0	8	vs. Dayton +	W	5-0
6	vs. Evansville @	L	1-6	3	SIENA	W	5-0	8	vs. St. Joseph's +	W	4-2
7	vs. Pittsburgh @	W	3-0	3	SAINT PETER'S	W	1-0	9	vs. Massachusetts +	L	0-2
7	vs. Loyola-Chicago @	W	4-0	6	RADFORD	W	6-1				
7	at Georgia State @	W	3-0	6	RADFORD	W	8-0				
10	at Florida A&M	W	4-0	10	TEMPLE *	W	4-0				
10	at Florida A&M	W	8-1	10	TEMPLE *	W	8-1				
12	vs. Central Michigan !	L	0-4	12	ST. JOSEPH'S *	W	8-0				
12	vs. Florida A&M !	W	3-1	12	ST. JOSEPH'S *	W	1-0				
13	vs. Kansas !	W	3-2	14	vs. Tennessee ‡	W	3-1				
13	vs. Georgia State !	W	4-0	17	at Fordham *	W	11-1				
14	vs. Florida Atlantic !	L	1-4	17	at Fordham *	W	4-0				
19	vs. Elon %	W	4-0	18	at La Salle *	W	6-0				
19	vs. Tennessee Tech %	L	3-4	18	at La Salle *	W	4-1				

Home games in ALL CAPS

\* - indicates an Atlantic 10 game

\$ - U. of Florida Classic at Gainesville, Fla.

^ - East Carolina-Pirate Classic at Greenville, N.C.

@ - Georgia State Tournament at Statesboro, Ga.

! - Florida State Invitational at Tallahassee, Fla.

% - Winthrop Tournament at Rock Hill, S.C.

# - Sports Plus Classic at Richmond, Va.

† - Hudson Hokie Softball Classic at Blacksburg

‡ - State-Line Classic at Bristol, Tenn.

+ - Atlantic 10 Championship at Salem, Va.

# THE RECORDS

## Team Records

### Team Season Records

Most games played: 70 (1999)  
 Most games won: 54 (1999)  
 Most games lost: 32 (1996 & 1997)  
 Longest winning streak: 26 games (4/2 - 5/1/99)  
 Longest losing streak: 13 games (4/4 - 4/17/96)  
 Most home wins: 15 (1999)  
 Most road wins: 15 (1999)  
 Most neutral site wins: 24 (1999)

### Team Hitting

#### At-bats

Game: 38, vs. UMass-Lowell (3/16/96) & North Carolina A&T (4/25/98)  
 Season: 1792 (1999)

#### Runs

Game: 19, vs. St. Louis (2/28/98)  
 Season: 302 (1998)

#### Hits

Game: 22, vs. North Carolina A&T (4/25/98)  
 Season: 495 (1998)

#### Doubles

Game: 5, on three occasions  
 Season: 93 (1998)

#### Triples

Game: 3, vs. Hampton (4/17/96)  
 Season: 19 (1997)

#### Home Runs

Game: 3, on three occasions  
 Season: 28 (1999)

#### Runs Batted In

Game: 18, vs. St. Louis (2/28/98)  
 Season: 253 (1998)

#### Total Bases

Game: 26, on two occasions  
 Season: 675 (1998)

#### Batting Average

Season: .301 (1999)

#### Slugging Average

Season: .403 (1998)

#### Sacrifices

Game: 5, vs. Wagner (3/22/96) & Dayton (3/30/96)  
 Season: 67 (1998)

#### Strikeouts

Game: 17, vs. Massachusetts (5/2/99)  
 Season: 328 (1999)

#### Walks

Game: 11, vs. Fordham (4/5/98)  
 Season: 154 (1998)

#### Stolen Bases

Game: 5, vs. Hampton (4/17/96) & Fordham (3/24/96)  
 Season: 55 (1996)

## Team Fielding

### Putouts

Game: 30, vs. St. Bonaventure (3/31/96)  
 Season: 1,433 (1999)

### Assists

Game: 20, vs. St. Bonaventure (3/31/96)  
 Season: 628 (1998)

