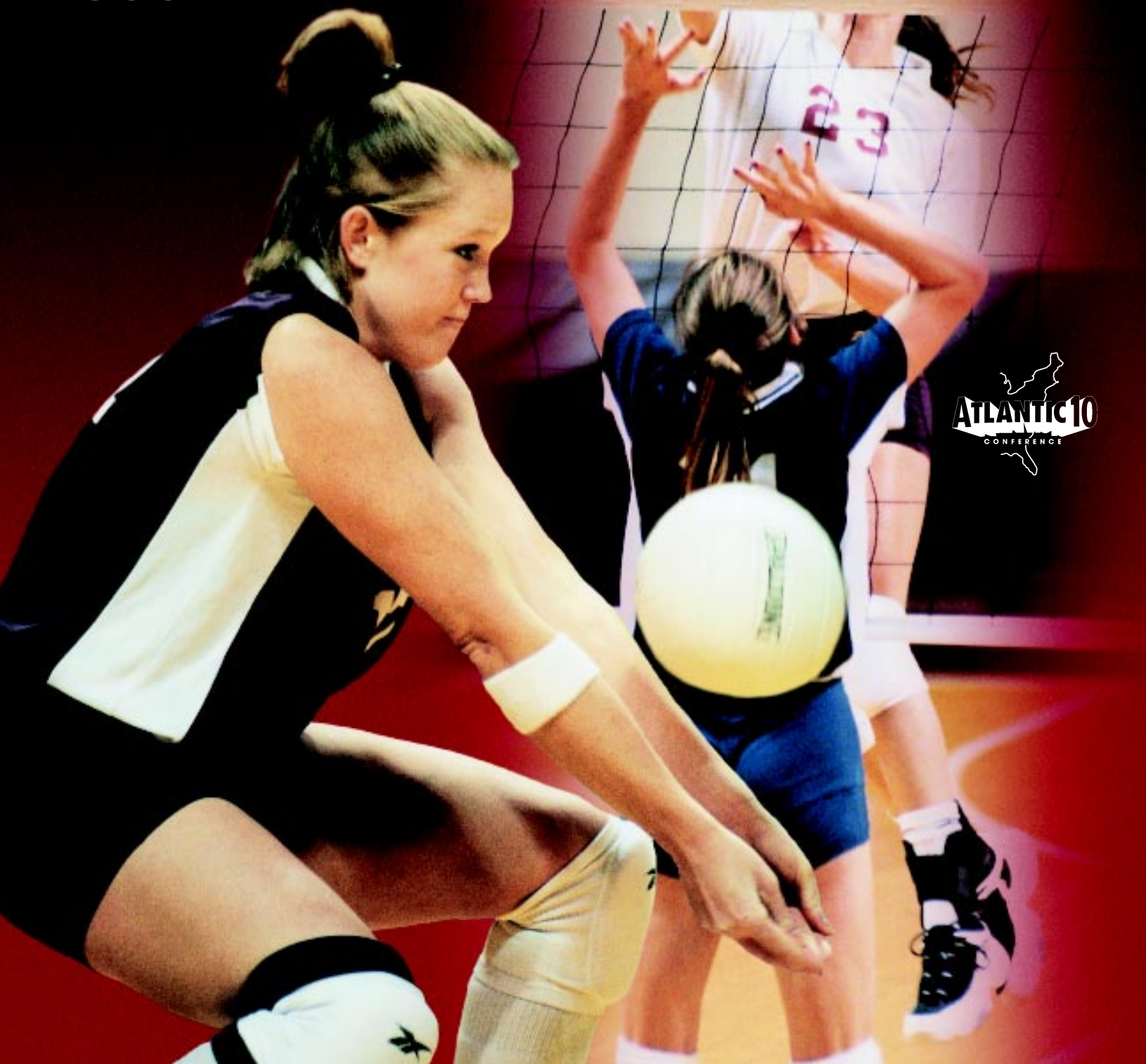


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HOKIE QUICK FACTS

University Information

Location: Blacksburg, Va.
Founded: 1872
Enrollment: 25,000
Nickname: Hokies
Colors: Chicago maroon & burnt orange
Conference: Atlantic 10, BIG EAST for football
President: Dr. Paul Torgersen
Director of Athletics: Jim Weaver
Senior Associate Athletic Director: Sharon McCloskey

Volleyball Information

Volleyball Office Phone: (540) 231-5037
Head Coach: Stephanie Hawbecker (Illinois State, '83)
Record at VT: 157-115 (8 years)
Career Record: Same
Assistant Coach: Matt Ginipro (Virginia Tech, '93)
Year at Tech: 4th
Assistant Coach: Jennifer Arbuckle (Virginia Tech, '96)
Year at Tech: 3rd
1998 Record: 21-9/15-5 (Third in A-10)
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/4
Newcomers: 6
Facility: Cassell Coliseum (10,052)

MEDIA GUIDE CREDITS

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ON THE COVERS: The front cover features senior outside hitter Rachel Julian (left) and junior right-side hitter Kristin Wright. The back cover features senior setter Britton Julian.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	at Virginia	7 p.m.
3-4	VIRGINIA LOTTERY HOKIE CLASSIC (at Blacksburg, Va.)	
3	KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
4	VILLANOVA	Noon
4	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	7 p.m.
10-11	Courtyard by Marriott Classic at Georgia Tech (at Atlanta, Ga.)	
10	vs. Cal-Santa Barbara	Noon
10	vs. Arizona State	5 p.m.
11	at Georgia Tech	Noon
11	vs. South Carolina	7:30 p.m.
17	at Fordham *	7 p.m.
18	at Duquesne *	5 p.m.
24	LA SALLE *	7 p.m.
25	TEMPLE *	7 p.m.
28	TENNESSEE	7 p.m.
Oct. 1	GEORGE WASHINGTON *	7 p.m.
5	JAMES MADISON	7 p.m.
8	at Dayton *	6:30 p.m.
9	at Xavier *	7:30 p.m.
15	RHODE ISLAND *	7 p.m.
16	MASSACHUSETTS *	7 p.m.
22	DUQUESNE *	7 p.m.
23	FORDHAM *	7 p.m.
29	at Temple *	6:30 p.m.
30	at La Salle *	5 p.m.
Nov. 5	at George Washington *	7:30 p.m.
12	XAVIER *	7 p.m.
13	DAYTON *	4 p.m.
19	at Massachusetts *	7 p.m.
20	at Rhode Island *	6 p.m.
26-27	Bell Atlantic/Atlantic 10 Championship (at Philadelphia, Pa.)	TBA
Dec. 3-20	NCAA Championships	TBA

* denotes Atlantic 10 matches

All times local to match site. Home matches in ALL CAPS

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Facilities

The Virginia Tech volleyball team plays and trains in some of the finest facilities in the country.

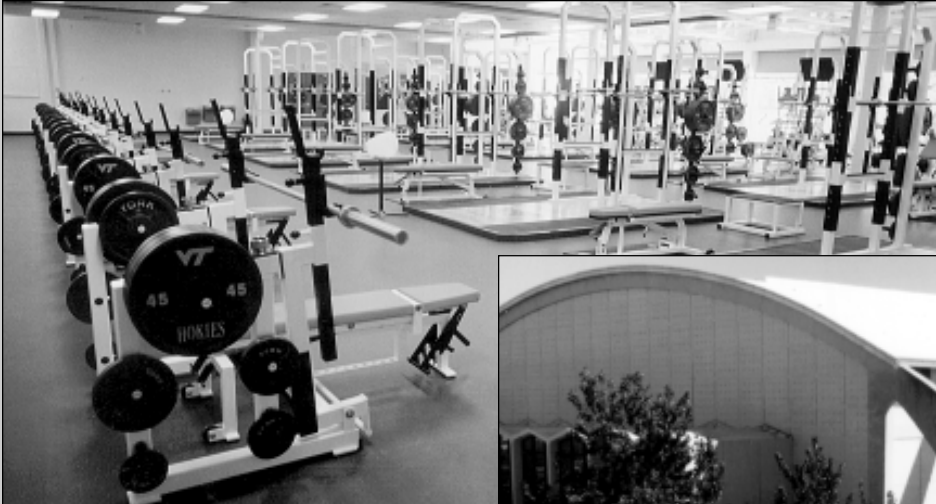
Cassell Coliseum, the 10,052-seat home of the Virginia Tech volleyball team, is home to a winning tradition. Rivals have had little success playing the Hokies in Cassell, winning only 81 of 276 visits.

Construction for the main portion of Cassell Coliseum began in 1961. It was completed in December 1964, at a cost of \$2.7 million. Built by T.C. Brittain and Company of Decatur, Ga., it houses an arena, locker rooms, two auxiliary gymnasiums, offices and other athletic facilities.

Recently, Cassell Coliseum has undergone extensive renovations to both the exterior and interior of the building, as well as structural systems. Prior to the 1988-89 season, a modern, new spring-loaded playing floor was installed in the Coliseum. During 1996-97, the facility was upgraded with a new roof and paint application.

The Hokies train in the Merryman Athletic Center. The sparkling new \$10.6 million facility contains 17,000 square feet of strength and conditioning space.

The Merryman Center was dedicated Sept., 26, 1998, and is named for the F.W. (Sonny) Merryman family of Rustburg, Va., which presented the university with a major gift to kick off a fund-raising campaign.



The Hokies train in the Merryman Center weight room (above) and play in Cassell Coliseum (right).

Media Information

MATCH CREDENTIALS

Home matches are held at Cassell Coliseum and are free of charge. No credentials are needed for entrance. Media interested in attending the matches are encouraged to call the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office for further information.

COACH/PLAYER INTERVIEWS

PLEASE SCHEDULE ALL

INTERVIEWS THROUGH THE VIRGINIA TECH SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE - (540) 231-3387 or (540) 231-6726.

For interviews with head volleyball coach Stephanie Hawbecker or any of the Hokie volleyball players, please contact **Bryan Johnston** at the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office - **(540) 231-3387**.

Coach Hawbecker is usually available for interviews between 9-11 a.m., Monday-Thursday. Interviews with players will be available according to class and practice schedules. At no time will an athlete's telephone number be released to the media.

POST-MATCH INTERVIEWS

Coach Hawbecker and players will be available after matches, following a short

cool-down period. Please make all requests for interviews with Sports Information intern **Bryan Johnston** at the courtside scorer's table.

MATCH RESULTS

Box scores will be available immediately following the conclusion of the match, and will also be faxed to the opposing team's sports information office.

A story, complete with agate, will be sent to the Richmond Associated Press, as well as to selected covering newspapers.

Team and individual statistics will be updated and available following each match. Media can access the statistics either in the Sports Information Office or by the Atlantic 10 Fax-On-Demand service.

Results, a game story and statistics also can be obtained via the Internet on Tech's homepage: www.hokiesports.com.

ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS

The Atlantic 10 volleyball release will be available every Monday during the season. Copies can be obtained either in the Virginia Tech Sports Information Office or by the Fax-On-Demand system.

DIRECTIONS TO BLACKSBURG

From the north or east, take Interstate 81 south to exit 118. Exit and turn right. Make a right at the first signal, following US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From the south, take Interstate 81 north to exit 118. Turn left onto US 460 west. Make a right at the first signal, following US 460 west to Blacksburg.

From West Virginia, take Interstate 77 south (West Virginia Turnpike) to exit 9. Exit and turn left onto 460 east. Follow 460 east to Blacksburg.

Once in Blacksburg, use the 460 bypass around the downtown area. Follow 460 to the signal at Southgate Drive (Va. 314). Turn into campus, and proceed one-half mile on Southgate Drive. Turn left onto Spring Road, just before the football stadium. Cassell Coliseum will then be on the right.

SPORTS INFORMATION OFFICE

The Virginia Tech Sports Information Offices are located on the third floor of the Jamerson Athletic Center in rooms 363, 364 and 366. The Jamerson Athletic Center is adjacent to Cassell Coliseum, facing Lane Stadium/Worsham Field.

Rosters

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Cheryl Stinson	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Ottawa, Ontario (Colonel By SS)
2	Candice Lahm	OH	5-6	So.	1L	Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence)
3	Holly Disser	OH	5-10	So.	1L	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW)
4	Renee Collins	S	5-9	So.	1L	Shawnee, Kan. (Bishop Miege)
6	Christine Shubat	MB	6-1	So.	1L	Ft. Wayne, Ind. (Carroll)
7	Ana Lang	OH	5-9	Fr.	HS	Cuba, N.Y. (Cuba-Rushford)
8	Kate Hubbard	OH	5-10	So.	1L	Newark, Del. (St. Mark's)
9	Kristy Milan-Williams	DS	5-5	Jr.	1L	Jensen Beach, Fla. (Martin County)
10	Ashley Axson	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla. (Berkeley Prep)
13	Jamie Meyer	OH	6-0	Fr.	HS	Ft. Wayne, Ind. (North Side)
14	Allison Suggs	DS	5-7	Jr.	1L	Roanoke, Va. (Patrick Henry)
16	Britton Julian	S	6-0	Sr.	3L	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
17	Rachel Julian	OH	6-0	Sr.	3L	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
18	Mandy White	RH	6-1	Jr.	1L	Richmond, Va. (L.C. Bird)
21	Sarah Rogers	MB	5-10	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Walton)
23	Kristin Wright	RH	6-3	Jr.	2L	Hurt, Va. (Gretna)
25	Kim Amos	DS/OH	5-10	Fr.	HS	Roanoke, Va. (Cave Spring)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Cl.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
25	Kim Amos	DS/OH	5-10	Fr.	HS	Roanoke, Va. (Cave Spring)
10	Ashley Axson	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Tampa, Fla. (Berkeley Prep)
4	Renee Collins	S	5-9	So.	1L	Shawnee, Kan. (Bishop Miege)
3	Holly Disser	OH	5-10	So.	1L	Overland Park, Kan. (Blue Valley NW)
8	Kate Hubbard	OH	5-10	So.	1L	Newark, Del. (St. Mark's)
16	Britton Julian	S	6-0	Sr.	3L	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
17	Rachel Julian	OH	6-0	Sr.	3L	Camden, S.C. (Camden)
2	Candice Lahm	OH	5-6	So.	1L	Lawrence, Kan. (Lawrence)
7	Ana Lang	OH	5-9	Fr.	HS	Cuba, N.Y. (Cuba-Rushford)
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21	Sarah Rogers	MB	5-10	Fr.	HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Walton)
6	Christine Shubat	MB	6-1	So.	1L	Ft. Wayne, Ind. (Carroll)
1	Cheryl Stinson	MB	6-1	Fr.	HS	Ottawa, Ontario (Colonel By SS)
14	Allison Suggs	DS	5-7	Jr.	1L	Roanoke, Va. (Patrick Henry)
18	Mandy White	RH	6-1	Jr.	1L	Richmond, Va. (L.C. Bird)
23	Kristin Wright	RH	6-3	Jr.	2L	Hurt, Va. (Gretna)

1999 SQUAD BREAKDOWN

STARTERS RETURNING (3)

Name (Ht., Cl., Exp.)	Pos.	GP	KPG	DPG	APG*/BPG
Britton Julian (6-0, Sr., 3L)	S	98	0.69	2.80	12.73*/0.93
Rachel Julian (6-0, Sr., 3L)	OH	93	3.57	2.99	0.54
Christine Shubat (6-1, So., 1L)	MB	46	1.52	0.07	0.87

OTHER LETTERWINNERS RETURNING (8)

Name (Ht., Cl., Exp.)	Pos.	GP	KPG	DPG	APG*/BPG
Renee Collins (5-9, So., 1L)	S	39	0.21	1.21	0.05
Holly Disser (5-10, So., 1L)	OH	40	1.38	1.50	0.17
Kate Hubbard (5-10, So., 1L)	OH	2	1.00	0.00	0.00
Candice Lahm (5-6, So., 1L)	OH	94	0.07	1.36	0.01
Kristy Milan-Williams (5-5, Jr., 1L)	DS	15	1.00	0.00	0.00
Allison Suggs (5-7, Jr., 1L)	DS	20	0.00	0.90	0.00
Mandy White (6-1, Jr., 1L)	RS	1	1.00	0.00	0.00
Kristin Wright (6-3, Jr. 2L)	RS	29	1.69	1.34	0.62

NEWCOMERS (6)

Kim Amos (5-10, DS, HS)	Roanoke, Va. (Cave Spring)
Ashley Axson (6-1, MB, HS)	Tampa, Fla. (Berkeley Prep)
Ana Lang (5-9, OH, HS)	Cuba, N.Y. (Cuba-Rushford)
Jamie Meyer (6-0, OH, HS)	Ft. Wayne, Ind. (North Side)
Sarah Rogers (5-10, MB, HS)	Atlanta, Ga. (Walton)
Cheryl Stinson (6-1, MB, HS)	Ottawa, Ontario (Colonel By Secondary School)

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Seniors (2)	Britton Julian Rachel Julian
Juniors (4)	Kristy Milan-Williams Allison Suggs Mandy White Kristin Wright
Sophomores (5)	Renee Collins Holly Disser Kate Hubbard Candice Lahm Christine Shubat
Freshmen (6)	Kim Amos Ashley Axson Ana Lang Jamie Meyer Sarah Rogers Cheryl Stinson

BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Delaware (1) ...	Kate Hubbard
Florida (2)	Ashley Axson Kristy Milan-Williams
Georgia (1)	Sarah Rogers
Indiana (2)	Jamie Meyer Christine Shubat
Kansas (3)	Renee Collins Holly Disser Candice Lahm
New York (1)	Ana Lang
S. Carolina (2) ..	Britton Julian Rachel Julian
Virginia (4)	Kim Amos Allison Suggs Mandy White Kristin Wright
Canada (1)	Cheryl Stinson

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ana Lang	Ah-nuh
Disser	DIS-sir
Ginipro	JEN-eh-pro
Hawbecker	HA-bek-ur
Lahm	Laam
Milan-Williams	MY-lin
Shubat	SHOE-bat



1999 Outlook

Hokies looking to take the next step; aiming for NCAA Tournament in '99

With 11 players on the 1999 Virginia Tech volleyball roster who are either sophomores or freshmen, Coach Stephanie Hawbecker might have a tougher time getting everyone to learn each other's names than getting the team to perform on the court. With this young, but talented lineup, the Hokies look to make it back to the Atlantic 10 Championship and make the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history.

Hawbecker, Tech's all-time winningest volleyball coach, knows this won't be easy. With only two seniors on the squad and perhaps the toughest schedule ever, the road to the NAAs will be difficult. But with a wealth of young talent, depth and veteran leadership, anything's possible.

After reaching the finals of the conference tournament for the first time, Tech's goal is to take it one step farther this year — win the A-10 championship and advance to the NCAA Tournament.

