

VIRGINIA TECH

VOLLEYBALL

2017 QUICK FACTS

2017 SCHEDULE

UW Milwaukee Invitational

8/25/17	vs. Idaho State	11 a.m.
8/25/17	vs. South Dakota St.	6 p.m.
8/26/17	at UW-Milwaukee	2:30 p.m.

Arkansas State Tournament

9/1/17	vs. Ole Miss	Noon
9/1/17	at Arkansas State	7:30 p.m.
9/2/17	vs. SMU	5 p.m.

Marshall Invitational

9/8/17	at Marshall	7 p.m.
9/9/17	vs. Maryland	11 a.m.
9/9/17	vs. Toledo	5 p.m.

Hokie Invitational

9/15/17	Radford	7 p.m.
9/16/17	ETSU	2 p.m.
9/22/17	at Miami*	7 p.m.
9/24/17	at Florida State*	1 p.m.
9/27/17	at Virginia*	7 p.m.
10/1/17	at Pitt*	1 p.m.
10/6/17	Louisville*	6:30 p.m.
10/8/17	Notre Dame*	Noon
10/13/17	at North Carolina*	6:30 p.m.
10/15/17	at NC State*	2 p.m.
10/20/17	Wake Forest*	6:30 p.m.
10/22/17	Duke*	1 p.m.
10/27/17	at Syracuse*	7 p.m.
10/29/17	at Boston College*	1 p.m.
11/3/17	Georgia Tech*	6:30 p.m.
11/5/17	Clemson*	1 p.m.
11/10/17	at Notre Dame*	7 p.m.
11/12/17	at Louisville*	2 p.m.
11/17/17	Florida State*	6:30 p.m.
11/19/17	Miami*	Noon
11/22/17	Virginia*	4 p.m.
11/24/17	Pitt*	4 p.m.

*ACC matches Bold denotes home

GENERAL INFORMATION

University Name	Virginia Tech
Location	Blacksburg, Va.
Founded	1872
Enrollment	31,224
President.....	Dr. Timothy Sands
Director of Athletics.....	Whit Babcock
Nickname	Hokies
Mascot.....	Hokie Bird
Colors.....	Chicago Maroon and Burnt Orange
Affiliation.....	NCAA Division I
Conference.....	Atlantic Coast
Home Court.....	Cassell Coliseum
Capacity	9,567

VOLLEYBALL STAFF

Head Coach	Jill Wilson (1st Season)
Alma Mater	LSU, 2001
Career Record (Yrs/Pct)	0-0 (0/.000)
Record at Tech (Yrs/Pct)	0-0 (0/.000)
Associate HC.....	John Wasielewski (1st Season)
Alma Mater	Penn State, 1990
Assistant Coach.....	Thomas Amberg (1st Season)
Alma Mater	UCLA, 2012
Director of Operations.....	Leah Joseph (1st Season)
Alma Mater	Georgia Southern, 2016

2016 INFORMATION

Overall Record	13-18
ACC Record	8-12 (9th)
Starters Returning/Lost.....	4 + Libero/2
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	12/4
Returning Redshirts.....	1
Newcomers.....	5