### Chances

Game: 51, vs. St. Bonaventure (3/31/96)  
 Season: 2,039 (1999)

### Errors

Game: 7, on three occasions  
 Season: 139 (1997)

### Fielding Percentage

Season: .967 (1999)

### Double Plays

Game: 3, vs. La Salle (4/27/96)  
 Season: 16 (1996)

## Team Pitching

### Innings Pitched

Game: 10, vs. St. Bonaventure (3/31/96)  
 Season: 477.2 (1999)

### Complete Games

Season: 58 (1999)

### Strikeouts

Game: 17, vs. St. Bonaventure (4/24/99)  
 Season: 499 (1999)

### Walks

Game: 9, on three occasions  
 Season: 166 (1999)  
 Fewest: 102 (1997)

### Hits Allowed

Game: 18, vs. Tennessee (4/30/97) & UMass-Lowell (3/16/96)  
 Fewest: 0, on four occasions (last: Crowell, vs. UNCG, 4/21/99)  
 Season: 493 (1998)  
 Fewest: 282 (1999)

### Runs Allowed

Game: 18, vs. North Carolina (3/3/96)  
 Season: 296 (1997)  
 Fewest: 104 (1999)

### Home Runs Allowed

Game: 2, on three occasions  
 Season: 12 (1998)

### Earned Run Average

Season: 1.03 (1999)

### Saves

Season: 3 (1996)

### Shutouts

Season: 33 (1999)

### Hit By Pitch

Game: 4, vs. Akron (2/20/98)  
 Season: 23 (1996)

### Pick-offs

Game: 2, three times

## RECORD vs. OPPONENTS

Team	First	Last	VT:	Team	First	Last	VT:
Akron	1997	1998	1-1	MD-Eastern Shore	1996	1996	1-0
Bloomsburg	1998	1998	0-1	Massachusetts	1996	1999	0-9
Boston College	1999	1999	2-0	UMass-Lowell	1996	1996	1-1
Bucknell	1996	1996	0-1	Michigan	1999	1999	1-1
Brown	1999	1999	2-0	Milligan	1996	1996	0-2
Campbell	1997	1998	2-2	Monmouth	1997	1997	1-1
Carson-Newman	1996	1996	0-2	North Carolina	1996	1998	1-1
Central Michigan	1999	1999	0-1	North Carolina A&T	1996	1998	5-0
Coastal Carolina	1996	1998	3-2	UNC Greensboro	1999	1999	2-0
Charleston	1999	1999	1-0	NE Louisiana	1998	1998	1-0
Cornell	1996	1996	1-1	NW State	1998	1998	0-1
Davis & Elkins	1996	1996	1-0	Northwood	1997	1997	1-0
Dayton	1996	1999	8-2	Ohio University	1999	1999	1-0
Delaware	1999	1999	2-0	Pittsburgh	1999	1999	1-0
East Carolina	1998	1999	2-1	Providence	1998	1998	0-1
Elon College	1999	1999	1-0	Radford	1996	1999	3-6
Evansville	1998	1999	1-2	Rhode Island	1996	1999	5-4
Florida	1999	1999	0-2	Rutgers	1998	1998	1-1
Florida A&M	1999	1999	3-0	St. Bonaventure	1996	1999	7-1
Florida Atlantic	1999	1999	0-1	St. John's	1998	1998	1-0
Fordham	1996	1999	8-0	St. Joseph's	1996	1999	6-6
Gannon	1997	1997	0-1	St. Louis	1998	1998	1-0
George Mason	1997	1999	4-3	Samford	1998	1998	1-0
Georgia	1998	1998	0-1	Siena	1999	1999	2-0
Georgia Southern	1997	1997	0-1	So. Mississippi	1999	1999	0-1
Georgia State	1998	1999	3-0	SW Missouri St.	1997	1997	0-1
Georgia Tech	1998	1999	2-2	SW State	1998	1998	1-0
Grand Valley	1997	1997	1-0	USL	1997	1997	0-1
Hampton	1996	1996	1-1	Temple	1996	1999	3-5
Holy Cross	1997	1997	1-1	Tennessee	1997	1999	1-4
Holy Family	1997	1997	1-0	Tennessee Tech	1998	1999	1-1
Illinois-Chicago	1998	1998	0-1	UNC Charlotte	1997	1998	2-2
Kansas	1999	1999	1-0	UNC Greensboro	1997	1998	0-3
La Salle	1996	1999	5-3	Villanova	1997	1997	1-1
Liberty	1996	1999	5-8	Virginia	1998	1999	2-2
Loyola-Chicago	1999	1999	1-0	Wagner	1996	1996	1-0
Lynchburg	1996	1996	2-0	Washington	1999	1999	0-1
Maine	1997	1998	0-3	Winthrop	1996	1997	1-3
Marshall	1996	1999	2-2	Yale	1998	1998	1-0
Maryland	1997	1997	0-3	Total			126-111