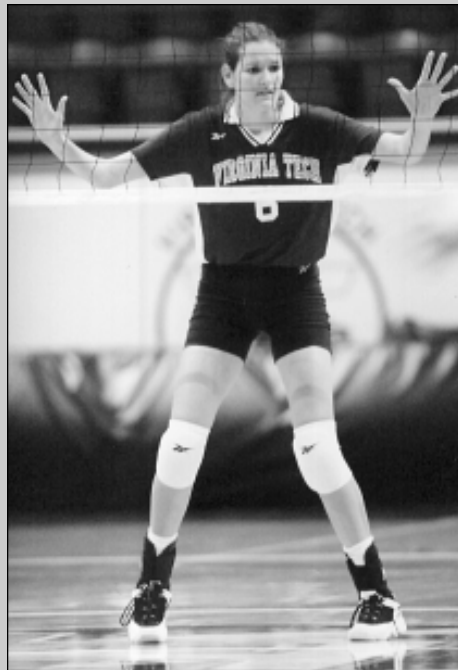
"You have to be in the finals once or twice before you know how to win [the championship]," Hawbecker said. "The team is committed to get back there and the returners are very anxious to come back and win the Atlantic 10 Championship. This year, we want to go to Temple and come away with an NCAA tournament bid."

Coach Hawbecker, who enters her ninth season at the helm of the Hokie program, will rely heavily on the strength and experience of seniors Britton and Rachel Julian. The twins from Camden, S.C., will be called upon to carry the load early. The duo will be complemented by middle blocker Christine Shubat and any number of potential starters and reserves.

With such a young, but talented team, Hawbecker is cautious about putting too much pressure on them early.

"It's possible for us to win the A-10 tournament, but we have to be real smart about our expectations early in the season," Hawbecker says. "We have to stay upbeat if we have some road blocks early. With only two seniors returning in Rachel and Britton, we're going to put a big load on them to stabilize this team."

"What you hope for with a young team is that they're so excited that they play hard and don't worry about freshman



Sophomore **Christine Shubat** gained valuable experience at the middle blocker position last year.

mistakes. The thing about this team is that, although they are very young, they are exciting and upbeat and should be fun to watch this year."

OUTSIDE HITTER

The deepest of positions, any one of six players will be vying for playing time next to Rachel Julian. Candice Lahm, Holly Disser and Kate Hubbard return from last year's squad while freshmen Jamie Meyer, Ana Lang and Kim Amos look to see playing time in their first year on the team.

Rachel Julian

is back to 100 percent after having a second shoulder surgery during the off-season. Julian was second on the team in kills (332) and kills per game (3.57) last year, and looks to make a huge impact this season. A fierce competitor, Julian is fifth at Tech in career kills per game (3.07) and ninth in career kills (892).

Sophomores Disser, Lahm and Hubbard return after gaining valuable experience as freshmen and will push for time here. Disser recorded 55 kills in 40 games played, while Lahm had 32 service aces and 128 digs last season. Hubbard saw limited action, recording three service aces and two kills.

Meyer (Ft. Wayne, Ind.) and Lang (Cuba, N.Y.) will also be fighting for immediate playing time. Amos was redshirted last year as a member of the Tech women's soccer team and will also train at defensive specialist.

RIGHT-SIDE HITTER

Despite losing senior Kerry Majewski, the right side should be strong for the Hokies in 1999. Juniors Kristin Wright and Mandy White will challenge for the starting position, but both will see plenty of action.

Wright, the tallest player on the team at 6-3, played in 16 matches last season and is just now starting to get the feel of the collegiate game, which is dangerous for opponents. Wright recorded 49 kills, 39 digs and 18 blocks on the season. While Wright is the go-to attacker, White is more of a blocker. At 6-1, White, along with Wright, will give the Hokies a physical presence at the net.



Senior **Britton Julian**, a 1998 All-Atlantic 10 team member, is a force both as a blocker and setter.

MIDDLE BLOCKER

Shubat is the only returning middle blocker after Tech lost Erika Kuhn and all-conference member Corrie Bundy to graduation. Shubat, a sophomore, had 70 kills and 40 total blocks

last year. She gained playing experience in the second half of the A-10 season last year when thrust into the lineup due to injury.

Also competing for time at the middle blocker position will be freshmen Cheryl Stinson, Ashley Axson and Sarah Rogers. Stinson and Axson are solid blockers while Rogers is more of an all-around player who can hit the slide.

SETTER

A steady force at the net, senior Britton Julian returns for her final season at the setter's position. An unselfish and intense competitor, Julian was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team last season after averaging 12.73 assists per game with 1,248 assists on the year. She enters the season third all-time at Tech in assists (2,804) and should finish No. 2 by the end of this year. A strong blocker, Julian added 91 total blocks with 10 block solos.

Renee Collins is very capable of stepping in after gaining valuable experience and confidence last season. She had 117 assists last season and 128 digs in 39 games played.

DEFENSIVE SPECIALIST

Two outstanding junior walk-ons, Allison Suggs and Kristy Milan-Williams, both will see time in the defensive specialist position.

Suggs has the mentality of a defensive specialist, going after every ball and running over people to get to it. She had 18 digs and six service aces last year.

Milan-Williams, a tremendous spark off the bench, recorded 17 digs and two service aces in 15 games played last year. Amos will also vie for time at the position.

THE SCHEDULE

Hawbecker believes the Hokies' 1999 schedule is the toughest in her nine years at Tech, if not *the* toughest in school history. With contests against perennial power Cal-Santa Barbara along with three matches against Southeastern Conference schools (Kentucky, South Carolina and Tennessee) and two tough tournaments, the Hokies will have a challenge before even stepping foot into the tough Atlantic 10 conference schedule.

"We have our strongest schedule ever, probably in the history of the school," Hawbecker says. "I've looked at the RPIs and we're facing an average RPI (ratings percentage index) 40 spots higher than the average from last year.

"We're facing 13 teams ranked in the top 100 and half of those are in the top 50. The tournament we're playing in at Georgia Tech and our home tournament are very high level."

The Hokies open up play at Virginia on Sept. 1 before coming home for the Virginia Lottery Hokie Classic on Sept. 3 and 4. In the tourney, the Hokies will face Kentucky, Villanova and Northern Illinois. On Sept. 10 and 11, Tech will travel to Atlanta for the Courtyard by Marriott Classic at Georgia Tech, facing Cal-Santa Barbara, Arizona State, South Carolina and the host Yellow Jackets.

Tech then opens up Atlantic 10 conference play with two matches each against Fordham, Duquesne, La Salle, Temple, George Washington, Dayton, Xavier, Rhode

Island and Massachusetts over a two-month span. Sandwiched in between conference matches are contests against Tennessee and James Madison.

Following the Rhode Island match on Nov. 20, the Hokies hope to be one of the top four teams in the conference, earning them a spot in the Bell Atlantic/Atlantic 10 Championship, hosted by Temple on Nov. 26 and 27. With a tournament championship, the Hokies would meet their ultimate goal — a spot in the NCAA Tournament, held Dec. 3-20 at various sites around the nation.



Junior Kristin Wright will lead the Hokies' attack at the right-side hitter position.

THE ATLANTIC 10

After making the conference tournament championship last season, the Hokies will have a bull's-eye on them each time they take the court. With a lot of good returning players coming back throughout the conference, Hawbecker says it's anyone's title to take.

"I honestly think it's wide-open," Hawbecker says. "For me to pick one team, I just can't do it. Temple has a way of winning when it's important and I think you have to consider them the top team going in since they've won the championship the last two years. I think Rhode Island will be back among the top teams

thanks, in part, to a new setter from Germany who's supposed to be very good.

"But you have to consider the traditional people — Temple, UMass, Dayton, Rhode Island and ourselves — will be in a dogfight this year for the four conference tournament berths. Last year, I thought it was wide-open and it was. It looks to be the same this year."

FINAL THOUGHTS

With a tough schedule and a young team, Hawbecker is cautious of making her expectations too high, too early. But when the team comes together and gets some experience, Tech could be a team to watch out for in the latter half of the season.

"This team, even though they're young, is exciting and we have to let them play with a lot of fire," Hawbecker says. "Their chemistry is what's going to help us over-achieve in terms of overcoming that youth factor and we have to let them do that."

The Hokies are hoping to make some noise around the nation and in the Atlantic 10. And when it's all said and done, they're looking to do the same in the 1999 NCAA Tournament.



Senior Rachel Julian, a team captain, will be counted on for her leadership and experience in 1999.

Head Coach Stephanie Hawbecker

Virginia Tech head volleyball coach Stephanie Hawbecker, the Hokies' all-time winningest volleyball coach, returns for her ninth season at the helm of the women's volleyball program. A patient and motivational coach, Hawbecker instills confidence, determination and never-ending enthusiasm in her players as she looks to maintain the winning consistency that has been enjoyed by Hokie fans during her tenure.

Hawbecker got her first taste of head coaching experience in 1991 when hired as the Hokies' second head coach. Hawbecker also began another era in Tech history as she became the first volleyball head coach to be hired at full-time status. In eight seasons, Hawbecker already represents the university as the winningest volleyball coach (by winning percentage) with her 157-115 career record (.577). Hawbecker reached the first milestone in her career with her 100th win in 1995. The Hokies defeated Xavier, 3-0, for win No. 100.

Tech's 1998 record of 21-9 was Hawbecker's fourth winning season in her eight-year stint. The 1992 squad, with a record of 26-11, stands as the winningest team in school history. That team advanced to the finals of the Metro Conference Tournament for the first time, earning a berth in the National Invitational Volleyball Championship tournament. At the NIVC, the Tech team received the Steve Lowe Award for embodying competitive excellence, inspiration and fair play. Among the many honors awarded to the team, Hawbecker was named the Metro Conference Coach of the Year and the Virginia Sports Information Director's Division I Coach of the Year.

As a first-year member of the Atlantic 10 Conference in 1995, Hawbecker and the Hokies made an immediate impact with a fourth-place regular-season showing and a berth in the four-team tournament. Last year, Hawbecker guided her spikers to the Atlantic 10 Championship match, finishing with a 21-9 record, the winningest record in school history.

Hawbecker has had eight players named to all-conference teams, most recently Corrie Bundy and Britton Julian, who were selections to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference first team last season. In 1992, the conference coaches voted Tech's freshman Jennifer Schmidt the Metro Rookie of the Year. Schmidt also earned All-Metro honors in 1994 and All-Atlantic 10 honors in 1995.

In addition to dedication on the court, Hawbecker stresses academic excellence off the court. She has tutored six academic all-conference players (nine times), including the epitome of the student-athlete, Lisa Pikalek. A three-time GTE Academic All-American, Pikalek participated at Tech from 1989-92 and was a finalist for the NCAA Woman of the Year award in 1993. She carried a 3.97 GPA and now holds seven school records. Last season, the squad placed 15 on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll and

HAWBECKER'S PROFILE

PERSONAL

Birthdate: May 24, 1961
Birthplace: Naperville, Ill.

EDUCATION

High School: Naperville North H.S.
College: Illinois State (B.S., 1983)
Graduate: Illinois State (M.S., 1985)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

High School: Naperville North High School
College: Illinois State, 1980-83
Tournaments: USVBA Junior Nationals, 1981
USVBA Open Nationals, 1981-82
NCAA Tournament, 1982

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1991-present: Head Coach, Virginia Tech
1987-1991: Assistant Coach,
Wisconsin at Madison
1985-87: Assistant Coach,
SW Missouri State University
Director, Springfield Juniors club
1983-85: Graduate Assistant, Illinois State

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

1992 Metro Conference co-champions
1992 Metro Conference Coach of the Year
1992 NIVC participant
1992 Virginia SID Division I Coach of the Year
1992 Steve Lowe Award, NIVC



Meredith Braine was named a GTE Academic All-American.

A native of Naperville, Ill., Hawbecker attended Illinois State University, receiving her undergraduate degree in physical education in 1983. She was a walk-on on the volleyball team, earning a starting position her final two seasons and helping the team reach the NCAA Tournament her senior year.

Continuing her education, Hawbecker remained at ISU as a graduate assistant coach for two seasons, completing her master's degree.

After leaving ISU, Hawbecker accepted a position as an assistant coach at Southwest Missouri State University where she stayed for two years while also serving as the director of the Springfield (Mo.) Juniors Volleyball Club.

Hawbecker joined the staff at the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 1987 and was the top assistant for four seasons. While there, she helped lead the Badgers to the 1990 Big Ten Championship and the squad finished as the nation's 10th-ranked team. In the same season, the Badgers advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16, defeating Illinois in a first-round match. Wisconsin set the tournament record for attendance with 10,935 filling the Wisconsin Field House for the match.

"My coaching philosophy is to provide the student-athletes with an environment in which they can fully develop their decision-making abilities on and off the court,"

Hawbecker said. "Competing at the Division I level and meeting the challenging academic standards at

Virginia Tech demands commitment and I hope I am able to be a role model for my players through my commitment to them and our program."

Assistant Coaches and Staff

MATT GINIPRO • ASSISTANT COACH



Matt Ginipro begins his fourth year as assistant coach of the Hokie volleyball squad. A Virginia Tech graduate, Ginipro helped lead the Tech men's club volleyball team to the collegiate volleyball national tournament in each of his last two seasons while in school.

Ginipro's duties include assisting Tech's setters and right-side hitters, scheduling, recruiting and coordinating the team's offense.

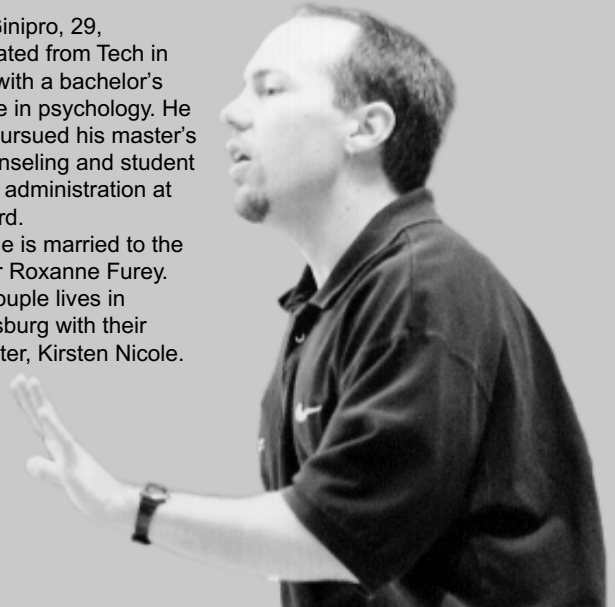
Ginipro spent the 1995 season as an assistant coach at Radford University under former Hokie head coach John Pierce. As a setter throughout his playing career, he worked primarily with the Highlander setters. Ginipro is a CAP Level II accredited coach, receiving certification from USA Volleyball.

While at Radford, Ginipro worked in the office of new student programs. He was responsible for the management of the SORTS program, which helped academically suspended students. He also served as a pre-major academic advisor for Radford undergraduates.

A Smithtown, N.Y., native, Ginipro also has served as a coach with the New River Valley Junior Olympic squad and has been the director of that squad.

Ginipro, 29, graduated from Tech in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He later pursued his master's in counseling and student affairs administration at Radford.

He is married to the former Roxanne Furey. The couple lives in Blacksburg with their daughter, Kirsten Nicole.



JENNIFER ARBUCKLE • ASSISTANT COACH



Former Virginia Tech volleyball standout Jennifer Arbuckle returns for her third season as an assistant coach on the Tech squad. A four-year letterwinner from 1992-95, Arbuckle helped lead the Hokie volleyball squad to a combined 77-61 record during her career.

Arbuckle is responsible for recruiting, working with the outside hitters, team travel

and coordinating team academics.

After graduation, Arbuckle was the head volleyball coach at Blacksburg High School for one season while serving as a graduate assistant in the Tech weight room. She also has coached the New River Valley Junior Olympic club five years.

Arbuckle was named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team during her senior year at Tech in 1995, the Hokies' first season

as a member of the Atlantic 10. She also was a member of the Atlantic 10 and Metro Conference All-Conference academic teams. In her final season as a Hokie, Arbuckle was a National Strength and

Conditioning All-American, the Tech Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year for Volleyball and was nominated as a GTE Academic All-American.

Arbuckle, a member of the Virginia Counselors Association, graduated from Tech in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in psychology. A native of Charlottesville, Va., Arbuckle is a CAP Level I accredited coach.



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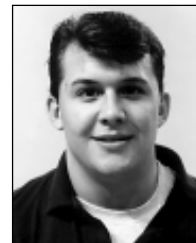
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Player Profiles



RENEE COLLINS

5-9 • Setter
Soph. • Shawnee, Kan.
Bishop Miege H.S.

4

Will push for time at the setter's position after solid freshman season ... Ready to step in at any time ... Made an excellent transition to collegiate setting last year ... Has tremendous quickness ... A very stable and intense individual ... An outstanding student in the classroom ...

1998: Played in 39 games in her freshman season ... Had 117 assists, second on the team ... Also had seven aces and 47 digs ...

High School: A two-time, first-team selection to the Kansas All-State team ... Attended Bishop Miege High School for Coach Gwenn Pike ... A four-year letterwinner ... Garnered first-team all-tournament honors her final two seasons ... Team placed first at the 1994 Kansas State 5A Championship, third in 1995, second in 1996 and sixth in 1997

RENEE'S CAREER HIGHS

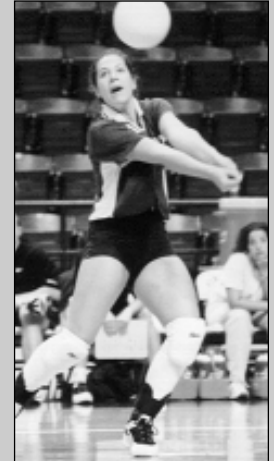
Kills: 3, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
 Attempts: 7, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
 Assists: 59, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
 Service Aces: 2, vs. St Bonaventure (9-19-98 & 10-23-98)
 Digs: 12, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)

HAWBECKER ON COLLINS:

"Renee did an excellent job of making the transition to collegiate setting last year. Her confidence grew in the spring season and she is ready to help lead the team this fall."

... A member of the 1997 *Kansas Sun Country* honorable mention volleyball team ... A two-time honoree on the Eastern Kansas League team, Johnson County team and the Emporia Tournament team ... Holds school records in service aces and assists ... Also competed on the Power Angles Volleyball Club, which earned a fifth-place finish at the 1997 USJO Championships ... Earned a spot on the 1997 USJO All-Tournament team ... Received the Academic Excellence Award at her school ...

Personal: Renee Marie Collins was born on April 19, 1980 in Missouri ... The daughter of David and Joan Collins ... Majoring in interior design.



RENEE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	39	8	1	21	.333	0.21	117	7	47	0	2



HOLLY DISSER

5-10 • Outside Hitter
Soph. • Overland Park, Kan.
Blue Valley NW H.S.

3

Will push for starting time at outside hitter ... A highly self-motivated player with a contagious winning attitude ... Tough competitor who has always been a part of winning programs ... A team-oriented individual ... An excellent student ...

1998: Played in 40 games as a freshman ... Registered 55 kills and 11 service aces ... Also had 50 digs and seven total blocks on the season ... Had a season-high 15 digs on Oct. 3 in the Hokies' 3-0 win over La Salle ... Also had 11 digs against Southern Methodist at the Bobcat Classic ... Had her best match of the season on Oct. 9 at Dayton, registering a career-high 13 kills, one assist, one service ace, six digs, one block assist while hitting .318 ... Had three matches with two service aces (Southwest Missouri State, James Madison and Fordham) ... Hit .500 (5-1-8) at St. Bonaventure on Oct. 23 ...