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2017 VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Hometown	High School (Previous School)
1	Kaity Smith	OH	6'1"	Fr.	Florence, Ky.	Randall Cooper
3	Cara Cunningham	MB	6'4"	Sr.	Fairfax, Va.	Robinson (Villanova)
4	Jaila Tolbert	MB/RS	6'1"	Jr.	Minneapolis, Minn.	Breck School
5	Carol Raffety	OH/L	5'11"	So.	Novato, Calif.	Marin Catholic
6	Stacey Christy	MB	6'2"	r-Sr.	Hagerstown, Md.	Williamsport
7	Briana Lanktree	OH	5'11"	r-Sr.	Redono Beach, Calif.	Redondo Union High
8	Alex Toben	L/DS	5'8"	Jr.	Virginia Beach, Va.	Princess Anne
9	Rhegan Mitchell	S	5'8"	r-Jr.	Peachtree City, Ga.	McIntosh
10	Kylie Thomas	L/DS	5'7"	Fr.	Sterling, Va.	Potomac Falls
11	Mandy Powers	S	5'11"	Sr.	Leesburg, Va.	Loudoun County (UNC Asheville)
14	Ester Talamazzi	OH	6'0"	Fr.	Campo Ligure, Genoa, Italy	Liceo Scientifico A. Antonelli
15	Kelly Esch	RS	6'1"	r-Sr.	Williamsburg, Va.	Jamestown (LSU)
16	Rhana Mitchell	L/DS	5'8"	Sr.	Peachtree City, Ga.	McIntosh
18	Haley Price	L/DS	5'8"	r-So.	Bristol, Tenn.	Sullivan South
19	Marisa Cerchio	MB	6'3"	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	Turpin
20	Abby McKinzie	L/DS	5'9"	So.	East Leroy, Mich.	St. Philip Catholic Central
21	Melody Caloyannides	OH	6'0"	So.	Reston, Va.	South Lakes
22	Kai Young	MB	5'11"	Fr.	Charlotte, N.C.	Charlotte Christian

Head Coach: Jill Wilson (LSU, 2001) 1st Season
 Associate Head Coach: John Wasielewski (Penn State, 1990)
 Assistant Coach: Thomas Amberg (UCLA, 2012)
 Director of Operations: Leah Joseph (Georgia Southern, 2016)

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Cl.
21	Melody Caloyannides	OH	So.
19	Marisa Cerchio	MB	Fr.
6	Stacey Christy	MB	r-Sr.
3	Cara Cunningham	MB	Sr.
15	Kelly Esch	RS	r-Sr.
7	Briana Lanktree	OH	r-Sr.
20	Abby McKinzie	S/DS	So.
16	Rhana Mitchell	DS	Sr.
9	Rhegan Mitchell	S	r-Jr.
11	Mandy Powers	S	Sr.
18	Haley Price	L/DS	r-So.
5	Carol Raffety	OH	So.
1	Kaity Smith	OH	Fr.
14	Ester Talamazzi	OH	Fr.
10	Kylie Thomas	L/DS	Fr.
8	Alex Toben	L/DS	Jr.
4	Jaila Tolbert	MB	Jr.
22	Kaila Young	MB	Fr.

2017 Key Information

RETURNING STARTERS (4 + Libero)

Cara Cunningham	MB	Team-high 106 blocks, 24 SA, 212.5 points
Kelly Esch	RS	Posted 69 kills, 29 blocks and 90 points
Rhegan Mitchell	S	Team-high 570 assists, 10.75 A/set, 1.75 D/set
Carol Raffety	OH/L	Team-high 481 digs, 20 SA, 51 assists
Jaila Tolbert	MB/RS	Hit a team-high .301, 223 kills, 83 blocks

OTHERS RETURNING (8)

Melody Caloyannides	OH	Saw time in eight matches as a freshman
Stacey Christy	MB	Hit .233 with 25 blocks and two services
Briana Lanktree	OH	Appeared in 15 matches, tallying 40 kills
Abby McKinzie	L/DS	Played in 16 matches, racking up 56 digs
Rhana Mitchell	DS	Turned in 52 digs, seven assists in 12 matches
Mandy Powers	S	Second-most on team with 529 assists
Haley Price	L/DS	Redshirted due to hip surgery
Alex Toben	L/DS	Started six matches and tallied 75 digs

NEWCOMERS (5)

Marisa Cerchio	MB	Won USAV Nationals, 3x all-conference at Turpin
Kaity Smith	OH	Cincinnati.com Player of the Year, 3x all-state
Ester Talamazzi	OH	Club team took home U18 National Championship
Kylie Thomas	L/DS	3x all-state/conference, owns kills school record
Kai Young	MB	All-conference senior year, captain, ran track

STARTERS LOST (2)

Amanda McKinzie	OH	VaSID All-State, over 1,000 digs/kills
Lindsey Owens	OH	4x All-ACC, AVCA All-Region, over 1,000 kills