## Individual Records

### Individual Batting

#### Games Played

Season: 70, Clarisa Crowell & Laura Flowers (1999)  
 Career: 187, Michelle Meadows (1997-)

#### At Bats

Game: 6, Bronwyn Blair vs. Brown (4/2/99)  
 Season: 223, Bronwyn Blair (1999)  
 Career: 571, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

#### Runs Scored

Game: 3, on many occasions  
 Season: 42, Bronwyn Blair (1998) & Ali Verbage (1999)  
 Career: 100, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

#### Hits

Game: 4, on many occasions  
 Season: 72, Kara Krumhardt (1999)  
 Career: 193, Michelle Meadows (1997-)

#### Doubles

Game: 3, Shannon Crowder vs. Fordham (3/24/96)  
 Season: 18, Kara Krumhardt (1999)  
 Career: 41, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

#### Triples

Game: 1, on many occasions  
 Season: 8, Melissa Sanderson (1996)  
 Career: 8, Melissa Sanderson (1996)

## ALL-TIME LETTERWINNERS

Armes, Crystal - 1998, 1999  
 Avent, Kim - 1996  
 Bird, Beth - 1999  
 Black, Julie - 1998  
 Blacka, Aaron - 1996  
 Blair, Bronwyn - 1998, 1999  
 Colbert, Cara - 1997  
 Crowder, Shannon - 1996  
 Crowell, Clarisa - 1999  
 Diamond, Tina - 1996  
 Dobbe, Ashlee - 1999  
 Drombeta, Beth - 1996, 1997  
 Evans, Jennifer - 1996

Flowers, Laura - 1997, 1998, 1999  
 Garland, Terri - 1996, 1997  
 Hayden, Wendy - 1996, 1997, 1998  
 Huber, Christy - 1998  
 Hudson, Sarah - 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999  
 Hurt, Tiffany - 1999  
 Jenkins, Angie - 1996  
 Johnson, Michelle - 1997, 1998  
 Kallio, Jennie - 1996, 1997  
 Koelemay, Lauren - 1998, 1999  
 Krumhardt, Kara - 1997, 1998, 1999  
 Love, Jaime - 1999  
 Lowzinski, Mary - 1998, 1999

McKenzie, Heather - 1996  
 McKibben, Jennifer - 1997, 1998  
 Meadows, Michelle - 1997, 1998, 1999  
 Medina, Dawn - 1996, 1996, 1997, 1998  
 Mills, Katie - 1996, 1997  
 Rowley, Sara - 1996, 1997  
 Sanderson, Melissa - 1996  
 Strang, Kristi - 1996, 1997  
 Trunnell, Christine - 1996, 1997, 1998  
 Verbage, Ali - 1998, 1999  
 Weaver, Erin - 1998  
 Weist, Allison - 1997, 1998  
 Whitaker, Michelle - 1998, 1999  
 Wolf, Sarah - 1996, 1997

## Largest Scoring Margins

Largest Win: 16 runs, vs. St. Louis (19-3), 2/28/98  
 Largest Conference Win: 13 runs, vs. St. Bonaventure (13-0) 4/12/98  
 Largest Loss: 17 runs, vs. North Carolina (18-1), 3/3/96, & vs. Tennessee (17-0)  
 Largest Conference Loss: 16 runs, vs. Massachusetts (16-0), 4/6/96