High School: A four-year starter in volleyball for Coach Christi Posey at Blue Valley Northwest High School in Overland Park, Kan. ... Earned four varsity letters ... Led her team to two Kansas 6A State titles, including an undefeated season her senior year ... A two-time honoree on the Kansas 6A All-State team ... Tabbed as the 1997

HOLLY'S CAREER HIGHS

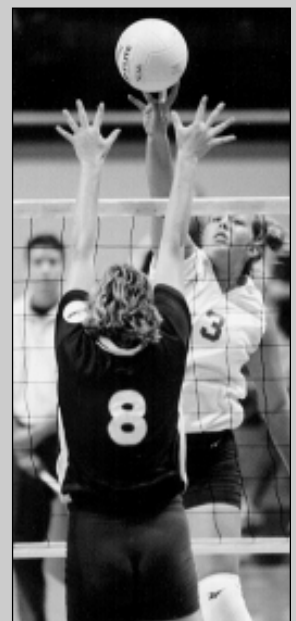
Kills: 13, vs. Dayton (10-9-98)
 Attempts: 22, vs. Dayton (10-9-98)
 Percentage:318, vs. Dayton (10-9-98)
 Service Aces: 2, three times
 Digs: 15, vs. La Salle (10-3-98)

HAWBECKER ON DISSER:

"Holly is a highly self-motivated player with a contagious winning attitude. We expect her to contend for one of the starting outside positions now that she has a year of collegiate experience and training behind her."

Kansas Sun Country Volleyball Player of the Year and the 1997 *Kansas City Star* Volleyball Player of the Year ... Named 6A Player of the Year in 1996 and 1997 by *Kansas Sports* magazine ... A two-time selection to the Johnson County All-Star team ... Was named MVP of Blue Valley Northwest HS her junior and senior years ... Made two appearances on the first-team Eastern Kansas League ... Named the Volleyball Player of the Year for *The Sports Connection* in 1996 ... Also played for the Power Angles Volleyball Club ... Made the All-Tournament team at the 1997 and 1998 United States Junior Olympics National Tournament ... Also earned a letter in swimming and basketball at St. Teresa's Academy ...

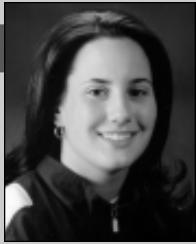
Personal: Hollace Marie Disser was born August 16, 1980 in Overland Park, Kan. ... The daughter of Paul and Michele Disser ... Majoring in biology.



HOLLY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	40	55	39	162	.099	1.38	3	11	60	2	5





KATE HUBBARD

5-10 • Outside Hitter
r-Soph. • Newark, Del.
St. Mark's H.S.

8

Redshirt sophomore who is a former walk-on ... One of the most improved players during spring practice ... Looks to see more match time this season ... Works hard on and off the court ... Will add depth to the outside hitter position ... Outstanding student in the classroom ...

1998: Saw limited action, playing in two games ... Recorded two kills and three service aces ...

1997: Redshirted as a freshman ...

High School: Four-year letterwinner in volleyball for Coach David Stover at St. Mark's High School ... Tabbed as the Delaware Gatorade Player of the Year in 1996 ... *Delaware News Journal* Co-Player of the Year in 1996 ... Two-time, first team all-state selection in '95 and '96 ... Garnered honorable mention all-state honors in

KATE'S CAREER STATISTICS

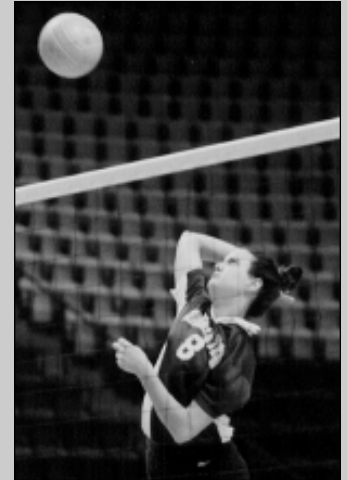
Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	2	2	1	3	.333	1.00	1	3	0	0	0

HAWBECKER ON HUBBARD:

"Kate is the epitome of what a head coach looks for in a walk-on. She earns Dean's List grades and practices and trains in the weight room with great work ethic on a daily basis."

1994 ... Named to the first-team All-Catholic Conference in 1994, '95 and '96 ... Played five years for the Delaware Junior USA Volleyball Club for Coach Hugh Mitchell ... Guided her squad to a runner-up finish at the 1997 Shamrock Festival ... Was named the St. Mark's Outstanding Female Athlete in 1997 ...

Personal: Katherine Buckingham Hubbard was born March 28, 1979 in Wilmington, Del. ... The daughter of Connie and Preston Hubbard ... Attending Virginia Tech on a Faculty Honor Scholarship ... Enrolled in biochemistry.



BRITTON JULIAN

6-0 • Setter
Senior • Camden, S.C.
Camden H.S.

16

Returning starter at the setter's spot ... Exceptionally strong blocker at the setter's position, while running a 5-1 offense ... Can do unique things with her height that gives opponents trouble ... Has great decision-making skills ... A selfless team player ... Is third all-time on the Tech career assist list ... Worked hard in the off-season to gain strength ...

1998: Started 98 games and played in every match as a junior ... Named to Atlantic 10 All-Conference team ... Had her best season ... Recorded a career-high 1,248 assists ... Also had 68 kills, 29 service aces, 274 digs and 91 total blocks ... Was named to the Bobcat Classic All-Tournament team and was the MVP of the Hokie Volleyball Classic ... Had a career-high 67 assists against George Washington ... Set a new career-high for block assists vs. Dayton and Fordham, recording seven in both matches. ...

1997: Started at setter for most of the season ... Played in all but three matches ... Averaged 10.65 assists per game with 1,022 assists on the year ... Tallied 27 service aces ... Added 59 total blocks with 14 block solos ... Tied a career-best with 66 assists at Xavier ... Had her best match of the season in the regular-season finale at Duquesne ... Recorded a career-high 20 digs, career-best seven blocks and 46 assists in that match against the Dukes ... Named Atlantic 10 Volleyball Player of the Week and Virginia Tech Athlete of the Week for that performance ... Had a perfect 1.000 hitting percentage in the win at Fordham ... Had five matches of 10-plus

BRITTON'S CAREER HIGHS

Kills:	7, vs. Massachusetts (10-19-96)
Attempts:	17, vs. Dayton (10-4-96) & vs. Xavier (10-5-96)
Assists:	67, vs. George Washington (11-21-98)
Service Aces:	7, vs. La Salle (9-21-96)
Digs:	20, vs. Duquesne (11-22-97)
Block Solos:	2, six times
Block Assists:	7, vs. Dayton (10-9-98) & vs. Fordham (10-17-98)

HAWBECKER ON BRITTON JULIAN:

"Britton has become one of our cornerstone players as a starting setter. We hope to take advantage of her size as well as her increased strength at the net this season."

digs ... Earned five blocks in contests against Southern Illinois and Massachusetts ...

1996: Served 13 straight points, including a team-high seven service aces to lead Tech over La Salle in the third game of the match ... Made her first collegiate start against Rhode Island, recording 27 assists in three games ... Took over starting setter position for injured Laura Hanner and remained the starter for the rest of the season ... Posted a career-high seven kills at Massachusetts ... Registered a team season-high 66 assists at Xavier ... Was named the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Week after posting 54 assists, six kills and 29 digs against George Washington ... Was second on the team in service aces and assists ... Played defensive specialist before setting, recording nine multiple-dig matches ... Totaled 47 blocks on the season ... Ran both a 6-2 and 5-1 in the fall, but was the starting setter at 5-1 in the spring ...

High School: Six-year letterwinner at Camden High School ... Began volleyball career in seventh grade, starting as team's setter ... Multi-sport athlete, lettering in volleyball, basketball and softball ... Garnered all-state honors her sophomore, junior and senior years ... Two-time CAWS 3A Player of the Year (1993, '95) ... Helped lead Camden High School to three consecutive state championships in 1993-95 ... Voted team's MVP her junior and senior years ... Three-time member of *The State* All-Tournament



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team ... *South Carolina High School Sports Report's* 3A Player of the Year her junior season ... Earned MVP honors in 1995 for her performance in the North/South All-Star game while leading the South team to a victory ... Was named to the all-region team five consecutive years (1991-95) ... Runner-up for the 1996 Gatorade South Carolina Volleyball Player of the Year award ... Helped Camden High School to a composite record of 148-23 (.865) ... Participated in the National Junior Olympics in 1995 and 1996 ... Four-year letterwinner in basketball for Coach Mike Culp ... Four-time member of all-region team ... Rated No. 5 player in South Carolina according to the South Carolina High School Sports Report ... Played first base on the softball team for Coach Sheila Thacker ... Was

named CHS's Best Female Athlete in 1993 and 1994 ...

Personal: Britton Leigh Julian was born on December 25, 1977 in Camden, S.C. ... The daughter of Dave and Pam Julian ... Majoring in interdisciplinary studies ... Twin sister Rachel is also on Tech volleyball team.

BRITTON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	98	68	16	170	.306	0.69	1248	29	274	8	42
1997	96	44	23	146	.144	0.46	1022	27	169	14	45
1996	99	68	39	203	.143	0.69	534	30	233	7	40
Total	293	180	78	519	.218	0.61	2804	86	676	29	127



RACHEL JULIAN

**6-0 • Outside Hitter
Senior • Camden, S.C.
Camden H.S.**

17

HAWBECKER ON RACHEL JULIAN:

"Rachel's maturity as a team leader and competitor were a big key to our increased success last season. She had shoulder surgery for the second time in January. It is a credit to her unselfish attitude during the months of rehab that everyone involved in the program wants her to be rewarded with a championship her senior year."

A mature player, is one of two seniors on the team ... Wants the ball in pressure situations ... Had a second shoulder surgery during the winter ... Is back to 100 percent after rehabilitation ... One of the hardest hitters in the conference ... Has solid all-around skills with good hands and a big block ... Incredible will to win ... Is ninth all-time at Tech in career kills ...

1998: Rebounded very well from off-season shoulder surgery ... Saw action in 28 matches, 93 games ... Second on the team in kills with 332 ... Averaged 3.57 kills per game, second on the team ... Had a career-high 63 total attempts in 3-2 victory over George Washington on November 21 ... Had a career-high 23 digs in 3-1 win over Fordham two days earlier ... Registered 22 kills, had eight digs, two block assists and hit .333 in 3-1 win over Massachusetts, her best match of the season ...

1997: Saw action in 27 matches, 94 games ... Led the team in kills and kills per game ... Smashed out 295 kills for 3.14 per game ... Drilled out 26 aces on the season ... Added 191 digs with 56 total blocks ... Hit a career-high .600 (13-for-20) in the win over Wake Forest in the Hi-IQ Classic ... Named to the Hi-IQ All-Tournament team for that performance ... Recorded a career-high 27 kills against Xavier, the ninth-best performance in a match in school history ... Tallied 23 kills the night before against Dayton ... Named Atlantic 10 Volleyball Player of the Week and Virginia Tech Athlete of the Week for her outstanding performances against Fordham and George Washington ... Had 11 matches of 10-plus kills ... Recorded a season-best 17 digs against George Washington ... Registered a career-best five service aces against George Washington and career-high six blocks versus Duquesne ... Named to the all-tournament team in the Wildcat Classic at Northwestern University ... Represented Tech on the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament team ...

1996: Played in all 32 matches, 101 games ... Led the team in attack percentage and was second in kills and kills per game as well



as total digs ... Drilled out 251 kills for 2.49 a game ... Served 20 aces on the season ... Recorded 15 kills against St. Bonaventure ... Had double-digit kill totals on 11 different occasions ... Was named to the Nike Challenge All-Tournament team ... Notched 18 digs against Massachusetts ... Recorded 10-plus digs in 18 different matches ... Started Tech's first match of the year for her first collegiate start ...

High School: Six-year letterwinner at Camden High School ... Captain of the three-time state championship team ... Named the 1996 National Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year ... Was the South Carolina High School Sports Report's Statewide Player of the Year in 1995 ... Earned CAWS Player of the Year honors in 1994 ... Was CHS's Most Valuable Player in 1992 and 1993 ... Three-time member of the all-state team (1992, 94-95) ... Made *The Columbia State* All-State team her sophomore, junior and senior years ... Helped lead CHS to a composite record of 148-23 (.865) ... Three-year team captain ... Participated in the National Junior Olympics in 1995 and 1996 ... Team was three-time region champ ... Four-year letterwinner in basketball under Coach Mike Culp ... Named to the all-region team three consecutive

years, garnering all-region player of the year honors in 1995 ... Ranked as one of the top-10 players in South Carolina by *USA Today* ... Rated the third-best junior by the *South Carolina High School Sports Report* ... Was CHS's MVP during the 1995 season ... Was Kershaw County's All-Area Player of the Year in 1995 ... Earned one letter in softball as a starting pitcher under Coach Sheila Thacker ... Was named Camden High School's Best Female Athlete in 1994 and 1995 ... Graduated with honors ...

Personal: Rachel Layne Julian was born on December 25, 1977 in Camden, S.C. ... The daughter of Dave and Pam Julian ... Majoring in communications.

RACHEL'S CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 27, vs. Xavier (11-1-97)
Attempts: 63, vs. George Washington (11-21-98)
Percentage:600, vs. Wake Forest (9-13-97)
Service Aces: 5, vs. George Washington (10-25-97)
Digs: 23, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Block Solos: 1, 22 times
Block Assists: 6, vs. Duquesne (10-17-97)

RACHEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	93	332	188	949	.152	3.57	16	12	278	8	42
1997	94	295	156	808	.172	3.14	28	26	191	5	51
1996	101	251	86	653	.253	2.49	14	20	295	9	24
Total	288	878	242	2410	.264	3.05	58	58	764	22	117





CANDICE LAHM

5-6 • Outside Hitter
Soph. • Lawrence, Kan.
Lawrence H.S.

2

Will push for a starting job at outside hitter ... A small outside hitter but makes up for her size with a huge heart and a strong desire to win ... A fiery, unselfish player, she has a tenacious approach to training and competing ...

1998: Saw immediate playing time as a freshman, appearing in 94 games ... Led the team in service aces with 32 ... Had a season- and career-high five aces in 3-0 win over Seton Hall on September 12 ... Came up with 128 digs on the season, highest among any freshman on the team ... Had 12 digs in 3-1 win over Xavier ... Had best statistical match, hitting-wise, against Coppin State, knocking down four kills in four attempts with no errors for a 1.000 hitting percentage ...

High School: Outstanding student-athlete who was a four-sport letterwinner at Lawrence High School ... A three-year letterwinner in volleyball for Coach Joan Wells ... Named to the Kansas 6A All-State team her senior year ... Also earned all-league, all-metro and all-tournament honors at the state tournament ... Holds school records for kills and kill percentage ... Named to the Missouri-Kansas Classic All-Star team ... Holds records for kills and kill percentage in the Sunflower League ... Her school won the state

CANDICE'S CAREER HIGHS

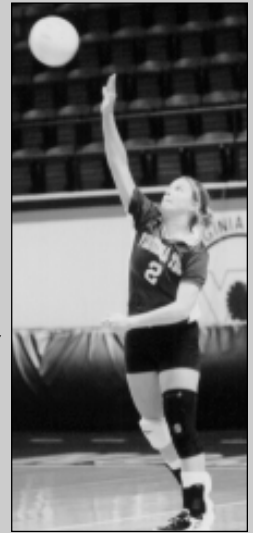
Kills: 4, vs. Coppin State (9-12-98)
 Attempts: 4, vs. Coppin State (9-12-98)
 Service Aces: 5, vs. Seton Hall (9-12-98)
 Digs: 12, vs. Xavier (11-13-98)

HAWBECKER ON LAHM:

"Candice knows how to compete at an intense level in practice and match situations, yet knows how to have fun at the same time. She is a fiery, unselfish player with a great work ethic."

championship in 1995, took third in 1996 and placed fifth in 1997 ... School ranked 12th nationally in 1995 ... Named to the Who's Who in Sports All-Star team ... Team captain in 1997 ... Played three years on the Lawrence Junior Olympic team and three years on the Power Angles Junior Olympic Volleyball Club ... Power Angles squad placed fifth at the 1997 USJO Championships in Denver ... Received an All-America nomination at the USA Junior Olympic National Tournament ... A second-team selection on the 1997 *Kansas City Star* volleyball team ... Also earned two letters in track while breaking the school record in the 300 intermediate hurdles ... Also garnered letters in basketball and soccer ... Received many academic honors, including the Presidential Academic Fitness Award, Citizenship Award, Who's Who Among American High School Students and National Honor Society ...

Personal: Candice Elizabeth Lahm was born September 21, 1979 in Lawrence, Kan. ... The daughter of David and Nancy Lahm ... Will major in special education.



CANDICE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	94	7	3	17	.235	0.07	4	32	128	1	0



KRISTY MILAN-WILLIAMS

5-5 • Defensive Specialist
r-Junior • Jensen Beach, Fla.
Martin County H.S.

9

Has a true defensive specialist mentality ... One of the best servers on the team ... Will push for time as a defensive specialist ... Outstanding student-athlete who is an energetic spark off the bench ... Has won the team's Strength and Conditioning award the past two years ... Has great quickness with a strong work ethic at the defensive specialist position ...

1998: Saw limited action, playing in 15 games ... Drilled two service aces on the year ... Aces came against Radford on September 11 and against Temple in the A-10 championship match ... Also had 17 digs on the season ... Had six digs vs. Fordham in Tech's 3-1 victory on November 20 ...

1997: Came off the bench to play in 13 matches, 28 games last season ... Was added to the roster after the fall semester and trained with the team during the spring ... Had five service aces and 23 digs ... Had a career-best 10 digs in the win over Southern Illinois ... Played in all five games in the home win against Massachusetts ... Named the Virginia Tech Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year for volleyball



HAWBECKER ON MILAN-WILLIAMS:

"We feel fortunate to have a student-athlete the caliber of Kristy, who was willing to compete as a walk-on at Virginia Tech. She is an outstanding server who challenges our primary receivers daily. Kristy has earned the team's Strength and Conditioning award the past two seasons — a testimony to her commitment to the program."

... Also received the Volleyball Rookie of the Year award ...

1996: Was redshirted ...

High School: Two-year letterwinner for Coach Martin Bielicki at Martin County High ... Garnered all-conference honors from the *Stuart News* ... Named to the *Palm Beach Post's* first-team all-area team ... Earned first-team all-district honors in 1995 ... Ranks fifth in the school's history in digs and 10th in service aces ... A member of the 1994 5A Florida State Championship team ... The team was also ranked ninth in the nation during the season by *USA Today* ... Graduated third in her class ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Named to South Florida's All-Academic First Team ...

Personal: Kristen Michelle Milan-Williams was born on December 15, 1977 in Southfield, Mich. ... The daughter of Randall and Christine Milan-Williams ... Her sister, Bri, plays volleyball at Western Carolina University ... Majoring in mechanical engineering.