Roster By Class

SENIORS (6): Stacey Christy, Cara Cunningham, Kelly Esch, Briana Lanktree, Rhana Mitchell, Mandy Powers

JUNIORS (3): Rhegan Mitchell, Alex Toben, Jaila Tolbert

SOPHOMORES (4): Melody Caloyannides, Abby McKinzie, Haley Price, Carol Raffety

FRESHMEN (5): Marisa Cerchio, Kaity Smith, Ester Talamazzi, Kylie Thomas, Kai Young



2016 STATISTICS



Virginia Tech Volleyball Virginia Tech Combined Team Statistics (as of Jul 18, 2017) All Matches



Overall Record: 13-18 Conf: 8-12 Home: 7-8 Away: 5-6 Neutral: 1-4

#	Player	sp	Attack				pct	Set		Serve			Dig		Blocking					points		
			k	k/s	e	ta		a	a/s	sa	se	sa/s	re	dig	dig/s	bs	ba	total	blk/s		be	bhe
1	LINDSEY OWENS	115	403	3.50	144	1096	.236	26	0.23	16	47	0.14	33	372	3.23	7	34	41	0.36	5	2	443
10	AMANDA MCKINZIE	115	351	3.05	165	1192	.156	21	0.18	22	37	0.19	43	339	2.95	3	21	24	0.21	5	0	386.5
4	JAILA TOLBERT	114	223	1.96	75	492	.301	6	0.05	0	0	0.00	1	34	0.30	14	69	83	0.73	22	1	271.5
3	CARA CUNNINGHAM	102	127	1.25	49	287	.272	7	0.07	24	45	0.24	0	48	0.47	17	89	106	1.04	11	4	212.5
15	KELLY ESCH	55	69	1.25	42	202	.134	5	0.09	5	10	0.09	0	29	0.53	3	26	29	0.53	2	0	90
6	STACEY CHRISTY	47	56	1.19	21	150	.233	7	0.15	2	2	0.04	1	10	0.21	2	23	25	0.53	8	0	71.5
7	BRIANA LANKTREE	35	40	1.14	23	143	.119	1	0.03	2	13	0.06	0	13	0.37	1	12	13	0.37	3	0	49
17	ASHLEY BATTLE	14	30	2.14	17	72	.181	1	0.07	0	3	0.00	0	13	0.93	1	12	13	0.93	2	1	37
11	MANDY POWERS	63	28	0.44	15	100	.130	529	8.40	8	13	0.13	0	89	1.41	2	21	23	0.37	2	24	48.5
9	RHEGAN MITCHELL	53	22	0.42	10	91	.132	570	10.75	8	6	0.15	0	93	1.75	2	24	26	0.49	3	9	44
5	CAROL RAFFETY	113	20	0.18	13	68	.103	51	0.45	20	48	0.18	36	481	4.26	0	1	1	0.01	1	5	40.5
21	MELODY CALOYANNIDES	17	6	0.35	4	24	.083	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	9	0.53	1	7	8	0.47	5	0	10.5
8	ALEX TOBEN	47	1	0.02	0	2	.500	8	0.17	0	1	0.00	7	75	1.60	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1
20	ABBY MCKINZIE	40	1	0.03	1	3	.000	5	0.13	3	7	0.08	2	56	1.40	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	4
16	RHANA MITCHELL	34	0	0.00	0	1	.000	7	0.21	1	3	0.03	5	52	1.53	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	1
2	GABRIELA SENTIES	31	0	0.00	0	1	.000	34	1.10	1	8	0.03	0	20	0.65	0	0	0	0.00	0	4	1
13	KATIE KRUEGER	5	0	0.00	0	0	.000	0	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	1	0.20	0	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
VIRGINIA TECH		115	1377	11.97	579	3924	.203	1278	11.11	112	244	0.97	158	1734	15.08	53	339	222.5	3.41	69	50	1711.5
Opponents		115	1528	13.29	615	4090	.223	1413	12.29	158	246	1.37	113	1726	15.01	65	402	266.0	4.06	44	53	1952