### Home Runs

Game: 2, on three occasions  
 Season: 8, Ali Verbage (1998)  
 Career: 13, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

### Total Bases

Game: 8, on many occasions  
 Season: 119, Kara Krumhardt (1999)  
 Career: 314, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

### Runs Batted In

Game: 7, Jennifer McKibben (4/5/98)  
 Season: 48, Ali Verbage (1998)  
 Career: 96, Michelle Meadows (1997-)

### Batting Average (min. 50/100 at bats)

Season: .376, Michelle Meadows (1997)  
 Career: .360, Melissa Sanderson (1996)

### Slugging

Season: .596, Ali Verbage (1998)  
 Career: .596, Ali Verbage (1998-)

### Hitting Streak

16 games, Michelle Meadows (3/31/99-4/21/99)

### Walks

Game: 3, Christine Trunnell vs. Holy Family (3/3/97) & Radford (4/2/98), and Ali Verbage vs. Fordham (4/5/98)  
 Season: 29, Michelle Meadows (1998)  
 Career: 71, Michelle Meadows (1997-)

### Strikeouts

Game: 3, on many occasions  
 Season: 56, Ali Verbage (1999)  
 Career: 97, Laura Flowers (1997-)

### Stolen Bases

Game: 3, Dawn Medina vs. Fordham (3/24/96)  
 Season: 18-23, Dawn Medina (1997)  
 Career: 36-47 Dawn Medina (1996-98)

## Individual Fielding

### Field Chances

Game: 17, Katie Mills vs. St. Bonaventure (3/31/96) & Laura Flowers vs. St. Bonaventure (4/6/97)  
 Season: 485, Laura Flowers (1998)  
 Career: 903, Laura Flowers (1997-)

### Putouts

Game: 17, Laura Flowers vs. St. Bonaventure (4/6/97) & Jaime Love vs. St. Bonaventure (4/24/99)  
 Season: 461, Laura Flowers (1998)  
 Career: 1289, Laura Flowers (1997-)

### Assists

Game: 9, Melissa Sanderson vs. UMass-Lowell (3/16/96)  
 Season: 198, Kara Krumhardt (1997)  
 Career: 506, Kara Krumhardt (1997-)

### Errors

Game: 4, Lauren Koelemay vs. Campbell (3/5/98) & vs. Delaware (2/27/99)  
 Season: 34, Michelle Meadows (1997)  
 Career: 60, Michelle Meadows (1997-)

## Individual Pitching

### Appearances

Season: 47, Michelle Johnson (1998)  
 Career: 75, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Starts

Season: 44, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 49, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Relief Appearances

Season: 16, Michelle Johnson (1998)  
 Career: 23, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Complete Games

Season: 34, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 37, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Innings Pitched

Season: 251.0, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 343.0, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Earned Run Average (min. 25/100 IP)

Season: 0.92, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 0.92, Ashlee Dobbe (1999-)

### Won-Lost Percentage (min. 8/16 decisions)

Season: .784 (29-8), Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: .784 (29-8), Ashlee Dobbe (1999-)

### Most Hits Allowed

Game: 15, Jennie Kallio vs. Tennessee (4/30/97)  
 Season: 256, Michelle Johnson (1998)  
 Career: 410, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Most Runs Allowed

Game: 16, Jennie Kallio vs. Tennessee (4/30/97)  
 Season: 144, Jennie Kallio (1996)  
 Career: 245, Jennie Kallio (1996-97)

### Most Home Runs Allowed

Game: 1, on many occasions  
 Season: 6, Michelle Johnson (1998) & Clarisa Crowell (1999)  
 Career: 10, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Strikeouts

Game: 17, Ashlee Dobbe vs. St. Bonaventure (4/24/99)  
 Season: 289, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 289, Ashlee Dobbe (1999-)

### Walks

Game: 9, Christy Huber vs. Coastal Carolina (3/14/98)  
 Season: 120, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 120, Ashlee Dobbe (1999-)