KRISTY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	15	0	0	0	.000	0.00	0	2	17	0	0
1997	28	0	0	2	.000	0.00	1	5	23	0	0
Total	43	0	0	2	.000	0.00	1	7	40	0	0





CHRISTINE SHUBAT

6-1 • Middle Blocker
Soph. • Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Carroll H.S.

6

One of three returning starters for Tech ... Became a starter halfway through the A-10 season last year and gained valuable experience ... Is a go-to person who wants the ball ... Has tremendous court demeanor ... Made great strides in the weightroom ... Has earned the confidence of her teammates and coaches ...

1998: Made an immediate impact ... Played in 46 games ... Knocked down 70 kills and 1.52 kills per game during her freshman season ... Had four block solos and 36 block assists for a total of 40 blocks on the season ... Had a career-high 10 kills in Tech's 3-1 victory over Temple on November 7 ... Also had eight kills against Rhode Island on October 30 ... Had a hitting percentage of 1.000 against Coppin State (4-0-4) and St. Bonaventure (5-0-5) in back-to-back matches ... Had six total blocks against Duquesne on October 21 ...

High School: Comes to Tech from Carroll High School in Ft. Wayne, Ind. ... Earned first-team all-conference honors in 1996 and

CHRISTINE'S CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 10, vs. Xavier (11-13-98)
 Attempts: 26, vs. Xavier (11-13-98)
 Digs: 1, three times
 Block Solos: 1, 4 times
 Block Assists: 6, vs. Duquesne (10-21-98)



ALLISON SUGGS

5-7 • Def. Specialist
r-Junior • Roanoke, Va.
Patrick Henry H.S.

14

A redshirt junior who is a defensive specialist in the truest sense ... Goes after every ball and is not afraid to run over people to get it ... One of the best servers in the Atlantic 10 Conference ... Challenges primary receivers daily in practice with her outstanding serving ability ... Recruited as a walk-on with Dean's List grades in engineering ... Work ethic in training is second to none ... Willing to do her part to make the team better in practice ... Will challenge for the defensive specialist starting spot ...

1998: Saw limited playing time, seeing action in 20 games as a sophomore ... Had 18 digs on the season ... Recorded a career-high five digs against Virginia on September 8 ... Also had four digs against Southwest Texas St. (Sept. 4) and Southern Methodist (Sept. 5) ... Had six service aces on the season ...

1997: Played in 14 matches, 37 game ... Totaled 11 service aces on the campaign ... Averaged .30 aces per game ... Added 16 digs ... Had a season-high four service aces at William & Mary ... Recorded a season-best four digs at the Hi-IQ Classic against Wake Forest and William & Mary ... Had three service aces in the win over Radford ...



HAWBECKER ON SHUBAT:

"Christine is a stabilizer with a tremendous team-oriented outlook. She made significant progress in her strength training during the spring and has earned the confidence of her coaches and teammates. She excelled in her academics each semester as well, and we look for her to be a role model for our three freshman middle blockers."

1997 ... Was co-captain and co-MVP in 1997 ... Received academic all-state honorable mention honors ... Set a new school record in hitting percentage at .322 ... Led the squad in aces and was second on the team in kills and blocks ... Played four years on the Fort Wayne Volleyball Club ... Team took first in the 1998 East Coast Championships ... Also won first-place honors in 1996 ... Club placed 13th at the 1997 USJO Championships in the 18-year-old division ... A three-year letterwinner ... A member of the National Honor Society ... Earned high academic honors all four years of high school ...

Personal: Christine Elizabeth

Shubat was born August 20, 1980 in Downers Grove, Ill. ... The daughter of Tom and Carolyn Shubat ... Is majoring in business.



CHRISTINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	46	70	34	184	.196	1.52	4	0	3	4	36

HAWBECKER ON SUGGS:

"Allison has improved tremendously each year she has been here thanks to her willingness to train both in and out of season without fail. She is a walk-on who has shown the team the meaning of the word commitment. Allison's serving ability is incredible and she showed during spring practice she can bring the demeanor and skill needed to earn more match time as one of our defensive specialists."

1996: Redshirted as a true-freshman ...

High School: Three-year letterwinner for Coach Marty Swan at Patrick Henry High School ... Team's captain and most valuable player during 1995 season ... Was named All-Timesland Player of the Year ... Voted 1995 first-team all-region and all-state ... 1995 All-District Player of the Year ... Earned all-tournament honors in Blackburg's Shamrock Festival ... Voted to the regional tournament's all-tournament second team ... Named to the honorable mention all-district team during her sophomore and junior seasons ... Also earned three letters as centerfielder/catcher for the Patrick Henry softball team ... Was named first-team all-district her junior and senior years ... Made second-team all-district her rookie season ... Junior Olympic team won 1996 regional tournament and competed at nationals in June of 1996 ... Salutatorian of her senior class ... Recipient of the 1992 Presidential Academic Fitness Award ... Was a National Merit Scholar in 1995 ...

Personal: Allison Elizabeth Suggs was born on April 30, 1978 in Eugene, Ore. ... The daughter of Mary Claire Suggs ... Majoring in engineering.

ALLISON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	20	0	1	1-1.000	0.00	1	6	18	0	0	0
1997	37	0	1	1-1.000	0.00	0	11	16	0	0	0
Total	57	0	2	2-1.000	0.00	1	17	34	0	0	0



MANDY WHITE

**6-1 • Right Side
r-Junior • Richmond, Va.
L.C. Bird H.S.**

18

Redshirt junior who joined the team as a walk-on two years ago ... Will compete for time at the right-side hitter position ... Trained at right-side and contributes most as a blocker ... Very coachable and improves the chemistry of the team with her upbeat demeanor ... Trained hard in the weight room and showed great work ethic during spring conditioning ...

1998: Made an appearance in Tech's 3-0 win over Coppin State on September 12 at the Hokie Volleyball Classic ... Had one kill and two service aces against the Eagles ...



HAWBECKER ON WHITE:

"This spring, Mandy had her best practices ever. She worked hard in the weight room and it is paying off at the net for her as a right-side blocker. Mandy has outstanding grades, an unselfish attitude and a great sense of humor. The coaching staff hopes that she will be another one of our walk-ons who gets the reward of more significant match time this fall."

1997: Made her only appearance of the season in the home win over La Salle ... Hit .667 (2-for-3) in that match ... Also added three digs against the Explorers ... Honored as the team's Most Improved Player ...

High School: Earned two letters for Coach Doris Leverett at L.C. Bird ... Team placed third in the state, while winning the district ... Was named to the all-district team ... Also lettered in soccer ...

Personal: Amanda Diane White was born on November 21, 1978 in Richmond, Va. ... The daughter of Michael and Janice White ... Majoring in business management.

MANDY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	1	1	0	2	.500	1.00	0	2	0	0	0
1997	1	2	0	3	.667	2.00	0	0	3	0	0
Total	2	3	0	5	.600	1.33	0	2	3	0	0



KRISTIN WRIGHT

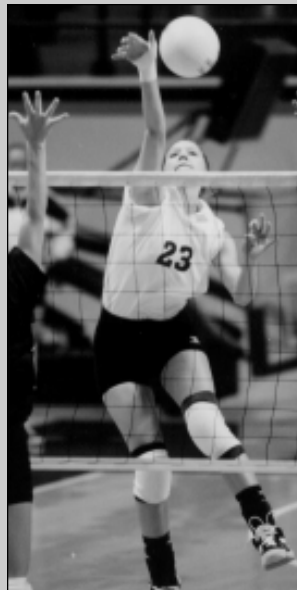
**6-3 • Right Side
r-Junior • Hurt, Va.
Gretna H.S.**

23

Saw limited action her first two years, but is expected to make a big impact this year ... Redshirt junior who has trained at both the middle blocker and right-side hitter ... Can bang the ball and block on the outside ... The tallest member of the team ... Extremely long arms make her intimidating in both areas ... Brings a put-away mentality to the right-side hitter position ... Dominating blocker at the net ... Looks to be a go-to attacker this year ... Has gained physical strength and confidence ...

1998: Played in 29 games for the Hokies as a redshirt sophomore ... Totaled 49 kills, 39 digs and 18 total blocks on the year ... Had a career-game against Radford on September 11 at the Hokie Volleyball Classic, registering career-highs in kills (11), block assists (9) and service aces (2) ... Had a career-high 12 digs in Hokies' 3-0 win vs. Seton Hall on September 12 ... Also had four service aces on the year ...

1997: Made her first collegiate start against second-ranked Florida ... Totaled six kills in that contest ... Saw action in 14 matches, 36 games ... Recorded 74 kills, 30 digs and 16 blocks ... Averaged 2.06 kills per game ... Had a season-best 11 kills in wins over William & Mary and James



HAWBECKER ON WRIGHT:

"We expect Kristin to be a go-to attacker for us and incorporate her as a back-row threat in our offense. Kristin has trained hard and has been very supportive as a role player the last two years, and it's time for her to be a force for us."

Madison ... Hit a season-high .375 at Northwestern ... Registered a career-high eight digs over William & Mary ... Totaled four blocks in the home win over La Salle ... Tallied at least one kill in every match.

1996: Redshirted true-freshman season ...

High School: Three-sport athlete at Gretna Senior High School, playing volleyball, softball and basketball ... Four-year letterwinner in volleyball for Coach Gloria Motley ... Was named Most Valuable Player her junior and senior years ... Earned all-district and all-region honors ... Garnered all-state second-team plaudits ... Named Gretna High School Player of the Year ... Helped lead GSHS to the 1993 2A state championship ... Earned a silver medal in the Virginia Commonwealth Games ... Was named to the all-tournament team in Blacksburg's Shamrock Festival ... Participated on the New River Valley Junior Olympic team that won the 1996 regional tournament to qualify for the national tournament in San Jose, Calif., in 1996 ... Was named Rookie of the Year ...

Personal: Kristin Leigh Wright was born on September 8, 1978 ... The daughter of David and Bertha Vaughan ... Majoring in sports nutrition.

KRISTIN'S CAREER HIGHS

Kills: 11, vs. William & Mary (9-13-97) & JMU (11-13-97)
 Attempts: 33, vs. Kansas (9-6-97)
 Percentage:375, vs. Northwestern (9-6-97)
 Service Aces: 2, vs. Radford (9-11-98)
 Digs: 12, vs. Seton Hall (9-12-98)
 Block Solos: 2, vs. La Salle (10-11-97)
 Block Assists: 9, vs. Radford (9-11-98)

KRISTIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	KPG	AST	SA	DIG	BS	BA
1998	29	49	48	141	.007	1.69	12	4	39	1	17
1997	36	74	50	192	.125	2.06	3	0	30	4	12
Total	65	123	98	333	.075	1.89	15	4	69	5	29

1999 Newcomers



KIM AMOS

**5-10 • Def. Specialist
r-Fresh. • Roanoke, Va.
Cave Spring H.S.**

25

A well-conditioned athlete who looks to earn a role as a defensive specialist ... Joins the team after spending a redshirt year with the Tech women's soccer team ...

High School: Lettered four times in volleyball for coach Kenny Williams ... Also letter three times in soccer ... Was MVP of her

HAWBECKER ON AMOS:

"Kim has been through a year of collegiate strength training and conditioning and we feel her transition to volleyball will be a smooth one. Our players and staff are looking forward to having Kim join the team."

soccer team her junior and senior years ... Was Rookie of the Year for her team as a sophomore ...

Personal: Kimberly Michelle Amos was born July 28, 1980 in Roanoke, Va. ... The daughter of David and Susan Amos ... Is majoring in food and nutrition.



ASHLEY AXSON

**6-1 • Middle Blocker
Fresh. • Tampa, Fla.
Berkeley Prep H.S.**

10

A physical player who looks to see action at the middle blocker position ... A proven winner who helped lead her high school to the state championship last year ... Will provide depth and height at the position ...

High School: A three-sport athlete at Berkeley Prep School, playing volleyball, soccer and basketball ... Lettered four times in volleyball, three times at Berkeley Prep ... Also lettered in basketball twice and soccer once ... Was All-County first team her senior year ... Was named to the *Tampa Tribune* All-County first team and *St. Petersburg Times* All County second-team her senior year ... Team

HAWBECKER ON AXSON:

"Ashley comes from extremely competitive and successful high school and club programs in Tampa. Right now, her blocking skills are her strength. We are especially impressed with her level of maturity and confidence."

won Florida 3A state championship her junior year ... Was a member of the dance club, Prom Committee, French Club, Kiwanettes, Coastal Clean-up, Pep Club and more ... Very active in the community, volunteering at Divine Providence Food Bank, Tampa Bay Convention Center and in a local soup kitchen ... Was on Dean's List and in National and French Honor Society ... Played club volleyball for the Tampa Bay Junior National team ... Also attended Monroe Catholic School in Fairbanks, Alaska her freshman year and Robinson High in Tampa her sophomore year ...

Personal: Ashley Marie Axson was born April 26, 1981 ... The daughter of Gen. Harry and Kim Axson ... Is enrolled in university studies.



ANA LANG

**5-9 • Outside Hitter
Fresh. • Cuba, N.Y.
Cuba-Rushford H.S.**

7

A talented freshman who will battle for playing time at outside hitter ... One of seven outside hitters on the team ... A good ball control player ... Could make an immediate impact for the Hokies ...

High School: A three-sport letterwinner at Cuba-Rushford High ... Lettered in volleyball, basketball (four times) and softball (five times) ... Was named MVP of her team and Allegany County her senior year ... Was a first-team all-star for Allegany County and

HAWBECKER ON LANG:

"Ana is a multi-sport athlete with an outstanding work ethic and a competitive personality. She has a playing style very similar to Candice Lahm and Holly Disser and seeing the impact they made on our team early last fall, helped us decide to offer Ana a scholarship."

helped lead her team to a gold medal at the Empire State Games ... Was named to the Section V all-tournament team ... Was a first-team all-star for Allegany County and Expressway in basketball and softball ... Was also team MVP for basketball and softball ... Played club volleyball for the Cheetah Junior National team for three years.

Personal: Ana Josephine Lang was born April 23, 1981 ... The daughter of Karl Lang ... Major is undecided ... Has three other siblings: Kristin, Jeremy and Barbie.



JAMIE MEYER

**6-0 • Outside Hitter
Fresh. • Ft. Wayne, Ind.
North Side H.S.**

13

A fierce competitor who will add depth to the outside hitter position ... A very aggressive attacker who will battle for a starting spot ... Adds good size to the position

HAWBECKER ON MEYER:

"Jamie is a dynamic multi-sport athlete with an outwardly-upbeat attitude on the court. The level of competition she has faced in both her high school and club programs is elite and will contribute to her success here."

... Needs to adjust to being the primary receiver ...

High School: Was a three-sport letterwinner at North Side High ... Lettered three times in volleyball for coach Ry Taliaferro ... Was co-captain of the team her senior year ... Earned second-team all-conference honors and the conference's "Best Mental" Attitude"

award as a senior ... Led her team to a 24-4 record as a senior, the best in school history, and a berth in the championship game ... Was in the top 20 in hitting percentage and digs in the Summit Athletic Conference ... Also lettered three times in basketball ... Was co-captain her senior year ... Team was conference champion and sectional runner-up her sophomore year ... Lettered three times in softball ... Was on the student council executive board her freshman, sophomore and senior years ... Was class president as a junior ...



SARAH ROGERS

5-10 • Middle Blocker
Fresh. • Atlanta, Ga.
Walton H.S.

21

One of three freshmen competing for a starting middle blocker spot ... An all-around player ... Very good defensively and on the slide attack ... An excellent student-athlete ... Could help the Hokies immediately ...

High School: An excellent student-athlete who lettered three times in volleyball in high school ... Carried a 3.8 GPA in high school ... Lettered twice at Walton High under coach Gena Ridings ... Led Walton High to a 47-0 record and the 4A state championship ... Was the 4A State Player of the Year ... Named to the All-State team ...

Was in the Rotary Club ... Received the Outward Bound Scholarship ... Played club volleyball for Three Rivers in 1999 ... Also played for the Fort Wayne Juniors team from 1994-98 with Virginia Tech teammate Christine Shubat ...

Personal: Jamie Margaret Meyer was born August 1, 1980 in Fort Wayne, Ind. ... The daughter of Mark Meyer and Connie McKibben Meyer ... Is enrolled in university studies ... Has two sisters, Shawna (13) and Emma (11).

HAWBECKER ON ROGERS:

"Sarah is an outstanding student-athlete and a very fluid middle hitter. Her strength at this time is her slide attack and she has advanced back court skills as well. Her on-court personality makes her the ideal team stabilizer, a roll we want her to take on as she develops here."

Was a first-team All-County selection ... Was MVP of her team, leading the team in kills, blocks and service aces ... Was voted to the Senior All-Star team ... Was the *Marietta Daily Journal* Female Athlete of the Year ... Received the Scholar-Athlete award ... Played club volleyball for VB Atlanta ... Competed at USA Junior National Championships in 1997 and 1998 ... Also lettered once at Providence High (N.C.) under coach Zoe Bell.

Personal: Sarah Jo Rogers was born July 17, 1981 in Rochester, N.Y. ... The daughter of Rick and Pam Rogers ... Is enrolled in university studies.



CHERYL STINSON

6-1 • Middle Blocker
Fresh. • Ottawa, Ontario
Colonel By S.S.

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A very good blocker who will challenge for a starting spot ... Will add good depth to the position ... Could make an immediate impact ... Plans to also train with the track program in the javelin event ...

High School: An excellent student who was a three-sport athlete at Colonel By Secondary School ... Carried a 3.9 GPA in secondary school ... Played volleyball under coach Kerry Maclean ... Team won the board and city championships her senior season ... Team won five of six tournaments in 1997-98 ... Was named to five all-star teams and was voted MVP of one tournament ...

HAWBECKER ON STINSON:

"Cheryl is an excellent student who plans to major in computer science. Her strength is her blocking and Coach Haley was thrilled to see how strong she appears to be despite having no experience in the weightroom."

Member of the all-city teams in 1996-97 and 1997-98 ... Was a contender at OFSAA (provincial championships) ... Was also a member of the CHSAA All-Star team and the Canadian Youth National team ... Threw the javelin on the track team in secondary school ... Won the provincial championship with a throw of 37 meters ... Holds the high school record for the junior age ... Also lettered in basketball ... Was on the Honor Roll all four years ... Was student council treasurer ...

Personal: Cheryl Ann Stinson was born February 8, 1980 in Ottawa, Ontario ... The daughter of Michael and Susan Stinson ... Plans to major in computer science.

Why We Came to Virginia Tech

Kim Amos

"I chose Tech because it was a good school and was close to home. I want to play volleyball because I love the sport and the coaches have given me a chance to play."

Ashley Axson

"I chose Tech because the campus is absolutely beautiful. Plus, the people were outgoing and made me feel welcomed. Everybody was real nice and made me feel like I was at home."

Ana Lang

"Everything was great on my visit to Blacksburg. The team and coaches were really friendly and went out of their way to make me feel welcome. They were better than any other place I visited. I also liked the area, and the campus is beautiful."