TEAM STATISTICS

	VT	OPP
ATTACK		
Kills	1377	1528
Errors	579	615
Total Attacks	3924	4090
Attack Pct	.203	.223
Kill/Set	12.0	13.3
SET		
Assists	1278	1413
Assists/Set	11.1	12.3
SERVE		
Aces	112	158
Errors	244	246
Aces/Set	1.0	1.4
SERVE RECEPTIONS		
Errors	158	113
Errors/Set	1.4	1.0
DEFENSE		
Digs	1734	1726
Digs/Set	15.1	15.0
BLOCKING		
Block Solo	53	65
Block Assist	339	402
Total Blocks	222.5	266.0
Blocks/Set	1.9	2.3
Block Errors	69	44
Ball handling errors	50	53
ATTENDANCE		
Total	9,658	6,040
Dates/Avg Per Date	15/644	11/549
Neutral site #/Avg	5/28	-
Current win streak	1	-
Home win streak	1	-

Date	Opponent	Score	Score by set	Att.
Aug 26	APPALACHIAN STATE	w 3-2	22-25,33-31,24-26,26-24,15-8	837
Aug 27	SIENA	w 3-0	26-24,25-18,25-18	321
Aug 27	UMBC	w 3-0	25-21,25-17,25-12	555
Sep 01	vs Alabama	L 2-3	22-25,25-14,16-25,25-22,12-15	141
Sep 02	vs Temple	w 3-2	23-25,25-21,21-25,25-18,16-14	0
Sep 03	vs Texas A&M	L 0-3	26-28,23-25,15-25	0
Sep 09	vs Northwestern	L 0-3	24-26,24-26,16-25	0
Sep 09	vs Ole Miss	L 2-3	19-25,19-25,25-23,25-18,10-15	0
Sep 10	at Lipscomb	L 0-3	21-25,21-25,20-25	0
Sep 16	RADFORD	w 3-1	25-20,25-23,16-25,25-21	342
Sep 16	OHIO	L 2-3	21-25,20-25,27-25,25-23,6-15	503
* Sep 23	CLEMSON	w 3-0	25-21,25-20,25-17	628
* Sep 25	GEORGIA TECH	L 1-3	20-25,27-25,16-25,21-25	438
* Sep 28	PITT	L 1-3	12-25,25-18,27-29,16-25	473
* Sep 30	VIRGINIA	w 3-0	26-24,25-15,25-21	1741
* Oct 07	at Wake Forest	w 3-0	25-19,25-23,31-29	263
* Oct 09	at Duke	L 1-3	25-23,14-25,11-25,13-25	1002
* Oct 14	at Florida State	L 2-3	13-25,21-25,25-15,26-24,8-15	1030
* Oct 16	at Miami	L 0-3	20-25,19-25,19-25	525
* Oct 21	LOUISVILLE	L 1-3	18-25,10-25,25-22,22-25	652
* Oct 23	NOTRE DAME	L 0-3	20-25,15-25,18-25	523
* Oct 28	(8) NORTH CAROLINA	L 1-3	21-25,25-22,21-25,17-25	642
* Oct 30	NC STATE	L 0-3	16-25,19-25,16-25	577
* Nov 04	at Georgia Tech	L 0-3	14-25,24-26,24-26	902
* Nov 06	at Clemson	w 3-1	25-17,20-25,25-23,25-15	721
* Nov 11	DUKE	L 0-3	16-25,17-25,15-25	1022
* Nov 13	WAKE FOREST	w 3-0	25-22,25-16,25-19	404
* Nov 18	at Boston College	w 3-0	25-21,25-21,25-20	414
* Nov 20	at Syracuse	w 3-1	21-25,25-19,25-22,27-25	151
* Nov 23	at Pitt	L 0-3	23-25,18-25,19-25	432
* Nov 25	at Virginia	w 3-2	25-22,25-23,17-25,21-25,15-13	600

Record in 3-set matches: 7-9 • Record in 4-set matches: 3-5 • Record in 5-set matches: 3-4