### Hit By Pitch

Game: 3, by Allison Weist vs. USL (3/29/97)  
 Season: 14, Jennie Kallio (1996)  
 Career: 20, Jennie Kallio (1996-97)

### Wins

Season: 29, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 30, Michelle Johnson (1997-98)

### Shutouts

Season: 17, Ashlee Dobbe (1999)  
 Career: 17, Ashlee Dobbe (1999-)

### Saves

Season: 2, Tina Diamond (1996)  
 Career: 2, Tina Diamond (1996) & Michelle Johnson (1998)

## ALL-TIME AWARD WINNERS

### Atlantic 10 All-Conference

1996	Melissa Sanderson	SS
1997	Michelle Meadows	SS
	Jennifer McKibben	C
1998	Jennifer McKibben	C
	Ali Verbage	OF
1999	Bronwyn Blair	OF
	Clarisa Crowell	U
	Ashlee Dobbe	P (R.O.Y.)
	Kara Krumhardt	3B

### A-10 All-Tournament Team

1998	Bronwyn Blair	OF
	Kara Krumhardt	3B
	Michelle Meadows	2B
	Ali Verbage	OF
1999	Bronwyn Blair	OF
	Clarisa Crowell	P
	Tiffany Hurt	OF

### ECAC All-Star Team

1997	Michelle Meadows	SS (1st Team)
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### VaSID All-State

1996	Christine Trunnell	2B
1997	Laura Flowers	1B
	Kara Krumhardt	3B
1998	Bronwyn Blair	OF
	Kara Krumhardt	3B
	Michelle Meadows	2B
	Ali Verbage	OF
1999	Clarisa Crowell	P
	Ashlee Dobbe	P
	Kara Krumhardt	3B (P.O.Y.)
	Michelle Meadows	2B

### A-10 Academic All-Conference

1997	Michelle Johnson	P
	Christine Trunnell	2B
1998	Michelle Johnson	P
	Kara Krumhardt	3B
	Michelle Meadows	2B
1999	Kara Krumhardt	3B
	Michelle Meadows	2B

### Virginia Tech All-Academic Team

1996	Aaron Blacka
1997	Kristi Strang
1998	Michelle Meadows
1999	Crystal Armes

### GTE Academic All-American

1998	Michelle Johnson	P (3rd Team)
1998	Michelle Meadows	2B (2nd Team)
1999	Michelle Meadows	2B (1st Team)

### GTE Academic District III

#### All-District

1998	Michelle Johnson	P
	Michelle Meadows	2B
1999	Kara Krumhardt	3B
	Michelle Meadows	2B

### Southeast All-Region

#### All-American Team

1998	Ali Verbage	OF (1st Team)
1999	Ashlee Dobbe	P (2nd Team)

# ADMINISTRATION



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Assistant Director  
of Athletics for  
Athletic Performance

## Strength and Conditioning

Under the direction of assistant athletic director Mike Gentry, the strength and conditioning program has become a major part of the success of the Virginia Tech softball team.

"Since 1987, our strength and conditioning program has developed a tradition," Gentry said. "We have teams dedicated to training hard and striving for excellence. The younger student-athletes see the upperclassmen's intensity and it makes everyone want to train to be one's best."

"Our strength and conditioning program is designed to help our student-athletes build overall strength and endurance, while helping them develop self-discipline and realize their potential as athletes. We have a comprehensive program utilizing strength/power training, plyometrics, conditioning and flexibility training."

The softball team trains in the Jim "Bulldog" Haren weight room which was officially dedicated in September 1985 to Haren, a former Hokie football player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletics Department.

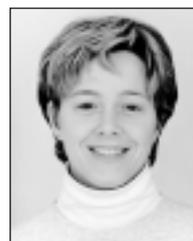
The weight room has recently been refurbished with new free-weight equipment as well as a new line of Nautilus Next Generation equipment. The facility has been greatly expanded with the completion of the Merryman Athletic Center.