Jamie Meyer

"I loved the atmosphere surrounding the team, the coaching staff, the campus' location, the excellent academics offered and the weight room."

Sarah Rogers

"I fell in love with the whole Virginia Tech package. I had been here before, so I knew I liked the campus. But I fell in love with the campus, coaches, team and everything else when I came back."

Cheryl Stinson

"I chose Virginia Tech because of the combination of academics and athletics. Both areas are very good. The volleyball program is great and the computer science program is one of the best in the country."



This is ...

Hokie Volleyball



Hokie Favorites

- Vacation spot:** Alaska (Ashley Axson); Cancun, Mexico (Allison Suggs); California (Cheryl Stinson)
- Food:** peanut butter and jelly (Jamie Meyer); meat (Ana Lang); lasagna (Christine Shubat)
- Band:** Dave Matthews Band (Renee Collins); Led Zeppelin (Holly Disser); Madonna (Kim Amos)
- Song:** "Iris," Goo Goo Dolls (Renee Collins); "Glory Days," Bruce Springstein (Rachel Julian)
- Type of music:** Country (Kristin Wright); classic rock (Holly Disser); dance music (Candice Lahm)
- Movie:** Silence of the Lambs (Britton Julian); Pee Wee's Big Adventure (Ana Lang)
- Actor:** Mike Meyers (Suggs, Milan-Williams); Jim Carrey (Sarah Rogers); Nicholas Cage (Holly Disser)
- Actress:** Meg Ryan (Kim Amos); Susan Sarandon (Rachel Julian); Sandra Bullock (Mandy White)
- Place to go on campus:** Duck pond (Allison Suggs); West End Market (Disser, Shubat, Lahm)
- Pro athlete:** Tim Duncan (Britton Julian); Karch Kiraly (Allison Suggs); Tiger Woods (Christine Shubat)
- Pro team:** Chicago Cubs (Sarah Rogers); T.B. Buccaneers (Ashley Axson); Ottawa Senators (Cheryl Stinson)
- Pro wrestler:** The Rock (B. & R. Julian, Meyer, White); The Undertaker (Renee Collins)
- Spring break spot:** Myrtle Beach, S.C. (Ana Lang); Panama City, Fla. (Sarah Rogers)
- Color:** Hunter green (Kristy Milan-Williams); baby blue (Mandy White); orange (Christine Shubat)
- Pre-match ritual:** Reading my quote book (Renee Collins); Eating (Kristin Wright)
- College class:** Mechanics of Deformable Bodies (Kristy Milan-Williams); the easy ones (Candice Lahm)
- Saying:** "Are you kidding me?" (Mandy White); "Ain't it" (Kristin Wright); "Perhaps..." (Candice Lahm)
- Flavor of ice cream:** Jamocha almond fudge (Ashley Axson); cookie dough (Rachel Julian)
- Hobby:** target shooting (Kristin Wright); sleeping (Kim Amos); photography (Jamie Meyer)



1999 Opponents

Arizona State Sun Devils

Sept. 10 @ Atlanta, Ga. - 5 p.m.

Location: Tempe, Ariz.
Enrollment: 42,255
Conference: Pacific-10
Colors: Royal Maroon & Gold
Facility (Capacity): Wells Fargo Arena (14,198)
Head Coach: Patti Snyder-Park (Portland State, '82)
Record at School: 159-128 (10 years)
Overall Record: 159-128 (10 years)
1998 Record: 14-14
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 8-10 (5th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 12/1
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1
Volleyball SID: Aimee Dombroski
SID Phone: (480) 965-6592
SID Fax: (480) 965-5408



Fordham Lady Rams

Sept. 17 @ Bronx, N.Y. - 7 p.m.
Oct. 23 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Bronx, N.Y.
Enrollment: 6,358
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Maroon & White
Facility (Capacity): Rose Hill Gymnasium (3,470)
Head Coach: Megan Gamble (RIT, '92)
Record at School: 1st year
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 10-20
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 5-15 (T8th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Scott Kwiatkowski
SID Phone: (718) 817-4240
SID Fax: (718) 817-4244



Kentucky Lady Wildcats

Sept. 3 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Lexington, Ky.
Enrollment: 24,200
Conference: Southeastern
Colors: Blue and White
Facility (Capacity): Memorial Coliseum (8,700)
Head Coach: Jona Braden (Ball State, '78)
Record at School: 16-14 (1 year)
Overall Record: 176-129 (9 years)
1998 Record: 16-14
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 6-8 (5th in East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Roger Hacker
SID Phone: (606) 257-3838
SID Fax: (606) 323-4310



UC-Santa Barbara Gauchos

Sept. 10 @ Atlanta, Ga. - Noon

Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.
Enrollment: 18,200
Conference: Big West
Colors: Blue and Gold
Facility (Capacity): Campus Events Center (6,000)
Head Coach: Kathy Gregory
Record at School: 599-263 (23 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 28-6
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 13-3 (2nd)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/6
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3
Volleyball SID: Tom Hastings
SID Phone: (805) 893-8603
SID Fax: (805) 893-4537



George Washington Colonials

Oct. 1 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.
Nov. 5 @ Washington, D.C. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Washington, D.C.
Enrollment: 19,481
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Buff & Blue
Facility (Capacity): Smith Center (5,000)
Head Coach: Yvette Moorehead (Kentucky, '93)
Record at School: 1st year
Overall Record: 1st year
1998 Record: 18-11
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 12-8 (5th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/3
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1
Volleyball SID: Brad Bower
SID Phone: (202) 994-0339
SID Fax: (202) 994-2713



La Salle Explorers

Sept. 24 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.
Oct. 30 @ Philadelphia, Pa. - 5 p.m.

Location: Philadelphia, Pa.
Enrollment: 3,000
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Blue & Gold
Facility (Capacity): Hayman Center (4,000)
Head Coach: Jason Klotkowski (La Salle, '94)
Record at School: 30-68 (3 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 17-16
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 5-15 (T8th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3
Volleyball SID: Sue Senner
SID Phone: (215) 951-1605
SID Fax: (215) 951-1694



Dayton Flyers

Oct. 8 @ Dayton, Ohio - 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 13 @ Blacksburg - 4 p.m.

Location: Dayton, Ohio
Enrollment: 6,500
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Red & Blue
Facility (Capacity): Frericks Center (5,000)
Head Coach: Pete Hoyer (Wisconsin-Eau Claire, '85)
Record at School: 102-56 (5 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 23-8
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 16-4 (T1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 4/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 8/3
Volleyball SID: Chris Norris
SID Phone: (937) 229-4460
SID Fax: (937) 229-4461



Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets

Sept. 11 @ Atlanta, Ga. - Noon

Location: Atlanta, Ga.
Enrollment: 13,000
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Colors: Old Gold and White
Facility (Capacity): O'Keefe Gymnasium (2,000)
Head Coach: Shelton Collier (Ohio State, '77)
Record at School: 210-84 (8 years)
Overall Record: 506-177 (17 years)
1998 Record: 22-13
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 10-6 (T4th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1
Volleyball SID: Melissa Jenkins
SID Phone: (404) 894-5445
SID Fax: (404) 894-1248



Massachusetts Minutewomen

Oct. 16 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.
Nov. 19 @ Amherst, Mass. - 7 p.m.

Location: Amherst, Mass.
Enrollment: 23,900
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Maroon & White
Facility (Capacity): Curry Hicks Cage (4,058)
Head Coach: Bonnie Kenny (Tennessee, '84)
Record at School: 124-78 (6 years)
Overall Record: 295-215 (15 years)
1998 Record: 14-15
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 12-8 (T5th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/0
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/0
Volleyball SID: TBA
SID Phone: (413) 545-2439
SID Fax: (413) 545-1556



Duquesne Dukes

Sept. 18 @ Pittsburgh, Pa. - 5 p.m.
Oct. 22 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Pittsburgh, Pa.
Enrollment: 9,500
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Red & Blue
Facility (Capacity): A.J. Palumbo Center (6,200)
Head Coach: Steve Opperman (Ohio State, '87)
Record at School: 8-20 (1 year)
Overall Record: 127-136 (8 years)
1998 Record: 8-20
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 3-17 (10th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 8/0
Starters Returning/Lost: 6/0
Volleyball SID: Michelle Lukacsko
SID Phone: (412) 396-6560
SID Fax: (412) 396-6210



James Madison Dukes

Oct. 5 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Harrisonburg, Va.
Enrollment: 14,000
Conference: Colonial Athletic Association
Colors: Purple & Gold
Facility (Capacity): Sinclair Gym/Godwin Hall (5,000)
Head Coach: Chris Beerman (Ball State, '91)
Record at School: 64-29 (3 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 22-6
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 11-1 (1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Curt Dudley
SID Phone: (540) 568-6154
SID Fax: (540) 568-3703



Northern Illinois Huskies

Sept. 4 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: DeKalb, Ill.
Enrollment: 22,473
Conference: Mid-American
Colors: Cardinal and Black
Facility (Capacity): Chick Evans Field House (6,044)
Head Coach: Todd Kress (Cincinnati, '92)
Record at School: First Year
Overall Record: 94-45 (4 years)
1998 Record: 35-2
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 15-3 (T1st in West)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 6/6
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3
Volleyball SID: TBA
SID Phone: (815) 753-1706
SID Fax: (815) 753-9540



1999 Opponents

Rhode Island Rams

Oct. 15 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.
Nov. 20 @ Kingston, R.I. - 6 p.m.

Location: Kingston, R.I.
Enrollment: 14,319
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Light Blue, Dark Blue & White
Facility (Capacity): Keaney Gymnasium (3,385)
Head Coach: Bob Schneck (West Chester State, '70)
Record at School: 383-225 (18 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 17-10
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 11-9 (7th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 7/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: TBA
SID Phone: (401) 874-2409
SID Fax: (401) 874-5354



Temple Owls

Sept. 25 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.
Oct. 29 @ Philadelphia, Pa. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Philadelphia, Pa.
Enrollment: 30,000
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Cherry & White
Facility (Capacity): McGonigle Hall (3,900)
Head Coach: Bob Bertucci (Springfield College, '74)
Record at School: 92-36 (4 years)
Overall Record: 444-226 (20 years)
1998 Record: 22-10
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 16-5 (4th)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 5/1
Volleyball SID: Bethany J. McClam
SID Phone: (215) 204-7445
SID Fax: (215) 204-7499



Villanova Wildcats

Sept. 4 @ Blacksburg - Noon

Location: Villanova, Pa.
Enrollment: 6,039
Conference: BIG EAST
Colors: Blue and White
Facility (Capacity): Jake Nevin Field House (2,500)
Head Coach: Heather Hoehn (Bucknell, '94)
Record at School: 12-17 (1 year)
Overall Record: 42-48 (3 years)
1998 Record: 12-17
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 4-7
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/4
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Christopher Wallace
SID Phone: (610) 519-5036
SID Fax: (610) 519-7323



South Carolina Gamecocks

Sept. 11 @ Atlanta, Ga. - 7:30 p.m.

Location: Columbia, S.C.
Enrollment: 23,489
Conference: Southeastern
Colors: Garnet and Black
Facility (Capacity): Volleyball Competition Facility (2,000)
Head Coach: Kim Hudson Christopher (Texas Tech, '82)
Record at School: 124-66 (6 years)
Overall Record: 294-112 (12 years)
1998 Record: 21-11
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 8-6 (T2nd in East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 3/3
Volleyball SID: Michelle Schmitt
SID Phone: (803) 777-7872
SID Fax: (803) 777-2967



Tennessee Lady Volunteers

Sept. 28 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Knoxville, Tenn.
Enrollment: 25,286
Conference: Southeastern
Colors: Orange and Black
Facility (Capacity): Stokely Athletics Center (5,000)
Head Coach: Rob Patrick (Miami, Ohio, '83)
Record at School: 34-29 (2 years)
Overall Record: same
1998 Record: 19-10
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 7-7 (4th in East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 9/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Sean Palchick
SID Phone: (423) 974-4275
SID Fax: (423) 974-8875



Virginia Cavaliers

Sept. 1 @ Charlottesville, Va. - 7 p.m.

Location: Charlottesville, Va.
Enrollment: 18,279
Conference: Atlantic Coast
Colors: Orange & Blue
Facility (Capacity): Memorial Gymnasium (2,500)
Head Coach: Melissa Aldrich Shelton (W & M, '91)
Record at School: 77-57 (4 seasons)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 26-8
1998 Conference Record: 12-4 (2nd)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 4/2
Starters Returning/Lost: 9/4
Volleyball SID: Adam Jones
SID Phone: (804) 982-5500
SID Fax: (804) 982-5525



TRAVEL PLANS

Virginia

Depart Blacksburg by charter bus for Charlottesville, Va., on September 1.
Return to Blacksburg by charter bus on September 1, following the match.

Georgia Tech Tournament

Depart Blacksburg by charter bus for Atlanta, Ga., on September 9.
Headquarters: Courtyard by Marriott (404) 588-5424
Return to Blacksburg by charter bus on September 11, following the match.

Fordham and Duquesne

Depart Roanoke by commercial air for La Guardia Airport (NYC) on September 16.
Headquarters: Wyndham Garden (718) 426-1500
Depart NYC by commercial air for Pittsburgh on September 18.
Return to Blacksburg by charter bus on September 18, following the match.

Dayton and Xavier

Depart Blacksburg by charter bus for Cincinnati, Ohio, on October 7.
Headquarters: Quality Inn Hotel Central (513) 351-6000
Return to Blacksburg by charter bus on October 9, following the match.

Temple and La Salle

Depart Roanoke by commercial air for Philadelphia, Pa., on October 28.
Headquarters: Courtyard by Marriott (215) 365-2200
Return to Blacksburg by commercial air on October 31.

George Washington

Depart Blacksburg by charter bus for Washington, D.C., on November 4.
Headquarters: Tysons Westpark (703) 734-2800
Return to Blacksburg on November 5, following the match.

Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Depart Roanoke by commercial air for Hartford, Conn., on November 18.
Headquarters: Holiday Inn (Springfield, Mass.) (413) 781-0900
NOTE: Team will stay here for both matches.
Return to Blacksburg by commercial air on November 21.

Atlantic 10 Championship

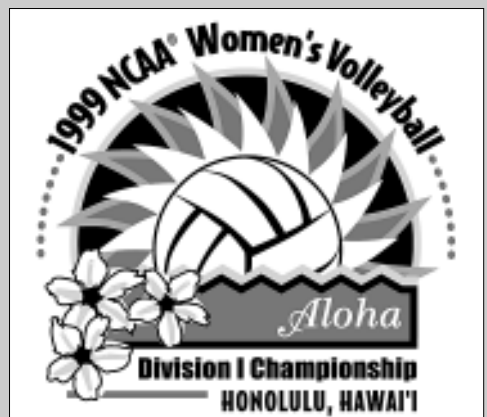
Travel dates and hotel accommodations are TBA

Travel plans are subject to change

Xavier Musketeers

Oct. 9 @ Cincinnati, Ohio - 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 12 @ Blacksburg - 7 p.m.

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Enrollment: 6,500
Conference: Atlantic 10
Colors: Navy Blue, Gray & White
Facility (Capacity): Schmidt Fieldhouse (2,900)
Head Coach: Floyd Deaton (West Liberty State, '78)
Record at School: 186-121 (9 years)
Overall Record: Same
1998 Record: 16-10
1998 Conference Record (Finish): 16-4 (1st)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost: 11/5
Starters Returning/Lost: 4/2
Volleyball SID: Amber Scott
SID Phone: (513) 745-3416
SID Fax: (513) 745-2825



1998 Season in Review

Armed with five returning starters and 11 returning letterwinners, the 1998 Virginia Tech volleyball team had high expectations. And after posting one of the best seasons in the school's history with a 21-9 record, it's safe to say the team reached or exceeded those expectations.

With a cast of veterans, the Hokies hoped to be in the running against the perennial powers of the Atlantic 10 Conference — and they were. The Hokies were predicted to finish second in the league, as voted on by the A-10 coaches and that forecast proved correct as Coach Stephanie Hawbecker and her spikers rode a season of ups and downs to earn a berth in the A-10 Championship match, marking Tech's third appearance in the last four years at the event and the first in the championship match.

The Hokies jumped right into the fire with a difficult 1998 schedule as they opened the season with two tournaments and a match against arch-rival Virginia. The season began in San Marcos, Texas, at the Bobcat Classic, hosted by Southwest Texas State. After falling to the host school and Southern Methodist, the Hokies recorded their first victory of the season with a 3-0 victory over Louisiana Tech in the final match of the tournament. For their outstanding performances in the tourney, middle blocker Corrie Bundy and setter Britton Julian were named to the All-Tournament team.

Squeezed in between the Bobcat Classic and the Hokie Volleyball Classic was a home match against the Cavaliers of Virginia. Despite a valiant effort, Tech fell to UVa, 3-1 at Cassell Coliseum.

That loss would serve as a spark that ignited a 10-match winning streak for the Hokies. Tech started the run by hosting the Hokie Volleyball Classic, a four-team tournament which included Tech, Radford, Coppin State and Seton Hall. In the tourney Tech breezed to the championship by knocking off Radford (3-1), Coppin State (3-0) and Seton Hall (3-0). Britton Julian was named the tournament's MVP while teammates Bundy and Erika Kuhn garnered All-Tournament honors for their brilliant play in the tournament.

After winning the Hokie Classic, Tech took to the road to open Atlantic 10 play. The Hokies downed Duquesne 3-0 before returning home to defeat St. Bonaventure 3-0 to improve to 6-3, 2-0 in the A-10.

After a midweek victory over state-rival James Madison at Harrisonburg, Tech jumped back into Atlantic 10 Conference play at Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The Hokies kept their undefeated conference record alive by downing the Minutewomen and Rams 3-1 and 3-0, respectively.

The winning streak reached its peak the following weekend when the Hokies beat defending A-10 champ Temple 3-1 and La Salle 3-0 to extend the streak to 10 matches.

The streak would end just one shy of tying the school record when the Hokies fell to Dayton on the road in a tough, four-set match. Tech would drop matches at Xavier and George Washington before getting back on the winning track, this time with a six-match winning streak.

The day after the George Washington setback, Tech traveled to Fordham and came away with a hard-earned 3-0 win. The Hokies won the second and third sets each by the score of 16-14.

Virginia Tech returned home to defeat Duquesne before heading to St. Bonaventure for a 3-0 sweep. The following weekend, the Hokies returned home for two matches. Tech dropped preseason favorite Rhode Island for the second time in one season, again beating the Rams 3-0. Tech followed up the Rhode Island victory with a come-from-behind win over UMass the following day. After dropping the first game, the Hokies rallied to win the match in four games, winning 3-1.

The winning streak reached six matches the following weekend when the Hokies downed La Salle, 3-0, in Philadelphia. But the streak would be halted when Temple escaped with a 3-1 victory over the Hokies.

The Hokies returned home to finish the regular season with a four-match homestand. Tech fell to Xavier earlier in the season, but exacted revenge with a 3-1 victory over the Musketeers. After falling to Dayton the following night, Tech got back to its winning ways with a 3-1 victory over Fordham, setting up a regular-season finale showdown with conference rival George Washington.

With a berth in the Atlantic 10 Championship already at hand, Tech was left to play for seeding. With a win over the Colonials, VT would clinch the No. 3 seed because of overall game winning percentage.

In one of Tech's most competitive matches of the season, the Hokies came from a set down to knock off George Washington, 3-2, and clinch the third seed at the conference tournament. After dropping the first set 8-15, the Hokies rebounded with a tough 15-13 win in game two. The Colonials came out after the break and took game three, 9-15, before Tech won games four and five, 15-8 and 15-13, respectively. Bundy had 19 kills to lead Tech to victory.

Prior to the A-10 Championship in Pittsburgh, Bundy and Britton Julian were named to the Atlantic 10 All-Conference team, marking the 13th straight year that Tech has had a member of the volleyball squad on all-conference teams (Atlantic 10 and Metro).

Tech faced second-seeded Dayton in the first round of the A-10 Championship — a team it had lost to twice in the regular season. But this time, the Hokies weren't to be denied as they swept the Flyers to earn a spot in the championship match. In the championship match, Tech put up a tough fight against Temple before falling 3-0.

The Hokies finished the 1998 season with a record of 21-9 and a 15-5 mark in Atlantic 10 play, one of the best records in school history. A big part of the success of the 1998 team were three

outstanding seniors — Meredith Braine, Bundy and Kerry Majewski. Braine concluded her career third on the career digs list with 1,241 while Bundy finished fifth in career kills with 1,149. Majewski wrapped up her Tech career by being named to the Atlantic 10 All-Tournament team.

After posting the team's best record since 1992, the 1999 Hokie squad will have a challenge in matching the 1998 season. After several successful seasons, the Hokies now have their eyes set on more than just the conference tournament, they're looking to make it to the NCAA Tournament. And with three starters and eight letterwinners returning, as well as a solid incoming freshman class, 1999 could be the year.



Corrie Bundy

'98 HONORS AND AWARDS

Meredith Braine	GTE/CoSIDA District III Second Team Academic All-American Atlantic 10 Volleyball Player of the Week Volleyball Coaches' Award
Corrie Bundy	Named team's Most Valuable Performer Atlantic 10 All-Conference team Virginia Sports Information Directors All-State team Virginia Tech All-Academic team Named to the All-Tournament team at the Bobcat Classic Named to the All-Tournament team at the Hokie Classic Atlantic 10 Volleyball Player of the Week
Britton Julian	Atlantic 10 All-Conference team Named to the All-Tournament team at the Bobcat Classic Named the MVP at the Hokie Classic
Erika Kuhn	Named to the All-Tournament team at the Hokie Classic
Kerry Majewski	Atlantic 10 All-Tournament team
Kristy Milan-Williams	Virginia Tech Strength and Conditioning Athlete for volleyball
Christine Shubat	Rookie of the Year Award

1998 Statistics & Results

1998 OVERALL STATISTICS

Overall Record: 21-9 • Atlantic 10: 15-5

Hokies	MP/GP	K	E	ATT	K/GM	PCT.	A	SA	SE	D	BS	BA	BE	BHE
Kerri Beasley	3/5	13	3	23	2.60	.435	0	3	4	1	0	1	1	0
Meredith Braine	30/102	272	129	773	2.67	.185	23	20	39	373	2	15	6	2
Corrie Bundy	30/101	425	151	1007	4.21	.272	21	26	77	179	24	99	7	3
Renee Collins	16/39	8	1	21	0.21	.333	117	7	10	47	0	2	0	1
Holly Disser	23/40	55	39	162	1.38	.099	3	11	21	60	2	5	1	1
Kate Hubbard	1/2	2	1	3	1.00	.333	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0
Britton Julian	30/98	68	16	170	0.69	.306	1248	29	41	274	10	81	9	26
Rachel Julian	28/93	332	188	949	3.57	.152	16	12	44	278	8	42	1	3
Erika Kuhn	21/63	173	82	426	2.75	.214	2	0	3	21	10	82	8	2
Candice Lahm	30/94	7	3	17	0.07	.235	4	32	61	128	0	1	0	0
Kerri Majewski	28/86	208	73	540	2.42	.250	58	15	22	224	3	61	7	8
Kristy Milan-Williams	10/15	0	0	0	0.00	.000	0	2	6	17	0	0	0	0
Christine Shubat	16/46	70	34	184	1.52	.196	4	0	0	3	4	36	6	0
Allison Suggs	10/20	0	1	1	0.00	-1.000	1	6	7	18	0	0	0	0
Mandy White	1/1	1	0	2	1.00	.500	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kristin Wright	16/29	49	48	141	1.69	.007	12	4	14	39	1	17	2	2
TEAM TOTALS	30/105	1683	769	4419	16.03	.207	1510	172	352	1662	64	442	48	48
OPPONENTS TOTALS	30/105	1408	801	4242	13.41	.143	1233	149	256	1609	62	342	50	55

1998 RESULTS

Date	Results	Opponent	Match Scores
Sept. 4	L (0-3)	at Southwest Texas St. †	16-18, 2-15, 13-15
Sept. 5	L (0-3)	vs. Southern Methodist †	15-17, 9-15, 10-15
Sept. 5	W (3-0)	vs. Louisiana Tech †	15-8, 15-1, 15-13
Sept. 8	L (1-3)	Virginia	15-5, 15-17, 2-15, 6-15
Sept. 11	W (3-1)	Radford #	15-6, 15-6, 12-15, 15-6
Sept. 12	W (3-0)	Coppin State #	15-0, 15-1, 15-0
Sept. 12	W (3-0)	Seton Hall #	15-6, 15-9, 15-12
Sept. 16	W (3-1)	at Duquesne *	15-2, 11-15, 15-12, 15-12
Sept. 19	W (3-0)	St. Bonaventure *	15-8, 15-3, 15-11
Sept. 22	W (3-1)	at James Madison	15-8, 15-8, 11-15, 17-15
Sept. 25	W (3-1)	at Massachusetts *	15-11, 6-15, 15-3, 15-11
Sept. 26	W (3-0)	at Rhode Island *	15-11, 15-7, 16-14
Oct. 2	W (3-1)	Temple *	15-10, 16-14, 13-15, 15-8
Oct. 3	W (3-0)	La Salle *	15-13, 15-10, 15-11
Oct. 9	L (1-3)	at Dayton *	11-15, 9-15, 15-13, 16-18
Oct. 10	L (1-3)	at Xavier *	10-15, 4-15, 15-8, 13-15
Oct. 16	L (1-3)	at George Washington *	15-7, 10-15, 4-15, 7-15
Oct. 17	W (3-0)	at Fordham *	15-8, 16-14, 16-14

Date	Results	Opponent	Match Scores
Oct. 21	W (3-0)	Duquesne *	15-3, 15-6, 15-8
Oct. 23	W (3-0)	at St. Bonaventure *	15-3, 15-5, 15-5
Oct. 30	W (3-0)	Rhode Island *	15-11, 16-14, 15-6
Oct. 31	W (3-1)	Massachusetts *	10-15, 15-2, 15-12, 15-4
Nov. 6	W (3-0)	at La Salle *	15-9, 15-2, 15-8
Nov. 7	L (1-3)	at Temple *	13-15, 8-15, 15-9, 5-15
Nov. 13	W (3-1)	Xavier *	16-14, 14-16, 15-13, 15-12
Nov. 14	L (0-3)	Dayton *	13-15, 7-15, 10-15
Nov. 20	W (3-1)	Fordham *	16-14, 15-9, 12-15, 15-8
Nov. 21	W (3-2)	George Washington *	8-15, 15-13, 9-15, 15-8, 15-13
Nov. 27	W (3-0)	vs. Dayton ††	15-10, 15-5, 16-14
Nov. 28	L (3-0)	vs. Temple ††	7-15, 6-15, 3-15

† - Bobcat Classic at San Marcos, Texas

- Hokie Classic at Blacksburg, Virginia

†† - Bell Atlantic/A-10 Championship at Pittsburgh

* - Atlantic 10 Conference match

1998 SUPERLATIVES

Record in:

Three-game Matches	12-4
Four-game Matches	8-5
Five-game Matches	1-0

Team Highs:

Kills	88, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Attempts	233, vs. Xavier (11-13-98)
Percentage	.397, at St. Bonaventure (10-23-98)
Assists	81, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Service Aces	15, vs. Coppin State (9-12-98)
Digs	94, vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Blocks	18, at James Madison (9-22-98)

Individual Highs:

Kills	25, Corrie Bundy vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Attempts	64, Corrie Bundy vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Percentage	.750, Kerry Majewski at La Salle (11-6-98)
Assists	67, Britton Julian vs. George Washington (11-21-98)
Service Aces	.5, by four different players
Digs	28, Meredith Braine vs. George Washington (11-21-98)
Blocks Solos	3, Corrie Bundy at La Salle (11-6-98) & vs. Fordham (11-20-98)
Block Assists	10, Corrie Bundy at Dayton (11-9-98) & Erika Kuhn vs. Radford (9-11-98) and at Fordham (11-20-98)
Total Blocks	11, Corrie Bundy at Dayton (10-9-98)



Administration



DR. PAUL TORGERSEN • UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Paul Torgersen, Virginia Tech's 14th president, will retire from Virginia Tech at the end of this year. "It has been an incredible journey for me. Virginia's land-grant university is not only as strong as ever, but is a vital element in the social fabric of our commonwealth. I think that I have contributed to the improvement of the institution; I know that I received as much in personal fulfillment and growth," said Torgersen.

An action-oriented leader who set a dizzying pace for those around him, Torgersen was probably best known as the teaching president. Throughout his three decade long Virginia Tech career, he always taught at least one class each semester ... much to the chagrin of those trying to schedule his appearances around the state or country.

Starting his presidency in 1993 with the goal of rebuilding financial resources, Torgersen secured state as well as private resources for building projects and salary equity. Today, he leaves a campus

experiencing a building boom. More than \$150 million in capital projects are under management at this time. Under Torgersen the university coalesced its scattered pockets of technology excellence into an information technology leader.

Torgersen's tenure as president caps a 33-year career at Virginia Tech beginning in 1967 as Industrial Systems Engineering department head. He became dean of engineering in 1970 and held the post for 20 years. Torgersen is credited with leading the college to national recognition. When he stepped down to return to teaching in 1990, the college of engineering had become a full-fledged member of the most elite engineering schools in the nation. Over the past two decades the college has consistently ranked among the top 25 schools in the nation.

Torgersen will remain president through the end of the year. After that, "I plan to enjoy my new home on a hill overlooking the Ellett Valley and find ways to keep busy at my own pace." Always the self-effacing teacher, he adds, "I might even be persuaded to continue teaching voluntarily on a part-time basis, if the College of Engineering will have me."



JIM WEAVER • DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

James C. Weaver, whose innovative ideas and work as a reformer have made him one of college athletics' most popular administrators, is the director of athletics at Virginia Tech.

Weaver, 54, was appointed on Sept. 24, 1997 and has been a tireless leader in behalf of Tech athletics. In his two years on the job at

Tech, Weaver has taken steps to place increased emphasis on projects benefiting the student-athletes. He standardized the awards program for letterwinners and has initiated an annual awards banquet.

The 1998-99 academic year was his finest as several major projects came to fruition. Weaver was the key figure in reaching a five-year agreement with UVa in bringing the basketball games back to campuses for the first time since 1976. He also realigned the senior administrative staff to further promote the development of a broad-based athletics department. A dormant Monogram Club was revitalized under his direction, providing Hokie letterwinners of all eras a renewed link to Tech Athletics. Through it all, Weaver's top priority continues to be getting Tech admitted into an all-sports conference.

Also a top personal priority for Weaver is the area of facilities, where he has major plans for the expansion of Lane Stadium/Worsham Field. Weaver recently renegotiated Tech's multimedia rights contract with ISP, creating a new business relationship and enhanced revenue for the athletics department.

Jim Weaver came to Tech from Western Michigan University where he was director of athletics from January, 1996 until he came to Blacksburg. Prior to that, he was AD for three and a half years at UNLV, where he reconstructed a troubled athletic department.

Weaver brings a "Penn State mentality" to the position. He says that various schools' interest in him as a reformer through the years can be traced to Penn State and its reputation for how it conducts business in intercollegiate athletics.

It was with the Nittany Lions' football team that Weaver first made a name for himself in athletics. He was a center and linebacker on Penn State teams coached by the legendary Rip Engle and Joe Paterno.

A native of Harrisburg, Pa., Weaver was recruited to Penn State by Engle. He played three seasons under Engle and one under Paterno, who is still the coach of the Nittany Lions.

Weaver graduated from Penn State in 1967 with a bachelor's in psychology and rehabilitation education. He received a master's degree in college counselor education, also from Penn State, in 1968.

Prior to landing the athletic director's job at UNLV, Weaver spent nine years at the University of Florida which was sanctioned by the NCAA in 1983. He was a strong force at Florida in the field of compliance and concluded his time there as associate athletic director.

Weaver was hired at UNLV after a series of NCAA infractions were made public. He implemented a compliance and monitoring program, produced a departmental policy manual and initiated a Life Skills program. He also oversaw the construction of an \$8.5 million athletic complex and a \$1.4 million baseball stadium at UNLV. He drew rave reviews at UNLV for his fund-raising expertise. He generated nearly \$15 million in his time there.

Weaver is married to the former Traci Tessar. She has three sons. Weaver has a daughter, Kelly, who is a medical assistant in the University of Florida hospital system and a 14-year-old grandson, Michael.

ATHLETICS ADMINISTRATORS



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Director of Athletics



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Atlantic 10 Conference

As organizations around the world think of ways to reinvent themselves with the new millennium fast approaching, the institutions of the Atlantic 10 Conference look to the twenty-first century with a confidence unparalleled in the 24-year history of the league.

Atlantic 10 institutions have been at the forefront of meeting head-on the vast changes facing intercollegiate athletics. Whether through NCAA legislation or through sheer action, Atlantic 10 institutions are proud of what they have collectively accomplished and are anxious to meet the challenges of the future.

The foundation of the Atlantic 10 Conference's ascension to national prominence is solidified with an unwavering dedication to providing a broad-based, competitive athletic environment without sacrificing the high ideals of scholarship and sportsmanship. The University of Dayton, Duquesne University, Fordham University, The George Washington University, La Salle University, University of Massachusetts, University of Rhode Island, St. Bonaventure University, St. Joseph's University, Temple University, Virginia Tech, and Xavier University offer a rich blend of proud academic and athletic traditions to form an impressive athletic alliance.

"The Atlantic 10 continues to prosper through our members' firm commitment to the student-athlete and to the future of the Conference," says commissioner Linda Bruno, who has helped guide the Conference to prestige unparalleled in league history. "Each of our programs is dedicated to achieving the proper balance of excellence in both the classroom and on the playing field. The Atlantic 10 is proud of the accomplishments of our student-athletes but will continue to strive for even greater success."

On June 14, 1994, Linda Bruno was officially introduced as the Atlantic 10's fourth commissioner. As commissioner, Bruno has

strengthened the Atlantic 10's membership with the additions of Dayton, Fordham, La Salle, and Virginia Tech, thus assuring the Conference's future. Bruno also negotiated a six-year television deal with ESPN — the most lucrative and broad-based package in league history — which translates into the greatest amount of exposure ever for the Atlantic 10's athletic programs. She relocated the league office to Philadelphia, placing it in the center of the Atlantic 10's geographic footprint. Under her leadership the Atlantic 10 has increased its championship schedule to 22 sports with the additions of women's rowing, men's and women's outdoor track & field, and women's lacrosse, which began this year. Bruno also spearheaded the league's entrance into Division I football with the formation of the Atlantic 10 Football Conference in 1997. In addition, in an effort to recognize the athletic and academic achievements of all student athletes, Bruno instituted the Commissioner's Honor Roll, which cites every Atlantic 10 student athlete with a 3.0 GPA or better.

The Atlantic 10 Conference will crown champions in 22 sports this season: baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, field hockey, men's golf, women's gymnastics, women's lacrosse, men's and women's indoor and outdoor track & field, women's rowing, men's and women's soccer, softball, men's and women's swimming & diving, men's and women's tennis, and women's volleyball.



The Hokies competed in the 1998 Atlantic 10 Championship, making it to the championship match for the first time in school history.

1998 ATLANTIC 10 STANDINGS

	School	A-10	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Xavier	16-4	.800	19-10	.655
	Dayton	16-4	.800	23-8	.742
3.	Virginia Tech	15-5	.750	21-9	.700
	Temple *	15-5	.750	22-10	.688
5.	George Washington	12-8	.600	18-11	.621
	Massachusetts	12-8	.600	14-15	.483
7.	Rhode Island	11-9	.550	16-10	.615
8.	Fordham	5-15	.250	10-20	.333
9.	La Salle	5-15	.250	17-16	.515
10.	Duquesne	3-17	.150	8-20	.286
11.	St. Bonaventure	0-20	.000	2-22	.083

* Atlantic 10 Champion, automatic bid to NCAA

1998 All-Conference Team

Player	School	Yr.	Pos.
Corrie Bundy	Virginia Tech	Sr.	MB
Gabe Cook	Xavier	Sr.	MH
Kari Hogancamp	Massachusetts	Jr.	OH
Ou Huang	Dayton	Sr.	MB
Britton Julian	Virginia Tech	Jr.	S
Alma Kovaci	Temple	So.	OH
Jill Levey	George Washington	So.	S
Angela McHenry	Rhode Island	Sr.	OH
Jill Meyers	Massachusetts	Jr.	MB
Carla Muntz	Dayton	So.	S
Beth Osterday	Xavier	Jr.	OH
Katie Reilly	Dayton	Sr.	OH

Player of the Year: Muntz, Dayton

Rookie of the Year: Katie Ferriell, Dayton

Coach of the Year: Floyd Deaton, Xavier

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Single Season/Career Records

KILLS

Match

1.	Lisa Pikalek vs. Southern Miss 11/7/92	38
2.	Lisa Pikalek vs. Tulane 10/14/89	37
	Lisa Pikalek vs. Furman 9/14/91	37
4.	Lisa Pikalek vs. Tulane 11/6/92	35
	Lisa Pikalek vs. Liberty 11/10/92	35
6.	Heather Berglund vs. Tulane 10/26/91	31
7.	Lisa Pikalek vs. Appalachian State 9/15/92	30
8.	Lisa Pikalek vs. Radford 10/2/90	29
9.	Lisa Pikalek vs. UNC Charlotte 10/20/92	27
	Lisa Pikalek vs. Ala.-Birmingham 11/14/92	27
	RACHEL JULIAN VS. XAVIER 11/1/97	27

Season

1.	Lisa Pikalek (1992)	653
2.	Elizabeth Willson (1989)	593
3.	Lisa Pikalek (1991)	588
4.	Lisa Pikalek (1990)	530
5.	Lisa Pikalek (1989)	499
6.	Heather Berglund (1991)	498
7.	Julie Neely (1986)	480
8.	Heather Berglund (1992)	465
9.	Elizabeth Willson (1988)	434
10.	Heather Berglund (1993)	431

Career

1.	Lisa Pikalek (1989-92)	2,270
2.	Heather Berglund (1990-93)	1,650
3.	Elizabeth Willson (1986-89)	1,447
4.	Jennifer Schmidt (1992-95)	1,283
5.	Corrie Bundy (1995-98)	1,149
6.	Jenni McFadden (1991-94)	903
7.	Megan Barnes (1994-97)	893
8.	Terrie Zubert (1994-97)	890
9.	RACHEL JULIAN (1996-present)	878
10.	Julie Neely (1986-87)	852

In Record Section: current Tech players in ALL CAPS



Lisa Pikalek, the only Tech volleyball player to have her jersey retired, recorded 2,270 career kills.