A Durham, N.C., native, Gentry received a B.S. in physical education from Western Carolina University in 1979. Gentry received his master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 where he worked as an assistant strength coach. In 1999, Gentry completed work toward an Ed.D., at Virginia Tech, in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in motor behavior.

In 1995 and 1996, Gentry was recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a finalist for the National Strength and Conditioning Professional of the Year.

Assisting Gentry are Sonny Sano, Christy Haley and Jay Johnson.

Haley, in her third year at Tech after serving as a fitness director in Gulf Shores, Ala., handles strength and conditioning for the softball team along with many of Tech's women's sports.



**Christy Haley**

## Academic Enrichment

The success of Virginia Tech's softball program rests largely on the academic progress of each student athlete. The academic performance of Tech student athletes has improved each year due in part to the Student Athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs (SAOAE). The ultimate goal is for all student athletes to successfully complete their degree.

The Student Athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs provides programming for student athletes from their freshman year through graduation. This includes a comprehensive orientation to Tech, study hall, mentoring, tutoring, academic monitoring, academic recognition and eligibility education.

Academic facilities for student athletes include the Monogram Room, a large room used as a study hall area adjacent to the SAOAE office in Cassell Coliseum. The HEAT (Hokies Engaging in Advanced Technology) Lab houses over 20 computers on the second floor of Cassell Coliseum. Room 160 in Cassell Coliseum provides an area for private quiet study for the athletes' convenience. Additionally, student athletes can use the Center for Academic Enrichment and Excellence site offices located in Hillcrest and Femoyer Halls.

Together, these spaces provide the student athlete with a variety of study environments conducive to their success. Athletes can use these facilities between classes, after practice, or in the evenings, with flexible hours tailored to make the most of a student athlete's limited time.

The SAOAE is comprised of coordinator Chris Helms, associate coordinator Lois Berg and three assistant coordinators — Colin Howlett, Shelia Clark and Katie Ammons.

Helms is in his first year at Tech after coming from Michigan State and is responsible for the development and leadership of the SAOAE.

Berg, in her 11th year at Tech, is the coordinator for the softball teams. She is primarily in charge of developing the freshman orientation program, which ensures the student athlete a smooth transition from high school to the university.

Terrie Repass serves as the office receptionist and "first contact" person for the SAOAE.



**Chris Helms**



**Lois Berg**



**Hokie softball players train in the Jim "Bulldog" Haren Weight Room.**

# THE FACILITIES

The Virginia Tech softball team has the luxury of playing and practicing in some of the finest facilities on the East Coast. Employing the Tech Softball Field, Rector Field House and the Jim "Bulldog" Haren weight room, the Hokies use the best in training to win championships.

The Virginia Tech Softball Field is a great complex that became even better in the off-season. The field has a playing surface that is properly maintained and upgraded as needed.

The dugouts, faced with Hokie stone, are complete with bathrooms, water

fountains and equipment rooms. They also are ADA accessible and have access to separate bullpens, making them some of the finest around.

The field, which was completed in the Fall of 1997, has dimensions of 200 feet down the lines and 220 feet to

center field. Over the past two seasons at home, the Hokies have compiled a record of 25-7, including a 15-0 campaign last season.

This past winter, permanent bench-back seats were added. With the new bleachers, the complex can easily hold up to 500 fans.

At the top of the new seats is a prefabricated, 8-by-18 foot press box. Complete with power and phone lines, it accommodates all the needs of the media.

A state-of-the-art scoreboard was installed during the 1998 season, making it easier for coaches, players and fans to keep up with the game.

When weather doesn't allow for outdoor practice, the team doesn't lose practice time by moving into Rector Field House.

Located adjacent to the playing field, the field house has an artificial surface, batting cages and ample room for drills. It is also equipped with a training room.

Locker room renovations and outdoor batting cages are projects in the works.



*The Tech Softball Field has undergone numerous changes in the past couple of years. This past winter, along with a press box, permanent bench-back bleachers were added.*



*Above: The 1999 Virginia Tech softball team went 15-0 last season at home. Right: Hokie fans have been treated to great softball over the past four years. This year, they will be treated to new permanent seats, making the experience even better.*



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