KILLS PER GAME

Season

1.	Lisa Pikalek (1992)	4.77
2.	Lisa Pikalek (1991)	4.57
3.	Elizabeth Willson (1989)	4.49
4.	Lisa Pikalek (1991)	4.46
5.	Corrie Bundy (1998)	4.21

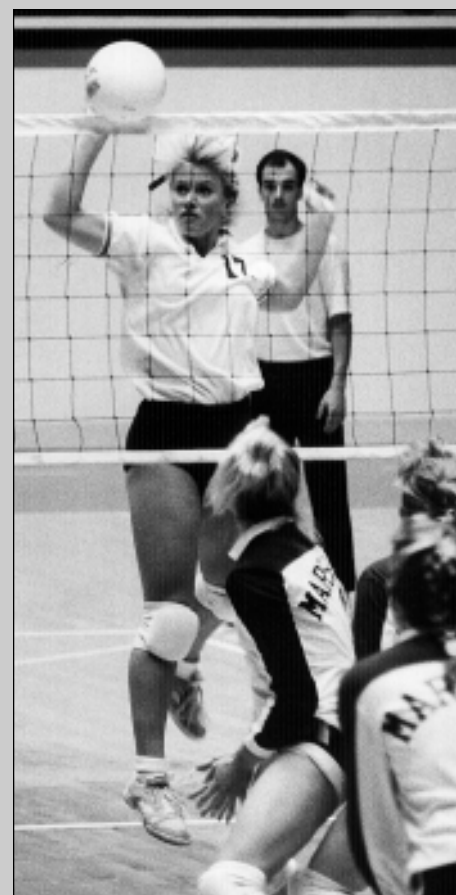
Career

1.	Lisa Pikalek (1989-92)	4.39
2.	Elizabeth Willson (1986-89)	3.39
3.	Julie Neely (1986-87)	3.31
4.	Heather Berglund (1990-93)	3.24
5.	RACHEL JULIAN (1996-present)	3.07

GAMES PLAYED

Career

1.	Lisa Pikalek (1989-92)	517
2.	Jenni McFadden (1991-94)	500
3.	Heather Berglund (1990-93)	497
4.	Kelli Craven (1988-91)	496
5.	Amanda Yelsh (1991-94)	489
6.	Jennifer Schmidt (1992-95)	483
7.	Kelly Chambliss (1988-92)	461
8.	Hilary Love (1992-95)	456
9.	Elizabeth Willson (1986-89)	436
10.	Meredith Braine (1995-1998)	428



Elizabeth Willson set a Tech record for service aces in a season with 69 in 1989.

HITTING PERCENTAGE

Match (Min. 10 attempts)

1.	Amanda Yelsh (11-0-14) vs. Liberty 9/6/94	.786
2.	Terrie Zubert (11-1-13) vs. Radford 10/2/94	.769
3.	Kerry Majewski (13-1-16) vs. La Salle 11/6/98	.750
4.	Jennifer Schmidt (21-1-27) vs. VCU 11/20/92	.741
5.	Jennifer Schmidt (9-0-13) vs. Syracuse 9/25/93	.692

Season

1.	Julie Neely (1986)	.357
2.	Corrie Bundy (1998)	.272
3.	Julie Neely (1987)	.259
4.	Megan Barnes (1995)	.258
5.	Lisa Pikalek (1992)	.255

Career

1.	Julie Neely (1986-87)	.310
2.	Karen Crawford (1986-88)	.242
3.	Elizabeth Willson (1986-89)	.238
4.	Lisa Pikalek (1989-92)	.235
5.	Corrie Bundy (1995-98)	.227

Single Season/Career Records

SERVICE ACES

Season

- Elizabeth Willson (1989) 69
- Jill Motley (1986) 65
- Mary Ramsey (1986) 62
- Kelli Craven (1991) 60
- Terrie Zubert (1994) 60
- Sonya Adams (1986) 57
- Lisa Pikalek (1990) 56
- Karen Crawford (1986) 55
- Terri Pedrotti (1989) 53
- Lisa Pikalek (1991) 53

Career

- Lisa Pikalek (1989-92) 196
- Terrie Zubert (1994-97) 181
- Jenni McFadden (1991-94) 157
- Elizabeth Willson (1986-89) 148
- Kelli Craven (1988-91) 139
- Heather Berglund (1990-93) 139
- Kelly Chambliss (1988-92) 129
- Hilary Love (1992-95) 119
- Jennifer Topolewski (1987-90) 112
- Jill Motley (1986-88) 105
- Laura Hanner (1993-97) 105



Sonya Adams, who is married to Tech All-American basketball player Dell Curry, served 57 aces in 1986.

ASSISTS

Match

- Kelly Chambliss vs. Radford 10/2/90 77
- Kelly Chambliss vs. Southern Miss 11/7/92 ... 76
- Kelli Craven vs. Tulane 10/14/89 72
- Kelly Chambliss vs. Liberty 11/10/92 71
- Kelly Chambliss vs. Appalachian St. 9/15/92 70

Season

- Kelly Chambliss (1992) 1,698
- Kelli Craven (1991) 1,533
- Kelli Craven (1989) 1,334
- Jill Motley (1986) 1,333
- BRITTON JULIAN (1998) 1,248

Career

- Kelli Craven (1988-91) 4,765
- Laura Hanner (1993-97) 3,190
- BRITTON JULIAN (1996-present) 2,804
- Kelly Chambliss (1988-92) 2,207
- Jill Motley (1986-87) 1,930

DIGS

Match

- Heather Berglund vs. W. Kentucky 10/30/92 ... 32
- Heather Berglund vs. Tulane 11/6/92 29
- Meredith Braine vs. G. Washington 11/21/98 ... 28
- Lisa Pikalek vs. Tulane 10/14/89 28
- Jenni McFadden vs. South Florida 10/14/94 ... 28
- Heather Berglund vs. Marshall 9/24/91 27
- Jennifer Schmidt vs. South Florida 10/14/94 ... 26
- Lisa Pikalek vs. U.C. Irvine 9/13/89 25
- Heather Berglund vs. Akron 10/4/91 25
- Lisa Pikalek vs. VCU 10/11/92 24
- Terrie Zubert vs. South Florida 10/14/94 24
- Meredith Braine vs. Xavier 10/5/96 24

Season

- Heather Berglund (1992) 514
- Heather Berglund (1991) 491
- Lisa Pikalek (1992) 488
- Heather Berglund (1993) 444
- Terrie Zubert (1994) 418
- Lisa Pikalek (1991) 403
- Meredith Braine (1998) 373
- Lisa Pikalek (1989) 359
- Meredith Braine (1997) 358
- Terrie Zubert (1995) 357

Career

- Heather Berglund (1990-93) 1,710
- Lisa Pikalek (1989-92) 1,591
- Meredith Braine (1995-98) 1,241
- Terrie Zubert (1994-97) 1,170
- Jenni McFadden (1991-94) 1,150
- Amanda Yelsh (1991-94) 1,012
- Hilary Love (1992-95) 928
- Laura Hanner (1993-97) 915
- Elizabeth Willson (1986-89) 896
- Kelli Craven (1988-91) 890



Meredith Braine, who played at Tech from 1995-98, finished her career third on the Tech all-time digs list with 1,241.

BLOCKS

Season

	Solo	Assists	Total
1. Julie Neely (1986)	80	87	167
2. Jennifer Schmidt (1992)	39	108	147
3. Megan Barnes (1995)	39	99	138
4. Julie Neely (1987)	42	94	136
5. Krissy Tschirret (1991)	42	86	128
6. Michelle Bain (1988)	55	71	126
7. Jennifer Schmidt (1993)	36	88	124
8. Corrie Bundy (1998)	24	99	123
9. Megan Barnes (1994)	26	91	117
10. Jennifer Schmidt (1995)	20	93	113

Career

	Solo	Assists	Total
1. Jennifer Schmidt (1992-95)	121	373	494
2. Corrie Bundy (1995-98)	69	322	391
Megan Barnes (1994-97)	102	289	391
4. Krissy Tschirret (1988-91)	139	193	332
5. Jenni McFadden (1991-94)	68	245	313
6. Julie Neely (1986-87)	122	181	303
7. Amanda Yelsh (1991-94)	38	225	263
8. Lisa Pikalek (1989-92)	92	150	242
9. Erika Kuhn (1996-98)	35	188	223
10. BRITTON JULIAN (1996-)	31	166	197

Team/Individual Records

TEAM

Season

WINS	36 (1982)
WINNING PERCENTAGE	.703 (1992)
KILLS	2,079 (1992)
ATTEMPTS	5,437 (1992)
PERCENTAGE	.261 (1986)
KILLS PER GAME	16.03 (1998)
ASSISTS	1,856 (1992)
SERVICE ACES	341 (1989)
DIGS	2,463 (1992)
BLOCK SOLOS	166 (1989)
BLOCK ASSISTS	442 (1998)
TOTAL BLOCKS	303.5 (1992)
MATCHES PLAYED	56 (1982)
GAMES PLAYED	143 (1991)

Match

KILLS	97 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
ATTEMPTS	272 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
PERCENTAGE	.688 [24-2-32] vs. Coppin State (9/12/98)
ASSISTS	84 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
SERVICE ACES	22 vs. Davidson (9/8/89)
DIGS	143 vs. South Florida (10/14/94)
BLOCK SOLOS	13 vs. Tulane (10/14/89)
BLOCKS ASSISTS	30 vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)
TOTAL BLOCKS	22 vs. Furman (9/14/91)

Cassell Coliseum

KILLS	97 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
ATTEMPTS	272 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
PERCENTAGE	.688 [24-2-32] vs. Coppin State (9/12/98)
ASSISTS	84 vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
SERVICE ACES	16 vs. Marshall (10/20/89)
DIGS	143 vs. South Florida (10/14/94)
BLOCK SOLOS	13 vs. Tulane (10/14/89)
BLOCKS ASSISTS	30 vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)
TOTAL BLOCKS	19.5 vs. Dayton (9/10/93)

INDIVIDUAL

Season

KILLS: 653, Lisa Pikalek (1992)
ATTEMPTS: 1,660, Lisa Pikalek (1992)
PERCENTAGE: .357, Julie Neely (1986)
KILLS PER GAME: 4.77, Lisa Pikalek (1992)
ASSISTS: 1,698, Kelly Chambliss (1992)
SERVICE ACES: 69, Elizabeth Willson (1989)
DIGS: 514, Heather Berglund (1992)
BLOCK SOLOS: 80, Julie Neely (1986)
BLOCK ASSISTS: 108, Jennifer Schmidt (1992)
TOTAL BLOCKS: 167, Julie Neely (1986)
GAMES PLAYED: 143, Kelli Craven & Heather Berglund (1991)

Match

KILLS: 38, Lisa Pikalek vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
ATTEMPTS: 96, Lisa Pikalek vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
PERCENTAGE: .786, Amanda Yelsh vs. Liberty (9/6/94)
ASSISTS: 77, Kelly Chambliss vs. Radford (10/2/90)
SERVICE ACES: 9, Lisa Pikalek vs. Georgia Tech (11/9/90)
DIGS: 32, Heather Berglund vs. Western Kentucky (10/30/92)
BLOCK SOLOS: 7, Cari Kammerer vs. Appalachian St. (9/11/90)
BLOCK ASSISTS: 13, Erika Kuhn vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)
TOTAL BLOCKS: 13, Erika Kuhn vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)

Cassell Coliseum

KILLS: 38, Lisa Pikalek vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
ATTEMPTS: 96, Lisa Pikalek vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
PERCENTAGE: .769, Terrie Zubert vs. Radford (10-2-94)
ASSISTS: 76, Kelly Chambliss vs. Southern Mississippi (11/7/92)
SERVICE ACES: 5, Elizabeth Willson vs. Tulane (10/14/89), RACHEL JULIAN vs. G.W. (10/25/97) & vs. COPPIN ST. (9/12/98)
DIGS: 29, Heather Berglund vs. Tulane (11/6/92)
BLOCK SOLOS: 5, Krissy Tschirret vs. Tulane (10/14/89)
BLOCKS ASSISTS: 13, Erika Kuhn vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)
TOTAL BLOCKS: 13, Erika Kuhn vs. Massachusetts (11/8/97)

MISCELLANEOUS

Records and Streaks

Tech's all-time varsity record	431-358-3 (.544)
Home	195-81 (.707)
Away	108-132 (.450)
Neutral	128-145-3 (.464)
Versus Virginia Opponents	156-65-1 (.703)
Home vs. Va. Opponents	79-18 (.814)
In Virginia	276-141 (.662)
In September	142-105 (.575)
In October	190-133-3 (.583)
In November	80-99 (.447)
Season openers	9-13 (.409)
Longest winning streak	11, twice
October 12, 1982 through October 19, 1982	
September 26, 1992 through November 3, 1992	
Longest losing streak	13
October 18, 1988 to September 2, 1989	
Longest home winning streak	18
October 16, 1981 through September 27, 1983	

Milestone Wins

- September 29, 1977, over Ferrum
- October 5, 1979, over Tennessee-Chattanooga
- October 23, 1980, over Virginia Commonwealth
- October 15, 1981, over Guilford
- October 8, 1982, over Juniata
- November 3, 1983, over UNC Charlotte
- October 25, 1986, over South Alabama
- October 10, 1989, over James Madison
- November 8, 1991, over Maryland
- September 28, 1994, over East Tennessee State
- September 20, 1997, over Fordham

YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Overall	PCT	Conference	PCT	Finish	Home	Away	Neutral	Games Won	Games Lost	Points For	Points Against	Coach
1977	15-14	.517	---	---	---	8-3	3-3	4-8	37	35	843	796	John Pierce
1978	8-12-2	.409	---	---	---	4-2	1-3	3-7-2	22	32	598	676	John Pierce
1979	12-21-1	.368	---	---	---	5-3	2-6	5-12-1	33	54	936	1057	John Pierce
1980	22-22	.500	0-6	.000	7th/7	7-2	6-6	9-14	60	55	1363	1333	John Pierce
1981	33-16	.673	0-5	.000	6th/6	10-2	8-4	15-10	78	45	1552	1325	John Pierce
1982	36-20	.643	1-5	.167	T5th/7	12-0	5-3	19-17	85	57	1842	1576	John Pierce
1983	28-14	.667	1-6	.143	7th/8	7-5	6-3	15-6	73	50	1497	1371	John Pierce
1984	16-19	.457	2-5	.286	6th/8	9-3	4-10	3-6	57	62	1402	1425	John Pierce
1985	15-19	.441	0-6	.000	7th/7	6-5	4-7	5-7	57	65	1510	1503	John Pierce
1986	23-14	.622	3-3	.500	4th/7	15-3	7-9	1-2	78	61	1708	1592	John Pierce
1987	15-18	.455	1-5	.167	6th/7	9-4	4-9	2-5	53	64	1337	1460	John Pierce
1988	11-21	.344	1-5	.167	6th/7	5-5	3-7	3-9	47	73	1310	1499	John Pierce
1989	24-15	.615	1-6	.143	7th/8	13-6	3-5	8-4	83	53	1679	1404	John Pierce
1990	16-18	.471	1-6	.143	7th/8	7-4	4-9	5-5	55	62	1396	1425	John Pierce
1991	28-12	.700	5-1	.833	2nd/7	11-3	7-2	10-7	92	51	1837	1519	Stephanie Hawbecker
1992	26-11	.703	5-1	.833	T1st/7	10-1	9-4	7-6	84	57	1809	1650	Stephanie Hawbecker
1993	17-18	.486	2-4	.333	T5th/7	9-4	4-9	4-5	62	62	1512	1493	Stephanie Hawbecker
1994	12-20	.375	2-4	.333	5th/7	7-9	3-8	2-3	50	69	1402	1492	Stephanie Hawbecker
1995	22-12	.647	13-7	.650	4th/11	15-3	6-5	1-4	74	48	1515	1343	Stephanie Hawbecker
1996	15-17	.469	9-11	.450	T6th/11	6-8	6-7	3-2	50	60	1363	1345	Stephanie Hawbecker
1997	16-16	.500	11-9	.524	4th/11	8-4	6-8	2-4	59	55	1398	1329	Stephanie Hawbecker
1998	21-9	.700	15-5	.750	3rd/11	12-2	7-5	2-2	68	37	1380	1145	Stephanie Hawbecker
22 years	431-358-3	.544	73-100	.422	---	195-81	108-132	128-145-3	1,357	1,247	31,189	28,413	(2 coaches)



History

ALL-CONFERENCE

- 1998: Britton Julian (Atlantic 10)
Corrie Bundy (Atlantic 10)
- 1997: Corrie Bundy (Atlantic 10)
- 1996: Meredith Braine (1st Team, Atlantic 10)
- 1995: Jennifer Arbuckle (2nd Team, Atlantic 10)
Jennifer Schmidt (2nd Team, Atlantic 10)
- 1994: Jennifer Schmidt (2nd Team, Metro)
- 1993: Heather Berglund (2nd Team, Metro)
- 1992: Heather Berglund (2nd Team, Metro)
Kelly Chambliss (2nd Team, Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (1st Team, Metro)
Jennifer Schmidt (Metro Rookie of the Year)
- 1991: Heather Berglund (Metro)
Kelli Craven (Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
- 1990: Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
- 1989: Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
Elizabeth Willson (Metro)
- 1988: Elizabeth Willson (Metro)
- 1987: Julie Neely (Metro)
- 1986: Sonya Adams (Metro)
Julie Neely (Metro)

ALL-TOURNAMENT

- 1998: Kerry Majewski (Atlantic 10)
- 1997: Rachel Julian (Atlantic 10)
- 1995: Jennifer Schmidt (Atlantic 10)
- 1992: Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
Jennifer Schmidt (Metro)
- 1991: Jenni McFadden (Metro)
- 1986: Julie Neely (Metro)

ACADEMIC AWARDS

All-American

- 1998: Meredith Braine (District III, GTE)
- 1996: Laura Hanner (District III, GTE)
- 1992: Lisa Pikalek (GTE All-America of the Year)
- 1991: Lisa Pikalek (1st Team, GTE)
- 1990: Lisa Pikalek (2nd Team, GTE)
- 1982: Ginny Lessman (1st Team)

All-Conference

- 1998: Meredith Braine (Atlantic 10)
- 1995: Jennifer Arbuckle (Atlantic 10)
- 1994: Jennifer Arbuckle (Metro)
Laura Hanner (Metro)
Jenni McFadden (Metro)
Lynelle Slade (Metro)
Amanda Yelsh (Metro)
- 1993: Jenni McFadden (Metro)
Amanda Yelsh (Metro)
- 1992: Kelly Chambliss (Metro)
Jenni McFadden (Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
Amanda Yelsh (Metro)
- 1991: Michelle Ames (Metro)
Kelly Chambliss (Metro)
Jenni McFadden (Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
Amanda Yelsh (Metro)
- 1990: Kelly Chambliss (Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
- 1989: Kelly Chambliss (Metro)
Lisa Pikalek (Metro)
- 1982: Ginny Lessman (Metro)

TECH HALL OF FAME

- 1995: Ginny Lessman (1980-83)

ALL-TIME LETTERWINNERS

In Letterwinners Section: current Tech players in ALL CAPS

Adams, Sonya 1984, 1985, 1986
Ames, Michelle 1989, 1990, 1991
Albregts, Lori 1979
Allen, Laura 1983
Arbuckle, Jennifer 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995
Atkinson, Penny 1983, 1984

Bain, Michelle 1988
Barnes, Megan 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
Bazilwich, Ann 1977, 1978
Beasley, Kerri 1996, 1997
Belcher, Leigh 1989
Berglund, Heather 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993
Blower, Kathy 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983
Braine, Meredith 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998
Brisbin, Rachel 1990, 1991
Bundy, Corrie 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998

Cabaniss, Linda 1985
Chambliss, Kelly 1988, 1989, 1990, 1992
Clarke, Cindy 1982, 1983
COLLINS, RENEE 1998
Craven, Kelli 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991
Crawford, Karen 1986, 1987, 1988

Dannenberg, Kelly 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981
DISSER, HOLLY 1998
Drummond, Kristen 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996
Duben, Rachel 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985

Eder, Linda 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987
Eppley, Chrys 1979, 1980, 1981

Foulkes, Tara 1978

Graf, Suzanne 1987

Hanner, Laura 1993, 1995, 1996, 1997
Hargrove, Anne 1984, 1985
Horner, Joy 1989, 1990, 1991
Hruby, Michelle 1980, 1982
HUBBARD, KATE 1998

Jones, Pam 1977, 1978, 1979
JULIAN, BRITTON 1996, 1997, 1998
JULIAN, RACHEL 1996, 1997, 1998

Kammerer, Cari 1990, 1991
Koch, Nikki 1983, 1984, 1985
Kuhn, Erika 1996, 1997, 1998
Kwiatkowski, Michele 1981, 1982, 1983, 1985

LAHM, CANDICE 1998
Lessman, Ginny 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983
Little, Wendy 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982
Love, Hilary 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995

Majewski, Kerry 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998
Majkovicz, Terri 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988
McFadden, Jenni 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994
McGinnis, Ann 1983, 1984
McIntosh, Cara 1982
McNamara, Kerry 1984, 1985, 1986
MILAN-WILLIAMS, KRISTY 1997
Motley, Jill 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988
Munson, Cathy 1980

Neely, Julie 1985, 1986, 1987
Norse, Julie 1980

Overbaugh, Lynn 1987, 1988

Palm, Marie 1983, 1984, 1985
Pedrotti, Terry 1989
Pikalek, Lisa 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992

Ramsey, Caryn 1980, 1981, 1982
Ramsey, Mary 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987
Reeser, Janice 1980, 1981
Reinert, Kristi 1991, 1992
Richardson, Amey 1987, 1988

Sadler, Liz 1981, 1982, 1983
Sadler, Sue 1984, 1986, 1987, 1988
Schmidt, Jennifer 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995
Schneider, Suzie 1993
SHUBAT, CHRISTINE 1998
Shumway, Dianne 1986, 1987, 1988
Slade, Lynelle 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997
Smith, Kelly 1984
Smith, Stephanie 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994
Streeter, Carol 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985
SUGGS, ALLISON 1997
Szczepanski, Joanna 1977, 1978

Topolewski, Jennifer 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990
Tremel, Meredith 1990, 1991, 1992
Tshirret, Krissy 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991

Vlamings, Paula 1987, 1988

Willson, Elizabeth 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989
WHITE, MANDY 1997
WRIGHT, KRISTIN 1997, 1998
Yelsh, Amanda 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994

Zubert, Terrie 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997

COACHING RECORDS

All-Time Coaches Records (by victories)

Coach	Years	Seasons	OVERALL		CONF.	
			W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
John Pierce	1977-1990	14	274-243-3	.531	11-58	.159
Stephanie Hawbecker	1991-	8	157-115	.577	62-42	.596

All-Time Coaches Records (by winning percentage)

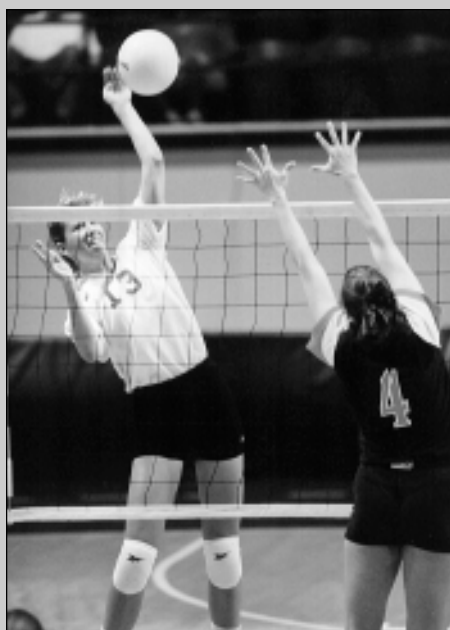
Coach	Years	Seasons	OVERALL		CONF.	
			W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Stephanie Hawbecker	1991-	8	157-115	.577	62-42	.596
John Pierce	1977-1990	14	274-243-3	.531	11-58	.159



Series Records

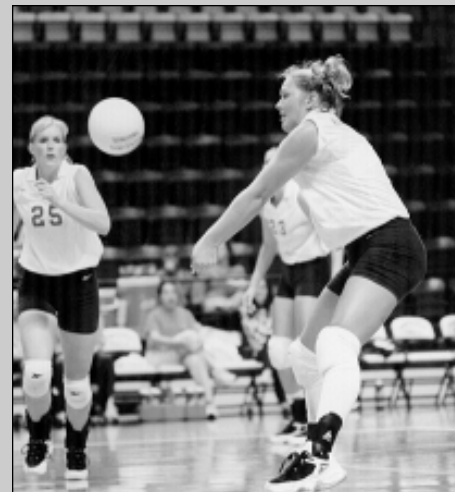
1999 opponents in *italics*

Opponent	Overall	Home	First	Last	Streak
Akron	1-2	1-1	89	91	W1
Alabama	0-1	—	77	77	L1
Alabama-Birmingham	2-0	—	87	92	W2
American	4-0	1-0	86	96	W4
Appalachian State	18-13-1	11-2	79	96	W11
Arkansas State	0-2	0-1	88	94	L2
Arizona State	0-0	0-0	99	99	—
Auburn	0-1	—	89	89	L1
Augusta	1-0	—	89	89	W1
Ball State	0-1	—	94	94	L1
Bluefield	2-0	2-0	77	78	W2
Bowling Green	0-1	—	92	92	L1
California-Irvine	0-1	0-1	89	89	L1
California-Santa Barbara	0-0	0-0	99	99	—
Carson-Newman	0-1	—	78	78	L1
Catholic	1-0	—	82	82	W1
Catonsville	1-0	—	81	81	W1
Central Florida	0-1	—	93	93	L1
Charles County CC	5-1	4-0	84	90	W4
Charleston, S.C.	2-0	—	81	89	W2
Charleston Southern	2-1	2-0	87	89	W1
Christopher Newport	1-0	1-0	80	80	W1
Cincinnati	1-11	1-5	77	90	L6
Clemson	1-3	—	80	96	L1
Cleveland State	1-0	—	90	90	W1
Coastal Carolina	2-0	1-0	89	91	W2
Colgate	0-1	—	79	79	L1
Colorado	0-1	—	92	92	L1
Colorado State	0-2	—	94	96	L2
Concord	4-1-1	2-1	78	81	W4
Connecticut	0-1	—	97	97	L1
Cornell	1-0	—	92	92	W1
Davidson	2-0	1-0	89	92	W2
Dayton	2-9	1-4	79	98	W1
Delaware	4-0	—	83	92	W4
DePaul	0-3	0-1	91	94	L3
Duke	0-9	0-1	79	93	L9
Duquesne	6-3	2-2	82	98	W3
East Carolina	2-3	1-0	78	91	W2
East Tennessee State	15-5	9-1	77	94	W2
Eastern Mennonite	1-1	—	77	83	W1
Eastern Michigan	0-1	—	87	87	L1
Elon	1-0	1-0	87	87	W1



Kerry Majewski smashes a kill against UVa.

Opponent	Overall	Home	First	Last	Streak
Emory & Henry	1-1	1-1	77	78	W1
Evansville	1-0	1-0	93	93	W1
Ferrum	1-0	—	77	77	W1
Florida	0-1	—	97	97	L1
Florida A&M	1-0	—	87	87	W1
Florida State	0-13	0-5	80	90	L13
Fordham	8-0	4-0	95	98	W8
Fresno State	0-1	—	92	92	L1
Furman	4-0	2-0	78	91	W4
George Mason	11-5	2-3	79	94	L1
George Washington	8-10	4-1	77	98	W1
Georgetown	0-3	0-1	85	96	L3
Georgia	0-1	—	93	93	L1
Georgia Tech	1-1	—	78	90	W1
Guilford	5-0	1-0	79	81	W5
Hampton	2-0	1-0	89	90	W2
High Point	4-2	3-1	79	90	W1
Hofstra	0-1	—	93	93	L1
Hollins	1-0	1-0	77	77	W1
Howard	2-0	—	83	85	W2
Illinois-Chicago	0-1	—	86	86	L1
Illinois State	0-1	—	86	86	L1
Iowa State	0-1	—	91	91	L1
Jacksonville	0-3	—	82	87	L3
James Madison	21-14	12-2	77	98	W8
Juniata	1-1	—	82	82	L1
Kansas	1-2	1-0	77	97	L1
Kansas State	0-1	—	94	94	L1
Kent State	0-1	—	90	90	L1
Kentucky	0-2	—	77	80	L2
Kentucky State	4-0	—	79	82	W4
King	1-0	1-0	88	88	W1
La Salle	8-0	4-0	95	98	W8
Lehigh	1-0	—	82	82	W1
Lenoir-Rhyne	2-0	—	81	82	W2
Liberty	31-2	17-0	79	95	W8
Longwood	3-0-1	3-0	77	83	W2
Louisburg	0-1	—	78	78	L1
Louisville	3-17	2-5	80	94	L4
Loyola, Md.	0-1	—	82	82	L1
Lynchburg	7-0	4-0	82	87	W7
Mansfield	2-0	—	83	85	W2
Marquette	1-0	—	95	95	W1
Marshall	11-4	7-1	77	93	W10
Mary Washington	3-0	2-0	77	81	W3
Maryland-Baltimore	1-0	—	83	83	W1
Maryland-College Park	0-2	0-1	92	94	L2
Massachusetts	5-3	3-1	95	97	W2
Memphis	1-13	0-5	80	90	L7
Miami, Ohio	1-0	—	92	92	W1
Michigan	0-2	0-1	89	94	L2
Middle Tennessee State	0-1	—	79	79	L1
Milligan	1-0	—	80	80	W1
Mississippi	0-2	—	85	86	L2
Montana State	1-1	1-0	93	95	L1
Morehead State	2-5	—	77	96	W1
Navy	2-0	—	81	84	W2
New Mexico	0-1	—	88	88	L1
New Orleans	2-0	—	88	94	W2
New York Tech	1-0	—	79	79	W1
Nicholls State	0-1	—	91	91	L1
North Carolina	0-7	0-2	79	97	L7
North Carolina State	1-6	0-1	79	93	L1
Northern Illinois	0-0	0-0	99	99	—
Northern Kentucky	0-1	—	80	80	L1
Northwestern	1-2	1-0	91	97	L1
Old Dominion	2-0	1-0	81	81	W2
Oral Roberts	0-1	—	86	86	L1
Peace	1-0	—	78	78	W1
Pittsburgh	0-2	0-1	93	94	L2
Princeton	0-1	—	84	84	L1
Radford	23-3	13-1	77	98	W15
Rhode Island	2-7	1-3	83	98	W2
Rice	0-1	—	90	90	L1
Rio Grande	1-0	—	81	81	W1



Holly Disser digs a ball against George Washington last year.

Opponent	Overall	Home	First	Last	Streak
Roanoke	2-0	2-0	77	86	W2
St. Augustine's	2-0	2-0	85	91	W2
St. Bonaventure	8-0	4-0	95	98	W8
St. Louis	0-2	—	80	81	L2
Sam Houston	0-1	—	90	90	L1
San Diego	1-0	—	88	88	W1
South Alabama	1-0	—	86	86	W1
South Carolina	1-12	0-3	83	93	W1
SC-Spartanburg	1-0	—	83	83	W1
South Florida	2-4	1-1	87	94	L2
Southeast Missouri State	0-1	—	93	93	L1
Southern Mississippi	11-2	4-1	82	94	W9
Syracuse	1-0	—	93	93	W1
Temple	3-8	2-2	87	98	L2
Tennessee	1-8	1-1	77	95	W1
Tennessee-Chattanooga	2-0	—	79	91	W2
Tennessee-Martin	1-0	—	77	77	W1
Tennessee Tech	1-1	—	79	80	W1
Texas	0-1	—	94	94	L1
Texas-Arlington	0-2	—	92	94	L2
Texas A&M	1-0	1-0	94	94	W1
Texas-El Paso	0-1	—	95	95	L1
Toledo	1-1	—	81	90	L1
Towson State	0-1	—	91	91	L1
Tulane	2-11	0-3	80	94	L3
Tulsa	0-1	—	84	84	L1
UNC Asheville	7-0	2-0	80	93	W7
UNC Charlotte	10-7	5-2	80	94	W1
UNC Greensboro	6-1	3-0	79	91	W6
UNC Wilmington	1-0	1-0	86	86	W1
Valparaiso	1-1	—	86	96	L1
Villanova	1-1	—	82	91	L1
Virginia	19-18	10-8	79	98	L4
Va. Commonwealth	17-8	4-0	77	94	W12
Virginia Intermont	2-0	2-0	77	78	W2
Wake Forest	16-3	6-1	77	97	W14
Washington State	0-1	—	94	94	L1
West Virginia	2-2	—	79	89	W1
Western Carolina	6-2	1-0	77	91	W3
Western Kentucky	2-0	1-0	92	95	W2
Wichita State	0-1	—	90	90	L1
William & Mary	5-13	1-3	81	97	W2
Winthrop	1-0	—	82	82	W1
Wisconsin-Madison	0-1	—	92	92	L1
Wisconsin-Milwaukee	1-0	1-0	91	91	W1
Wright State	1-1	—	88	96	W2
Wyoming	0-1	—	88	88	L1
Xavier	4-4	3-1	95	98	W1
Yale	0-1	—	79	79	L1
Youngstown State	1-0	—	84	84	W1

Student-Athlete Office of Academic Enrichment Programs

The success of Virginia Tech's athletic 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.

Tech has made tremendous strides in recent years. For example, the 1998 NCAA Division I Graduation Report compares 308 Division I colleges and Tech's athletic graduation rate is higher (70 percent) than the average rate for all Division I universities (57 percent). Also, nearly 80 percent of all Tech student-athletes who have completed their eligibility in the past five years have graduated.

Last spring, Tech held the annual Athletic Director's Honors Breakfast to pay tribute to all student-athletes, student trainers, student managers, cheerleaders and HighTechs who posted 3.0 or higher QCAs in the 1998 calendar year. Tech honored a record 353 students at that time.

The student-athlete office of academic enrichment programs counsels student-athletes and also engages in interaction with other campus agencies that are charged with helping students in their academic pursuits.

Tech student-athletes study in the Monogram Room, a large room used as a study hall area adjacent to the student-athlete office of academic enrichment programs on the third floor of Cassell Coliseum. Established last year, the new HEAT (Hokies Engaging in Advanced Technology) Lab houses over 20 computers on the second floor of Cassell Coliseum. Individual study carrels and areas for group study provide an optimal learning environment for all Tech student-athletes. And Room 160 in Cassell Coliseum provides an area for private quiet study for the athletes' convenience.

These study areas offer the services of over 60 tutors and one-on-one help for students who need it. Athletes can use it between classes or in the evenings, with flexible hours tailored to make the most of a student-athlete's limited time.

During preregistration, all student-athletes, from graduating seniors to incoming freshmen, get advice in scheduling the courses to keep them on track in their degree programs. All freshmen and other student-athletes who have QCAs below 2.2 are assigned 10 hours of study hall time, scheduled at their convenience, each week.

During the semester, department officials keep a careful record of each athlete's academic progress. Class and study hall attendance are checked regularly, periodic grade reports are obtained from instructors and coaches and players are kept up-to-date on their academic progress.



Lois Berg

The student-athlete office of academic enrichment programs is comprised of associate coordinator Lois Berg, and assistant coordinators Colin Howlett and Shelia Clark.

Berg begins her 10th year at Tech. She is primarily in charge of developing the freshman orientation program that encompasses study skills. It is her job to ensure the student-athlete a smooth transition from high school to

the university. She is involved, however, in all office functions. These functions include counseling, tutoring, advising and acting as a liaison to other offices.

Howlett, who is the primary contact for the volleyball team, begins his third year in the student-athlete office of academic enrichment programs. Howlett is an academic advisor to several teams and also is in charge of the study hall and tutoring program for all student-athletes.



Colin Howlett

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 Virginia Tech volleyball.

"Since 1987, our strength and conditioning program has developed a tradition," said Gentry. "We have a team 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," Gentry said. "We have a comprehensive program utilizing strength/power training, plyometrics, sprint conditioning and flexibility training. Our goal is to become one of the most physical teams in the nation."

Tech volleyball players train in the new Merryman Center. The 17,000-square foot weight room facility features new free-weight equipment, a new line of Hammer Strength equipment, 12 platforms and a state-of-the-art speed and agility room.

The Hokies also use the Jim "Bulldog" Haren Weight Room. Located in Jamerson Athletic Center, the 5,000-square foot weight room was officially dedicated in September 1985 to Haren, a former Hokie player and long-time supporter of the Virginia Tech Athletic

Department. With the two facilities, the Hokies now have over 22,000 square feet of weight room space.

A native of Durham, N.C., Gentry received a B.S. in physical education from Western Carolina University in 1979. Gentry received his master's from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1981 where he worked as an assistant strength coach. He then went to East Carolina University as head strength coach until he came to Virginia Tech in 1987. Gentry received his doctorate from Tech this past summer.

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 this year are three full-time assistant strength and conditioning coaches: Jim Whitten, Sonny Sano and Christy Haley.

Haley is the most recent addition to the strength and conditioning staff. She is a former graduate assistant for the Tech strength and conditioning program. Haley is responsible for the training of the Tech women's Olympic sport teams, including the Tech volleyball team.



Christy Haley